

# Forest Edge Race Report Round One

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## Iame Cadet

Following three hotly contested heats, with Callum Bradshaw taking all three heat wins in fine form, the grid for the final saw Bradshaw on pole followed by Harry Foster, Sam Lambert and Louis Foster. The strongly contested final, would see Bradshaw once again come out on top for the win, Harry Foster second and Sam Lambert third. There was only a four second gap between the winner and fifth place man Louis Foster after ten laps hard racing.

Jai Hadley, made an impressive start on novice plates, in this relatively new class, and will be one to watch out for in the future. Unfortunately Jaye Keyes had a DNS in the final, but showed promise all weekend.

## Honda Cadet

With a massive entry of some 35 honda cadets, there were four heats, Ryan Taylor-Trueman taking the honours in heats one and two, Guy Cunnington heat three and Ruben Brown heat four.

The grid for the final lined up as follows, Trueman pole, Cunnington second, Brown third, with Harry King taking fourth spot.

The final saw fantastic racing, throughout the field, with honours going to Brown, King in second and Klaas Kooiker in third, with only 0.34 seconds separating these top three drivers after 10 laps.

Cunnington came in fourth with Trueman right behind, although having lost some 8 seconds to leaders in the very inclement race conditions. It was nice to see all in this very popular class, have a great days racing.

## Rotax Mini Max

Once again it was nice to see a good turnout of mini max drivers, some having made the recent transition from cadets to this highly competitive class.

The grid for the final was headed by Tommy Foster, with Ethan Haynes, Daniel Lamport and Harry Gooding making up the top four places.

As throughout the day several drivers, had shown the potential to challenge the front four, it was totally unexpected when three of the top four, managed to pull an almost ten second lead over fourth place man Ethan Haynes, Foster taking the win, closely followed by Gooding and Lamport. Novice driver Sebastian Algieri had a good weekend, unfortunately retiring on lap six of the final.

## X30 Junior

It was nice to see three pioneers of the Junior X30 class attending Forest for this weekend race. This is a new class to Junior and is still finding its feet.

Alfie Brown Josh Pickford and Phillip Hanson took to this new class like veterans having some great racing, all day Sunday.

The grid for the final saw Brown on pole, Pickford second and Hanson third.

Brown the pole sitter, managed to pull out a good lead, leaving Pickford and Hanson to have a great closely fought final, Brown taking win with Pickford and Hanson coming in with only 0.14 seconds between them.

This class has plenty of scope and we look forward to bigger grids as the season progresses.

## Junior Rotax

Junior max had a great depth of ability, through the grid with Ben Blick taking all heat wins, being strongly pressured by several drivers in particular Fletcher Trueman.

The grid lined up with Blick on pole, Trueman Pffifner and Luc Oliver making up the top four places.

Blick came in to make a clean sweep and win the final, with Oliver some 4.8 seconds behind closely followed by Taylor Harding. It was unfortunate that Trueman only managed three laps, so the long awaited challenge never came to be. James Reid on novice plates gave a good account all weekend and progressed rapidly, finishing final, although with several others a lap down. The other novice Dan Jones, was unfortunate not to start the final, but showed great potential.

## Senior Rotax

A very strong grid of seasoned senior rotax drivers took to the grid, many of whom having competed at the national level of Super One, with some young drivers having recently made the jump from the junior classes. After Saturday practice, it was obviously going to be a very closely fought contest, helped by the rain, which tends to level any power advantage obtained from the engine.

Hall, Potter and Gifford all taking heat wins, the grid lined up as follows, Gifford pole, Potter, Mayle and Hall making up top four. After the start, Scott Wylie came out on top, in difficult conditions driving superbly to take win, Mayle and Potter having closely fought battle with Mayle coming second and Potter third.

Gifford made early exit, with brake failure, having had contact with another strong favourite Russell on lap one. After several years' absence, it was nice to see Darren Wilson back in the seat enjoying

himself, improving throughout the day. Seven drivers were not classified.

## 177 Rotax Max and Masters

Due to the massive entry in this class, the largest seen for several years, there was inevitably the "B" final, something greatly enjoyed by the spectators and drivers alike, sadly not as often seen these days.

Following four heats the B final gridded as follows, Mephram pole, Yusuf second Cane third and Tate fourth.

Mephan going out on lap two, this left Yusuf with win followed home by Cane in second and Tate in third , the final coveted spot to get through to the A final going to Colin Kent.

The A final gridded Smith on pole, Russell second Michael Kent third and a very credible fourth for Chris Wesemael who has recently moved into this class.

A strong drive from pole saw Oliver Smith take the win by some 3 seconds, from hard charging Domonic Russell. Strong drives from Chris Wright and Joe Holloway saw Wright third and Holloway fourth. The promising Wesemael going out on lap seven.

## 250 Gearbox

It was nice to see a select grid of nine 250 gearboxes, once again return to Forest, providing great entertainment in the treacherous weather conditions.

Spencer Chappell taking pole, Rob Randall second, Ray Thomas third and Christopher Morris fourth.

In a very close finish Chappell took the win, by 15.1 seconds from Morris, Steed taking third.

## 125 Gearbox

Seven 125 gearboxes returned to the track providing additional excitement as they run with the 250 gearbox on staggered start basis.

Chris Bailey took pole, Lee Hasler second and with first class performances newcomers Daniel Arlott taking third and Joe Sumner taking fourth, the spectators could hardly wait for the final.

In a tightly contested final, considering the weather conditions, Lee Hasler took the win with Chris Bailey 0.3 seconds behind, Daniel Arlott taking third one lap adrift, followed by Simon Kierstan.