

# TARPORLEY KARTING

# TEAM

## RACE REPORT - SATURDAY / SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> / 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007 A FLOOD AND AN EXPLOSION TO ACCOMPANY TWO TKT VICTORIES!

Having just completed the dog walk and discussed this weekend's race report, we will treat you to two in one this weekend.....first of all here is Grumpy's!:

Dry then wet

Class 7 - best not mentioned!

Class 8 - no entries

Class 11 - top two places - maiden win for Simon! (and I don't want to say any more)

Class 12 - Daz unlucky

Class 14 - top two places - maiden win for George K

Class 15 - best not mentioned!

Probably says it all....but just to put a bit more flesh on these bones (oh and once again the photos are provided by the family's ace photographer - not that the difference is obvious!!!! (sorry Simon, you only have to look at the Rye House / Whilton Mill reports to know that that is a joke!))....

Just one word sums up the TKT weekend at the Rowrah circuit in Cumbria for the "mid-summer" meeting.....WOW!

It was excitement all the way from the minute you left home, until the second you got back - and if you were really lucky, then fun will have STOPPED when you got home....after all too many thrills CAN'T be good for you!!

Once again the weather played its part in the weekend - we knew it was going to fun when we saw a car up to its windows in a flood at the TOP OF KELSALL HILL! - and contrary to expectations, the driest part of our journey was the Cumbrian part...

### Novices

We had five novices out this weekend, including two brand new to the circuit....

First of all welcome to the team to Becca McLoughlin and Lucy Roberts - very well done to both of you!

Well done also go to Shannon Howes, Kevin Tanswell and Stephen Duke who are driving fantastically well and collecting those all important signatures as they go - Excellent stuff!



### TKT novices on parade!

All five drivers did the team proud in, what can only be described as, challenging conditions!

### Class 7

In class 7 Oliver Bruce had, yet another, good weekend with his WORST result being a third place in the second heat - I can think of an awful lot of drivers who would pay money to have a string of results which read 0,3,2,2 The final results table put Oliver in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall - a fantastic score!

Oliver was cheered on by older brother (and former TKT karter) Tom - who also completed two stints on a marshalling post. Special thanks from ALL the team to Tom! - we hope that you are able to join us for a drive at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations!



In 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall was Rob Wallace - who was unlucky to have a DNF in the third heat - but given Oliver's results described above, it would have been very difficult to overcome his score! Well done, Rob!

Chris Percival had an interesting weekend - and did particularly well (given the amount of time that TL Tricky had to spend in race control (nuff said). Important point here for all other TKT team-members (and an impassioned plea from a kart technologically ignorant female) - in the event that Tricky has to go to deal with "issues", please can we all try to make sure that Chris is ok?.....anyway, back to the scores on the doors - Chris' race sequence was 5,4,5,5 - to net an overall 4<sup>th</sup> place - Excellent!

Jack Roberts had another good weekend, and brought his kart home in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall (4,22,4,6). Closely followed home by (still relatively new to the class) Calum Murie (3,7,6,22).

....and to complete the top ten TKT results in Class 7 are George and Harry Dobson who had scores of 11,9,10,22 and 13,11,22,10 respectively. Well done, guys!

The picture below probably explains Grumpy's race report for Class 7 above....



...you may have noticed that the driver appears not to have helped lift this kart onto its trolley!

### Class 8

Nothing to say here in the absence of Bookers and Woods (when will we see you again, guys - we're missing you!)

### Class 11

What can we say - we had two FANTASTIC drivers in this class at Rowrah....

..very very well done to Simon Wallace who had an absolutely fantastic weekend with three heat wins (and we won't mention the fourth heat!) to claim his first overall Class win.....on this weekend, there was nobody to come close to Simon, and as a very boring accountant, I can only sum it up in one word....BRILLIANT!



Closely following Simon, was fellow TKT driver, Jonathan Molyneux who put in more searing drives to claim second place overall (5,16,3,0).

Back to Grumpiness - the following pictures may explain!....



We are quite amused (by Small Paul's expression....and the man in the orange suit...we know who you are!).

## Class 12

Demon Daz did it again - and was VERY unlucky on this weekend....going into the last heat, and with the opportunity to beat that Kightley fella, to have an "off" at the hairpin. Desperately unlucky....

...another picture to prove that there is more we could ALL do towards helping team-mates...



...Wendy had to be brought from race control to help recover Daz.... pleeeeeeasse look out for the kids of the people who are helping to run the meeting (including fellow TKT drivers whose parents are covering marshall posts!)

## Class 14

As with Class 7, its fair to say that TKT dominated this class with six out of the top ten finishers....

A superb result for George Kirby, who took the overall win (his first!! Yeeehaah!) (2,4,0,20) with some absolutely classless driving - taming the Kightley and Alex Withers too - FANTASTIC!



In second place overall was (apparent Rowrah specialist) Ben McLoughlin, who followed up his April victory in style! (4,2,2,7)

In 6<sup>th</sup> place, was our Axle (taking the opportunity to have a go in his beloved Raket before his brother unseats him!)...

...closely followed by Florrie Kirby and Oliver Jackson. Florrie proved once again that if you stick to the racing line, then you are VERY difficult to pass - excellent driving. Oli had issues with bits and pieces on his kart - and I hope that these are all out of the way in time for the next meeting...

Completing the top ten was Josh Woodward (11,8,10,4) who, I'm guessing, will have been mighty relieved to get home again, after the experience of an exploding Volvo (more on that later!)

## Class 15

We had two newcomers sharing the drive in the school Rotax this weekend - and it made for interesting viewing (including some head scratching from the mechanics!)

Suffice to say that Adam and George looked like they really enjoyed driving the Rotax (and if had "gone" properly then they would probably have enjoyed it a whole lot more!)

This leads me on to my "**Driver of the Weekend**", which this week is awarded to ADAM SIRETT - unfortunately, I think that AS got a little confused with the scoring arrangements this weekend....amassing 88 points in his TKM (four DNFs!) and a further 10 points in the Rotax (lucky we didn't also count the recoveries from the practice session) - anyway Ad is driver of the day for the way in which he handled this adversity!

....and so to the explosion...

We have already alluded to the Woodwards and the exploding Volvo....well done for the calm way in which Ian and Josh both dealt with the issues which mechanical failure of the car towing the school trailer!

Dear Kart Doctor

(and I have to confess that because of the time delay between the meeting and when I have finally been able to sit down to write the race report I have forgotten the really cracking KD that was given to me!)

I have this really big problem with the man in my life and his GRUMPY behaviour....I know that it is only brought on in EXTREME conditions - but.....

...even the dog can't do right for doing wrong!

Kart Doctor says....

If this is the same dog that I had previously advised be dealt with via a twelve bore shotgun, perhaps I could

advise that you deal with your man in the same way!!! -  
I'm sure you would get away with "extenuating  
circumstances or extreme provocation"

(or perhaps not!)

That's all for now.....So we hope to see you all at  
Whilton Mill for the next Natska meeting 14th / 15<sup>th</sup> July  
....and if you are short of something to do, then you  
could always log on to [www.tarporleykarting.co.uk](http://www.tarporleykarting.co.uk) and  
order your tickets for the World's Greatest Karting  
Team's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.....

For now, thank you for reading.....hope you enjoyed it!

Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso's team building  
assistant - after all we had nothing better to do on 23<sup>rd</sup>  
/ 24<sup>th</sup> June!!!

(Lotus Lane and Not Quite Superman are preparing for  
the British Grand Prix where they will be driving the  
latest two seater F1 car)

Have a good couple of weeks until we meet again...