

HKRC 2011 Championships Round 8 – 13th November 2011

The early morning mist cleared to give way to a gloriously sunny afternoon for the 175 drivers at Kimbolton as HKRC's 2011 championships reached their penultimate round. Honda Cadet continues to go from strength to strength and the class provided one of the closest finishes of the day.

Mini Max: Mini Max pole man James Webb was under constant pressure from Michael Houghton as the two pulled a gap on the rest of the field. Houghton put some quick laps in and managed to take the lead, but it was short lived as Webb re-passed him at the Willows a couple of laps later. Houghton kept battling, but Webb held on to win by fractions of a second. Lewis Outten fought off a determined Alfie Brown for the final podium place. Recovering from an early knock back Oliver Moss pipped Omar Ismail for the novice award on the last lap.

Cadet Libre: Dean Macdonald had won both heats and set off from pole like a scalded cat, establishing a good lead from Lewis Taylor and Jake Blackledge. Taylor and Blackledge worked together to drag each other back into contention and Taylor took advantage by taking the lead with three laps left. MacDonald wasn't about to relinquish another place as the trio crossed the line separated by just one quarter of a second. Chaney Palmer won the Novice award.

Junior Rotax: Chad Shiner followed up his pole position last month with another front row start and got the better of Oliver Skingley to lead by some distance. Shaun Arnold slotted in to second spot, but Shiner made great strides, increasing his lead on every lap. Liam Ferguson was only grid 10 after a DNF in heat 1, but his rapid progress soon put him in a position to challenge Arnold, who was momentarily displaced from the runner up spot, but wrestled it back and then kept it to the flag.

Honda Cadet: Rory Hudson took an early lead from William Tregurtha and the two pulled away from the battling Harrison Huggan and Uzair Master. Tregurtha had a brief moment in the lead before Hudson re-established his rightful place. Huggan took three laps to get past Master, but then lost the place. Hudson romped home to win, leaving the three behind to set up a thrilling finish, Master just scraped home by 0.01 seconds from Tregurtha with Huggan 0.06 seconds further back in fourth. Sam Fitzpatrick put in a great performance to finish ninth and win the Novice trophy.



Rory Hudson – 1st Honda Cadet

Junior TKM: Stephen Letts was first over the line, but a 5 place penalty imposed after the race dropped him off the podium. Daniel Burton inherited the win after a race long dice with Matthew Davies, with Shea Pearce third after Liam Murray dropped out with two laps to go.

Rotax 177 and Rotax 177 Masters: In 177, Tim Penton had an emphatic win leading from start to finish. Rob carter and Scott Clee were shuffled back to mid-pack on lap one and spent the first half of the race recovering. Carter looked to have second sewn up, but Clee made his move on the last lap to finish just ahead. The Masters saw Paul Cook take his first ever race win. After passing Gordon Chenery early on, he led the class for most of the race. Progress to the flag was briefly interrupted by Martin Reader, but Cook had the scent of victory in his nostrils and quickly resumed top spot. Derek Watts took the Novice award.

TKM Extreme: A four way battle for the lead was quickly under way with Michael Cornell shadowed by Gary Henderson-Keirle, Ashley Ruggles and Will Van Es. Despite several passing attempts, the order remained the same for the first nine laps until Henderson-Keirle slipped past Cornell to lead. His advantage didn't last long as he then found himself at the back of the group and having to work hard not to lose touch. Within a lap Henderson-Keirle was back into third and chasing Ruggles. Things all got a little hectic at the Bus Stop on the next lap with everyone looking for the same piece of track. Cornell came off worst, dropping out of contention. Ruggles now had top spot, but Henderson-Keirle was determined to retake the lead and went back in front with a lap to go. On the last lap, it was all change again as Ruggles and Van Es forced their way to the top two positions, leaving Henderson-Keirle some way back in third. Paul Yemc won the Novice trophy.

Senior Rotax: Anton Stamps made a great start to lead a group of karts with Daniel Russell, Ben Palmer and Derek Morgan his pursuers. As these four kept a close watch on each other, Henry Easthope was making rapid progress through the field and latched on to the back of the train after five laps. Anton Stamps' race was about to take a turn for the worse as Daniel Russell wrestled the lead off him at half distance. On the next lap, Easthope made good use of Stow Corner to move up to second, with Palmer retaining third, Stamps down to fourth and Morgan fifth. Morgan pushed Stamp back yet another place whilst Easthope seized the initiative to lead from Russell. As the race came to a conclusion, there was more swapping of places and at the line it was Russell who emerged victorious followed by Easthope with Morgan coming through for third. Wayne Bacon won the Novice trophy for the second month in a row.

Results round up	1st	2nd	3rd	Novice
Mini Max	Josh Price	Michael Houghton	Lewis Outten	Oliver Moss
Cadet Libre	Lewis Taylor	Dean MacDonald	Jake Blackledge	Chaney Palmer
Junior Rotax	Chad Shiner	Shaun Arnold	Liam Ferguson	-
Honda Cadet	Rory Hudson	Uzair Master	William Tregurtha	Sam Fitzpatrick
Junior TKM	Daniel Burton	Matthew Davies	Shea Pearce	-
Rotax 177	Tim Penton	Scott Clee	Rob carter	-
Rotax 177 Masters	Paul Cook	Martin Reader	Gordon Chenery	Derek Watts
TKM Extreme	Ashley Ruggles	Will Van Es	Gary Henderson-Keirle	Paul Yemc
Senior Rotax	Daniel Russell	Henry Easthope	Derek Morgan	Wayne Bacon