

# BKMS Racing

Superkart Racing Team

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## Donington Delivers!

### BKMS Racing Revive Their British Superkart Campaign

BKMS Racing scored their first win of the season at Donington Park on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August and also scored good points towards the British Superkart Series.

Donington Park played host to round 4 of the British Superkart Series for Division 1 Superkarts and round 5 of the MSA 250 National category's championship. The event format included British Superkart Racing Club races on the Saturday and the main Championship races on the Sunday. Both BKMS Racing drivers Paul Kennings and Neil Bagley were entered for all the races and hoped to improve on what has been a disappointing season to date.

Saturday qualifying was held in very wet conditions and visibility was very poor. Paul showed what he could do in wet conditions by scoring pole position by 1.3sec! If only it rained every race meeting! Dave Harvey (Redspeed Racing) was second and the consistent James O'Reilly third on his mono-cylinder 250 National outfit. Neil Bagley scored a circumspect 16<sup>th</sup>, looking to the more important Championship races on the Sunday.

Race 1 was also very wet and Dave Harvey got the jump at the start to lead into Redgate. Paul was happy to bide his time behind the experienced campaigner and look after his tyres. Neil settled into a good rhythm and reeled off very consistent lap times. Paul started to look for opportunities to pass about halfway through – Dave was very quick in a straight line giving Paul little opportunity to outbrake at the end of the straight. Paul had to wait until the final lap for the breakthrough, Dave getting poor drive out of Redgate on the last lap. With Paul released he set his fastest time on the last lap, showing that there was more pace to come, and finally scored his first win of 2008. Neil was staying safe in the very tricky conditions and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in class. James O'Reilly won the mono-cylinder race.

Race 2 was always going to be difficult for Paul once it dried up and sure enough Dave Harvey was able to use the superior straight-line speed of his FPE TR250 to make it difficult for Paul to attack in the braking zones. Paul did manage to get past down into Redgate thanks to a good run through the Coppice chicane but Dave was soon past again down under the Dunlop bridge. Dave went on to establish a small advantage to win the race with Paul second. Neil fared much better in the dry and finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place just behind the outgoing European Champion Gavin Bennett (GB Racing). Again James O'Reilly won the mono-cylinder category.

Sunday was the day that would count towards the British Championship. Qualification was OK for both BKMS drivers – Paul was 3<sup>rd</sup> and Neil 7<sup>th</sup>. Pole was taken by on-form Steve White followed by Dave Harvey, Paul, Steve Briggs and Mark Owens. Championship protagonists Carl Hulme and Trevor Roberts both failed to post a time.

Race 1 was a fast and furious affair with Steve White taking an early lead from Dave Harvey, Mark Owens, Paul, Simon Holloway, Neil and Carl Kinsey. On lap 5 Steve White's lead was over as his right rear tyre exploded going down Craner Curves at 150mph. A spectacular looking off and one that resulting in no dramas for Steve or other drivers thankfully. Dave Harvey took up the lead and won comfortably in the end from Paul who had passed Mark Owens for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Neil finished 7<sup>th</sup>. Jason Dredge won the mono-cylinder race.

Race 2 was even more frantic as Carl Hulme had recovered from his ignition gremlins to come through and challenge for the lead, Steve White holding firm though from Hulme, Harvey, Owens, Paul, Steve Briggs, Holloway, Neil, Roberts, Rob Kerkhoven, Bob Hosier and Carl Kinsey. Soon though, the wheels fell off Hulme's challenge – literally! He lost a wheel coming out of Goddards. That left White and Harvey to dispute the lead whilst Owens and Paul fought over 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mid-race Neil had a problem with his tyres and dropped down the order dramatically. Harvey, meanwhile, was up ahead of White now and they were driving hard, down into the 1m 08's. Owens pulled a slight gap on Paul for 3<sup>rd</sup> but Paul kept pushing on. On lap 9 there was an incident and Harvey ran out of road leaving White clear to take his first Division 1 win in British Superkart – well done Steve! Owens, Paul and Briggs followed him home with a recovering Harvey 5<sup>th</sup>. Neil eventually limped home in 10<sup>th</sup> spot.

Jason Dredge won the mono-cylinder class to wrap up the MSA British Superkart Championship with a round to spare. Well done Jason.

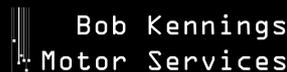
The event left Paul now in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Division 1 Championship but, with dropped scores to be factored in, he was not too far away from the leaders. Neil was left in 10<sup>th</sup> after his disappointing race 2 but with races at Castle Combe and Assen to come he could still recover.



Next BKMS Racing event – British Superkart Series, Castle Combe 13/09/08.

24<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

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