**PERFECT CAPE CROWNS MAX CHAMPIONS**

*Rotax Max season comes to a close at Killarney*

A perfect late spring day greeted the Cape’s Rotax Max karters to crown the various Western Province champions at their regional finals at Killarney on Saturday. Sebastian Boyd emerged DD2 champion, Connor Hughes took a super-close DD2 Masters title, and Charl Visser is the Senior Max champion. William Marshall took the Junior Max title, Keagan Beaumont Mini Max, and Michael O’Mahoney is both the 2023 Cape Micro Max and Bambino champion.

Sebastian Boyd beat Jason Coetzee two to one to take DD2 honours and the title, with Jurie Swart and Charl Visser keeping a watching brief until both had last heat issues. Jared Jordan led Conor Hughes and Michael Jordan home in all three DD2 Masters heats with Niel Lambrechts, Eugene Clark and Robert Peche in chase. Conor and Jared ended tied on points and race wins, leaving the countback to second places, which made Hughes champion!

Charl Visser dominated to wrap up the Senior Max title, leaving Tate Bishop to take second from Zac Laden, Matthew Wadeley, Ethan Stier and Oliver Roach. A delighted Jordon Wadeley took the final heat to take high school Junior Max victory over William Marshall, who had trouble after taking the first two wins. Keagan Beaumont followed from Matthew Chiwara, Ethan Deacon, and Cole Hewetson as Marshall took the title.

Keagan Beaumont beat brother Aiden two races to one to take under-13 Mini Max title as Michael Danks made third place his own over Nicolas Lennox, Matthew Roach and Aleksandar Praizovic. Michael O’Mahoney took all three under-11 Micro Max heats over Liam Wharton as O’Mahoney stole the title from Wharton. Kiyaan Reddi was third each time as Zac Hindley won the fight for fourth over Carter Cedras and Ashaan Reddi.

Michael O’Mahoney then did the double-double as he took the Bambino triple victory and the ’23 baby title. Yaqeen Gamieldien shared the second places out with Radhi Harris, as Caleb Lingeveldt, Slater Smith, and Carter Cedras chased them home.

That closes the South African Rotax Max karting season for 2023, leaving only the ‘Olympics of Karting’ to race in Bahrain. For which the South African Rotax Max Grand Finals team is locked, loaded and ready to fly…