

## Superkart moves to Zandvoort

The Zandvoort circuit is host of the second stage of the (Open) Championship of France in Superkart. Championship, open to all nationalities and each event is registered in the international calendar of the FIA-CIK. France wished to export at least once a year outside its territory to confirm its international profile. After Hockenheim in previous years, it will be the first time the championship visits this famous Dutch circuit, on 6 & 7 May, as part of the Hankook 12h of GT's. This openness is especially important as the French Championship became the only reference in Div. 1 (250cc - Twin cylinder), the top of the Superkart. Most of the best current and available drivers will be present with some exceptions of Brits to face off against his rivals but also because they would like to take opportunity to prepare the European Championship with the first round will be held on 20 & 22 May at Ledenon (France).

### The expected strengths

The double Superkart champion of France is the German Peter Elkmann (MSKart/VM). He is also European vice-champion, defeated by a very short head. He is eager to take revenge and one of Elkmann's objectives remains to maintain its leadership in France which is also the best preparation for the conquest of the European title. He won all the races at Dijon which puts him on the right way. He will face his usual opponent, the European champion Adam Kout (MSKart/DEA) from Czech Republic for who will be the first rehearsal before European first Heat.

Two German probably will fight for the first rows ; Andreas Jost (Anderson/VM) who last year alternated engine problems and excellent performances. His compatriot Guido Kleinemeyer (PVP/DEA) is an experienced and fast driver, often in frontrunner in his former series. (German Championship)

The Dutchman Marcel Maasmann (Anderson/VM) is expected among the entrants, if its presence is confirmed, he will be supported fervently because he is accustomed to podiums at Assen, so why not at Zandvoort, at home ? The Redspeed Team is back for the entire Championship of France. Among its members Finn Vesa Lehtinen (Anderson / DEA) will be a serious contender. The Dutch Team Karting Paradise (All in MSKart/VM) is the main armada. In first event in France, the best driver of the Team has proven to be Leo Kurtjens a recent competitor. In the French clan, there is a renewal at the forefront with the advent of Julien Goullancourt (Anderson/DEA) *National vice-champion 2015* and second in the overall provisional ranking and Johan Lamalle (PVP/VM) who now has equipment more in line with his capacity.

This will be the first race of a top list driver coming from Karting, former European champion in KZ and winner at Suzuka (CIK Cup), the Belgian Yannick De Brabander. This "Rookie" is back in business via the Superkart but with a huge background. Coincidentally, he will find another rookie who was its engine's preparer some years ago, Thierry Savard (PVP/FPE). The renowned engine specialist and manager (Falcon) would achieve a breakthrough in Superkart after he has helped many teams or brands to win multiple titles in traditional Karting (125cc/KZ). However, he discovered that in Dijon Superkart had evolved.

To earn the pole it will probably be necessary to post a winning lap under 1'38'250" (It was the quickest lap achieved in 2012, during the last visit of the defunct German series).

Additional information and monitoring are available on **Mediasuperkart.com**.

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