



PRESS RELEASE

STRATOS MOTORSPORTS KICKS OFF 2013 WITH TWO PODIUMS

- ROTAX MAX INVITATIONAL 2013 @ SEPANG -

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This last weekend was the start of the 2013 Rotax Max season in Asia – the inaugural race was the Invitational event held at the Sepang Circuit in Malaysia. Almost 100 karters registered for this event. The Stratos team comprised Daniel Woodroof (Malaysian) in DD2 category, and Rory Elliott (Singapore) and Rafif Rabbani (Indonesia) in the Junior category.

By Malaysian standards, Saturday was cool with light rain on and off all day, but the rain was never heavy enough to warrant wet tyres. The qualifying sessions were held early afternoon. This was Daniel Woodroof's first race in the DD2 Senior category (last year he competed in Juniors). The DD2 karts are very different to drive so this has been quite a learning curve for him but he achieved a 3rd place in qualifying – a good start. In the large field of 26 Junior karts, Rory qualified 6th and Rafif 12th.



Rory Elliott – 3rd place in Junior category

Our team results in the two Heats, which were held on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, were very positive, promising good results for the Pre-Final and Final. Daniel proved consistent achieving 4th place in both Heats. Rory too was consistent with a 7th position placing in both. Rafif came in 11th in the first Heat and 10th in the second.

It was much hotter and drier for the races on Sunday – very heavy rain hit the track late afternoon but by then the races and prize presentations were complete. Daniel came 4th in the DD2 Pre-Final. Unfortunately a bad start pushed him down the order in the Final, but he battled back to finish in 5th and a podium place – a very credible

finish in his first DD2 race. Rory drove a very sensible race in both the Pre-Final and Final coming 3rd in both and achieving his first Podium since graduating to the Junior category in Rotax Max – a great drive and a good weekend for him. Rafif drove a very promising race to come 9th in the Pre-Final and then went on to come 8th in the Final – a good finish for him as he has limited experience in the Junior category, having only recently moved up from the MicroMax category.

The team is delighted with the positive results in this first event of the year and looks forward to the start of the Rotax Max Asia and Malaysia Championship which begins the first weekend in March at the Sepang track.



Daniel Woodroof -5th in DD2 Senior category