



TVKC Club Championship

Round 3

5th June 2016

The June meeting usually signifies a lower than normal entry as Championships have kicked off and drivers start to 'pick & choose', this time it was a clashing S1. Despite the draw on our club drivers an excellent 228 drivers turned out to do battle on a glorious summers Sunday. The day also marked our annual 'Ladies Day' celebrations, with many a female dressing for the occasion (and some men!) and in general a real party atmosphere was enjoyed by all. On the serious side the occasion is in aid of 'Cancer Research' and thanks to all those who took part a final donation of £1000 will be made to our chosen charity.

The format of Practice/TQ/Pre Final & Final were being used and some really long races for drivers to get their heads around. In general, some great racing and an excellent days karting, a couple of unfortunate incidents for our Honda drivers but thankfully no serious injuries.

IAME Cadet –TQ – Wow 3/100th of a second separated the top 3, and on top of the pile was a delighted Joe Willoughby, Harry Pears would line up on P2 and Freddie Spindlow P3. The Pre Final provided a great battle between these three but it was Freddie who crossed the line first with Joe second and Harry third. Tom Edgar had a good run moving up 14 places to claim 8th place – good drive. So onto the Final – and yes, you guessed it – despite 15 hard fought laps in very hot weather the status quo remained as Freddie took a lights to flag victory – well deserved. Joe chased for all he was worth and very nearly made it at the line but had to accept second while a little way back at the flag Harry consolidated third. Rashan Chigorimbo was a man on a mission in this race charging up 21 places to claim 4th overall.... brilliant!

1st Rookie – William Elswood

1st Novice - Charlie Rippin

HONDA Cadet – As always the entry numbers were fantastic – 54 drivers meaning split grids and a 'B' Final. Despite using our Honda recommended start procedure (the same for the last 3 meetings) some drivers got caught out at the starts and we also had some unfortunate incidents along the way. The TQ qualify groups were headed up by Caeson Gibson and Wesley Mason. Caeson was able to covert his pole position into a Pre Final win....just....Theo Micouris chasing hard for the 12 lap race and ending up a solid second. Dylan Cooper drove a storming race, up 12 places to round out the Top 3. Alex Eades was a creditable fourth after leading the race at the mid point. The other Pre Final was a real two way battle – Ellingham Lucas was taking the fight to Pole man Wesley Mason – it took him 10 laps to finally consolidate his position at the front, a place he held to the flag. The 'B' Final – Controversy at the start caused some result changes not least affecting race winner Alex Ley – an initial 10 second 'jump start' penalty was overturned by the Stewards and he retained his win and a place in the 'A' Final. Liam Hurrell, Luke Barham and Joshua Patterson were the other qualifiers. The 'A' Final – a real contest this one – no quarter given or taken! Sam Heading was the star of the show, from a mid grid start he made great headway and eventually hit the front with 4 laps to go, holding the lead to the flag – excellent. Lucas Ellingham was second on the road and all but looking like a winner...but an exclusion from the race put paid to that. Caeson Gibson kept his head and took second while Dylan Cooper showed maturity in securing third.

1st Rookie – Theo Micouris

1st Novice – Nicky Taylor

JUNIOR MAX - A strong grid of drivers provided great racing all day – one second only covering the Top 20 in TQ! Myles Apps was at the top of the ranking with a brilliant lap, Rory Hudson and Thomas Turner rounding out the Top 3. Rory was making it difficult for Myles in the Pre Final and despite his best efforts ended up fourth, Rory taking the win with Thomas and Charlie Bennett second and third respectively. In the Final though the three way battle continued but this time it was Myles Apps who really made it stick, holding onto the lead in the last four laps and taking an excellent win. Rory Hudson had to concede this time round but still finished a creditable second, Thomas Turner rounding out the Top 3. Special mention of Jordan Brown who made up 8 places and stormed to an excellent fourth place at the flag.

1st Rookie – Issac Smith

1st Novice – Skye Siddall

MINI MAX - Dominic Bush dipped into the 1.00 minute lap time to clinch a strong Pole position. Regular Jamie Rogers was second and Dexter Patterson third. The numbers on the grid were strong (27) and some of the names on there were highly rated MMAX drivers. The Pre Final however took many by surprise as Kieren Jeremy stole the show – a ten place improvement taking him to the front with three laps to go and holding it to the flag. Owen Johnson also had a go a leading but ended up a solid second, with Jamie Rogers slipping to third. It had taken him a while to get into his stride but Jenson Butterfield hit the front very early in the race, 11 leader changes in 16 laps gives you an idea of the ferocity of the competition but when it mattered Jenson was at the front and took a brilliant win. Finlay Bunce was very strong mid race but settled for a solid second, while Dexter Patterson just held onto third, holding of Kieron Jeremy (4th) and Jamie Rogers (5th)

1st Rookie – *Matthew Bonnett*

X30 JUNIOR - Double grids and a great array of talent was going to make for some great racing. TQ 1 went the way of Jac Maybin with Harry Platten and Mario Mills rounding out the Top 3. TQ 2 the slower group was headed by Callum Bradshaw, Ross Woodford and Ethan Hawkey second & third. Pre Final 1 was a 'master class' from Jac as he lead from lights to flag – Nice. The battle for second was intense with Lewis Thompson just edging out Ethan Hawkey at the flag. Pre Final 2 was not as straight forward for Callum Bradshaw as he had a race long battle with Harry Platten just easing out enough at the line to take the win. Harry was a strong second with an impressive performance from Angus Mouldsdale ending up a close third. 'B' Final – worthy winner Jenson Harvey. 'A' Final – a 17 lap marathon was going to be a great test but it was a very polished performance from Callum Bradshaw that stole the show. He didn't have things all his own way as Harry Platten mixed it big style but ended up second. Dragan Pinsent was a new name on the leader board and he certainly mixed it at the front – moving up 10 places to claim the final podium spot. Ethan Hawkey was fourth while Jac Maybin slipped to fifth.

1st Rookie – *Jac Maybin*

1st Novice – *Jacob Phillips*

X30 SENIOR - Another stunning grid – requiring a 'B' Final, and split TQ. TQ 1 went the way of an on form Archie Tillet – stopping the clocks in an impressive 58.29 seconds. James Lingard and Sam Snell rounded out the Top 3. TQ 2 went to local hero and F3 frontrunner Ben Barnicoat – good to see him keeping his hand in at karting and showing great pace still. Oliver Hodgson was a slightly disappointed second, and Derek Morgan third. Pre Final 1 was shaping up to be a cracking race but an unfortunate incident brought out the Red flag and ended the race early. Oliver Hodgson was at the head of the pack with Archie Tillet and a charging Marcus Pett in second and third respectively. Pre Final 2 saw the 'Fullerton' mounted Ben Barnicoat steal a lights to flag win, Derek Morgan got the better of James Lingard to steal second. 'B' Final – after a disastrous Pre Final Charlie Bingham made amends with a 14 place jump up the grid and was a well-deserved winner. Alex Spinks likewise drove a solid race into second, Brendon Pattison third and the final qualifier Jonathan Campbell. 'A' Final – what a fight at the front – it was going to be fireworks with Barnicoat and Hodgson lining up on the front row! At the start Barnicoat held sway and lead out Lap 1, but that was it for him as once Hodgson took control at the front it was 'game over' – well almost as to his credit Barnicoat never gave up the chase, but had to settle for second. Marcus Pett completed a fine weekend with a splendid third place, while Jay Rudd was a solid fourth

1st Rookie – *Jonathan Paylor*