



Formula Bambino Race Report Round 2 – Saturday 12th February 2011

Saturday 12th February saw round 2 of the Daytona Manchester Formula Bambino championship get underway with a massive turn out of 14 drivers. This month saw the return of the transponders and with the timing system back in action, the competition was going to be fierce with all drivers aiming to lift the trophy.

Proceedings once again started at 9am with a driver briefing. This month the blue flag rule was implemented meaning if a driver failed to let a faster driver through after receiving 3 blue flags, they would receive a black flag and have to report to the sin bin for a penalty. Drivers were also advised to buy themselves space on track before going for the fast laps, just like a Formula 1 Qualifying session. This round the decision was taken to hide the kart numbers and to switch off all the timing screens. This not only added suspense, but meant that only Daytona staff would know for sure who was in which kart. This helped the day run a lot smoother and prevented drivers arguing over which kart they wanted to go in.

The drivers were once again randomly split into groups of threes and fours, where possible, in each of their two 15 minute sessions, so they could drive against different drivers to give everyone fair competition.

Heat 1 got off to a great start with some quick times being put in by all drivers with the quickest time for the session coming from Marcus Jarmesty of 32.424 seconds.

Heat 2 saw Jake Carr post a 31.476 second laptime which we all though was going to be hard to beat, however as the heats proceeded the times kept tumbling. Heat 3 saw Ben Holden put in a 31.140 second laptime, which only remained the quickest time of the day for that session as in heat 4 James walker put in an astonishingly quick time of 30.491 seconds.

Heats 5, 6, & 7 saw the driver get even quicker with Jake Carr first posting a 30.596, Matthew Roberts achieved a 30.424 in his heat with Ben Holden then shaving off another couple of tenths to achieve a 30.106 seconds.

Heat 8 was the final heat of the day and the last chance for 3 drivers to post a quick time to help them reach the podium. The heat started well but unfortunately a couple of minutes in, an incident occurred just before the tunnel between James Walker and Sami Sheikh. The heat was stopped whilst Sami was checked over. Luckily Sami was ok and happy to continue and so the session got back under way. Not only was this heat the most eventful, but it also saw the quickest time of the day of 30.082 seconds posted by James Walker.

Some really quick times were set in every session; with the quickest time for each driver in their sessions looking like this:

Race 1

Marcus Jarmesty	32.424
Jonathan Yates	33.782
Michael Haigh	33.963
Tyler Cooke	35.628

Race 2

Jake Carr	31.476
Sami Sheikh	33.832
Cameron Hallows	35.045

Race 3

Ben Holden	31.140
Ashley Hunter	34.627
Sebastian Hibbard	37.797

Race 4

James Walker	30.491
Matthew Roberts	31.405
Nathan Cole	32.088
Adam Mclean	33.855

Race 5

Jake Carr	30.596
Michael Haigh	33.604
Cameron Hallows	34.148
Tyler Cooke	34.229

Race 6

Matthew Roberts	30.424
Nathan Cole	31.711
Adam Mclean	32.331
Marcus Jarmesty	33.108

Race 7

Ben Holden	30.106
Ashley Hunter	31.411
Sebastian Hibbard	35.795

Race 8

James Walker	30.082
Sami Sheikh	32.290
Jonathan Yates	31.527

The lap times set by each driver were averaged to determine the fastest driver and therefore the winner for the day.

Taking the win with the fastest average lap time on the day of 30.29 was James Walker, Ben Holden followed closely behind in 2nd place with Matthew Roberts taking a well earned 3rd place.

The overall results for the round look like this:

Name	Session 1	Session 2	Avrg
James Walker	30.491	30.082	30.29
Ben Holden	31.140	30.106	30.62
Matthew Roberts	31.405	30.424	30.91
Jake Carr	31.476	30.596	31.04
Nathan Cole	32.088	31.711	31.90
Sami Sheikh	33.832	31.527	32.68
Marcus Jarmesty	32.424	33.108	32.77
Ashley Hunter	34.627	31.411	33.02
Jonathan Yates	33.782	32.290	33.04
Adam Mclean	33.855	32.331	33.09
Michael Haigh	33.963	33.604	33.78
Cameron Hallows	35.045	34.148	34.60
Tyler Cooke	35.628	34.229	34.93
Sebastian Hibbard	37.797	35.795	36.80

So a big Congratulation goes out to our winners, and of course to all of the drivers who took part. We look forward to seeing you back for round 3 on the 12th March.

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