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***Karting* ^f - Kart Academy of Race Training.**

During the off-season, we ran the **Karting First (K1) Kartsmart** training school for the KnK Racing Team – India (see newsletter NL 0206).

These distinctive training courses train drivers in vital areas, which are not part of curriculums of the majority of other training schools and have been recognized by the drivers as making a huge contribution towards improving their performance.

The courses prepare the driver mentally and physically without ignoring the useful application of data provided by the other sensory faculties when racing.

The "comprehensiveness" of the training courses makes for the progressive development of the driver connecting with the interaction between mind, body, chassis and engine and the perceptive of what each one is saying. A driver is educated to categorize the problem, be it with the chassis or the engine, or with both, comprehend the reason for it and correct driving style to get the best from it. This is principally important in arrive – qualify and race events because the driver has very little option with the race vehicle that he is allotted and because he is not allowed to make any set up changes to the kart.



Drivers are taught about engines and chassis', these classrooms are followed by "on circuit" coaching.

The uncomplicated approach and the simplicity of imparting information makes it easy for students to understand.

Results speak for themselves:
June 04, 2006.



Ajay Kini is to be congratulated for winning the JK Tyre Racing Cup in the Formula Maruti category. Ajay has dominated the class throughout the season. We wish him further success in his racing for the rest of the year. Ajay is also amongst those selected for the Narain Karthikeyan team. Well done Ajay, we are proud to have you as a member of KnK Racing!

Nikhil Kashyap convincingly won the first round of the MAI MRF karting National Championship at Coimbatore in the INKC – Kadet class . Congratulations Nikhil! We look forward to further successes through the rest of the year.



Racing in India and Overseas with Team KnK – In our long-term effort to make a mark on the kart-racing scene, plans are afoot to expose Indian drivers to the rigorous environment of kart racing in India as well as overseas. This year, drivers would be provided with the vital technical support and instruction at races here and in the Asia Pacific Zone to prepare them for racing abroad together with drivers of other nationalities in the KnK Racing Team in 2007.

The size of the grids and the intensity of competition we hope will prepare our drivers and expose them to the level of discipline and professionalism that they need to value to attain and to make their mark when the time comes.

In preparation of this, we took a KnK Trakhawk kart to Malaysia for Ajay Kini to race under the conditions there over the weekend of July 8 & 9, 2006. We raced at the Speedway Elite circuit.



Ajay's best result came on Sunday when he finished a credible 5th in the pre-final of the Malaysian RMC 4, he had worked his way through the field after having started at 12 on the grid. No other driver that weekend made as many overtaking moves as Ajay did. He was catching the front running pack when the checkered fell.



Rather regrettably, though expectedly, Ajay was worn out with all the practice and racing that he had been doing since Wednesday that week, 4 days prior to Sunday. After a respectable start and drive up to lap 5 of the finals he began to make mistakes, misjudging braking points and turn ins. The race for him was over; exhaustion had caught up with him.

Ajay has learned a lot from the exposure. We have little doubt that if the new conditions had not required him to put in the practice he did, he would have finished the final of the RMC 4 amongst the front-runners.

We know that the practice, the knowledge and race confidence he has acquired will stand him in good stead when he races at Speedway Elite next month in the final round of the Malaysian RMC.

The racing has provided us a good deal of information and we are in no doubt that, we should achieve respectable race results there in the near future.

Thank you for reading with me, soon, we'll talk some more!

Cheers!

Micki

