

A FANTASTIC 46TH TROFEO DELLE INDUSTRIE IN LONATO

The victory of the 46th Trofeo delle Industrie went to Longhi (KZ2, BirelArt, BirelArt), Lulham (OK, Forza Racing, Exprit), Patterson (OKJ, Forza Racing, Exprit), Bedrin (60 Mini, Baby Race, Tony Kart) and Russo (X30, Pacitto Racing, Tony Kart).



The 46th has been a really memorable edition for the Trofeo delle Industrie, the international race organized by Parma Motorsport that has taken place in Lonato at the South Garda Karting circuit. The event has enjoyed a record participation of 248 drivers coming from 32 different Nations to compete in categories KZ2, OK, OK-Junior, 60 Mini and lame X30 Senior.

An historic record has been scored this year by this amazing edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie – the event was second only to edition 1993 when 261 drivers entered the event that took place at the Kartodrome of Parma – which confirms this karting race as a really very important event on the national and international karting scene, obviously thanks to the presence of the main constructors and teams.

At the end of two particularly intense days characterized by an excellent level and spectacular duels on track to define the starting grids of the finals, the main protagonists of this unforgettable 46th edition of the Trofeo delle Industrie emerged on Sunday.



LONGHI AGAIN IN KZ2. **Riccardo Longhi** (BirelArt-TM-Vega) has claimed his second victory straight at the Trofeo delle Industrie in KZ2. BirelArt's driver has been unstoppable in the Final and got the most of a bad start from **Fabian Federer** (CRG-TM-Vega), who started from the pole position as he won the Prefinal. **Longhi** had clear way and led the race from lights to flag, while qualifying pole man **Giacomo Pollini** (Formula K-TM-Vega) managed to install himself in P2 finding his way past an excellent **Mirko Torsellini** (Zanardi-Parilla-Vega), who in turn run a great race anyway. Among the protagonists of KZ2, **Federer** managed to recover up to P4, leading **Benjamin Tornqvist** (CRG-Tm-Vega), while **Giuseppe Palomba's** race (Intrepid-TM-Vega) is also worth mentioning. He ended in fact his effort in sixth place, after a great comeback race due to the penalty he was handed in Prefinal. GP3 driver **Alessio Lorandi** went back to karting in this occasion and has been very competitive since the beginning, even though in the end he was pushed down from P8 to P16 due to the dropped front fairing of his kart. The emerging young driver **Alessandro Giardelli** (CRG-TM-Vega) closed the weekend in the top-ten being always among the quickest.

LULHAM TAKING OK. The main duel in OK's qualifying involved **Mattia Michelotto** (Zanardi-Parilla-Vega), **Lorenzo Ferrari** (Exprit-Vortex-Vega) and **Andrea Rosso** (CRG-Parilla-Vega). Some other protagonists emerged in the final stages though: **Leonardo Bizzotto** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega) won in fact Prefinal from the British driver of Forza Racing **Chris Lulham** (Exprit-Tm-Vega), to **Andrea Rosso**, who was eventually handed a 10s time penalty. **Lulham** won then the Final leading **Ferrari** and **Bizzotto**. **Michelotto** crossed the finish line in second place, but a penalty due to the front fairing dropped following a contact relegated him to P11. **Rosso** was fifth due to an incident when he was charging for P2, and closed his race behind the Dane **Gerner Carl-Anton** (Zanardi-Parilla-Vega).

OK-JUNIOR TO PATTERSON. The fresh World Champion of Forza Racing **Dexter Patterson** (Exprit-TM-Vega) from Britain has been shining in OK-Junior. He dominated in fact the Final leading European Champion and team mate **Jonny Edgar**, and the Swede **Dino Beganovic** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega). The other British driver **Harry Thompson** (FA Alonso-Vortex-Vega) put in a strong race ending fourth and proceeding **Luca Bosco** (Tony Kart-Vortex-Vega) and **Giuseppe Fusco** (Tony Kart-LKE-Vega).

BEDRIN AGAIN IN 60 MINI. A spectacular race in 60 Mini ended with a sprint to the line. The victory went to the Russian driver of Baby Race **Nikita Bedrin** (Tony Kart-TM-Vega), who claimed his second victory in a row leading team mate and fellow countryman **Fomin Rusian** and the Norwegian **Martinius Stenshorne** (Parolin-TM-Vega). **William Siverholm** (IPK-TM-Vega) was fourth proceeding **Ean Eyckmans** (Intrepid-Tm-Vega) and **Alfio Spina** (CRG-Tm-Vega).

IAME X30 TO VITTORIO MARIA RUSSO. The drivers contesting the Iame X30 Senior were also competing for the Iame X30 Trophy. After the opening race held at the Andrea Margutti Trophy, this round was dominated again by **Vittorio Maria Russo** (Tony Kart-Iame-Komet) who also won the Iame X30 Trophy. This time around in Lonato, **Russo** led **Alessandro Bruni**, **Cristian Comanducci**, **Andrea Bristot** and **Alessandro Brigatti**, all on Tony Kart-Iame-Komet.

The absolute Trofeo delle Industrie **Memorial Carlo Fabi** was won by **Dexter Patterson** of OK-Junior, due to his best results in qualifying, Prefinal and Final. The team with the highest number of entered drivers was **CRG Spa** that fielded 14 drivers. The prize was collected for CRG by KZ reigning World Champion Paolo De Conto.

All results are available at www.trofeodelleindustrie.it/ and www.southgardakarting.it/

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In the picture: the winner of KZ2 Riccardo Longhi (BirelArt-TM-Vega).