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# Newsletter

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## ***Karting* <sup>f</sup> - Kart Academy of Race Training.**

The off-season had us running the **Karting First (K1)** Kartsmart training school for members of the KnK Racing Team – India (see newsletter NL 0206).

These unique training courses train drivers in important areas, which are not part of curriculums of most other training schools and have been recognized by the drivers as making a huge contribution to their improved performances, since the courses.

The courses prepare the driver mentally and physically without ignoring the useful application of data provided by the other sensory faculties when racing.

The "completeness" of the training courses makes for the progressive development of the driver connecting with the relationships between mind, body, chassis and engine and the understanding of what each one is saying, which makes the difference. A driver is taught to identify the problem, be it with the chassis or the engine, or with both, understand the reason for it and adjust driving style to get the best from it. This is particularly important in the arrive – qualify and race scenario we have because the driver has very little choice with the race vehicle that he is allotted and because he is not permitted to make any set up changes to the kart.



*Drivers are taught about engines and chassis', these classrooms are followed by "on circuit" practicals.*

*The simple approach and the transparency of imparting information makes it easy for students to understand and so realize their potential when racing.*



**Results speak for themselves:**

June 04, 2006.



**Ajay Kini** is to be congratulated for winning the JK Tyre Racing Cup in the Formula Maruti category. Ajay has dominated the class throughout the season so far. We wish him further success in his racing for the rest of the year.

**Nikhil Kashyap**

convincingly won the first round of the MAI MRF karting

National Championship at Coimbatore in the INKC – Kadet class . Congratulations Nikhil! We look forward to further successes through the rest of the year.



**Racing Overseas with Team KnK** – In our continuing effort to make a mark on the kart-racing scene, plans are afoot to expose Indian drivers to the severe conditions of kart racing overseas. This year, drivers would be provided with the required technical support and training at races in the Asia Pacific Zone to prepare them for racing in the Asia Pacific Zone as well as the UK in 2007.

The size of the grids and the levels of competition should prepare our drivers and expose them to a level of discipline and professionalism that they need to understand to achieve and to make their mark when the time comes.

Last month, in preparation of these plans, we took a KnK Trakhawk kart to Malaysia to test under conditions there and learn the set up requirements. We selected the Speedway Elite circuit to



work at for the reason that it is slated to run the maximum number of the Malaysian kart races this year, besides, it is run by a great bunch of kart enthusiasts.

At the end of the day of testing, Ishaan (*builder of KnK Karts*) was .3 seconds faster than a driver in a reputed brand of kart of European origin, that races at Elite regularly. We were particularly happy with the results since we had not yet achieved the best set up due to shortage of time at this stage.



The testing has provided us a good deal of information and we are confident that we should achieve respectable results when our boys race there next month.

