



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 02.09.08 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DAMP > DRIVERS 35
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD STEVE HALL 51.880 – LIGHT GLENN MARRISON 51.662

There had been rain all day, and after contacting Phil Ling for a weather update at the circuit in the early afternoon I was told forget the Snorkel and Flippers, Deep Sea Diving Equipment would be better!! Luckily as the afternoon wore on the weather improved and although damp it was not raining.

A busy night for round 7 of the 320 Challenge 2008 with a full grid of 35 which we have not had yet in this series so it was to be interesting to see how it would work!! There were 12 regular Championship drivers and 23 drivers from Tullett Prebon who joined in the fun for the 2nd year as a group of Colleagues and friends with their own points and trophies without the weight categories. The full results for Tullett Prebon are on our website "Special Events".

All signed in and the regulars weighed, the average weight this month would be 88kg. Each heat would be gridded with the Championship drivers in points order at the front of the grid. TP would be behind in their points order.

(#denotes – Standard Class and TP – Tullett Prebon)
Qualifying was relatively quiet for most who were getting used to the karts and track. Stuart Jones couldn't quite find the colour he liked until the 4th one, which was perfect!!

On pole was Glenn Marrison with a time of 51.718, #Steve Hall 2nd, Luke Coleman 3rd, Peter Sharp 4th, #Lee Probert 5th, #Norman Kenvyn 6th, #Bill Jennings 6th, Andy Nunn 7th, TP Tony Paul 8th, TP Chris Barker 10th, TP Mike Edwards 11th, TP Darren Evans 12th, TP David Westcott 13th, TP Danny Seymour 14th, #Dave Austen 15th and Stuart Jones 16th after a kart change or two, three or four! #Jonathan Bloohn 17th, TP Paul Pickup 18th, TP Tony Hall 19th, TP Toby Bentley 20th, TP Rob Spillett 21st, Chris Dodge 22nd, TP Jakob Milling 23rd, TP Sam Connolly 24th, TP Ian Bradfield 25th, TP Luke Madden 26th, TP Amer Aziz 27th, TP Ben Austen 28th, TP David Moses 29th, TP Ben Kahane 30th, TP Mikkell Regnarsson 31st, TP Darren Rogers 32nd, TP David Barley 33rd, TP Bob Nudd 34th and TP Clive Aldous 35th.

Heat 1 and 35 all gridded. Lights to green and Glenn Marrison takes the lead, Luke Coleman 2nd, #Steve Hall gaining a place to 3rd and #Lee Probert 4th. A Casualty of the first lap was Peter Sharp 7th. All karts bunched but all round. Glenn Marrison was firmly in control of this heat and lap by lap pulled away from 2nd place Luke Coleman who was now battling with #Steve Hall for position. #Bill Jennings was the filling of many a sandwich but he held his line and with his many, many years of experience stayed ahead of the TP drivers. As we reach the final few laps, a Black Flag came out to bring in one of the TP drivers who had a puncture and Luke Coleman mis-took it for the chequered and slowed down, dropping him down the grid. When he woke up and realised he "got a lick on!" his words and caught Stuart Jones on the last lap to take the place.

With a 16 second lead, Glenn Marrison took the win, #Steve Hall 2nd, Lee Probert 3rd, Luke Coleman 4th, Stuart Jones 5th, Andy Nunn 6th, Peter Sharp 7th, #Norman Kenvyn 8th, #Dave Austen 9th, #Bill Jennings 10th (15th on track), #Jonathan Bloohn 11th, (21st on track) and Chris Dodge 12th (23rd on track).

Now the interesting heat! The Championship drivers at the front in reverse order, followed by the TP Group in reverse order of their finishing result. Lights to green and eyes closed in Race Control! All round turn two, into hairpin one still closely packed but all round and looking good, Hairpin two and not looking good as 35 karts all wanted to get round together **without** success. As they came out of the carnage, #Lee Probert led, #Norman Kenvyn 2nd, Stuart Jones 3rd, #Bill Jennings 4th, #Jonathan Bloohn 5th, Luke Coleman 6th, Andy Nunn 7th, #Steve Hall 8th, Glenn Marrison 9th, Peter Sharp 10th, #Dave Austen 11th and Chris Dodge 12th.

ROUND 7 RACE RESULT LIGHTEWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Luke Coleman
- 2 Stuart Jones
- 3 Glenn Marrison
- 4 Andy Nunn
- 5 Peter Sharp
- 6 Chris Dodge

ROUND 7 RACE RESULT STANDARD CLASS

- 1 Lee Probert
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 Norman Kenvyn
- 4 Dave Austen
- 5 Bill Jennings
- 6 Jonathan Bloohn



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As they settled into the 2nd heat and the excitement of the first lap, #Lee Probert continued to pull away from Luke Coleman with Stuart Jones close behind.

As the clock ticked down, #Lee Probert took the win, Luke Coleman 2nd, Stuart Jones 3rd, #Norman Kenvyn 4th, #Steve Hall a micro-second behind in 5th, Peter Sharp 6th, #Dave Austen 7th, Glenn Marrison 8th, #Jonathon Bloohn 9th, Chris Dodge 10th, Andy Nunn 11th and #Bill Jennings 12th (18th on track).

Points added together and drivers gridded according to the most points. Same with the Tullett Group but behind the Championship drivers.

Pole position went to Luke Coleman, #Lee Probert 2nd, #Steve Hall 3rd, Glenn Marrison 4th, Stuart Jones 5th, #Norman Kenvyn 6th, Peter Sharp 7th, #Dave Austen 8th, Andy Nunn 9th, #Jonathan Bloohn 10th, Chris Dodge 11th and #Bill Jennings 12th. Tullett Prebon – David Westcott 1st, Tony Paul 2nd, Danny Seymour 3rd, Darren Evans 4th, Tony Hall 5th, Chris Barker 6th, Mike Edwards 7th, Paul Pickup 8th, Jakob Milling 9th, Luke Madden 10th, Darren Rogers 11th, Ian Bradfield 12th, Rob Spillett 13th, Ben Kahane 14th, Ben Austen 15th, Sam Connolly 16th, David Moses 17th, Mikkell Regnarsson 18th, Bob Nudd 19th, Amer Aziz 20st, and Clive Aldous 21st. (David Barley and Toby Bentley did not start this heat).

No break this month as we only had 25 minutes before the lights automatically turn off and the drivers find their way around the track using the kerbs as "braille". As we were ready to go green, Luke Coleman waved his hands from Pole position as he had a problem with his kart. Only 2 minutes now. Quick kart change and seat adjustment eventually and ready to go. 30 seconds to spare.

Lights to green and we made it with exactly 20 minutes left before we would be plunged into complete darkness. All going well until Hairpin 1. A coming together at the back of the pack in which TP Toby Bentley had a close inspection of the track resulted in a "Red Flag". After untangling the karts which were involved and the paramedics checking the driver who was fine although a little shaken, the grid was reformed.

We now only had 16 minutes left. Lights to green again and #Lee Probert capitalized on the re-start with Glenn Marrison, Stuart Jones and Luke Coleman all losing position, but everyone carefully round this time.

The battles in the final heat were to be at the front of the grid. Stuart Jones and #Lee Probert would be swapping positions and #Dave Austen was on a mission.

Race Director Phil Ling made the decision to bring the chequered flag out 2 minutes before the lights go out giving time for a slowing down lap and into the pits.

21.58 and the chequered flag goes out to Luke Coleman, #Lee Probert 2nd, just ahead of Stuart Jones 3rd, #Steve Hall 4th, Glenn Marrison 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, Andy Nunn 7th, #Norman Kenvyn 8th, Chris Dodge 9th, first of the TP Group Danny Seymour 10th, #Bill Jennings 11th, TP David Westcott 12th, TP Darren

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R7

1	Steve Hall	436
2	Peter Sharp	431
3	Norman Kenvyn	430
4	Glenn Marrison	427
5	Stuart Jones	420
6	Luke Coleman	418
7	Dave Austen	405
8	Bill Jennings	395
9	Lee Probert	339
10	Jamie Scoging	244
11	Paul Lancaster	239
12	Matt Allen	233
13	Chris Roy	226
14	Gerrard Hubbert	171
14	Max Bridger	170
16	Russell Lord	147
17	Chris Dodge	145
18	Colin Wilson	140
18	Ashley Grant	137
20	Robert Browning	85
20	Andy Bridger	83
22	Rusty Clarke	83
23	Lee Hawley	82
24	Jay Bridger	82
25	Chris Journet	81
25	James Austen	81
26	Joe Flay	80
27	Andy Nunn	79
28	Michael Lazarou	78
28	Michael Marrison	77
28	Alan Smith	76
28	John Carter	76
32	Jonathan Bloohn	76
33	Tom Knight	75
33	Martin Marrison	75
35	Steve Bentley	74
36	Alan Beckley	73
37	Karl Martinez	73
38	David Farndon	73
39	Ben Philpott	73
40	Andy Paton	72
42	Colin Beckley	71
43	Robert Farndon	71
44	Nigel Farndon	67
45	Andy Elmes	66
46	Terry Birch-Machin	62
47	Adrian Graham	48

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All the points for all three rounds are added together and the Results are :-

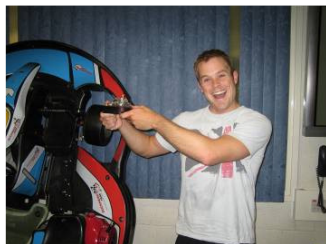
Standard Weight – 1st Lee Probert, 2nd Steve Hall, 3rd Norman Kenvyn, 4th Dave Austen, 5th Bill Jennings, and 6th Jonathan Bloohn.

Lightweight Class – 1st Luke Coleman, 2nd Stuart Jones, 3rd Glenn Marrison, 4th Andy Nunn, 5th Peter Sharp, and 6th Chris Dodge.

Our driver of the day goes to Lee Probert Who finished the heats 1st, 2nd and 3rd and finished first in the Standard class and drove a steady race.

There were No Black Flags for contact - A well done to all drivers, especially on a damp track with 35 drivers.

**We look forward to seeing you for round 8 on
Tuesday 7th October 2008**



Lightweight Podium
2nd Place Stuart



Lightweight Podium
Luke and Glenn



Standard weight Podium
Lee, Steve & Norman



Driver of the Day
Lee Probert