

# CAIRPOIRCEY

## KARTING

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RACE REPORT - SATURDAY / SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>  
JUNE 2008

ROWRAH - NOVEMBER WEATHER, SUNNY RESULTS!

Well I don't know about you - but I hope that you have dried out.....the rain and wind really were that bad, and if you weren't there then you missed the school awning actually getting airborne (and taking Rory McHugh's new kart with it!)...and it wasn't the only one - with the Siretts awning also being bent into some weird sculpture formation, and the wind deciding to turn the Oliphant's trailer and awning through 90 degrees.....boy am I glad that we weren't camping! As I said when I wrote the Forest Edge race report, if the weather is going to be like this for the duration of Bruce's reign as TKT team leader...then I suggest we ask him if he will adopt Richard's strategy of trying to shame the sun into shining by wearing shorts!?...yes, in spite of the weather conditions, Richard still had his shorts on!!!

First of all let's get the thank you's sorted!

THANK YOU TO:

Our marshals for the weekend...including Paul Duke, Amy Duke, Ann McLoughlin, George Westlake, Antony Haynes, Bill Thorne, Tony Rollinger, Steve Williams Andrew Wallace for working out on the start finish all weekend.

Nicky Wallace for being the Race Director

Tom Oliphant and Chloe Thorne for managing the grid on Saturday

Tina Wood for lapscoreing

Katharine for contributing her usual shift of work! (Including blowing that air horn on Sunday...we were all really enjoying her horn action...including the guy who decided to stand right by the grid marshal's hut and was unaware of what was about to happen...suffice to say we just about got him back from Whitehaven in time to start his driver in the next heat!)

Tow-ers this weekend were David Pover and Adam McHugh - many, many thanks from the team for getting us there!

And a very special mention to Bruce Lister, Chris and Theresa Roberts, Johnathan Molyneux, Oliver Jackson (LEGEND TENT USER...he was the only one who stayed out all night on Saturday!) and Harry Heath for attempting to save all of our awnings!

At this point, I think it is fair to say that, in spite of the challenging weather conditions you drivers must

have driven very well all weekend, with Bruce able to “enjoy” being our team leader without having to visit race control!

Any way...enough of that, what really happened?!

Small Paul is too busy trying hold the van in a straight line on the motorway - so you will have to make do without his shortened commentary on the day

...so what really happened?

### **Novices**

From what I saw, Lucy had another good weekend...and in the final heat she had some extra resistance to overcome - as she left the grid she collected a neck brace that had been carelessly discarded by the driver in front.....she took it underneath her kart for the whole heat and returned it at the end of the “race”!

Becca McLoughlin lead the novice field away, and the others would have learned some good clean lines if they had been able to stick with her...drivers take note the next McLoughlin is coming....!

Both of the Williams boys had good weekends with some serious improvements in times. John Williams definitely learned from the benefit of being with qualified driver Steven Duke.

...and Luke had kart 73 all to himself, and he certainly seemed to enjoy the drive...enough for the back seat drivers to tell me that he deserved to be our **JOINT DRIVER OF THE WEEKEND!**

### **Class 7**

Chris Percival is also our **JOINT DRIVER OF THE WEEKEND**, with results of (1,1,1,and for the 4<sup>th</sup> heat, the kart was parked in its garage out of harms way). I am hoping that when I catch up with Uncle Simon he will have some serious pictures from the weekend for you all to enjoy. Oh, and by the way, I have been asked by Chris’ very best Chief Mechanic (that would be Jane!) to mention the fact that Chris’ win is, not only a testament to his own driving, but also to the fact that **Rob Wallace** does a **SUPERB job at re-building his carbs** (for a very small fee!)

...and talking of Rob, he had a “mixed” weekend (DNS, DNF, 4, 1) before eventually claiming 9<sup>th</sup> place overall!

Adam Sirett was the next TKT driver home (2 DNFs, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup>) - not the best day at the office, added to a mangled awning...I hope the Sirett’s had a good journey home!

### **Class 8**

No TKT drivers went out to play in the class 8’s this weekend!

### **Class 11**

Four TKT entries out of the 23 this weekend, and three of them made it into the top 10! First home was David Thorne (DNF,3,5,4)...this boy is obviously one to watch in the wet!

Next up was Steven Duke (with very many thanks from Harry for lending him your Dad!) - excellent driving and an experienced shoulder for John Williams too...Steve’s results were 8,4,3,13.

Completing the TKT top ten was our Rory who had another mixed weekend...Results of 12,DNF,6,5 were only half of Rory’s weekend...the school awning deciding on Sunday morning to take off using Rory’s kart as an anchor and then dragging it up the A frame of the school trailer before turning it over.

### **Class 12**

Unfortunately there was nothing in Class 12 to report on

### **Class 14**

TKT Rakets dominated the field this weekend - and this weekend we managed to grab top spot too!

**JOINT DRIVER OF THE DAY** was Kevin Tanswell. KT was phenomenal and took 2,1,1,2 on his way to the trophy - superb!

Next up for TKT was...yeehahh...Florrie who had a fantastic return to form after her dad resolving some mechanical “issues” that he has been having all season...

...I am very very pleased to report that Florrie had scores of 4,4,3,3 and it is lovely to see her results reflecting her driving quality again! Oh and special

came to help us on the grid when the class 14 racing had been completed (including bringing us a lovely hot cup of tea!).

Stuart Wood, Henry Kirby and Chris Pover all had good consistent weekends. Stuart's scores were 5,5,2,7, Henry's were 6,10,4,5 and Chris scored 12,7,9,9.

And Alex Rollinger unfortunately wasn't feeling well on Sunday meaning that she didn't start the 4<sup>th</sup> heat - which was really unlucky given that she had scored 8,11,7 on Saturday...with a score on Sunday she might have managed better than the 9<sup>th</sup> place that she eventually had to settle for.

In Class 14 this weekend we had two newbie back of gridders in David and Gareth Haynes - and I have to say that they did an absolutely fantastic job....you normal Raketeers really had better start looking out for the Haynes boys - they are coming to get you!

### **Class 15**

Only Matt Wood making a return to Rotax this weekend...definitely mixed fortunes (2,DNF,DNF,DNS)

### **Dear Kart Dogtor**

(This weekend we had TWO Kart Dogtors (MONTY AND JACK....))

Please, please, please can you find a way to resolve the weather problems at Rowrah...every time we go we get VERY wet, and BLOWN across the paddock - resulting in much damage to awnings and karts! We are thinking of learning how to complete awning repairs and may even branch out into sales too. What do you think?

### **Kart Dogtor says**

Unfortunately, there isn't a lot that we can do about the weather, and you should worry...at least you lot can take your cold wet coats off when its time to pack up...!

### **Well Done....?**

...Unfortunately, we aren't able to confirm whether or not any one managed to get a mention on Chris Evans this week - we lost the signal as we approached Shap at about 5.30pm, and couldn't listen

And so, the challenge continues... can you get your name on Chris Evans too (txt 88291!!!)

Thanks for reading

John Kettleby and Suzanne Charlton  
(we'll try and get it right next time).