



Machado can't celebrate his wins in Mora d'Ebre.

Àlex Machado was the fastest driver in both Mora d'Ebre races, but contrary to expectations he didn't get to climb the podium. Two decisions were the reason for this: the event's stewards decided to adjourn the publication of the first race results and for the second race they penalised the Andorran driver with 9". This way Àlex didn't receive the reward he surely deserved after racing under really harsh weather conditions.

The **official practices** couldn't have been tighter for the racers in a very fast track where slipstreaming is vital. Àlex had to be satisfied with 5th place a bit more than a tenth of a second slower than Laia Fontecha's pole position.

The Automóbil Club d'Andorra driver wasn't in a rush to take the lead in the **first race**, however he stayed really close to his opponents in front. Àlex reached 1st place half way through the race (5 laps), but he couldn't leave his pursuers behind. The end was heart stopping and the victory came on the finish line.

Àlex Machado was the out-and-out leader of the **second race**. The opponents that tried to keep up with him ended up out of the track and the Andorran driver was far away from everyone else by lap three. Despite his clear victory, Machado couldn't celebrate because he was penalised with 9 extra seconds because he drove past the finish line 9km/h faster than aloud (50km/h). It's noteworthy that Àlex wasn't the only driver who committed this type of infraction, but because he won he was the only one penalised.

The Andorran driver and his whole team couldn't hide their disappointment at the end of the Mora d'Ebre races: *Àlex has shown really high class driving and it's a pity that, so far, he hasn't been able to celebrate being the first driver to cross the finish line, in both races. Our intention is to continue working to be in top positions in the two events we have left; we'll see what our place is in the final classification of the Catalan championship.*

It is worth mentioning that it was the stewards' decision to cancel the first race's podium because there were some details that needed to be analysed and that it was better to do so afterwards. According to the official announcement of the Mora d'Ebre event organization, the definite first race classification will be published before the next event in Alcarràs, where the race's podium will take place.

The race in the Alcarràs' circuit will be the penultimate event of this season's Catalan Karting Championship. Àlex Machado will fight to keep his options of winning the Catalan championship until the very last event.

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Classifications of the sixth event of the Catalan Karting Championship 2011 / Cadet.

Official practices:

1.-Laia Fontecha (TonyKart), 57.302, 2.-Aleix Barrabeig(TopKart) a 0.006, 3.-Lisard Santos (Maranello) a 0.059, 4.-Manel Cubo (TonyKart) a 0.096, **5.-Àlex Machado (RK) a 0.112**... up to 18 racers.

1st race:

1.-Àlex Machado (RK) 9'41.648, 2.-Eduardo García (FA) o.099, 3.-Aleix Barrabeig(TopKart) a 0.263,

2nd race:

1.-Bosco del Moral (FA) 9'46.259, 2.-Laia Fontecha (TonyKart), a 0.579, 3.-Manel Cubo (TonyKart) a 1.657, ... **12.-Àlex Machado (RK) a 5.909** .

