



TVKC Club Championship

Round 2 – Incl: NKF

6th & 7th May 2017

May 6th & 7th saw the Second Round of the Summer Club Championships along with, the very strong for 2017, NKF Series. Entries were excellent in all classes. Saturday was mostly dedicated to practice with some Heats at the end of the day, with remaining Heats and Finals on Sunday. The Heats system was required by our visiting championship but it is expected the Club will revert to their TQ format from here on in. The weather while dry for racing was overcast with a very cool breeze....not quite what we expected for a May meeting.



IAME Cadet - More than 50 drivers and some very close racing, something which the drivers had to take consideration of as they were using the 'push back' nose cone system. Archie Kitching showed the rest of the 'B' finalists the way home winning with ease from Alfie Cottier, Finlay Scott and Bart Harrison, who progressed in to the main Final. The 'A' Final belonged to Josh Rowledge who drove a brilliant race to hold off a charging William Macintyre after 12 hard fought laps. Luke Watts was right there with them but a 'nose' penalty dropped him out of the Top 3, allowing Jake Weston to take the final podium spot.

1st Rookie – Robbie Stapleford

1st Novice - Taylor Orridge



HONDA Cadet – A brilliant entry of 54 'raring to go' youngsters provided the usual excitement. A few knocks and bumps along the way but in general some excellent close racing, and a brilliant Final. After a disastrous set of Heats, Ryan Willis drove a great 'B' Final moving up 11 places from his start position to take the win, just in front of Kyle Kasibante, Harry Wainwright and William Baxter, completed the 4 qualifying places. The 'A' Final was pretty much a two-horse race with Joshua McLean and Harvey Charter running nose to tail for most of the race. However, things got more intense as these two positioned themselves for a grandstand finish. This allowed the pack to close in at the end but these two drove very cleanly and crossed the line almost together – McLean holding on for the win, Charter a close second, while Theo Micouris closed in to be hot on their bumpers at the flag – 3rd place. Worthy of note was Archie Brown who moved up twelve places to finish 5th and 'B' Final winner Ryan Willis who advanced to finish 20th.

1st Rookie – Zach Walters **1st Novice** – Lee Robinson



JUNIOR MAX - NKF drivers supporting the Rotax classes made for a solid grid of 23 drivers and provided close racing. Out front and taking Pole after a string of excellent Heat results was Clayton Ravenscroft, who probably thought he might fly off into the distance come 'A' Final time – not so, as Bradley Barrett traded the head of the pack with him for all 14 laps, but justice was done at the flag – Ravenscroft 1st, Barrett 2nd, and a solid drive from Jason Lockwood rounding out the Top3.

1st Rookie – Daniel Kell

1st Novice – Travis Coyne



MINI MAX - Just like the Juniors, it appears that the NKF have a great Mini Max following, 24 drivers doing battle over the weekend. Even with these numbers, and the three mixed grid Heats there was one driver who was in a class of his own – Kai Hunter. Pole position converted into a lights to flag victory – brilliant. Mattie Hingley and Myles Barthorpe were his closest rivals and had a great battle for the places, Hingley just holding out at the flag to take a well-earned second and close on his bumper was Barthorpe in third.

1st Rookie – *Mattie Hingley*

1st Novice – *Joshua Powell*



X30 JUNIOR - Double Grids with 70 drivers – sensational. Some really great racing and very competitive. The three mixed grid Heats would always throw up winners and losers which made even the 'B' Final a race to watch. Luke Whitehead had looked 'racey' in the Heats but had several problems, so the 'B' Final was his time to shine – 1st, he had a fight on his hands though as Joshua Rattican chased him all the way to the flag in second, Sean Butcher was close in attendance finishing third and Joseph Beecroft closing out the Top 4 qualifiers. So onto the 14 laps of 'A' Final action. Fresh from his early season overseas races, Harry Thompson at 12 years of age looks 'the real deal' in 2017 – growing in confidence and experience he took Pole after three excellent Heats and battered away at the front for all 14 laps – a commanding 1st place. The battle for second though wasn't so straightforward as several drivers were in the mix. Lewis Thompson was going like a train and he made it tell with an excellent 2nd, just holding out Tamzyn Buckley who also had a great race – 3rd, Harry Platten was going well early on but slipped to fourth while Louie Westover had a storming drive up 14 places to finish 5th.

1st Rookie – *Travis Mitchell*



X30 MINI - Some great racing from this grid of twenty, and a brilliant Final with place changes going on all the time at the front. Georgi Dimitrov was in the thick of the action as 7 drivers battled for the lead in the 'A' Final. He led out the first three laps but had to give way to Tom Edgar who was looking strong. This lead didn't last long though as Kai Askey hit the front almost looking as if he could win, but the action continued on the final lap with Joseph Taylor winning in style, Edgar followed closely in second, while Alicia Barrett quietly manoeuvred herself into an excellent third, Dimitrov ended up fourth and Askey fifth.

1st Rookie – *Blake Angliss*



X30 SENIOR - Again, sensational numbers as nearly 60 drivers battled out the Heats and Finals. Some great racing again and very hard driving made great viewing. Dean Hale was the one to redeem his day after bad Heat results claiming a solid 'B' Final win, Thomas Wood and James Parish had a good dice finishing 2nd and 3rd with Henry Ayers rounding out the four qualifiers. Wow what a race the 'A' Final turned out to be! Some 'big hitting' names at the front slugged it out – Elliot Harvey was the first to shine leading out with a purpose from the flag, Derek Morgan who looked strong all weekend made a slight mistake making contact with Harvey on his overtake attempt at the hairpin causing Harvey to slip down a couple of places, Morgan recovered well and hit the front on lap 3. Sam McDonnell then decided it was his time at the front so another leader change, Morgan retaliated though and was back in front heading out Lap 5 – Phew and not even half way through! Harvey had 're-grouped' by this time and had chipped away at the leaders and was upfront by Lap 7, but he was coming under great pressure from Callum Bradshaw who had been in the leading group but was bidding his time. Once at the front, Bradshaw looked cool and collected as he fended off the chasing pack, and rode out the final laps in control – a very solid performance from Bradshaw showing that his overseas experiences are proving their worth. Harvey had a solid race and finished second (perhaps wondering what might have been had he not had the brush with Morgan early in the race). McDonnell closed out the Top 3 with a fine effort. Lewis Malin worked hard in the race and ended up with a deserved 4th place while Morgan slipped to 5th, Archie Tillet rounded out the Top 6 (after Oliver Clarke had a nose cone penalty). Worthy of note in such a competitive field was the charge forward of Philip Rawson – not his weekend overall but plenty of promise as he moved up 12 grid places to finish 7th.

1st Rookie – James Parish

1st Novice – Jade Goodwin

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

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