



## **Formula Bambino Race Report Round 4 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April saw round 4 of the Daytona Manchester Formula Bambino championship get underway, this month we only had 9 drivers taking part but that didn't make the competition any less exciting as all drivers achieved some great times in the heats.

Proceedings started at the earlier time of 8.30am with drivers for heat 1 being called to the pit lane. The grids were randomly decided by the computer producing 6 heats in total with only 3 drivers per heat meaning there was plenty of space available on track for drivers to achieve fast lap times. Again this month the kart numbers were concealed and the timing screens were left turned off going forwards this will be the norm as it eliminates arguments over karts and also keeps the drivers and parents guessing on the results.

Heat 1 got off to a flying start with drivers putting in some quick times from the beginning, quickest time in the session went to James Walker who achieved a 29.967s.

Heat 2 drivers were all very close throughout the session taking it in turns to hold the quickest lap time in the end there was less than 4 tenths of a second separating the drivers with the fastest time of a 31.126 going to Nathan Cole

Heat 3 saw the only black flag of the event get issued to Cameron Hallows for ignoring 2 Blue flags, Cameron was brought into the sin bin for his penalty and then sent back under way, the quickest time for the heat was a 29.614 set by Ben Holden.

Heat 4 saw our first heat drivers hit the track again for their second session this time the drivers looked much more composed and they all managed to put in a quicker lap time than in the first session, James Walker was once again the quickest driver for the heat achieving a 29.554 second lap time.

Heat 5 once again saw very close times from all drivers the quickest time in the heat was put in by Sami Sheikh of a 30.671, Jonathan Yates and Nathan Cole set almost identical times of 31.342 & 31.362 seconds.

Heat 6 was the final session of the day and was the make or break moment for the last attempt at a podium position for the drivers. All 3 drivers bettered their times from the first heat with Matthew Roberts achieving his personal best laptime of a 29.595s. Ben Holden was the quickest driver for the heat achieving a 29.458s.

All drivers performed brilliantly throughout the heats showing the standard of driving is continuing to improve. The quickest time for each driver in their sessions was as follows:

**Race 1**

Tyler Cooke 31.900  
James Walker 29.967  
Ashley Hunter 31.048

**Race 2**

Sami Sheikh 31.237  
Nathan Cole 31.126  
Jonathan Yates 31.575

**Race 3**

Ben Holden 29.614  
Cameron Hallows 32.657  
Matthew Roberts 30.416

**Race 4**

Ashley Hunter 30.919  
James Walker 29.554  
Tyler Cooke 31.482

**Race 5**

Jonathan Yates 31.342  
Nathan Cole 31.362  
Sami Sheikh 30.671

**Race 6**

Matthew Roberts 29.595  
Cameron Hallows 31.323  
Ben Holden 29.458

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

Taking the win with the fastest average lap time on the day of 29.54 was Ben Holden, James Walker finished in a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matthew Roberts finished in a well deserved 3<sup>rd</sup> place after achieving his personal best ever time in his second session.

The overall results for the round look like this:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Avrg</b>
Ben Holden	29.614	29.458	29.54
James Walker	29.967	29.554	29.76
Matthew Roberts	30.416	29.595	30.01
Sami Sheikh	31.237	30.671	30.95
Ashley Hunter	31.048	30.919	30.98
Nathan Cole	31.126	31.362	31.24
Jonathan Yates	31.575	31.342	31.46
Tyler Cooke	31.900	31.482	31.69
Cameron Hallows	32.657	31.323	31.99

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 5 on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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