

320 Challenge 2007

Race Report – Round 9

November 6th Buckmore Park

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Date 06/11/07
Track Conditions Cold
Race Fastest Lap 50.143
Drivers 13

Peter takes control in the Lights and Steve takes Standard.

Championship after R9

1	Steve Hall	785
2	Norman Kenvyn	764
3	Stuart Jones	731
4	Peter Sharp	705
5	Haydn Brown	675
6	Dave Austen	654
7	Alex Vincent	483
8	Lee Probert	415
9	Darren Pulen	341
10	Roy Sinclair	319
11	Matt Jones	257
12	Warren Jenchner	256
13	Bill Jennings	240
14	Alex Ratcliffe	236
15	John Bateman	223
16	Russell Crowe	164
17	John O'Brien	162
18	Hugo Bush	160
19	Tom Bowles	159
19	Tim Pryce-Davies	151
21	Jose Soler	151
22	Peter Massey	107
23	Monkey J Harris	89
24	Jason Sumner	84
25	Gerrard Hubbert	82
25	Chris Morton	82
27	Daren Wallbank	79
27	David Cocker	79
29	Jack O'Neil	78
29	Peter Martin	77
29	Gary Ager	77
29	Simon Beaney	77
29	Phil Rudd	77
29	Shaun O'Neill	77
33	Steve Bentley	77
36	Barry Holmes	75
36	Chris Nell	75
36	Scott Smith	75
36	Justin Towner	75
41	Kevin Donald	75
42	Guy Imray	74
43	Raymond Tannock	73
43	Clifford Garcka	73
43	Adam Kuzimski	73
46	Andy Cleaves	72
46	Lee Hawley	72
48	Richard Godden	70
49	Stuart Lilley	68
50	Lee Woods	67
51	Ben Woods	66
52	Andy Nunn	64
52	Dan French	64
54	David Cull	62
54	Eammon Reid	62

The penultimate round of the 320 Challenge and a cold night. Tonight was to be more of a group of friends getting together for a night out and then going to the bar!

After weigh-in and driver briefing, with a reverse of last months qualifying, two of the Lightweights on the front row of the grid. (L) Peter Sharp 1st and (L)Stuart Jones 2nd, (S) Dave Austen 3rd, (S) Steve Hall 4th, (S) Lee Probert 5th, (L) Haydn Brown 6th, (L) Shaun O'Neill 7th, (S) Bill Jennings 8th, (S) Norman Kenvyn 9th, (L) Darren Wallbank 10th, (L) Tom Bowles 11th, (S) Steve Bentley 12th and (S) Adam Kuzimski 13th.

Heat 1 and Peter Sharp held his 1st position as they bunched together, with Dave Austen squeezing past Stuart Jones closely followed by Steve Hall and Lee Probert. A close battle between Stuart and Dave. Stuart took the advantage of his svelte build in these dry conditions and held his position. As the heat continued Peter pulled away from the battling Stuart and Dave. Further down the grid an unfortunate contact with Lee Probert put Haydn Brown into 7th and this was not to be Norman Kenvyn's night.

At the chequered flag, Peter Sharp took a comfortable win 10 seconds ahead of Stuart Jones, Dave Austen 3rd, Lee Probert 4th, Steve Hall 5th, Haydn Brown 6th, Bill Jennings 7th, Daren Wallbank 8th, Norman Kenvyn 9th, Tom Bowles 10th, Shaun O'Neill 11th, Adam Kuzimski 12th and Steve Bentley.

Heat 2 and the Reverse Grid. The least experienced drivers at the front of the grid and the lights turn green!. Shaun O'Neill held his line with Daren Wallbank behind. Norman Kenvyn holding 3rd, Haydn Brown 4th. Peter Sharp already up to 6th from last on the grid.

As the drivers appeared for lap 3 at the start/finish line, The "Old Buck" himself had made his way to 2nd, with Shaun O'Neill still keeping Haydn behind him, even if he was sellotaped to his bumper! The unfortunate Adam Kuzimski decided to see the track from a panoramic perspective by doing a 360 spin. A very steady heat with little movement after the initial 10 laps.

Round 8 Race Result

1	Peter Sharp	1 st	Light
2	Haydn Brown	2 nd	Light
3	Steve Hall	1 st	Standard
4	Dave Austen	2 nd	Standard
5	Lee Probert	3 rd	Standard
6	Stuart Jones	3 rd	Light
7	Bill Jennings		Standard
8	Daren Wallbank		Light
9	Tom Bowles		Light
10	Shaun O'Neill		Light
11	Steve Bentley		Standard
12	Norman Kenvyn		Standard
13	Adam Kuzimski		Standard

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As the chequered flag fell for the end of heat 2, Haydn Brown took the win, 7 seconds ahead of Peter Sharp 2nd, Steve Hall 3rd, Dave Austen 4th, Stuart Jones 5th, Lee Probert 6th, Bill Jennings 7th, Shaun O'Neill 8th, Daren Wallbank 9th, Steve Bentley 10th, Tom Bowles 11th, Norman Kenvyn 12th and Adam Kuzimski 13th.

The final heat and points added together and we have a two-way tie for each of the first three rows of the grid. A mixture of Light and Standard drivers. Peter Sharp takes pole and Dave Austen 2nd, Haydn Brown 3rd and Steve Hall 4th, Lee Probert 5th and Stuart Jones 6th - all sorted by previous lap times. Bill Jennings 7th, Daren Wallbank 8th, Shaun O'Neill 9th, Norman Kenvyn 10th, Tom Bowles 11th, Steve Bentley 12th and Adam Kuzimski 13th.

A great start to heat 3, with Peter Sharp 1st, Haydn Brown 2nd, Dave Austen 3rd and Stuart 4th. Norman Kenvyn changing kart on the first lap after a mechanical problem, but he rejoined the heat and continued to work his way up the grid. Half way through the heat and Haydn had now taken the lead, with Peter "up his exhaust!". Norman was making his way up the grid to 8th. As the time ticked away and we reached the last lap, a call from the marshal at post 6 that two karts were "cosily" locked together. Oh no! Norman Kenvyn and Bill Jennings. The two "Old Pros" who have raced together for years took it in great part, discussing who was getting the drinks in whilst waiting for the pit crew to retrieve them. Great sportsmanship!

After all the points for the 3 heats were added the final winners were again divided by the fast lap. The first 4 drivers on the same points and the next 2 drivers on the same points. "Lightweight Class" - Peter Sharp 1st, Haydn Brown 2nd, Stuart Jones 3rd, Daren Wallbank 4th, Tom Bowles 5th, and Shaun O'Neill 6th. "Standard Class" - Steve Hall 1st, Dave Austen 2nd, Lee Probert 3rd, Bill Jennings 4th, Steve Bentley 5th, Norman Kenvyn 6th and Adam Kuzimski 7th. A great, close night of racing which is shown by the points and NO black flags.

We award the "Driver of the Day" to Norman Kenvyn who persevered and continued to race after a bad start which got worse as the evening progressed but he didn't give up and he bought the drinks!

Steve Hall is still leading the 2007 Championship with 785 points after R9 and with the unique scoring system of only one championship but two classes per round; driver can alternate in the weight classes as they have this month. (best 9 out of 10 rounds)



Lightweight Podium
Stuart Jones, Peter Sharp
& Haydn Brown



Driver of the day
Norman Kenvyn



Standard Podium
Steve Hall, Lee Probert &
Dave Austen

We look forward to seeing you for Round 10 on Tuesday 4th December 2007

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