



Formula Bambino Race Report Round 10 – Saturday 8th October 2011

Saturday 8th October saw round 10 of the Daytona Manchester Formula Bambino championship get underway. This month we had our best turn out to date with a huge 14 drivers taking part, which included 6 newcomers to the championship.

Proceedings started at 9.00am with a briefing to all drivers to explain how the championship worked and the format of the races. As the blue flag at the top of the circuit worked well, this has been continued and will be the norm from this point forward to give the drivers two overtaking opportunities per lap. After the briefing, the heats list was posted and the drivers for heat 1 were sent to the pit lane to get ready.

As always, the kart numbers were concealed and the timing screens were left turned off to keep everyone in suspense of the times being set.

Heat 1 saw Sam hit the track for the first session of the day he was joined by Daneel, Jacob and Connor for their first ever outing in the Formula bambino championship. All drivers got off to a good start, but a few laps in Jacob appeared to be struggling with his pedals, so was brought into the sin bin for some help and advise. Connor also had to take a trip to the sin bin, but this was after gaining an advantage by contact at the 2nd hairpin and knocking a driver out of the way. The session ended with Sam setting the fastest lap with a 31.938s

Heat 2 was the first outing of the day for Mark, Harry, Archie and Matthew and all drivers found the groove early on in the session and put some quick times in early on. Matthew and Archie appeared to be pretty evenly matched with each driver taking it in turn at being the quickest driver. In the end, Matthew just managed to take it by 1/10th second with a time of 31.099s.

Heat 3 saw Mackenzie hit the track joined by two new comers; James Almond and Harry Leitherland. Mackenzie set the early pace, whilst the other two drivers settled into the session. Mackenzie stayed quickest with a 30.985s laptime.

Heat 4 was James, Jonathan and Jack's first session of the day. James, having won last month, showed he meant business and was only going to settle for the gold trophy today. Jonathan and Jack both did a good job of trying to keep up with James, but he just had the edge over the other two drivers and went on to set a 30.312s laptime.

Heat 5 saw the start of the second session for each driver and up first was Matthew, Archie, Mark and Daneel. Once again Matthew and Archie were

proving a force to be reckoned with and charged ahead to put in the quickest lap times. This time it was Archie who set the quickest time of 30.083s.

Heat 6 was made up of all new drivers and after a pep talk from race control after his nervous first heat, Jacob looked like a completely different driver. Connor and Jack had a very close battle, which Jack went on to win with a 32.263s laptime.

Heat 7 saw Harry L, James A and Mackenzie take to the track for their final session. This time out, all of the drivers made an improvement over the first session by going quicker, but again it was Mackenzie who took the fastest time for the session with a 30.875s laptime.

Heat 8 was the last heat of the day and the final chance for the drivers to set a really quick time and with James, Sam, Jonathan and Harry G in the heat, it was promising to be a very quick session. We weren't let down. James had managed to find some extra speed from nowhere and beat the lap record he set at the last round in September. Not content with breaking his own record once, he then went on to break it a further 4 times to eventually settle on a 29.485s laptime.

All of our drivers performed brilliantly throughout the heats and a big well done goes to all of our newcomers, who really made an effort and showed that the next round promises to be even more competitive than this one.

The quickest time for each driver in their sessions was as follows:

Race 1

Sam Pattison	31.938
Connor Stretch	33.222
Daneel Ullah-Khan	33.466
Jacob Cunliffe	38.898

Race 2

Matthew Roberts	31.099
Archie Swinscoe	31.152
Mark Richardson	31.459
Harry Grindrod	32.953

Race 3

Mackenzie Keen	30.985
Harry Leitherland	32.772
James Almond	35.248

Race 4

James Walker	30.312
Jonathan Yates	31.055
Jack Dearnley	33.944

Race 5

Archie Swinscoe	30.083
Matthew Roberts	30.493
Mark Richardson	30.871
Daneel Ullah-Khan	32.496

Race 6

Jack Dearnley	32.263
Connor Stretch	32.754
Jacob Cunliffe	33.450

Race 7

Mackenzie Keen	30.875
Harry Leitherland	32.253
James Almond	33.452

Race 8

James Walker	29.485
Sam Pattison	30.510
Harry Grindrod	30.910
Jonathan Yates	30.993

The above lap times set by each driver were averaged to determine the fastest driver and therefore the winner for the day.

The overall results for the round look like this:

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg
James Walker	30.312	29.485	29.9
Archie Swinscoe	31.152	30.083	30.62
Matthew Roberts	31.099	30.493	30.8
Mackenzie Keen	30.985	30.875	30.93
Jonathan Yates	31.055	30.993	31.02
Mark Richardson	31.459	30.871	31.17
Sam Pattison	31.938	30.51	31.22
Harry Grindrod	32.953	30.910	31.93
Harry Leatherland	32.772	32.253	32.51
Daneel Ullah-Khan	33.466	32.496	32.98
Connor Stretch	33.222	32.754	32.99
Jack Dearnley	33.944	32.263	33.1
James Almond	35.248	33.452	34.35
Jacob Cunliffe	38.898	33.450	36.17

Taking the win with the fastest average lap time on the day of 29.9 was, James Walker, Archie Swinscoe finished in a very close 2nd Place and Matthew Roberts finished in a very close 3rd place.

So a big Congratulation goes out to our winners, and of course to all of the drivers who took part. We look forward to seeing you back for round 11 on the 12th November 2011.

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