

05' Comes Alive

14th March 2005

8.30am in Lithgow and loads of teams were already set up. Anticipation was high as most wanted to capitalize on points for the first round. For several this didn't quite go to plan!

Who would think after several cleansing ales (and maybe one shot), a few games of pool and some average local talent (I mean the band) the weather would do such a back flip. 28 degrees hot and humid one day, 15 degrees with a chilly breeze the next. Hindsight is a great thing, so I'll tell ya now if there is a cold front hit again without the opportunity to test I'm whacking more than 2psi in the tyres.

Lusty, JBM 2, JBM 1, and Kinetic Motor sport lead the field trying to shake an enthusiastic and on the pace BRM 2. BRM 1 (due to a lack of power) and Full Noise (running old tyres) were stuck a little further back, never to be discounted. Sleepy Head with a gun ring in (the exceptional, always entertaining Anthony) were also fast. EKA with Tricky Dicky can never be written off and Kara Kar looked the goods but managed problems throughout the day.

The race for B' honors will be intense all year. Holding the flag early was the Swiss of JBM, and BRM 2 with a new understanding of their chassis. SMS, Oceania and Team Excelr8 were following closely. Team CMB looked the goods but failed to deliver with an early fuel problem and a not so well No 1 driver (see 'play of the day' for details). Great to see newer teams PKG Digital and Spy all into it!

By the half way mark B teams were consistently trucking along with half a lap separating the top 4 teams. A grade was even closer with Lusty, Kinetic and JBM 2 separated by seconds. Within laps Kinetic and JBM 2 came together at the bottom corner leaving the top positions up for grabs (although not for long). Both pit crews were available for some quick repairs. A rear wheel for Kinetic and a front for JBM 2 and they were both off and in the hunt again JBM 2 out of the pits one lap earlier.

The second half of the race was smooth and fast for most. The speed and consistency of the TEKA teams these days, is exceptional!

The finish was exciting, in B it was on! SMS would have been further up except for a stop go, or was it two? BRM 2 was going to be hard to catch. 2nd on the other hand was wide open. Oceania looked good with XLR8 chasing and SMS (they wanted a trophy bad) trying everything to hunt XLR8 for 3rd. Disaster for Oceania who did a chain and unfortunately an engine with under 5 mins to run. SMS got their trophy for 3rd who couldn't catch a flying XLR8 in 2nd. Oceania still managed 4th, with Havacrac and Ya Gotta Wanna Race having a solid run in 5th and 6th. Bad luck also struck JBM with a broken chassis; you can't come back from that!

A Grade: After the collision JBM 2 and Kinetic made it back onto the podium but couldn't catch Lusty who took line honors. A typically reliable 4th from Full Noise Racing ahead of BRM 1 in 5th. Another effort worth mentioning is PKG Digital for their best lap being in lap 377, what they were doing prior to that I don't know.

Play of the Day

Midway through CMB gun driver Mat's first stint he was feeling a little unwell. Looking to his pits he tapped his helmet hoping someone was looking. He required another driver to take over immediately. Problem was no one was looking! Within laps Mat felt desperately like relieving his body of some liquid waste (vomit). In a borrowed helmet he thought enough to express in a downward direction, all over his suit! Best thing was, his pit crew still had noticed him so he fought on and finished his stint! LEGEND

Hot Gossip

- Kinetic have drafted the talents of Anthony Simes for the Newcastle Round.
- Full Noise are looking to run 'new tyres' at this round
- BRM 2 are still smiling after their results at Lithgow, can they repeat it
- Team BRM 1 on the other hand are looking for solutions to their engine problems
- SMS are aiming for a win at Newcastle
- Quick Connect and Omega are making a comeback this round

Admin

Entries were processed quickly and with ease at Lithgow. This was due to the number of people who downloaded paperwork. This should be done again this week prior to the event.

Other Stuff

New mufflers, engine problems, available karts/parts, new teams, available drivers, TEKA clothing and stickers. All of this may soon be discussed on a TEKA forum within the website. In the meantime any feedback is welcome!