



2008 WSK INTERNATIONAL SERIES  
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# MICHELLE GATTING BACKS UP PDB POWER

PDB Racing Team lines up for the WSK Championship, round three, with fifteen drivers on grid, all raring to go and ready to carry out instructions given to them by Peter De Bruijn, a real expert of international karting. Among his best pupils once again, there's a young lady, Michelle Gattung. The beautiful Danish girl who has really been outstanding throughout the weekend confirming her driving skill that looks to a great season's racing. Lining up on KF3 grids with Nigel Fisher, we see Yuri Strongov, George Vann and Gattung, 11th in practice, gets row two start after heats thanks to a win, a runner up place and a third. Powered by Gillard/XTR, she fights with leaders. It looked as though we would be in for a great prefinal performance but she gets a 10" penalty for a debatable advanced start and drop to 15th, a position that jeopardises her chances for the final. Shame. In any case, this time too Michelle has been a favourite for KF3 podium. Also in KF1, Florian Alfano, Matt Truelove, Tomas Eidjord and Julian Mengers underline their speed, the latter being very fast from the early heats, taking third and then going on to gain 12 places, very fast Eidjord too, from row 12 start he grabs 15th.



So Mengers is PDB leader with 11 points, followed by Matt Truelove, 8 points and Tomas Eidjord third with 1 point. Peter De Bruijn commends several KF2 drivers: from the well-known Tom Grice and Viktor Oberg to the young promises Leopold Ringbom, Rene Binder, Hristo Vassilev, Maja Moeller and Tanart Sathienthirakul. Brilliant heat performance. We perhaps expected a bit more from Grice, 17th in practice, but unable to gain places due to carb problems. Unlucky Sweden's Oberg, unable to do better than 20th. From row 7, Grice makes hopes run high, but he has to retire after a crash in the early part of the race. He has to settle for final 24th. Peter De Bruijn says, "We still aren't one hundred per cent good enough. Despite overall conditions being good, Michelle is now tenth, one or two have been a let down and luck hasn't helped either. But we have lots of skilled drivers and undoubtedly they'll perk up in the next meetings." The WSK International Series will be racing again in June on the circuit in Mariembourg, Belgium.

