



CIK-FIA European Superkart Championship
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THE GREAT RETURN OF SUPERKARTS AT SILVERSTONE

Mecca of Superkart (then called "Formula E") in the 1980's with the British Superkart Grand Prix, the Silverstone circuit will again vibrate to the humming of the fastest karts in the world.

On 3 and 4 April, the circuit of the British Formula One GP will be the framework of the first round of the 2010 edition of the CIK-FIA European Superkart Championship. Stimulated by the pleasure of taking up competition again after a long winter and by the opportunity to race on the 5.1 kilometres course, the 50 entered Drivers are prepared to face the difficulties of the famous Copse, Becketts or Stowe corners. Further to this British stage, they will continue their European tour on equally prestigious circuits: Assen (Netherlands, on August 8) and Le Mans (France, on October 24).

Winner of the 2009 edition of the European Championship, UK's Gavin Bennett (Anderson-DEA) is throwing in his title; he will again count among his main opponents his two runner-ups of last year, i.e. the Frenchman Damien Payart (PVP-FPE) and the **German Peter Elkmann (MS Kart-VM). The latter, Champion in 2008, will use for the first time a Czech engine of the VM make in England as a replacement of his usual Yamaha. The interests of the Czech engine will also be defended by the Swede Stefan Malm, the Dutchman Marcel Maasmann and two new-comers in the Superkart world, Holland's Kievitsbosch, a very talented former KZ Driver, and the Czech Adam Kout, whose joint experience of the KZ category and of Formula Renault could prove to pay off.** The FPE engine, mainly represented by its Driver-Manufacturer Damien Payart, will again be used by Britain's Carl Hulme, John Riley and Rob Chilcott. Although it is the most recent of all entered engines, the DEA "made in Italy" will obviously be chiefly represented by the reigning Champion, but it will also have two new ambassadors, namely the Brit Malcolm Crowe and France's Benjamin Mahé. The Northern Irishman Trevor Roberts and the German Guido Kleinemeyer remain faithful to the Canadian make BRC, while the PVP delegation will be led by the Frenchman Emmanuel Vinualès, the Swede Tony Ahlgren, the Norwegian Erik M. Gjertsen and obviously the Dane Poul Petersen, father of PVP chassis and engines. The field will also comprise a few karts powered by the good old Rotax 256, the Yamaha V2 and single-cylinder Honda engines.

In total, out of the 50 entries, there will 11 nationalities at the start, the host country being the most represented, with no fewer than 21 competitors.

Two qualifying practice sessions are scheduled for Saturday 4 April, and the two 50-km long races will be held on Sunday 5 April, at 12h00 and 16h10. The results will be published in real time on www.cikfia.com. This first event of the CIK-FIA European Superkart Championship will be organised within the framework of the first round of the "Superleague Formula" (a Series for single-seaters with 750 HP V12 engines, bearing the colours of great football teams)

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