

# TVKC Club Championship

## Round 1

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

The First round of the Summer Series Championship again provided massive grids and, as specified by the MSA, included in this club meeting was the ever popular LGM Cadets and X30 Tour drivers.



**IAME Cadet** – Some drivers doing LGM allowed the regular drivers to shine. Making the most of it in TQ was William Elswood – in tricky conditions he just took Pole from Leo Paniyotou. In the Pre Final William repeated the performance. Making the most of this was Charlie Walsh who took a fine second with Rookie, Archie Kitching, moving up 14 places to complete the Top 3. The Final was a two-way scrap between Paniyotou and Joshua McLean, Joshua was pushing hard all race and never let the leader settle, in the end though he took a fine second as Paniyotou showed his class with the win. Archie Kitching cemented his excellent third place with an identical result in the final – 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Freddie Spindlow

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – George Blessett



**HONDA Cadet** – Double grids and as always, excellent racing. TQ had two sessions – Archie Brown heading up one and Sam Heading the other (on a wet and tricky track!). With the slightly revised start procedure (as recommended by our Honda colleges), all worked well. The first Pre Final went the way of Wesley Mason who hit the front and was never headed, Aston Miller was on good form as he ended up a strong second, Dylan Cooper third. The second Pre Final was the ownership of Ben Fayers who looked ‘on form’ as he led all 9 laps to the flag. Archie Brown confirmed his TQ speed with a strong second and Lucas Ellingham progressing up the grid well into third. ‘B’ Final – It took Theo Micouris a few laps to get to the front but once there, he held on for the win. The ‘A’ Final – this was going to be close – as always! Some brilliant nose to tail racing and clean overtaking provided a really exciting finale. The lead changed several times and the winner was in doubt right to the last few corners. Ben Fayers looked to be in control but a slight mistake by Dylan Cooper riding over the back of Ben moved him wide allowed the waiting Archie Brown through for a delighted win. Fayers recovered to finish second as the pack descended on him. Timing and cameras were required to split the places with Aston Miller third and Wesley Mason 4<sup>th</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Max Herbert    **1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Oliver Phillips



**JUNIOR MAX** - TQ in wet conditions belonged to Rhys Hunter who had a significant margin over the rest. In the Pre Final though he had to give best to Ethan Ling who had a strong race taking the lead on lap 8 and never looking back, Hunter second and Sam Holgate completing the Top 3. The ‘A’ Final cemented the performance of Ethan but he was made to work hard for the win as Charlie Bennett made some great overtakes but settled for second with James Lowther third.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rookie** – Jason Lockwood

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Samuel Walker



**MINI MAX** - Matthew Hudson was the star of a wet TQ. The Pre Final however belonged to an 'on form' Jamie Rogers who had a good race to hold off second placed Piers Henderson. The 'A' Final also belonged to Rogers who used his head to ensure he was on the Top Spot of the podium. Lewis Gilbert was his nearest challenger ending up second while Will Murdoch completed the top three.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice** – Zak Aldred

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**SENIOR MAX** - As stated last month, worrying times and with below the minimum 10 entries required this month, the class didn't run – so Senior Max drivers get together and let's get some decent size grids back to PF.



**X30 JUNIOR** - With the LGM 'in town' and some club drivers, a stunning entry of 80, 'C' & 'B' Finals as well - what a day's racing we were in for! TQ – Jac Maybin, Taylor Bellini & Oliver York headed their respective sessions but it was York who was overall quickest and looking in fine form.

Pre Final 'A' briefly saw Ethan Hawkey take the lead but York soon took charge and held off Hawkey to the flag. Patrick Kibble was an excellent third. Pre Final 'B' was a sign of a man on form – Elliot Harvey – always at the sharp end, it took a while to get there, eventually taking the spoils. Owen Byatt, another contender, headed out second but had to fight hard to hold off Taylor Bellini in third. Dragan Pinsent drove a good race into 4<sup>th</sup>. Pre Final 'C' belonged to Callum Bradshaw with a lights to flag victory – another title contender in waiting. Jac Maybin converted his good TQ into second while a storming drive from Ethan Pitt saw a 7 place charge up to third. So onto the 'C' Final – WOW... 'C' Final! Initially it looked as though young Alicia Goundry would take the glory but Tom Douglas got into his stride mid race and took the win, Alicia was a creditable second while Ross Woodford claimed third. The other qualifiers were, Lulham, King, and Ceronetti. 'B' Final – An excellent race and full of drivers with bad luck stories from the Pre-Finals. Dexter Patterson showed his ever improving form in the X30 Junior class and took the win after a hard race with Thomas Pegram who was alongside at the line but finished second. Brilliant drive from Chris Lulham after qualifying from the 'C' Final, he completing the Top 3, final qualifier was Rookie Archie Flack. Onto the all-important 'A' Final – and a stunning race, some of the best young kart drivers in the UK, racing hard (but fair). Oliver York was on Pole and lead away at the race start, he had to contend with pressure and forfeit the race lead to Elliot Harvey, but once York was back in front, Harvey slipped down the order. So who was York's next challenger? – it was Callum Bradshaw, as majestic as ever, cool and calculated he hit the front with one lap to go, but to his credit York never gave up and re-took the lead on the last lap and took a very well earned win....phew!! Ethan Hawkey had a really strong race and rounded out the podium positions in third. Patrick Keeble cemented a good weekends work with fourth while great credit to Louie Westover who made up 11 places to finish 5<sup>th</sup>. Also for the record, only two nose cone infringements after 13 laps of hectic action and a full grid of 36 drivers – well done to all!





**X30 SENIOR** - Another stunning grid – requiring a ‘C’ Final. A look down the entry list showed how the class attracts a range of competitors from the young chargers like MacDonald, Bentley-Ellis, Snell, & King, to the more experienced drivers, like Hodgson Litchfield, Rudd, Ward, Keirle, & Healy, then some very welcome interlopers like Jon Lancaster & Riki Christodoulou – we were in for some brilliant racing! TQ – Oliver Hodgson made the most of his track knowledge and headed the pack of 80 drivers. Dean MacDonald, only just up from Juniors, was a stunning second, Scott Snell rounding out the Top 3 with a great lap. For the record 0.5 seconds covered 30 drivers from second downwards – how close! The Pre Final ‘A’ went to plan as Hodgson converted Pole to a race win, with stablemate Litchfield second. Brett Ward consolidated his third place as did Danny Keirle in fourth, Archie Tillet and Riki Christodoulou made up good places finishing fifth and sixth. Pre Final ‘B’ – some great racing at the front as Dean MacDonald tried to convert his excellent TQ performance into a race win, but he had a lively Bentley Ellis to contend with, these two swapped places while having to resist Harry Whittaker who finished third but was underweight – disaster. Bentley Ellis & MacDonald slugged it out to the line finishing one, two. Saul Robinson had a strong drive into third. Pre-Final ‘C’ – Scott Snell and Levi King disputed this one at the head of the pack, with a strong Snell performance taking the win. King was second with Jay Rudd hanging in there in third. The ‘C’ Final saw some major movers, with Alex Spinks taking a well-earned win, Joshua Thompson likewise, a strong second and likewise, Harry Whittaker finishing third, the final qualifying place falling to Davey Shepherd ‘B’ Final – A real mixed bag in this race, Marcus Pett took an early lead but had to give way to Arran Mills, who in turn had to concede to James Lingard. It was Lingard at the flag, Mills second on the road, but a nose penalty dropped him to third. Pett thankfully taking second with final qualifier, Thomas Prior, fourth. ‘A’ Final – maybe not quite the intensity that the Junior X30 Final had but none the less, a great kart race, interrupted unfortunately by a water spillage from Danny Keirle at the ‘S’ causing several front runners to exit ‘stage right’ at speed over the grass. Thankfully the leading trio had passed the incident and an initial battle between Oliver Hodgson and Mark Litchfield was settled in favour of Hodgson who serenely stroked it home to take a ‘classy’ win. Litchfield fell into the clutches of Hugo Bentley-Ellis who was looking hungry for second. He made his move late in the race at the first hairpin, which was forceful but fair, and took the place he deserved. Litchfield ending up third. Brett Ward had a strong drive into fourth but then nose cone penalties intervened – Scott Snell and Dean MacDonald dropping out of the Top 6 and handing 5<sup>th</sup> to Charlie Bingham and 6<sup>th</sup> to Lewis King.



**LGM CADET** – A full report will appear via LGM but to summarise, Archie Mace took the ‘B’ Final, Christopher Drapper a courageous second after rolling out in one of the Heats, Cian Shields & Alisha Roland completed the four qualifiers. The main Final turned out to be a ‘two horse’ race and proved to be a thriller. Harry Thompson and Taylor Barnard were the stars as they battled for 15 laps with places changing regularly and thrilling a packed Grandstand. Thompson however it was who consolidated the lead with a few laps to go and protected his lead to take a very well deserved win. Barnard was close on his heels at the flag but had to settle for second, Jonny Wilkinson completed the Top 3. Mention should be made for 4<sup>th</sup> place Joseph Taylor and 5<sup>th</sup> Bray Kenneally as they made up significant places from their grid slots and were rewarded with top 5 finishes.