

## Buckmore Park Rotax ABkC Championships Round 3

With a packed programme to complete, good weather was a welcome bonus for the Rotax drivers. The professional organising club was a credit, all observed by Rotax Sales Manager Christian Mundigler.

Jack Marshall was a popular double MiniMax winner, pushed hard by Andy King and Callum Bowyer whilst Matthew Parry had a small penalty imposed. Billy Albone managed to get his Junior Max lead back from Michael Epps, the latter demoted to third by Joseph Reilly. Dan Holland dominated senior Max, whilst Stefan Di Resta took a confidence boosting second place. Dave Wooder failed to hang onto the 177 lead, Andrew Gosling besting him and Lee Taylor. Paul Granger and Patrick Pearce shared the DD2 wins, Michael Kent in the same mix.



Jack Marshall, MiniMax  
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### ABkC MiniMax

Qualifying: Jack Marshall (40.14), Andy King, Jack Mayle.  
Heat winners: Marshall x2, King.  
Final 1: The race was quickly red-flagged to attend to Nathan Harrison when he hit the barriers going down to the start. Thereafter Marshall and Matthew Parry traded the lead with King joining in. Marshall relieved King of the lead with a couple of laps to go, with Paul Hardy up to second, keeping Parry in check, Callum Bowyer leapfrogging Jake Dalton for what would become third when Parry was docked two seconds, putting him behind Harrison Scott.  
Results: Marshall, Hardy, Bowyer, King, Jake Dalton.  
Final 2: The same protagonists worked in the lead group, Marshall, Parry and King all having turns to

lead. King was deposed, leaving Bowyer to practically push Marshall around until he was forced to contend with King's late challenge. "I just tried to do the perfect laps," said Marshall.  
Results: Marshall, Bowyer, King, Hardy, Dalton.



Billy Albone, Junior Max

### ABkC Rotax Junior Max

Heat winners: Josh Webster, Shaun Pirie, Ross Wylie, Matthew Mason, Bill Cowley.  
B Final: Tom Ingram, Joe McKeand, Andrew Richardson, Jamie Gair.  
A Final: Billy Albone led most of the race, save for a lap when Michael Epps drafted past into the first turn, quickly retrieved by Albone. Joseph Reilly's late move on Epps for second let Albone escape, and allowed Robert Gilmore and Robert Browning all to close up. Reilly had come from grid eleven.  
Results: Albone, Reilly, Epps, Robert Gilmore, Robert Browning.



Formation lap, Rotax Max

### ABkC Rotax Max

Qualifying: Stefan Di Resta (38.49), Mark Morrissey, Dan Holland.  
Heat winners: Holland, Karl Haxton, Di Resta, James Greenway, Curtis Roberts, Holland  
B Final: Michael Taylor, Will Smith, Ross Minty, Danny Drew.  
A Final: Holland set an authoritative stamp on the class, Di Resta the nearest challenger. Chris Lock was having a bit of an off-day, the more so when he crashed out with Isaac Lyons mid

race and brought out the red flag as they were both buried into the tyres. At the restart Holland had to defend for a lap or so, whilst Mike Spencer tried hard to take second from Di Resta, but the first two put some air between them leaving Spencer to fall to Jamie Allison and John Boyd. Holland gave Project One their second win of the weekend.  
Results: Holland, Di Resta, Allison, Boyd, Mike Spencer.



Dan Holland, Rotax Max

### ABkC Rotax Max 177

Heat winners: Dan Holland, Lee Taylor, Dave Barnsby.  
A Final: Dave Wooder converted pole into the lead, but failed to find the pace to stay there. "We lost revs throughout the day, it was a bit of a struggle," he said after managing to hold onto third, Taylor the beneficiary. Dan Holland tagged Andy Gorton and was black flagged/excluded. "We were fast but kept getting pushed off in the heats, you can't win everything," observed Holland. Andrew Gosling had taken Wooder on the second lap, and kept a little gap thereafter, egged on by his KS Karts cheerleaders in the paddock.  
Results: Gosling, Taylor, Wooder, Russell Walsh, Barnsby.



Andrew Gosling, Max 177

### ABkC Rotax Max DD2

Qualifying: Paul Granger (37.66), Patrick Pearce, Michael Kent.  
Heat winners: Granger, Kent.  
Final 1: Pearce took a cushion early on but it wasn't enough to keep Granger and Kent at bay.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

When he muffed a gearchange Granger was quick to pounce for the win. Amanda Lassu had a engine failure in a heat, made up lots of ground early in the final only for the earth wire to fail and the exhaust to split.

Results: Granger, Pearce, Kent, Adam Murphy, Tamsin Germain.

Final 2: Pearce kept opening up the lead in this, nearly two seconds up on Kent at the flag. "That's as hard as any European race," he said. Granger was suffering from a misfire, and fell to Lassu's charge from the back.

Results: Pearce, Kent, Lassu, Granger, Matt Parker.



Patrick Pearce, DD2

### Park Patter

The Clerks were a having a no tolerance weekend, Alan Bryant saying: "Abide by the rules and you won't see us, don't abide by them and you'll be in the office. Unfortunately we can no longer use the black flag and not take action – now they will get excluded with points on the licence." Something like 66 points were added to drivers' licences in total.

All the MiniMax restrictors were checked after timed qualifying and both Corby Gormley and Sam Ward were excluded from the meeting for oversize restrictors.

On Sunday Mitchell Bayer-Goldman was excluded from the meeting for ignoring the black flag, overtaking on a yellow, and causing a further accident after being shown the black flag.

Charlie Le Boutillier was black flagged out of the lead of the Max B Final for persistently jumping the start.

Standard components were changed on the grid. MiniMax driver Matthew Parry spent most of the day using an exhaust supplied by the series.

Unfortunately both Louise Richardson and Tiffany Chittenden had hospital visits, Louise after her axle sheared causing heavy impact with the barriers, Tiffany when another kart ran over the top of hers, giving more damage to the hand she broke earlier in the season. Get well soon messages goes to both.

The next Rotax round is on 20 July at PF International.

### Roundups

#### TKM Rnd 2 @ Larkhall

Oscar King grabbed the Junior TKM lead from Gary Henderson-Keirle, whilst in Extreme Daniel Graham broke away for the win, leaving Ben Barker and Bartlett to trade second. In an eventful Senior 4-stroke dice, Brendan Carton hit form for the win. Sean Babington was never headed in Junior 4-stroke, although pressed hard by Danny Osborne. Freddie Lee showed determination and skill to thrice regain the lead from Ashley England for the Honda win.

#### TKM Rnd 3 @ Llandow

Blistering hot sunny weather was matched by the scorching pace set on the track. Junior TKM had four different leaders, Oliver Hodgson the first to see the flag. After Will Waterman seized the Extreme lead, two major rivals dropped out, only Chris Renwick in touch. Saying it was the hardest race of his life, Luke Graver nevertheless put three seconds on the rest in Senior 4-stroke, whilst in Juniors Sean Babington enjoyed a lights to flag victory. Connor Jupp kept his head under pressure to win Honda Cadet.

#### TKM Rnd 4 @ Fulbeck

The intermittent drizzle produced some exciting racing, tyre longevity an important factor. Daniel Butcher-Lord hung onto the Junior TKM lead race-long, whilst in Extreme Danny Graham's initial lead was eroded and lost to

Randal Lynn. Sam Dimelow recovered from a heat underweight exclusion with a gamble on wets to win Senior 4-stroke comfortably. Carly Latcham inherited the Junior 4-stroke win when the leader took a time penalty, many others falling off in the drizzle. Ashley England bounced back into the Honda win.

#### MSA Rnd 1 @ Three Sisters

Richard Bradley stormed through to win the first KF1 final after a seized engine in a heat, and took the second too, conserving his lead over Mark Litchfield in a heavy shower. Carl Stirling just pipped Alexander Albon in the first KF3 final, the latter squeezed wide at the second, where MacKenzie Taylor won by a mile in another shower. First KF2 final winner Jack Harvey was knocked into a spin at the second, leaving Rob Foster-Jones in first place. Chris Brown was excluded but won his appeal. Brett Wykes slipped past the battling Roy Johnson and Sam Vanderpump for Cadet honours.

#### MSA Rnd 2 @ PF International

A change of chassis brought two heat wins and one final victory for Mark Litchfield in KF1, Jordon Lennox-Lamb storming up from the back to claim the other. Alexander Albon scored two fine KF3 victories, mirrored by Michael Simpson, dominant in KF2. And new O Plate champion Roy Johnson prevailed in Cadets.

#### MSA Rnd 3 @ Rowrah

Some great and largely clean racing was on show in Cumbria. Mark Litchfield and Michael Simpson dominated KF1 and KF2 respectively, whilst in KF3 Carl Stirling just managed to hold Russell Danzey off in final one, but slipped to third in the second final behind Danzey and Jake Dennis. Roy Johnson and Brett Wykes had a great dice in Cadets, but Wykes was excluded from the meeting for an engine out of tolerance.