



P&R Kart Challenge Cup 2009 Review



On the drive down to Milton Keynes we were thinking that this could be the year of our first event in constant rain because when we set off from Oldham until we arrived at burger king in Milton Keynes it was all rain. As our driver Danny polished off the last of his chicken burger extreme (large with a shake) the rain stopped. As you can see from the picture, it looked pretty gloomy and it was wet but by the end of qualifying it had dried out completely.



Early in qualifying, turn 1 caught out several drivers just pushing too hard in wet conditions. Sunnydecks bravely entered turn 1 at full chat but quickly ran out of grip and went backwards hard into an unforgiving tyre wall. We hope he won't be put off from returning next year and we wish his neck muscles a speedy recovery as his head 'snapped back' like a cornered woman who's never wrong.

Qualifying

40 minutes which was generous of Daytona as its normally 30 minutes. If the team captains were anything like me you had to pick out a lamb to the slaughter as the start of qualifying was wet and you save the fast lads till later right? So while the first drivers out slipped and slithered and crashed out, the rest of the team quietly sipped on their hot cups of tea or for those teams up from the south your chocolate covered cappuccinos. As the track dried the times tumbled from the 1 min 20's to the 1 min 14's until right at the death Uniglaze posted pole.



Uniglaze's Richard Parker collects the pole position award



Dave wipes a tear away after losing out on pole

Pole is normally reserved for your hosts P&R but we had a bit of a dog which we changed before the race which ultimately ended up as the Thermoseal steed. The usual suspects were at the front of the grid joined by newcomers Whitecroft Lighting and in particular their new signing Lee Fenny fresh from the shop floor



Lee Fenny Whitecroft Lighting's Pace Man

Position	Kart	Team Name	Best Lap	Lap	Avg	Gap
1	1	Uniglaze	1:12:073	28	1:25:790	0
2	3	Securistyle	1:12:195	27	1:48:480	1L
3	27	Whitecroft	1:12:302	26	1:32:142	2L
4	34	P&R	1:12:836	27	1:29:122	1L
5	30	BM Trada	1:13:049	27	1:48:821	1L
6	36	Mila	1:13:313	27	1:49:693	1L
7	5	ERA	1:13:783	24	1:40:085	4L
8	13	WMS	1:13:974	26	1:54:898	2L
9	23	Thermoseal	1:14:715	25	1:59:218	3L
10	6	System 3	1:14:869	26	1:54:959	2L
11	15	Decra Led	1:15:088	27	1:51:568	1L
12	8	Sunnydecks	1:16:113	25	2:00:690	3L
13	16	Eurocare	1:17:437	19	2:38:513	9L
14	25	Safestyle	1:18:601	24	1:40:243	4L
15	24	Smiths	1:22:590	24	2:06:113	4L
16	29	Anglian	1:25:738	21	2:24:871	7L



The only orderly line seen on the day

Tensions mount as drivers await to be called for the rolling start and some were caught napping. After a couple of early stressful laps and some grass excursions (Securistyle/Whitecroft) the 16 teams settled down for the 4 hour duration.



No passing till you cross the start line. Where are the other 10 teams were you asleep

Nobody asked this year how long the race would last if it rained so thumbs up there. Andy Sumner (pictured right) was caught clearly having a conversation with a marshal which went something like “money exchange for speed” and clearly worked as they maintained a position towards the top of the leader board even when they lost an engine and had to change karts! How did that work then?



P&R’s driver change monitors Lisa and Jo were on hand to serve the needs of the drivers They wish. Actually we feared for the lads that much we had to segregate them behind bars as you can see from the picture

Rookies Window Machinery Supermarket did well although strictly speaking they have done karting before and here they can be seen stalking new boys Team Era.



Its just a matter of time



Also all smiles was new team Eurocare. Not an old peoples retirement home with bases through out Europe as the name implies but a provider of fine quality high end desert pots made by us actually



If you wanted battles then who were we (P&R/Securistyle) to let you down. The 1st session we were at it swapping track positions several times a lap. Firm but fair(ish). Until a slight misunderstanding at the fast left hander which saw P&R complete a 360 before coming to rest in a tyre wall and Securistyle receiving a black flag for their part. The final session the race director again made sure we joined the circuit at the same time and the entertainment quickly resumed.





Results

Position	Kart	Team Name	Best Lap	Lap	Avg	Gap
1	14	Uniglaze	1:11:821	185	1:17:774	0
2	17	B M Trada	1:11:890	183	1:18:674	2L
3	27	Whitecroft	1:11:170	181	1:19:736	4L
4	9	P&R	1:11:512	181	1:19:873	4L
5	15	Decra Led	1:13:626	180	1:19:981	5L
6	13	WMS	1:12:404	180	1:20:162	5L
7	36	Mila	1:12:019	179	1:20:444	6L
8	3	Securistyle	1:11:724	178	1:20:808	7L
9	6	System 3	1:13:046	177	1:21:445	8L
10	34	Thermoseal	1:13:144	175	1:22:375	10L
11	24	Smiths	1:13:157	172	1:23:776	13L
12	8	Sunnydecks	1:14:356	172	1:23:807	13L
13	25	Safestyle	1:13:190	171	1:24:133	14L
14	5	Era	1:13:301	169	1:25:110	16L
15	16	Eurocare	1:12:706	162	1:28:893	23L
16	30	Anglian	1:13:507	158	1:31:038	27L



*Fastest Lap – Lee Fenny
Team Whitecroft 1:11:170*



*Sweepstake Winner – Chris Harding
Team Mila*



*Team Anglian claimed the tortoise
award for the slowest team for the 2nd
year in a row*



*This years Best Rookie award goes to
team Safestyle*

Results Class B



3rd Place - Team WMS



2nd Place – Team Whitecroft Lighting



Winners – Team B M Trada

Results Class A



3rd Place – Team Decraled



2nd Place – Team P&R



Winners – Team Uniglaze

Thanks for taking part in 09 and we hope to see you again in 2010 for our 16th Kart Challenge Cup