



## Round 8 – August 9<sup>th</sup>

### Junior Heat 1

Archie Forber took the lead off the first rolling start of the afternoon and quickly built a lead, remarkably breaking his own International circuit lap record while doing so with a 1:08.953, and easily winning by 7 seconds over Dean Thomas and Ollie Ursell.

### Junior Heat 2

Liam Coleman started in first place in the second Junior International heat and managed to hold his lead for several laps, but wasn't able to increase the gap between himself and Ollie Ursell. The gap between the leading group and the chasing group increased as the two groups fought amongst themselves, but as soon as Ollie Ursell passed into first place he bolted and built a gap which no one was able to haul back in. As a result, the chasing group closed the gap to Coleman, allowing Archie Forber to pass and Ursell to take the chequered flag by seven seconds.

### Junior Heat 3

Ollie Ursell again took the lead, with the field staying relatively close together. Sam Dickins and Dean Thomas were only a few milliseconds apart, and Liam Coleman was in second place all over the back of Ursell but struggled to find a place to make a move stick. Ursell eventually finished just 0.1 seconds ahead of Coleman and two seconds from Forber to win his second heat out of three for the day.

### Junior Final

Ollie Ursell took pole position for the green flag of the final in front of Archie Forber and Dean Thomas. Positions remained unchanged after the first lap but seconds later Forber came through to first, as did Thomas a lap afterwards. Liam Coleman was penalised for an advantage by contact move on Ursell at turn 8, which dropped Ursell to the back of the field despite having looked untouchable in the heats. The time gaps between the drivers remained almost unchanged for the remainder of the race, with Forber taking first by 0.3 seconds in front of Dean Thomas and, after penalties were applied, Sam Dickins on the second and third steps of the podium.

### **Senior Heat 1**

Stuart Bennett controlled the field as the race started but dropped to fourth as Craig Murchison took the lead ahead of Tom Bush and Charlie Lang. A few drivers were run wide at the hairpins in the last sector of the track but for both no action was taken by officials as they were deemed to be racing incidents. Tom Bush took the lead from Murchison on the run out of the bottom end of the circuit, with the pair staying in their respective positions to the end and finishing 3 seconds apart.

### **Senior Heat 2**

James Ives held the lead from the start in front of Tyler Parslow and Steve Hannon, with the trio never more than a second apart. Slightly further back Thomas Knapton and Scott Taylor were slightly further back with less than a tenth of a second between them. James Ives never lost the lead, crossing the finish line a second in front of Tyler Parslow and another from Steve Hannon.

### **Senior Heat 3**

With Doug Willingale in the lead Yuri Burton had a dramatic spin at the quick left-hand turn 9 and dropped to the back. Steve Hannon made a similar mistake two laps later but managed to save his slide and avoid losing positions. Willingale put on an excellent defensive display to hold his lead, while Craig Murchison made his way quietly but efficiently to second place, at the expense of Daniel Russell – the three stayed within a second of each other until Willingale lost the lead at the last corner and started dropping down the standings, eventually finishing down in fifth. Murchison won the heat to set himself up for a good grid position for the final, managing to get two seconds over Russell.

### **Senior Final**

Craig Murchison led James Ives and Tom Bush past the green lights to start the last race of the day, with Tom Bush taking first place at the hairpin at turn 10. Charlie Fenton made his way to fourth and was challenging for the podium at the end of the third lap, with Ives struggling to hold him off. Steve Hannon was then penalised for an illegal overtake, which moved Thomas Knapton up to fifth place. The top three managed to separate themselves from Fenton, and towards the end Matthew Diemer and Stuart Bennett were also both handed penalties for illegal overtakes, excessive contact and some retaliation which put them both to the back end of the group. Wayne Robson managed to get past Fenton, and Bush took the chequered flag to seal his victory nine seconds from Daniel Russell and James Ives.