



# ENDURO SERIES 2011

**ONE HOUR TEAM ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATE 21.09.11 > TRACK BUCKMORE PARK > TRACK CONDITION DAMP/WET > TEAMS 12  
FASTEST LAPS MONKEY & THE MACHINE – 49.721**

## Monkey & The Machine hold the Gold!

Where does the time go! September and already the nights are drawing in. The weather couldn't make up its mind what to do today but by the time the drivers arrived at the circuit it was dry.

After signing on we made our way to driver briefing for my usual Pre-race chat! Firstly we congratulate both Jack & Andrew O'Neill – Titan Motorsport as both boys competed in the Red Bull Karting Challenge Final in Wales at the beginning of the month. Jack was 3<sup>rd</sup> and Andrew 5<sup>th</sup> – Well done to you both.

We have a couple of farewells to Minimum Traction – Ryan is off to Hong Kong for 2 years, we wish you well and Scott has their first baby due so will hopefully be back in 20 years!! Geoff Lamb of KP Nuts was off to cycle to France for Charity – Good Luck to him.

Qualifying got under way as usual with both drivers having their 5 minute practice/qualifying session, except Alpa!! Some of you will know Allan Smallman who is the Race Commentator at Buckmore for their club meets and commentates for other kart and car events throughout the UK. Allan hasn't been in a kart for about 30 years and his team partner Paul never.

Paul (Alpa) went out for his practice but as the time ticked down didn't appear at the start finish line for a lap or into the pits for change of driver. On closer inspection from the Race Director Phil Ling on the camera saw him taking his time steadily round the circuit. Unfortunately another kart was made available to Allan or he wouldn't get any qualifying time. The time of 2.03.420 we think is a lap record for the longest time to go round the track in a kart. Paul decided that karting wasn't for him and retired – probably best!!

A good qualifying session with most teams in the 50s.

Monkey & The Machine took pole with a time of 50.019, Team Phoenix 2011 2<sup>nd</sup>, Titan Motorsport 3<sup>rd</sup>, GPL 4<sup>th</sup>, KP Nuts 5<sup>th</sup>, Buck a Roo 6<sup>th</sup>, Minimum Traction 7<sup>th</sup>, Steveano 8<sup>th</sup>, Horse & Karted 9<sup>th</sup>, Grand Pre 10<sup>th</sup>, Dubbed Up 11<sup>th</sup> and Alpa 12<sup>th</sup>.

All gridded lights to green and away. Away into the distance "The Machine" with the pack following behind., Team Phoenix 2011 and a great move by GPL who pass Titan Motorsport to take their place but not for too long.

KP Nuts who has a kart with more ponies than horses makes a move on the leaders from 8<sup>th</sup> but it is obvious that he is struggling and seems to be pointing to something as he goes past race control but carries on just holding his 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

### CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER R7

1	Titan Motorsport	1303
2	Monkey & The Machine	1269
3	Buck a Roo	1173
4	KP Nuts	1152
5	GPL	1128
6	Team Phoenix 2011	1122
7	Steveano	1102
8	Grand Pre	1037
9	Minimum Traction	840
10	Dubbed Up	619
11	The McUshers	594
12	Horse & Karted	153
13	Lost the Plot	152
14	E & M	134
15	Who's the Daddy	133
16	The Goats	131
17	The A Team	130
18	Monster Karting	126
19	Anthill Mob	125
19	Team Christie	125
21	The Big Office	124
21	ALPA	124
23	Team Hardwick	122
24	The Dubbers	118
25	Norfolk & Goode	116
26	R C Racing	114
27	Alllllrighty Then	112
27	MKE Racing	112
29	Localists	111
30	Nimbys	106



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With all teams very evenly matched tonight there were a few "love-kisses" and "touchy feely" moments but nothing more than that.

Alpa who had recruited another team mate to help him out but in 15 minute stints was Phil Rudd who jumped, well probably not jumped, but got into the kart giving Allan a chance for some oxygen or maybe that was a ciggy to revive him.

With Monkey & The Machine now 7 seconds ahead of the pack and putting in the fastest time of 49.721 there was a four way battle behind. Team Phoenix 2011, KP Nuts, Titan Motorsport and Buck a Roo. All four came round hairpin one together, but unfortunately 4 into 1 doesn't go. The ill-fated KP Nuts loses the place with Buck a Roo now 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Minimum Traction on their last race this year, steadily bide their time and start gaining places. Steveano and Grand Pre have their own battle near the back of the grid but soon move up the order as an incident coming into hairpin one sees GPL get caught up with Horse & Karted who just clip the back of the kart sending Glenn through the tyres and now down to 9<sup>th</sup> – such a shame after a great start.

A very courteous Alpa let the pack through feeling the breath of The Machine first followed by the next 10 karts.

As we approach the half way mark and driver changes, Monkey & The Machine are now 20 seconds in the lead, with Team Phoenix 2011 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Titan Motorsport on their bumper for 3<sup>rd</sup> now the only other team in the 49s – 49.820. Buck a Roo 4<sup>th</sup>, Minimum Traction on the way up 5<sup>th</sup>. Steveano 6<sup>th</sup>, Grand Pre still with them 7<sup>th</sup> and KP Nuts who are now signalling for a kart change 8<sup>th</sup>. GPL 9<sup>th</sup>, Horse & Karted 10<sup>th</sup>, Dubbed up 11<sup>th</sup> and Alpa 12<sup>th</sup>.

First team to change are Horse & Karted with Buck a Roo the last

As we go into the final 20 minutes, the top 4 teams of Monkey & The Machine, Titan Motorsport, Team Phoenix 2011 and Buck a Roo are starting to lap the back of the pack. Buck a Roo and Dubbed Up have a squabble although Dubbed Up a lap down and trying to unlap without success.

As the clock ticks down Monkey & The Machine still lead by 25 seconds and Titan Motorsport pull away from 3<sup>rd</sup> place Team Phoenix 2011 who are desperately trying to catch up but seem resigned for the place. KP Nuts who changed their kart gain a couple places on Steveano and Grand Pre who are still having their own race.

After 73 laps for the leaders, Monkey & The Machine cross the line to take the chequered, followed by Titan Motorsport 2<sup>nd</sup> and Team Phoenix 2011 on the same lap 3<sup>rd</sup>. Buck a Roo 4<sup>th</sup>, Minimum Traction a great 5<sup>th</sup> place their highest this year. KP Nuts a gallant drive into 6<sup>th</sup>, Horse & Karted 7<sup>th</sup>, Steveano holding 8<sup>th</sup> and Grand Pre 9<sup>th</sup>. GPL 10<sup>th</sup> and Alpa 11<sup>th</sup>.

A great nights racing with still plenty to play for with double points on the last round.

Thank you to you all for your best wishes whilst I am away for a few weeks, I hope to see you before the end of the year. I leave you in the capable hands of my able assistant Phil Rudd who tells me the pre-chat you get before driving briefing will mean an hour longer on track – I don't know what he means!!!



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## ROUND 7 RACE RESULT

- 1 Monkey & The Machine
- 2 Titan Motorsport
- 3 Team Phoenix 2011
- 4 Buck a Roo
- 5 Minimum Traction
- 6 KP Nuts
- 7 Horse & Karted
- 8 Steveano
- 9 Grand Pre
- 10 Dubbed Up
- 11 GPL
- 12 Alpa



Titan Motorsport 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monkey & The Machine 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Team Phoenix 2011 3<sup>rd</sup>

**We look forward to seeing you for  
Round 8 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011**