



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 02.09.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION VERY WET > DRIVERS 16
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD ADRIAN MATTHEWS 1.08191- LIGHT MONKEY HARRIS 1.07608

MONKEY "RAINS" SUPREME!

GERRARD THREE 2NDS MAKE FIRST!

2nd September 2009 and the rain cloud was hoovering over Buckmore Park awaiting our arrival. It had been drizzling all day but the monsoon arrived at 7pm!

Our Race Director Phil Ling was somewhere hot and sunny leaving us in the very capable hands of Chris Pullman who comes out of his little "cubby hole" once in a while to race direct for us.

After signing-in and weigh-in where the average weight for tonight was 85kg the drivers were ready for driver briefing. Chris soon got into his stride with the "Old Buck" giving plenty of words of advice and wisdom hoping that this would all help to keep the clean sheet of NO black flags in this event!!

(# denotes Standard weight Class)

After the drivers all collected their wet-suits they all ventured out into the dark, wet evening for qualifying. Lap times as expected were quite slow and the drivers were being quite cautious.

Monkey Harris took pole with a time of 1.08.867, with Haydn Brown 2nd, #Adrian Mathews 3rd, #Norman Kenvyn 4th, Will Willard 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, #Gerrard Hubbert 7th, Luke Coleman 8th, #John Carter 9th, Matt Jones 10th, Charlie Fabian 11th, #Gary Wenbourne 12th, Peter Sharp 13th, #Neil Roswell 14th, #Tim Spring 15th and Chris Spring who was celebrating is 18th Birthday with us 16th.

As the lights turn to green the drivers took out their oars and rowed off into the distance. Monkey Harris kept the pack behind him and a great move by #Norman Kenvyn who loves these conditions took 2nd place by the first hairpin and also lightweight Charlie Fabian was up to 8th. All drivers negotiating the first lap except for Birthday Boy Chris Spring who pirouetted gracefully at the back of the pack.

As they crossed the line to start their 2nd lap, Monkey Harris was leading with the pack still quite tightly packed together. As the group all arrived at turn two Luke Coleman did a 360 spin with the pack straightening him up holding his position. Marks out of 10 - 9!

After a great start by #Norman Kenvyn, he was also involved in a spin putting him down to 11th with #Gerrard Hubbert making a great move through the back markers and taking 3 places to 3rd although as he passed Race Control a call was made regarding his exhaust! Further down the grid places were being gained and lost only through spins.

After 18 laps Monkey Harris crossed the line first 29 seconds ahead of #Adrian Matthews 2nd, Haydn Brown 3rd, #Gerrard Hubbert nursing his kart home 4th, #Dave Austen 5th, Will Willard 6th, Luke Coleman after a spin all by himself and no help this time keeping in position 7th, Charlie Fabian 8th, #Norman Kenvyn 9th, #John Carter 10th, Peter Sharp 11th, Matt Jones 12th all on the same lap, #Neil Roswell 13th, #Gary Wenbourne 14th, #Tim Spring 15th and Chris Spring after seeing the circuit from all views 16th.

ROUND 7 RACE RESULT

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Monkey Harris
- 2 Haydn Brown
- 3 Luke Coleman
- 4 Will Willard
- 5 Matt Jones
- 6 Peter Sharp
- 7 Charlie Fabian
- 8 Chris Spring

ROUND 7 RACE RESULT

STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Gerrard Hubbert
- 2 Adrian Matthews
- 3 Norman Kenvyn
- 4 Dave Austen
- 5 John Carter
- 6 Gary Wenbourne
- 7 Neil Roswell
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Now at the beginning of this race report I mentioned about Haydn "The Old Buck" Brown befriending Chris Pullman before the race, one of the reasons being that Chris enjoys watching the race from Race Control but also likes to watch the race from different points of the circuit where the drivers "Think" they can "Make" their way past without any penalties. As many of the regulars know Chris knows them "ALL!!".

With umbrella, clipboard and pen in hand Chris heads off to watch the beginning of the Reverse Grid heat somewhere on the track possibly, maybe near Garda! It was still wet on track but the rain had subsided a little.

Father and son (Tim & Chris Spring) sat patiently on the front of the grid waiting for the lights to change and knowing that they needed to hold their line to stop those at the back thinking they should be at the front!

A very good start by all drivers especially under these conditions. Matt Jones from 5th on the grid took the lead, with Luke, #Gary and Monkey close behind but unfortunately Charlie Fabian was a casualty of the first lap and buried in the tyres at post 6. "Luckily" Chris Pullman was watching from the bottom end of the track and felt that for safety he would have yellow flags from post 3 to make sure that ALL the drivers were slowing down and in control until the driver was pulled out and safely back on his way.

In the meantime Chris Spring had missed hairpin one altogether and ended up in the cut-through and an unfortunate #Adrian Matthews picked up a puncture on the first lap and had to return to the pits for a kart change.

After winning the first heat, Monkey Harris was already up from 16th to 3rd by the second lap with Luke 2nd and Matt still holding onto 1st place. #John Carter who was the lightest heavy was in with the lights in 4th working on 3rd. Chris Spring had yet another 360 spin on the start finish line scaring everyone as he was in the middle of the straight with 15 others on their way up the hill!

Back to the front of the pack and Monkey Harris had now taken the lead on lap 6, Luke Coleman was 2nd and #John Carter had made 3rd. A battle was ensuing between #Norman and #Gerrard with #Norman initially having the advantage.

As we reached the final few minutes of the heat two the karts of #Neil Roswell and #Tim Spring very elegantly performed synchronised spinning for us.

Another 18 laps and once again Monkey Harris takes the win this time 22 seconds in front of Luke Coleman 2nd, a great drive from #John Carter 3rd (first in class), Haydn Brown 4th, #Gerrard Hubbert 5th, Matt Jones 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, #Dave Austen 8th, Will Willard 9th, Peter Sharp 10th, #Gary Wenbourne 11th, #Neil Roswell 12th, #Adrian Matthews 13th, Charlie Fabian 14th, #Tim Spring 15th and Chris Spring 16th.

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R7

1	Luke Coleman	593
2	Peter Sharp	540
3	Monkey Harris	524
4	Gerrard Hubbert	511
5	Steve Hall	505
6	Matt Jones	498
7	Norman Kenvyn	490
8	Gary Wenbourne	458
9	Haydn Brown	412
10	Stuart Jones	329
11	Dave Austen	328
12	Adrian Matthews	316
13	John Carter	313
14	Richard Fossey	297
15	Paul Webber	245
16	Bill Jennings	155
17	Alok Iyengar	135
18	Jon Hughes	84
19	Joe Flay	81
19	Max Bridger	81
21	Glenn Marrison	79
21	Will Willard	79
23	Carl Matthews	78
24	Andrew Calder	77
24	Andy Nisbett	77
24	Yaser Almaghrbi	77
27	Chris Goy	75
28	Brian Bellward	74
28	Neil Roswell	74
28	Charlie Fabian	74
31	Tim Pryce-Davies	73
31	Julian Silver	73
33	Luigi Amato	70
33	Michael Coventry	70
35	Ashley Grant	69
35	Jack Challis	69
35	Tim Spring	69
35	Chris Spring	69
39	Adam Jenner	64
40	John Mills	0



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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 the full 60 points Monkey Harris takes pole position, #Gerrard Hubbert (first in class) 2nd, Haydn Brown 3rd, (joint on points 56 but fastest lap) #John Carter 4th and Luke Coleman 5th. (joint points 55 but fastest lap) #Dave Austen 6th and #Norman Kenvyn 7th. (joint on points 54 but fastest lap) Will Willard 8th and #Adrian Matthews 9th. Matt Jones 10th, (joint on points 50 but fastest lap) Charlie Fabian 11th, Peter Sharp 12th, #Gary Wenbourne 13th, #Neil Roswell 14th. (joint on points 46 but fastest lap) Chris Spring 15th and #Tim Spring 16th.

For the final time tonight the lights go to green and Monkey Harris takes off with 3rd place Haydn Brown taking a place into 2nd by Conways and then taking the lead from Monkey at Hairpin 1 with #Gerrard Hubbert holding 3rd.

With two very strong drivers both being lightweight and it raining heavily we hoped that by the time this lap had finished we would still have 16 drivers on track and still NO black flags! And how pleased we were apart from Chris Pullman whose reputation was about to be ruined.

After the first lap Haydn crossed the line 1st with Monkey just behind biding his time to take the place which he did cleanly at hairpin 1 and #Gerrard keeping up with them still in 3rd. Will Willard who was looking for a dry race with little experience of wet weather had been keeping up with the regulars in the first 2 heat and holding his own as it were, but got caught out by a spinner at the beginning of the heat dropping from 7th to last position.

Lap 3 and Monkey Harris puts in the fastest lap of the day with Haydn Brown putting in his own fastest lap showing that a race was on for 1st and 2nd in the Lightweight and also between #Adrian Matthews 3rd and #Gerrard Hubbert 4th for position in the Standard Weights.

As we were nearing the end of the heat, #Gary Wenbourne and #Dave Austen were trading places lap by lap with #John Carter sneaking in every so often to mix them up. Who would hold on to their position as they crossed the line?

For the third and final time tonight, Monkey Harris crossed the line only 13 seconds this time in front of Haydn Brown 2nd. First in the Standard Weight Class #Adrian Matthews 3rd with #Gerrard Hubbert 4th. Matt Jones 5th, Peter Sharp a second behind 6th and Luke Coleman 7th. #Norman Kenvyn 8th and #Gary Wenbourne 9th, #Dave Austen 10th and #John Carter 11th. Will Willard 12th, Charlie Fabian 13th, #Neil Roswell 14th, #Tim Spring 15th and Chris Spring 16th.

Without tempting fate – 7 rounds without a Black Flag – Keep up the good work boys!

A few mentions before we have our results and presentations. Firstly thank you to Chris Pullman for being our Race Director tonight and getting wet! A great drive from everyone in the atrocious conditions. Monkey for finishing each heat so far ahead. Will for keeping up with the regulars having not driven a wet race and Haydn for not getting a black flag from Chris.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Chris Spring who was celebrating his 18th Birthday and enjoyed many "panoramic" views of the circuit from all angles but kept going. Congratulations!

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

Light Weight – Monkey Harris 1st, Haydn Brown 2nd, Luke Coleman 3rd, Will Willard 4th, Matt Jones 5th, Peter Sharp 6th, Charlie Fabian 7th, Chris Spring 8th.

Standard Weight Class – Gerrard Hubbert 1st, Adrian Matthews 2nd, Norman Kenvyn 3rd, Dave Austen 4th, John Carter 5th, Gary Wenbourne 6th, Neil Roswell 7th, Tim Spring 8th.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 8 ON
WEDNESDAY 7th October 2009 AT 7PM**



Lightweight Podium
Haydn Brown 2nd, Monkey Harris 1st & Luke
Coleman 3rd



Standard Weight Podium
Norman Kenvyn 3rd, Gerrard Hubbert 1st &
Adrian Matthews 2nd



Driver of the Day
Chris Spring