



# WELCOME TO KARTÓDROMO INTERNACIONAL DO ALGARVE – GRAND FINAL DAY 6

**Portimão, Portugal** – **Saturday, November 14, 2015** – Good morning and welcome to the final day of the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2015!

Saturday's weather forecast called for 22° C and sun.

Saturday's race schedule consisted of one morning warm-up session, a pre-final and a final, as well as a driver's party at the restaurant the Centro De Congressos Do Arade.

## 125 Junior MAX Final

The Junior final proved to be one of the most exciting races. Roope Ropanen of Finland lead the field into turn 1, however several drivers soon passed Ropanen and a three-way battle for the lead ensued.

Florian Venturi of France and Mathias Ramirez-Barrero from the United States of America pulled away from the pack early on, creating a large gap to the driver in position No. 3. However, as Venturi and Ramirez-Barrero passed each other for position in the closing laps, they provided an opportunity for third place to catch up, creating a three-way battle for the lead. Ultimately, it was Venturi who won by a close five-hundredths of a second over Ramirez-Barrero, who finished in second, and Caio Collet from Brazil rounded out the top 3. The fastest lap time was driven by Scott Symons of the United Kingdom.

# 125 MAX Final

As the 125 MAX final race progressed after an exciting start, the Italian ALEX and the American Lucas Selliken battled for the top position. Ultimately, it was ALEX who won by just over seventenths of a second, Selliken finished in second, and the South African, Jordan Sherratt rounded out the top 3. Berkay Besler of Turkey, the former pole sitter who finished in 8<sup>th</sup> position, posted the fastest lap time.

#### 125 MAX DD2 Masters Final

Ryan Urban of New Zealand was crowned as the new DD2 Masters Grand Finals Champion after a fantastic race! Jim Ringelberg of the Netherlands finished in second, and the Argentinian









Gabriel Zughella rounded out the top 3. The fastest lap time was posted by Robert Schluenssen of Germany.

#### 125 MAX DD2 Final Race

The DD2 race saw many passes as the top drivers from every country battled for position. Ferenc Kancsar of Hungary impressed spectators, as he lead every lap of the race and was crowned the new 2015 DD2 Grand Finals Champion. Andreas Backman from Sweden emerged in second place. Mads Thomsen of Denmark rounded out the top 3. Some of the best passing maneuvers were seen as Rubens Barrichello made his way from place 20 up to 4<sup>th</sup> position by the end of the finals! Congratulations! Kancsar also posted the fastest lap time.

#### **Micro MAX Final**

The battle for first lay between Juan Martinez and Santi Vallve, who fought for the win the majority of the race. Ultimately, it was Martinez who won the 2015 Micro MAX Grand Festival over Vallve by just seven-tenths of a second. Nico Lavery finished in third place, with more than two seconds back to the leaders. The top three finishers all were Spaniards. Meanwhile, Daniel Nogales won the Mini MAX Grand Festival race, Quique Bordas finished in second place, and Lucas Martin rounded out the top three. Again, the top 3 finishers were all from Spain.

## **Nation's Cup**

Congratulations to Team USA for winning the Nation's Cup!

The past week's on-track action has seen phenomenal drivers battle for the position. With four Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals Champions crowned and the 2015 racing season coming to an end, teams and drivers will be given a fresh opportunity to work toward a successful 2016 year in the prestigious Rotax MAX Challenge.

BRP would like to thank everyone again for a making this such a spectacular week and for coming together and celebrating the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RMCGF. We hope to see you soon again at the 2016 RMCGF!

\*Please note some of the results are not yet official.

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