

**RACING:** Stouffville driver chases elusive crown

# Morad in Egypt with Team Canada for kart championship

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In the 11 years Daniel Morad has been involved in competitive karting, he's built up an impressive racing resume.

But one checkered flag remains missing from his portfolio.

For the 19-year-old former Markham resident, who now lives in Stouffville, it's the Rotax Max Grand Championship.

For the first time in his illustrious karting career, Morad has the chance to claim the coveted crown. He is part of the 12-member Team Canada contingent that is in Sharm el Sheik, Egypt, this week for the championship.

"I've done almost everything else there is in karting," he said. "This is the missing piece. This is a world stage race. Almost every country will be represented and this is something I really wanted to do."

Having spent the last couple of years moving up the ranks into the world of formula motor

racing that included a first-place finish in Formula BMW USA with the Eurointernational team in 2007, Morad's decision to return to his karting roots stemmed from his desire to remain active in the sport and keep his racing skills intact.

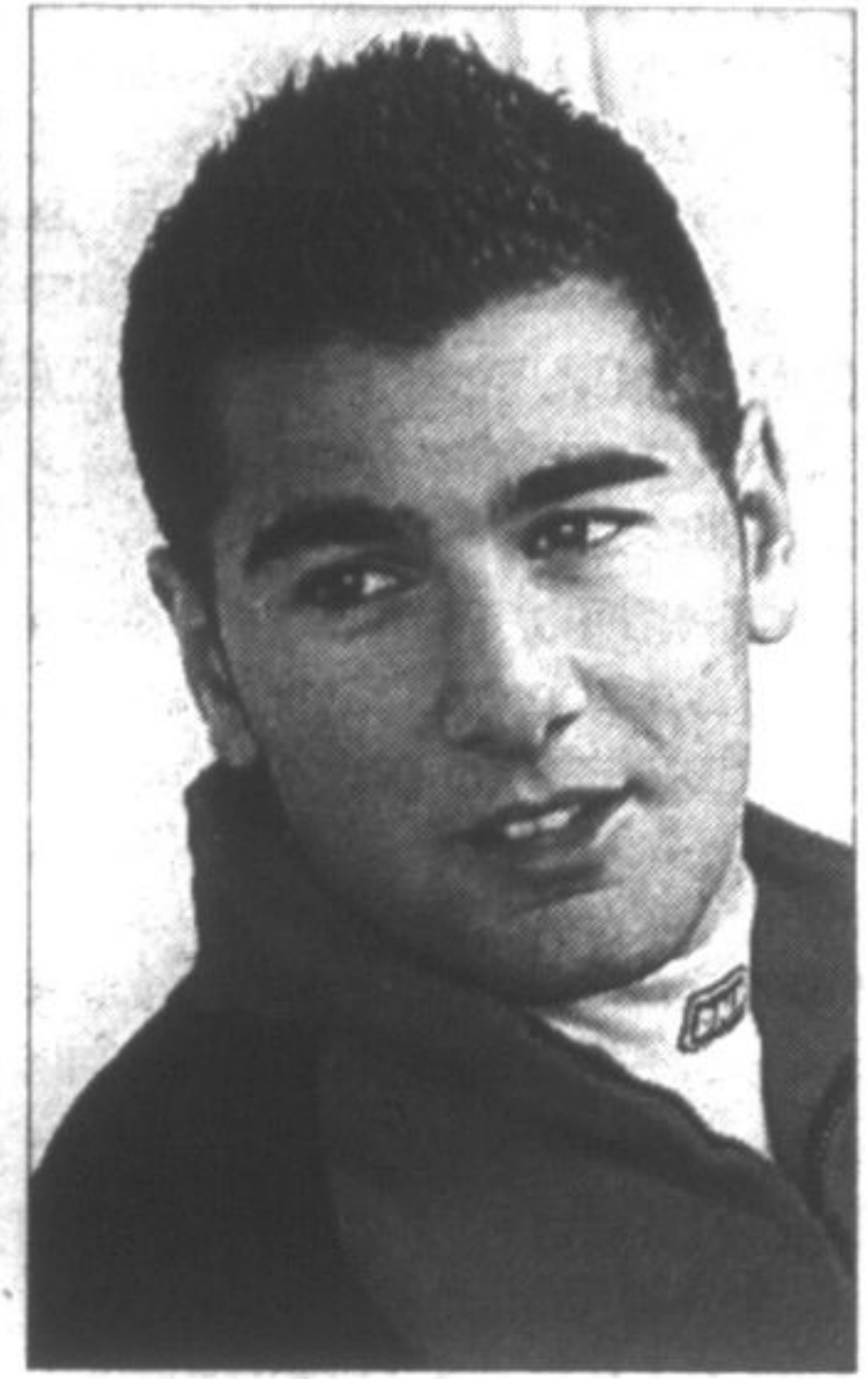
Morad qualified for Team Canada during the ASN Canada FIA Canadian National Championships at Goodwood Kartways in August. It didn't come easy.

After getting off to an impressive start in which he recorded the fastest times in practice and qualified first for his heat races, he captured all three of his races.

However, rain during the prefinal set him back a bit as he finished third.

Morad started fourth in the final, but a late rally allowed him to finish second, three seconds behind the winner.

The top two racers won the right to take part in the Rotax race, which Morad said will be a challenge. "It will be tough. I always want to go up against the best. I'm excited."



Daniel Morad is in Egypt this week for the Rotax Max Grand Prix Grand Championship. It's one of the few titles the Stouffville kart racer has not captured.

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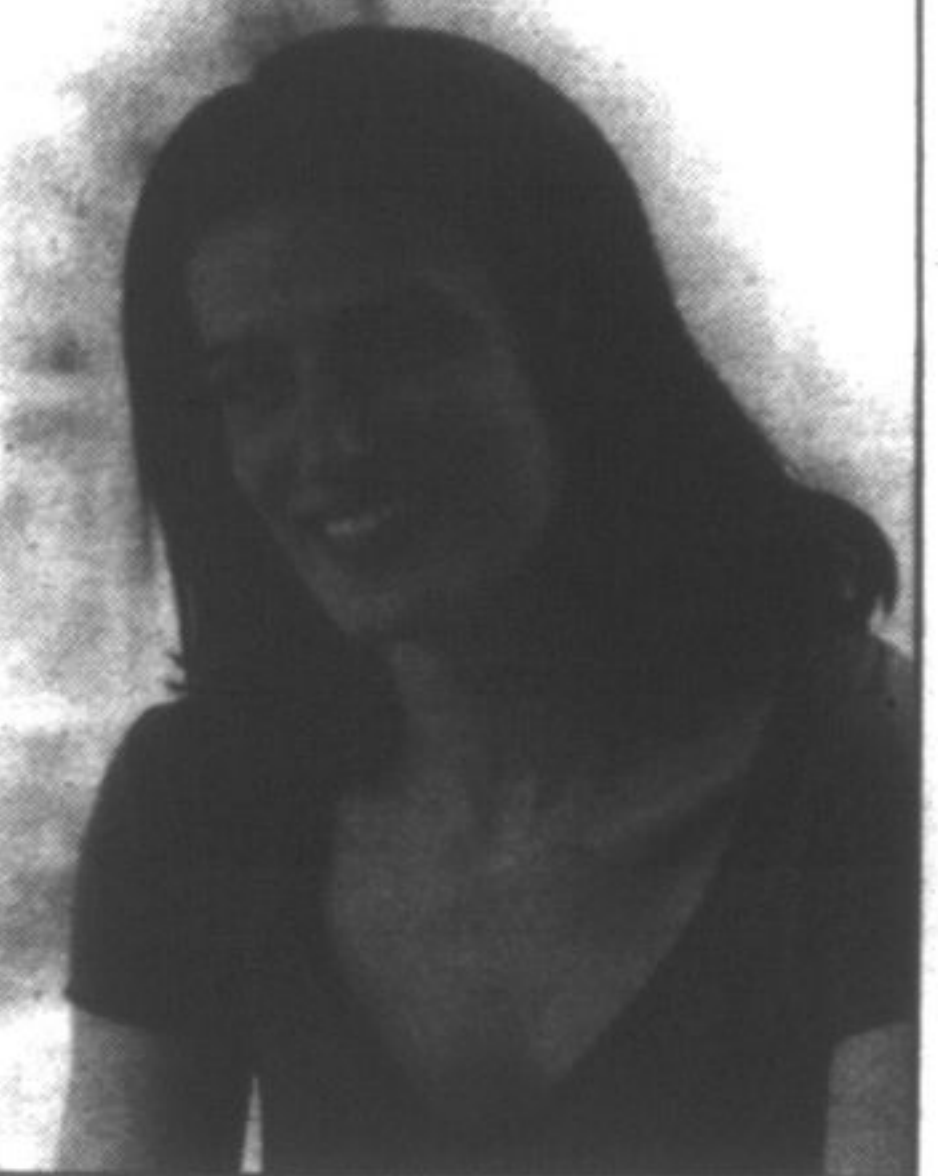
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