

# Surprises abound in the first Heats at Genk



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The heats begin, and here come the first surprises in the opening round of the Rotax MAX Challenge Euro Trophy at Karting Genk: The Home of Champions. 11 Heats close out Friday in Belgium.

**Mini MAX**

Friend and Babicek Stage Comebacks

Heroes in Spain, they're making waves in Genk too. Albert Friend (Strawberry Racing), not the luckiest in qualifying, and Zdenek Babicek (TEPZ Racing) win the first two races of Mini MAX. Pole-sitter Aj Burggraaff (SP Motorsport) confirms his status among the frontrunners, finishing 2nd in Heat A/B.

## **Junior MAX**

### **Janssen Responds to Ashcroft**

While the Dan Holland Racing duo Jacob Ashcroft and Toms Strele continue their duel, facing off in the A-B heat, it's the German Noah Janssen (Doerr Motorsport) who responds in the other heat of the day, where Boaz Maximov (Bouvin Power) and Cameron Nelson (Dan Holland Racing) finished 2nd and 3rd.

## **Senior MAX**

### **Senior Category Wide Open**

Sean Butcher (KR Sport) comes back strong immediately, winning the first heat with 3 positions gained, ahead of two runner-ups: Jayden Thien and Matthew Higgins (Dan Holland Racing). Wins also for Kai Hunter (Hunter Motorsport), two today, and pole-sitter Macauley Bishop (Dan Holland Racing); 1st ahead of lady Tereza Babickova who recently moved to Hunter Motorsport.

## **DD2/Masters**

### **Fourquemin (DD2) Confirms, Garkaklis Beats Picot (DD2 Masters)**

Double heats for DD2, with Paul Fourquemin (DAEMS Racing) and Enzo Bol (SP Motorsport) prevailing. The battle in Masters becomes interesting, with Haralds Garkaklis (Privateer)

beating pole-sitter Nicolas Picot (Privateer).

Another long day of heats awaits us tomorrow.

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