



**WSK Round 3
CASTELLETTO DI BRANDUZZO (I), 05/04/09**

PDB DWARFS SKF GIANTS

The third round of the WSK International Series, held at Kartodromo 7 Laghi near Pavia (Italy) has seen an outstanding performance of PdB Racing Team driver Manuel Renaudie in SKF. The French driver proves the high standards of his equipment and his exceptional qualities as driver in the 32 laps final. Timed practice is not brilliant. Manuel stops 18th fastest time at over 3 tenths from the fastest qualifier. But in the two heats the PdB ace makes up several positions, finishing 12th and 8th respectively. The final is as exciting as it gets: Manuel, starting from row 7, has a good start and gains one position already in the first lap. As the race progresses, his excellent set up and his fantastic driving start to make the difference, and in the second part of the final he's overpowering. The final stages are electrifying, as Renaudie, glued to third place driver's rear bumper, fights for the last step of the podium. Not close enough though, as the French driver misses it by just over a tenth, yet grabbing 15 valuable points for the championship. Difficult weekend in KF2 and KF3, where PdB drivers suffer a bit of lack of performance. In KF3, Andreas Wernersson is the only one to



go through the heats, finishing 24th in prefinal, and out after only 5 laps in the final due to a race accident. In KF2, Sweden's Viktor Oberg is the fastest of the lot in qualifying, but gets excluded in Heat 4 for a technical problem with the telemetry system, unable to make the final stages. Finn Leopold Ringbom is the only one to qualify, but both prefinal and final are cursed, as he is forced to retire with broken chain after only 4 laps.

"I have to congratulate Manuel who did a superb job in finding the perfect set up for his equipment and racing a perfect final - says an overjoyed Peter de Bruijn - If he had a couple of more laps, I'm sure he would have made the podium. We definitely have to be more competitive in KF2 and KF3, but the bad weather surely did not give my drivers a hand in finding a good set up."

