

HKRC 2011 Championships Round 7 – 11th September 2011

The rain clouds that had threatened early in the day blew over very quickly leaving the way clear for dry finals at HKRC's July meeting. There was a packed programme of 36 races with over 200 entries, bolstered by the visit of the WTP Little Green Man Championship.

Mini Max: Jai Nijjar had a dominant day, with two heat wins and a second place. His performance in the final was equally commanding as he ran out a comfortable winner by five seconds. James Webb took a lap to claim second from Max Clarke and they ran in that order to the flag. Benjamin Topliss took the Novice trophy.

Cadet Libre: This was a game of cat and mouse between Lewis Taylor, Jack Bliss and Ellis Hanks who blitzed the rest of the field lapping around a second a lap quicker. Hanks made a move at the Bus Stop on the last lap that almost put him into the lead, but Taylor hung on. Then the three of them entered Kimbolton Corner side by side with Taylor emerging victorious ahead of Bliss and Hanks.

Junior Rotax: Guy Perry judged his move for the lead to perfection, storming past Liam Ferguson at Kimbolton on the penultimate lap. Ferguson had held top spot for most of the race having deposed Toby Reynolds at the Bus Stop early on. Perry then pushed Reynolds down to third before making his winning move. Reynolds, sensing Ferguson was vulnerable made a determined effort to grab second, but Ferguson held on. Joe Higham took the Novice trophy.

Junior TKM: Daniel Burton led from start to finish making up for a miserable Festival weekend, but he was pushed all the way by Patryzca Kabawska and Ryan Gray. Liam Murray was the fastest kart on the circuit scything through the field from mid grid to challenge Gray on the last lap. A late move into the Bus Stop almost came off, but Gray got himself into third again fending off Murray at the line by three hundredths of a second. Connor Smith took home the Novice trophy.

Honda Cadet: Rory Hudson had William Tregurtha following in his wheel tracks throughout the race, but withstood the pressure to cross the line five hundredths of a second ahead! Nicholas Reeve was third throughout with the position changes occurring between Harrison Huggan, Ben Scott and William Stacey who fought over fourth, fifth and sixth. Evan Cook took the Novice trophy.

Senior Rotax: Daniel Russell swept into the lead at Stow and continued there till the end. The race was not without incident though as Henry Easthope was clearly quicker than the rest and blasted past several karts to run second. He began to challenge Russell who put up a great defence. This led Easthope to get caught out and Andrew Gardner was able to retake second which he held to the end. Easthope finished third with Derek Morgan snatching fourth on the last lap. Carl Baxter won the Novice trophy.

TKM Extreme: Ashley Ruggles lead Michael Cornell for lap after lap, responding to Cornell's every move and even driving round the outside of him at Kestrel to retake the lead when Cornell had managed to get his nose briefly in front. Cornell didn't give up though, and again got past under braking into Stow. Ruggles fought to reclaim top spot, but misjudged his 'round the outside' move at Kestrel, clipping the kerbs, which slowed him sufficiently to allow Michael Green to grab second on the line.

Rotax 177 and Rotax 177 Masters: In 177, Matt Barnes made a good start from pole to lead the race, but Tim Penton was soon up to speed and closing the gap to the leader. Penton duly made a clean move for the lead and although Barnes kept up, he was not able to challenge again. Tom Clarke watched on in third. Greg Finke was master of the Masters, winning comfortably from Martin Reader. Paul Cook was third, some distance behind Reader and Derek Watts took the Novice trophy.

Results round up	1st	2nd	3rd	Novice
Mini Max	Jai Nijjar	James Webb	Max Clarke	Benjamin Topliss
Cadet Libre	Lewis Taylor	Jack Bliss	Ellis Hanks	-
Junior Rotax	Guy Perry	Liam Ferguson	Toby Reynolds	Joe Higham
Junior TKM	Daniel Burton	Patryzca Zabawska	Ryan Gray	Connor Smith
Honda Cadet	Rory Hudson	William Tregurtha	Nicholas Reeve	Evan Cook
Senior Rotax	Daniel Russell	Andrew Winter	Henry Easthope	Carl Baxter
TKM Extreme	Michael Cornell	Michael Green	Ashley Ruggles	-
Rotax 177	Tim Penton	Matt Barnes	Tom Clarke	-
Rotax 177 Masters	Greg Finke	Martin Reader	Paul Cook	Derek Watts