

Red Lodge Karting

Club 2000 -- Round 1 – January 7, 2012

RACE REPORT

The first of the 12-meeting Championship was held on January 7 on an unseasonal warm and dry day.

Stephanie Sore and Josiah Twinn got the first two Honda Cadet places, continuing the form they had both shown last year. Rickey Wells [sp is correct] and Joel Oswick lost promising grid places over the race allowing Evan Cook to catapult himself from last to third. Among the Comer Cadets, Adam Sparrow made up ground to finish a strong first followed in by Taylor Whitson and Steven Wills.

Luke Pharoah took the honours in the Rotax Mini MAX final profiting at the expense of Alister Topliss who was beaten into third place by Oliver Moss by 20/100". Connor Smith started pole in the Junior TKM final and was quickly overtaken by grid mate George Morris, which was as far as he got in the race. Ben Golding then chased him hard for a few laps before settling for a relaxed second, ten seconds ahead of Helen Horner and Curtis Horner.

The Junior Rotax MAX final was closely fought with Alice Flinn coming third on her debut from Club ProKarts. Poleman Ryan Hawes, graduating from MiniMax, and Jack Noddle were almost inseparable from the lights until a touch spun both of them off at the Senna hairpin on lap 12. Noddle was the first to recover though, and Hawes was unable to catch him on the remaining lap.

All the Senior Rotax MAX weights ran together and the top two traded places with Alister Topliss winning the Lights and Lee Morgan the Heavies.

There was a very healthy and competitive Senior TKM grid with Peter Smith on pole and just ahead of two harriers until lap 12. Joe Stockford, with a decade of karting achievement in his favour, didn't need a second chance to leapfrog Smith as did a resurgent Nathan Winter. The top three finished with less than a second between them. Fourth was Junior Champion George Friday making his first Senior appearance at Red Lodge.

Four-stroke grids continue to provide racing opportunities for many Juniors at Red Lodge, chief among them members of the thriving TopKatz training school. In the Club section, poleman Sam Chittock was the unlucky victim of the lap-one sorting out process but recovered well to finish third. Jordan Honeybone kept his second place but the laurels went to Charlie Vail who gained three places to take the lead from Honeybone mid race and finish a couple of seconds ahead.

This year, Junior ProKarts will be competing in the Championship at Red Lodge. The first final was emphatically won by Kathleen Sore, making her transition from Comer Cadets. Jonathon Corry [sp is correct] came second followed by Matthew Ebbs.

SUMMARY TABLE (Finals)	First	Second	Third
Honda Cadets	Stephanie Sore	Josiah Twinn	Evan Cook
Comer Cadets	Adam Sparrow	Taylor Whitson	Steven Wills
Rotax Mini MAX	Luke Pharoah	Oliver Moss	Benjamin Topliss
Junior TKM	Connor Smith	Benjamin Golding	Helen Horner
Junior Rotax MAX	Jack Noddle	Ryan Hawes	Alice Flinn
Senior Rotax MAX	Alister Topliss	David Church	
Rotax 177	Lee Morgan	Nic Carlton- Smith	
TKM Extreme	Joe Stockford	Nathan Winter	Peter Smith
Junior Club ProKarts	Charlie Vail	Jordan Honeybone	Sam Chittock
Junior ProKarts	Kathleen Sore	Jonathon Corry	Matthew Ebbs

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