

## **Formula Bambino Round 1 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Proceedings started at 9am with a quick welcome to all drivers for the 2012 season of the formula bambino championship. This round we had 8 drivers which meant a grand total of 6 heats of 2-3 drivers per heat.

Heat 1 – this was the first outing of the day and the first heat of the 2012 championship, Jacob got off to a bit of a shaky start spinning on his second lap at the exit of the tunnel, but he soon settled down into it, Matthew took the early lead posting the quickest time by 0.211s over James who kept chipping away at his time. After 12 laps James managed to edge ahead setting the quickest time, once James found his groove he stuck to it and continued to get quicker as the laps went on. James managed to stay in top spot with a time of 29.904s

Heat 2 – saw three more driver hit the track, all of which showed they meant business from the word go. It was Archie who got off to an early lead setting a 30.064 after just 3 laps. Mark and Ethan both looked determined not to let Archie run away and kept pushing on as much as they could; Ethan managed to set 31.919s after just 8 laps. Just to make sure no one would catch him Archie went and posted a 29.750s, which he went on to better a few laps later. Both Ethan and Mark struggled to break into the 30s barrier but both were consistently setting very respectable times. With just a few minutes to go Mark managed to break into the 31s barrier with a time of 31.812s which was just 0.1s off of Ethan's quickest lap, Archie went on to take the win with a 29.271s.

Heat 3 – just two drivers took to the circuit for this heat which meant plenty of space for some fast times, it was Sam who set the early pace with a 30.689s, Jonathan looked as though he was struggling in the first few laps but soon started to settle into it. Sam looked like he wasn't going to make it easy for Jonathan to catch up on this one by setting 30.460 and staying consistently in the 30s mark. Jonathan did continue to get quicker as the heat went on and set a 32.405s as his quickest but it was Sam who managed to take the top spot with a time of 30.133s.

Heat 4 – saw us back to three drivers on track, Archie once again set off into an early lead but this time Mark wasn't going to let him get away without a fight, they stayed very close until the closing stages when Archie managed to pull a 29.842s lap time out of the bag, mark kept putting in the laps but couldn't quite find the extra pace to better his 30.451s, Jacob improved on his first session with a 31.978s, but once again it was Archie who set the quickest time of 29.766s

Heat 5 – saw James, Ethan and Sam take to the track for their final session of the day, it was James who set an early lead with a 30.214s, Ethan was only 0.422s off James early pace with Sam being 1.172s off. After 11 laps Ethan managed to close the gap to 0.205s, with just 6 minutes to go James managed to break into the 29s increasing the gap over the other two drivers, once in the 29s James continued to shave his time, Ethan wasn't going to give up and on lap 22 he managed to set a 29.840s just 0.178 off of James quickest. At the chequered flag it was James who took the quickest time of a 29.559

Heat 6 – was the last heat of the day and the final chance for Jonathan and Matthew to better their previous times, it was Jonathan who set the early pace with a 30.226s lap time, after 10 laps Matthew closed the gap to just 0.172s and was clearly pushing hard to go quicker, the session stayed pretty even, until on lap 19 Matthew put in a 30.076s, going 0.0053s quicker than Jonathan, then on lap 21 Jonathan managed to pull a 29.987s Matthew came straight back and put a 29.918s, Matthew then went quicker on his next lap with a 29.879s going 0.108s quicker than Jonathan, as the heat progressed Matthew continued to go quicker eventually settling for a 29.707s.

The times set for each driver during the heats were as follows:

|                 |        |                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>Heat 1</b>   |        | <b>Heat 4</b>   |        |
| James Walker    | 29.904 | Archie Swinscoe | 29.766 |
| Matthew Roberts | 30.38  | Mark Richardson | 30.451 |
| Jacob Cunliffe  | 32.644 | Jacob Cunliffe  | 31.978 |
| <b>Heat 2</b>   |        | <b>Heat 5</b>   |        |
| Archie Swinscoe | 29.271 | James Walker    | 29.559 |
| Ethan Kaye      | 31.749 | Ethan Kaye      | 29.84  |
| Mark Richardson | 31.812 | Sam Pattison    | 30.328 |
| <b>Heat 3</b>   |        | <b>Heat 6</b>   |        |
| Sam Pattison    | 30.133 | Matthew Roberts | 29.707 |
| Jonathan Yates  | 32.405 | Jonathan Yates  | 29.987 |

The drivers quickest lap time from each heat were added together to give their best average lap time.

This rounds results were as follows;

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Session 1</b> | <b>Session 2</b> | <b>Avrg</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Archie Swinscoe | 29.271           | 29.766           | 29.52       |
| James Walker    | 29.904           | 29.559           | 29.73       |
| Matthew Roberts | 30.38            | 29.707           | 30.04       |
| Sam Pattison    | 30.133           | 30.328           | 30.23       |
| Ethan Kaye      | 31.749           | 29.84            | 30.79       |
| Mark Richardson | 31.812           | 30.451           | 31.13       |
| Jonathan Yates  | 32.405           | 29.987           | 31.2        |
| Jacob Cunliffe  | 32.644           | 31.978           | 32.31       |

So taking the win after setting a new track record in his first session was Archie, James took a well fought second with Matthew just beating Sam to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



**2<sup>nd</sup> James Walker    1<sup>st</sup> Archie Swinscoe    3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Walker**

So after a great opening round we look forward to what the 2012 formula bambino season will bring, don't forget the next round on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012

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