PF International Rotax ABkC Championships Round 4

Louise Richardson took her maiden Super One victory in MiniMax but was bested by Callum Bowyer in the second final. Bill Cowley made a great recovery to win Junior Max after two eventful heats, Billy Albone throwing his early lead away. Chris Lock and Dan Holland were dominant in Max and 177 respectively, whilst in DD2 Paul Granger recovered from twice going to the back at race starts to win the second final. Michael Kent made a good job of winning the first.

Callum Bowyer, MiniMax
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ABkC MiniMax
Qualifying: Callum Bowyer (48.14), Jacob Stilp, Jake Dalton
Heat winners: Bowyer x2, Dalton
Final 1: A light mid-race rain-shower gave Louise Richardson the chance to close the gap and leapfrog Jamie Dzyra, then take the lead when Bowyer slid wide. When the rain stopped Richardson was just able to resist Bowyer's challenge.
Results: Richardson, Bowyer, Dzyra, Nathan Harrison, Jack Marshall
Final 2: Bowyer fell to fifth at the start, and lost another place to Dalton, before working his way to the front. Richardson was able to keep ahead of a five kart train.
Results: Bowyer, Richardson, Harrison, Dzyra, Danny Harwood.
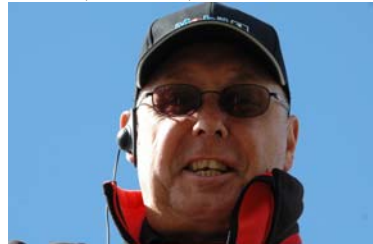
ABkC Rotax Junior Max
Heat winners: Bill Cowley, Billy Albone, Spencer Barrow, Ryan Singleton, Albone.
B Final: Matt Shead, Benji Hetherington, Ben Walker, Tom Howard.

A Final: Poleman Albone slithered along the grass out of turn three, losing places then Barrow lost the lead to the fast charging Cowley, who had started seventh. Singleton followed him into second and Barrow was just able to hold off Josh Webster.
Results: Cowley, Singleton, Barrow, Webster, Jack Dex.

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ABkC Rotax Max
Qualifying: Chris Lock (45.75), Mark Morrissey, Isaac Lyons
Heat winners: Lock, Mitchell Bayer-Goldman, Liam Fenwick, Lock, Gemma Stephenson, Greg Moir.
B Final: Lyons, Jamie Allison, James Glenister, Stefan di Resta
A Final: From TQ to the A Final, a dominant Chris Lock was never headed although Dan Holland and Jack Whelan gave him a hard time until a single file restart, after which Lock eased a cushion. Daniel Cammish surprised Mike Spencer on the last lap for fourth.
Results: Lock, Holland, Whelan, Cammish, Spencer

Rotax Max start

ABkC Rotax Max 177
Heat winners: Jake Parsons, Lucas Orrock, Dave Wooder.
A Final: A spattering for rain spelled disaster for Tom Holland, bringing out the red flag and a full restart. Tom Limer had also sped off backwards. Holland dominated, and Orrock made a mid-race pass on Stephen Cobb for second, whilst Lee Taylor lost three places on the grass, before being excluded underweight.

Results: Holland, Orrock, Cobb, Andrew Gosling, Milan Mach.

ABkC Rotax Max DD2
Qualifying: Paul Granger (44.50), Patrick Pearce, Adam Murphy
Heat winners: Pearce, Granger
Final 1: Granger lost the first heat when knocked off by Murphy, who was excluded, then Granger was sent to the back again when Pearce's throttle cable broke at the start. He stormed through to second with Michael Kent nearly three seconds ahead. Tamsin Germain was a clear third.
Results: Kent, Granger, Germain, Murphy, Amanda Lassu
Final 2: Dropping to third at the start was only a temporary setback for Granger, before he sliced under Kent at turn one. Murphy caught out Lassu at turn two, then she slid to sixth, whilst Pearce recovered to fifth from the back.
Results: Granger, Kent, Murphy, Jason Tingle, Pearce.

Paul Granger takes the lead, DD2

Trent Tales
Jamie Gair and Adam Nolan were both excluded from the meeting on Saturday, when an on-track incident continued with aggravation in the paddock. Gair appealed but lost.

MiniMax drivers Ryan Norris, Shaun Slavin and Jake Dalton were all excluded from a heat, the first two then not getting into the finals. James Moore (DD2) was excluded from the second heat, he also lost his appeal.

Lee Napolitano was excluded from the meeting when his Junior Max clutch was found to be outside of the regulations.

The next Rotax round is on 7 September at Rowrah.