



Donison, Manav & Shahan start as firm favourites in Penultimate Round of 13th JK Tyre-FMSCI National Rotax Karting Championship

Kohlapur High octane racing will return to Kolhapur after a year's gap, with the fourth and penultimate round of the 13th JK Tyre-FMSCI National Rotax Max Karting Championship scheduled to take place at the state of the art Mohite Racing Academy over the August 20-21 weekend.

The round promises an exciting fare with all eyes set on Ricky Donison of BPC Racing who has been in supreme form throughout the season. Bengaluru's Donison with a tally of 252 points is leading the charts, and will aim for an encore, that not only will maintain his 100% record this season but also consolidate his position at the top.

However, it will not be an easy run out there for Donison, as he will be up against a strong challenge from Chennai's Vishnu Prasad of Meco Racing (247 points) and local lad Dhruv Mohite of Mohite Racing (243). Both the drivers will be go out all guns blazing and aim to narrow the gap at the top. Dhruv will perhaps fancy his chances a little more as he will literally be racing in his backyard, being a Kolhapur racer and also the owner of the Mohite Racing Academy track.

JK Motorsport's president Sanjay Sharma believes that this round may well be the most critical one for the championship. "All the racers know that a big prize awaits them if they win the national championship. They will be rubbing shoulders with 360 of the finest racers from 50 nations," he said.

In the Junior Max (for kids between 13 and 16) and Micro Max categories (for kids between 7 and 12), Manav Sharma and Shahan Ali are in much more comfortable positions, with 9-point and 16-point leads. Manav of BPC is ahead with 257 points, having won the first round and taking the fourth and second positions in subsequent rounds. But Meco's triumvirate of Nirmal Umashankar (248 points), Yash Aradhya (240) and Paul Francis (231) will surely come up with a joint strategy to unseat him from the leader's position.

Twelve-year-old Shahan, who suffered some bad luck in the Rotax Euro finals over the last weekend and finished 29th, has reason to believe that life will be much easier back home: he might even believe that the Micro Max championship is almost in his pocket. He has been virtually untouchable in the earlier three races and is sitting pretty on 262 points. Ruhaan Alva (246) of Perigrine, Arun Nair (241) of Meco and Arjun R (239) of Birel Art can only hope to fight for the second and third positions.

The action will begin at the Mohite Academy on Saturday with practice rounds in the morning. The four races in each of the categories will take place over the weekend, the first two each on Saturday and the last two each on Sunday, with drivers from across the country ready to burn rubber.



Championships standings after Round Three

Senior Max

Position	Name	Team	City	Points
1	Ricky Donison	BPC Racing	Bengaluru	252
2	Vishnu Prasad	Meco Racing	Chennai	247
3	Dhruv Mohite	Dhruv Mohite	Kohlapur	243

Junior Max

Position	Name	Team	City	Points
1	Manav Sharma	BPC Racing	Faridabad	257
2	N.Umashankar	Meco Racing	Chennai	248
3	Yash Aradhya	Meco Racing	Bengaluru	240

Micro Max

Position	Name	Team	City	Points
1	Shahan Ali	Meco Racing	Agra	262
2	Ruhaan Alva	Peregrine Racing	Bengaluru	246
3	Arjun Nair	Meco Racing	Chennai	241

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JK Tyre has always been closely associated with the world of sports. Almost three decades back the company laid down a long term and sustained approach to promote Motorsport. Participating



in this form of the sport has helped the company in continuously updating its products to meet the challenges of grueling Indian conditions. The sport at that time in India was perceived for elite but JK Tyre took upon itself to package and redesign the sport to suit the masses. The company not only made the sport affordable but also equivalent to International operating standards. JK Tyre's foray into Motorsport was a well thought out strategic decision to not only use and develop this virgin branding platform but also to realize the dreams of making India a force in the field of motor sport.

In 2011, the company acquired the Formula BMW Series and rechristened it as the JK Racing Asia Series (JKRAS). With this acquisition, JK Tyre created history in Indian Motorsport by becoming the first Indian company to acquire an FIA accredited series. By taking over the series, JK Tyre promises to utilize it as a platform to encourage and support the world's best racing drivers and promote India as one of Asia's motorsport capitals. Thus, JK Tyre has conquered two steps in the motorsport program where the new racing aspirants first establish themselves in

India, then graduate to Asian level i.e. to Formula BMW, which is now JKRAS and then they move to higher levels of racing. JK Tyre now stands closer to achieving its mission of bringing world-class motorsport to the Indian masses.

The Racing and Karting programme by JK Tyre has been the breeding ground for the country's motorsport talents like NarainKarthikeyan, Armaan Ebrahim, Karun Chandhok, Aditya Patel and other emerging talent.

Another pioneering initiative was the launch of the Truck Racing Championship in India in partnership with Tata Motors. The company developed & designed „JetRacing“-the new generation truck racing tyres especially for this application. With this, JK Tyre became the first tyre company to produce truck racing tyres in India. The combination of the Prima trucks fitted with Jet Racing received an overwhelming response from participants and has definitely brought in a revolution in the Indian racing scenario.

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