



THE 320 CHALLENGE

3 RACES > 10 ROUNDS > 2 CLASSES > 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

**DATE 14.07.10 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION > 13 DRIVERS
FASTEST LAPS STANDARD ADRIAN MATTHEWS 52.410 – LIGHT LUKE COLEMAN 51.664**

LUKE & ADRIAN TAKE GOLD IN CLASS

As the drivers arrived at the circuit the rain clouds were above sprinkling us with a few heavy downpours leaving the track slippery in places and very wet in others.

Tonight the majority of the drivers told us in anticipation of the weigh-in that the previous week of sunshine had seen them having a few BBQs and beers. Only two drivers weighed less than the month before. The average weight for tonight would be 87kg with no-one on the cusp.

Due to the weather conditions qualifying was interesting with times between 1.11.4 – 1.18.6 seconds with no kart changes.

#(denotes Standard Class)

Pole position was taken by "The Old Buck" Haydn Brown on the last lap with a time of 1.11.430 and Luke Coleman 2nd with a time of 1.11.484 (5/100ths of a second behind!)#Norman Kenvyn 3rd, #Adrian Matthews 4th, John Carter 5th, #Dave Austen 6th, David Little 7th, #Gary Wenbourne 8th, #Steve Hall 9th, #Peter Massey 10th, Peter Sharp 11th, Steve Bateman 12th and #Simon Gammage 13th.

The rain had now stopped and the track was drying in places. All gridded and ready to go. As they reach the end of the straight Luke Coleman already takes the lead from "The Old Buck" followed closely by #Adrian Matthews. #Steve Hall gets pushed wide into the tyres at Conway's and he will not be the first to be caught out here.

A battle is on for the team mates of Haydn and Luke who usually pair up as Luke & Tuck in the Enduro so a good race was in prospect. There was only 4/10th between the first 4 drivers.

The group of drivers that were huddled together in this heat were Haydn Brown, #Adrian Matthews and Luke Coleman but keeping on the track and off the wet line was increasingly difficult with the karts tonight evenly paced. Any overtaking seemed to take place at Conway's, probably the most slippery part of the circuit and tonight the tyre wall with the most dents!!

Our new driver Simon Gammage who joined the regulars tonight found himself out of shape at "Conway's" catching Steve Bateman who was showing considerable skill this month compared to last month when he gained the name "Mr Spinner!"

All the battles throughout the event were not only in class. A close contest was between John Carter 5th, Peter Sharp 6th and for the Standards #Dave Austen 7th with John holding the pack.

At the front of the pack Haydn Brown had now taken the lead with Luke Coleman very close behind and sitting on his tail was #Adrian Matthews who was on a roll and closing the gap. With only 5 minutes to go the group were holding their own position waiting for a mistake or a "puddle" to help the positions change.

CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R5

1	Luke Coleman	436
2	Norman Kenvyn	433
3	Adrian Matthews	432
4	David Little	414
5	Peter Sharp	333
6	Steve Hall	319
7	John Carter	318
8	Steve Bateman	302
9	Dave Austen	252
10	Peter Massey	243
11	Mathewe Bennett	234
12	Haydn Brown	170
13	Gary Wenbourne	166
14	Paul Lancaster	153
15	Doug Christie	149
15	Iain McMillan	84
17	Matt Sykes	81
17	Rusty Clarke	81
19	Richard Fossey	77
19	Glenn Marrison	77
19	Peter Tyler	77
22	Tom Lyle	75
23	Simon Gammage	72
24	Ricky Davies	69
25	Matthew Rudd	58
26	Colin Forrest	0



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Eventually after another lap this happened and #Adrian slipped past with Luke in tow to now take 1st and 2nd respectively relegating "the Old Buck" to 3rd. Just behind the leaders was #Norman Kenvyn who was on for 4th but a cruel tempt of fate saw him get a puncture as they were on the last lap.

As the pack came round café curve, #Adrian Matthews crossed the line to take the win with Luke Coleman half a karts length behind to take 2nd. Haydn Brown 3rd, John Carter 4th, Peter Sharp 5th and #Dave Austen 6th ahead of #Norman Kenvyn who just limped across the line to take 7th. #Gary Wenbourne 8th, David Little 9th, #Peter Massey 10th, #Steve Hall 11th, Steve Bateman 12th and #Simon Gammage 13th.

Heat two is the reverse grid which is always "exciting" at the best of times but with the track still quite damp and slippery this would be fun!

Steve Bateman and #Simon Gammage were at the front of the pack ready to take them round for the first time but as the lights go green the "greyhounds" were out of the traps and both David Little and Haydn Brown were suddenly at the front of the group leaving the rest to contend with yep.....Conway's! This time it was Peter Sharp who kisses the tyres and Luke Coleman losses it all by himself but composes himself and rejoins the track.

#Steve Hall has a better race this month and is now in 3rd closely followed by #Simon Gammage and #Norman Kenvyn. #Peter Massey quietly works his way through the groups, first passing Steve Bateman, then #Dave Austen and from 12th was now 6th.

David Little seemed to be in control of the this heat but the conditions weren't good to him and a spin at Garda left him now scrabbling in 6th place and Haydn Brown now up to 1st with Luke Coleman on a storming heat now 2nd from 10th place after his little spin on the first lap.

Once again a casualty of Conway's was John Carter, Steve Bateman and #Simon Gammage who lost grip but all managed to rejoin the track and keep going.

The lap times were getting better now and we were in the 54 seconds so the track was definitely drying out but still catching the drivers in places.

#Adrian Matthews was again on a mission and was keeping both #Peter Massey and #Gary Wenbourne behind him whilst keeping his eye on David Little in 3rd now and in his sights. Whilst this was going on a change of position at the front of the grid as Luke takes the lead.

As the second heat comes to an end the excitement still goes on with #Adrian passing David, #Dave passing #Norman and John made his way past #Steve but would this be the final outcome of the race?

After 21 laps, from the back row of the grid, Luke Coleman crosses the line again to take the win, sellotaped to his bumper 1 second behind was Haydn Brown, David Little managed to gain back the place to take 3rd and #Adrian Matthews now 4th. The group behind consisted of #Peter Massey 5th, #Gary Wenbourne 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th, #Dave Austen 8th, #Steve Hall 9th. John Carter 10th, Steve Bateman 11th, #Simon Gammage 12th and Peter Sharp who had seen the tyre wall 13th.

Time for the rest-room break whilst the points are added up and how interesting they look as five drivers have the same points and it is then down to fastest lap. These results show how close the racing has been especially in the Standard Class tonight.

On the same points and both maximum points which takes it to the fastest lap, Luke Coleman takes pole with #Adrian Matthews close by in 2nd and Haydn Brown 3rd. Now the five drivers on the same points - #Gary Wenbourne 4th, John Carter 5th, #Peter Massey 6th, #Norman Kenvyn 7th and #Dave Austen 8th. David Little 9th, Peter Sharp 10th, Steve Bateman 11th, #Steve Hall 12th and #Simon Gammage 13th.

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For the final time tonight the lights go green and off they go. Luke Coleman charges into the lead followed by Haydn Brown and #Adrian Matthews. A great move by David Little sees him on the inside of the pack but getting squeezed out and being intimate with the tyre wall.

#Dave Austen had kart problems and came into the pits for a replacement kart and back out into the pack squabbling for position.

Another incident at Conway's sees #Gary Wenbourne, John Carter and Steve Bateman trying to all be on the same piece of tarmac but unfortunately the loser of this battle was Steve Bateman who became wedged into the tyre wall. Yellows deployed whilst he was "rescued" and sent on his way and then pit-crew do their bit of repair to the tyre wall again! This also puts 5th place #Gary down into 11th.

For this final heat all drivers were very very close to each other some a little more than others as only 2 seconds only divided the first 6 drivers. There were not only a few love-kisses but a few cuddles as well resulting in a couple of contact warnings for the middle of the pack.

Luke was way out in the lead and #Norman, #Adrian, Haydn, #Peter M and Peter S were all pushing hard resulting in #Adrian Matthews being "nudged" quite hard from behind into the tyres relegating him from 3rd to 7th and his kart now not handling too well. This was such a shame as he was on for the perfect score tonight in the Standard Class.

As the clock ticked down barring any spins, punctures or gremlins, Luke was looking good for maximum points again this round. A rush of adrenaline and a few position changes and the heat was over.

Luke Coleman takes the chequered for the final time tonight, #Norman Kenvyn 2nd, Peter Sharp 3rd, #Peter Massey 4th, Haydn Brown 5th, #Steve Hall 6th, #Adrian Matthews 7th, David Little 8th, Dave Austen 9th, John Carter 10th, #Gary Wenbourne 11th, #Simon Gammage 12th and Steve Bateman 13th.

Still keeping our record of 15 rounds with no black flags.

Our Driver of the Day goes to Simon Gammage who came into this heat with all the regular drivers drove a steady race, kept out of everyone's way and showing courtesy on circuit.

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

ROUND 5 RACE RESULT LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Luke Coleman
- 2 Haydn Brown
- 3 Peter Sharp
- 4 David Little
- 5 John Carter
- 6 Steve Bateman

ROUND 5 RACE RESULT STANDARD WEIGHT CLASS

- 1 Adrian Matthews
- 2 Norman Kenvyn
- 3 Peter Massey
- 4 Dave Austen
- 5 Gary Wenbourne
- 6 Steve Hall
- 7 Simon Gammage



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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR ROUND 6 ON
WEDNESDAY 4th August 2010 AT 7PM**



Haydn Brown 2nd, Norman Kenvyn
2nd Standard, Luke Coleman 1st,
Peter Sharp 3rd



Driver of the Day
Simon Gammage