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Karting in India is looking to grow beyond the boundaries that we have known so far. Narain (*Kart he can*) Kartikeyan making it into Formula 1 has suddenly increased the interest and improved Indian motor sport viewer ship many fold.

Participation and the need for more karting events is the need of the day.

At KnK Karts we have been on our toes the past couple of years developing our karts to race alongside the best the world has to offer. A range of new karts for popular classes of racing have been tested and are now finding their way into production.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



MINIMAX –The second prototype of the KnK ROTAX MiniMax was put through its paces at the Go A Kart Racing track in Goa on the 5th of March at the hands of Junior driver Ajay Kini and Cadet driver Chitesh Mandody. The new chassis showed excellent adjustability and control. The KnK RTX_M is constructed to the Rotax MiniMax technical regulations and will be available in several countries including India.

WORLD FORMULA – KnK Karts were amongst the first karts worldwide to manufacture the CIK design World Formula chassis. It was extensively tested during the JK Tyres National Karting Championship in 2002. In 2003 and 2004 it was the chassis that was raced with a milder 12 hp version of the 15 hp Mondial engine. The KnK WFK04 shown here will be raced in this livery in the UK this year at various circuits.



TEAM KnK RACING – The encouraging performance of the KnK RTX_S during two rounds it was entered in of the Rotax Max Challenge has proven the race ability of the chassis against recognised names of the international karting racing scene. The RTX_S raced against brands like CRG, Arrow, Birel and Tony Kart to name a few and proved its capabilities as a race equal Indian racing chassis.

For 2005, KnK Racing will support a few drivers in Team KnK Racing at most events around the country. In the seniors Deepak Chinnappa will race Rotax Max on the team. Ajay Kini will drive Rotax Junior and Chitesh Mandody will represent Team KnK Racing in the Rotax MiniMax class. Ishaan Singh of KnK Karts will complete the team as a Rotax Max driver.



RACING IN ENGLAND – KnK have been invited to England to race demonstrate the World Formula and Rotax Max karts. We will be providing technical and set up support to drivers driving KnK Karts in April / May 2005. Ishaan and his father and tuner – Micki, will be visiting the UK.

We will keep you informed about our experiences in future KnK Newsletters.

FORMULA KNK ENDURANCE SERIES – The first round of the endurance will be held at Go A Kart Racing in Goa on May 28, 2005. 8 teams comprising 4 to 8 drivers per team will participate in 1 endurance of 12 hours at Goa. KnK DOMINATOR PROKARTS powered by TWIN Briggs & Stratton Vanguard 6 hp engines will be provided by VCR Motor Sport (a sister concern).



A second 24 hours endurance in September is planned for Hyderabad. The drivers will race the same latest twin-engine Pro Karts exactly like those that KnK Karts exports for racing. The 24-hour endurance is expected to provide the experience for drivers wishing to drive the 24 and 25-hour endurances of Dubai and Bahrain.

Narain has shown that an Indian can race in Formula 1, his progress is keenly followed by millions of children whose hopes have been given wings. We at KnK Karts in a small way hope to contribute to the encouragement and growth of kart racing in India.

We would like to read your views on how karting is developing in our country, please email us at the above email address.

Now, it's your turn!