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Arrow X1 Leads The Way In The USA



The final rounds of the 2009 Florida Winter Tour were held at the Ocala Grand Prix over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of March. It was the highly anticipated return to the USA of **Arrow** factory driver *David Sera* that dominated the conversation leading into the event. The talented Australian returned to the USA to compete in the finale of the tour with the support of **BTK Motorsports** and **Arrow Racing Karts**.

From the outset, the **Arrow X1** of *Sera* convincingly dominated the Rotax Max Senior field sending an ominous warning for the rest of the weekend. On the Saturday *Sera* comfortably steered through the practice and qualifying rounds before leaving the field in his wake on his way to confident wins in both the Pre-Final and Final. *Sera* and Brazilian *Victor Pedrosa* battled throughout both races however it was the **Arrow X1** of *Sera* that crossed the line some 2.5 seconds ahead of his nearest rival. The **Arrow X1** set the fastest lap time in both races and as proof that the Kart continues to improve throughout the race, it was the 23rd lap of the Final in which *Sera's X1* reached its peak setting a lap time almost 2 tenths of a second quicker than the second placed *Pedrosa*. The result even more impressive as *Sera's Arrow X1* finished the Final almost 7 seconds ahead of eventual Florida Winter Tour Rotax Max Senior champion *Fabio Orsolon*.

On the Sunday the **Arrow X1** was again the benchmark with *David Sera* setting the fastest lap time in qualifying to start the Pre-Final on the front row. In the Pre-Final *Sera* showed the **Arrow X1** is the Kart to catch this season as he emphatically dominated the field to finish some 5 seconds ahead of the next placed finisher. Luck would desert the talented driver in the Final as an engine failure resulted in an

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unfortunate DNF for *Sera*, who's **Arrow X1** was leading the field by an impressive margin at the time. The results added to *Sera's* hugely successful USA trip earlier in the year, in which his **Arrow X1** decisively swept both rounds of the TaG Senior Class at Daytona Beach, then went on to dominate the field in the opening rounds of the Florida Winter Tour including a convincing 4 second win in the final of round two.

Despite separate incidents whilst leading in the Finals of two races throughout the tour - one an incident with the leaders which left *Sera* finishing 22nd and then an engine failure resulting in a DNF. Combined with only being in attendance for two weekends of the tour, the Australian **Arrow** driver still managed a top 5 finish in the overall tour standings, a testament to the talent he possesses. **Arrow Racing Karts** were well represented in the overall standings of the class with Canadian **Arrow** driver *Christophe Boisclair* earning a well deserved 8th place overall after some fantastic performances throughout the tour.

Canadian **SRA Karting** driver *Jeffrey Petriello* added to the **Arrow** success at Ocala with a decisive sweep of the DD2 class of the event, winning the Finals of both rounds. *Petriello* set the tone for the weekend winning Saturdays Pre-Final ahead of a strong field of talented drivers, the **Arrow** driver maintained his advantage in the Final to claim the round win finishing almost 3 seconds clear of the next closest finisher. In the final round of the tour on Sunday, *Petriello* went out on a positive note winning the DD2 Final after starting from P3. The terrific results mean that the impressive **Arrow** driver finished on the overall standings podium despite missing the opening rounds of the event.

Having been a picture of consistency throughout the entire event young **Arrow** driver *Patricio O'Ward* continued his impressive Florida Winter Tour form with top 5 finishes in the final of both rounds of the Micro Max class. *O'Ward* never finished outside of the top 5 in either Final highlighted by a confident 3rd place finish in the Pre-Final of the final round. The young **Arrow** driver was rewarded for his strong effort with an overall standings podium finish for the tour.

The initial performances of the new **Arrow X1** have been a huge talking point worldwide. The **Arrow X1** has won almost every event the Kart has been entered in, including an Australian National Championship finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the final of Rotax Light and now impressive wins in the early rounds of the WKA Manufacturers Cup Series in Daytona Beach and multiple successes at the Florida Winter Tour.

Arrow Racing Karts would like to thank all those who contributed to the fantastic results throughout the entire Florida Winter Tour and look forward to continued success throughout the course of the year. For more information about **Arrow Racing Karts** and to locate your nearest dealer please visit www.arrowkarts.com.

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