



Round 7

Most drivers must have taken a mid season break for their holidays as we had fewer numbers for Round 7. The drivers that did turn up though had a surprise in store as the layout of the track had changed a few weeks prior. Some of the drivers had already taken the opportunity to practice on the track. To allow everyone to get to grips with the new layout, all drivers were given an extended practice for them to learn their new racing line.

Cadets

Heat 1

For the start of race one all drivers huddled in to the first hairpin. The new lay out proves to be a slow get away in to the first corner, but then opens up for the drivers to build their speed around the track. As all drivers take a tentative first corner Oliver Royer leaves his braking too late and causes an incident. As an advantage is gained from the contact a black flag is issued. Saul Robinson made a good start and quickly latched on to the back of Samuel Cunliffe. In the early stages Samuel was matching the race pace of Saul but was coming under increased pressure. Saul made his move on the second hairpin by out braking Samuel and placing his kart on the inside line. Saul moves up to first with a clean manoeuvre. Alex Baker also made up positions on the hairpins from being caught up in the incident on the opening lap managed to move up to 4th position. And Oliver Royer also making amends after his black flag at the start made up places to finish in 5th.

Heat 2

The field was once again mixed up for the start of the race. Jordan Cain managed to make an over take on Alex Baker to get in to 2nd place. Saul Robinson was also making his way through the field by first gaining a position on Samuel Cunliffe to move to 4th place. Then a few laps later did the exact same overtake on Alex Baker to seal 3rd place. Oliver Royer made amends for his first heat by leading the race from the start and took the chequered flag.

Heat 3

A good start from Saul Robinson had him jump a position to second place off the grid. And on the same lap made his signature move at hairpin two on the inside to take 1st place and

was now setting the race pace. Morgan Wroot was under pressure from Oliver Royer at the hairpins but his own mistake was what cost him a position on the track as he ran wide and left enough space on the apex of hairpin one for Oliver Royer to pass him. Ioan Evans was next up to take the pressure and the same mistake cost him his track position. We had one black flag issued to Jordan Cain in the closing stages as he caught the rear quarter of the kart in front to cause an incident. After serving the black flag he finished the race in fourth place.

Final

The final saw Saul Robinson qualify in pole position with Jordan Cain starting in second on the outside of the grid. Samuel Cunliffe as always made a good start to the race, quickly on to the throttle and got the jump on Jordan to sit in second place. Samuel chased down Saul as best he could but could only match the speed that Saul was setting. A black flag was issued to Alexander Baker for making contact on the rear of a driver to gain an advantage. After his stop-go penalty in the sin bin he rejoined the track in last place. Alex had enough time to make amends for his mistake and clawed back in to 5th position. Morgan Wroot and Ioan Evans were seen as back markers in the final third of the race but both did tremendously to not hold up the race leaders too much. Samuel Cunliffe lost 1 second to Saul Robinson as he made his way through traffic but Samuel had already started to drop slightly off Saul's pace and was losing a few tenths of a second every lap. Oliver Royer had a solid race in the final making up one position due to Alex Bakers black flag. Jordan Cain tried hard to match the pace of Samuel Cunliffe and Saul but found himself dropping away from them but still too a comfortable third place. Samuel took second place and Saul Robinson leading from the off took the victory.

Driver	Final Positions	Round Points (inc Heats)
Saul Robinson	1 st	58
Samuel Cunliffe	2 nd	53
Jordan Cain	3 rd	52
Oliver Royer	4 th	49
Alexander Baker	5 th	48
Morgan Wroot	6 th	39
Ioan Evans	7 th	37

Juniors

Heat 1

We had a physical start to race one but no casualties which allowed the race to flow. Brandon Bethell got his braking too late at hairpin 2 and made contact with the back of Andre Forrester. Andre held his position but the mistake cost Brandon a place to Kallum McBride. Andre made similar contact on Aaron Walsh but again Aaron kept his position this time Andre lost out to Kallum. Kallum made up two places to move to third due to the mistakes of the drivers in front. Robbie Mercer was pushing hard to keep up with the pack of drivers but was finding it difficult on the new track layout. Aaron Walsh managed to briefly get himself into the lead after Blair Henry ran wide off the bridge and Aaron took the inside line and gained the place. This only lasted until the next corner when slight contact was made by Blair as he tried to make an inside line overtake. After the race the footage was reviewed to see how much contact was made and whether it causes Aaron to alter his racing line. The footage showed the contact caused Aaron to have to take a wider line in to the hairpin which gave Blair the advantage to get the inside line overtake. A black flag was issued after the race and the position was given back so Aaron took the race win and Blair Henry took second.

Heat 2

Brandon Bethell made a position up at hairpin two when he got his kart on to the inside of Andre Forrester. Andre mustn't have expected Brandon to be there as he turned in and made contact. Andre came off the worst as he spun out and rejoined the race in last place. We had a red light incident moments later when Robbie Mercer lost control of his kart exiting the bridge. Andre was very close behind and couldn't do anything to avoid contact. The race was stopped to attend the drivers after a brief stop in play both were ready to get back underway. Kallum McBride led the race on the restart but the brief stop of the race must have cooled every ones tyres. When Brandon Bethell got in to the first hairpin he got his kart sideways and got spun by Aaron. This was a very difficult call to make but the decision was made to not issue Aaron with a black flag. As Brandon had his kart sideways on the apex of the corner he was not in full control and as he was losing momentum there was little Aaron could have done to avoid it. Brandon lost 3 positions due to the contact and rejoined down in fourth place. The race finished with Kallum in first Blair made up a place on Aaron and took second. Aaron Walsh finished third and Brandon Bethell fourth.

Heat 3

The race was more settled for heat 3. A close battle ensued between Blair Henry and Brandon Bethell. Blair first got an overtake on Brandon which finished with some side by side contact but the marshal deemed to be a fair overtake so the race continued. Brandon took his position back on hairpin three shortly after by making an inside line overtake.

Final

Kallum McBride qualified in pole position for the final and Aaron Walsh started second. Aaron made a good start and stopped the charge of Blair Henry off the line and held his position. Aaron applied the pressure on Kallum for the opening laps. Kallum made an uncharacteristic mistake when he locked up his brakes at hairpin one and lost his position. Aaron took the lead and Blair and Brandon Bethell took positions and were now the podium sitters. Blair was still on a charge though and had more than a second place finish in mind. Blair took his opportunity at hairpin three by getting on the inside of Aaron and making the pass. Blair set the pace in front and held off Aaron until the chequered flag went out.

Driver	Finishing Position	Round Points (inc Heats)
Blair Henry	1 st	55
Aaron Walsh	2 nd	56
Brandon Bethell	3 rd	49
Kallum McBride	4 th	55
Robert Mercer	5 th	42
Andre Forrester	6 th	43

