

Round 1 of the Summer Club Championship plus the arrival of the LGM Cadet Championship (separate report) and the IAME X30 Tour saw a glorious sight of 280 entries – 71 of which were Senior X30 drivers requiring a 'C' Final – WOW!

Some great racing from our Club drivers who started out on their battle for overall Club Championship honours.

The weather was kind, dry track all day, and even some pleasant evening sunshine to close out a great days racing at PFi.



**IAME Cadet** – Owen Johnson and Joe Ellison were the pick of the grid. They were fighting for P1 & 2 in the Pre Final and it carried on into the Final. Johnson drove really well to claim the win but only just! (0.02 sec) from Ellison who thought he had done it, but ended up second. Thomas Westworth had a strong race into third just holding off a strong challenge from Jack Bowman.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Jack Bowman

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Harley Keeble



**HONDA Cadet** – A Grid of 30 drivers meant we were in for some spectacular racing and these guys didn't disappoint. One driver showed that today was his day – Wesley Mason – Fastest in TQ, Winner of the Pre Final, and pretty much a lights to flag win in the Final. Oliver Bearman and Dragon Pinsent however made it very competitive over the 12 Laps with Bearman only just edged out to second at the flag. Ben Frayers making a great race at the front and claiming third ahead of Pinsent who eventually finished fourth.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Theo Micouris

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Justin Breward



**JUNIOR MAX** – James Gee-Coates went one better in the Final to his Pre Final result – second became the win. He drove a controlled race holding out Luke Ide who had a race long battle with Max Bird, they finished second and third.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Ben Steward

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Joe Gallagher



**MINI MAX** - To say he doesn't like the kerbs or the race forma, Jamie Rogers certainly showed that on his day, he can 'do it' – Race Win. Not having it all his own way though, he had to battle in the Final with Henry Stennett who almost grabbed the win – but it was too important to Rodgers and his grit and determination took him to the flag first. Stennett was an excellent (and very close) second, while Tommy Foster made places to climb into third at the flag.

**First Novice** – Cole Kilner

**First Rookie** – Thomas Edmunds

Awaiting Image

**SENIOR MAX** - A strong grid made for some entertaining racing. The win was in dispute to the end. A race incident meant the 'quarter flags' had to be deployed and a mistake by Jay Rudd at the restart meant although he led, a five place penalty dropped him down the order. This allowed Tom Sharpe-Reynolds to take a well earned win, with Nathan Chafer also driving strongly to claim second. Mathew Hirst rounded out the Top 3 with James Lingard hot on his bumper at the flag.

**First Rookie** – Matthew Robinson



**X30 JUNIOR** - Record entries requiring a 'B' Final. The numbers were swelled by drivers taking part in the IAME X30 Tour and these mixed it with the regular drivers here at PF. The two groups were split after TQ into Pre Final A & B – Lewis Taylor was the star of the first and Alfie Brown took the second. Both Pre Finals were a great showcase for the class and some great racing was going on all over the track. Ed Hack and Mario Mills showed great promise also and needed to be watched in the Final. The Final did however run to expectations, both Brown and Taylor taking turns at the front, but when it mattered, a 'classy' Brown took the flag. Taylor was a very worthy runner up in second, while Ethan Hankey completed a solid day with third, and Anderson Chilcott drove a storming race - up 13 places from his grid start to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. Worthy of note also was the performances of grid start improving drivers: Saul Robinson 7<sup>th</sup>, Bryony King 8<sup>th</sup> and Josh Rafferty 9<sup>th</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Jake Bowman



**X30 SENIOR** - JUST BRILLIANT...71 drivers requiring A,B, & C Finals!! What an absolutely stunning entry – unsurpassed in modern UK direct drive history. The meeting had it all: speed, skill, aggression, competition and above all, respect. From the outset of TQ, one could see how competitive things were going to be – some surprises – Levi King topping the A group, followed by Tom Prior. some not so surprising – Mark Litchfield topping Group B. The entry list however contained numerous potential winners, many of which had to fight really hard in two epic Pre Finals. Litchfield won Pre Final A but had Lucas Vaus in close company and looking fairly relaxed – did he have something left for the main Final? Philip Rawson had a strong race into third on the very 'racey' Fullerton Chassis, while local expert Oliver Hodgson made up for a poor TQ and claimed fourth. Pre Final B was taken by an 'on form' Stephen Letts who was fastest in this race and moved up 5 places. Chris Trott drove a similar race and made good progress forward to claim second, Jacob Stilp and Mathew Dickinson a little disappointed to drop down but still able to claim third and fourth. So this brought us to the B Final with only 4 places available to make progress into the A Final. Jamie Flynn initially lead but the pressing pack swallowed him up – most

impressive was Ayrton Hirst who controlled most of the race from the front and took the win. The other qualifiers were James Corpe (2<sup>nd</sup>) Glenn Guest (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Scott Jeffs (4<sup>th</sup>) – mention required for a blinding drive from Dan Stocks – winner of the C Final and very nearly getting into the A – He finished 5<sup>th</sup> and just missed out. So the one we had all been waiting for, a shame in a way as a little bit of an anti-climax as Litchfield held sway at the front – lights to flag victory – class! Oliver Hodgson continued his recovery weekend and ended up a solid second. Jacob Stilp was in battling mood and drove hard to claim third while other front runners Trott, Letts and Rawson completed the Top 6.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Charlie Bingham

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

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