

CIK European Superkart Championships Most, Cz.

The 2009 CIK European Superkart Championship will be decided at the Rizla event at Assen on 07-09 August.

There was the fear that the championship might be all over before the final 2 rounds in Holland. Gavin Bennett, the 2007 champion, had won both opening rounds in Magny Cours, France in April, and he managed to pass Lee Harpham on the last lap in Autodrom Most, Cz to win round 3 and keep a 100% record in the championship.

Even better for Bennett, his closest rival, the 2008 champion Peter Elkmann from Germany, had a big end failure just 500 metres from the chequered flag when lying 3rd and so he scored no points for the non finish. Lee Harpham hung on to 2nd place and Carl Hulme was third for an all British podium.

Bennett was not so fast in race two and former world champion Trevor Roberts took the lead on lap 4 at about the time Guido Kleinemeyer was passing Bennett for 3rd place. Peter Elkmann and Guido Kleinemeyer had a good battle with Kleinemeyer getting the advantage over his fellow German. Bennett looked to be heading for 4th or 5th, but on lap 10 his chain snapped, and he did not finish the race.



Roberts went on to record a good win in front of the 2 Germans. Elkmann's 3rd place, means he still has championship hopes as do 8 other drivers plus, the favourite, Bennett.

It was not a happy event for the Dutch. Before the start, Cor Euser withdrew and he was joined by Raymond and Marcel Gorissen. This left just Marcel Maasmann to fly the flag for Holland.

Unfortunately, the MS Kart chassis was not at all competitive for any the drivers using it despite racing in the Czech Republic where it is built.

Marcel was 21st in the first qualifying session, but did not contest the second session. He was eventually classified 23rd and had to start both races on the 12th row of the grid.

He had a good drive in race 1 to finish 15th, and was even better in race two when he came through the field for a top ten finish in 9th place.

He now lies in 11th place overall in the championship with 22 points.

Ken Walker