



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 04.03.08 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION COLD > DRIVERS 16
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD LEE PROBERT 51.500 – LIGHT GLENN MARRISON 50.107

We welcome everyone to round 1 of the 320 Championship, same rules, same format but using the Prokarts.

Race Director Chris Pullman had again kindly stepped into the breach to start off the season, as Phil Ling was on his way back from Oz. The weather was dry but very cold, so thermals were the order of the day!

The 320 Challenge is split into two classes in each round, but one overall championship. Signing on completed and the weights taken, some over-doing the Christmas Pud!

Driver briefing over and down for the 10 minute practice/qualifying session. Within the first 5 laps the regular drivers were all into the top 10 places.

(#denotes – Standard Class)

A time of 50.511 on the last lap of practice put #Steve Hall on Pole, with Glenn Marrison 2nd, Stuart Jones 3rd, #Lee Probert 4th, #Bill Jennings 5th, Peter Sharp 6th, Matt Allen 7th, Jamie Scoging 8th, #Dave Austen 9th, Andy Paton 10th, #Norman Kenvyn 11th, Chris Roy 12th, #Paul Lancaster 13th, Karl Martinez 14th, #Steve Bentley 15th, and Tom Knight 16th.

As the lights went green on the first of the 20 minute races, Stormin Norman took the lead, closely followed by Stuart Jones. Everyone round except Andy Paton who was helped to a 180 degree turn facing 15 karts, but what superb driving not one of them touched him – he wasn't the only one with his eyes closed, so were most of Race Control !!

Half way through the first heat and all change again. Glenn Marrison had pulled away for a 14 second lead, with #Lee Probert behind and Jamie Scoging leading the rest of the pack. A deep in take of breath as #Steve Hall was touched coming up around Café Curve sending him spinning. As he braced himself for an impact of those coming up the hill again the excellent driving skills and marshalling saw him pull away unscathed!

On the last lap of heat 1, #Lee Probert took the win from Glenn Marrison who had lead for over 20 laps of the race. Jamie Scogings 3rd, #Steve Hall making a great recovery upto 4th, #Dave Austen 5th, Peter Sharp 6th, #Bill Jennings 7th, Stuart Jones 8th, Matt Allen 9th, #Norman Kenvyn relegated to 10th after losing power, Paul Lancaster 11th, Karl Martinez 12th, #Steve Bentley 13th, Andy Paton 14th, Chris Roy 15th, and Tom Knight 16th. A comment from the Race Director, almost the perfect heat until the last lap when Steve Bentley got the only contact of the race.

Heat 2 and the reverse grid. Always "Entertaining" especially on the first corner when fastest person is at the back and knows they should be first! Lights to green and all round safely. Chris Roy taking the lead. As we reached the half way point of heat 2, Glenn Marrison had again taken the lead, with Chris Roy 2nd, and #Norman Kenvyn having a better start into 3rd. Unfortunately Dave Austen was called into the pits for a mechanical defect as his exhaust was making quite a noise.

As heat 2 came to a close, Glenn Marrison kept the lead to cross the line in 1st, #Norman Kenvyn 2nd, Peter Sharp 3rd, Stuart Jones 4th, #Paul Lancaster 5th, Tom Knight 6th, #Steve Hall 7th, Andy Paton 8th, Jamie Scoging 9th, #Lee Probert 10th, Matt Allen 11th, Karl Martinez 12th, Chris Roy 13th, #Dave Austen 14th, #Bill Jennings 15th and Steve Bentley 16th.

Time for a short break and as we added up the results for the last race giving the drivers time for a quick "rest room" break and mouthful of tea.

Points for the first 2 heats added, and Glenn Marrison takes Pole with Peter Sharp 2nd on the grid, #Lee Probert first of the Standard weight in 3rd, #Steve Hall 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th, Stuart Jones 6th, Jamie Scoging 7th, #Dave Austen 8th, #Paul Lancaster 9th, #Bill Jennings 10th, Andy Paton 11th, Matt Allen 12th, Tom Knight 13th, Karl Martinez 14th, #Steve Bentley 15th and Chris Roy 16th.

For the final time tonight 3 – 2 – 1 go, lights go to green. Glenn Marrison on a mission takes control with all 16 drivers behind, the first 9 drivers not changing places for the entire heat. 3 seconds separating the first 5 drivers, Glenn, Jamie, Peter, #Lee and Stuart.

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As the time ticked away and the chequered flag came out from Race Control, Glenn Marrison took the win and the fastest lap of 50.107 with Jamie Scoging in 2nd, 0.92 seconds behind, Peter Sharp 3rd, #Lee Probert 4th, Stuart Jones 5th, #Steve Hall 6th, #Bill Jennings 7th, Tom Knight 8th, #Norman Kenvyn 9th, Karl Martinez 10th, #Steve Bentley 11th, Chris Roy 12th, Matt Allen 13th, Andy Paton 14th, #Paul Lancaster 15th, and #Dave Austen 16th.

For the final time tonight the points are added together to find the final places for both the Lightweight and Standard Weight Classes.

Lightweight Class - 1st Glenn Marrison, 2nd Peter Sharp, 3rd Jamie Scoging, 4th Stuart Jones, 5th Tom Knight, 6th Matt Allen, 7th Karl Martinez, 8th Andy Paton, and 9th Chris Roy.

Standard Weight - 1st #Lee Probert, 2nd #Steve Hall, 3rd #Norman Kenvyn, 4th #Bill Jennings, 5th #Paul Lancaster, 6th #Dave Austen and 7th #Steve Bentley.

We look forward to seeing you for round 2 on Tuesday 1st April 2008

ROUND 1 RACE RESULT

STANDARD CLASS

- 1 Lee Probert
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 Norman Kenvyn
- 4 Bill Jennings
- 5 Paul Lancaster
- 6 Dave Austen
- 7 Steve Bentley

ROUND 1 RACE RESULT

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Glenn Marrison
- 2 Peter Sharp
- 3 Jamie Scoging
- 4 Stuart Jones
- 5 Tom Knight
- 6 Matt Allen
- 7 Karl Martinez
- 8 Andy Paton
- 9 Chris Roy

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R1

STANDARD CLASS

1	Glenn Marrison	90
2	Lee Probert	87
3	Peter Sharp	85
4	Steve Hall	84
5	Norman Kenvyn	83
5	Jamie Scoging	83
7	Stuart Jones	82
8	Bill Jennings	80
9	Paul Lancaster	79
10	Dave Austen	78
11	Tom Knight	75
12	Steve Bentley	74
13	Matt Allen	73
14	Karl Martinez	73
15	Andy Paton	72
16	Chris Roy	69



Lightweight Podium
Jamie, Glenn & Peter



Driver of the day
Jamie Scoging



Standard weight Podium
Steve, Lee & Norman