



# 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!

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the first hairpin and also lightweight Charlie Fabian was up to 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> with #Gerrard Hubbert making a great move through the back markers and taking 3 places to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, Haydn Brown 3<sup>rd</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert nursing his kart home 4<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 5<sup>th</sup>, Will Willard 6<sup>th</sup>, Luke Coleman after a spin all by himself and no help this time keeping in position 7<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Fabian 8<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 9<sup>th</sup>, #John Carter 10<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 11<sup>th</sup>, Matt Jones 12<sup>th</sup> all on the same lap, #Neil Roswell 13<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 14<sup>th</sup>, #Tim Spring 15<sup>th</sup> and Chris Spring after seeing the circuit from all views 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 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
- 8 Tim Spring



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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> by the second lap with Luke 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matt still holding onto 1<sup>st</sup> place. #John Carter who was the lightest heavy was in with the lights in 4<sup>th</sup> working on 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and #John Carter had made 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, a great drive from #John Carter 3<sup>rd</sup> (first in class), Haydn Brown 4<sup>th</sup>, #Gerrard Hubbert 5<sup>th</sup>, Matt Jones 6<sup>th</sup>, #Norman Kenvyn 7<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 8<sup>th</sup>, Will Willard 9<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 10<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 11<sup>th</sup>, #Neil Roswell 12<sup>th</sup>, #Adrian Matthews 13<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Fabian 14<sup>th</sup>, #Tim Spring 15<sup>th</sup> and Chris Spring 16<sup>th</sup>.

## CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R7

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



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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) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Haydn Brown 3<sup>rd</sup>, (joint on points 56 but fastest lap) #John Carter 4<sup>th</sup> and Luke Coleman 5<sup>th</sup>. (joint points 55 but fastest lap) #Dave Austen 6<sup>th</sup> and #Norman Kenvyn 7<sup>th</sup>. (joint on points 54 but fastest lap) Will Willard 8<sup>th</sup> and #Adrian Matthews 9<sup>th</sup>. Matt Jones 10<sup>th</sup>, (joint on points 50 but fastest lap) Charlie Fabian 11<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 12<sup>th</sup>, #Gary Wenbourne 13<sup>th</sup>, #Neil Roswell 14<sup>th</sup>. (joint on points 46 but fastest lap) Chris Spring 15<sup>th</sup> and #Tim Spring 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Lightweight and also between #Adrian Matthews 3<sup>rd</sup> and #Gerrard Hubbert 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. First in the Standard Weight Class #Adrian Matthews 3<sup>rd</sup> with #Gerrard Hubbert 4<sup>th</sup>. Matt Jones 5<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp a second behind 6<sup>th</sup> and Luke Coleman 7<sup>th</sup>. #Norman Kenvyn 8<sup>th</sup> and #Gary Wenbourne 9<sup>th</sup>, #Dave Austen 10<sup>th</sup> and #John Carter 11<sup>th</sup>. Will Willard 12<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Fabian 13<sup>th</sup>, #Neil Roswell 14<sup>th</sup>, #Tim Spring 15<sup>th</sup> and Chris Spring 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, Haydn Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>, Luke Coleman 3<sup>rd</sup>, Will Willard 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt Jones 5<sup>th</sup>, Peter Sharp 6<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Fabian 7<sup>th</sup>, Chris Spring 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

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



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



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



Driver of the Day  
Chris Spring