

HKRC 2010 Championships Round 6 – 9th August 2010

Kimbolton Circuit 2 was once again in use as Hunts Kart Racing Club hosted the 6th round of their 2010 Championships at the home of the East Anglian Trophy meeting. Immediately after the race weekend work started on Phase One of the 2010 Development Plan, refurbishing the gents' toilets and installing wash and shower facilities. This work is expected to be fully completed by October.

Cadet Libre and Honda Cadet: Connor Hall and Lewis Taylor seemed to be running away with the Libre final with Taylor latched onto Hall's rear bumper, but it all went wrong for them on lap eight when they clashed and they dropped back to seventh and ninth. This promoted Ellis Hanks into the lead with William Bennett and Jake Blackledge following closely. Bennett and Blackledge got involved in an intense battle for runner up spot, allowing Hanks to gain a clear advantage. At the line it was Blackledge who followed Hanks home, just ahead of Bennett. Lawrence Wilson won the Novice trophy. In Honda Aaron Drury seemed to be running away with things with Harrison Huggan stuck behind Ethan Andrews. Huggan took a couple of laps to dispose of Andrews and then made huge strides into the gap set up by Drury. Running nose to tail on the last few laps, Drury just hung on for the class win.

Junior TKM: Stephen Letts had this race in the bag from the start. Already a second clear, his progress to the flag was helped by the battle for second, third and fourth raging behind him. Richard Woolmer, Adam Strong and Bradley Peck were the men involved and with Peck getting the better of Woolmer on lap eight. Woolmer struck back the following lap taking Strong with him. Strong then had to fend off Peck allowing Woolmer to get away. Oliver Graham won the Novice trophy.

Mini Max: Luke Hughes had James Webb pressing him from the off, soon to be joined by Ben Matthews. These three circulated nose to tail until Oliver Skingley came to join the party. Skingley put some life into proceedings mixing it up with Matthews, but each time he got past, Matthews would fight back. Eventually Skingley made the place his own, and then went into second, taking Matthews with him and demoting Webb to fourth. Skingley and Matthews spent the rest of the race swapping places with Skingley coming out on top in the end.

Junior Rotax: Charlie Streather led from pole and seemed to have gained a significant advantage that would be hard for anyone to overcome. Liam Ferguson got took a while to get up to speed, but once in the groove was clearly quicker than Streather and it was only a matter of time until the inevitable happened. On lap thirteen Ferguson took the lead and never looked back. Streather was second well ahead of Josh Collings who ran a lonely race in third. He in turn well clear of fourth placed Bobby Neil. Luke Cox won the Novice trophy.

Rotax 177: Matt Barnes had a great start up from grid six to lead the opening laps, but Milan Mach swept through from third to first in one move on lap four. James Darch was able to follow Mach to push Barnes back to third. After this all eyes were on the hard charging Lee Torrie who had not had the best of results in the heats and started on the back row. By lap six, he was up to third and chasing down Darch. When Darch was caught out at Easton, he immediately retook second from Torrie at the Bus Stop. Next time round, Torrie was prepared and, repeating his pass at Easton, blocked the riposte through the Bus Stop to claim second for his own. In a valiant pursuit of Mach, Torrie ran out of time and Mach secured the win by a kart length.

Rotax 177 Masters: Ian Alexander made a good start to lead from Steve Sawford and Martin Reader, these three pulling away from the rest. Despite constant pressure, Alexander maintained his slender lead. Sawford kept the pressure up but wasn't able to make a clean strike for the lead as his attentions were diverted by Reader. On the last lap but one, Sawford made a determined move and when Alexander rebuffed this, Reader seized his opportunity to move up to second.

210 Challenge: O Plate Lee Plain was master of all he surveyed with a lights to flag win in which he set up a seven second lead. Mike Coombs took up the pursuit, but faded as the race progressed, eventually being lapped by the winner. Tom Whyte, held second for a number of laps, but fell behind Matt Cardwell, Dan Bury and Chris Callaghan by the end.

Gearbox 125 and 250: In 125, Anthony Abbasse, visiting works driver for the Sodikart team, had only managed to finish one heat out of the three, but after fitting a borrowed motor and with a resultant back row start, he was soon in the hunt for victory in the 21 lap final. Poleman Richard Palmer, also on a Sodi did his best to delay the hard charging Abbasse, but the French vice champion's speed down Yamitsu Straight was immense and the inevitable pass was made on lap 17. This time Abbasse's engine made it to the line, with Palmer second ahead of Tom Witts. Nicholas Hope took the novice award. Martin Smith and Ron Stamp looked set to battle it out for the 250 class win, but Stamp dropped out at half distance leaving Smith an easy win. Chris Purdie was second, one lap down and the only other 250 to complete the distance!

Senior Rotax: Andrew Winter led from start to finish in a fairly uneventful race as far as podium positions were concerned. Aaron Charles was second throughout, seven seconds behind. Henry Easthope passed Harry Arnold and Alex Rowley on his way to third. The three novices provided the interest with a close race. Thomas Lamb got the break on Luke Andrews and Peter Marriott at half distance to win the novice trophy.

Results round up	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Novice
Cadet Libre	Ellis Hanks	Jake Blackledge	William Bennett	Lawrence Wilson
Honda Cadet	Dino Lee	Aaron Drury	Ethan Andrews	-
Junior TKM	Stephen Letts	Richard Woolmer	Adam Strong	Oliver Graham
Mini Max	Luke Hughes	Oliver Skingley	Ben Matthews	-
Junior Rotax	Liam Ferguson	Charlie Streater	Josh Collings	Luke Cox
Rotax 177 Masters	Ian Alexander	Martin Reader	Steve Sawford	-
Rotax 177	Milan Mach	Lee Torrie	James Darch	-
210 Challenge	Lee Plain	Matt Cardwell	Dan Bury	-
125	Anthony Abbasse	Richard Palmer	Tom Witts	Nicholas Hope
250	Martin Smith	Chris Purdie	-	-
Senior Rotax	Andrew Winter	Aaron Charles	Henry Easthope	Thomas Lamb