



Formula Bambino Race Report Round 9 – Saturday 10th September 2011

Saturday 10th September saw round 9 of the Daytona Manchester Formula Bambino championship get underway, this month we had a great turn out of 8 drivers including one new comer to the championship Harry Grindrod.

Proceedings started at 9.00am with a quick refresher briefing of the format and how the championship worked, this month we trialled the use of Blue flags at the top end of the circuit making two overtaking opportunities per lap, I am pleased to say this was a complete success and this will now be used as a blue flagging point at every round and also at weekend practice sessions. 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 Nathan, James and Mackenzie hit the track for their first run of the day. The drivers took a few laps to settle into the session but once they had every lap produced a quicker time. Nathan and Mackenzie had a great battle for 2nd whilst James shot off into the distance to set the quickest time for the heat of a 30.539s

Heat 2 was the first outing for Archie, Sam and Harry, the session started well with all drivers finding the groove quickly, the only mishap being a brief spin at the bottom of the bridge by Sam but luckily he managed to keep going without too much lost time. Archie eventually went on to set the quickest time for the heat of a 31.100

Heat 3 only had two drivers taking part so this meant there was plenty of space available for some quick times. Jonathan set the pace early on breaking into 31s lap times after just 5 laps on track, this is how it would stay until the closing stages of the heat when Mark found a burst of speed to eventually set a 31.560s lap time which would go on to be the fastest time for the session.

Heat 4 saw the start of the second outing for each driver and proved to be the most competitive yet with two of our quickest drivers taking to the track at the same time. James set the early pace consistently in the 30s that the other drivers struggled to keep up with at the start, as the session progressed the other drivers settled down and put in very quick times however they just couldn't compete with James who went on to set a new lap record of 29.869s

Heat 5 was another closely fought battle with all 3 drivers settling into quick lap times from the start. After a spin during his first heat Sam looked

determined to better his time and got off to an early lead which he would maintain the whole way through, to take the quickest time of the heat of a 30.759s

Heat 6 was the last of the day and the last chance for Mackenzie and Mark to fight for a place on the podium. This time out Mark appeared to struggle and had a few moments where the back end got away from him, Mackenzie looked a lot happier and proved this but setting the quickest time of a 30.523s.

All drivers performed brilliantly throughout the heats with some really competitive times being set, by far some of the closest we have seen to date. This all goes to show the standard of driving is continuing to improve as the drivers experience increases.

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

Race 1

James Walker	30.539
Mackenzie Keen	32.152
Nathan Cole	32.386

Race 2

Archie Swinscoe	31.100
Harry Grindrod	32.506
Sam Pattison	32.855

Race 3

Mark Richardson	31.560
Jonathan Yates	31.784

Race 4

James Walker	29.869
Archie Swinscoe	30.433
Nathan Cole	31.510

Race 5

Sam Pattison	30.759
Jonathan Yates	31.013
Harry Grindrod	32.706

Race 6

Mackenzie Keen	30.523
Mark Richardson	31.862

The above 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 30.20 was, James Walker, Archie Swinscoe finished in a very close 2nd Place and Mackenzie Keen finished in a very close 3rd place.

The overall results for the round look like this:

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg
James Walker	30.539	29.869	30.20
Archie Swinscoe	31.100	30.433	30.77
Mackenzie Keen	32.152	30.523	31.34
Jonathan Yates	31.784	31.013	31.40
Mark Richardson	31.560	31.862	31.71
Sam Pattison	32.855	30.759	31.81
Nathan Cole	32.386	31.510	31.95
Harry Grindrod	32.506	32.706	32.61

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 10 on the 8th October 2011.

Nick Hughes
Championship Administrator



2nd Archie Swinscoe 1st James Walker 3rd Mackenzie Keen