

## **HKRC 2011 Championships Round 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

It was a grey December day for the culmination of Hunts Kart Racing Club's 2011 Championships, but fortunately the early rain had died out by the time the finals started, allowing all drivers to finish the day on slicks.

**Cadet Libre:** With several drivers visiting the circuit in preparation for the first round of the 2012 Formula Kart Stars, it was no surprise to see the front of the grid dominated by seeded numbers. Cameron Roberts headed the field from Hugo Ellis and Josh Smith. Roberts set up a reasonable lead as Smith and Ellis battled for second. They were soon joined by Kimbolton regular Lewis Taylor who followed Smith past Ellis for third and then proceeded to take both Smith and Roberts to lead before half distance. Smith and Taylor swapped the lead over the course of the next couple of laps, and then Roberts took another turn at following the leader while Ellis watched from close by. With two laps to go Ellis elevated himself to third as Roberts took over the lead again and on a frantic last lap, Ellis turned it all around to win with Roberts and Taylor finishing a whisker behind.

**Junior Rotax:** Liam Ferguson led from start to finish setting a pace that no one was able to keep up with. Connor Jupp leapt up to second spot, but wasn't able to retain it, once Luke Hughes and Nathan Harrison had caught him. Hughes led Harrison for several laps, until he lost two places in seconds with Harrison and Danny Keirle both going past. He recovered to take third spot, but Harrison was just quick enough to retain second.

**Mini Max:** Jai Nijjar was another driver to lead from the off, extending the gap for a comfortable win. In a processional affair, James Webb and Aaron Drury completed the top three. Chay Coombe took the Novice award.

**Honda Cadet:** Rory Hudson looked to have rocket fuel in his kart as he set up an early lead of over two seconds. Charlie Lamb and Chris Lulham gave what looked like being forlorn chase, but as the race progressed, their pace improved as Hudson's declined. With three laps to go they were on the leader's rear bumper and on the next lap, both shot past at the Bus Stop. Hudson tucked into the slipstream and was able to retake second at Hanger on the last lap, but Lamb was too quick for him and so that was where he stayed.

**Junior TKM:** Daniel Burton led from start to finish ahead of Bradley Peck, but all eyes were on Liam Murray who started at the back of the grid after an exclusion from heat 2. After a so-so few opening laps, Murray made rapid progress, and was quickly up from tenth to third. The distance to second was too much though, with Peck under no pressure at the end.

**Senior Rotax:** Ben Palmer had some early pressure from Jason Garner, but this subsided when Gardner got onto the kerbs exiting Kestrel. This allowed Jack Aitken and Bobby Neil into the podium positions with Neil momentarily progressing to second, but Aitken snatching the place back. Tim Cutting won the Novice award.

**Rotax 177 and Rotax 177 Masters:** In 177, Jordan Aveline led from pole, always having enough in reserve to match anything Tim Penton could throw at him. Richard Raymond ploughed a lonely furrow in finishing third. In Masters, Paul Cook continued the winning habit, this time without much difficulty and Martin Reader was occupied keeping first Ian Alexander, then Paul Bell and finally Wayne Smithers behind him.

**TKM Extreme:** The Extremes took to the track just as the morning drizzle returned, but this didn't bother Will Van Es who slipped into the lead on lap one, then blitzed the field to win by over 16 seconds. Stephen

Chisholm followed him home with Jack Kemp some way back in third. Graham Pretorius took the Novice trophy.

<b>Results round up</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Novice</b>
<b>Cadet Libre</b>	Hugo Ellis	Cameron Palmer	Lewis Taylor	-
<b>Junior Rotax</b>	Liam Ferguson	Nathan Harrison	Luke Hughes	-
<b>Mini Max</b>	Jai Nijjar	James Webb	Aaron Drury	Chay Coombe
<b>Honda Cadet</b>	Charlie Lamb	Rory Hudson	Chris Lulham	-
<b>Junior TKM</b>	Daniel Burton	Bradley Peck	Liam Murray	-
<b>Senior Rotax</b>	Daniel Russell	Henry Easthope	Derek Morgan	Tim Cutting
<b>Rotax 177</b>	Jordan Aveline	Tim Penton	Richard Raymond	-
<b>Rotax 177 Masters</b>	Paul Cook	Martin Reader	Wayne Smithers	-
<b>TKM Extreme</b>	Will Van Es	Stephen Chisholm	Jack Kemp	Graham Pretorius