



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 05.08.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DRY/HOT > DRIVERS 12
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD ADRIAN MATTHEWS – 50.562 – LIGHT LUKE COLEMAN 49.730

Holidays, work commitments, and a wedding anniversary (at least now you can race for the rest of the year – others take note!) see a grid of only 12 drivers, although I have been assured that those with valid excuses will be back next month!

Looking at the names of the drivers we thought it would be a "Light" night but with the weight of race suits, crash helmets and gloves (so I'm told) the first 5 drivers weigh-in at 94kg. The twigs then get on the scales also armed with the above mentioned kit the lightest being 65kg! The average weight for the evening would be 82kg.

A short driver briefing and away for practice in the humid conditions, with a nice sticky track. The only day in August forecast for 27 degrees.

(# denotes Lightweight Class)

Qualifying gave the drivers a chance to test out the conditions. As mentioned many times before, track conditions, air temperature, driver temperature all determine lap times.

With a time of 49.937 #Matt Jones takes pole, #Luke Coleman 2nd, #Monkey Harris 3rd, #Peter Sharp 4th, Adrian Matthews 5th, #Haydn Brown 6th, #Carl Matthews 7th, Gary Wenbourne 8th, Steve Hall 9th, John Carter 10th, Andy Nisbet 11th, and Yaser Almaghrbi 12th. Unfortunately for #Peter Sharp a mechanical problem picked up on the last lap meant he had to have his kart changed on the grid "cold tyres!".

As the lights go green #Luke Coleman is on a mission and takes the lead at Conways from #Matt Jones who very quickly takes back the place and is on a mission. #Monkey Harris hot on #Matt's heels moves into 2nd by the end of the lap relegating #Luke Coleman to 3rd, although #Luke would now put in the fastest lap of the race 49.730 to catch them.

The battle behind on lap one was Father and Son Adrian & Carl Matthews (although different classes and Carl has only ever driven the Sport once!). Carl kept the lead until Adrian showed "experience" over "youth" and took the place on the 2nd lap putting him 4th with the "Old Buck" 5th but this wouldn't be for long!

As we reach the half way point in this heat, the grid is split into 4 groups, #Matt Jones, #Monkey Harris & #Luke Coleman, 0.diddly separating them, then #Haydn Brown, Adrian Matthews and #Peter Sharp in the second pack, Steve Hall, Gary Wenbourne and John Carter all huddled together and #Carl Matthews who had spun at hairpin with Andy Nisbet and Yaser Almaghrbi.

ROUND 6 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Luke Coleman
- 2 Monkey Harris
- 3 Matt Jones
- 4 Peter Sharp
- 5 Carl Matthews
- 6 Haydn Brown

ROUND 6 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Adrian Matthews
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 John Carter
- 4 Gary Wenbourne
- 5 Yaser Almaghrbi
- 6 Andy Nisbet

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R6

1	Luke Coleman	511
2	Steve Hall	505
3	Peter Sharp	463
4	Monkey Harris	434
5	Gerrard Hubbert	424
6	Matt Jones	419
7	Norman Kenvyn	407
8	Gary Wenbourne	381
9	Stuart Jones	329
10	Haydn Brown	326
11	Richard Fossey	297
12	Dave Austen	247
13	Paul Webber	245
14	John Carter	232
14	Adrian Matthews	232
16	Bill Jennings	155
17	Alok Iyengar	135
18	Jon Hughes	84
19	Joe Flay	81
19	Max Bridger	81
21	Glenn Marrison	79
22	Carl Matthews	78
23	Andrew Calder	77
23	Andy Nisbet	77
23	Yaser Almaghrbi	77
26	Chris Goy	75
27	Brian Bellward	74
28	Tim Pryce-Davies	73
28	Julian Silver	73
30	Luigi Amato	70
30	Michael Coventry	70
32	Ashley Grant	69
32	Jack Challis	69
34	Adam Jenner	64
35	John Mills	0



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For the next 10 laps John Carter and Gary Wenbourne played swappseys for 8th and 9th position.

As the positions look to be sorted, another twist of fate on the last lap as #Luke passes #Monkey but could he hold the place from the driver who holds the lap record in these karts? Whilst this battle is going on a sneaky little move on "The Old Buck" sees #Peter Sharp who had a bad start take the place to 4th.

After 20 minutes #Matt Jones crosses the line 1st after leading from the start followed by #Luke Coleman only just 2nd from #Monkey Harris who fought a good battle, #Peter Sharp 4th, and #Haydn Brown 5th. First of the Standard drivers Adrian Matthews 6th, a full 15 seconds ahead of Steve Hall 7th who was only 0.08s ahead of Gary Wenbourne 8th, John Carter just behind 9th, #Carl Matthews 10th, Andy Nisbet 11th and Yaser Almaghrbi 12th. A very close race in each class.

Heat two and the reverse grid and you can see what is going to happen with the experience on the grid tonight!! Eyes closed, NO sorry I mean lights to green – An amazing start by #Monkey Harris who takes the outside line and reaches 4th position by hairpin one.

In the lead at Hairpin one and braking quite late, Andy Nisbet goes wide bounces off the tyre wall and into #Matt Jones who wobbles but recovers well. The Unfortunate Yaser who started on pole was now at the back of the pack but quickly catches the pack and passes Gary Wenbourne to take 11th.

On a mission from the off, #Monkey Harris now leads the race with Steve Hall close behind and #Carl Matthews 3rd. After his incident on lap one, Yaser is also looking to gain places and on lap 8 takes Andy Nisbet for 10th position.

Back to the front of the grid and the positions have already changed. #Luke Coleman tries time and time again to pass #Monkey without success until on lap 15 at hairpin one he takes a different line and passes. Whilst Steve Hall 3rd and Adrian Matthews 4th are racing for position and concentrating on their own race, the battle behind of #Matt Jones and #Haydn Brown moves up a gear as they both pass in the slipstream of the Standard drivers now occupying 3rd and 4th respectively.

As the clock ticks down and 24 laps are completed, #Luke Coleman takes the chequered flag with #Monkey Harris again sitting on his bumper in 2nd, #Matt Jones 3rd, #Haydn Brown 4th, Adrian Matthews 5th, Steve Hall 6th, #Carl Matthews 7th, #Peter Sharp 8th, John Carter 9th, Yaser Almaghrbi 10th, Gary Wenbourne 11th and Andy Nisbet 12th.

All points added together for both heats and with the full 60 points Adrian Matthews takes pole position, #Luke Coleman 2nd, #Matt Jones 3rd and Steve Hall 4th (same point's fastest lap). #Monkey Harris 5th, John Carter 6th, Gary Wenbourne 7th, #Haydn Brown 8th, #Peter Sharp 9th, Yaser Almaghrbi 10th, #Carl Matthews 11th and Andy Nisbet 12th.

By heat 3 it was a little cooler as the air temperature dropped. For the last time tonight green lights indicate the final heat. #Matt Jones is quickly away taking the inside line, whilst #Luke Coleman goes wide outside and takes the lead, with #Matt 2nd and #Monkey 3rd. A great start from #Carl Matthews who gains 3 places to 8th.

By the second lap it is all change again. #Luke leads, with #Monkey 2nd but not for very long. Once #Monkey has the lead he tries to pull away from #Luke but for the third heat he cannot shake him off. A great battle between these two evenly matched drivers.

A very nice feeling for #Carl as not only does he pass Steve Hall but his dad Adrian to take 4th position and whilst they are trying to hold their own lines, #The Old Buck takes the advantage and moves into 5th relegating Steve and Adrian to 6th & 7th respectively.

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Further down the grid John Carter & Gary Wenbourne were having a battle after losing some valuable places on the first lap with the "excitables" at the front of the grid. As in heat one #Peter Sharp makes a move going down the hill on #Haydn to take the 5th position. Very brave – again!

After holding the lead from lap 4 the Winner of the heat is #Monkey Harris, 0.14 seconds behind #Luke Coleman 2nd, #Matt Jones 3rd, #Carl Matthews 4th, #Peter Sharp 5th and #Haydn Brown 6th (all the lightweights together). First of the Standard weight drivers Steve Hall 7th, Adrian Matthews 8th, John Carter 9th, Gary Wenbourne 10th, Andy Nisbet 11th and Yaser Almaghrbi 12th.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Yaser Al, who was celebrating his 40th Birthday with us. Congratulations!

Another exemplarily race, very close and very sportsmanlike with NO black flags – Well Done!

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

Standard Weight – Adrian Matthews 1st, Steve Hall 2nd, John Carter 3rd, Gary Wenbourne 4th, Yaser Almaghrbi 5th and Andy Nisbet 6th.

Lightweight Class – Luke Coleman 1st, Monkey Harris 2nd, Matt Jones 3rd, Peter Sharp 4th, Carl Matthews 5th and Haydn Brown 6th.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 7 ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7PM**



Steve Hall (2nd), Adrian Matthews (1st) & John Carter (3rd)



Matt Jones (3rd), Luke Coleman (1st) & Monkey Harris (2nd)



Driver of the Day
Yaser Almaghrbi