

## Round 8 - August 9th

### Cadets

#### Heat 1

For the first heat of the day Reeza Ansari started on pole position, with Connor Brown in the third grid slot looking like a favourite to come out on top at the end of the day after setting the new National Circuit lap record in the previous day's practice session. Brown met expectations by flying straight into the lead but got passed by Fraser Brunton a few laps later, finishing 1.7 seconds behind him as the chequered flag went out.

#### Heat 2

Sam Wilson started in first and kept his place for several laps until succumbing to pressure from behind him and being passed by Zach Walters and Kuba Wozniak, with Walters taking the lead from Wozniak on the second apex of the National sector of the track. Wozniak then made a rare mistake when he span at the turn 10 hairpin while trying to re-pass Walters and locking up his brakes, meaning he dropped to sixth and allowed Walters to comfortably take the victory ahead of Sam Wilson and Max Cole.

#### Heat 3

After the race start there were a few drivers reported for bumping, with a few splits in the field caused by drivers spinning out and forcing others to take avoiding action. Fraser Brunton again took the lead almost immediately and built a lead of eight seconds over Reece Lomax, which he maintained until the end, with Luca Perkins a further ten seconds behind Lomax.

#### Heat 4

Lewis Tyler's race suffered as soon as he started as he was penalised for a false start, moving off the start line as the lights were still red and gaining an advantage. The front of the grid for the fourth heat was highly competitive, with Zach Walters and Milo Pilfold separating themselves from Bailey Morgan in third place by six seconds while fighting for the lead, and Lewis Tyler and Kallum Batts scrapping for fourth and fifth. Pilfold took the chequered flag ahead of Walters by just a third of a second.

#### Heat 5

Connor Brown made his way straight to the front of the pack off the start but was seriously challenged in the opening laps by Kuba Wozniak – Wozniak had a look down the inside of turn 10 under braking, gained the place, but was undercut on the exit of the corner and conceded a two second gap to Brown which he never recovered. Lewis Tyler finished a further seven seconds behind Wozniak, just ahead of Reece Lomax.

## Heat 6

Amy Brunton and Luca Perkins locked out the front row of the grid for this heat, while Max Cole started in fourth and was hoping to challenge for a top place but span out at turn four and fell down the standings to sixth. Connor Brown made two identical moves around turn four on consecutive laps to move up to first, and held on to the win in front of Amy Brunton and Luca Perkins.

## Heat 7

There was a lot of contact on the opening laps, with several spins caused by drivers trying too hard to make overtakes stick, and the whole field was shown a warning board for bumping. Sebastian Chodyko had the race lead a few tenths of a seconds ahead of Milo Pilfold, who despite a desperate last-minute attempt at the last corner was unable to make his way into first, ending up finishing less than a kart-length behind Chodyko; Zach Walters finished third several seconds adrift of the leading pair.

## Heat 8

Max Cole took pole position for the penultimate cadet qualifying heat of the morning, with William Treanor being penalised five places for a jump start. Fraser Brunton and Kuba Wozniak made their way past Cole and were bumper-to-bumper for the majority of the race, at times crossing the timing loop only hundredths of a second apart. Wozniak wasn't able to pass Brunton but set a new lap record while chasing him, a 56.955, beating Connor Brown's time from Saturday practice.

## Heat 9

Milo Pilfold took the leading grid slot for the final cadet heat of the morning session, with Reece Lomax and Ethan Callum-Fannon in the following positions. Lomax had a better start and surged past Pilfold but couldn't hold it, with the pair swapping places throughout the following laps and allowing Sebastian Chodyko to close up right behind them. Amy Brunton got a better run onto the long back straight out of the National sector and took two places to move up to fourth place. Pilfold took an excessively defensive line at the last corner with three laps to go, letting Chodyko past, but after Chodyko ran wide at the low speed turn four he finished third with Pilfold just a tenth of a second ahead of Lomax.

## C Final

After points from the heats were totalled up, Jamie Rayson secured pole position for the first of the finals and was hoping to progress to the next final by holding his top spot in this one. William Treanor dented Rayson's hopes by diving down the inside of turn 10 but Rayson reclaimed his place undercutting Treanor on the entrance to turn 6, with Henry Treanor just 0.2 seconds behind his brother in third place. As the Treanors got closer, they started having to keep an eye on each other, allowing Rayson consolidate his lead, taking the win and putting himself at the back of the grid for the B Final.

## **B Final**

Max Cole started on pole but was outpaced by Amy Brunton on lap 1, then ran wide at the off-camber turn 4 to lose second to Bailey Morgan. Brunton accelerated away from the field with only Morgan able to stay close, the rest of the field nearly ten seconds behind the lead. On the penultimate lap of the circuit Kallum Batts was penalised for an illegal overtake in the turn 2/3 chicane, and Brunton effortlessly coasted to the win by 3.3 seconds over Bailey Morgan, Jamie Rayson slightly struggling another 15 seconds behind.

## **A Final**

Fraser Brunton started in first with his sister Amy in last after being promoted from the previous final, with Fraser holding his lead from Milo Pilfold and Connor Brown and Amy gaining three positions within the first two corners. Connor Brown appeared to run wide to concede third to Zach Walters, with Fraser Brunton and Pilfold trading places for first place. After half of the final the top three were separated by just 0.8 seconds. Unfortunately with two laps left Pilfold ran across the apex kerb at turn 6 slightly too aggressively while defending his line, unsettled the kart and span out, meaning he dropped to fifth. A lap later Fraser Brunton took the win, just under a second in front of Brown and three ahead of Wozniak.

## **Juniors**

### **Heat 1**

Shortly after the start lights went green the top three drivers escaped, with William Davison moving past Laurence Glockshuber for first place around turn 6. Tom Dobson spent his race trying to keep Oliver Willingale behind him and managed to do so, while Davison managed to pull away from Glockshuber to win by almost three seconds.

### **Heat 2**

The first penalty board of the day was issued to Oscar Ingle after he out-braked himself and contacted another driver, knocking him out of the way and illegally gaining the place. Luke Richardson took first place in the National sector. After being pushed wide and losing momentum on the first lap Nat Thomas had a strong race making his way up to fourth position. On the penultimate lap Kameron Khan managed to glide around the outside of turn 9, and held on to the lead ahead of Luke Richardson and Connor Brown.

### **Heat 3**

At the race start Donovan Kidd dropped down the grid as he was watching the pit lane rather than the lights and only realised the race had started a few seconds after everyone else. On the second lap Tom Dobson attempted an overtake on the inside of turn 10, but in going for a gap that was always going to disappear made contact, illegally took the place and was subsequently penalised. Harrison Pughe surged into the lead and managed to get away from Oliver Mooij by eight seconds, with Kai Mack just half a second behind in third.

## Heat 4

At the end of the first lap Tyler Fossey clumsily made contact with Connor Brown at the turn 10 hairpin and sent both drivers into a spin, but avoided being penalised by slowing down and surrendering the position meaning the two were dropped to the back of the group. Oliver Mooij took his place at the front end of the field, while Brown was making amends for his misfortune on lap 1 by out-accelerating several other drivers and moved up to the middle of the standings. Mooij won by five seconds over Luke Richardson, who just defended his place from Nat Thomas by 0.2 seconds.

## Heat 5

On the first lap Courtney Burton was issued a penalty for spinning out at turn 6 and then not re-joining safely, causing two others to spin out. Connor Brown again took his place in the upper tier of the heat, making an overtake stick on Kameron Khan with three laps to go, winning by over a second as the race concluded.

## Heat 6

Early in the race Laurence Glockshuber was penalised for an advantage-by-contact move at the turn 10 hairpin, while Kameron Khan took the lead of the race from Luke Richardson on the next lap at the same corner. Khan finished almost four seconds ahead after eight laps, with William Davison third almost managing to pass Richardson on a few occasions.

## B Final

Kai Mack and Oscar Lancaster locked out the first row of the grid for the first of the two Junior National finals, with Mack dropping from first to third and Tom Dobson benefiting. As soon as Lancaster won the lead he set about building an unbridgeable gap of four seconds, and Mack continued to drop down the standings as he was overtaken for third by Oliver Willingale. The chequered flag confirmed Lancaster's win, moving him to the A Final and leaving the others behind.

## A Final

Kameron Khan took first place on the grid as he'd performed stronger than anyone else in the morning heats but wasn't able to hold onto his first place, losing out to Oliver Mooij. William Davison won the lead from Mooij around turn 5 in the middle of the final, with Luke Richardson sliding into second at the bottom end of the circuit. After 12 laps Davison took the win for round 8 of the championship ahead of Luke Richardson and Oliver Mooij, both two seconds behind on the second and third steps of the podium.