

# Namibian National Karting Championship Leg 4: A Thrilling Showcase of Speed and Skill

## Namibia's Rising Karting Stars Shine at Leg 4

The Namibian National Karting Championships Leg 4 roared to life on June 15, 2024, delivering a weekend of high-octane action and showcasing the nation's burgeoning karting talent. Held at the renowned Tony Rust Race Track and hosted by Swakopmund Karters. The event featured two fiercely contested classes: Kid Rok and Mini Rok in the Rok Championship. The Rotax Max Challenge also provided nail biting action.

### Mini Rok: Cecil Koorts Reigns Supreme

In the Mini Rok class, Cecil Koorts (#44) asserted his dominance, sweeping all three races with a perfect score of 105 points. Koorts's consistency was remarkable, boasting the fastest lap in two out of three races and maintaining a commanding lead throughout the weekend. His average lap time of 36.81 seconds solidified his position as the Mini Rok frontrunner.

Hermann Schouw (#15) and Toni Rust (#911) engaged in a captivating battle for second place. Schouw's determination secured him the runner-up position in all three races, while Rust showcased a promising learning curve, steadily improving his lap times and narrowing the gap to the leaders.

Joane Kotze (#12), despite facing disqualifications, demonstrated raw speed and potential. With continued focus and adherence to regulations, Kotze is poised to become a strong contender in future races.

### Kid Rok: Koudelka Kristopher's Speed and Resilience

The Kid Rok class witnessed Kristopher Koudelka (#16) emerge as a dominant force, winning two out of three races. His exceptional speed was evident in his fastest lap time of 37.168 seconds. Despite a penalty in Race 1, Koudelka's resilience shone through as he bounced back to secure victories in the following races. His standard deviation of 0.34 seconds indicates a consistent and fast pace.

Petrus du Plooy (#36) proved to be a fierce competitor, consistently challenging Koudelka for the top spot. Du Plooy's strategic racing and aggressive manoeuvres led to thrilling battles on the track. His win in Race 1, following Koudelka's penalty, underscored the importance of seizing opportunities in motorsport. Du Plooy, while finishing behind Koudelka, maintained a competitive pace with an average lap time of 38.31 seconds and a standard deviation of 1.01 seconds. The higher standard deviation suggests some variability in his performance, possibly due to the pressure from Koudelka or varying track conditions.

Francois Gouws (#80) faced an unfortunate early exit in Race 2 due to mechanical issues. However, his strong performance in Race 1, where he secured second place, demonstrated his potential for future success.

## Statistical Insights: A Deeper Dive

- **Mini Rok:** Koorts's dominance was evident in his consistent lap times, with a standard deviation of only 0.32 seconds across all races.
- **Cecil Koorts' Consistency:** Koorts not only won all races but also showcased remarkable consistency in lap times. His average lap time across all three races was 36.81 seconds, with a standard deviation of 0.32 seconds. This means his lap times were tightly clustered around the average, indicating a very controlled and predictable pace.
- **Hermann Schouw's Pursuit:** Schouw, while consistently securing second place, demonstrated a competitive spirit with an average lap time of 37.12 seconds and a standard deviation of 0.38 seconds. His lap times were slightly more spread out than Koorts', suggesting he might have been pushing his limits more, especially in the earlier stages of the races.
- **Toni Rust's Learning Curve:** Rust's average lap time of 38.85 seconds and a standard deviation of 0.81 seconds reflect a wider range of lap times compared to the top two drivers. This suggests a learning curve as she got more comfortable with the track and kart, gradually closing the gap to the leaders.
- **Kid Rok:** The Kid Rok class saw a wider range of points (35) in Race 3, indicating a higher level of unpredictability compared to the Mini Rok class.

Last Few Stats of Interest:

### Total Race Time and Distance:

- **Mini Rok:** Each race was 15 laps, covering a total distance of **11.175 km**. With an average speed of **73.85 kph** (based on Koorts' fastest lap), the estimated total race time for each Mini Rok race is approximately **9 minutes and 6 seconds**.
- **Kid Rok:** Each race was 10 laps, covering a total distance of 7.450 km. With an average speed of 72.16 kph (based on Koudelka's fastest lap), the estimated total race time for each Kid Rok race is approximately 6 minutes and 12 seconds.

### For Go-Kart Enthusiasts:

These statistics reveal the nuances of kart racing. Consistent lap times are crucial for maintaining a lead, while slight variations can make the difference between second and third place. The data also highlights the importance of qualifying, as a pole position can set the stage for a dominant race. Additionally, the total race time and distance provide context for the intensity and speed of these races.

### What's Next?

The Namibian National Karting Championship continues to heat up, with Leg 5 scheduled for July 20th. As the young drivers refine their skills and strategies, we can anticipate even more thrilling races and fierce competition. Stay tuned for further updates and in-depth analysis as

we follow these rising stars on their journey to karting glory.

Question: What are your thoughts on the Namibian School holidays and the performance of Kid Rok and Mini Rok Drivers? The school holidays just started in Namibia the day before Race day Leg 4 and re-opens 2 days after race day Leg 5.