

Whilton Mill - Saturday 3rd March 2007

WINNERS AT WHILTON!!!

The 1st meeting of 2007 took place on Saturday 3rd March at Whilton Mill (Northamptonshire) - and, once again I don't have any foreign correspondents to tell me anything interesting, exciting or funny that happened, so what follows is my own take on the day!

It was a funny old day - with rain coming and going faster than you could say "Umbrella".... oh well it added to the interest and made the results even more unpredictable than usual - especially when the fourth heat had to be cancelled due to lack of time - working your results out was even more tricky than usual - if it makes you feel any better, I can confirm that even "Statto" Wood was having trouble!!! (results are shown on the TKT website at

www.tarporleykarting.co.uk/results

Novices

We had four novices on parade this weekend (all Raket) and some amazing battles went on between them too. All four (Jonathon, Henry, Jack and George) did tremendously well in the very changeable conditions - particularly when on slick tyres when it started to rain!

At the end of the meeting the MSA steward declared that the **"Most Improved Novice of the Day" was Jack Lister**....well done Jack, keep it up!
(and so we had the first Tarporley trophy of the day in the bag).

Class 7

As usual Class 7 was very exciting - and a little bit of spice was added by Mr Porter, when he told the chaps in the pre-race briefing about two fatalities.....nothing to worry about though, apparently scaring you what'sitless is the most sensible way of keeping you calm when you are going out racing!!! (Oh and then add in the extra "safe" ingredient of the cones being left in the middle of the track when the field comes round to complete the first lapyou can almost hear the screams ringing still EEEEEKKKK!!!!)

As with the novices, class 7 had such a large entry that the grids had to be split (which makes it very confusing to try to work out how you are doing overall - apparently this is part of Tony Blair's grand-plan for improvements in education standards - calculating your results will soon be a compulsory element of the maths syllabus!).

The excellent news from the club's point of view was that nearly half of the grid came from Tarporley...

...as with the other classes, rain decided to make frequent appearances through the day, resulting in some very HAIRY racing (especially when you have 30 odd

kamikaze TKM pilots taking the start line and going hell for leather into the first corner!!! Luke McLaughlin was very unlucky to have another driver spin out right in front of him - nowhere to go but the car park when that happens... (**GUTTED**)

My **driver of the day** was definitely Class 7 debutant **ADAM SIRETT** who stuck the kart to the right places and ended up finishing a FANTASTIC 9th overall (in spite of the Porter pep-talk!).

Class 8

The largest class 8 grid for quite some time (19 drivers) saw the Brothers Booker and Steven Wood putting the pedal to the metal and going for it big-time. They were all very happy at the upping of the ante in competition terms and as usual there was some superb driving but for my money **EEEEKKKK** moment of the day definitely goes to Steven Wood for keeping his cool when, stuck on top of the final corner gravel "hills", another driver came round and flipped his kart.....a big, heavy Class 8 kart and driver is not the sort of thing that you want to see coming towards you out of control at 60ish miles an hour - I don't think you have time to close your eyes and whisper a few words to the Almighty. When the incident was over my new **MR COOL** looked decidedly unruffled - just like that's the sort of thing that happens every day chez Wood!!! (and if that's the case I'm almost glad I live with Axle and Stub!)

Class 11

Chris Pover and Simon Wallace kept the school flag flying in class 11 with varying degrees of success....

Class 12

In class 12 Ross Haydock was rampant again taking the overall win - but he didn't have it all his own way this time with some spirited resistance coming from Oliver Redman and Daz McLaughlin.

I must confess here that I didn't see any Class 11 or 12 races - so if you want me to write more about your races...PLEASE TELL ME WHAT HAPPENS!

Class 14

In Class 14 Tarporley drivers had some absolutely superb drives and another heartbreak.

In heat 1, Rob Wallace and Stuart Wood (tied) came close to improvement of the day (see below)...Rob coming home in 1st place and Stuart in 3rd place from 19th and 22nd on the grid - excellent driving (especially considering you were on slicks on a wet track!)

Once again (same circuit, same driver) **Heartbreak of the day**, arguably, went to Josh Woodward, who was leading heat 1 by a fair distance before something catastrophic

happened to his engine - resulting in Josh having to park up at the far end of the circuit.

Will Redman once again proved to be the rain master and took the prize for [improvement of the day](#), taking 2nd in heat 2 from 24th on the grid (Harry, please don't repeat that look over your shoulder coming in to the last but one corner!!!!)

Class 15

In class 15 the school was represented by just one driver - Matthew Wood - unfortunately I don't seem to have written down your result (or seen any of your races) - PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU GET ON AT HOOTON SO THAT I CAN MAKE UP FOR IT!!!!

HERO OF THE DAY

For anybody's money the hero of the day was definitely Nathan Seeney who opened his new business venture "Tarpurley Marshalling Services" (in spite of his bad leg). It must be really tough sitting out when all you want to do is get out there and drive - so, THANK YOU NATHAN from all the parents who were saved a marshalling stint because you helped out.

THE USUAL SUSPECTS...

...so what were our usual suspects up to ? (Go on - I'm sure you know who they are.....)

Just like Wigan, we have the usual suspects proving to abject failures at the art of securing their kart back on to the trailer...GET IT RIGHT NEXT TIME (OR YOU WILL FIND YOUR KART UNSECURED ON THE TOP OF YOUR CAR)

THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS...

...perhaps you don't know who you are - but this should give you a clue...please DON'T use wet tyres on a DRYING track - you were out there on your own on wets - surely that gives you a clue that they weren't the most appropriate choice (ESPECIALLY AS THEY WERE SCHOOL TYRES)

THIS WEEKS CONUNDRUM

"WHAT IS WHITE, HAS TEN LEGS AND WENT ALL THE WAY TO WHILTON AND DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?

If you are a school karter and you got very wet, perhaps you should know the answer to this!!!!

ANSWER BELOW

Results tables are shown on the TKT website:

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...and so to Hooton - where hopefully we will see the circuit this time...Can't wait!!!!

As previously, any errors in this report are my own (through lack of accurate source information - i.e. anybody telling me anything!).

Don't forget any and all contributions of fact, gossip and tittle tattle are gratefully received.....and if you want to see your name in the report, then you have to tell me your story - brilliant I may be - BUT ESP I have not got!!!

Coming soon:

"WHO SAID THAT" or

"WHERE DID HE GO"

" DID ANYBODY SEE MY BERTIE GO PAST?"

ANSWER - NOBODY SAW ANYTHING - WE WERE AT HOOTON AFTER ALL!

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Thanks for reading

Lotus Lane and NQ Superman

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S CONUNDRUM - THE SCHOOL AWNING WENT ALL THE WAY TO WHILTON - BUT NOBODY PUT IT UP - SO IF YOU GOT WET IT IS YOUR OWN FAULT....