



**21st ANDREA MARGUTTI TROPHY
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PDB SET THE GROUND FOR SUCCESS

Peter de Bruijn's PDB Racing Team took on the grids of the 21st Margutti Trophy with a very determined team of six drivers in KF2, KF3 and KZ2. Treacherous weather conditions characterized the racing weekend in Northern Italy, with light yet persistent rain all the way through Sunday's finals. More than anything else, the weekend has surely been helpful as a good testing ground for de Bruijn's drivers and equipment, in what looks to be a very long, hard, exciting season.

Peter de Bruijn confirms the strong partnership with Parilla engines, which made a very positive debut in 2010 both in terms of performance and reliability.

Particularly in the gearbox class, where Sweden's Viktor Oberg and Norway's Kim Jakobsen represent the Dutch team. At his debut season in the gearbox class, the Swede does well to go through qualifying and heats in mid group, to start the prefinal from row 9. Few laps in the prefinal and Viktor is fighting for 9th, right till the last corner where a technical problem stops him from taking the chequered flag, as Jakobsen makes up 9 positions to finish 16th. The final is

very exciting, with Oberg at full power ending 11th from 25th on the grid, as the Norwegian is forced to retire on lap 13 after a contact.

In KF2, Russian drivers Tereshchenko and Runov fight hard in the heats, with the former going through to the prefinal starting from grid 14 and the latter just missing out on the repechage. After making up two positions in the prefinal, Tereshchenko gets caught in a tough battle mid group to end 14th.

In KF3, young guns Egor Stupenkov from Russia and Lukas Sundahl from Sweden, at their international debut show great speed in the heats, but lack the experience to make it through to the final stages.

Peter de Bruijn says optimistic.

"Despite today's result, our equipment is performing well and all we need is more experience for our drivers - Peter de Bruijn said after the race -. We are very motivated by the quality of our equipment, and we will concentrate a lot of efforts in the gearbox category as well as KF2 and KF3. At the Margutti we've had the opportunity to set the ground for a positive season."

