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Finally it was race time again! After 6 months of no track driving, we were finally allowed to return to Italy for the first race of 2020 at the Varano de Melegari circuit. First we thought because we are now dealing with the Covid virus that there would be no racing for a long time, we were busy building a 2nd scooter, when the news came that we were going to race again, this plan was put in second place and we had to built an engine for this season. Contact was quickly made with the Malossi factory and already within a few days a nice package from Italy was in the workbench. With this we could get started and soon a scooter was ready to compete for the championship.



With the car packed with disinfectant and mouth masks we start the journey of 1150km to Varano de Melegari. Friday evening we arrived at the paddock where we first got a big check-up, we had to fill in a medical questionnaire and our temperature was also measured because in Italy they are very careful with the Corona virus On Saturday we start with 5 free practices where it takes some getting used to, but Jeroen is back at last year's lap times. After

the training, the engine is disassembled and parts are replaced where necessary. Due to some technical setbacks and the obligatory driver briefing, we are ready for qualifying just in time.

In the qualification Jeroen managed to finish 11th with which he can start both races from 11th place. However, we noticed that the speed was missing with the scooter, at top speed we missed 10km/h compared to other riders. Before the races we tried to solve this problem which unfortunately failed. The speed was there in the corners, only on the straights the other drivers kept coming alongside. This resulted in a 14th and 12th place overall in the races, which meant a 7th place in the Malossi North Championship.



Less than 9 days later we were allowed to go to Italy again for the 2nd race of the season. This time the circuit of Modena was on the program, the so-called home race for the organization Malossi. After we came back from Varano, the scooter went directly to DDL Tuning in Klaaswaal, here Dennis has been busy testing the engine. We saw in the data logger that the speed was just not in the previous race. With this he started busy and it turned out that a number of horsepower were missing which were of course found again by Dennis!



Since the entire set-up had now changed, we spent the entire training day looking for the correct engine adjustment, after each session we contacted Dennis by phone to discuss everything and get it right. In qualifying, Jeroen drove almost a second faster than he has ever driven here and he was allowed to start from the 15th place.

During both races there was a fight on the track between four drivers, after a nice fight this was decided twice in favor of Jeroen with which he crossed the finish in 13th and 12th place. Which again resulted in 7th place in the Malossi North championship. With these results Jeroen now holds 5th place in the Malossi North Championship, unfortunately he cannot defend it during the 3rd and last race for this championship in Pomposa. This is a slotted match which for Jeroen cannot be arranged with days off at work and therefore we cannot participate unfortunately. In September we will still participate in the World Malossi Days in Vallelunga and we have a number of training courses planned in the near future.

We would like to thank everyone for all the help, support and messages during these weekends! And in particular all our sponsors, without you all this would not have been possible!



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