



# THE 320 CHALLENGE

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DATE 11.03.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DRY > DRIVERS 19  
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD STEVE HALL - 51.544 - LIGHT LUKE COLEMAN - 51.207

Welcome to you all, our first round of the 320 Challenge 2009 now on a Wednesday using new RX7 karts.

19 drivers booked into the event to try out the new karts and they wouldn't be disappointed by the set-up or handling. The new Karts are fitted in two levels of performance and we used the RX7 Pro. There was plenty of grip (especially with the Standard Drivers!) and easy to drive although in the (Pro Spec) the speed was the issue. This is easily solved and we will be using the karts in the RX7 Sport mode for the rest of this Championship.

All drivers signed on and weighed and ready for a full driver briefing by our Race Director Phil Ling. The weight split for this round would be 84kg. We would alternate the wearing of the bibs to denote weight class and this month it would be the Standard Weight who would wear them.

A good qualifying session and the drivers all looked happy. Only three tenths separated 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> position which gave a good indication that it would be a close race.

(# denotes Standard Class)

Last years Champion, Standard Weight #Steve Hall took pole position with a time of 51.418 with Lightweight Peter Sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> on the grid with a time of 51.482. Andrew Calder 3<sup>rd</sup>, Max Bridger 4<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 5<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 6<sup>th</sup>, Julian Silver 7<sup>th</sup>, #Joe Flay 8<sup>th</sup>, Monkey Harris 9<sup>th</sup> and #Paul Webber 10<sup>th</sup>. #Norman Kenvyn 11<sup>th</sup>, Matt Jones 12<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 13<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 14<sup>th</sup>, #Richard Fossey 15<sup>th</sup>, #Tim Pryce-Davies 16<sup>th</sup>, Adam Jenner 17<sup>th</sup>, Alok Iyengar 18<sup>th</sup> and #John Carter 19<sup>th</sup>.

For the first time in the 320 Challenge 2009 the lights go to green and it is #Steve Hall and Peter Sharp who shoot off the line with a close pack behind. Everyone round Hairpin one with the exception of third on pole Andrew Calder who ended up being bumper-kissed and onto the grass. He composed himself and rejoined the pack playing catch-up, slowing reeling them in.

After completing a lap, Peter Sharp had taken the lead, followed closely by #Steve Hall and Luke Coleman on his tail.

By lap 5 Lightweight Luke Coleman was eager to get past Standard #Steve Hall. The experience of Steve knew there was no point holding him up as they were in different classes and waved him past on the straight. This was not to be the first time the 2007 and 2008 would wave the lighter drivers through!

As the race progressed and everyone was getting used to the karts the new karts showed their evenness as halfway through the first heat only 10 seconds separated the top 10!

Further down the grid #Norman Kenvyn, Dave Austen, #Gerrard Hubbert and #Richard Fossey were having a great battle each waiting for the other to make a mistake to take the advantage. With these

## ROUND 1 RACE RESULT STANDARD CLASS

- 1 Gerrard Hubbert
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 Paul Webber
- 4 Dave Austen
- 5 Joe Flay
- 6 Norman Kenvyn
- 7 John Carter
- 8 Richard Fossey
- 9 Tim Pryce-Davies

## ROUND 1 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Monkey Harris
- 2 Luke Coleman
- 3 Matt Jones
- 4 Max Bridger
- 5 Stuart Jones
- 6 Andrew Calder
- 7 Peter Sharp
- 8 Julian Silver
- 9 Alok Iyengar
- 10 Adam Jenner

## CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R1

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|----|------------------|-----------|
| 1  | Monkey Harris    | <b>86</b> |
| 1  | Gerrard Hubbert  | <b>86</b> |
| 3  | Luke Coleman     | <b>83</b> |
| 3  | Steve Hall       | <b>83</b> |
| 3  | Matt Jones       | <b>83</b> |
| 6  | Paul Webber      | <b>82</b> |
| 7  | Dave Austen      | <b>81</b> |
| 7  | Joe Flay         | <b>81</b> |
| 7  | Max Bridger      | <b>81</b> |
| 10 | Stuart Jones     | <b>80</b> |
| 11 | Andrew Calder    | <b>77</b> |
| 12 | Norman Kenvyn    | <b>76</b> |
| 13 | Peter Sharp      | <b>73</b> |
| 13 | John Carter      | <b>73</b> |
| 13 | Tim Pryce-Davies | <b>73</b> |
| 13 | Julian Silver    | <b>73</b> |
| 17 | Richard Fossey   | <b>70</b> |
| 18 | Alok Iyengar     | <b>65</b> |
| 19 | Adam Jenner      | <b>64</b> |



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drivers being "more rounded" overtaking was going to be difficult. A sly little move from Andrew Calder put him in the mix and the Lightweight sped past all four drivers.

Luke Coleman took the chequered flag for the first time tonight in heat one, followed by Stuart Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>, Peter Sharp 4<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 5<sup>th</sup>, Max Bridger 6<sup>th</sup>, #Joe Flay 7<sup>th</sup>, Matt Jones 8<sup>th</sup>, Julian Silver 9<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Calder and an excellent drive from last place after his spin 10<sup>th</sup>. Holding his position for 11<sup>th</sup> #Norman Kenvyn, 12<sup>th</sup> #Dave Austen, 13<sup>th</sup> #Gerrard Hubbert, 14<sup>th</sup> Paul Webber, 15<sup>th</sup> Tim Pryce-Davies, 16<sup>th</sup> Alok Iyengar, 17<sup>th</sup> #John Carter, 18<sup>th</sup> #Richard Fossey and 19<sup>th</sup> Adam Jenner all 19 drivers on the same lap!

Heat 2 is where the grid is a reverse of the result of heat 1. On the front row of the grid two of the less experienced drivers Adam Jenner and #Richard Fossey. For the second time this evening lights to green and on a mission from the start was #Paul Webber from 6<sup>th</sup> on the grid.

Those quicker drivers who started nearer the back on this heat struggled to find a space to make their way through the pack. Once again the front of the pack was mixed with Standard and Light drivers and only 6 seconds separated them halfway through this heat.

Andrew Calder a driver who had not raced on this circuit before (just a couple of practice sessions) did a sterling job of passing the more experienced #Gerrard Hubbert and #Paul Webber, to take top spot on lap 21. The talents of both Monkey Harris and Max Bridger were put to the test as Monkey kept Max firmly on his bumper for 11 laps.

The second heat over already and Andrew Calder just crosses the line by 0.40s ahead of #Gerrard Hubbert 2<sup>nd</sup> and #Paul Webber 0.9s behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matt Jones 4<sup>th</sup>, Monkey Harris 5<sup>th</sup> with Max Bridger 6<sup>th</sup>. Luke Coleman 7<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 8<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 9<sup>th</sup>, #John Carter 10<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 11<sup>th</sup>, Julian Silver 12<sup>th</sup>, #Joe Flay 13<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 14<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 15<sup>th</sup>, #Richard Fossey 16<sup>th</sup>, Adam Jenner 17<sup>th</sup>, Alok Iyengar 18<sup>th</sup> and #Tim Pryce-Davies 19<sup>th</sup>. Once again after 20 minutes and 24 laps all drivers were on the same lap with 19 seconds separating 1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

All points added together for both heats and we can already see what a close round this was as three drivers all had 56 points which means down to the fastest lap.

Luke Coleman takes pole with #Gerrard Hubbert 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next on the second row of the grid was #Dave Austen 4<sup>th</sup>. This time 6 drivers all had the same points. Third row, Matt Jones 5<sup>th</sup>, brother Stuart Jones 6<sup>th</sup> (there is a sister and they are triplets – you'd never know!). #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup> and #Paul Webber 8<sup>th</sup>, #Joe Flay 9<sup>th</sup> and #Norman Kenvyn 10<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Calder 11<sup>th</sup> and Max Bridger 12<sup>th</sup>. #John Carter 13<sup>th</sup> and Julian Silver 14<sup>th</sup>. #Tim Pryce-Davies 15<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 16<sup>th</sup>. Alok Iyengar 17<sup>th</sup>, Adam Jenner 18<sup>th</sup> and Peter Sharp 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last time tonight and the lights go to green for another 20 minutes. Pole sitter Luke Coleman gets away well but suddenly ends up sailing through the cut-through at hairpin one. Had he made a mistake?? Leaving the way open for the multi-talented, super quick Monkey Harris to take full advantage at go off into the distance. I digress – no not a mistake, apparently "brake fade" but they returned quick enough not to send Luke down the hill uncontrollably gaining any advantage!

Stuart and Matt Jones were doing the brotherly thing swapping places for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with older brother Stuart (by a minute) holding his position. Further down the grid #Joe Flay and #Dave Austen were sharing the same piece of tarmac.

Last years 2<sup>nd</sup> place Champion #Norman Kenvyn and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Peter Sharp were not having their best first round of the year. Both drivers well down in the grid and never finding that extra something they needed and play catch-up.

As we were drawing to the end of the event, Luke was banging on the door of Stuarts kart for 4<sup>th</sup> place further down the grid Peter Sharp and #Richard Fossey and Adam Jenner and #John Carter were all racing for position.

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And the end was nigh, the chequered flag fell for the final time tonight with the winner of heat 3 being Monkey Harris 5 seconds (the biggest margin for the winner this evening). Matt Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, Max Bridger 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luke Coleman 4<sup>th</sup> and Stuart Jones 5<sup>th</sup>. First of the Standard Weight drivers, #Gerrard Hubbert 6<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup>, #Paul Webber 8<sup>th</sup>. Julian Silver 9<sup>th</sup> and Andrew Calder 10<sup>th</sup>, #Joe Flay 11<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 12<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 13<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 14<sup>th</sup>. Alok Iyengar 15<sup>th</sup>, #Tim Pryce-Davies 16<sup>th</sup>, Adam Jenner 17<sup>th</sup>, #John Carter 18<sup>th</sup> and #Norman Kenvyn 19<sup>th</sup> after coming into the pits for a kart change?

Only a couple of contact boards and some of those where drivers were getting used to the karts and "accidently" making contact! No Black flags on the first round with new karts and new drivers. Well done to you all.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Andrew Calder who although winning heat 2 steadily made his way though the pack in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> heat after not having the best of starts.

From the results you will see that the new karts are very evenly matched it is all down to lap times to find the winners.

All the points for all three rounds are added together for all three heats.

**Lightweight Class** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monkey Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Luke Coleman and 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Jones. 4<sup>th</sup> Max Bridger, 5<sup>th</sup> Stuart Jones, 6<sup>th</sup> Andrew Calder, 7<sup>th</sup> Peter Sharp, 8<sup>th</sup> Julian Silver, 9<sup>th</sup> Alok Iyengar and 10<sup>th</sup> Adam Jenner.

**Standard Weight** – 1<sup>st</sup> Gerrard Hubbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Webber. 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Austen, 5<sup>th</sup> Joe Flay, 6<sup>th</sup> Norman Kenvyn, 7<sup>th</sup> John Carter, 8<sup>th</sup> Richard Fossey and 9<sup>th</sup> Tim Pryce-Davies.

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Harris & Matt Jones



Standard Weight Class  
Paul Webber, Gerrard  
Hubbert & Steve Hall



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