

In a wide range of conditions from dry to wet, the Birel ART Racing team proved the extent of its capabilities in the WSK Super Master Series at La Conca. Cristian Bertuca in OK and Kirill Kutskov in OK-Junior were the leaders of the Italian team in the extreme south of the country.

The third round of the WSK Super Master Series returned to the La Conca circuit in Puglia from 4th to 6th March 2022, in the absence of the KZ2 category. Unusually, the Muro Leccese track did not offer the strong grip that is part of its specificities. After a partly dry Qualifying session on Friday, rain varied the grip during all the Qualifying Heats. Although the rain disappeared on Sunday during the Final stages, the grip remained much reduced because of the lesser deposit of rubber on the surface.

RICCARDO LONGHI TEAM MANAGER BIREL ART RACING:

"It was a real challenge to constantly adapt to the very changing circumstances. Our technical staff did an excellent job in ensuring the competitiveness of the Birel ART chassis. In these difficult conditions, however, it was not easy to obtain positive results for all the drivers. Cristian Bertuca showed a remarkable fighting spirit in OK at the front, which was not fully rewarded.



He had a technical problem that prevented him from defending his chances in the Final and he had to be satisfied with finishing 10th. Harley Keeble made another strong comeback and reached 11th position in the Final with a total gain of 26 places and the 4th best time of the race. Karol Pasiewicz was unlucky, but managed to finish 13th. Ella Stevens, supported by Richard Mille, extended her skills in this intricate context in view of the next European FIA Karting events.

Fast in Qualifying and in the OK-Junior heats, Kirill Kutskov was less at ease on Sunday on a dry but not very sticky track. Reno Francot had to retire three times during the heats and he could not qualify for the Final. Zoe Florescu Potolea showed great determination in the face of adversity and confirmed her potential to progress.

Even though the results were not in line with our expectations, this event has enriched the team's experience on a unique terrain while confirming the standard of our Birel ART / TM Racing kaarts. We

look forward to returning to the Sarno circuit next weekend for the fourth and final round of the WSK Super Master Series."

BIREL ART RACING TEAM, WSK SUPER MASTER SERIES #3, LA CONCA, 4TH-6TH MARCH 2022

> OK

Cristian Bertuca:
8th in Qualifying, one retirement in a heat, 4th after the Preliminary, 10th in the Final and 7th in the Championship (+6 pl).

Harley Keeble:
37th in Qualifying, 19th after the heats (+18 pl), 11th at the finish of the Final (+9 pl) with the 4th fastest time.

Karol Pasiewicz:
25th in Qualifying, one retirement in a heat, 21st after the Preliminary, 13th in the Final (+8pl).

Yevan David:

32nd in Qualifying, two retirements in the heats, 29th in the Final (+7pl).

> OK-Junior

Kirill Kutskov:

8th in Qualifying, 8th in the heats, 20th in the Final with a penalty for an incorrectly fixed spoiler.

