

## Round 2 – February 9th

### Cadets

#### Heat 1

A solid start to the race for Alexander Dorricott as he took second place from fourth on turn 2 of the first lap. Oliver Hallsworth and Brandon Miah were having a close fight but Oliver turned in on him through the middle section of the second lap and received a black flag. Kameron Khan was leading the way after 3 laps and continued to look strong as he powered towards the end of the heat. Alexander and Oliver Hallsworth were close behind as they approached the 7<sup>th</sup> lap, but Oliver span out and found himself plummeting down the order to seventh place with only one lap to go. Kameron Khan held fast and came in with the win over half a second in front of Alexander Dorricott in second place, with Connor Brown a further 5 seconds back in third place.

#### Heat 2

Oliver Simpkins powered off the line and held a commanding lead after the first lap. Jefferson Cardenas was having a shaky start and received a black flag for causing a pile-up at turn 4. Kai Mack span out at turn 5 from second place on his fourth lap, which resulted in him slipping down the order to third as he had to rely on a marshal to remove him from the kerb. Oliver Simpkins received a warning board for excessive kerbing. Although he still held the lead, he was playing a risky game. Cameron Burn span out of his own accord at turn 5 on the 6<sup>th</sup> lap. Lewis Harmer managed to chase down Oliver towards the final two laps and took the lead on the 6<sup>th</sup> lap to win by half a second, after starting in 5<sup>th</sup> and gradually climbing up the field to come in with a solid finish.

#### Heat 3

Ben Surtees-Wheat held the lead from the first corner but started to slip behind and ended up in fourth place at the end of the first lap. William Davidson led with Mikey Gleeson and Lewis Harmer in second and third. Lewis then managed to squeeze into second with Ben just behind. Mikey Gleeson slipped back to 5<sup>th</sup> place and began to struggle to maintain his racing lines through the middle section of the heat. Mikey then found some speed and looked to chase down the top places as he moved into fourth on the fourth lap. Lewis Harmer took the lead at turn 10 of the final lap but then William managed to squeeze past Lewis at turn 11 to just take the win as they crossed the line. Lewis came in marginally behind in second with Mikey Gleeson in a respectable third place.

#### Heat 4

Mikey and Connor Brown both jumped the line and were black flagged the next time they came around. Kameron found the track a little slippery and span out on both the first and second laps, resulting in him dropping to fifth place from second. Luke Richardson took advantage of the change in position due to black flags and found himself in first place as they approached the fourth lap, with Oliver Mooij just behind. Things held fairly steady through to the fifth lap when Luke Richardson span out at turn 3 and lost the lead. Oliver then took first place and Kameron had built some speed up again to get into third place. Oliver stayed strong and held a 2 second lead over Luke who was 8 seconds in front of Kameron. Luke was really pushing Oliver on the final lap and was really carrying

some speed as they both approached the final corners. Luke and Oliver were neck and neck through turn 11, but Luke just managed to sneak through and take the win by 0.012 seconds, an absolutely fantastic finish to an eventful heat. Kameron Khan was 9 seconds behind in third place, he should be happy with that finish after two spins earlier in the heat.

### Heat 5

Kai Mack led the way with Jefferson and Brandon chasing him down close behind. Alexander Dorricott gained two positions on the first lap with some excellent race craft. Jefferson then began to slip back and found himself in fourth place on the second lap, he then span out after coming through turn 9 too wide and dropped to the back. Alexander Dorricott then powered even further up the field and found himself in second place after 3 laps as he began to put pressure on Kai Mack towards the end of the heat. Oliver Simpkins was doing well as he managed to increase from 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place towards the final lap. Alexander was seriously fast and took the lead on the last lap and then the win, Kai Mack came in second and Oliver Simpkins in third.

### Heat 6

After a re-run of the start due to the grid being too spread we were underway, with Helen in first place only managing to maintain it until the 2<sup>nd</sup> corner when she span out. This left room for the other drivers to squeeze past and resulted in Oliver Hallsworth making the jump from fourth to first place before turn 4 of the opening lap. Lewis Harmer climbed into second and Jefferson in third place from last on the first lap as well. William took a place from Jefferson on the straight and then Jefferson fought right back and took him at turn 11 to regain third. Oliver then gained advantage by contact over Jefferson who then did it right back again afterwards, resulting in a warning flag for both drivers. Jefferson span out twice on the 5<sup>th</sup> lap resulting in him dropping to the bottom of the field. Oliver Hallsworth was building a lead out in front after 5 laps, William and Lewis were battling for second place as Lewis took William with a slick move through the inside of turn 10, but couldn't make it stick and William regained position on the final corner. An excellent race finishing with Oliver in first, William second and Lewis third.

### Heat 7

Reeza started in first place but ran wide on the kerb at turn 2 and dropped to third place, Helen Ballinger also moved into last place through turn 5 and onto the back straight. Cameron Burn span out and ended up at the back of the pack. Mikey Gleeson was performing very well and climbed into first place after 3 laps with only a fraction of a second between himself and Kameron Khan in second. Luke Richardson was behind Kameron in third after 4 laps but then moved to second with only a short time to go as the top three drivers were bunching up towards the final corner. Mikey couldn't hold on to his lead as they approached turn 11 on the final lap and span out, leaving room for Luke to take the win and Kameron came in hot on his tail to take second.

### Heat 8

Alexander led the way with Connor Brown in second place, they were both having a battle through the first lap as they changed position twice leaving Alexander still out in front. Kai Mack went sideways through turn 11 which left little room for Harry Winsor to get through and so he span out, leaving himself at the back of the pack. Alexander had built up a steady lead of 4 seconds as they approached the sixth lap, the heat had spread out and the drivers were set in their positions with

William and Luke the only close battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Connor then span out at turn 10 on the final lap and blew his race position to finish in third place. Alexander took the win by 5 seconds, whilst William came in second place behind him.

## C Final

Cameron Jewell started first in this C Final; Helen Ballinger jumped the line from second place to move into first. She would have received a black flag but span out and penalised herself as she fell to the back, resulting in a warning flag. You must remember that the top driver from this final would progress into the B final and have another chance at going for the main prize. Cameron Jewell was having a scorcher of a race and managed to push ahead with an 18 second gap over second place! Brandon Miah and Jefferson Cardenas came in second and third, unlucky this time but this could give them motivation to perform better next month!

## B Final

Oliver Simpkins held pole position in the B Final with Kai Mack in second and Connor Brown in third. Kai and Mikey (fourth place start) both jumped the line and crossed in front of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, this resulted in a black flag drive-through penalty. Cameron Jewell, the C Final winner, found himself with some quick lap times and was in third position after 3 laps, the top two drivers then came in for their black flags and Cameron moved into first place! A fantastic performance from Cameron which could see him progress into the A final, this would be a fairy-tale ending should he manage to do so. And he did – an amazing finish to an exciting final.

## A Final

Alexander Dorricott led the way followed by William Davidson and Luke Richardson. Cameron Jewell was having a storming round as he made his way into fourth position after not only starting at the bottom of this final, but also winning the B final after he progressed from the C final beforehand! Alexander was building a steady lead throughout the first half of the final, as his closest competition William Davidson slipped out of the podium positions. Luke Richardson and Kameron Khan made the most of this opportunity and seized 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. But at the end of the final it was a clear win for Alexander with a 7 second lead, Luke Richardson followed in second and Kameron Khan in third.



## Juniors

### Heat 1

Archie Forber started well moving from third to second on turn 4 of the first lap. Tyler Fossey dropped from first to sixth place on turn two of the same lap after spinning out. Archie then moved into first place with Dean Thomas only 0.9 seconds behind him after 2 laps, Toby Goodman and Levi Anderson were giving chase as they approached the start/finish line. Dean Thomas then had a collision with another driver and waited to let him back through, causing them both to lose position. During this time on the fourth lap Levi Anderson and Toby Goodman seized the opportunity to move through and take second and third places, although they were still over five seconds behind the leader as they approached the final lap. Levi managed to close the gap slightly between himself and Archie, but Archie held strong and took the win by a gap of 3.4 seconds. Toby Goodman finished a further 2 seconds behind Levi in third position.

### Heat 2

Levi Anderson jumped the line and received a black flag for his trouble. Charlie Lang also received a black flag for advantage by contact on Charlie Toes through the National section of the circuit, which would result in him dropping to last place after four laps. Benjamin Lewis was leading towards the end of the race with George Hucknall in second and Bailey Bateman in third. It finished this way after a fairly spread and even heat, especially through the last few laps. George finished 2 seconds behind as Benjamin was very steady throughout this heat.

### Heat 3

Dean Thomas, Charlie Lang and Benjamin Lewis held the lead through the first lap. Toby Goodman managed to take the lead from Dean on the bottom section of the circuit, whilst Tyler Fossey found himself moved towards the bottom of the grid at the same time. Toby was moving fast with Dean only 1 second behind as they entered the fourth lap, Archie Forber was in third place just behind. Charlie Lang spun multiple times and found himself at the bottom. Toby finished strongly in first, Dean Thomas in second and Archie Forber managed to hold onto third place.

### Heat 4

George, Matthew and Levi led the drivers in the penultimate junior heat, Levi was getting slightly too aggressive through the first corner and received a no bumping warning board. Charlie Lang continued his streak of spinning in this round and lost it on the first lap to drop to last place. Levi took first place on lap 2 on the first lap after taking position on the final corner. George Hucknall fought back though and took first back from him after 3 laps, Levi did not give up though and continued to fight back and moved past him again to speed back into first! Matthew Tubby was holding steady in third place showing some excellent driving skill on a slippery circuit. Levi was first going into the final corner on the last lap with George almost level with him, Levi then left him space to come through but George turned in on him and caused Levi to spin, resulting in a black flag for George and him finishing at the bottom of the grid. Levi came in first, Matthew second and Bailey in third.

## Heat 5

Toby Goodman, Archie Forber and Matthew were top of the grid for the final heat. Matthew lost third place to George Hucknall and then continued to slide down the field as he struggled to find any grip or speed out on the circuit. Toby Goodman and Archie Forber had less than 1.5 seconds between them at the top after 3 laps. Dean Thomas managed to find his way into third position with some smooth technique and fast lap times. Matthew had dropped to the bottom and didn't look like increasing his position with only one lap to go. Toby Goodman had pushed a 2.4 second gap to take the win, followed by Archie Forber and Dean Thomas in second and third respectively.

## Final

Toby Goodman, Archie Forber and Levi Anderson led the way in the junior final after performing well throughout the rest of the day. Archie was in luck as we hit midday and found some serious pace as he took the lead early from Toby Goodman. It looked like it was going to stay this way as the entire pack spread out and struggled to make any attempts to gain position. Levi was drifting back from behind and found himself lonely on the circuit in third place. As they approached the final lap all drivers had performed well and generally maintained position, but it ended up with Archie Forber taking the win with a fantastic performance, Toby came in second and Levi third place.

