

The 2<sup>ND</sup> Round of the Winter Club Championship provided some challenging early January weather issues. Heavy frost and overnight rain contributed to terrible track conditions early morning – despite track covers and de-icing crystals the start was delayed by almost 3 hours. Thanks to the Officials, Paul Barnicoat Services, and an army of car/van drivers running around the circuit, the event went ahead – a big thanks to all.

The Winter Series format of TQ/Pre Final/Final had to be amended with the Pre Finals being removed and the Finals extended to 15mins + 1 lap.



**IAME Cadet** – Requirements for a 'B' Final indicated the numbers participating. Chris Draper drove a storming race to take the win, with Tilly Goundry, Jack Bowman & Harry Pears the other qualifiers. The start of the 'A' Final was eagerly anticipated but an incident just after the start brought out a Red Flag – thankfully all drivers concerned were only 'shaken'. So at the restart Jonny Edgar (on pole) was beaten away by Dragan Pinsent but in an unfair manner (10 second penalty for a start infringement) so it was Dexter Patterson who took to the front. Reggie Duhy was having a brilliant race and was mixing it at the front with Patterson and a recovering Edgar. These three broke away from the pack and raced hard for the 15 minute duration – Patterson claiming the win with Duhy second and Edgar third.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Novice** – Jack Page



**HONDA Cadet** – 30+ little heroes showed great skills and race craft. Kieron Jeremy looked a likely winner but it was Oliver Clarke who dominated the Final. He had to work hard as Alex Lloyd looked strong and Jeremy was there also, but an error free 13 laps saw Clarke take an excellent win. Lloyd claimed second and Jeremy third.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Novice** – George Hoad



**JUNIOR MAX** – A strong grid of competitive drivers but it became a two man race – Josh Skelton setting fastest TQ, and Tom Gamble second quickest. The places were reversed in the Final with Gamble leading from lights to flag – Skelton held into second with Max Bird having a strong race into third.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Rookie** – Matthew Armstrong



**MINI MAX** - An excellent 'flying lap' in TQ by Tom Kenneally saw him take Pole, and at the start of the Final he looked a possible winner. As the race unfolded though, Alexander McDade put in a strong challenge and Kiern Jewiss was making his presence felt. Tom Wood made a late challenge and ended up third, while McDade took second and Jewiss hit the front at the right time – chequered flag – 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenneally slipped to 5<sup>th</sup> while Rory Hudson drove well to finish 4<sup>th</sup>.

**First Novice** – Ryan Elliot

**First Rookie** – George Bennett



**SENIOR MAX** - Matthew Hirst was in stunning form in TQ taking Pole by a mile! It did look as though he would be able to carry this form into the Final but Stuart Middleton had other ideas. Despite leading most of the race, Hirst had to concede to pressure from Middleton with two laps to go and this is how they would finish – Middleton first, Hirst second, and a strong drive from Jonathan Paylor into third.

**First Rookie** – Lewis Currithers



**X30 JUNIOR** - A strong grid of 27 drivers ensured action all the way. Euan Wilson made the most of the tricky conditions to claim Pole from TQ, Joshua Thompson second and Lucas Vaus third. In the race however there was only one winner – Vaus – faultless performance over the 14 laps and a win by over 5 seconds! Ross Martin also drove a solid race and moved up several places to claim the runner up spot, Wilson slipping to third at the flag.



**X30 SENIOR** - 16 drivers made for an entertaining day. Oliver Hodgson was quickest in TQ and might have thought it was going to be a forgone conclusion – however, in the main Final a delayed start, an overtake on yellows, and a spin put paid to any chance. So who picked up the pieces? – Ollie Varney, and he looked strong for all the race and ended up a well-deserved winner. Chris Lawrence also had a strong race and claimed second with Dan Stocks a solid third.

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

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