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Newcastle brings out the best!!

Orange was long gone and Round Two was here. Winners were looking to capitalize and increase their lead, losers needed to make amends.

Interest for the Newcastle round was huge. Thirty two karts entered after four pulling out in the days prior.



Qualifying was via an exciting new format. A ten minute session and the slowest third of the field are dropped. Another ten minute session and the following third go leaving a top ten who fight for the remaining positions in a last ten minute session.



The winners and losers? Dynamite managed last (suggest they had mechanical issues). SCW and EKA normally fast had shockers finishing in the bottom third along with Streamline who the round prior had been scintillating. Repsol Omega in the top twenty well done, and Toynton a huge result only three spots from cracking the top ten and second in B grade. Kinetic go from seventh to twelfth between session one and two missing the

final session and the top ten. Intrepid's Andrew Mills drove well to 11th in a kart only finished hours prior to the event.

XLR8 make the top ten. Triple One only managed ninth (not great based on previous efforts). Westrac return for Round Two and manage fifth. Sleepy Head flying into fourth. Usual suspects Lusty Enforcer in the top three just beaten by Lusty 1 to second. Unknown Racing made up (at the last minute) of regular TEKA driver Mal McKay, sometimes official and ex two stroke driver Dave Douglas and one very well known local hero Ben.....



This team drove the XLR8 Benson (which was hired to them) and remained at the top of the time sheets all day.



The racing was clean and the usual suspects were fighting for the top spots. The difference being that Westrac and Sleepy Head were back and well and truly amongst it. Early in the race Unknown racing very fast followed by Lusty Enforcer. Full Noise, SMS, Team BRM 2 and Triple 1 were also in touch.

In B grade Dynamite was on the move coming from the back of the pack to the top ten within the first 20 minutes. CMB were also moving up passing several A graders to be in the top 7 at the end of the first stint. Horsepower Racing, Havacrac and TDF also doing well. Not too far behind at any time was Ghetto and Kelly's Transport.

The fight for B2 was alive Allied had drafted some very competent beginners and were hard to catch right from the beginning. Repsol Omega had the experience to stay in touch and challenged all day. Mudguts had a solid first race with both drivers putting some very good times. Kartland were driving well but were let down a little through some slow weight changes (you seen the difference in the driver's weights?) Evermil had the talent but were let down by the kart, shame!



Outright at the end of the day Lusty Enforcer was too strong taking the win. One of the most exciting battles for second place was on with Triple 1 and SMS swapping positions right to the flag with Triple 1 getting it by a nose.

SMS would later be penalized coming in under weight giving up third to Full Noise who were only a number of second behind the duo. Team BRM 2, Westrac Omega and Kinetic followed.

Dynamite fast all day were next taking the win in B grade after CMB stripped a clutch sprocket. Allied had a strong performance in eighth followed by Havacrac and Horsepower (2nd and 3rd in B).



B2 saw a close finish with Allied 2 taking the win with an excellent outright result and Repsol Omega second. Great results from Mudguts to finish in the top twenty in their first event and Kartland twenty first outright.

Round Three TEKA goes to QLD, see ya at Ipswich!

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