

TVKC Club Championship Round 4 3rd July 2016

The July meeting took place on a lovely Summers day and provided some excellent kart races, generally incident free other than a very unfortunate incident involving TVKC Clerk Martin Bean — thankfully he emerged with bumps and bruises. The format adopted allowed for TQ/2 Heats/Final(s) which appeared to be very well received by the competitors. Double grids of Honda, X30 Junior & X30 Senior meant 'B' Finals for those classes.



IAME Cadet — TQ...Top of the listing was Rashan Chigorimbo who looked to be 'in the zone' - he was followed closely by Dylan Hotchin - a combination who had an eventful meeting. In Heat 1 these two dominated but an outrageous last lap saw both drivers get excluded! Heat 2 then saw the same two drivers have their grid slots of front row reversed to back row for starting infringements! So amongst all this who was making the most of others misfortunes – it was William Eastwood and Harry Pears. The Final was going to be interesting as both these drivers were capable of winning but Rashan and Dylan's pace, despite lowly grid slots, would be interesting. Part of the equation was settled at the start as a fast starting Harry Pears was adjudged to have jumped the start (10 second penalty), so Eastwood made the most of it but was under pressure from an 'on form' Tyler Read. It took some laps for Rashan Chigorimbo to get to the front, but do so he did, in style. After 14 laps he took a well-earned win from a very close Tyler Read, and William Eastwood completing the Podium places. Joshua Mclean was a strong 4th while a strong drive from way down by Dylan Hotchin was impressive.

1st Rookie – Ashton Hodgson **1st Novice** - Charlie Rippin



HONDA Cadet — Excellent entry numbers meaning split grids and a 'B' Final. The TQ qualify groups were headed up by Ben Kasperczak and Wesley Mason. In the Heats however it was Oliver Bearman who was in fine form recording two wins and hoping for a repeat in the Final. Ben Fayers won the other Heat but all eyes were toward the 15 minute 'A' Final. The 'B' Final belonged to Leon Henderson, with Oscar Teutin having a storming race into second. The 'A' Final – here we go, a fantastic race developed at the front. Oliver Bearman, looking to convert his race pace into a win, didn't have it all his own way. Alex Eades shone through for a couple of laps as did Wesley Mason but things were building to a dramatic last couple of laps. The front group looked to have broken away but some over defending allowed the pack to close in. It was hectic and all hell broke loose at the hairpin towards the end of the race as the 'crocodile' of karts loaded up under breaking. Four or five karts became involved, others delayed and others gaining, the outcome was in doubt to the line. On track, Oliver Bearman took the win, a delighted Ivan Lomilev was second and Ben Kasperczak third, however, Oliver was penalised for an over defensive move on Wesley Mason and Ben was adjudged to be responsible for the contact at the hairpin. So with both these out of the Top three, Dylan Cooper inherited second and Lucas Ellingham third.

1st Rookie – Theo Micouris 1st Novice – Kean Berta



JUNIOR MAX - Disappointing numbers meant that our Juniors ran with the Minis in the Heats but had a Final all to themselves. Despite the low numbers the Final was an excellent race over 16 trying laps. Coming out on top and taking an excellent win was Ethan Ling, an intense battle with Cole Kilner was good to see but Cole ended up third as Jordan Brown muscled in to take a strong second place.

1st Rookie – Kyle Palmer 1st Novice – George Holbrook



MINI MAX - Mixed with Juniors in the Heats, the Final was purely Mini's – and out of the pack, Owen Johnson made the most of things, deposing initial race leader Piers Henderson on lap two he never looked back and led the remaining laps to the flag – 'cool' win. Piers clung on to take second while Jamie Rogers had to settle for third.

1st Rookie – Jack Bowman 1st Novice – Oliver Hallsworth



X30 JUNIOR - Double grids and a great array of talent was going to make for some great racing. TQ 1 yet again went the way of Jac Maybin with Evan Cook and Louie Westover rounding out the Top 3. TQ 2, the faster group, was headed by Ross Woodford, Elliot Harvey and Mario Mills. Three Heats required to sort out the pecking order for the Final – and it was three different winners – Elliot Harvey worked hard to overcome Jac Maybin and Ross Woodford in Heat 1, Ethan Hawkey took the win in Heat 2, while Heat 3 was convincingly won by Mario Mills. 'B' Final – worthy winner Ben Healey-Smith. 'A' Final – a 16 lap marathon was going to be a great test for all the drivers, but looking cool after a fine Pole Position was Mario Mills, for several laps he 'stroked' it out front, looking very smooth and controlled. As the race wore on a slight mistake at the hairpin allowed the pack to close in. Elliot Harvey took over the lead and looked strong at half distance, but like Mills, it was short lived as Ethan Hawkey put his marker down and lead upto Lap 13. That wasn't the end as Jac Maybin laid in wait and with three laps to go established what was to be a decisive lead. It was close at the flag though but Jac held on for a brilliant win, Ethan consolidated second, while a strong drive from Patrick Kibble netted an excellent third place.

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 'Super Star' Ben Barnicoat – who is really showing the merits of being associated with the 'TF' chassis. TQ 2 went to the 'on form' Lewis King. Making the most of his two Heats was Ben – two wins. Lewis was also able to covert one of his Heats to a win but was demoted to third in his other. Tom Healy took the other Heat win with a strong drive through traffic. 'B' Final -After some bad luck in the Heats it was Gus Lawrence who took the honours, with Chia Wing Hoong, Jack Partridge and Brendan Patterson completing the qualifiers to the 'A' Final. 'A' Final – 17 laps and there was only going to be one winner - Ben Barnicoat - who led from lights to flag and completely dominated proceedings. The race for second though was much more of a contest, Lewis King eventually grabbing a solid second while Derek Morgan with a real 'workman' like performance completed the Top 3.

1st Rookie – Antonio Gagliasso 1st Novice – Benjamin Cook

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

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