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KZ2 PERFORMANCE SAVES PDB WEEK-END

PDB Racing Team made important steps forward in KZ2 at WSK Round 5, held at the International Circuit of Naples, thanks to Manuel Renaudie and Jack Hawksworth. The French driver powered by SGM engines saves the weekend with a good qualifying practice - 8th fastest overall, 3rd fastest of his group - and two solid heats - 4th and 6th in heat 1 and 2. In the prefinal, Manuel starts off grid 10, but he soon catches up with the leading group and begins a scrap with Kozlinski and Giulietti for 5th, managing to finish 6th only 3"902 from the lead. But he gets 10" jump-start penalty. In the final, the French driver is relentless in his effort to climb back from 22nd on the grid, and by mid race he's together with Hawksworth - author of a consistent weekend with two good 8th places in heat 1 and 2 - who started from grid 18. At this point Manuel is fourth fastest on track, he moves up the order with his teammate, and thanks to his blistering pace he ends in 9th position, with Hawksworth in 11th. *"We are gradually improving in the gearbox classes - says PDB Racing Team Principal Peter de Bruijn - mainly thanks to Manuel's experience and Jack's impressive progress, and considering it's only our first year I'm happy to be always there fighting with the best."*

In KF classes, the few positive notes come from Tom Grice in KF2, who after taking 3rd in heat 4, makes a great comeback in the final off grid 24 to finish 11th. And Michelle Gattling in KF3, who has to go through the second chance heat after getting excluded from heat 4 for being 200gr. underweight. Michelle makes it to the prefinal, but a first corner accident forces her to the back of the field. The final is all hard work, but Michelle makes up 11 positions showing all her determination and overtaking skills.



"The weekend has been negatively influenced by mechanical issues - admits Peter - with some controversy resulting from several clutch developments. We and many others have been discussing this matter with the CIK and we hope a prompt decision will be taken to solve this problem in the regulation."

