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RACE REPORT - Fulbeck June 27th

Round 2 - saw the Challenge rock up to Fulbeck. It proved to be a low entry in general for the meeting but with 210 National domination! During lockdown Fulbeck had made a few changes to the track one being the new kerb layout at the Bus Stop which has made the lap slower. It will be reflected that Lee Plain still holds the lap record before 2020 which he claimed in 2018 of 43.98 We were to look forward to great organisation, three heats of 7 mins plus a lap, final of 10 mins plus a lap, rolling starts, good weather, our first appearance of another new driver Mark Shepheard and a new track lap record holder.

Heat 1 – saw immediate excitement with the coming together between T, Bury and Stone as they collided inches after the start line sending them both off the track, both did eventually rejoin the race! Whilst L. Sifleet pulled out a very large lead from the pack on lap 1. By lap 6 D Bury was narrowing the gap from the leader, A. Sifleet had passed Fowler for 3rd, Whyte was making progress in 5th, and after another 4 laps would claim 4th. Hancock was in 6th. On the last lap Fowler spun 3 corners from home luckily only allowing Hancock to take advantage of a place.

1st L. Sifleet, 2nd D. Bury, 3rd A. Sifleet, 4th Whyte, 5th Hancock, 6th Fowler

Heat 3 – A very uncharacteristic start for D. Bury as he overcooked it into turn one putting himself off track. He managed to regain his momentum a long way down the field, whilst both Father and son from the Sifleet camp sped off into the distance. Perkins was back in the fray and lay in 3rd after sorting out his previous fuel regulator pipe issues, it appeared the out was in the in and the in was in the out (to put it simply it wasn't working). Hancock was in 4th with Fowler hot on his heels in 5th. A. Sifleet stuck to his Father's bumper like glue and they put on a spectacular show of very close racing for all 11 laps, 0.24 separated them at the flag. D. Bury also put on a show and by lap 4 he'd clawed his way back up to 3rd. Fowler too was having a good race and passed Henry, Hancock and Perkins to finish 4th. 1st L. Sifleet, 2nd A. Sifleet, 3rd D. Bury, 4th Fowler, 5th Perkins, 6th Hancock



Heat 2 – D. Bury led from start to finish having lapped drivers up to 5th place, completing the race with a distance of over half a lap ahead of the field. The first few laps saw L. Sifleet hunting down his son A. Sifleet to gain 2nd. This he achieved on lap 3. A. Sifleet gave chase and on lap 5 as they both approached the Bus Stop. L. Sifleet clipped the new raised kerbs and came to a halt, at the same time A. Sifleet cruised out of the Bus Stop with a broken gear lever but did manage to continue, to all intents and purposes it did look as if they had had a coming together! With a little help from a friend L. Sifleet did get going again albeit 2 laps down. Whyte was now in 2nd, Henry 3rd using his 2nd new conical filter of the day having run over a new one earlier on!!!! and Fowler 4th.

1st D. Bury, 2nd Whyte, 3rd Hancock (on a roll for the second time as both Henry and Fowler picked up a 10 seconds penalty for the contravention of a yellow flag) 4th Henry, 5th Fowler, 6th A. Sifleet.



Final – L. Sifleet rounded turn one in the lead very closely followed by D. Bury, A. Sifleet. Whyte, Fowler and Hancock. The top 3 had split away from the rest by lap 3 which saw A. Sifleet slip down the order with mechanical issues. D. Bury attempted to keep the pressure on for most of the race but L. Sifleet made good tactical passes of back markers to add a little more distance between them both. Fowler and Perkins had both demoted Whyte to claim 3rd and 4th by mid race distance. Whyte now under pressure from Hancock and Henry. Stone and Sloane were having a good dice a little further down the field. By the last lap it looked like the results were set until Fowler had an unfortunate spin in sector 3 handing his well-earned 3rd place to Perkins.

1st L. Sifleet, 2nd D. Bury, 3rd Perkins, 4th Fowler, 5th Hancock, 6th Henry, 7th Stone, 8th Whyte, 9th Sloane (1st Novice) and A. Sifleet completing the top ten.

Congratulations to Dan Bury who set a new lap record in Heat 1 - 45.23, improved in Heat 2 – 45.00. The Final saw him do it again – so lap record for Fulbeck now stands at **44.96**