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Nørtoft got the 3rd place overall in the WSK

He was run off the circuit, when a competitor forgot to brake, but despite the accident an impressive performance in the world's toughest karting series

Very much had to go wrong for Jacob Nørtoft not to finish as number two in the overall standings in the World Series of Karting, where the fifth and last section was run in Sarno, Italy in the weekend. And a lot did go wrong ...

Nørtoft's chances to defend his second place was very good – and he even had the chance to reach the first place – but unfortunately the 16 year old racing driver was literally run over by one of his competitors.

Let it be said straight away: Jacob Nørtoft ended with a very nice position to bring home from Italy. The talented Dane ended with an overall 3rd place in the WSK, which is regarded as the world's toughest karting series and among the drivers as the unofficial world championship.

The training went well in Sarno, but the timings not quite as well. But, as the qualification heats were run, Jacob and the Ricky Flynn Motorsport team managed to get the tires and speed under control in the kart.

- In the qualification heat I did not do well, but in the last three heats, I came up as 4th despite a start as number 10. That meant, that I started as number 15 in the pre finale. D'Agosto - the overall winner of the WSK - should have a very bad weekend for me to win the series, and he had far too much momentum for me to succeed. Instead we had to defend the second place, Jacob Nørtoft explains.

He ended up as number 11 in the pre finale and started as number 11 in the final. Already in the first round Nørtoft managed to move up to number five - but then things went wrong:

- At the end of the long side I was running into the turn with a competitor on the right side. He runs straight ahead instead of turning and does not brake at all – and runs directly over me, destroying my kart, my racing suit and hits my hand. I could not continue the race afterwards and had to settle with two points in the Sarno, which meant that I lost the second place to my nearest pursuer Danish Nicolaj Moller Madsen, who ended up having two points more than me, says Jacob Nørtoft, well annoyed over the competitor's lack of braking ability.

- But I am proud of my third place. WSK is a fantastic showcase with sponsors and with Formula One teams, says Jacob Nørtoft.

Sunday's finale was monitored by Danish TV2 East who brought results in its regional broadcast and had Nørtoft live through from Italy. The media has largely begun to take an interest in the young motorsport talents' doings. Jacob has been in the Go' Morgen Danmark and Go' Aften Danmark and has been portrayed by the regional TV2 channel, Channel East, within the past few months.

- Focus is now on the EM in Genk in early July. I've certainly built up plenty of will to win after this race in Sarno and I am passionate about getting on the podium in Belgium ...

DASU has officially proclaimed Jacob Nørtoft as one of the absolute favourites to win the European

Championship, which is run from 8th to 11th of July. Before then, however, Nørtoft is defending his leading position in the Super One British Championship, held in Rowrah in England on 18th-20th June.

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