

Round 5 - Dubbo posted 23rd August 2006

Intrepid get what they deserve!!



Intrepid's good looks (kart that is), thorough preparation and driver talent finally pays off at Dubbo, dominating the weekend to take an overall win. The countries best endurance karters were all looking forward to Round 5 of the Championship! A track that is both fast and technical, hospitable club members, and two separate races (4hrs + 3hrs) over the weekend.

Qualifying would be a team affair taking the total time of each of the driver's single best laps in their 5 min qualifying session. Of the drivers in the first session BRM 2 and ABLE Door Services were quick (A grade), only 7/10ths of a second apart. Intrepid, Full Noise, XLR8 and Triple 1 followed, with only 3/10ths separating them! In B grade Horsepower set the pace followed by

Streamline, Buildline and Dynamite.

After the second drivers had their turn and the best times were totaled a few things changed. A Grade – Intrepid were blistering and jumped to the top, Triple 1's second driver did enough to sneak into P2, and through consistency between drivers Full Noise remained 3rd only 5/100ths behind.



B Grade – Dynamite's 'smiling assassin' (Jamie), and Streamline's 'gun' (Daniel) were flying, but overall not quick enough to beat Horsepower's combined times. Horsepower P1 in B Grade by 3/100ths, followed by Streamline, Dynamite, Buildline and Team Toynton.



The racing would remain this close all weekend. Race 1 would be 3hrs with fuel strategy indicating mixed on screen results until the final laps. There would be two compulsory fuel stops. Some teams got one out of the way early whilst others continued to circulate. An hour gone and Kinetic struggling with clutch and brake problems had move up from 17th to be within the top few. Also on the move were Allied #1, Ghetto, and Kelly's Transport.

The racing was clean and consistently fast. Dynamite were out with a broken throttle linkage. By the end of the race there was a number of extremely close battles. Intrepid overtakes Enforcer with a handful of laps to go to take the win by only 2.4 seconds. Triple 1 Motorsport overtakes BRM 2 not once but twice taking 3rd by 6 seconds. Full Noise another solid performance in fifth followed by EKA, Able Door Services, Kinetic and XLR8 (all in A grade).

In B grade Streamline and Horsepower swapped positions numerous times within the last 30 mins and remained inseparable. Streamline takes the win by 1.3 seconds over Horsepower... Buildline and Ghetto filled the next two positions with Allied only 7.8 seconds behind. A little further behind Kelly's beat Havacrac to the line by only 2.4 seconds. The Toynton Team had a solid performance beating TDF Digital by 2 seconds.



Bring on Sunday's 4 hour I say!



Sunday morning and the grid was set (finishing positions the day prior). Intrepid, Triple1, Full Noise, BRM 2 and Enforcer again showing a good turn of speed pulled away from the pack. A long train formed behind the Kinetic kart providing some of the closest and cleanest racing seen for sometime. Unfortunately (for us) teams began to round up the Kinetic kart that would have done well with a tow rope. Able, XLR8 and Horsepower were able to move away from the pack. Dynamite (missing one bad boy for the weekend) came from the back of the grid passing the mid field with relative ease. EKA were looking to have gel'd well with their new Benson laying down some fast lap times after an excellent Day 1 result.

Buildline and Streamline also trying to capitalize until they struck mechanical problems. Team Toynton were circulating in the top ten for most of the day with Ghetto also looking good. JBM showed bursts of speed and

M Power were fast all day.

A pace car was required with 20 laps to go and compressed the field. This made for some exciting mid field battles. Strategically Triple 1 managed a pit stop (or two) and retained the lead. Intrepid were too far back to challenge for the top spot. These two teams would take 1st and 2nd places. Full Noise deserved 3rd place after a perfectly consistent performance. EKA coming in 4th. Dynamite still firing managed to take a position on the second last corner to end up 5th outright and 1st in B grade. Kinetic through consistency and strategy salvaged 6th.

Horsepower put in a faultless performance yet again which would put them a very dominant position at the top of the B grade Championship ladder. Team XLR8 had a great race finishing 8th followed by Toynton, Dubbo Kart Supplies and Ghetto.

Next stop 'Mayhem at Manning Valley'

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