

Round 3 of the Winter Series Championship following on one week after Round 2. Some very windy and wet weather was around all week while Sunday, still being windy, did become dry as the day went on. Race day was interrupted a couple of times with stoppages for medical reasons – this delayed a tight timetable but all races were completed. 286 drivers filled the same classes/races as January so a reasonable balance of track time/daylight hours was achieved. A big THANK YOU to all the drivers who supported the event, and for your patience while we attended to some of your fellow competitors, who we can report are all making good recoveries. Double grids of IAME & Honda Cadet along with X30 Junior & Senior and strong support grids of Rotax ensured some competitive action. The ongoing running of the new CIK style ‘push back’ nose cones was at last proving its worth and the lowest number of penalties in this year’s Winter Series race was recorded.



IAME Cadet –50+ drivers meaning two groups for TQ – Zak O’Sullivan heading up the first session and Georgi Dimitrov the other. The first Pre Final went the way of Harry Thompson who after a couple of laps got the better of Dimitrov, Taylor Barnard was a solid third but had to work hard to hold off Joseph Taylor. Big mover in the race was Alex Dunne gaining 9 places to finish 5th. The second Pre Final saw some great racing upfront, with Bray Kenneally taking the win & just holding off Maxwell Dodds in a close second. Arvid Lindblad made up 4 places to gain a creditable third, just holding off Alex Simmonds at the line. Reggie Duhy had a great race at the front but was adjudged to have ‘jump started’ so had to take a 10 second penalty demoting him to 11th. The ‘B’ Final was a two horse race with Joe Willoughby just getting the better of an excellent drive by Brandon Carr (Novice). The ‘A’ Final again showed off the undoubted skills of Harry Thompson, he turned his Pole into a lights to flag victory crossing the line in his classic ‘defence’ mode – Georgi Dimitrov did all he could to take the lead but had to settle for an excellent second. Taylor Barnard was a solid third with Bray Kenneally hot on his heels in fourth.

1st Rookie – Kai Askey

1st Novice – Brandon Carr



HONDA Cadet – A brilliant entry (again) meaning split grids for TQ.

Ben Kasperczak dominantly heading up one and Ben Fayers the other. The first Pre Final was a real fight between Fayers and Wesley Mason, trading places all race but Ben held onto the win while Sam Heading jumped Wesley for a splendid second. The second Pre Final was an excellent race from Oliver Bearman who jumped up 7 places from his grid slot to take over the lead on Lap 3 – he was never headed to the line. Lucas Ellingham was a solid second and an unusually subdued Harry Thompson third. ‘B’ Final – an excellent win for Joshua Patterson who claimed the win at the line, Jack Nicholson held onto second and Alex Lay completed the Top 3. The ‘A’ Final was a shake up as a ‘glitch’ with the start lights lead to some confusion at the start. Ben Fayers however didn’t let any of this phase him as he took the lead from an improving Dylan Cooper with 4 laps to go and took the win. Cooper finished a very close second at the flag with Justin Breward completing the Top 3.

1st Rookie – Theo Micouris

1st Novice – Kyle Kasibante



JUNIOR MAX – A strong grid and some very good racing. Luke Ide put last month’s events behind him and dominated TQ. In the Pre Final though, Ide slipped down the order and Thomas Turner was the star – leading from lap 5 to 9 and taking an excellent win. Rory Hudson was his nearest challenger and was a solid second, with a great battle for third eventually going the way of Scott Symonds. The ‘A’ Final produced some great racing, and off the line it initially looked as though Rory Hudson would outrun Pole sitter Turner, but, Thomas settled into a rhythm and held sway at the front – 1st. Rory chased him all the way to finish a well-deserved second with Tyler Sullivan completing the Top 3

1st Rookie & 1st Novice – Molly Dodd

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

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MINI MAX - Another strong grid of Rotax Mini's – Dexter Patterson looking very classy as he took fastest lap in TQ on a greasy track. The Pre Final initially looked like going the way of Dexter but Jenson Butterfield showed his class, hitting the front with a couple of laps to go and seizing the victory. Lorcan Hanafin had a great race also, charging up 9 places to claim second, Patterson third. The 'A' Final was an exciting affair with the lead swapping several times between Butterfield and Hanafin. Butterfield was at the front when it mattered though – the chequered flag – 1st, Finlay Bunce on a late charge stole second with Hanafin a little disappointed in third.

1st Rookie – Megan Stephenson



SENIOR MAX - Stuart Middleton continued his dominance at PFI with fastest lap in TQ. In the Pre Final nothing changed as Middleton looked well in command and headed for another win. Ben Davis was also well in contention as he finished second with Jack McConnell securing third. As last month, the 'A' Final was a complete shake up of fortunes, Middleton out on lap 6 while leading, and Ben Davis gladly taking over the position and keeping it to the flag. Jack McConnell cemented his second place while Joe Bleakley completed the podium positions.

1st Rookie & 1st Novice – Ryan Jones



X30 JUNIOR - Double grids and a 'hot bed' of talent, in wet conditions. The star of TQ 'A' was front runner Elliot Harvey, while TQ 'B' belonged to Dean Macdonald. Pre Final 'A' briefly saw the lead in the hands of Sam McDonnell, but it was Dean Macdonald who eventually fought his way to the front, dragging with him a delighted Owen Byatt, Sam finishing third. Pre Final 'B', and as expected, Harvey ran in P1 for 5 or 6 laps but succumbed to the pressure of Tom Douglas who drove an excellent race to claim the win. Harvey was second with Patrick Kibble third, just holding off the snarling pack consisting of Callum Bradshaw, Mario Mills and Oliver Clarke. 'B' Final – Dragan Pinsent drove an excellent race taking a lights to flag win. The 'A' Final was a stunner – a real buzz of anticipation now with full grids of IAME X30 – A massive scrap at the front was always going to be exciting and hard, but, to their credit, a great race was witnessed by these young drivers. Dean Macdonald had his work cut out to stay at the front of a frantic seven kart battle, also lead changing with Elliot Harvey was exciting. Callum Bradshaw was another man showing stunning form, up 7 grid slots to take the win after Macdonald fell foul of a 10 place bumper penalty! Sam McDonnell taking his chance to claim a solid second with Harvey slipping to fourth at the flag. Tom Douglas, Patrick Kibble and Mario Mills completed the Top 6 and should all be given credit for a great display of competitive karting at the sharp end of the grid.

1st Rookie – Matt Biry



X30 SENIOR - Another stunning grid of almost 60 X30 Seniors. Brilliant. In the first TQ session, in tricky wet conditions, John Stewart headed up the pack, just, from Stephen Letts. The second TQ group was headed by an impressive display from Charlie Bingham. The Pre Final 'A' was a real up and down affair, Bingham looked for all the world as though he was in with a shout of the win – but ended up second. Strong races from Danny Kierle (subsequent 10 place penalty), Philip Rawson (another 10 place penalty) and James Lingard, who was clean and did finish third, So through all of this who won....Mark Litchfield up 10 grid slots – classy win. The other Pre Final was taken brilliantly by Charlie Lamb after original winner Brett Ward received his nose cone penalty! Stephen Letts held station and finished second, while John Stewart slipped to third, and Euan Wilson menacingly moving into 4th. The 'B' Final was a two way contest with Cameron Fisher claiming the win from Harry Torpy. 'A' Final – Was another 'cracker' – that said there was only one real winner – Mark Litchfield. Stephen Letts was always at the front and did very well to finish 2nd (after Ben Barnicoat was excluded from second for replacing the nose cone!). Jay Rudd had a storming drive into third. Euan Wilson was solid in fourth, Charlie Bingham slightly disappointed in 5th and a classy drive into the Top 6 by Jon Lancaster.

1st Rookie – Charlie Bingham