



Formula Bambino Round 8 - Saturday 11th August 2012

Proceedings started at 9am with a quick welcome to all drivers for round 8 of the 2012 season of formula bambino championship. This round was again promising some big action with a month of the new track layout we were looking forward to some record breaking times. This round we had 9 drivers taking part with a total of 6 heats.

Heat 1 – saw Logan, Jack and Sandro take to the track for the first session of the day, Logan set the early pace with a 36.503 after just 4 laps. As the session continued all drivers continued to get quicker. After 9 laps Logan set a 35.059 giving Jack and Sandro a lot of work to do to catch up. Lap 10 saw Sandro put in his quickest time of a 38.158, Jack found some extra speed on lap 13 and managed to set a 37.522s. Logan continued to better his lap time breaking into the 34 second barrier with a 34.654. Jack found another burst of speed setting a 36.568 on lap 15. On lap 19 a driver went for a spin at the top hair pin causing the yellow lights and flags to come out the marshals quickly recovered the driver and the track was back up to racing speed. As the clock reached zero it was Logan who held on for the heat win with his time of 34.654s

Heat 2 – this time it was Jonathan, James and Jenson hitting the track for their first session. Jonathan got into an early lead with a 33.880 putting him 4.3 seconds ahead of James who was sitting in second place with a 38.182. On Lap 5 Jenson set a quick lap moving him up into 2nd position 4.045 seconds behind Jonathans quickest. Two laps later Jenson went even quicker setting a 36.238 putting him just 2.606 seconds behind Jonathan. With 5 minutes off the session remaining all drivers continued to improve on their personal best. Jonathan stayed consistently in the 33s lap times looking like he was going to be in contention for a podium position. Jenson and James held their own in 2nd and 3rd places respectively but couldn't quite find the extra speed required to compete with Jonathan. As the chequered flag flew it was Jonathan with a 33.189s lap time who held onto the quickest heat time.

Heat 3 – saw Ethan, Jacob and Logan take to the track, Logan having already been out for one session hand the upper hand over the other two drivers. After 2 laps Ethan was the early pace setter breaking into the 33s lap times with a 33.719. Logan was sitting in 2nd position with his best time of 35.158s and Jacob in 3rd with a 36.074s. Lap 7 saw Logan improve on his time with a 34.914 putting him 1.337 behind Ethan. On Lap 10 all drivers improved on their times Ethan set a 33.385, Logan set a 34.588 and Jacob set a 35.105s, 3 laps later Ethan went even quicker setting a 33.070s. On lap 15 Jacob managed to break into the 34 second barrier with a 34.588 once there he managed to stay with the next few laps coming in around the 34.5 seconds then on lap 16 Jacob jumped ahead of Logan and into second place with a

34.395 putting him just 1.325s behind Ethan. On lap 22 Ethan went even quicker setting a 33.050s and Logan jumped back into second place with a 34.199. With a minute and a half to go Ethan went even quicker setting a 32.954s. Then the next lap round went even quicker with a 32.852. As the chequered flag fell it was this unbeatable time of Ethan's that helped him take the heat win.

Heat 4 – this time it was Mackenzie, Jack and Sandro taking to the track. Jack and Sandro were both out for their first session whilst Mackenzie was out for his first session of the day, this didn't put him at too much of a disadvantage with him getting straight into the 33 second lap times with a 33.103 after just 7 laps Mackenzie set a great time of 32.820s. On lap 8 Jack got confused when a blue flag was issued, due to the severity of the incident the decision was taken to issue him with a black flag so the marshals could explain the blue flag rule. Half way through the session it was still Mackenzie who was quickest with his time of 32.580, Jack was sitting comfortably in 2nd with a 35.089 and Sandro was running in third with a 38.145. On lap 13 Jack from no where managed to set a 34.879 moving him 2.5 seconds behind Mackenzie. On Lap 19 Mackenzie once again improved on his time by setting a 32.349 looking likely that today he was going to be unbeatable. As the clock hit zero it was Mackenzie who held on to win the heat with his quick time of 32.149s

Heat 5 – the penultimate heat saw Jenson, Jonathan and Jacob take to the track for their final heat of the day all looking to improve on the first heat. After 4 laps Jonathan was already down into the 33s. On Lap 7 Jonathan set a 32.995 putting him 1.5 seconds ahead of Jacob. Lap 10 saw all drivers improve with Jonathan setting a 32.578, Jacob 34.169 and Jenson a 35.010. Lap 16 saw Jenson improve on his time with a 34.723s. On lap 17 Jacob set his quickest time of the day so far of a 33.725 putting him just 1.147s behind Jonathan. Jacob went even quicker on lap 23 closing the gap on Jonathan to just 0.915 seconds Jonathan must have sensed this as on lap 25 he managed to pull a 32.482s lap out of the bag. As the session ended it was this 32.482 of Jonathans that helped him hang onto the heat win.

Heat 6 – as the last heat of the day took to the track it was still all to play for with the final podium positions about to be decided the pressure was really on. Ethan was the early pace setter but only just by 0.195s ahead of Mackenzie. Lap 4 saw Mackenzie take the lead with a 33.047 putting him just 0.099s ahead of Ethan. James was doing a good job down in 3rd lapping in the 35s. On lap 7 out of no where Mackenzie managed a 32.453s Ethan came straight back setting a 33.067 keeping him just 0.614s behind. On lap 14 Ethan found a bit more pace setting a 33.006 putting him to just 0.553 behind Mackenzie. James was still doing well down in 3rd with his time of a 35.438s. On lap 18 Mackenzie went even quicker setting a 32.210s stretching out his lead over Ethan to 0.796s. James managed to improve on his time with a 34.882s. As the clock counted down and the chequered flag flew it was Mackenzie who held on to the win with his time of 32.210s

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

Heat 1

Logan Parker 34.654
 Jack Haycock 36.387
 Sandro Ballesteros 38.158

Heat 4

Mackenzie Keen 32.148
 Jack Haycock 34.879
 Sandro Ballesteros 37.246

Heat 2

Jonathan Yates 33.189
 Jenson Turnbull 35.181
 James Sciarrillo 36.401

Heat 5

Jonathan Yates 32.482
 Jacob Cunliffe 33.493
 Jenson Turnbull 34.723

Heat 3

Ethan Kaye 32.852
 Logan Parker 33.948
 Jacob Cunliffe 34.395

Heat 6

Mackenzie Keen 32.210
 Ethan Kaye 33.006
 James Sciarrillo 34.882

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

The results this round were as follows;

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg
Mackenzie Keen	32.148	32.210	32.18
Jonathan Yates	33.189	32.482	32.84
Ethan Kaye	32.852	33.006	32.93
Jacob Cunliffe	34.395	33.493	33.94
Logan Parker	34.654	33.948	34.3
Jenson Turnbull	35.181	34.723	34.95
Jack Haycock	36.387	34.879	35.63
James Sciarrillo	36.401	34.882	35.64
Sandro Ballesteros	38.158	37.246	37.7

Taking the win for this round with the quickest average of 32.18 seconds was Mackenzie Keen, 2nd place went to Jonathan Yates with the last podium position going to Ethan Kaye.



2nd Jonathan Yates 1st Mackenzie Keen 3rd Ethan Kaye

So after another nail biting round of Formula Bambino's great opening round we look forward to see who will be taking to the podium at the next round on Saturday 8th September 2012

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