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# Newsletter

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## KnK Racing

### England

New race graphics individually identifies the KnK Integra World Formula kart, which earned itself a No. 2 plate for 2006 at a British MSA National event. It was driven by



Mathew

Sampson during the 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 29<sup>th</sup> August weekend in the National Super2 championships for 4 stroke karts at Rowrah in Cumbria, in the North of England. This was the first time ever that Matt raced a 4-cycle kart.

Jake adds to his podium finishes, a third position at the “Wild Tracks” circuit and another third at Red Lodge Karting the following weekend.

This is Jake’s first year in the Honda cadet class.

Keep smiling Jake!



### India

Rotax Jr. Ajay Kini dominated the weekend during the 4<sup>th</sup> Rotax



max Challenge at Kari Speedway during the 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup> weekend in September. Ajay qualified on pole then finished a convincing first in the heats on a very wet Saturday. Sunday turned out to be a hot day and a threatening sky kept the tuners on their toes. Ajay won the finals convincingly.

We have a happy Ajay, Akhil and a very pleased Dishali Patel who

has shown the most progress in the junior driver class.



The final round of the Indian Rotax Max Challenge in October will have 6 KnK Karts on the grid.

**KARTING 1<sup>ST</sup> - K1.** – A new race development program for karting is being finalized and finishing touches are being made to what promises to be an exciting new format that assures a new concept to bring drivers into kart racing providing them a solid platform.

The promoters of K1 assure that this new inexpensive kart race program will reward drivers, track owners and the sponsors with a fair and equal platform to develop kart racing in India, taking the sport to a level that has never been achieved before.

KnK Karts and VCR Motor Sport are proud to be part of the KARTING 1<sup>st</sup> / K1 program. We will keep you informed about the developments through future newsletters.

### **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

A fresh consignment of KnK Karts is making its way to England. Soon KnK Karts will offer karts for all the popular classes raced there. The range covers:-

KnK Juvenile - Honda Cadet and Comer cadet.  
 KnK Juvenile - Rotax Mini Max  
 KnK Trakhawk – Rotax Junior and Senior Light  
 KnK Integra – World Formula and Formula 6 – other 4 stroke classes  
 KnK Dominator – Twin-engine Prokart  
 KnK Annihilator – 30/32 - Rotax / TAG  
 KnK Annihilator II – All 32 – Rotax / Biland / TAG

The new KnK Evo II chassis is undergoing tests. The Evo II is a new concept for kart racing making it very affordable to own and race.

Watch out for more on the Evo II in future Newsletters.



# From Pit Lane

October 2005.

Alonso is Formula 1 World Champion, he has also achieved the distinction of being the youngest ever F1 World Champion. It has been long established that kart racing is the



most important training any aspiring driver can have and as evidenced on the F1 circuit, the drivers on the top are the ones who started early and stayed with it for several years.

Michael Schumacher being the first such example.

Other drivers seen as being contenders for the crown in 2006 include Kimi Raikonen, Montoya and Jenson Button. What is common between these guys outside of the fact that they are the best drivers in F1?

**FERNANDO ALONSO – KART RACING RECORD**

- 1984:** First Karting race at age of 3 years;
- 1988:** Karting championships;
- 1989:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in child class;
- 1990:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in Cadet class;
- 1991:** Spanish Karting Championship, 2nd in Cadet class;
- 1993:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in Junior class;
- 1994:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in Junior class;
- 1995:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in Junior class; World Karting Championship, 3rd in Junior class;
- 1996:** Spanish Karting Championship, 1st in Junior class; World Karting Championship, 1st in Junior class;
- 1997:** Spanish Karting Championship, finished 1st in Inter A class; Italian Karting Championship, finished 1st;
- 1998:** European Karting Championship finished 2nd in Inter A (100cc. ICA) class;

They were all karting champions and they started early and stayed with it a long time.

**Fernando Alonso** – Started karting at age 3 and raced karts from 1984 to 1998.

**Kimi Raikonen** – Started karting at age 9 and raced karts from 1988 to 1999.

**Jenson Button** – Started karting at age 8 and raced karts from 1989 to 1997.

**J.P. Montoya** – Started karting at age 6 and raced karts from 1981 to 1994.

We also have drivers who have started karting at an early age, Vishnu Prasad and Parth Ghorpade have been karting for the past 6 and 5 years respectively, their experience is evident in the Mini Max class they race as is their understanding of the sport and their racing maturity. They would do well to stay with karting for as long as they can. Jenson Button is a good example of a driver who almost jumped straight into F1 from karting. He did a year of Formula Ford and then a year with British Formula 3 before Formula 1 when he joined BMW - Williams.

One of the biggest handicaps our drivers face is the lack of regular race events, this makes it difficult to get in the much-needed practice and race time, also, the lack of a class for children to start at an early age makes the possibility of beginning training early almost impossible.

Popular in the USA is the Kid Kart category, which is a non-competitive platform for young children between ages of 5 and 7 to familiarize to the feel of karting in a friendly and fun environment, we hope to soon see it introduced here too.

Indian motor racing has never looked this good, a driver in F1, a team in A1, drivers racing Formula BMW and others looking good for the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Final 2005 on Nov 21-26. I am sure that motor sport will soon receive the same thrust that other sports like tennis and marksmanship are receiving and I am confident we will see results as soon as things settle.

It is up to our ASN the MAI and our Federation the FMSCI to pursue such matters and having said that, the FMSCI have. Like racing associations and federations around the world, FMSCI have been successful in managing growth, controlling and guiding development, and encouraging our drivers by using well-reasoned procedures that meet the required regulations and insuring that competitors can have access to the tools they need to pursue a National or International title.

Singularly, JK Tyres, through the support they extend to motor sport through FMSCI can be credited for the progress we see with motor racing and the encouragement to Indian drivers and manufacturers - in spite of the many hurdles they face.

Pit lane talk has it that a new movement is under way, aptly named Karting 1<sup>st</sup> or K1; it proposes great things for karting through a carefully planned "complete" program. Hope to have more on this exciting new program soon.

Thank you for reading with me, next month we'll talk some more!

Cheers!

Micki