



TVKC Winter Series

Round 1

1st December 2013

The 1st Round of the 2013/2014 Winter Championships kicked off at PFI on Sunday 1st December. The weather forecast looked good and despite a frost and a damp track, all looked set for a great days racing with well over 200 entries. However, racing is always unpredictable!! A possible neck injury at the end of the first Heat and nasty leg injury during Heat two meant that both Ambulances had to leave the circuit. A delay of over one hour meant a quick re-think on the day's schedule – the Club decided to go for a fresh start for all competitors and provide a TQ session and a long Final. All in all, this went down well and provided great excitement in TQ (Live timing and the two big score boards enhancing the thrill) and in the Finals when the experienced guys had consideration at the start and first corner complex. Well done to all competitors and thank you for your understanding. By the time all this started to happen, the sun was shining, the temperature had gone up and the track was dry.



IAME Cadet – A grid of 43 drivers clearly showed how successful the class has been in 2013! The racing was close and action packed with several drivers in contention for the win. Kiern Jewiss was way down in TQ but was on a mission in the Final. He worked hard to get to the front and had to battle towards the end with Tom Wood who was fast all day but had to settle for an excellent second. Lewis Thompson also had a great race into third just keeping Zachary Robertson behind him to the line.

1st Novice – *Dylan Hotchin*



HONDA Cadet – TQ is not very familiar to these guys – so it almost turned into an 8 minute race ! Mark Kimber headed the time sheets with Nicholas Reeve a very close second and Luke Whitehead third.

In the Final, the racing was, as always, stunning! It looked for all the World that young Harry Thompson might have the beating of the pack, he looked very controlled at the head of the pack but a 'two into one' situation at the 'S' on the last lap left a challenging Mark Kimber slide down the finishing order to 4th and a trip over the grass for the unfortunate Thompson, meaning a disappointing 10 place. On this form however Thompson will surely rate as a genuine 'front runner' in 2014. Making the most of this action at the front a controlled drive from Jenson Butterfield sealed the win, Chris Lulham also drove sensibly to pick up second with Nicholas Reeve third.

1st Novice – *Lucas Ellingham*



JUNIOR MAX – A very strong entry and some very good drivers involved. Jack McCarthy has had a seasons experience behind him now and it showed as he headed TQ by a 1/10th from Josh Smith. In the Final however, Jack was unable to capitalise and slipped to third at the flag. Cameron Roberts was always at the sharp end and duelled out the Final with an ever improving Connor Hall (up from Grid 6). There was little in it at the flag but Cameron made it to the line in fine style – a worthy winner, Hall was a close second.

1st Novice *Macaulay Forbes*



MINI MAX – Split TQ sessions such was the numbers of drivers entered for the meeting – the 101% rule kicking in. Hugo Ellis stole the show with fastest in TQ and a very polished performance to control the final and take the win – impressive! Adam Smalley was also on great form as he pushed forward from Grid 7 to claim the runner up spot. Tom Gamble also had a similar race but from Grid 19, clean overtaking and a determined charge took him to a very creditable 3rd place.



SENIOR MAX – An excellent grid and some very hard racing. The final was great to watch with many National names racing at the sharp end of the grid. The driving standards were also of a high standard which meant that everyone must have come off track and enjoyed a clean, fast, hard and competitive Final – great to see! Thomas Arme (fresh from his excellent outing in the DD2 Rotax World Finals in the USA) was on scintillating form. He measured his overtaking and challenge perfectly as he hit the front and controlled the race. He had to work hard though as Nathan Aston was always on his heels, again another measured drive to claim second. Jai Nijjar was on Pole but lost out early on, he however never gave up and was a challenging and close third at the flag.



JUNIOR TKM – Stephen Letts never fails to give 100% and this meeting was no exception – pole from TQ and a race win while under great pressure clearly showed he has ‘class’. Even a quarter flag intervention when several drivers collided half way through the Final didn’t ‘phase’ him. Kyle Hornby made the most of the single file restart and hounded Letts all the way to line dragging Alex Forward with him – it was close at the line but Letts 1st, Hornby 2nd and Forward 3rd.

Trent Valley Kart Club would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back to PFi in 2014 for Round 2 on the Winter Series!

All Results and current Championship standings can be found on the website.