



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 10.03.10 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION > DRIVERS
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD 50.472 NORMAN KENVYN – LIGHT 50.190 LUKE COLEMAN

NORMAN TAKES THE LEAD PETER MAKES A LITTLE GAIN

Wednesday 10th March, the first round of the 320 Challenge 2010 and a dry, cold and crisp evening.

The first round we welcome new drivers, old new drivers and new old drivers! Also coming out of retirement yet again (after only 3 months) is an "old, old favouriteThe Old Buck". (official defination "retiring or being retired; specif., withdrawal from work, business, etc. because of age" It say NOTHING about from Karting – touche'!!)

After signing on, weigh-in and a catch up with each other the drivers make their way to driver briefing where our Race Director Phil Ling briefs and gives the weight split which this month is 85kg.

16 drivers make their way to the pits for their 10 minute practice/qualifying and reacquaint themselves with the karts.

A good qualifying session, although as the temperature dropped the circuit glistened indicating a few slippery spots. All drivers were happy with their karts in practice and 4 drivers made the 50s.

#(denotes Standard Class)

Luke Coleman takes pole 50.299, Peter Sharp 2nd, Glenn Marrison 3rd, Steve Bateman 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th, Iain McMillan 6th, #Steve Hall 7th, #Peter Masy 8th, David Little 9th, John Carter 10th, Mathewe Bennett 11th, Haydn Brown 12th, #Adrian Matthews 13th, #Richard Fossey 14th, #Paul Lancaster 15th and #Ricky Davies 16th.

For the first time in the DJmotorsport 320 Challenge 2010 the lights go to green and Luke and Peter fly off the line together into Conways and side by side into turn 2. A casualty of the start was 4th place Steve Bateman who was caught in the "collection" at hairpin 1 and was now last.

We knew from the practice that although there were no kart changes the Old Buck who was rarely out of the top 3 started in 12th and we wondering whether retirement was the way for him to go as maybe he had lost his "Mojo!" but we shouldn't have worried because after a kart change on lap 2 he gained momentum and was on his way.

Except for one new driver who had not driven at Buckmore everyone else knew each other and their driving styles which made some great battles. Luke Coleman who was in the lead was trying to keep Peter Sharp at bay. Lap after lap they stayed together with Luke getting the fastest lap of 51.90. Hot on their heels was Glenn Marrison for 3rd. Behind the leading pack was the Standard drivers of #Norman Kenvyn, and #Iain McMillan who held their positions. Further down the grid #Paul Lancaster had been holding back #Richard Fossey but positions changed when #Paul had to come in for his first kart change due to lack of power.

After leading the pack for 24 laps, Luke Coleman takes the chequered, followed by Peter Sharp 2nd, Glenn Marrison 3rd, #Norman Kenvyn 4th, #Iain McMillan 5th, David Little 6th, #Steve Hall 7th, #Peter Massey 8th, John Carter 9th, #Richard Fossey 10th, Mathewe Bennett 11th, #Adrian Matthews 12th, Haydn Brown 13th, Steve Bateman 14th, #Paul Lancaster 15th and Rickey Davies 16th.

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R1

1	Norman Kenvyn	88
2	Peter Sharp	85
3	Iain McMillan	84
3	Haydn Brown	84
3	David Little	84
5	Adrian Matthews	83
7	Steve Hall	82
8	Mathewe Bennett	80
8	Luke Coleman	80
10	Richard Fossey	77
10	Glenn Marrison	77
10	Peter Massey	77
13	Paul Lancaster	76
14	John Carter	74
15	Steve Bateman	73
16	Ricky Davies	69



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Heat 2 is a reverse grid of the heat 1 result.

For the second time tonight the lights go green but as the karts pull away, a hand goes into the air as #Peter Massey's kart stalls on the grid. With all karts on their way avoiding him #Peters kart is pulled onto the pits he changes kart and then is put on the back of the pack as they pass the start line.

At the front of the pack pole sitter Steve Bateman gets away well but the wealth of experience and late braking behind finds him spinning at hairpin 2 and Glenn Marrison and John Carter also in the mix and also now taking 14th and 15th position.

The now un-retired Haydn "Old Buck" Brown shows that he is back where he belongs in first place with #Adrian and #Paul close behind. #Ricky Davies enjoys a 360 panoramic view of the circuit at Conways on lap 3 but recovers well.

After Luke's win in heat 1 and his great start in heat 2 from last place to 4th he was on a mission for another full points but as that cruel hand of fate plays its part and yellows are deployed at post 6 and everyone apart from Luke crosses the start finish line you know who it is. What makes matters worse is that it was a kart cut-out rather than an incident which placed him now last.

As the clock ticks down on the second heat, there is a three way battle for the lightweights between Mathewe Bennett 7th, David Little 8th, and Peter Sharp 9th with Mathewe keeping the advantage.

The Old Buck with the words "Retirement" a distant memory takes a well deserved win 6s ahead of #Norman Kenvyn 2nd, #Adrian Matthews 3rd, #Paul Lancaster 4th, #Steve Hall 5th, #Richard Fossey 6th, Mathewe Bennett 7th, David Little 8th, Peter Sharp 9th, #Iain McMillan 10th, #Peter Massey 11th, Steve Bateman 12th, John Carter 13th, #Ricky Davies 14th, Glenn Marrison 15th and Luke Coleman 16th.

All the points added together for heats 1 and 2 see #Norman Kenvyn on pole with the full 60 points, Peter Sharp 2nd, David Little 3rd, #Steve Hall 4th, Haydn Brown 5th, #Iain McMillan 6th, Mathewe Bennett 7th, #Adrian Matthews 8th, Luke Coleman 9th, Glenn Marrison 10th, #Richard Fossey 11th #Paul Lancaster 12th, #Peter Massey 13th, John Carter 14th, Steve Bateman 15th and #Ricky Davies 16th.

For the final time tonight the Red lights go Green! Peter Sharp is off the line first with The Old Buck 2nd in his mirrors, well that's if they had some, maybe only it's on the "girlie"ones! #Norman holds 3rd with Iain 4th. For the second time tonight we see Glenn, Steve B and John playing catch-up at the back.

Although starting 9th Luke Coleman makes his way up the grid taking #Adrian, David and then #Norman for 3rd. #Norman who was hoping for a full house of points again held the Standard drivers of #Iain McMillan and #Adrian Matthews behind him trying not to leave the door open.

As the pressure builds for the last 10 minutes a mistake by #Norman sees Luke and David pass at turn one and #Iain and #Adrian also ready to have a go! A call for pit crew as a kart parks up in the cut through is the unfortunate #Paul Lancaster who had the same problem as Luke and a kart cut-out as the temperatures drop another driver in the pits is John Carter who has a mechanical problem.

Haydn who has taken it all in his stride still leads the race with David Little 2nd and Peter Sharp 3rd so as the final lap is called it looks like we have a result, but a "messy" pass by Peter Sharp which warranted a warning and a hand gesture of "thank you" from David Little now changes the final result.

24 laps and the Winner of heat 3 is Haydn "Old Buck" Brown, Peter "shove em" Sharp 2nd, David Little 3rd, and Luke Coleman 4th. The first of the Standard Weight drivers to cross the line is #Iain McMillan 5th, #Adrian Matthews 6th and a well fought battle for #Norman Kenvyn 7th. Mathewe Bennett 8th, Glenn Marrison 9th, #Steve Hall 10th, #Peter Massey 11th, Steve Bateman 12th, #Richard Fossey 13th, #Paul Lancaster 14th, John Carter 15th, and #Ricky Davies 16th.

Last year we didn't have ANY black flags in the 10 round of this event and tonight didn't disappoint as only two contact warnings and No black flags for this first round.

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Our Driver of the Day goes to Luke Coleman who drove an excellent race and worked his way through the pack graciously even after his kart "retired"

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

ROUND 1 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Peter Sharp
- 2 Haydn Brown
- 3 David Little
- 4 Luke Coleman
- 5 Mathewe Bennett
- 6 Glenn Marrison
- 7 John Carter
- 8 Steve Bateman

ROUND 1 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Norman Kenvyn
- 2 Iain McMillan
- 3 Adrian Matthews
- 4 Steve Hall
- 5 Peter Massey
- 6 Richard Fossey
- 7 Paul Lancaster
- 8 Ricky Davies

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 2 ON
WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2010 AT 7PM**



Lightweight Class
The Old Buck 2nd, Peter Sharp 1st &
David Little 3rd



Standard Class
Adrian Matthews 3rd, Norman Kenvyn
1st & Iain McMillan 2nd



Driver of the Day
Luke Coleman