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## RACE REPORT - The Hilarious Hooton Grand Prix

Wow, what a laugh....!

This week the vacancy in the Natska calendar was filled by the parents and mechanics of some present and past T.K.T members competing against each other at the local track, Hooton!

Yes, Bob Wilson, the owner of the track, allowed the parents of T.K.T to hire his beloved circuit and his speedy corporate karts. And for those who didn't go, my god, you missed out!!!

There was some role reversing around the paddock and so therefore it is Harry Heath bringing you this race report just to fit in!!!

The meeting was made very individual when the Percival vehicle rolled up! There was a huge silence when our Team leader stepped out in jeans down to his ankles? How unusual!

This weekend we saw the continuation from the July 'Fun Day.' The whole day was dedicated to those parents who think they can do it better and for those who are constantly telling their sons or daughters how to win races! Well some have got their pride still intact but the other not so lucky temporary drivers it was a very different story.

The format for the day's racing would be a much needed practise for some drivers, and then an action packed two heats and a final! With such a good turnout to show their support and to have a laugh, there was a need for a familiar split grid procedure. The heat winners drove very well, these included the bookies' favourite Mark Walsh, Shaun Derbyshire, Paul Sirett a.k.a Tall Paul, Georgie Maddock and Beth Taylor but

the heats weren't that important as it all came down to the dreaded finals!!!!

### 'The C Final'

Well those drivers who weren't so lucky in the heats had their own final! Clive Derbyshire and Dave Maddock lined up to take the top two places on the grid, with Mrs Sirett and Mrs Heath lining up behind them then Mr and Mrs McHugh were seperated by Liz Kirby leaving Wendy McLaughlin to follow in 8<sup>th</sup> place

Well there was only a trophy for the winner so after being binned off in to the tyres in an earlier heat it left Wendy a bit out of the running but the others could still battle it out.

And they did so....

Clive Derbyshire and Dave Maddock really went for it and in the end Clive just couldn't hold on. Dave 'did' Mr Derbyshire and the pair left the pack, and that's how it stayed but the race wasn't over yet.....

Mrs Sirett hung on to take the final place on the podium with Gaynor Heath exceeding her expectations from her youngest son who showed little support! Of course her older son backed her all the way and she claimed 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Mr and Mrs McHugh drove a good race but Mrs McHugh just couldn't match the pace of her husband or get past a solid Liz Kirby.

Wendy McLaughlin drove brilliantly and after her previous bash from behind, her confidence must of taken a battering and she did well to even step back in her kart!

### **'The B Final'**

Well again there were only trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place and there were so many drivers desperate to claim the silver-ware. Mick McLaughlin and Chris Roberts claimed the top 2 places on the grid with R and S Taylor following the pair. They were followed by the one and only Richard Percival, Jim Murie, Paul Heath and Henry Howes.

After a brief spell in the lead Mick was overtaken by Chris Roberts but after a rather controversial manoeuvre which resulted in a warning flag but nevertheless a race win that was well deserved, Mick McLaughlin retook the lead and that is how it stayed at the front but what was happening in the middle?

Well the two Taylors switched places and with Henry Howes releasing his true potential and going from 8<sup>th</sup> place off the start line to finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Richard Percival was left to scrap with Paul Heath over 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (losing out gracefully and doing a fishing action to try to reel him in in the final straight!)

To finish off the 'The C Final' Jim Murie, after his earlier spin was left pick up the pieces but at least he tried!!!

AND FINALLY.....

### **'The A Final'**

Well after a master class from Mark Walsh and Georgie Maddock they secured the front row. But the day hadn't been all about them... with some great driving from Beth Taylor claiming 3<sup>rd</sup> for the final and Shaun Derbyshire still in the running sitting on 4<sup>th</sup> place on the grid. This left Paul Sirett, Dave Tanswell, Bruce Lister, Chris Kirby and John McLaughlin to battle it out against the 'elite.'

But when the lights went green things were very different....

Mark Walsh went home disappointed after an incident left him to claw 5<sup>th</sup> and the winner for the **'Heartbreak of the day'** prize - a small consolation for what he could have won. But he was only one driver who could have won. The top spot on the podium could still go to anyone..... and it went to a well deserving Beth Taylor who drove from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> with Shaun Derbyshire following her through the traffic and going from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> (with a warning after giving Georgie Maddock a bit of a nudge). Georgie Maddock claimed a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dave Tanswell in 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Kirby gained one place from his grid spot and claimed 7<sup>th</sup> and John McLaughlin and Bruce Lister battled for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

...And so to **DRIVER OF THE DAY**

Driver of the day has to go to Beth Taylor for a strong performance in 'The A Final' and definitely showed the difference between the elite and the newbies! But congratulations to all who took part and also an even bigger well done to all the drivers who made it to 'The A Final'

FANTASTIC, FANTASTIC DRIVING!

**EEEEEEKKKKKKK MOMENT OF THE DAY!!!**

It has to go to Wendy for the incident she was involved in when she received a bash from the back which resulted in a head on collision with the tyre wall!!!

**Dear Kart Doctor**

I really want to look like that mystery man who has that really cool race suit! Its so cool I don't even think it is legal in Natska anymore? Also he has bright red

boots and a white helmet with lots of stickers on! Do you know who he is?

### **Kart Doctor says...**

Well its a big secret so shhhh but he actually IS "The Stig"!!!! The BBC wouldn't let him wear his usual race suit though because they said that it was sooo cool the celebrities in Hollywood would want one and that suit is a one off! Made especially for your hero!

..and so, to Wigan where we are back to the usual (kids doing the hard work) competing in the last race of the season for Natska!- hope to see you all there where the drivers and parents will be swapping back and there will be huge competition in the 45 minute enduros and the High powered sprints!

Thanks for reading

Harry Heath  
Aka AXLE!

It will probably be back to Lotus Lane next week!  
Cya!