

LUCA MARINI, Talent on Wheels.

Sunday, 13 September 2009, the fifth and last race of the **Honda NSF 100 Extreme Trophy** was run at the Go-Kart Track in Aprilia. Luca Marini, hailing from Tavullia and brother of the more famous Valentino Rossi, took overall second place, also thanks to the sponsorship of IFI S.p.A.

The outcome of the tournament was close but confirmed the predictions. In the end, as widely expected, the winner was Andrea Locatelli, one of the 5 official Honda riders in team Gresini San Carlo. The experienced Locatelli, at his 3rd year with Honda and riding a top-performing bike, led the results from day one.

The talented Luca Marini was **first among the private riders** and came in overall second, but had the satisfaction of starting twice from the pole position, running the fastest lap in two races out of five, and taking second place twice, barely inches behind the winner.

“Anyway I’m very happy”, said the 12-year old rider. “Making second place behind an official rider and leaving three others behind was really something. Even more if you think that the other riders are all a couple of years older than me. So I would like to thank my sponsor IFI, who are from Tavullia like me, for having confidence in my abilities. I hope I can continue to pay them back, starting right with the **MiniGP Championship**, that will be ending shortly and where I can still take final victory.”



Cover "MCN".



Estratto dell'articolo relativo.