

# Newcastle Magic

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What an amazing bloody race! The best enduro karters in the country went at it, literally nose to tail for six hours. Not more than a few seconds separated the top karts at any one time.

Qualifying was Saturday and the weather was strange to say the least. Overcast, a rare drop of rain with puddles on crucial parts of the track.

Omega has a new face in Terry from Brisbane and Kara Kar had travelled nearly that far and back the night before. Good to see ya both. Full Noise rocked up with a new very old chassis, JBM a borrowed one, Kinetic in their second chassis in as many rounds and Sleepy Head felt they knew more about chassis fabrication than Energy.

All the competitors soaked up Saturday's practice, I mean there are so many worse things to be doing. 20 mins each side to qualify, shit it was close. How bout the top three karts in the 56.4's. JBM adjusted quite well to their borrowed Swiss Hutless with Pole in B Grade from Dan with a 56.441. BRM 2 with their new found confidence weren't scared to give a bit managing second. PK Digital a huge effort for third, this is a new team that's come on real strong. SMS, Havacrac and XLR8 weren't far behind.

Pipe Smoker (not any more!) smoked em' with outright pole position in an original Bowman, not bad! Kinetic Motorsport 2nd by 5/100ths in a Mitchell prepared Benson. Lusty never far from the top in third with JBM 2, BRM and Sleepy Head following.

On leaving the track for a few cleansing ales the big question was about the weather, was race day gonna bring rain?

It wasn't to happen, Sunday looked good. It's on!! All karts got off to a good start and it was nose to tail from there. Lusty was off to a flyer with Kinetic setting the fastest lap keeping pace. JBM and Full Noise remained in touch until JBM fell away with brake problems. A freight train of karts followed JBM 2, Sleepy Head, Omega, BRM 2 and 1. Not long after the Championship leaders (Lusty) broke a chassis and were out of the race.

The B grade race was just as intense. BRM 2 was not far from the outright leaders. Team PK Digital, SMS, Havacrac and XLR8 were all into it none giving an inch. Ya Gotta Wanna Race, CMB Racing and Midnight Express were also consistently fast and having their own stoush behind the lead bunch.

By the half way mark this was shaping up as one of the TEKA's greatest Championship races. In A grades the first three karts were separated by the front straight, Full Noise just leading Kinetic followed by JBM 2. Team BRM were moving up through the field with Sleepy Head and EKA having a solid run just behind them. Kara Kar were also having a good race.

Aside from a case of motion sickness from one of their drivers everything was going right for BRM 2 in the B grade points chase. Havacrac havin' a huge crack coming 2nd followed by the Swiss Hutless of SMS. CMB, Midnight Express and PK Digital all swapping positions behind the leaders.

The balance of the race remained just as intense. The leaders were ultra quick, consistant and faultless. Outright positions swapped merely due to strategy. Full Noise broke that old chassis, not that Pete cared! They continued to drive the wheels off the thing although they lost a heap of positions. The lead was being shared by Kinetic, JBM 2 and BRM only ever seconds apart.

Not long to go and Kinetic had the lead with two stops remaining, JBM 2 second with awesome kart speed and one stop to go, and BRM 3rd also with one stop left, all on the front straight!!

JBM 2 spins, Kinetic completes one driver change then a drive through on the next lap, BRM decides on a drive through instead of a driver change and takes the lead. JBM 2 completes last drive through and chases hard for the lead. After 6hrs of racing BRM takes 1st with JBM 2 and Kinetic close for 2nd and 3rd. EKA a consistent race rewarded with 4th place, Sleepy Head 5th and a great result in a tough race for Kara Kar in 6th.

B grade was also hotly contested over the 6 hours. BRM 2 were successful in maintaining their lead. Havacrac came in 2nd chased by SMS for 3rd. CMB were always a threat for a podium finish. XLR8 had their hands full with Midnight Express all race and ended up 5th and 6th.

**Bring on Round 3 at the ultra fast Wakefield Park!**