

## **2011 Supercheap Auto Kart Series - Round 2 IPSWICH** **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May**

The closeness of competition across most classes was the biggest positive to come out of Round 2 of the Supercheap Auto Kart Series. The event was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of May at one of Queensland's biggest kart club's, Ipswich. The event saw plenty of new faces competing in the series.

All six series categories produced new champions and in many cases, then weren't decided until the finale.

Double National Champion Cian Fothergill didn't compete in this year's Supercheap Auto Kart Series, unlike the last two years. He is still doing his part for the series by helping out Rookie driver Joshua Rogers, which helped him to secure his overall round win.

### **Leopard Heavy**

Leopard Heavy class again had great numbers and the racing had plenty of biff and barge. Fastest qualifier was Kel Treseder.

Opening race Kris Walton took the lead from the rolling start, but Treseder was not too far behind. By the second lap Treseder led the large field. The excitement was mid-pack though with the Central Queensland guys of Jason Faint, Michael Doherty, Gaven Whitmore and Matt Dicoski as they gave the crowd something to cheer about with there side-by-side driving on the straights. Treseder held off Walton for the chequered flag.

Race 2: Walton hole-shotted the first corner and led most of the race followed by Treseder until they collided on the final lap putting Treseder out and Walton carried on but lost several positions by finishing in fifth place. Rockhampton nice guy Scott Dagan also received a DNF due to mechanical problems. Faint grabs first place followed by Doherty and Whitmore in third.

Final rolling start Michael Doherty took the lead. Treseder started from rear of the field but gathered plenty of speed and made his way to the front of the field in no time. On lap 4 Treseder spun off due to his chain snapping which put him out of a overall podium place. By the half way mark, Walton slips into first position and holds that place until the chequered flag, closely behind was Faint and Doherty.

### **Leopard Light**

This class seemed to be how you started is how you finished all weekend. Local teenager Oliver Etter had a sensational qualifying session, and also had the same success in all three races blowing the field away. Rockhampton rockstar Graham Prajbisz fought for the lead on several occasions but Etter had more top end

speed. Stephen Sheedy secured third place and unfortunately Steven Falcke had mechanical problems on/off all the weekend and still secured valuable points for the series.

### **Open Performance**

The feature class for the Ipswich round of the series, had a massive crowd which gathered to watch. Both Kris Walton and National & State Champion Kel Treseder decided to compete in both Leopard Heavy and the Open Performance class.

Kel Treseder was the quickest in the qualifying session and also planted his foot by winning three from three races with maximum points for the day.

In race two Treseder on pole, local saloon car driver Kris Walton sneaks through the sweeper to take the lead on the third lap but has mechanical problems and falls back to fifth place. Treseder takes back the lead followed by Adam Mercer in second and Peter Richards in third.

Final race in the warm up Luke Lane broke a chain. Kel Treseder defending his lead, Walton and Mercer not far behind barging for second place. On the final lap Mercer broke a chain and did not finish the race. Final places over the finish line: Treseder, Walton, Richards, Hui Ling Dean and series Co-ordinator Mark Jamieson.

### **Pro Clubman**

Toowoomba driver Chris Farkas was the quickest in qualifying. Sadly Matthew Goddard blew his motor in the qualifying session and withdrew from the event.

Harrington Doyle's leading senior driver James Greenwood was quickest off the line and led the field. Both Farkas and Greenwood changing the lead several times, Farkas held Greenwood off on the last couple of corners of the final lap.

Final race Greenwood had a healthy lead but the battle was for second place. Dual between Chris Farkas, Richard Dimmock and Lucas Ward kept the crowd watching. Mid pack round 1 winner Craig Butler did not finish the race due to mechanical problems and with two laps remaining Townsville driver Alan LeBrink broke a chain and also received a DNF.

Final lap Greenwood crossed the finish line with a great lead followed by Ward who only just got around Dimmock on the final few turns.

### **Pro Junior National**

Lachlan McHugh qualified the quickest from the large 18-pack field. First lap four karts collide putting out Matthew Jones and Raymond Jenkinson out of contention. McHugh still leading the race has Brody Chardon breathing down his neck and makes a move down the back straight. With only four laps remaining

McHugh gets back the lead and Chardon drops back to third position behind Jake Downs, positions stay the same through to race finish.

Another four-kart spin out on the first lap of the pre-final but all resume back on track. Lachlan McHugh back in front and taking charge. Jake Downs, Daniel Milne and Callum Walker were rubbing panels and changing positions to get to the front. Final lap Downs makes a move on the second last corner and gets first place followed by McHugh and Milne in third.

Final race had more changes than a Lady Gaga concert. Downs leads for the first four laps then McHugh takes first position. Gold Coast driver Jack Wood had mechanical problems and was forced a DNF. While the most exciting part of the race was Harrington Doyle's Callum Walker and Daniel Milne kept slotting into third place, even if it met going into a slide after turn five slightly in the dirt. Positions over the finish line were McHugh, Milne, Downs and Walker.

### **Rookies**

Qualifying Mitchell Maddren was the quickest but was overtaken by Randy Morgan from the start of the first race. Down the back straight Morgan had plenty of pressure pushed on him by fellow rivals, he steered to wide and let Mitchell Maddren, Zane Goddard and Joshua Rogers through. Positions stayed the same for the chequered flag to be waved.

Zane Goddard got to the first corner leading the field, battle for second place between Morgan and Rogers. On the second lap Morgan spun out and went to rear of the field. Joshua Rogers took the lead from Goddard and held their positions through to the finish line. Following closely in third was Mitchell Maddren. Great drive by Randy Morgan coming from back of the field fifteenth position to eighth.

Goddard getting to the corner first again in the final race, Joshua Rogers not giving in so easily gets side by side in the straights but doesn't quite have the speed. By the half way mark Maddren gets past both Goddard and Rogers to take the lead. On the last lap Harrington Doyle driver Harrison Oddie pulled into the pits with mechanical problems. The first three places kept changing throughout the entire race but the finishing places were: First Joshua Rogers, second Mitchell Maddren and third Zane Goddard.

### **Midgets**

Opening race Declan Fraser was the quickest in qualifying, and was committed to getting to the corner first. He led the freight train of fellow Midgets around the 1080 metre long track but Harrison Hoey grabbed the lead on lap 3. With the lead changing several times throughout the 14-lap race Hoey took the chequered flag for race 1 followed by Fraser and Ryan Suhle.

With a staggered start for the second race, Fraser snuck past Hoey through the

hairpin. Lead change again on lap 3 with Hoey in front, a bit of a mid pack scramble with Joel Jamieson spinning out on turn 1, he gets back on track and catches up four places by the end of the race. Last lap down the back straight Fraser made a move on Hoey and grabs first place.

Final Harrison Hoey took back the lead with Fraser not very far behind. With only four laps to go Hoey was forced to slow down and pull into the pits with mechanical problems. Fraser took back the lead now with a six-way battle for second place amongst Ryan Suhle, Jace Matthews, Fraser Ruane, Joseph Black, Nathan Herne and Joel Curd. Over the finish line Fraser in 1<sup>st</sup>, Suhle 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matthews in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 'Hard Charger' award Sponsored by Fastlane Media went to Junior #4 Rookies Driver: Randy Morgan for his exceptional performance and his drive to push from rear of the field to the front in a short amount of time, he had great sportsmanship when times were tuff.

Senior Driver: #3 Lucas Ward still had consistent results on paper but had a few mishaps but gained several positions throughout all three races. He had a happy-go-lucky personality and was just happy to be racing in the series.

Both drivers were unavailable for presentation but received a \$100 Supercheap Auto Voucher.

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## **ROUND 2 - RACE RESULTS**

### **MIDGETS**

- 1.) Declan Fraser
- 2.) Ryan Suhle
- 3.) Jace Matthews
- 4.) Harrison Hoey
- 5.) Joseph Black
- 6.) Nathan Herne
- 7.) Fraser Ruane
- 8.) Joshua Davey
- 9.) Joel Curd
- 10.) Joel Jamieson
- 11.) Jarrod Costello
- 12.) Jai Brown
- 13.) Joshua Milne

## **ROOKIES**

- 1.) Joshua Rogers
- 2.) Mitchell Maddren
- 3.) Zane Goddard
- 4.) Randy Morgan
- 5.) Jack Bussey
- 6.) Mitchell Bennett
- 7.) Harrison Oddie
- 8.) Damon Ash
- 9.) Wyatt Davidson
- 10.) Nicholas Butler
- 11.) Samuel Battye
- 12.) Kane Bycroft
- 13.) Natasha Herne
- 14.) Thomas Steele
- 15.) James Litzow

## **PRO JUNIOR NATIONAL**

- 1.) Lachlan McHugh
- 2.) Jake Downs
- 3.) Daniel Milne
- 4.) Callum Walker
- 5.) Brody Chardon
- 6.) Aaron Seton
- 7.) Scott Hynes
- 8.) Holly Patrizi
- 9.) Jamie Grohman
- 10.) Jack Wood
- 11.) Bailey Cunningham
- 12.) Ethan O'Farrell
- 13.) Joshua Ebzery
- 14.) Matthew Jones
- 15.) Russell Whittaker
- 16.) Clinton Lewis
- 17.) Raymond Jenkinson
- 18.) Connor Robertson

## **PRO CLUBMAN**

- 1.) James Greenwood
- 2.) Chris Farkas
- 3.) Richard Dimmock
- 4.) Lucas Ward
- 5.) Alexandra Whitley
- 6.) Brenton Simonds
- 7.) Craig Butler
- 8.) Ashley MacMaster
- 9.) Adam Mercer

- 10.) Bianca Herne
- 11.) Alan LeBrink
- 12.) Matt Hibble
- 13.) Adam Metcalfe
- 14.) Matthew Goddard

### **OPEN PERFORMANCE**

- 1.) Kel Treseder
- 2.) Adam Mercer
- 3.) Kris Walton
- 4.) Peter Richards
- 5.) Mark Jamieson
- 6.) Hui Ling Dean
- 7.) Luke Lane

### **LEOPARD LIGHT**

- 1.) Oliver Etter
- 2.) Graham Prajbisz
- 3.) Stephen Sheedy
- 4.) Steven Falcke

### **LEOPARD HEAVY**

- 1.) Jason Faint
- 2.) Kris Walton
- 3.) Michael Doherty
- 4.) Gaven Whitmore
- 5.) Ashley Waardenberg
- 6.) Travis Martin
- 7.) Matthew Dicoski
- 8.) Patrick Mather
- 9.) Richard Litzow
- 10.) Kel Treseder
- 11.) Joel Worrell
- 12.) Scott Dagan
- 13.) Frederick Watson
- 14.) Denis Butler
- 15.) Michael Powe
- 16.) Steven Lintott
- 17.) Matthew Chapman

Photo: Kel Treseder

