

Round 5 of the Summer Club Championships took place on a sunny Sunday. An excellent entry of 210 drivers made for a busy schedule, three sets of Heats and a main Final ensured everyone had a good days sport.

A couple of red flags delayed proceedings a little but thankfully no major injuries, the 'standing start' format also was not without its difficulties, the Honda's and Rotax Max classes seemed at ease with them but the IAME Cadet group were not so! Allowing a driver representative on to the grid for identification was a big help.



**IAME Cadet** – A 40+ strong grid ensured plenty of action and a 'B' Final. Lewis Thompson was having a very consistent set of Heats, good enough to take 'Pole' for the Final, his pace in the Final however wasn't quite enough as he slipped to 5<sup>th</sup> at the flag. So who was up front? – Zackary Robertson – and how, starting out on the fifth row of the grid he drove a storming race to take the lead and then had to resist pressure from Kiern Jewiss for several laps, but held on, Jewiss was as always a competitive second with Dexter Patterson a little way back in third. Fin Kenneally had a storming drive up from Grid 20 to take a hard earned fourth place at the flag!



**HONDA Cadet** – As always pure racing from beginning to end – these drivers never disappoint. Initially it looked as though Myles Apps and Harry Thompson would be up for the win, but they had to contend with BRK team mates, Tom Canning and Mark Kimber. It took a while for these two to break away and all looked fairly relaxed until the last lap when Kimber did all he could to snatch the lead, but Canning responded strongly and took a hard fought win. Apps ended up third but had a hard charging Nicholas Reeve breathing down his exhaust at the flag – a great drive into 4<sup>th</sup>.



**JUNIOR MAX** – Not the biggest grid of the day but one which provided some real hard racing and a result in the balance to the flag. Tom Gamble and Sandy Mitchell starting 1 & 2 must have fancied their chances of the win, but as the race unfolded, Stuart Middleton made his mark at the front. For a few laps things settled but the final laps were full of action – and driving a great race up from Grid 8, Harrison Thomas hit the front at the right time – the final lap – an excellent performance. Tom Gamble used his 'craft' to carve out 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Middleton and Mitchell dived over the final podium spot and ended up in that order at the line.

**FIRST NOVICE** – Matthew Armstrong



**MINI MAX** - A full grid provided plenty of excitement all day long, the Final however (after a loss of lead mid race) belonged only to one driver – Thomas Turner. From ‘Pole’ he had the speed and race craft to make sure he was in the right place at the right time, including taking the flag 3 seconds in front of his nearest rival – class! Oliver York had a strong drive up six places from his grid slot to earn a creditable second place. Rory Hudson had a similar good run into third.

**FIRST ROOKIE** – James Lowther



**SENIOR MAX** - An excellent grid and some very strong contenders for the win. It would however be the two experienced drivers starting from the front row who dictated the race. Initially John Stewart held station at the front but had to concede to Jack Saffery on lap 3, a lead that was not to change and one which Stewart could not reverse. It was a very intense and close battle though and allowed a hard charging Jack Constable to almost get close enough to get by but in the end meant a hard earned third place.

**FIRST NOVICE** – Lewis Curruthers



**X30 JUNIOR** - 22 drivers lined up for the Final, as the class goes from strength to strength in its first year. Taking pole, Elliot Harvey must have thought he was in with a chance of the win – it was short lived however. Lucas Vaus showed his style by taking the lead on lap 2 and steadily pulling out from the pack – a solid win. Bryony King was having a great day and was never far from the lead, her ability and race craft are improving month by month and is now becoming a serious threat at the front of the X30 grid – second was her reward on this day. Harvey ended up taking third.

**FIRST NOVICE** – Jake Douglas



**X30 SENIOR** - Numbers growing, and one or two 'names' joining in – today it was Stephen Letts doing all the winning. He has settled very nicely into the class and on this form will take some beating. Jack France and Chad Little had a mighty battle for second and third and ended up in this order at the line.



**JUNIOR TKM** - Great to see these guys racing again at PFi. The Heats provided some very close racing, but late entry Matthew Round-Garrido took a well-earned Pole. His 'high' however was short lived as a dangerous manoeuvre at the start of the Final took out Alex Forward – Instant Black Flag for Round-Gorrido and thankfully an uninjured Alex Forward walked away. So two down before the end of lap one – the attrition continued leaving Arron Mills to race off in front of Shea Pearce to the flag.

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

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