



## Superkart: European Revenge in Le Mans

### International participation

A very strong participation is expected in Le Mans (October 29th & 30th) for the last meeting of the season of Superkart in France, with the last round of the French championship and the new Championship Open which attracts the British, the Swiss or the Finn and which turned out a success for its 1st year of organization. Indeed, if the diverse European series have difficulty in gathering consequent fields this season, France offered a confrontation allying quantity and competitiveness on Auto racing circuits with besides new faces. The "buzz" helping, the charm of the circuit Bugatti, the transmission of power, the war of the material which can prefigure the choices of 2012, so many elements which strengthens the competition of this last heated exchange which should count so much of entries that the French round of the European championship 2011 which took place in Magny-Cours in May (probably 45 expected drivers). It is thus the most complete field of the year any merged competitions. The hexagon thus acted as ground of launch and will make the clapperboard of the end of the international Superkart proposing close fight. The races should be magnificent, because the motivation of the protagonists is the victory or the podium without calculation. Indeed, the French championship (and Open) is played.

### Tops of the bill (or... "Tops of the pops"© )

Emmanuel Vinualès (Anderson / DEA) will be about titled whatever his result, Cyril Vayssié (PVP / DEA) seems left well to collect the title of Vice-champion or the consecutive second still will need that he distrusts Antoine Lacoste (FPE) and Alexandre Sébastia (MSKart/FPE) returned well in the game and who arrive to Le Mans to decide. But beyond this national confrontation, we should especially follow an European revenge, because Gavin Bennett (Anderson /DEA) the outgoing champion of Europe (and also champion 2007 & 2009) will want to take the opportunity to impose in front of E.Vinualès his successor which announced to want to prove how much its title is deserved. Bennett and Vinualès were divided the victories in Magny-Cours during the 1st round, but this last one to supplant "The triple crown" to Assen the temple of the Superkart. Height of the suspense, the ex-champion of France and Europe (on 2003 and 2004) Damien Payart decided to return for the glory, after sabbatical spring. He took back the necklace in the Val of Vienne and wants to arbitrate this duel. Irony, it is him who was one of two protagonists in the run for the title 2010 beaten during the ultimate confrontation on the same circuit by Bennett.

Let us indicate the coming of one of the revelations of the year, Henrik Lilja, the Danish is the "official" driver PVP. For a first participation in European round, he had been, at once, one of the faster. Red Speed Team continues to visit the French circuits, with John Riley the boss who alternates troubles and podia, with Vésa Lehtinen involved by one of the ultimate stakes (He is 3rd threatened with Open). Let us note that besides its usual squadron, this team takes of newcomers. The British are not all enfeoffed in this leading team, because we shall see again famous Barker Team supporting Charles Craven. Always from Sweden, let us indicate the comeback of Stephan Malm (Vice - Champion of France 2006). He returns this time in PVP / PVP whom he knows well.

This meeting is the object of a special cup, The French Cup, award attributable to the best driver of the weekend by accumulation of points. In 2010, during the same meeting, *-in the same period-*, the confrontation was the subject of the last round of CIK-European championship, with a Pole in 1'40"517" (G.Bennett), on a lightly wet track. In race, the best time was obtained by D.Payart (1'37"775"). This lap efface the previous reference of John Riley (1'38"556") in 2008.

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### CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES

**France :** 1) E.Vinuales 248 points, 2) C.Vayssié 178 pts, 3) A.Lacoste 143 pts, 4) A.Sébastien 131 pts, 5) P.Focqué 127 pts, etc.

**Open :** 1) E.Vinuales 183 points, 2) C.Vayssié 132 pts, 3) V.Lehtinen 100 pts, 4) D.Harvey 75 pts, 5) A.Lacoste 73 pts, 6) K.Kinsey 70 pts, etc.

