



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE 05.05.10 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION > 13 DRIVERS
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD 50.694 ADRIAN MATTHEWS – LIGHT 50.051 LUKE COLEMAN

OK MALE UNCLE AND MAD HATTER AS WIN, TAKE 1ST IN THEIR CLASS

A dry but cool May evening and round 3 of the 320 Challenge 2010. A reduced grid tonight as some of the regulars had other things to do such as work, moving home and holidays – What excuses!

Signing in and weigh-in had produced an average weight of 87kg with 3 drivers on the “cusp”.

Qualifying went well with one kart change for #Steve Hall who we think may still have been in the holiday mode as it really wasn't to be his night.

#(denotes Standard Class)

The fastest lap was set by Luke Coleman 50.197 who was on great form, with Rusty Clarke close by in 2nd, Mathewe (yes with the “e”) Bennett 3rd. First of the Standard Weight drivers and #Adrian Matthews 50.808 in 4th, David Little 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, Peter Sharp 8th, #Steve Hall 9th, Matt Sykes 10th, #Peter Tyler 11th, #Peter Massey 12th and Colin Forrest 13th.

Red to Green and they're off. Luke Coleman and Rusty Clarke spring off the line like two Whippets, side by side close and personal but knowing the rules. #Dave Austen and David Little also reach hairpin 1 together different classes but battling all the same to stay ahead.

Further down the grid, two of the three Peters – #Peter Tyler and #Peter Massey were tarmac sharing, swapping places for position in class and Peter three, Peter Sharp was working on getting past #Steve Hall.

Back to the front of the grid and after a great battle for over 10 laps, Luke pulls away and now Rusty has to contend with Mathewe in his rear-views, well if they had them. Rusty does a great job keeping him at bay with only a “gnats” between them.

After 15 laps new driver Colin Forrest can't see the woods from the trees as he is feeling unwell and comes into the pits. Greeted by Pit-crew “who don't do sick” they quickly place him into the capable hands of “Bob” the medic. A glass of water and quiet sit down and all is well, although Colin decides not to participate in the rest of the event.

As we reach the end of the first heat, an exuberant Luke Coleman crosses the line to take the win, closely followed by Rusty Clarke 2nd, Mathewe Bennett 3rd, #Adrian Matthews 4th, #Dave Austen 5th, David Little 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, Peter Sharp 8th, Matt Sykes 9th, #Steve Hall 10th, #Peter Tyler 11th, #Peter Massey 12th and Colin Forrest 13th.

Always an exciting heat, but with the wealth of experience and only 12 karts (Colin decided to retire) all should be ok and we were not disappointed.

An absolutely storming start by Matt Sykes who makes a bid for the front of the pack with a great move past #Peter Massey at hairpin one. Peter Sharp hot on his heels with Luke Coleman already in 6th position. 2nd place on the grid #Peter Tyler was one of the casualties of lap one now near the back of the

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R3

1	Norman Kenvyn	262
2	Adrian Matthews	257
3	Luke Coleman	256
4	David Little	248
5	Mathewe Bennett	234
6	Dave Austen	171
6	Peter Sharp	170
8	Steve Hall	160
9	Peter Massey	159
10	Paul Lancaster	153
10	John Carter	153
11	Steve Bateman	147
13	Iain McMillan	84
13	Haydn Brown	84
14	Matt Sykes	81
14	Rusty Clarke	81
17	Richard Fossey	77
17	Glenn Marrison	77
17	Peter Tyler	77
20	Tom Lyle	75
21	Doug Christie	70
22	Ricky Davies	69
23	Matthew Rudd	58
24	Colin Forrest	0

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pack and #Steve Hall was now last with a kart whose get up and go had got up and gone. #Steve decided he would come and sit in the pits for a while and rejoin the race in last position to get his points as non finish is no points.

Back to the front of the grid and Peter Sharp had made a move on Matt Sykes at Conways to take the lead. Luke Coleman had lost a place to David Little who was working his way steadily up the grid trying lap after lap to get past #Dave Austen who was also vying of class position, leaving Luke and Rusty for another battle in heat 2 – some very good racing tonight.

As we come to the end of another heat, Peter Sharp stays in front to take the win, a gallant effort by Matt Sykes 2nd and a great drive by David Little to take 3rd. #Peter Massey 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, Luke Coleman 7th, Rusty Clarke 8th, #Adrian Matthews 9th, Matthewe Bennett 10th, #Peter Tyler 11th and #Steve Hall 12th.

Whilst the boys having a “Comfort Break”, we add the points for heats 1 and 2 and from the points we can see how close the racing has been tonight.

Four drivers have the same points and it is now down to the fastest laps. Luke Coleman takes pole, #Adrian Matthews 2nd, #Dave Austen 3rd, and #Norman Kenvyn 4th. Peter Sharp 5th and again three drivers on the same points, David Little 6th, Rusty Clarke 7th and #Peter Massey 8th. Matt Sykes 9th, Matthewe Bennett 10th, #Steve Hall 11th and #Peter Tyler 12th.

For the final time tonight the lights go green and the Whippet that is Luke Coleman (a whippet probably weighs more), races into the lead, closely followed by #Adrian Matthews and David Little. #Dave Austen gets pushed wide and #Peter Massey makes a good move into 6th.

Luke already pulls off into the distance with Peter Sharp trying to catch him. Different classes of David Little and #Adrian Matthews are enjoying the battle with David trying to also keep his eye on catching second place Peter S. Matthewe Bennett is knocking on the door of Rusty Clarke who courtesy denies him entry.

After another 24 laps a well deserved win for Luke Coleman, Peter Sharp holds 2nd 0.10 ahead of David Little 3rd, #Adrian Matthews 4th, #Norman Kenvyn 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, #Peter Massey 7th, Matt Sykes 8th, Rusty Clarke 9th, Matthewe Bennett 10th, #Steve Hall 11th and #Peter Tyler 12th.

A very tight race tonight with a couple of contacts for “love-kisses” but nothing more. Positions were changing like the proverbial karma sutra.

Still keeping our record of 13 rounds with no black flags – a great achievement!

Our Driver of the Day goes to Rusty Clarke who drove a great race and who usually in the team events doesn't get the recognition he deserves.

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

ROUND 3 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Luke Coleman
- 2 Peter Sharp
- 3 David Little
- 4 Rusty Clarke
- 5 Matt Sykes
- 6 Matthewe Bennett
- 7 Colin Forrest

ROUND 3 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Adrian Matthews
- 2 Norman Kenvyn
- 3 Dave Austen
- 4 Peter Massey
- 5 Steve Hall
- 6 Peter Tyler



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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 4 ON
WEDNESDAY 9th June 2010 AT 7PM**



David Little 3rd, Luke Coleman 1st, Peter Sharp 2nd



Dave Ausen 3rd, Adrian Matthews 1st, Norman Kenvyn 2nd



Driver of the Day
Rusty Clarke