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Indian Presence in Motor Racing.

The last couple of years have seen India increasing its presence on the international racing scene than ever before.

At the top of all the happenings Dr. Vijay Mallya's foray into Formula 1 with his acquisition of a major share in the Spykar Team and the emergence of the team Force India has been the biggest of all these. Seen with him in this picture are Karun Chandok and Karun's father Vicky Chandok who is a huge part of Indian motor sport.

Karun has made news with his impressive results in GP2. Karun is one of the most complete packages that we have, race winning performance, good looks and a pleasing demeanor to boot.



Picture courtesy Vicky Chandok



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Karun with Bernie Ecclestone, does it get any better than this?

Narain Karthikeyan is a name that needs no introduction. The first Indian to race Formula

1 and also responsible for scoring the first points and wins for India in A1.

This is an old picture of Narain and Karun at the very popular JK Tyres National Karting Championship in 2004. The JK Tyres National Karting Championship can be credited for bringing karting to India.



Aditya

Patel drove Formula BMW in Asia and has been very impressive in his debut year. Aditya's father is the renowned veteran racer, Kamlesh Patel who has been a part of Indian motor sport for over 35 years.



Aditya in his karting days, when on his first outing in a KnK JL322 set the fastest ever time on Mojo tyres at the Kari Raceway at Coimbatore in 2005 during practice. Read more about Aditya's racing at www.adityapatel.in .



Armaan Ebrahim (left) is another prominent Indian driver presently the Rookie in the A1 Team India!

Akhil Khushlani (Right) is one of the brightest youngsters

coming out of karting in India. Akhil is the first and probably the only Indian driver yet, to have finished as high as fifth at the Rotax World Finals in 2005 when he also set the 3rd fastest time.



Above right - Akhil at the second round of the Asia Max Challenge in India, he blitzed the field comprising the best drivers from the Asia Zone. Akhil convincingly set the pace through practice and qualifying by qualifying second then winning all the heats by huge margins and winning the final as well.

At KnK we respect Akhil for his accurate feedback, consistency and determined stamina when he test drives for KnK.

Akhil had not raced karts in almost a year and it was his first time out in a KnK Trakhawk. Great things are sure to come Akhil's way. Read more about Akhil's racing at www.khushlani.in

RACING with KnK Karts

ENGLAND:

Jake Mayes drove an old KnK Integra (World Formula Chassis) of 2005 vintage when he participated in the London Cup at Hoddesdon Kart Club on the last weekend of October. Racing in the Rotax Mini Max class Jake found himself in the company of more experienced drivers.

After qualifying 9th in his group of 16 drivers, the grid was divided since there were 32 entries.

On a final grid of 22 in Heat 1, Jake started in 11th to finish 8th. Heat 2 saw Jake start in 18th, he finished 10th after having to drive off track to avoid a collision. Heat 3 had Jake start P2 and was running up in the first until an accident forced the race to be re-started. Jake finished in 9th.



In the finals on Sunday Jake was plagued by misfortune, an accident and a wet and misfiring engine put him out of the race. Read more about Jake's racing at www.jakemayesracing.co.uk.

In 2009 Jake will race juniors in a new KnK Interceptor.

Racing Down Under.

After an impressive 2nd and 3rd finish in the first round of the RESA class at Toowoomba in September, KnK driver James raced the – all – black - **KnK JL322 “Phantom”** on Sunday 19th October at Toowoomba in the second of the 3 round RESA Series.

James finished a convincing first. The final round of the series is end November.

The PCR PV50 100cc engines are inexpensive to purchase and maintain being a piston port. They produce good power (around 24-26hp) and have "snappy power" and rev to around 18800-19000 rpm. It is a class that is popular in South Africa and growing impressively in Australia.

The winning **KnK JL322 “Phantom”** driven by James in the 2nd round of the RESA Series at Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia.



In November, read about KnK Karts venturing into 4 stroke kart racing in the dirt. Dirt kart racing is building a strong following as it offers a form of low budget racing full of thrills and excitement.

Until next time then, thank you for reading with me, we will talk some more soon!

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