

Round 10 - October 11th

Cadets

Heat 1

Milo Pilfold started the first heat of the day from pole position and didn't ever look back, getting his morning off to a flying start by winning out over Fraser Brunton who was close behind, and Connor Brown who finished third with a slightly larger gap to the front two. The top three all finished significantly in front of the next driver, with an 8 second gap to Phillip Strauss and Kuba Wozniak behind them.

Heat 2

Boudewijn Long started in second place but got up to speed quicker as the race started and overtook first place and immediately started to build a gap as the rest of the drivers were preoccupied fighting each other for the other high-scoring positions – he easily took the win 9 seconds in front of Lewis Tyler, who was another second ahead of Ethan Callum Fannon.

Heat 3

Luca Perkins and Fraser Brunton occupied the front row for the race start, with Brunton taking the lead in the opening sequence of corners. Halfway through the heat Perkins had slipped to third and committed an advantage-by-contact trying to regain some places - despite knowing what he'd done Perkins was unable to surrender the place, and therefore his second place finish was nullified by the 5 place post-race penalty he received, which pushed Lewis Tyler up into second. Staying safely clear of the incidents behind him Brunton won by 18 seconds.

Heat 4

Connor Brown expertly jumped from second into first place off the start line, with Boudewijn Long also progressing through the field, climbing into second but not able to close the gap to Brown. Positions remained largely unchanged for the majority of the heat, with Brown taking the chequered flag 8 seconds ahead of Long and another 8 seconds from Jamie Rayson.

Heat 5

Despite some contact in the opening lap all drivers made it around the circuit unscathed, with the only significant change in position being Phillip Straus making his way into second place behind Amy Brunton. Brunton and Strauss were only a matter of kart lengths apart, with Milo Pilfold in third a second behind and looking to profit from any tangle between the top two. Despite the two not coming together Pilfold managed to overtake them anyway in the latter stages of the race and finished four seconds ahead of the pair as the chequered flag was waved.

Heat 6

Henry Treanor took first place from Sam Cole off the start line after starting in second, with Cole initially dropping to third but making it back past Phillip Strauss. The three drivers stayed within a second of each other for the whole race but no positions changed hands, Treanor winning and the group 9 seconds ahead of Joe Williams in fourth.

Heat 7

Reece Lomax was never challenged as he started in first and kept his place, moving six seconds away from the rest of the grid within a few laps; Kuba Wozniak made his way into second place but his lap-times were matched by those of Lomax and he wasn't able to eat into Lomax's lead. The pair finished the race in the same positions a few minutes later with a significant distance ahead of the next best driver.

Heat 8

As the heats began to come to a close Sam Wilson started on pole but didn't react to the lights as quickly as the drivers behind him, losing his first place to Fraser Brunton. Henry Treanor almost took three places at the end of the first lap at the turn ten hairpin but braked just a fraction too late and got a slow exit, undoing all his good work. Brunton stayed in the lead with Milo Pilfold just behind in second, slowly gaining but not able to do enough before time expired on the race, and Boudewijn Long in third.

Heat 9

Connor Brown started in the middle of the grid but was in first by the time he reached turn 5 in his last heat of the day, while Reeza Ansari was penalised for an advantage-by contact move on Callum Poulter, effectively dropping him to last. Kuba Wozniak kept himself in contention by staying right on Brown's rear end in second place; the heat was one of the closest of the day with Brown finishing just 0.050 seconds in front after Wozniak tried a late surge towards the finish line.

C Final

Early in the race Callum Poulter was penalised for a false start, with Luca Perkins taking first place and looking to progress to the next final. Reeza Ansari was in second for the opening portion of the race but span out after taking a bit too much kerb at turn 3 and unsettling the kart, dropping him to fourth place. Perkins wasn't overtaken and won a spot in the B Final, with Kallum Batts just missing out in second place.

B Final

Philip Strauss and Amy Brunton spent the race in a close battle, consistently crossing the timing line under half a second apart and leaving the remainder of the group, led by Jamie Rayson, far behind – Brunton was unlucky to not be able to make a move stick in the closing laps and therefore didn't win a place in the next final, meaning Strauss won and promoted himself to the A Final to give himself a

good chance of a strong haul of points from the round.

A Final

Fraser Brunton, Milo Pilfold and Boudewijn Long took the top three grid positions with Long losing out to Connor Brown on the opening lap. Kuba Wozniak was targeting a top-three finish after holding fourth place in the early section of the race but span out at the turn 10 hairpin and lost a lot of ground to the leaders, while as a result of an unscheduled pit stop Pilfold dropped out of the top 3, meaning Brown moved into second place. Brunton stayed in the lead and won the A Final, 2 seconds ahead of Brown and a large gap of 10 seconds from Phillip Strauss who put himself on the third step of the podium.

Juniors

Heat 1

Dylan Delorie started on pole but slipped down the order with William Davison taking his place. There was some bumping in the opening laps but this dissipated as the laps clocked up and the field spread out, with Davison maintaining his lead and floating 10 seconds ahead of Ben Mills and Oliver Hallsworth. The battle for second place went right to the end, with Hallsworth stealing Mills' place and finishing under half a second ahead; Davison extended his margin and won by 12 seconds.

Heat 2

Karmaine McWilliams and Max Cole took the top two grid slots for the second Junior heat, but the star of the show was Kameron Khan who started second from last and was in first place by the end of the first lap – he extended his lead to around 7 seconds before the chequered flag was shown after 9 laps, having never looked in any trouble once he'd put himself in first.

Heat 3

Oliver Hallsworth was warned for bumping after getting a touch too competitive but managed to move himself up to third place more cleanly a lap later. Tyler Fossey also received a warning after an illegal overtake after bumping another driver out of the way, but avoided a penalty by slowing and surrendering the place. At the front end of the field Connor Brown was running away with the lead, finishing 4 seconds ahead of Hallsworth who had taken second from Ben Mills on the penultimate lap.

Heat 4

Nat Thomas and Oliver Mooij were neck and neck for the lead for the opening laps but Connor Brown passed both in one corner, sweeping around turn 9 to clinch first place and winning his second consecutive heat, so he was clearly in contention for the top grid slot in the finals.

Heat 5

Oliver Hallsworth started first and remained there until the closing stages of the heat. There was some action further behind as Clarence Zwergunde collided with the tyre barriers on the exit of the turn 2/3 chicane and got stuck, briefly bringing out the yellow flags while he was recovered by marshals. With two laps to go Nat Thomas took first place off Hallsworth in the national sector of the track and never lost it, winning by a kart-length.

Heat 6

In a highly competitive grid Luke Richardson and Kameron Khan pulled away from the rest of the field off the start line, with Harrison Pughe just behind; later on in the heat however Pughe went too far while trying to pass Khan and made a clumsy move which saw Khan end up on the grass and in the tyre barriers – only able to re-join in sixth place which was a blow to his hopes of being at the top end of the qualifying spectrum – and earning Pughe a five place penalty. Steering clear of the incidents behind Richardson won by almost ten seconds.

B Final

Alfie Watts outbraked himself at turn 10 and went wide, almost losing a few places, with Jordan Greenaway doing the same thing a few laps later but being more unlucky and getting himself stuck. The race was relatively quiet at the front until it was turned on its head on the last lap, when after 12 laps the top three places were within half a second of each other going into the last sequence of corners but at the turn 10 hairpin Laurence Glockshuber knocked the leader, Max Cole, off the track – Glockshuber took the chequered flag but the decision was made immediately to apply a penalty, meaning Cole effectively finished first and moved up into the A Final.

A Final

Connor Brown started on pole position for the Junior National A Final and stayed there for all of the 13 laps, with Khan the next driver in the standings but significantly behind. The battle for the bottom two steps of the podium was very close, with Oliver Mooij and Luke Richardson in third and fourth. Khan couldn't close the gap to Brown but managed to consolidate his second place by pulling away from the pair on his rear bumper thanks to some fast laps, and Richardson managed to get past Mooij to get the final available trophy.