

HKRC 2010 Championships Round 7 – 12th September 2010

A fine days weather made racing pleasant for around one hundred and eighty drivers who made the trip to Kimbolton for round seven of Hunts Kart Racing Club's 2010 championships. The improvements to the toilet facilities were well received. The club expects to complete the installation of showers before the next meeting.

Cadet Libre: - What a start to the afternoon as we were treated to another superb Cadet final with eight karts potentially in with a chance of the win until the final stages. The first few laps were fairly uneventful as pole man Lewis Taylor led James Manning, Ellis Hanks, William Pettit, Dan Kelly and Jake Blackledge. Then Taylor dropped to the back of the group on lap three, but was soon past Blackledge to run fifth. Up front, Manning, Hanks and Pettit all took turns to lead as the pack shuffled itself from corner to corner. At half distance Pettit held top spot from Kelly, Manning and Hanks. A lap later Hanks had the lead from Manning and Taylor who had quietly come back into the reckoning. Manning then dropped out of the reckoning and Hanks and Taylor got a bit of a break from the rest. Taylor swept past Hanks into the lead and seemed to have done enough but Hanks snatched top spot back on the final lap winning by just twelve hundredths of a second. Kelly ended up third with Tom Gadd taking fourth from Teddy Wilson by a whisker. Max Pritchard won the Novice award.

Honda Cadet: - The growing grid of Honda Cadets was given a separate final and they emulated their Libre counterparts by putting on an enthralling race. Dino Lee got a great start from grid five to lead at the end of lap one, but was back in third next time over the line with Billy Monger and Aaron Drury ahead of him. The trio spent the rest of the race swapping position with Max Wieteska taking up a watching brief half a second behind. In the end, it was Monger who gained the upper hand, with Drury and Lee separated by the distance of a nosecone over the line.

Junior TKM: A red flag incident on lap one saw the Junior TKM final delayed till the end of the day. Drivers were fortunately on their best behaviour in the re-run with everyone making it round Stow safely. Stephen Letts got the drop on the pack with Richard Woolmer moving up to second and Ryan Green third. Woolmer lost a couple of places on lap two and Letts looked comfortable as Green and Bradley Peck battled over second. Peck took the place, but then lost it as hard charging Jack Partridge came through. A lap later, Partridge had caught and passed Letts and the race action really took off with eight karts potentially in a position to win. It was hard to keep up with the numerous position changes occurring on every lap, but Letts was the man to cross the line first when it mattered, just ahead of Partridge. Sam Randon snatched third from Green on the line by thousandths of a second. Shea Pearce won the Novice trophy.

Mini Max: - Luke Hughes, Jay Nijjar and Oliver Skingley were the main protagonists in another closely contested final. Surviving a first corner skirmish that saw several karts drop down the order, Nijjar moved up to second. Skingley got past the following time round, but Nijjar pulled off the perfect move to slip past both Hughes and Skingley into the lead one lap later. Hughes was able to emulate this so Nijjar was quickly back in third. Hughes and Skingley took turns at leading, with Skingley in the box seat when it mattered. Hughes just managed to keep Nijjar at bay to retain second. Alex Sissins won a close fought battle with Sam Smelt for the Novice trophy.

Junior Rotax: - Early leader Guy Perry dropped down the order on lap four as Bobby Neil assumed the lead. Once there, Neil proceeded to pull away from the rest. Chad Shiner and Toby Reynolds could do nothing to prevent Neil's progress. Henry Riley won the Novice trophy.

Rotax 177 Masters: - Ian Alexander led every lap except for the crucial one at the end. Steve Sawford and Martin Reader took a few laps to pass Robin Milton and then began the chase of the leader. On the final tour, both were able to dive past Alexander who had to settle for third. Guy Bowden took the Novice award.

Rotax 177 and TKM Extreme: - In 177, David Turton set off from pole with Lee Torrie hot on his heels. Torrie took the lead on lap five, but Turton snatched it back the following time round. Not to be outdone, Torrie repeated his passing move a lap later and this time made it stick. Matt Barnes ran third throughout. Rob Buchanan took the Novice award. In Extreme, a two way battle between Michael Cornell and Sam Grogan came to an end when Grogan dropped out. Shaun Abbott was handed runner up spot as a result.

Gearbox 125 and 250: Richard Palmer succeeded in posting a lights-to-flag win in 125. With a confident performance he never looked like being beaten. Peter Baybutt gave chase, but had to relinquish runner up spot to Jason Gardener on lap three. Initially it looked like Gardener might threaten Palmer, but the challenge didn't materialise. Baybutt hung on limpet like to Gardener and on the penultimate lap made a late braking move into Stow to momentarily reclaim second, but Gardener had the racing line and was able to brush off the attempted pass. In 250, James Hassle was unstoppable, winning by ten seconds from Ron Stamp who in turn was eight seconds clear of Alex Burrows.

Senior Rotax: - James Corpe led from lights-to-flag, his winning margin over four seconds. There was plenty of action behind him. Jake Dawson, Devon Modell and Josh Parker all took turns in second, but in the end, the place went to Harry Arnold. Andrew Winter capped a fine race by snatching third on the last lap. Dean Stimson won the Novice trophy with a fine drive to thirteenth.

Results round up	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Novice
Cadet Libre	Ellis Hanks	Lewis Taylor	Dan Kelly	Max Pritchard
Honda Cadet	Billy Monger	Aaron Drury	Dino Lee	-
Junior TKM	Stephen Letts	Jack Partridge	Sam Randon	Shea Pearce
Mini Max	Oliver Skingley	Luke Hughes	Jay Nijjar	Alex Sissans
Junior Rotax	Bobby Neil	Chad Shiner	Toby Reynolds	Henry Riley
Rotax 177 Masters	Steve Sawford	Martin Reader	Ian Alexander	Guy Bowden
Rotax 177	Lee Torrie	David Turton	Matt Barnes	Rob Buchanan
TKM Extreme	Michael Cornell	Shaun Abbott	-	-
125	Richard Palmer	Jason Gardener	Peter Baybutt	-
250	James Hassle	Ron Stamp	Alex Burrows	-
Senior Rotax	James Corpe	Harry Arnold	Andrew Winter	Dean Stimson