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OTK USA BRANDS GATHER FOUR WINS AT USPKS TEXAS GRAND PRIX

Twelve podium results part of 18 top-five finishes for OTK drivers and teams at Speedsportz Racing Park

NEW CANEY, TEXAS (April 12, 2024) – A total of four wins for OTK brands were earned at the 2024 United States Pro Kart Series opener at the Speedsportz Racing Park. The New Caney, Texas facility hosted the Texas Grand Prix, with a majority of the near 270 entries competing on OTK product. With seven classes competing toward one main event on the weekend, OTK brands gained four victories during the Finals on Sunday and gathered 18 top-five finishes, including 12 podium results.

A sweep of the top-five podium in the X30 Junior category was led by Diego Ardiles (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic). The SKUSA Winter Series champion was able to win in a photo finish ahead of Jackson Wolny (Speed Concepts Racing / Redspeed). Victor de Alencar (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic) was classified third with Alexander Vanchev (Zanella Racing / Kosmic) in the fourth spot while Michael McGaughy (Ryan Perry Motorsport / Tony Kart) completed the top-five sweep for OTK.

Three-time USPKS champion Ryan Norberg (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic) began his run for a fourth straight title with a weekend sweep of the X30 Pro class at the Texas Grand Prix. Norberg was challenged by Austin Garrison (Speed Concepts Racing / Gillard) early on. The two would lead the field the entire distance for an OTK 1-2 finish.

Adam Crepin (Team FMS / Gillard) was able to secure his first series victory in the KA100 Masters division. The karting veteran put himself into the lead late in the race, holding on through the final few circuits of the 20-lap main event for his first USPKS triumph. Miguel Mier (Orsolon Racing / Tony Kart) pressured late and was able to make it an OTK 1-2. Martin Stone (Ryan Perry Motorsport / Tony Kart) earned top qualifier honors and led the main event early until he was shuffled back to fifth. One of the big victories on the weekend was the Micro Swift triumph by Miguel Manzano Suarez. The driver from Mexico racing under the Rolison Performance Group tent aboard a Kosmic chassis made only his second start in USPKS competition and reached the checkered flag first in a thrilling opening Final. Three drivers in total took home hardware from Texas in the Mini Swift class. Marco Sammut (Brandon Jarsocrak Racing / LN Racing Kart) set fast time in qualifying to open the event and was in contention for the victory throughout the weekend. Sammut ended up third at the line ahead of Alex Chandler (Iron Rock Motorsports / Gillard) and Nicolas Orbezo (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic).

Cooper Shipman (Iron Rock Motorsports / Tony Kart) was the lone driver in the top-five in a competitive KA100 Senior class that featured 61 drivers. Shipman, making his first start of the 2024 season, was battling in the lead pack all race to end up third. Three drivers finished in the top-five on OTK chassis in the KA100 Junior class. SKUSA Winter Series champion Sebastian Garzon (Orsolon Racing / Tony Kart) led the way in the runner-up spot with Turner Brown (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic) third and Diego Ardiles (Rolison Performance Group / Kosmic) in fifth.

Competition with the United States Pro Kart Series continues with the Carolina Grand Prix, scheduled for May 17-19 at the Trackhouse Motorplex in Mooresville, NC. Drivers looking to compete with the most popular kart brand in the world or purchase OTK karts and components can contact their local OTK USA dealer. Head to <u>www.otkusa.com</u> for a complete list of dealers and details on the entire brand roster.