



# IAME DOMINATES EUROPE

AT ZUERA, ON THE WEEKEND OF 9TH-12TH JULY, THE SECOND EVENT OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SUPER KF & KF1 CATEGORIES WAS HELD AND THE CONTINENTAL TITLE FOR THE KF3 CATEGORY WAS ASSIGNED. IAME, WITH THEIR PARILLA ENGINES, TOOK THE MAXIMUM HONOURS IN TWO OF THE THREE RACES. THEY TOOK HOME ONE EUROPEAN TITLE AND MADE A DOWN PAYMENT ON A SECOND...

**T**his weekend in Zuera in Spain there was a great karting atmosphere. That's because on 12th July, at this venue, the European KF3 title was decided and races 3 & 4 of the Super KF and KF1 European Championships were run (the last 2 races that will decide the Championship will be held in Essay in France on 1st & 2nd August).

And where there are titles and races to be won Iame and their Parilla engines are always ready. In Super KF & KF1 Manuel Renaudie (Gillard/Parilla) won race 1, while in race 2 Jason Parrott (Birel/Parilla) flew the flag for the Italian constructor with an important podium finish to help his position in the general classification: in fact Parrott is now in first place on equal terms with Aaro Vainio.

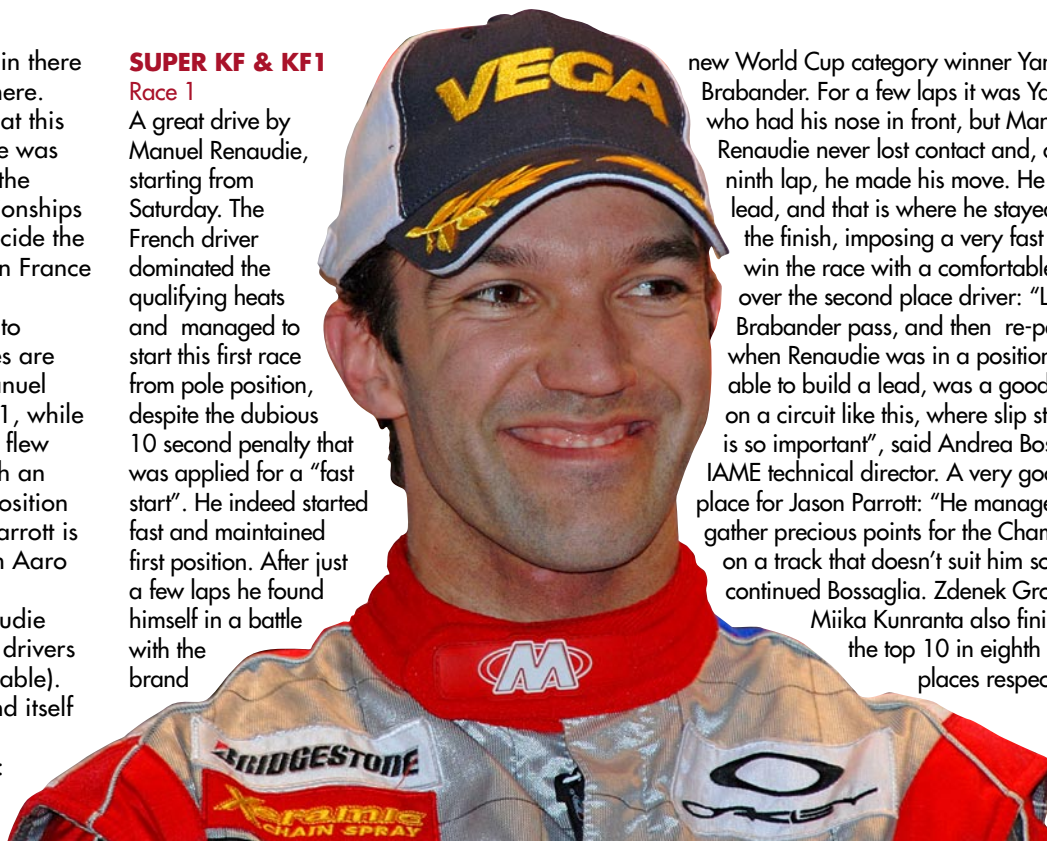
In third place behind the duo is Renaudie (N.B. there are no less than 5 Parilla drivers in the first 10 positions of the points table). However it was the KF3 title that found itself a new owner for 2009.

An owner powered by a Iame engine: Nyck De Vries (Zanardi/Parilla).

## SUPER KF & KF1

### Race 1

A great drive by Manuel Renaudie, starting from Saturday. The French driver dominated the qualifying heats and managed to start this first race from pole position, despite the dubious 10 second penalty that was applied for a "fast start". He indeed started fast and maintained first position. After just a few laps he found himself in a battle with the brand



new World Cup category winner Yannick De Brabander. For a few laps it was Yannick who had his nose in front, but Manuel Renaudie never lost contact and, on the ninth lap, he made his move. He took the lead, and that is where he stayed right to the finish, imposing a very fast rhythm to win the race with a comfortable margin over the second place driver: "Letting De Brabander pass, and then re-pass him, when Renaudie was in a position to be able to build a lead, was a good strategy on a circuit like this, where slip streaming is so important", said Andrea Bossaglia, IAME technical director. A very good fifth place for Jason Parrott: "He managed to gather precious points for the Championship on a track that doesn't suit him so much", continued Bossaglia. Zdenek Groman and Miika Kunranta also finished in the top 10 in eighth and tenth places respectively.

### Race 2

Renaudie was also protagonist of the second race, in this case however for his misfortune. After a four lap battle Manuel was in the lead "but" explained Bossaglia, "on the fifth lap a problem with a wheel bearing started to slow his lap times and caused him to loose first place". He eventually finished eighth. In the meantime Parrott didn't sit back and watch. The Englishman managed to get involved in the battle for the lead that characterised the beginning of the race and that also involved Renaudie. He completed the second lap in the lead. A greater consistency, with respect to the rest of the field, allowed him to continue to put in good lap times and never loose contact with the head of the field. Parrott was forth for large part of the race, but in the end he managed to finish in a podium position. Other four drivers finished in the top ten from seventh to tenth. In order Miki Weckström (Birel/Parilla) after a great climb through the field considering he started from the back of the grid, Manuel Renaudie and the duo Tereza Gromanová (Maranello/Parilla), who started 18th, and Aleksii Tuukkanen (Birel/Parilla) who started 19th.



**The points situation**

After these results the Championship situation is looking good for the lame colours and their drivers, with Parrott in joint first place with Vainio at 59 points and Renaudie third at just three points from the leading duo. They are followed by Miika Kunranta, equal eighth with Zdenek Groman with Tereza Gromanova immediately behind them.

But lame are also smiling because if there were an "engine" classification in these European Championships they would be first with 252 points compared to the 154 of the second place engine (and they would also be first with regards to the number of drivers powered by Parilla engines).

**KF3**

The race that assigned the title of European Champion in this category is a one off event (the qualification heats divided by area were

held on 3rd May). It was a great weekend at the Spanish track for Nyck De Vries of the Chiesa Corse team. To be in front in the heats, the pre-final and the final is not easy. There was no competition in the pre-final. He started in the lead and was powered all the way to the flag by his Parilla engine. It was an almost identical story in the final. Just a moment of hesitation in the first few corners when he was briefly knocked back to second place, but by the end of the first lap he was back in the lead and ready to impose his pace (the fastest average speed ever recorded in the final) and shear speed (he also recorded the fastest lap) opening a gap of more than 4 seconds over the second placed kart. In synthesis, he became the European Champion of a KF3 category that is usually very closely fought, dominating the race from the front, from the 1st lap to the last, without making the slightest mistake: "Everything went perfectly", commented Dino Chiesa, team

Manager of De Vries, "When the driver is focused and concentrated and the engine and chassis technicians are on form, it is obvious that the weekend will be wonderful. We were only slightly off the pace during qualifying, but we hit form right at the moment we needed it. The engine and the chassis were absolutely perfect". Excellent sixth place for Dennis Jake (Top Kart/Parilla) in the final. He started ninth and finished just a whisker behind fifth place.

**CONCLUSION**

"What more can I say?" concluded Bossaglia, "just thanks. Thanks to the winner who offered

us the emotion of victory and an important European title.

Thanks also to all those who participated, the drivers who drove for us, their parents and their Team managers.

Lets make it quite clear, we have to thank them for the continuity of this sport.

And my last thank you goes to our staff, who made these results possible through their passion for what they do; both to those within the company who create quality products and those who develop the products on a daily basis and keep them updated, following every step towards victory on the track".

