

Like A Rollin' Stone

"Dear 8 Pound 6 ounces... newborn infant Jesus, don't even know a word yet"

- Ricky Bobby

There are always ways to tell it's a Sunday morning

The dreaded Sunday morning starts with a 6:15am alarm followed by the even more hated Brentwood Karting Group Chat Messages on WhatsApp.

"What Time Is Arrival"

IT'S THE SAME AS IT IS EVERY WEEK!!!

"Compose yourself Daniel" Yes brain, good idea, professional head on:

"8:15am On Track"

*"Thanks,
What Group Am I In"*

- Mute Notifications -

8am at work and

"Oh No"

It's Jack and Sean Steel's dad, he's walking towards me!

Quick Dan think of something... I quickly grab the radio, press the talk button

"Yes, I'm on my way"

-Phew, I got out of that one.

I trip over Dexter Collins: He and his dad are at the weighting scales with an assortment of lead weights, training weights, ankle weights, metal slabs.

"Dan, is my weight OK, It's 64.3"

Deep Breath... "No Dexter, the minimum weight is 65KG"

Anyway, it's that time again when I attempt to be polite, remove my true feelings and the swearing and try to be "nice" a write a race report.

Luckily for me it's the summer holidays, 6 weeks of kids slamming themselves into as many tyres walls as possible, the difficult bit is walking over with a smile "are you OK?"

In reality leaving them sitting in the tyre walls for a few more minutes is a much better option.

So, do I want to be watching the circuit waiting for the next kid to plant themselves in the barriers, or do I want to sit in the office Listening to REO Speedwagon's Greatest Hits and write a race report?

You're reading the answer.

Cadets:

"You Gotta Bake it, Before ya shake it"

- Cal Naughton Jr

10th place was the one and only Alfie Slavery!

The super improved Mr Slavery finally makes it into the season reports with a top 10 finish.

Alfie smashed his targets from last season by 48 points and 5 Championship places.

Alfie fought all season in one of the closest battles in the Championship table to secure his 10-place result just fending off Max Currens and Laurie Mcveigh AKA Volvo behind with

9th - 13th places separated by just 10 points!

There's no rest for Alfie just yet, we want a top 5 next season!

I said it was close, just 1 point ahead of 10th place Slavery was 9th place and Clubman Championship Champion Ellis Cox,

Ellis' away from the track hobby is making the worlds best Fudge!

So as a result, I am of course only going to more than positive to our new Champion.

Ellis is by far the least experienced Brentwood driver in the top 12 of the Cadet Championship and considering he started his karting life in the kindergarten world of Tomato Plant Racing.. AKA GreenHouse Racing AKA Pointless Racing, basically

Indoor Rubbish!

As you can see I'm not all to supportive about driving round indoors, epically with many drivers still so keen on clutching onto the "Mummy Apron Strings" of Indoor Green House racing for a false reality ☺

However I do know Ellis still like to visit TeamSport Edmonton which on a quiet day resembles "Downtown Aleppo"

A Fine Championship from Ellis and like Slavery, a Top 5 is the target for next season.

The Senior Championship awaits our 8th place Cadet, Phoenix Hill next season.

A few places below last's season's 6th place result for Phoenix this season after missing 2 rounds and



securing a couple lower scores, Phoenix will be looking forward to the challenge the Senior Championship holds.

I'll be expecting some great results for Phoenix next season in a kart much better suited to Phoenix's driving style, can Phoenix gain Super League promotion in his first Senior Championship.

"No, Mikey No!"

- Toto Wolff

6th and 7th positions were hotly contested throughout the season with the mega improved and the driver who "always get the worse karts" Roman Curtis and George Palmer Mobsby.

Both drivers secured round wins, with George's win on round 5 and Roman's first ever win on round 8. Just 6 points separated George and Roman at the Championships chequered flag with George pipping Roman to the post, both drivers will be looking for podium positions for next season, I believe George should be aiming for the overall Championship before advancing to the Super League should he do so.

3rd place this season was in contention to three awesome drivers this season, Benjamin Hamilton, Ethan Saunders and Mikey "Bin Bag Boy" Brisenden.

Let's start with Mikey, Mikey would always be having a rather large hill to climb as he was another driver deciding to take a holiday during his racing season "tut tut" resulting in him missing two Championship rounds, despite having no dropped rounds to fall back onto Mikey had a great season, with every round bar round 1 being above 27 points, the only driver to achieve this in the Championship!

I believe this because is due to a few reasons:

Mikey has the best pre-race ritual of the all-important hand shake and lucky crash helmet tap, this combined with his dad bringing me drinks from Starbucks most mornings and me picking his karts will only result in a positive outcome.



Ethan Saunders was the only driver in this group of three to not miss a round of the Championship, this added with his consistent high scores and 2 round wins secured Ethan the all important final podium place come the end of the season.

Ethan managed the Championship podium position in great fashion by dominating the final round of the season, all rewarding McLaren Round to nick it from under Mikey's nose by fastest lap time alone!

Looking ahead Ethan's great performance has secured a place in the Super League next season, Ethan's been practicing in the Senior kart for the last 10 weeks, can he fight for the Championship in his first season?

Knowing Benjamin Hamilton he is probably not happy with his 5th place finish this season, considering he finished runner up last season, with such a close Championship it will always be close and the difference in points between his runner up championship and this one is just 16 points (one 5th place finish) Benjamin's points scores consistency was 2nd to Mikey with all but 2 being below 27 points, a missed final round of the season gave both Ethan and Mikey the chance to secure 3rd and 4th. Fingers crossed we see the Superstar Benjamin Hamilton back next season and double fingers crossed he'll be taking his place where he deserves to be, in the Super League.

Our Top 2 drivers were the business this season: Now double Champion, Jack Stedman and the Pocket Rocket Rory Hamilton!

Let us all be honest, whatever Rory has been eating for breakfast recently, we all want it! Rory Hamilton finished 9th last season with 202 points, this season Rory fought for the Championship until the final round and finished as runner up with a staggering 310 points!

The difference between last season points and this seasons 108 points is good enough to finish this Championship in 17th place, I am yet to see any driver improve with such a huge amount from one season to the next! Unfortunately, Rory had to miss the final round of the Championship despite being level on points with Championship Challenger Jack Stedman.

The Awesome Jack Stedman had a challenge this season, despite the challenge from his competitors Jack always had that little bit in reserve, winning 3 rounds of the Championship and securing a 12 point lead by the end of the Championship.

The great runner, Jack will be aiming for the Hat-Trick next season before advancing to the Super League and the Senior karts.



Seniors:

"I'm dropping the hammer"

- Cole Trickle

Scraping into this season's report in 9th and 10th we find Mr Hott & Cold, Oliver Burley and Brentwood's highest place female driver in far too long!

Oliver's results were either awesome or average, securing highs the likes of rounds 3,4,7 and 11 with the staggered lows of rounds 1, 2, 8 and 9.

Oliver's highest of highs results included 2 heats wins throughout the season and a 4th place finish in round 8 of the Championship.

I would like a little more to write about Oliver next season, either with some epic races or some ammo for me to take the mick out of him in the season ahead.

Finally, a female in the top 10 of Brentwood's Race League, it'd been a long while since Brentwood has seen some of the legendary performances from some female drivers the likes of Daisy Hart and Champions Molly Hart and or even Alice Coles, anyway, that's enough reminiscing, Anya Barrett's 9th place finish this season hopefully puts her on the same path as some of Brentwood heavy hitting female drivers.

Anya steadily improved throughout the season finishing the Championship with a season best podium position for round 12 of the campaign.

8th position was filled by Jasper Something-Something 1, aka Brian, two drivers called Jasper with a double barrel surname requires too much intelligence from me to remember their names, so Brian has stuck for this season.

I am still awaiting the name BRIAN to be embroidered onto the back of the race suit in full Sassy fashion, pipping Brian to 7th position we find just half of the Cobra Racing Steel brothers. Jack smashed the competition in round 2 of the Season after securing his first and so far, only win of his Brentwood career with the full 38 points haul.

Jack spent the entire season in a three-way battle with younger brother Sean and Kaiyan Rai, Jack may have been the bridesmaid of the trio but he is still the only driver of the three to secure a round win.

Despite Jack's win it would be Sean with the biggest smile at the end of the Championship with his impressive 5th place finish ahead of Kaiyan and big brother Jack.



I would expect these three drivers to be in Championship contention next season as the 4 drivers ahead of them in the Championship have all gained Super League Promotion.

Family Holidays are boring, especially when you're fighting for a Championship, isn't that right Chris Sibthorpe?

Chris' first half of the season was impressive and he soon found himself in a Championship battle, all was going well until holiday's began, it's usually 2 weeks away where you have to do something that "Everyone wants to do" in reality it's usually a day where you enjoyed yourself and the other 13 days pretending to smile to keep the family happy.

"Look Up There! That's The Sky"

- Murray Walker (Idea for you indoor karters)

I'm sure the Sibthorpe's holiday was actually better than I am describing, so much better that they all returned early so Chris could go karting, Afterall who needs Egypt when you've got Brentwood. An early return was just what was needed as Chris secured 4th place and the Super League promotion by just 1 point! Great going by someone who missed 3 rounds of the Championship and scored 0 points on round 3 of the Championship.

Jasper Something- Something 2 AKA SASSY,
SASSY can only ever been written in full block capitals
and can only be shouted never spoken!

Unlike boring Brian, SASSY embraced his name and after 10 weeks it appeared embroidered on the back of his race suit, this alone makes SASSY the best of the 2 Jasper Something-Something's! SASSY's super consistent Championship secured a comfortable podium finish and promotion despite also not securing a round win, he was very close to the top of the podium on round 3 finishing 2nd just behind the driver who pipped SASSY to 2nd in the Championship, William Flack.

It's can only be a Sunday when I see Eleven lookalike (Watch Stranger Things and you'll see what I mean) William Flack standing ahead of my complaining about his kart and wanting to change it before he's even picked it!

William actually got a nose bleed on round 10, I found this very worrying.... "William, you're not on track for half an hour, how can you be complaining already" despite William's ability to complain about 23 of the 22 karts on offer at Brentwood!



Will had a great season and was best of the rest behind our runaway Champion.
William secured a victory on round 3 but a missed round 6 and a low score on round 7 took the Championship away from his grasp and into the outstretched hands of Dexter Collins!

It can only be a Sunday when I have Dexter and his dad checking the scales 102 times before each race, then again, he was one of very few drivers to be caught out but the smallest of margins, but we won't go into that....

I asked Dexter several times throughout the season if he "has a Laboratory" and usually got a confused look as a reply,
I guess I'm showing my age, you reading this probably also won't have a clue what I'm talking about either, anyway, back to racing!

Dexter was the cream of the crop, the cat's whiskers throughout the Championship winning 4 rounds and securing the Championship a week early with a 43 point margin.

Dexter was one of the few drivers keeping us on our toes with his analytical approach to most ABC warnings along with video evidence!

A fine season secures Dexter a place in the Super League as the Senior's top performer, what will the Super League hold for Dexter?

We won't have to wait long to find out!

"You Broke My Head"

- Juan Pablo Montoya



The Super League

"I don't look like Susan Boyle!"

- James May

Basically the 26 most irritating people Brentwood attracts all under one banner.

It's no surprise to see Jacob Fells, Oliver Dawson and Jovarni Cassell-Joseph hogging the bottom three places in the Super League, with all three drivers attending only as couple races each, the result relegation back to the Senior Championship.

The next quartet found fighting for the places just above the relegation spaces were Josh Webb, double Allstar Cup Champion Jake Riches, Double Cadet Champion, AllStar Cup Champion and Sodi World Finalist Podium Position holder Ben Yiangou, that's a bit of a mouthful!
Oh, and Jacob Hobb-Nobbs!

Josh was the least experienced of the bunch so it was no surprise to see him following in the wheel-tracks of the 3 drivers ahead, Josh just kept himself in the Super League with a fightback even Newcastle would be pleased with!

An all-important 3 points ahead of the relegated Jacob Fells at the final whistle, He'll be aiming for a top 15 next season and a little more breathing space from the relation zone.

Ben Yiangou and Hobb-Nobbs spent the season as close together as Abby and Brittany Hensel, you'll have to google that one!

Both missed as many rounds of the Championship as they attended otherwise I am sure you would find both Ben and Jacob well inside the top 10 places, unfortunately owner driver commitments restricted both drivers' involvement in this season's Super League, much like 20th placed Jake Riches!

Jake also missed more rounds than he attended but by the end of the season managed to secure a tiny amount of clear air between the Hensel battle finishing 4 points clear of Ben and Hobb-Nobbs who finished level on 71 points.



Have you ever seen a Giraffe driving a Go-Kart?

Us here at Brentwood have that privilege each week with one of my favourite drivers,
9ft Lewis "Lakenstein" Davis!

I could quite happily just spend the rest of this report poking fun at the Cloud Kidnapper, Lewis and his
ability to realise it's raining before anyone else.

A little hot and cold from Lewis this season with his 95 points and 19th place finish, lets hope Lewis can
"Reach New Heights" next season with a *"Lofty"* position.

Nicking 18th place on the final round of the season we find "Mr tight shirt and shorts" Michael Swift.

Michael stole Lewis position on the final round of the season with one of his best performances,
overshadowed by just one better result on round 2.

Michael just scrapped into the Super League this season and showed he can fight with the best, securing
race wins and recording lap times in the 34 second range each round, top 10 next season Swift!

Just ahead of Swift three other drivers spent the season swapping places, Mr Talkative, Troy Hooda, Ryan
Sheppard and my absolute favourite driver, Barnsley's Dudley Ruddock!

Troy managed to claim the spoils finishing ahead in 15th position saving his best performances until the
final two rounds scoring enough points in the final rounds that would have made him a championship
contender should he have been scoring these results throughout the season, let's do that from round 1
next time Troy.

"POWERRRRRR"

- Jeremy Clarkson



Ryan Sheppard surprised this season, as one of the least experienced drivers in the Championship Ryan found himself outscoring drivers he should be trailing and securing
A final places on a regular basis.

As the chequered flag flew Ryan found himself 7 points behind Troy and just 2 behind The Barnsley Bugger,
Dudley!

The good news is, at least I am honest with my favouritism.

Out of all the Northerners taking part in the Championship, Dudley was the best!

The North's Finest finished last season's Senior Race League in 49th, yet still found himself in the Super League's top 26th drivers, as a result 26th should have been his target, what Dudley lacked in experience his made up for in ability with many great result and race wins! Ey Up!

They say pigs don't fly, but I think they're lying!

MISS GRACE WON A ROUND!

I remember Miss Grace's first visit to Brentwood, he'd just finished rugby training and half his face was hanging off, it was clear he wasn't going to be a rugby player, after Miss Grace's first 1-2-1 driver tuition it was also clear he wasn't going to be a racing driver too!

I am beginning to back track on my words!

Another driver with very little experience should be over the moon with their
Super League performance.

Miss Grace made it into the Super League by the skin of his teeth finishing last season in 13th place, this season Miss Grace performed brilliantly, winning a round
(something a world champion couldn't manage)
and finishing runner up on round 4, fingers crossed for more progression next season.



"Kiss Me Ricky Bobby"

- Jean Girard

Unfortunately, one driver who we won't be seeing taking part in the Super League next season is the awesome, Hudson Gordan-Huntley AKA Hudson Hornet!

Hudson, like the last 2 seasons, impressed once more and steadily improved throughout the Championship with some of his best result coming in the final 5 rounds, Hudson spent the entirety of the season challenging 12th place and more experienced Kieran Eve, several great races from Kieran, especially both Ferrari Rounds, Rounds 8 & 10 resulted in a runners up spot for both events and the 60 points scores from both these rounds was the difference between himself and Hudson in the battle for 12th.

Like Hudson Kieran is also moving on next season and won't be reappearing in the Super League next season making some all-important free space for some of our high scorers in the Senior Championship.



5 points was the difference for the next 4 positions in the Championship as Sam Masters, Liam O'Sullivan, Nathan Crowley and Sam May all fought for the lucrative 8th place.

Nathan "John Travolta" Crowley would be the cat with the cream come the end of the Championship as he grabbed 8th with both his grubby, pizza filled hands!

Nathan managed to score 93 of his 171 points in just three rounds with three awesome performances including an overall victory in round 4 of the Championship, never mind Nathan's karting performance, you should see his dance floor performance, I'm just waiting for November 25th to see round 2 of Nathan's Saturday Night Fever.

Just 2 points behind Mr Travolta we see Chinese Sam May!

Sam will never be happy with 9th place, but I am looking forward to see to return to the top from Sam next season. Sam's results were either mega or a little less than lukewarm by Sam's ability. On paper 9th doesn't look like what we would expect from Sam

but in reality, 3 round wins this season puts Sam as joint P1 for the number of wins and Sam managed to do a "Jake Riches" and win all the round where there was a reward on offer including winning both the Ferrari rounds which rewarded him with a trip to Silverstone with FF Corse.

Sam will be back next season and for one won't be betting against him adding a 4th Championship title to his racing CV.

"Toto, it's called a motor race. We went car racing"

- Michael Masi

Liam O'Sullivan finds himself in 10th just another 2 points behind Sam. I, myself have given Liam a hard time in the past, but if truth be told Liam has improved greatly both on and off circuit and especially this season has dealt with everything thrown at him well and bounced back stronger!

A mostly consistent points score throughout the season kept Liam in contention for a strong top 10 placing by the end of the Championship, a top 5 is Liam's target for next season.



A Single point behind former Champion and Sodi World Finalist Liam we find one driver who is added to
"Dan's Dark Horses"

basically drivers who have performed better than expected, Sam Masters.

Sam's great season resulted in 11th place and 166 points, it wasn't long ago I was calling Sam a "NewBee"
and giving him the label of "one to watch"

11th in the Super League is a great achievement which see's Sam above much more experienced drivers
and just a couple points behind 4 championship title holders and 2 Sodi World Finalist, Just don't give Sam
an ABC otherwise you'll have his dad to answer too!

The second of three drivers to enter “Dan’s Dark Horses” is Leon Curtis!

I am sure, if you ask Leon, his dad or his brother,
you’ll hear that Leon only gets the bad karts.

Leon’s Championship was brilliant, winning the Turn 1 Simulator race on Round 9 and keeping the heat on
the experienced drivers ahead.

The target for Leon next season is a top 5.

9 Points separate 4th, 5th and 6th place and it’s Jack Williamson filling 5th.

If there’s one thing the Super League has done, it’s shake up the established Brentwood Karting hierarchy
with triple Champion Sam May in 9th and triple AllStar Cup Champion and trip Race League Champion Jack
Williamson in 5th.



The previous 6 Championship title holders didn’t make a podium position finish this season. Jack still had a
strong campaign by 99.9% of most drivers’ expectations but I know Jack will be licking his wounds ready to
put back on the crash helmet and go again, surprisingly Jack didn’t win a round this season, something I
know he’ll want to change next season.

Jack’s best results came towards the end of the season with a good run of consistent scores before settling
in 5th at the chequered flag.

South Africa’s finest, Trent! Trent kept Jack honest throughout the Championship following close by,
sometimes a little to close finishing 5 points behind, like Jack ahead Trent is yet to win a round in the Super
League, a title he’ll be hoping to change next season when the action gets underway.

Full focus on a Championship challenge I am sure will see at least a podium at the end of the season.

The final “Dark Horse” driver is Jack Coppola, what a season for Jack!

An Awesome Championship results in 4th place!

Another driver, that according to his dad

Only eVeR gEtS ThE bAd kArTs

Jack is the surprise of the season with a truly brilliant Championship, winning round 12 the McLaren round and scoring highly from start to finish, the stand out driver of the Super League Championship will have a job on his hands to do better next season, but looking at the result maybe the biggest surprise is yet to come.

Together with round 12 rounds 8 and 10 were also stand out rounds scoring 27 points for each round. Can Jack do better next season?

More importantly, will Jack’s dad ever stop complaining about the karts, the weather, the decisions, the other drivers and anything else he can think up in his head. I doubt it!



The Top 3:

The Super Leagues Top Three drivers were the Premier League of the Super League and consistently better performing drivers than the rest of the field with all three drivers heading into the final round of the Championship in contention for the title.

Max Papworth: One of the most frustrating drivers on Earth!

Max had a great season, like with most Championships Max takes part in each round was it's own mini episode of EastEnders with no one knowing which direction the plot line was going to take.

When Max was in the right frame of mind he was unbeatable, winning rounds 2, 5 and 11.

When Max wasn't in the right frame of mind his results suffered rounds 1, 6 and 8.

Max missed the final round of the Championship guaranteeing himself a 3rd place finish, had he of attended maybe the Championship would be his.

Regardless of round 12 Max is an awesome driver and had a great Championship, on his day he's the finest driver on the track, let's hope for a few more Max Papworth days next season.



Beau Sullivan AKA Mr Consistency!

Beau never won a round! Despite that Beau fought for the title until the final lap of the final race just missing out at the chequered flag.

Unfortunately for Beau round 12, the final round was one of his worse results of the season.

Beau started karting at Brentwood when he was still wetting the bed,
so he's been here a while.

Beau's competitive attitude in that time has grown from little brat to professional World Champion, I am sure the improvement will continue next season and I'll again be writing about a podium position for Beau next season, but which podium position?



The Brilliant Charlie Ratford missed 2 rounds, more than anyone in the top 8 of the Super League and with a dropped score of just a single point the odds of Charlie winning were as slim as Kate Moss in her prime. Despite the odds Charlie pulled the rug from his competitors' feet with a masterclass of a Championship win going into the final round with a 4-point disadvantage and leaving with the Championship title, a broken trophy and a 5-point lead!

Two round wins and a super consistent performance from start to finish saw Charlie grab the honours and the title of the first ever Super League Champion and a trip to McLaren.

Charlie deserved the title, his ability to "Always be there" at the chequered flag was something many others were not capable of doing on a regular basis, the real question is, can Charlie make it a back to back Championship.

Lets See!



Well, Congratulations if you managed to make your way through all 5,000 words, 4,800 of which are spelling mistakes and 19 pages of terrible grammar.

I have exhausted YouTube's catalogue of REO Speedwagon videos and moved to The Outfield and Boston's Greatest Hits, which brings us to the end.

If you have managed to read the entire report you have too much free time.

Thanks again for your support of the Race League

"There's a boat Jack, Jack, I'll never let go, I promise"

- Rose DeWitt Bukater

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