



Formula Bambino Round 5 - Saturday 12th May 2012

Proceedings started at 9am with a quick welcome to all drivers for round 5 of the 2012 season of formula bambino championship. This round we had 10 drivers which meant a grand total of 6 heats of 3-4 drivers per heat.

Heat 1 – saw Michael, Daneel and Cameron take to the track for the first session of the day, it was Michael who set the early pace of 31.692s. Cameron was just 2.9 sec behind in second. After 8 laps Dani jumped Cameron to take second place with a 34.454s lap time, then two laps later Cameron came back with a 34.072s. Michael continued to be the pace setter with a 31.617s. On lap 14 Cameron set a 33.694s taking him to within 2.099s of Michaels fastest time of 31.595s which a lap later Michael managed to better setting a 31.294s. Daneel continued to improve on his time lap by lap keeping within 0.3s of Cameron. As the clock counted down it was Michael who finished the heat with the quickest time of 31.022s, Daneel finished second with a 33.193s with Cameron very close behind with a 33.694s

Heat 2 – was the first outing for Jonathan, Logan, Sam and Matthew, it was Jonathan who took the early lead setting a 31.167s, this was just 0.078s ahead of Matthew Roberts with a 31.245s. After 5 laps there was just 0.609 second separating all four drivers. 7 laps in Jonathan bettered his time with a 30.933s. After 5 minutes of the session the gap between the drivers dropped to just 0.470s. Lap 11 saw Matthew Roberts set a 30.800 but then 2 laps later Jonathan came straight back with a 30.731s. as the clock ticked down it was Jonathan and Matthew who continued to exchange places, with every lap Sam and Logan continued to go quicker improving on their times chasing down Jonathan and Matthew. Lap 23 saw Matthew jump into the lead with a 30.374s a time he bettered 2 laps later with a 30.145s as the chequered flag fell it was Matthew who held on to take the win.

Heat 3 – saw Jacob, Ethan and Mackenzie hit the track for their first session of the day. It was Jacob who set the early pace of a 31.124s Mackenzie was only 0.357s behind until Jacob pulled a 30.712s out of the bag. On lap 9 Ethan found his groove and set 30.755s just 0.043s off of Jacobs pace. 12 laps in and Jacob bettered his time once again setting a 30.522s, this time continued to be improved over the next few laps. Ethan and Mackenzie had a great battle for 2nd place with just 0.001s separating their time at one point. On lap 17 Ethan found some extra beans and set a 30.493s taking him to within 0.133s of Jacobs best. After 23 laps Ethan managed to leap frog Jacob for first position and then 2 laps later Jacob responded with a 30.203s, as the clock ran out it was Jacob who managed to hold onto the win.

Heat 4 – was the start of everyone’s second sessions on track, this time it was Matthew, Sam, Daneel and Cameron seeing if they could better the time they set in their first session. Matthew set off into an early lead with a lap time of 30.030s. Sam was not too far behind with a 30.544s, Daneel was sitting comfortably in 3rd position with Cameron rounding off the pack in 4th place. As the laps continued all drivers improved with Sam getting ever faster taking time out of Matthews lead, after 18 laps the gap between Sam and Matthew was down to just 0.300s. On lap 24 Matthew managed to find some extra speed to break into the 29s lap times setting a 29.859s, Matthew managed to hold onto this lead taking the win for the heat.

Heat 5 – saw Jacob, Jonathan and Ethan hit the track for their final session of the day. Ethan set the early pace after 3 laps which Jonathan soon responded to setting a 30.008s, 7 laps in and Ethan managed to break into the 29s setting a 29.983s Jonathan came straight back with a 29.997 which wasn’t quite quick enough. Ethan must have sensed Jonathan was chasing him and responded by setting a 29.865s lap time. Jacob was doing a good job of staying with the lead pair by lapping in 30.082s just 0.217s off the leaders pace. Ethan not one to settle continued to push setting a 29.696s on lap 15. Jacob continued to push for the 29s lap time being just 0.082s off. Ethan again set another quick lap of 29.591s on lap 18. Jonathan continued to push and managed to better his time to 29.872s just 0.281s off of Ethan’s time. As the chequered flag fell it was Ethan who held onto the win with a 29.591s

Heat 6 – was the last heat of the day and the last chance for Logan, Mackenzie and Michael to better their first session time. Mackenzie set the early pace of 30.867s, after 8 laps Michael responded to set a 30.170s jumping 0.529s into the lead. For the next few laps the times stayed pretty even with no driver improving on there best time. On Lap 16 Mackenzie improved his best time but still couldn’t find the speed to knock Michael off of the top slot. On lap 18 Michael found some extra speed to set a 29.896s lap time. As the clock ticked away it was Michael who held onto the lead

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

Heat 1		Heat 4	
Michael Burrows	31.022	Matthew Roberts	29.859
Daneel Ullah-Khan	33.193	Sam Pattison	30.127
Cameron Prendergast	33.694	Daneel Ullah-Khan	31.611
		Cameron Prendergast	32.942
Heat 2		Heat 5	
Matthew Roberts	30.145	Ethan Kaye	29.591
Jonathan Yates	30.404	Jonathan Yates	29.872
Sam Pattison	30.630	Jacob Cunliffe	30.082
Logan Parker	31.389		
Heat 3		Heat 6	
Jacob Cunliffe	30.203	Michael Burrows	29.896
Ethan Kaye	30.215	Mackenzie Keen	30.654
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The drivers quickest lap time from each heat were added together to give their best average lap time.

This rounds results were as follows;

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg	Points
Ethan Kaye	30.215	29.591	29.9	25
Matthew Roberts	30.145	29.859	30	18
Jonathan Yates	30.404	29.872	30.14	15
Jacob Cunliffe	30.203	30.082	30.14	12
Sam Pattison	30.63	30.127	30.38	10
Michael Burrows	31.022	29.896	30.46	9
Mackenzie Keen	30.374	30.654	30.51	8
Logan Parker	31.389	30.936	31.16	7
Daneel Ullah-Khan	33.193	31.611	32.4	6
Cameron Prendergast	33.694	32.942	33.32	5

So after the closest round we have ever seen it was Ethan Kaye who took his first ever win, the returning Matthew Roberts finished in a very close second place. Third place was down to the wire with Jonathan Yates and Jacob Cunliffe finishing on the same average, the position was given to Jonathan as his best lap time was quicker than that of Jacobs but it was a great effort by both drivers.



2nd Matthew Roberts

1st Ethan Kaye

3rd Jonathan Yates

So after another great round of formula bambino's and possibly the closest finish we have ever seen it looks as though this year's formula bambino is going to be as hard to call as the Formula 1 championship, on that note we look forward to what the next round on the 9th June will bring

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