

Round 6 – June 14th

Cadets

Heat 1

The field spread out relatively evenly after the first grid start of the morning, with William Davison looking like he could be challenged but slipping away, winning by three seconds over Kallum Batts and Philip Strauss.

Heat 2

After being penalised in the final of the last round Fraser Brunton was consistently but cleanly gaining places throughout the race, and despite starting from last he made his way into first place – his move into second passing two other drivers at the penultimate corner was a highlight. Brunton was rewarded for his efforts with maximum points for his first race of the day, with Milo Pilfold trailing around a second behind him.

Heat 3

Ethan Callum Fannon started on pole but dropped to second as Kuba Wozniak got a better start and overtook him around turn 1. Kuba made full use of some aggressive jostling in the field behind him to pull away, and Boudewijn Long had a hair-raising moment as he seemingly outbraked himself at the hairpin but somehow managed to get his kart stopped and moved himself up two places – the next lap he made a similar move on William Treanor which, some argued, forced Treanor beyond the limits of the track - the incident prompted an investigation but no further action was taken. Wozniak defeated the rest of the field, the closest contender being Callum-Fannon nine seconds adrift.

Heat 4

There was a busy opening lap as multiple drivers were warned for contact, and pole-sitter Jake Crofts lost his first position as he ran wide near the end of the lap and dropped to third. Milo Pilfold took the lead from Connor Brown in the middle sector of the circuit, with the lead changing hands several times over the next lap and the win coming down to a race to the finish line under acceleration out of the last corner – Milo Pilfold winning by just 0.076 seconds.

Heat 5

The heat was relatively quiet until the closing laps, where the battle for second and third between Kuba Wozniak and Amy Brunton heated up after Amy managed to close the gap – it looked like Kuba had secured second place, but at the very last corner Amy outsprinted him to the finish line. Five seconds ahead Fraser Brunton secured a Brunton one-two, with a dominant and unchallenged performance in this heat.

Heat 6

Race stewards were kept busy and, as a result of advantage-by-contact manoeuvres by Ethan Callum Fannon and Bailey Morgan at turns 5 and 10 respectively, issued post-race penalties to both drivers. Despite having his victory assured because of Bailey's penalty Boudewijn Long underlined his dominance with a good move at the chicane at turns 2 and 3, taking the victory by just over a second.

Heat 7

The grid split into two groups for the duration of the race with the top four pulling away with ease. Luca Perkins was pressuring Sebastian Chodyko for third but got too carried away and span out on the exit of turn 9. Milo Pilfold scampered away from Philip Strauss to win the heat, with Strauss just 0.3 seconds ahead of Sebastian Chodyko.

Heat 8

Fraser Brunton started near the front of the grid as the lights went out and took first place from Henry Treanor on the run to the first corner. Joe Williams got a bad run out of the exit of the National sector and was left defenceless along the long back straight, losing several places due to his slower speed all along the straight. The middle sector of the circuit was briefly put under yellow flag conditions, instructing drivers to slow and stay in formation, to allow marshals to repair the tyre barriers safely after being hit by a driver further down the order. Brunton held on to first place ahead of Kuba Wozniak and Henry Treanor.

Heat 9

Boudewijn Long looked like he would be able to hold onto his lead from pole position but lost it to Connor Brown while trying to defend his place from Sebastian Chodyko. On the last lap Amy Brunton was judged to have committed an advantage-by-contact and was dropped 5 places in the heat results, while further ahead Connor Brown lead Long and Chodyko past the chequered flag.

C Final

Sam Wilson took pole position for the C Final, ahead of Helen Ballinger and Lewis Tyler. After an incident at turn two which saw a driver spin out and get hit by another oncoming driver the race was suspended with red flags to ensure the incident could be cleared safely. After the restart Lewis Tyler and William Treanor pushed into the top two places, each looking to move up to the B final, with Lewis holding on to be moved up to the next final.

B Final

Reece Lomax led Henry Treanor and Amy Brunton across the start line for the B Final, with the field spreading out relatively quickly. Amy moved up to second and stayed within half a second of Reece for much of the race, hoping for an opportunity to pass. Reece eventually succumbed to the pressure, losing his place to Amy but regaining it sweeping around the outside of turn 11 – despite a few more diving attempts under braking over the closing laps Amy just couldn't find a way past, leaving Lomax to win by just over 0.2 seconds.

A Final

Fraser Brunton took pole position after his excellent performances throughout the morning, with Connor Brown being warned on lap 1 for an excessively risky attempted overtake in the middle sector of the track. The top three of Brunton along with Kuba Wozniak and Milo Pilfold were in a league of their own, with the fastest lap of the morning being beaten several times – however the gaps between the drivers stayed unchanged, with Brunton winning 0.8 seconds in front of Pilfold, Wozniak rounding out the top three after being very close to Pilfold's rear bumper for much of the heat.

Juniors

Heat 1

Kameron Khan got his day off to a great start, producing a hard-fought but deserved win in the first junior heat of this championship round over Max Oshaughnessy by 0.085 seconds. Oliver Mooij in third had stayed close but locked his brakes at the turn 10 hairpin for a fraction of a second and went slightly wide, conceding a half-second gap that he couldn't win back.

Heat 2

Early in the race Oliver Hallsworth received a penalty for an excessively dangerous overtake at turn 6 which caused another driver to lose control and spin out, briefly bringing out the yellow caution flags in that track sector. Luke Richardson won the heat fairly easily ahead of Nat Thomas and Kai Mack, finishing 5 seconds ahead of the pair.

Heat 3

Oliver Willingale lost out on the second lap after three drivers tried to fit into a corner that only had space for two, with the incident being no-one's fault but dropping Willingale to the very bottom of the standings. Kameron Khan managed to squeeze himself through a gap between two karts under braking at turn 10, avoiding any contact but losing the places accelerating out of the corner. Max Oshaughnessy took the chequered flag ahead of Oscar Lancaster, who just managed to hold off Oliver Mooij by under a tenth of a second.

Heat 4

Kai Mack lost the lead from his start from pole position but regained the lead under braking on the entrance of turn 6, while Tyler Fossey was penalised for an advantage by contact. Several laps later Nat Thomas knocked Kai Mack out of the way for the lead on the first apex of turn 5, both losing out to Luke Richardson who took the victory. Nat Thomas was retrospectively demoted five places as a result of his offence, and dropped to seventh in the final race results.

Heat 5

Harrison Pughe, Kameron Khan and Oliver Mooij immediately separated themselves from the rest of the grid and set about fighting to determine the order of the top three. Redmond Kerr lost out as four drivers tried to go around the last corner side by side and got caught in the barrier on the inside of the corner, dropping to the rear of the pack. Pughe sealed his first win of the day, six seconds ahead of Khan and Mooij.

Heat 6

Oliver Hallsworth started in the lead and kept it, building a lead over Luke Richardson and Kai Mack. Clement Sauvan managed to round out the top three, moving past Kai on the last lap, but still five seconds behind race winner Hallsworth.

B Final

Clement Sauvan took the first placed grid slot ahead of Oscar Lancaster and Alfie Jeakins. Oliver Willingale was issued a first and final warning for heavy contact out of turn 5, and Oscar Lancaster was penalised for an illegal overtake at turn 10. Clement took a lights-to-flag win to seal his place in the A Final, four seconds ahead of Tom Dobson who quietly and efficiently picked off drivers ahead of him to move up, and Oscar Lancaster eight seconds behind.

A Final

Oliver Hallsworth took third place from Kameron Khan on the inside of turn 11. After investigating a first lap incident involving Harrison Pughe the race directors issued a penalty – they concluded that Pughe gained a place as a direct consequence of him making contact. Pughe's misfortunes continued as he was the victim of an advantage by contact from Oliver Hallsworth, for which Hallsworth was also penalised. Kameron Khan had made his way past race leader Hallsworth and took the victory by 8 seconds, Hallsworth losing second place to Luke Richardson early on the penultimate lap.