



# Hunts Kart Racing Club

## Sunday 13th December 2010

### HKRC 2009 Summer Series Round 9 13th December 2009

A cold wet and overcast day greeted the karters who braved the elements for Hunts Kart Race Club's final round of 2009 at Kimbolton on 13th December. Despite the conditions, fourteen lap finals were the order of the day.

**Cadet Libre:** Pole man Connor Jupp to led every lap to win by 2.45 seconds from Ellis Hanks. From the outside of the front row, Connor Hall's race took a backward step at the first corner as he dropped down to mid-order. Toby Sowery pressed hard in the opening laps, but hit trouble at Kestrel on lap eight and the field caught him going into Kimbolton. Five karts went in at race pace but only two came out with Stephen Letts ahead of Ellis Hanks. Letts fought off Hanks for five laps but in the end had to succumb to pressure. Sowery recovered to fifth as Lewis Taylor dropped back. Anderson Chilcott won the novice trophy.

**MiniMax:** George Russell emerged in the lead as front row men Oliver Skingley and Oram-Jones tangled at Stow. Oram-Jones retired with a broken rear bumper. Skingley disposed of Jay Goodwin but Russell had pulled away to lead by over three seconds. Skingley chased hard and closed the gap relentlessly. On the last lap Skingley tried to pass Russell at every corner, but at Kestrel he overcooked things, hitting Russell who slowed as a consequence. Skingley went through to take the flag, but was given a one place penalty by the Clerk. Steven Holmes won the novice award.

**Junior Rotax:** Lewis Plato was never passed as he led from lights to flag. Plato established a good lead, but Liam Ferguson set off in pursuit. On lap six Ferguson nearly caught Plato napping on the start finish straight, but Plato survived the passing attempt. After this wakeup call Plato put up a stout defence, keeping things tidy and protecting his lead with resolve. Ferguson was unable to mount another challenge and had to settle for second. Jack Taylor was third. Thomas Butler took the novice award.

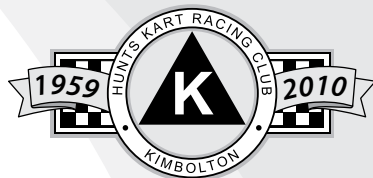
**Junior TKM:** Billy Baxter led from Oliver Basey-Fisher and Thomas Stanway and Matthew Davis as the pack sorted themselves out. Daniel Burton was the man on the move, running a second a lap quicker than the leaders. By half distance Burton was in front, eventually winning by over five seconds. Basey-Fisher got the better of Butler to take second place. Patrycja Zabawska won the novice trophy.

**Senior Rotax:** Michael Epps took a lights-to-flag win, decimating the rest by over nine seconds. David Pittard initially ran second, but had problems at half distance and dropped down the order. Luke Hooper slipped back a place or two, but recovered to take second on lap eight. He looked set to hold the place, but Lucas Orrock steadily battled his way up from tenth to snatch the runner up spot on the last lap. Special mention should go to Daniel Russell who, starting on the back row of the grid worked his way up to fourth at the line.

**125:** With only three karts starting, it looked like the 125 race might be a procession, but nothing could be further from the minds of Richie Schmitz, Ray Thomas and Richard Palmer. Schmitz had the upper hand early on and kept himself just ahead of Thomas and Palmer, who constantly swapped places. Things began to get heated at Hanger on the penultimate lap with Thomas faster out of the corner than Schmitz ploughing into the back of the leader and both of them going off. That left Palmer to finish the race on his own, with Thomas and Schmitz a lap down.

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## HKRC 2009 Summer Series Round 8 – 13th December 2009

**250:** Ron Stamp and Martin Smith contested the lead, with Jason Tucker following some distance behind. Stamp led for three laps, then dropped back to second and Smith held sway for most of the race. Stamp retook the lead with four laps to go and managed to keep Smith at bay to take the win.

**Rotax 177:** Starting from pole, Tim Penton led every lap and won by over 1.5 seconds from Lee Torrie. Torrie moved into second on lap one, but wasn't able to put up a serious challenge to Penton. Matt Barnes made up ground from the back of the grid and had third place secured by lap eight, but Torrie was out of his reach. Jamie Turner took the novice award.

**Rotax 177 Veteran:** Martin Reader lost out at the first corner, leaving Steve Sawford in the lead and having an easy run to the flag. Reader quickly carved his way through the field, passing Nick Emmony into second before half distance. Emmony held on to third ahead of novice Lewis Pettifer.

**TKM Extreme:** Sam Grogan was first away with Katie Doggett and Michael Cornell his pursuers. Cornell was quickly into second with Chris Pike following him to demote Doggett two places. Grogan's lead was soon eroded and Cornell moved ahead on lap four. From there he powered away to win by nearly nine seconds. Pike took the opportunity to pass Grogan for second on the last but one lap. Ashley Carter took the novice award.

### Race Results

Results round up	1st	2nd	3rd	Novice
<b>Cadet Libre</b>	Connor Jupp	Ellis Hanks	Stephen Letts	Anderson Chilcott [20th]
<b>MiniMax</b>	Oliver Skingley	George Russell	Shaun Arnold	Ben Matthews [18th]
<b>Junior Rotax</b>	Lewis Plato	Liam Ferguson	Jack Taylor	Thomas Butler [13th]
<b>Junior TKM</b>	Daniel Burton	Oliver Basey-Fisher	Billy Baxter	Felix Archer [20th]
<b>Senior Rotax</b>	Michael Epps	Lucas Orrock	Luke Hooper	-
<b>125</b>	Richard Palmer	Ray Thomas	Richie Schmitz	-
<b>250</b>	Ron Stamp	Martin Smith	Jason Tucker	-
<b>Rotax 177</b>	Tim Penton	Lee Torrie	Matt Barnes	Jamie Turner [11th]
<b>Rotax 177 Veteran</b>	Steve Sawford	Martin Reader	Nick Emmony	Leigh Pettifer [4th]
<b>TKM Extreme</b>	Michael Cornell	Chris Pike	Sam Grogan	Ashley Carter [6th]

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