



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 04.11.09 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DAMP > DRIVERS 15
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD NORMAN KENVYN 1.06.282- LIGHT STUART JONES 1.05.879

DONKEY RIDES TO STANDARD WIN

STUART MOWS HIS WAY TO THE TOP

MONKEY IS THE 320 2009 CHIMP CHAMP!

After the last two round of the 320 Challenge being wet, the day had been cold but dry although as the evening progressed a dampness was in the air showing a glistening track in places.

Our regular Race Director Phil Ling was setting up the MPH exhibition at Earls Court for the weekends event so we were left in the capable hand of Simon Gnana-Pragasam (we will refer to him as Simon GP!).

All drivers signed in and weighed and the average weight for the evening was 87kg. In this the penultimate round a winner could be decided!!

(# denotes Standard weight Class)

Qualifying gave the drivers a chance to test the conditions and for our new drivers to try out the track.

For the fifth time in this series Monkey Harris took pole with a time of 1.06.242, #Donkey Kong (Chris Tatnell) 2nd, Stuart Jones 3rd, #Steve Hall 4th, Will Willard 5th, Matt Jones 6th, Peter Sharp 7th, #Gerrard Hubbert 8th, Norman Kenvyn 9th, #Adrian Matthews 10th, Luke Coleman 11th, #Dave Austen 12th, Stefano Russo 13th, #Stef Przepiopa 14th (never have a Stef before and two come along together!) and #Ian Sutch 15th.

All gridded, lights to green and GO or maybe not! As the front of the pack got away Stefano seemed to be adjusting his gloves and Luke stalled in front of him so the back of the pack stayed put. A false start was declared and the group re-gridded.

Take two. Lights to green and away, well not everyone Luke Coleman still had a problem and his kart again stalled but this time the drivers behind him were ready and drove past him. Luke was quickly moved into the pits and given a replacement kart and rejoined the back of the pack.

With all this excitement I haven't mentioned what happened at the front of the grid. Monkey Harris leads the pack with #Steve Hall 2nd, Peter Sharp 3rd and Matt Jones 4th as they exited hairpin two.

After not the best starts #Norman Kenvyn has a conversation with the tyre wall at exit 2 relegating him to 11th, giving Will Willard and #Dave Austen who were bumper to bumper a chance to pass and continue their battle.

Half way through the heat and Monkey Harris has a 10 second lead over 2nd place #Steve Hall who has Matt Jones too close for comfort. A little late braking on behalf of Matt sees #Steve in a spin losing him 5 places.

ROUND 9 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Stuart Jones
- 2 Monkey Harris
- 3 Matt Jones
- 4 Luke Coleman
- 5 Peter Sharp
- 6 Will Willard
- 7 Stefano Russo

ROUND 9 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Donkey Kong
- 2 Steve Hall
- 3 Adrian Matthews
- 4 Gerrard Hubbert
- 5 Norman Kenvyn
- 6 Dave Austen
- 7 Stef Przepiopa
- 8 Ian Sutch



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As we reach what would be the last lap, the night was to get worse for Luke who spun and buried himself in post 3. Both were ok!!

As the chequered flag dropped Monkey Harris took the win 16 seconds ahead of Matt Jones, #Donkey Kong 3rd, #Gerrard Hubbert 4th, Peter Sharp 5th, Stuart Jones 6th, #Steve Hall 7th, Will Willard 8th, #Adrian Matthews 9th, #Dave Austen 10th, Luke Coleman 11th, #Norman Kenvyn 12th, Stefano Russo 13th, #Stef Przepiopa 14th and a couple of laps down #Ian Sutch.

Heat two and the reverse grid which is always good for a laugh in Race Control and today would be no different. As the lights changed everyone got away well especially Luke this time who by the end of the straight was in the lead closely followed by Stuart Jones who had started 10th on the grid. Unfortunately the only spinner at hairpin one of the first lap was Stefano Russo who initially had a great start off the line.

As we have mentioned Monkeys, Donkeys maybe its time to mention a Dog as I think that's what #Norman called his kart. From 4th on the grid in this heat he was suddenly struggling to stay in 11th and was slowly going backwards – well not quite literally, we hope!

Luke, Stuart and Monkey were only 3 seconds apart racing for position, followed by a pack of Standard weight drivers similarly wanting to share the same piece of tarmac. #Steve Hall, #Adrian Matthews, #Donkey Kong and #Dave Austen would all be a battling to the end of the heat.

There would now be a name change for one of the drivers as his lap times increased and he put in the fastest lap of the night. He would now be know as Stuart "Grass-track" Jones as I think this is the first time in what seems like a million years the "Kerbs" board was produced under race control and Simon GP deciding Stuart could spend his rest-break with the jet-spray! Of course Stuart protested this but then admitted to maybe only once or so that he touched the grass to avoid another kart and contact! Mmm.....Excuse number 203 I think!

As the heat draws to a close #Dave Austen and Peter Sharps battle ends in tears as #Dave ends up in the at hairpin one and a now very slippery corner and as Luke and Monkey go into the esses side by side who would be victorious?

After 18 laps Stuart "Grass-track" Jones crosses the line 4 seconds ahead of Luke Coleman 2nd, Monkey Harris 3rd diddly behind him. #Steve Hall 4th closely followed by #Adrian Matthews 5th, #Donkey Kong 6th, #Gerrard Hubbert 7th, Peter Sharp 8th, #Dave Austen 9th, Will Willard 10th, Stefano Russo 11th, Matt Jones 12th, #Norman Kenvyn 13th, #Stef Przepiopa 14th and #Ian Sutch who had a couple of panoramic views of the circuit 15th.

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

On 58 points and the fastest lap Monkey Harris on Pole, 58 points #Steve Hall 2nd, and 58 points #Donkey Kong 3rd. 57 points Stuart Jones 4th. 56 points #Gerrard Hubbert 5th, 56 points #Adrian Matthews 6th. Peter Sharp 7th, Luke Coleman 8th, Matt Jones 9th, Will Willard 10th, #Dave Austen 11th, #Norman Kenvyn 12th, Stefano Russo 13th, #Stef Przepiopa 14th and #Ian Sutch 15th.

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R9

1	Luke Coleman	758
2	Peter Sharp	703
3	Monkey Harris	699
4	Steve Hall	677
5	Norman Kenvyn	655
6	Gerrard Hubbert	593
7	Matt Jones	580
8	Gary Wenbourne	536
9	Stuart Jones	501
10	Dave Austen	490
11	Haydn Brown	412
12	Adrian Matthews	400
13	John Carter	390
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
27	Andrew Calder	77
27	Andy Nisbett	77
27	Yaser Almaghrbi	77
30	Chris Goy	75
30	Stefano Russo	75
32	Brian Bellward	74
32	Neil Roswell	74
34	Tim Pryce-Davies	73
34	Julian Silver	73
36	Stef Przepiopa	72
37	Luigi Amato	70
37	Michael Coventry	70
39	Ashley Grant	69
39	Jack Challis	69
39	Tim Spring	69
39	Chris Spring	69
39	Ian Sutch	69
44	Adam Jenner	64
45	John Mills	0



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Before the final heat gets under way, there are a few kart changes and the pole kart has its spark plug sorted or not as the case may be and Monkey Harris to his better judgement agrees the kart should be changed. To win the championship tonight, Monkey has to finish the race scoring over 84 points.

Once everyone is happy with their kart and seated ready to go, the lights for the final time go Green! The Dog that #Norman referred to may have resurrected itself for Monkey. A good start from Matt Jones from 7th into 4th with Stuart taking control of the heat and taking the lead. Monkey Harris was now down to 5th and still in with a chance.

The losers of the heat were #Norman Kenvyn who was now last and #Gerrard Hubbert just behind him who started 5th on the grid. #Ian Sutch had a chat with the tyre wall in the esses but ended the conversation quickly and returned to the black stuff.

Stuart was now using the entire track minus anything green, and was pulling away from #Donkey Kong and Brother Matt. Monkey Harris had now moved up to 4th and was patiently sitting behind keeping a clear head and not jeopardizing his position.

In the Standard class #Steve Hall had a train of "meatier" drivers behind him #Adrian and #Dave then sandwiched Luke then #Norman and #Gerrard who had both made their way up the grid and were battling in a fashion each other.

Again this heat Will Willard and #Dave Austen were having a tête-à-tête and in the mix was #Gerrard. Friend's #Stef Przepiopa and #Ian Sutch had a little coming together but seemed to laugh it off with friendly hand gestures – I think!

As the clock, yes the clock which is now back with the score-board which is working ticks down the last couple of minutes we see a move by Monkey on #Donkey for 3rd. You can see from his body language he knows if he can hold this position for two more laps he will be the 2009 Champ.

For the final time tonight the chequered flag goes out to a happy Stuart Jones 1st, Matt Jones 2nd, Monkey Harris an elated 3rd. 1st of the Standard Weight #Donkey Kong 4th, #Steve Hall 5th, #Adrian Matthews 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, Luke Coleman 8th, #Gerrard Hubbert 9th, #Dave Austen 10th, Stefano Russo 11th, Peter Sharp 12th, Will Willard 13th, #Stef Przepiopa 14th and #Ian Sutch 15th.

The Overall Winner of the 320 Challenge 2009 goes to Monkey Harris with one round still to go. Congratulations. The battle is now on for 2nd place between Steve Hall and Luke Coleman.

9 rounds and still No black flags!

Our Driver of the Day goes to Ian Sutch who had not driven this circuit before dry or wet and steadily finished the heats incorporating a few pirouettes keeping out of everyone's way.

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

Standard Weight Class – Donkey Kong 1st, Steve Hall 2nd, Adrian Matthews 3rd, Gerrard Hubbert 4th, Norman Kenvyn 5th, Dave Austen 6th, Stef Przepiopa 7th, Ian Sutch 8th.

Light Weight – Stuart Jones 1st, Monkey Harris 2nd, Matt Jones 3rd, Luke Coleman 4th, Peter Sharp 5th, Will Willard 6th, Stefano Russo 7th.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 10 ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd December 2009 AT 7PM**

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Adrian Matthews (3rd) Donkey Kong (1st) and Steve Hall (2nd)



Monkey Harris (2nd) Stuart Jones (1st) and Matt "Gromit" Jones (3rd)



Driver of the Day Ian Sutch



320 Challenge 2009 Champion
Monkey Harris