



# THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 01.06.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DRY/HOT > DRIVERS 10  
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD NORMAN KENVYN – 50.847 – LIGHT “THE MACHINE” – 49.459

## “THE MACHINE” DOES HIS STUFF & THE “NORMAN” CONQUEST!

Round 5 of the 320 Challenge and it was more like the Mary Celeste and this will be a very brief race report!

The combination of holidays, Le Mans and the sweltering conditions meant only 10 hardened drivers arrived for this event. 3 of the drivers Simon “The Machine” Rudd, Steve Hall and Gerrard Hubbert all off to Le Mans for the 24 hour event at 6am tomorrow . Good Luck to al the teams.

Unlike last month the surprise in the weigh-in was all good. Some of the drivers had lost a few pounds, probably dropped them in the car-park on the way in!! A brief briefing and we were ready for this “mates” race.

As everyone knew everyone, well nearly we welcome Jon Hughes who used to race Rotax “some” time ago, the drivers decided that they didn’t need the bibs tonight. The average weight for tonight would be 87kg.

(# denotes Standard Class)

Qualifying saw Simon “The Machine” Rudd take pole position with a time of 50.342, Monkey Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jon Hughes 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luke Coleman 4<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 5<sup>th</sup> (all lightweights and all in the 50s!). #Steve Hall 6<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 7<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 8<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 9<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 10<sup>th</sup>.

When you have two good friends of similar abilities racing together you know it is going to be a good race. Both “The Machine” and “Monkey” know the track well and are very well experienced. Luke Coleman and Jon Hughes were both going to give them a run for their money too!

After the usual shaking hands, kissing, cuddling whatever these boys do to bond, they were ready for the first heat. Visors down, watch the lights.

“The Machine” and “Monkey” both wheel to wheel into Conways with Jon Hughes making a surprise appearance at hairpin 2 with his nose-cone ahead. A milli-second later at hairpin 2 “The Machine” showed who was boss and continued to take control of the heat.

The two classes were very evenly matched tonight. The 5 lights were together well “The Machine”, “Monkey”, Luke and Jon actually wanted to be very together and at one point were!! Peter Sharp was hot on their heels. Lots of “how does the race director put it?” “LOVE KISSES!” Great racing!

A silly mistake at post 6 left the door open for Monkey Harris and Luke Coleman to take 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Garda but this didn’t last long. Jon Hughes was in the mix with the “Boys” showing that being out of karting for 7 years it would all come flooding back like riding a bike.

### ROUND 5 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 The Machine
- 2 Luke Coleman
- 3 Monkey Harris
- 4 Jon Hughes
- 5 Peter Sharp

### ROUND 5 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Norman Kenvyn
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 Gerrard Hubbert
- 4 Richard Fossey
- 5 Gary Wenbourne

### CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R5

1	Gerrard Hubbert	<b>424</b>
2	Luke Coleman	<b>423</b>
3	Steve Hall	<b>417</b>
4	Norman Kenvyn	<b>407</b>
5	Peter Sharp	<b>385</b>
6	Monkey Harris	<b>347</b>
7	Matt Jones	<b>333</b>
8	Stuart Jones	<b>329</b>
9	Gary Wenbourne	<b>300</b>
10	Richard Fossey	<b>297</b>
11	Haydn Brown	<b>248</b>
12	Dave Austen	<b>247</b>
13	Paul Webber	<b>245</b>
14	Bill Jennings	<b>155</b>
15	John Carter	<b>149</b>
16	Adrian Matthews	<b>143</b>
17	Alok Iyengar	<b>135</b>
18	Jon Hughes	<b>84</b>
19	Joe Flay	<b>81</b>
19	Max Bridger	<b>81</b>
21	Glenn Marrison	<b>79</b>
22	Andrew Calder	<b>77</b>
23	Chris Goy	<b>75</b>
24	Brian Bellward	<b>74</b>
25	Tim Pryce-Davies	<b>73</b>
25	Julian Silver	<b>73</b>
26	Luigi Amato	<b>70</b>
26	Michael Coventry	<b>70</b>
29	Ashley Grant	<b>69</b>
29	Jack Challis	<b>69</b>
31	Adam Jenner	<b>64</b>
32	John Mills	<b>0</b>



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Further down the grid the standard drivers #Norman Kenvyn, #Gerrard Hubbert and #Steve Hall were having a great battle again they wanted the same bit of warm tarmac. #Gary Wenbourne and #Richard Fossey were close behind.

As with the Lightweights, lap after lap track position changed in the Standard Weight. The battle in this class and this heat was between #Gerrard Hubbert and #Steve Hall.

After a very hard 20 minutes racing, Simon "The Machine" Rudd crosses the line 0.70 in front of Monkey Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jon Hughes 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luke Coleman 4<sup>th</sup>, and Peter Sharp 5<sup>th</sup>. #Gerrard Hubbert 6<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 8<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 9<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 10<sup>th</sup>.

Heat two and the reverse grid. Usually this is the heat with 20+ drivers some less experienced than others at the front that the Race Director closes his eyes for the first lap, but with the wealth of experience and the drivers very evenly matched in class we hope to be "wide-eyed!"

As expected those at the back "The Lights" were soon at the front after the first lap. Luke Coleman had a firm grip of this heat with The Machine and Monkey trading places, although at one stage Monkey seemed not to have the full power and waved Simon past into 2<sup>nd</sup>, well that's what he told us!!

This heat Jon Hughes was not battling with the front runners but with Peter Sharp who he was trading places with. #Gerrard and #Norman were also playing swappseys and by lap #Norman had found the way past and was on his way. Just as you think it's all over #Steve makes a move on #Gerrard and closes the gap with #Norman but with only a couple of laps remaining of this heat.

Another 20 minutes gone and Luke Coleman takes the win, The Machine 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monkey Harris with a Donkey of a kart 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jon Hughes 4<sup>th</sup> and Peter Sharp 5<sup>th</sup>. #Norman Kenvyn 6<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 7<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 8<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 9<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 10<sup>th</sup>.

All points added together for both heats and with 59 points Simon "The Machine" Rudd takes pole, joint on 58 points and the down to the fastest lap #Steve Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 3<sup>rd</sup> and #Gerrard Hubbert 4<sup>th</sup>. Joint on 57 points and fastest lap Luke Coleman 5<sup>th</sup> and Monkey Harris 6<sup>th</sup>, Jon Hughes 7<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 8<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 9<sup>th</sup> and #Richard Fossey 10<sup>th</sup>.

For the final time tonight, lights to green. "The Machine" leads the pack, with a great move from Luke Coleman into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Losing out at the beginning of the heat was #Gerrard Hubbert. With Simon a mile in the lead the battles for position were behind. #Norman Kenvyn had managed to get between the lights of Peter Sharp and Jon Hughes and #Steve Hall was close behind.

Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup> and Peter Sharp 4<sup>th</sup> were bumper to bumper and a move by Peter took Monkey into the tyres at the first hairpin. As the move may not have been the most gentlemanly thing to do, Peter waited and waved Monkey back through for him to take back the position.

After an enjoyable evenings racing with great sportsmanship on track Simon "The Machine" Rudd takes the chequered flag 20 seconds ahead of Luke Coleman 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>, Peter Sharp 4<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 5<sup>th</sup>, #Steve Hall 6<sup>th</sup>, Jon Hughes 7<sup>th</sup>, #Richard Fossey 8<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 9<sup>th</sup> and #Gary Wenbourne 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Jon Hughes, who after a 7 year break from karting did a sterling job to keep up with the "youngsters" who race every month.



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

**Lightweight Class** – “The Machine” 1<sup>st</sup>, Luke Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monkey Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jon Hughes 4<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Standard Weight** – Norman Kenvyn 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gerrard Hubbert 3<sup>rd</sup>, Richard Fossey 4<sup>th</sup>, Gary Wenbourne 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 6 ON  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> August 2009 AT 7PM**



Lightweight Podium  
Luke Coleman, Simon “The Machine” Rudd &  
Monkey Harris



Standard Weight Podium  
Gerrard Hubbert, Steve Hall’s Stand-in FAN &  
Norman Kenvyn



Driver of the Day  
Jon Hughes