



## Formula Bambino Round 7 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Proceedings started at 9am with a quick welcome to all drivers for round 7 of the 2012 season of formula bambino championship. This round was already promising to be exciting as we introduced our brand new circuit layout to the 9 drivers taking part. A few of the drivers had been the night before for a quick practice but all drivers were starting the morning off on a pretty level playing field so we were excited to see who would be on the podium.

Heat 1 – saw Sahl, Logan and Sam take to the circuit for the first session of the day and the first session on the new circuit. It was Logan who set the early pace of 36.432s, Sam was just 0.270s off the pace with Sahl a further 1.6s behind. This pace said pretty consistent until lap 8 when Logan put in a 36.277s. Sam managed to improve on his time and closed the gap down to 0.064s until out of no where Logan found some extra beans and set 35.351s a time he went on to better the next lap round. Sahl was doing well on his first ever Formula Bambino round only being 2.559s off of the early pace. As the session continued it was Logan who remained the quickest driver with a time of 35.065s, Sam was holding on in second place just 0.129s behind. With the chequered flag it was Logan who took the fastest time for the heat of a 34.685s.

Heat 2 – was the first outing for Jacob, Ethan and Alex. After 3 laps it was Jacob who was setting the pace with a 35.408, Ethan responded straight away setting a 35.122s. Jacob came back at Ethan with a 35.205 but Ethan once again bettered his time breaking into the 34s lap times. Alex was doing a good job in 3<sup>rd</sup> consistently setting 35s lap times. After 10 laps Ethan managed to increase the gap between himself and Jacob to 0.334s. On lap 11 Jacob broke into the 34s lap times with a 34.861s which Ethan once again responded to with a 34.166s. Alex improved on his time with a 35.599s putting him just 1.118s behind Ethan's quickest time. With 4 minutes to go Ethan set a 34.022s putting him 0.543s ahead of everyone else. After 20 laps all drivers managed to break into the 34s lap times and were just 1.341s apart. As the chequered flag flew it was Ethan who set the quickest time of the session with a 33.625s

Heat 3 – this time it was Jonathan, Mackenzie and Michael taking to the track for their first session of the day. After just 2 laps it was Mackenzie who was setting the early pace with a 33.997s, Jonathan was just 0.157s off with a 34.154s and Michael was running in 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 36.329s. After 6 laps Mackenzie set a new lap record with a 33.368s. Jonathan and Michael were not going to let Mackenzie win the heat without a fight and were continuing to improve on their times with every lap. On lap 9 Jonathan set a 33.930 to which Mackenzie responded on the next lap with a 33.270s. Another new lap record, two laps later Mackenzie went even quicker with a 32.963s, Jonathan got the gap down to 0.966s by setting a 33.929 on lap 14, and Michael

improved on his time setting 34.187s. On lap 17 Michael managed to find a bit of extra speed to set a 33.852s putting him just 0.889s behind Mackenzie. As the clock got to zero and the chequered flag fell it was Mackenzie who held on to take the heat win with a 32.780s.

Heat 4 – saw the start of everyone's second heat, Logan was setting the early pace but after just 5 laps this changed to be Jacob on top, only 1.035s separated the drivers. Jacob continued to get quicker setting a 33.973s and then 2 laps later set a 33.811s. Logan was running well in second with a 34.464 just 0.653s behind Jacob. Sahl managed to improve on his first session time with a 35.008s. On lap 20 Logan improved on his time putting him just 0.425s behind Jacob. As the chequered flag flew it was Jacob who held on to take the heat win with his time of 33.811s.

Heat 5 – was the final session for Michael, Ethan and Sam all looking to improve on their previous session times, Michael set the pace early on with 34.461s Ethan was sitting in second 0.481s behind with Sam running in third 2 second of the lead pace. After 7 laps Michael managed to break into the 33 second times with a 33.527s, Ethan was still a bit behind with a 34.038s and Sam who was improving with every lap managed to set into 34.791s. Lap 11 saw Michael set a 32.903s lap time putting him a few 10ths off of the lap record. With 6 minutes to go it was still Michael in the lead 1.135s ahead of Ethan and a further 0.3s ahead of Sam. On lap 18 Ethan managed to break into the 33s with a 33.914s then the next lap round he went even quicker setting a 33.746 putting him 0.843s behind Michael. As the clock hit zero it was Michael who took the chequered with his time of 32.903s

Heat 6 – saw Jonathan, Alex and Mackenzie take to the track for the final session of the day all looking to improve on their previous times and hopefully achieve a podium position. Jonathan set the early pace with a 32.944s, after 9 laps Jonathan set the new lap record with a 32.659s and put himself 0.849s seconds ahead of Mackenzie. Alex improved on his first session time setting a 33.975 putting him just 1.316s behind Jonathan's quickest time. Lap 14 saw Jonathan go even faster 32.465s setting another lap record. Lap 17 Jonathan went even quicker with a 32.217 showing he was going to be fighting hard to make sure he got onto the podium, next lap round Jonathan set a 32.015 putting him 1.272 second ahead of anyone else. Mackenzie and Alex both continued to improve on their best times but unfortunately it wasn't enough and as the chequered flag flew it was Jonathan who held onto the heat win with a 32.015s

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

**Heat 1**

Logan Parker	34.685
Sam Gornall	35.194
Sahl Hussain	37.478

**Heat 4**

Jacob Cunliffe	34.565
Logan Parker	34.236
Sahl Hussain	34.997

**Heat 2**

Ethan Kaye	33.625
Jacob Cunliffe	34.565
Alex Whipday	34.995

**Heat 5**

Michael Burrows	32.903
Ethan Kaye	33.746
Sam Gornall	34.178

**Heat 3**

Mackenzie Keen	32.780
Michael Burrows	33.740
Jonathan Yates	33.894

**Heat 6**

Jonathan Yates	32.015
Mackenzie Keen	33.287
Alex Whipday	33.975

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>
Jonathan Yates	33.894	32.015	32.95
Mackenzie Keen	32.780	33.287	33.03
Michael Burrows	33.740	32.903	33.32
Ethan Kaye	33.625	33.746	33.69
Jacob Cunliffe	34.565	33.811	34.19
Logan Parker	34.685	34.236	34.46
Alex Whipday	34.995	33.975	34.49
Sam Gornall	35.194	34.178	34.69
Sahl Hussain	37.478	34.997	36.24

So taking the win with an average of 32.015s was Jonathan, Mackenzie came close in second place with Michael Burrows taking 3<sup>rd</sup> position in his last Formula Bambino round before he is 8 in August and moves up to juniors.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Mackenzie Keen    1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Yates    3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Burrows**

So another round down as we look towards the start of the summer holidays and with it round 8 taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

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