

2012 CIK-FIA KF2 AND KF3 WORLD CUP – ZUERA (SPAIN), 20th 23rd 09 2012

## **CRG DOMINATES THE KF2 WORLD CUP IN ZUERA: TIENE BEATS VERSTAPPEN AND LENNOX**

**IN SPAIN A RESOUNDING RESULT FOR CRG, WHICH OCCUPIES ALL THE THREE STEPS OF THE PODIUM IN THE KF2 WORLD CUP. IT IS THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE UNDISPUTABLE PERFORMANCE SUPERIORITY OF THE ITALIAN FACTORY. THE VICTORY GOES TO TIENE WHO BEATS IN SECOND AND THIRD PLACE HIS TEAM-MATE MAX VERSTAPPEN AND JORDON LENNOX-LAMB. IN THE KF3 WORLD CUP PALOU FINISHES FOURTH AND BAPTISTA SEVENTH AFTER A GOOD RECOVERY.**



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Zuera (Spagna). CRG takes all at the CIK-FIA KF2 World Cup of Zuera. But it would be reductive calling it simply a triumph. Here, in Aragon, the CRG Racing Team literally routed its rivals with its top drivers: the Italian Felice Tiene, the Dutch Max Verstappen and the English Jordon Lennox-Lamb who occupied the first three steps of the podium of the most prestigious international KF2 race, besides the fourth place grabbed by the other English, Tom Joyner on a LH chassis

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*Max Verstappen precedes Jordon Lennox-Lamb in the KF2 World Cup Final. First page top , Felice Tiene racing towards success in Zuera. bottom. the podium of the three CRG champions.*

CRG expected a 'hat trick', but the Spanish race for the KF2 World Cup turned out to be much more than that! The Italian team succeeded in placing four drivers in the first four places! The whole 'All Black' team rejoiced: they have never been so close and motivated to achieve a result which was within the reach of all its drivers.

**Felice Tiene**, eventually, won deservedly because he was always among the fastest. But this victory is a reward for all the other team members, starting from the two CRG drivers Verstappen and Lennox, who share the merit of the result with their team-mate, and finishing with all those who contributed to the success: from the team manager to the technicians and all the mechanics. They all aim at victory. **"We knew we could dominate since Wednesday - says confidentially Felice Tiene immediately after crossing the finishing line, getting rid of all the pressure on him caused by such an important event - and now we gather what we deserve at the end of this beautiful weekend. This success doesn't belong to me only but to the whole CRG team: I dedicate this World title to them all!"**

Great part of the merit, of course, goes to the **CRG** chassis, perfect in every situation since the eve of the prestigious event of the CIK-FIA: it was always in the top positions of the ranking of Zuera, from free practice to qualifying heats.

Another part of the merit goes to the **BMB** engine prepared by the Czech technicians of **KVS**. They put **Felice Tiene** in the condition to battle for victory, but they also allowed **Jordon Lennox-Lamb** to grab third position immediately followed by another of their drivers, **Tom Joyner**.

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*Top, Tom Joyner on LH produced by CRG, fourth in the KF2 World Cup. Above Alex Palou, fourth in the KF3.*

**Max Verstappen**, spectacular as usual, placed between the two drivers powered by **BMB**. The Dutch driver had a **TM** engine which exalted the performing qualities of the **CRG** chassis as well.

Eventually, nobody was match for the four **CRG** top drivers. The result of such a crushing superiority will be unforgettable for all those who were in Zuera during this racing weekend. Besides, the result arrives just few weeks after another great victory for **CRG**: **Jordon Lennox-Lamb**'s one in the KZ2 World Cup of Sarno (Italy).

The abundance of water balloons which fell in front of the **CRG** motorhome, tearful eyes, hugs and claps on shoulders among the members of the **CRG** team made everybody aware that the expectations of the Italian factory were wholly fulfilled. This is the nth great result in the history of this great Italian factory, managed with ever-growing success by **Giancarlo Tinini**.

If these are the current competitiveness conditions of **CRG**, the team stands a very good chance also in the forthcoming, last international event of the season on 21st October in Macao for the KF1 World Championship. The team is ready to get on top once again.

**CRUSHING SUPERIORITY IN KF2.** The victory of the KF2 World Cup arrived after a series of outstanding performances which started in the time trials and continued in the heats which brought the CRG drivers to occupy the first three spots of the Pre-final. **Max Verstappen** clinched the pole followed by **Felice Tienne** and **Jordon Lennox-Lamb**. In the race, after **Verstappen**'s excellent start, **Tienne** gained the lead of the race and pulled away towards victory. He crossed the finishing line preceding **Verstappen** and **Lennox**.

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*Vitor Baptista, seventh in the KF3 World Cup after a good recovery.*

In the Final, **Tiene** started from the pole position followed by **Lennox**, while **Verstappen**, starting from the outer side of the track, lost some positions but he recovered fast and, eventually, he even managed to pass his team-mate **Lennox**. In the last laps also **Tom Joyner** joined the three leading drivers on his LH-Bmb of the LH Racing Team. He recovered from the 11th spot on the starting grid and managed to get very close to **Lennox's** trail and, eventually, to achieve an excellent fourth place.

**IN KF3 PALOU STOPS AT THE FOOT OF THE PODIUM.** In the concurrent KF3 World Cup, the Spanish from Barcelona **Alex Palou** achieved the feat on CRG-Bmb finishing fourth after starting from the 14th spot in the Pre-final.

**Palou's** weekend was deeply affected by a bumping he had when leading one of the heats; after the accident he was obliged to make a hard recovery in the final phase which, eventually, did not allow him to achieve the podium. For the 2012 WSK Euro Series champion it was, anyway, another occasion to show his great competitiveness, even though he is a bit disappointed because victory on the home circuit was within his reach.

Also the young Brazilian **Vitor Batista** sent signals of great competitiveness, always on CRG-Bmb. He, too, made an excellent performance in the Final, after he had been pushed back by an accident in the Pre-Final. **Baptista**, in the Final, made an awesome recovery which pushed him from the 26th to the 7th position, just behind the leading pack. Victory went to Luca Corberi on Kosmic-Vortex, second Callum Ilott on Zanardi-Parilla and third Slavko Ivanovic on Tony Kart-Vortex.

## THE INTERVIEWS

**Giancarlo Tinini, CRG President** *"It went really well. In KF2 everything went smooth since the first day. We were fast in all conditions, both in the morning and in the afternoon. It is the ideal condition when you aim at victory: being competitive since the beginning. Of course, the greatest satisfaction comes from the fact that the top positions were all occupied by our drivers. Not only one position, but all of them! The team did a great job and was very united and motivated. They supported each other and this is the thing I appreciated most of all. Unity in the team is what we need to achieve great results. In KF3 we needed some more determination, especially in the first laps of the final. We were afraid of making mistakes and that prevented Palou from achieving the result he deserved. He could, at least, have stepped onto the podium. Baptista was a good surprise: in just few races he has reached a good level of competitiveness."*

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CRG team celebrating its champions after the "hat trick" in the 2012 CIK-FIA KF2 World Cup in Zuera.

**Euan Jeffery, CRG team manager:** *"We had a fantastic weekend, we are really happy. In the KF2 World Cup, with three drivers on the podium and Joyner fourth on a LH chassis, we made the most of our potential. Such a result is a dream, everything worked perfectly. Tiene, Verstappen and Lennox showed their skills, behaving like professionals since the heats, where we gathered the results we needed to aim at this great final success. In KF3, too, we were competitive after a tricky beginning, when we could not find the ideal set-up. We hoped in a good result with Palou, but in the final he didn't manage to complete his recovery, especially because it was a really hard race. Good performance for Baptista, excellent throughout the whole weekend. On the other hand, Demelo had some troubles in recovering positions after placing in the back rows after qualifying. Unfortunately, he did not manage to enter the final phase. With the KF2 result, now we aim at doing our best in Macao too, for the last round of the KF1 World Championship."*

**Felice Tiene:** *"The atmosphere in CRG after our success is wonderful. Everybody thought I was the favourite, but such a victory, with Max Verstappen and Jordon Lennox on the podium with me, is something you can hardly believe. In the Pre-final I tried to pull away together with Max in the first laps. Then I felt I was faster and I took the lead. So, in the final, I started from the pole position and, after the first 5 laps driven at a rather quick pace, I administered my lead until the finishing line. Now we make for Macao and we go there to win."*

**Max Verstappen:** *"I'm on top of the world for my second place. At the start of the final I lost some positions because of some crashes which made me waste a lot of time. The result was that Tiene gained an early and wide lead over me, a gap I didn't manage to close. Anyway, I'm really proud of the result achieved by the team, which grabbed the first four positions! All perfect. The next appointment is in Macao, where I do hope to win. We'll see. I'm happy for Felice Tiene and for his victory in the championship."*

**Jordon Lennox-Lamb:** *"I'm happy with my third place. After conquering the KZ2 World Cup, stepping also on the podium of the KF2 World Cup was a fantastic sensation. It is a great result for the whole CRG team, with all its drivers in the podium. It is just like living in the good old days of Rossi and Manetti, when CRG dominated the rankings. I'm really happy also for Felice Tiene. I felt*

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satisfied when I saw him on the first step of the podium. Everything worked perfectly, also from the technical point of view. Besides, the KVS technicians made a masterpiece with the BMB engine."

**Tom Joyner:** "In the pre-final I hoped to enter the top ten, because I had a good start. Then, unfortunately, I finished eleventh, while in the final I managed to climb up to fourth. I reached Jordon and during last lap I tried to pass him. It was a close battle. He beat me into second place right on the finishing line. I was really close. I aimed at third. I had a good race pace. This morning I didn't think I could battle for the podium. I want to say thank you to everybody and share this result with the rest of the team."

## KF2 WORLD CUP

1. Tiene (CRG-Bmb); 2. Verstappen (CRG-Tm); 3. Lennox-Lamb (CRG-Bmb); 4. Joyner (LH-Bmb); 5. Leclerc (Art-Parilla); 6. Barnicoat (Art-Parilla); 7. Snell (Energy-Parilla); 8. Di Folco (Tony Kart-Tm); 9. Nielsen (Kosmic-Vortex); 10. Rudakov (Tony Kart-Bmb).

## KF3 WORLD CUP

1. Corberi (Kosmic-Vortex); 2. Ilott (Zanardi-Parilla); 3. Ivanovic (Tony Kart-Vortex); 4. Palou (CRG-BMB); 5. Jupp (FA Kart-Vortex); 6. Lorandi (Tony Kart-Vortex); 7. Baptista (CRG-BMB); 8. Besancenez (Sodi-Parilla); 9. Gil (Tony Kart-Vortex); 10. Stroll (Zanardi-Parilla).

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