

# THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 02.12.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION MONSOON > DRIVERS 15  
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD ADRIAN MATTHEWS 1.04.979- LIGHT MATT JONES 1.04.354

## DING DONG MERRILY ON HIS FOR MONKEY HARRIS STEVE "DECKS" THE HALLS



Where has the time gone! Round 10 of the 320 Challenge 2009 already and the Championship is coming to a close. **James "Monkey" Harris** has already taken the Gold to Win the 2009 Championship and is the only driver to have scored maximum points twice and gaining no less than 5 pole positions.

### ROUND 10 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Monkey Harris
- 2 Haydn Brown
- 3 Matt Jones
- 4 John O'Brien
- 5 Luke Coleman
- 6 Peter Sharp
- 7 Stuart Jones
- 8 Jonathan Barry

Second and third places were up for grabs between Luke Coleman and the 2008 Winner #Steve Hall. The conditions were more suited to #Steve but Luke knew he could give him a good run for his money if he had luck and the kart to do it in!

The weather was not being kind to us as once again this year the floods came, I think the Ark and the man with a beard gave us all an idea of how bad it was out there!!!!

Signing In and weights showed that the Christmas festivities had begun and the average weight for the final time this year was 86.5kg.

(# denotes Standard weight Class)

Qualifying was how can I put it "Wet!" a number of kart changes with Monkey, Stuart and Luke playing the game of who can change the most times in the 10 minute qualifying period - I think Stuart won!

For the first time this season #Adrian Matthews took pole position with a time of 1.05.433, #Norman Kenvyn 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Jones 4<sup>th</sup>, Haydn "I'm Retiring again" Brown 5<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 6<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 7<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 8<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 9<sup>th</sup>, John O'Brien 10<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 11<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 12<sup>th</sup>, #Shawn Gardiner 13<sup>th</sup>, #Tom O'Brien 14<sup>th</sup> and Jonathan Barry 15<sup>th</sup>.

With the karts gridded two by two, water-wings attached and lifeboats ready to be deployed, heat one was under way. Pole sitter #Adrian Matthews struggled with his kart to get off the line and #Steve Hall and Monkey Harris sailed past into the distance. Everyone cautiously managed to get round with #Tom O'Brien holding on to the back of the pack.

As the group crossed the line for the first time, #Adrian Matthews had clawed his way back to 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Monkey Harris and Matt Jones 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. #Norman Kenvyn had dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> and the "Old Buck" losing a couple of places.

A battle was under way that was to one of those six of one and half a dozen of the other as the unfortunate Stuart Jones was overtaken by John O'Brien as they went down the hill and as Stuart tried to regain the position a call was made that there had been a coming together and we could guess which two that would be.

### ROUND 10 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Steve Hall
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Although in different classes, #Adrian Matthews and Haydn Brown were playing swappsys with the "Old Buck" making a move on #Adrian into the esses and with the track conditions and the excitement of his impending retirement just touched #Adrian's back wheel, sending him spinning to the tyres at hairpin two.

Both #Dave Austen 7<sup>th</sup> and #Gerrard Hubbert 8<sup>th</sup> were exchanging places early in the heat until #Gerrard gained the edge and pulled away and was then on the tail of Haydn looking for 5<sup>th</sup>.

After 20 minutes of racing Monkey Harris takes the chequered leading the race from the first corner, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> position three laps from the end of the race #Steve Hall, Matt Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>, Haydn Brown 4<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 5<sup>th</sup>, John O'Brien 6<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 7<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 8<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 9<sup>th</sup> (after a poor qualifying and struggling with the kart and conditions), #Dave Austen 10<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 11<sup>th</sup>, #Adrian Matthews 12<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Barry 13<sup>th</sup>, #Tom O'Brien 14<sup>th</sup> and #Shawn Gardiner 15<sup>th</sup>.

With heat two being the reverse grid and two new drivers on the front row, the rain had now stopped and "Noah" packing his boat away we were hopeful of a good start.

The experience of the regular drivers saw Haydn and Matt at the front by hairpin one, with Matt Jones very quickly taking the lead and pulling away. A better start from Stuart and Luke but both plagued with kart problems. Although pole sitter for this heat #Shawn Gardiner had dropped down the grid but held some of the regulars at bay.

A Spin by Jonathan Barry saw him last and a "love kiss" by both Haydn and #Adrian saw a contact warning each. With Monkey apparently having a Donkey he could not catch Matt. Brother Stuart who has had many a win could not get to grips with his karts today.

Although the rain had stopped the damp conditions were having fun with the karts and Jonathan Barry fell foul when his stopped at post 3 and was promptly rescued by pit crew passing their kart to him for him to continue on his way.

As heat two came to an end, Matt Jones who had lead the race from the second lap crossed the line, Monkey Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>, Haydn Brown 3<sup>rd</sup>, #Adrian Matthews 4<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 5<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 6<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 8<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 9<sup>th</sup>, John O'Brien 10<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 11<sup>th</sup>, #Shawn Gardiner 12<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 13<sup>th</sup>, #Tom O'Brien 14<sup>th</sup> and Jonathan Barry 15<sup>th</sup>.

All points added together for the grid positions for the final heat and lots of joint points this month decided by the fastest lap.

With 3 drivers on 59 points and now to the fastest lap, Matt Jones on pole, Monkey Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>, #Steve Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>, (4 drivers with 56 points) #Adrian Matthews 4<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 5<sup>th</sup>, Haydn Brown 6<sup>th</sup> and #Gerrard Hubbert 7<sup>th</sup>. #Dave Austen 8<sup>th</sup> (53 points), Luke Coleman 9<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 10<sup>th</sup> and John O'Brien 11<sup>th</sup> (52 points), #Shawn Gardiner 12<sup>th</sup> and #Tom O'Brien 13<sup>th</sup> (49 points), Stuart Jones 14<sup>th</sup> (48 points) and Jonathan Barry 15<sup>th</sup> (46 points).

## CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R10

1	Monkey Harris	702
2	Steve Hall	691
3	Luke Coleman	677
4	Gerrard Hubbert	673
5	Norman Kenvyn	663
6	Matt Jones	660
7	Peter Sharp	633
8	Stuart Jones	577
9	Dave Austen	569
10	Gary Wenbourne	536
11	Haydn Brown	495
12	Adrian Matthews	486
13	John Carter	476
14	Richard Fossey	297
15	Paul Webber	245
16	Bill Jennings	155
16	Will Willard	155
18	Charlie Fabian	150
19	Alok Iyengar	135
20	Chris Tatnell	88
21	Jon Hughes	84
21	Phil Rudd	84
23	Joe Flay	81
23	Max Bridger	81
25	Glenn Marrison	79
26	Carl Matthews	78
26	John O'Brien	78
28	Andrew Calder	77
28	Andy Nisbett	77
28	Yaser Almaghrbi	77
31	Shawn Gardiner	76
32	Chris Goy	75
32	Stefano Russo	75
34	Brian Bellward	74
34	Neil Roswell	74
34	Tom O'Brien	74
37	Tim Pryce-Davies	73
37	Julian Silver	73
39	Stef Przepiora	72
40	Luigi Amato	70
40	Michael Coventry	70
42	Ashley Grant	69
42	Jack Challis	69
42	Tim Spring	69
42	Chris Spring	69
42	Ian Sutch	69
42	Jonathan Barry	69
48	Adam Jenner	64



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Last time this year for the lights to go green for the 320 Challenge 2009 and Monkey Harris takes charge off of the line, tightly followed by Matt Jones and #Steve Hall. All drivers round with #Shawn Gardiner a little slower off the line and losing out to the other 14 drivers!

There were dry patches on the track now so everyone was taking their own lines to suit their driving ability and some of the drivers were quite "touchy, feely" to make their way through without touching any of the wet, slippery parts of the circuit.

Matt Jones was on the Monkeys tail lap by lap but just couldn't find a way through, Stuart was having slightly better luck this heat and found his way to where the action was into 4<sup>th</sup> with #Steve Hall knowing he had to score more than Luke to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Championship now 5<sup>th</sup>.

Half way through the heat and #Dave Austen and John O'Brien were battling for position 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. After a coming together on the first lap #Gerrard Hubbert was desperately trying to make his way up the grid from last. The same with Peter Sharp who seemed to be going towards unlucky 13 in this heat.

As the minutes ticked down Matt Jones passes Monkey Harris at Hairpin one, but by Hairpin two Monkey was back in front. #Norman Kenvyn and #Steve Hall were wheel to wheel as they arrived at Hairpin two with #Steve taking the lead this lap but #Norman passing at Garda.

For the final time the chequered flag comes out to .....Monkey Harris 0.18 seconds ahead of Matt Jones a great race, #Adrian Matthews 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stuart Jones 4<sup>th</sup>, Haydn Brown 5<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 6<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 8<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 9<sup>th</sup>, John O'Brien 10<sup>th</sup>, #Shawn Gardiner 11<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 12<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 13<sup>th</sup>, #Tom O'Brien 14<sup>th</sup> and Jonathan Barry 15<sup>th</sup>.

A Full Year of 10 rounds and No black flags in this series, a testament to great driving and good sportsmanship.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Shawn Gardiner who was the highest placed of the new drivers.

We gave another Driver of the Day to Monkey Harris as he has had a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> throughout the year but never a "Driver of the Day".

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

**Standard Weight Class** – Steve Hall 1<sup>st</sup>, Adrian Matthews 2<sup>nd</sup>, Norman Kenvyn 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gerrard Hubbert 4<sup>th</sup>, Dave Austen 5<sup>th</sup>, Shawn Gardiner 6<sup>th</sup>, Tom O'Brien 7<sup>th</sup>

**Light Weight** – Monkey Harris 1<sup>st</sup>, Haydn Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>, John O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman 5<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 6<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Jones 7<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Barry 8<sup>th</sup>

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support again in 2009 and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year?

See you in 2010!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 1 ON  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010 AT 7PM**

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Matt Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monkey Harris 1<sup>st</sup>  
and The Old Buck 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lightweight  
Class



Steve Hall 1<sup>st</sup>, Adrian Matthews 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and Norman Kenvyn 3<sup>rd</sup> – Standard  
Class



Drivers of the Day  
Monkey Harris & Shawn Gardiner