

Red Bull Kart Fight crowns grand winners of Karting series

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Nikhil Kashyap, Akhil Rabindra and Arshaan to visit Red Bull Racing's HQ

Bangalore, December 18, 2011: On a long day spent out on the track in Bangalore against 33 fellow karters, Nikhil Kashyap, Akhil Rabindra and Arshaan clocked the fastest lap times to emerge as Grand Champions of Red Bull Kart Fight. The three

winners will now catch a flight to visit the home of Formula One Champions, Red Bull Racing in Milton Keynes, UK.

Nikhil Kashyap from Bangalore recorded the fastest lap time, followed by Akhil Rabindra from Bangalore and Arshaan from Bangalore grabbed the third position, racing at the **Red Bull Kart Fight finals**, held at Torq3 Karting Track, in Bangalore today.

Indian motorsports icon Narain Karthikeyan turned up too, to give some quick tips and motivation to the karters. India's first Formula One driver has been mentoring them since the onset of **Red Bull Kart Fight** in India in November this year. Racing alongside the top karters from the country, Narain shared his experience, "I am extremely thrilled to watch these young racers exhibit such talent and determination towards the sport. **Red Bull Kart Fight** has influenced these passionate individuals today and I'm sure it will inspire the larger motorsport community across India. Karting is a crucial part of a champion driver's development. Almost every Formula 1 driver including the likes of a world champ Sebastian Vettel started his journey towards Championship with the humble Kart. I'm sure we'll soon see more Indians make the transition to a Formula One car."

Red Bull Kart Fight has been conducted for the first time in India, across three cities– Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad, after successful runs in Netherlands, Japan, Germany and other Formula One venues. This series which started in November 2011 attracted over 600 karters from across the country who traveled to participate in the host cities. The top 12 racers from each city won a chance to put their skills to the test at the National Finals.

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