



Formula Bambino Round 3 - Saturday 10th March 2012

Proceedings started at 9am with a quick welcome to all drivers for round 3 of the 2012 season of formula bambino championship. This round we had had 11 drivers which meant a grand total of 6 heats of 4-3 drivers per heat.

Heat 1 – Saw a new arrival to formula Bambino Alex whipday alongside Jacob Cunliffe, Michael Burrows and Ethan Kaye. Michael Burrows got off to an early lead setting a time of 32.580s; Alex being a new comer to the championship took a few laps to find his feet but was still managing to compete for 1st position. As the heat progressed Jacob finally woke up and banked himself a 31.871 but he is still 0.400s off the pace of the fastest driver Michael who ended up as the quickest driver setting a 31.490s.

Heat 2 – Welcomed Logan and Connor to formula Bambino with their first attempt at trying to get on the top step of the podium, they were joined by Matthew Roberts and Mark Richardson out there on the track. Matthew set the pace early on with a 31.258s. During the session Mark Richardson was pushing to close the gap created by Mathew Roberts by setting a 31.673s but this only pushed Matthew harder who finished the heat in 1st position setting a best time of 30.969s.

Heat 3 – Saw just three drivers, Jonathon, Mackenzie and Sam. As they took to the track for their first session of the day, Jonathon straight away set the quickest time of 31.016s, Sam looked determined to not let Jonathon run away with it by improving his lap times nearly every lap and setting a 31.336 early on. Jonathon quickly responded to this and set the quickest time of the session with a 30.489. The constant battle between these two drivers continued as Sam pushed on to get a 30.570 but Jonathon finished the session in first place with the best time of the day so far with a 30.051s.

Heat 4 – was the start of the drivers second session, as Matthew, Michael, Connor and Alex took to the track, Matthew this time set the early pace of 30.284, which created a 2 second gap from the rest of the drivers out there on the track. Fighting for second and third positions for this heat were Michael and Connor who were both setting 32s lap times. New comer Alex was also setting good pace, setting his best time for the heat of 33.383, although he could not seem to match the times he got in his first run. Towards the end of the session Matthew kept pushing getting his best lap time of the day of a 30.062 and Michael secured his second position of the heat by getting a best time of 30.936.

Heat 5 – saw Jonathan, Sam, Jacob and Logan take to the track for their final session of the day, Sam was the fastest driver early on in the session with Jonathan only 0.500s behind, with Jacob only another 0.600s behind Jonathan. As the session progressed Jonathan did a good job of keeping up with Sam but also maintained a big enough gap in front of Jacob. As the heat came to a close it was Sam who was the fastest of the session getting a time of 29.818.

Heat 6 – was the final heat of the day and the final chance for three drivers to better their previous session time. Mackenzie set the early pace of 30.314s, Ethan kept good pace in 2nd just 0.400s off of Mackenzie's time. Mackenzie continued to get quicker by breaking into the 29s but this only encouraged Ethan and Mark to put their foot down. As the chequered flag fell it was Mackenzie who took the quickest time of 29.666s

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

Heat 1

Michael Burrows	31.490
Jacob Cunliffe	31.871
Ethan Kaye	31.975
Alex Whipday	32.228

Heat 4

Matthew Roberts	29.893
Michael Burrows	30.936
Connor Davies	32.122
Alex Whipday	33.383

Heat 2

Matthew Roberts	30.969
Mark Richardson	31.647
Logan Parker	32.097
Connor Davies	32.438

Heat 5

Sam Pattison	29.818
Jonathan Yates	30.075
Jacob Cunliffe	30.662
Logan Parker	31.088

Heat 3

Jonathon Yates	30.051
Sam Pattison	30.570
Mackenzie Keen	30.985

Heat 6

Mackenzie Keen	29.666
Ethan Kaye	30.118
Mark Richardson	30.634

The drivers quickest lap time from each heat were added together to give their best average lap time. They will be slightly different to the sheet given on the day due to a miss calculation but these results are final and correct.

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg	Points
Jonathan Yates	30.051	30.075	30.06	25
Sam Pattison	30.57	29.818	30.19	18
Mackenzie Keen	30.985	29.666	30.33	15
Matthew Roberts	30.969	29.983	30.48	12
Ethan Kaye	31.975	30.118	31.05	10
Mark Richardson	31.647	30.634	31.14	9
Michael Burrows	31.49	30.936	31.21	8
Jacob Cunliffe	31.871	30.662	31.27	7
Logan Parker	32.097	31.088	31.59	6
Connor Davies	32.438	32.122	32.28	5
Alex Whipday	32.228	33.383	32.81	4



So after one of the closest rounds this year, it was Jonathon who took the overall win with a quickest average of 30.06s, taking second place on consecutive rounds was Sam, with third place going to Mackenzie Keen.

2nd Sam Pattison 1st Jonathon Yates 3rd Mackenzie Keen

So after another great round of formula bambino's we look forward to what the rest of the 2012 formula bambino season will bring, don't forget the next round will be on 14th April 2012.

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