

A small report from me then.

Luck wasn't with us once again. Although Friday was quite good.

Saturday we had some issues with the ignition and the carbu. The kart didn't start, and that's quite important if you want to drive a race ;-).

I could only drive one training session and because of that we couldn't improve the engine settings and the balance of the kart anymore.

At Race day, the kart was completely repaired. The training session was promising. I was much quicker than the days before and I managed to follow the fastest drivers. In qualifying, I had problems with the balance of the kart. I had much more oversteer with the new tyres than with the worn ones, which is not that logical. I haven't an explanation for it, but unfortunately, this massive oversteer affected my laptimes and I only managed to qualify 28th. The only thing I can imagine is that this set of (rear)tyres didn't work well.

In the race, I had an absolute disastrous start and was in last place very quickly. In the first lap I managed to win 7 places back and in the beginning of lap two, on the end of the straight, I was outbraking another driver. But in this moment, someone behind me outbraked himself and started spinning. He hit me sideways but I managed to keep on the track. Unfortunately, right after this collision, his rear bumper got stuck behind my front bumper which was the reason that I started spinning. I stalled and was losing a lot of time.

Because of the crash, I felt a pain in my back and when I resumed my race, I felt the pain in every corner. My competitors were way ahead of me, but I managed to win some places back despite I was behind a lot. When the leaders lapped me, I managed to follow them, so I was quite fast during the race.

This gave me some confidence for the second race, but my back was hurting so badly, that I couldn't drive in race 2. The medics ordered me to retire from the event.

So, it was once again a weekend with bad luck, but in Lelystad we will try again!

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