



# SEBASTIAN ESKANDARI-MARANDI

## KART DRIVER

I am an 11 year old kart driver, racing for the Swedish based team, Ward Racing, in Italy in the under 15, OKN-J class . I began my motorsport journey at the age of 4 in Toowoomba, QLD, Australia. I am driven, motivated and I work hard every day to become the best I can be, so that I can one day achieve my dream of reaching the ultimate in motorsport, F1.

## BIO

2017

I began driving my first go kart at age 4 years and 3 months at Toowoomba & Lockyer Valley Kart Club. In my first race in the comer class, racing against 7 to 10 year olds, I went from the back of field to 5th. In only my second race weekend, I obtained my first podium with an overall 3rd place for the race weekend.

2020

I made my debut in Karting Australia, racing in the cadet 9, winning my first race weekend at age 7 and 2 days old. I placed 2nd in the QLD State Championship that year. On debut in the Australian Karting Championship in Newcastle, I obtained pole and won 4 from 5 races, breaking the lap record and winning the race weekend with 73 of the possible 75 points. I was the youngest ever to win an AKC round.

2021

I competed an entire year in cadet 9, winning the Grade C Titles, the Queensland State Championship and the Queensland State Cup. I finished the year off by claiming the Cadet 9 Australian Karting Championship title, by winning 3 out of 4 rounds. I was the youngest ever to do so.



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## ACHIEVEMENTS

2024

- Campionato Italiano ACI R2 - OKN-J
  - Final 1 - 2nd Place
  - Final 2 - 1st Place
- WSK Open Cup R2 - OKN-J
  - 6th Place
- WSK Open Cup R1 - OKN-J
  - 5th Place

2023

- Campionato Italiano ACI R4 - U10
  - 3rd Place
- Campionato Italiano ACI R2 - U10
  - 3rd Place
- WSK Super Cup Mini U10
  - 1st Place
- WSK Super Master Series R1 - U10
  - 3rd Place





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2022

I moved up to the competitive Cadet 12 class for the Australian Kart Championship at age 8, with special permission from Karting Australia making me the youngest ever to compete in the class, racing against 10 to 12 year olds. I opened my campaign with back to back wins at both Rounds 1 and 2 of the National championship. I also clenched both the Victorian and Queensland State Championships. I went on to win the 4th round of the National championship and was crowned the 2022 Australian Cadet 12 National Champion at age 9, the youngest in history.

I finished the year of racing in Italy racing in 4 races, 2 Rok races, including the Rok Cup Super Final in Lonato, Italy. On debut I claimed my maiden pole Internationally, and went on to win 5 from 10 heat races and finished 6th in both Finals. I also claimed fastest lap in the final of the Rok Cup Super Final. On the back of this performance I tested for the Tony Kart team in Italy and raced in 2 WSK races. Tony Kart had struggled over the last decade with their mini karts and had not won during that time. We showed great pace and qualified and raced in both finals.

2023

On the back of the 2022 result's, I was signed up by Tony Kart Italy, the second ever Australian (second to James Courtney) and youngest ever. I raced in a full season of the WSK and the Italian Championship as an official mini 60 driver for the team. The package was not very competitive and I spent a lot of laps testing new material. I finished the year well with 4 poles and 5 fastest lap of the weekend. This included multiple wins and podiums. The highlights of the year were 4 podiums in the finals with a win in the WSK Super Cup Mini Championship . I was honored to be crowned the 2023 U10 Champion. It was Tony Kart's first win and championship in the mini class for over 10 years.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

2022

- Cadet 12 Australian Karting Champion
- Cadet 12 VIC State Champion
- Cadet 12 QLD State Champion
- Cadet 12 NSW State Championship
  - 3rd Place

2021

- Cadet 9 Australian Karting Champion
- Cadet 9 QLD State Cup Champion
- Cadet 9 QLD State Champion
- Cadet 9 QLD Grade C Title Champion
- Cadet 9 VIC State Championship
  - 3rd Place







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2024

The decision was made to skip the Gr3 class (U13) and step up to the national OKN-J class (U15). With special permission from Karting Australia I was granted a junior license and permission to race overseas. I tested for the Swedish based Ward Team and will be competing in 8 races in Italy, until I can obtain my FIA international karting license next year to race in the OKJ class in 2025.

This year is about obtaining as much experience, to best prepare me for 2025. I am the youngest in the class at present. In the 2 WSK races that I have competed in I have finished 5th and 6th in both finals. Despite some set backs in some races, I have been able to come back from the back of the field to finish strong often setting the fastest lap. My Best results however have been 2 podium finishes, a first and second in the 2 finals of the my recent race, round 2 of the Italian Karting Championship. I am the youngest in history at age 11 to win a heat, get a podium, win a final and get the fastest lap in a final, in the OKN-J class.

## FUTURE GOALS

My aim is to be the youngest ever to win the FIA European and World Karting Championship. I will stay focused and work hard to achieve my dream of one day driving at the pinnacle of motorsport, F1.

