

Round 11 - November 8th

Cadets

Heat 1

The first heat of the day got underway with some spots of rain indicating that the weather was going to be a factor in proceedings for the final championship round of 2015. Reeza Ansari started on pole position in front of Amy Brunton, with the pair both dropping a place as Fraser Brunton made his way to the front and showed he had some good skill in slippery conditions. Kuba Wozniak made his way into second place at around the halfway point, sandwiching himself between the Brunton siblings with Fraser first and Amy third.

Heat 2

Ethan Callum Fannon took the first grid slot but lost his lead to Kallum Batts on the exit of turn 3 and then span out at the next corner trying slightly too hard to defend his position, with his time spent facing backwards dropping him to the back. Reece Lomax eased past Batts into first, with Sam Cole doing the exact same the next lap but unable to avoid understeering wide and allowing Batts back through into second. Lomax won the race with Cole squeezing past Batts on the final lap and finishing 5 seconds adrift.

Heat 3

With Connor Brown and Milo Pilfold just 11 points apart in the championship standings any races with both drivers in them were bound to be competitive. Before the start Jamie Rayson span out and by rule was forced to start from the back of the grid; once the heat got underway Pilfold shot up to second despite starting seventh and closed in on Brown who had been the pole-sitter but couldn't get close enough to pass, with the two separated by just half a second.

Heat 4

3 laps into the heat Mark Versallion was penalised five places for causing incidents at first turn 10 and then turn 1, and Joshua Griffiths locked his brakes, went straight on at turn 6 and got stuck, retiring a lap later. Fraser and Amy Brunton were again at the top of the standings in first and second, with Helen Ballinger half a lap behind but still taking third place.

Heat 5

Kyle Dunford and Jake Crofts took the front row of the grid, with Crofts losing out to several others on the opening lap. After several changes throughout the field Kuba Wozniak settled in first place, Joe Williams had second and Dunford keeping third. Wozniak built a significant gap and finished 8 seconds ahead of Williams, with Ethan Callum-Fannon third.

Heat 6

Nathan Street started on pole, with Milo Pilfold third and Connor Brown last, with Pilfold aiming to keep Brown well behind him to close the points gap. This wasn't to be as Pilfold half-span in the early stages of the first lap, dropping to sixth, with Brown able to take the lead by several kart-lengths. Pilfold was able to climb back up to third, finishing with Reece Lomax between him and Brown.

Heat 7

Joshua Griffiths made a good start from first, with Amy Brunton coming from last to second within the first lap and then getting past Griffiths on lap 4 to take the lead. Helen Ballinger put in another solid performance, finishing third, with Griffiths dropping to fourth and Kyle Dunford taking second place on a busy closing lap.

Heat 8

Reece Lomax took the lead early on and built a gap over Joe Williams and Jamie Rayson. Towards the end of the heat Sam Wilson committed an advantage-by-contact move at turn 4 but knew what he'd done wrong and immediately slowed to give the position back. With most of the field spread out Lomax won the heat, 4 seconds in front of Williams, and another 4 in front of Rayson.

Heat 9

William Treanor started on pole but lost out to Pilfold, Wozniak, and Brunton in the first corners, with Connor Brown in fourth, making the last heat of the day probably the most competitive. The latter stages of the race were intense as Brown overtook Wozniak in the middle sector of the track with three laps left; as the group went onto the last lap Wozniak had to take avoiding action as a backmarker span several feet in front of him at the high speed turn 1, and Brunton took first place at the last corner to secure the top spot from the qualifying heats.

C Final

Jake Crofts started on pole position with Sam Wilson in second; Wilson dropped to fifth after half-spinning out in the opening sector with Reeza Ansari climbing into first – after seven laps Lewis Tyler tangled with Ansari who had been trying to hold him off. Tyler was penalised for spinning Ansari out, and Tyler was also given a penalty for illegal blocking in the run up to him being spun out. Tyler took the chequered flag but this was nullified by the post-race penalty, meaning Jake Crofts won the heat to put himself in the B Final, with Nathan Street in second just missing out.

B Final

Helen Ballinger started in first after missing out on a place in the A Final by just one point, with Ethan Callum-Fannon and Sam Cole second and third on the same number of points after the heats. Kallum Batts made a move from fourth into first under braking into turn 10 that would have worked in the dry but because of the moist conditions caused Batts to drive straight on and lose a handful of

positions. Kyle Dunford rearranged the tyre barrier on the outside of turn 9 prompting yellow flags to be shown for about a lap. Ballinger held onto the top spot for most of the final but her hopes of the A final disappeared with 3 laps remaining as Henry Treanor took her around the outside of turn 3; she finished fourth with Treanor taking the rear grid slot for the A final.

A Final

Fraser Brunton took pole position for the final race of the day on the National track layout; as he was 86 points ahead of second placed Connor Brown he'd already secured the championship win but Brown had to keep Pilfold behind him to keep second. Brown kept his starting position of second place ahead of Pilfold, with Kuba Wozniak in fourth. Brunton underlined his championship win by easily building a gap over the rest of the grid, with positions remaining unchanged until Wozniak passed Pilfold with a lap left – fortunately for Pilfold, Wozniak appeared to run wide onto a damp patch and allowed him back through, meaning the top three was, as it has been several times in the 2015 season, Brunton, Brown and Pilfold.

Juniors

Heat 1

Championship leader Kameron Khan jumped from third to second place off the start but couldn't get past Nat Thomas for several laps despite getting alongside at several corners, he eventually got through at turn 2 by firmly but fairly holding his line and not allowing Thomas to stay alongside him without running wide. The two finished a second apart with William Davison spinning out from third place on the penultimate lap and allowing Max O'Shaughnessy through.

Heat 2

Oliver Mooij was handed the first penalty of the day, illegally making his way past two drivers by forcing his way through a non-existent gap at the turn 11 hairpin – the ruling was later appealed but wasn't reversed. Luke Richardson started the day 19 points behind Khan in the Championship standings; with Khan looking strong he would need a fair bit of luck to pass him in the table – Richardson did manage to make a good first impression by comfortably winning his first heat of the morning.

Heat 3

Kameron Khan put himself into first place within one lap after starting from sixth on the starting grid, with William Davison and Oscar Lancaster taking second and third, staying close throughout the heat but not able to reduce the deficit to Khan, who won by little under 5 seconds.

Heat 4

Brendan Sathees was investigated for a false start but cleared by officials as he didn't gain any

advantage, with Oliver Mooij making his way past him into first on the start/finish straight and leaving Max Cole in third. With two laps left Luke Richardson got past Max Cole around turn 9 but couldn't catch up to third.

Heat 5

William Davison did well to build a gap over Khan and keep him comfortably behind throughout the race, with Oscar Lancaster finishing by himself in third, and a close battle between Nat Thomas and Laurence Glockshuber developing through the heat as the pair repeatedly swapping positions, Thomas winning out to take fourth.

Heat 6

Luke Richardson, Oliver Mooij and Jordan Greenaway were the top three for the final Junior National heat of the season. Jordan Greenaway dropped to near the back of the field, not helped by Brendan Sathees pushing him out of the way at turn 10 – Sathees avoided a penalty by surrendering the position. Richardson and Mooij were still the top two five laps in, with Max Cole putting himself into third; positions were unchanged from there onwards until the chequered flag was shown, with Tyler Fossey fourth.

B Final

Max O'Shaughnessy took pole and was looking to put himself in contention for the sole spot left in the A Final, but dropped behind Harrison Pughe early on and also got overtaken by Laurence Glockshuber but recovered to second place. O'Shaughnessy almost managed to close up to Pughe but ran out of time, finishing 1.5 seconds adrift and allowing Pughe to progress to the A Final with Glockshuber in third.

A Final

Kameron Khan qualified on pole but, making an incredibly rare mistake, span out on the formation lap and was forced to start from last – with main championship rival Luke Richardson in second place it was a mistake that could have had a huge impact on the results of the 2015 season had Khan not been able to recover so well; he climbed to second place within 5 laps, helped by a penalty for a false start on Brendan Sathees. Richardson built a lead to separate himself from the rest of the field, but after Oliver Mooij passed into second place he closed the gap and overtook at the double-apex turn 5. Richardson managed to get the place back on the last lap, but with Khan finishing third, there was nothing more he could do to try and take first place in the Championship.