

## Forest Edge Race Report Round 3

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Iame Cadet

Once again a very strong contingent of drivers turned up to race in this ever growing class. It was nice to see eight novices included in the twenty six strong field. In heat one, Clayton Ravenscroft took the win from Harry Foster, Klaas Kooiker, Sam Lambert and fast charging Callum Bradshaw with a gain of plus thirteen. Jonny Wilkinson had a great heat coming in thirteenth on novice plates.

Heat two saw Bradshaw take win from Foster and Kooiker, with Wilkinson taking fourteenth place and first novice. Heat three saw Bradshaw take the honours once again, from Kooiker, Jamie Mead and Lovell. Wilkinson taking best novice once again with a very credible ninth place. The final loomed with several of the top drivers capable of taking the win. Bradshaw on pole, Kooiker second both hoping to top the table. Bradshaw took the win from Kooiker with the resurgent Ravenscroft coming through from grid six to finish third. A fabulous weekend concluded for Wilkinson taking top novice and thirteenth place. Two seconds only covered the top three after ten very hard laps racing.

Bradshaw/ ZIP, Kooiker/ ZIP, Ravenscroft/ Shark, and Wilkinson/ ZIP.

Honda Cadet

Forest Edge were once again pleased to see a massive entry in the Honda Cadet grid of some thirty six competitors, which of course would necessitate the running of an A and B final. The B final always being almost a matter of life or death for those involved, having a last chance to gain the coveted spot in the A final, with another opportunity to shine.

Heat one saw Rubens Brown take the win from Jake Cranstone, Guy Cunnington and Ryan Taylor-Trueman with only 1.8 seconds covering the top four. Lewis Foster being first novice home in seventeenth place. Heat two saw Alex Eades from Harry Newman-Oakley, Jay Panesar and Charlie Knight with only 0.67 seconds covering top four.

Foster, first novice in fourteenth place. Heat three saw Brown victorious by some 2.07 seconds from Alfie Glenie, Tom Law and Mathew Herbert. Foster taking best novice in 15th place.

Heat four saw Cunnington take win from Ben Burgess and Chris Simpson, with no novices in this heat.

#### B Final

In a very exciting B final Luke Adams took win from Blu Clarke novice and Ben Cutler with only 0.39 seconds separating front three,

Fourth was Thomas Horton with Finnian Churchill in fifth.

#### A Final

The A final saw Brown win by only 0.07 seconds from Herbert Cunnington, Glenie and Taylor-Trueman crossing the line nose to tail. Foster having a more torrid time coming 29<sup>th</sup> but still first novice closely followed by Blu Clarke in second novice spot.

Brown/ Shark, Herbert/Project One, Cunnington/EMS, Glenie/ Project One, Taylor-Trueman/Project One, Foster/ZIP and Clarke/ Project One

## Mini Max

A very strong grid of some twenty six mini max's took part with the hope of victory. Heat one saw Mason Ruff from Bradley Barrett, Thomas Edmunds and Ethan Haynes all four within 0.9 seconds crossing the line. Jai Hadley best novice. Heat two saw Daniel Lamport from Luc Oliver, Tommy Foster covered by 0.7 seconds fourth place to Harry Gooding, Jai Hadley having DNF on lap seven.

Heat three saw Freddy Stacey from Barrett Ruff and Oliver, with the unlucky Hadley having DNF.

## A Final

Barrett took convincing win from Ruff Oliver and Foster, front four being covered by only 2.9 seconds. After having bad luck Hadley regrouped to finish 22nd and first novice.

The front four competitors all on Tony Karts and Jai Hadley on Intrepid.

## Junior Max and X30 Junior

Ben Blick has had his best start to the season at Forest in junior max, having seemingly not been able to put a foot wrong in previous rounds. In the grid this month there will be several competitors, trying to close the gap on Blick

Heat one saw Ben Blick take the win from Fletcher Trueman, followed home by Dominic Shepherd and Tom Knill, however

Trueman achieves the fastest lap. First novice home was James Reid in eleventh position. The junior X30's were very closely matched with Philip Hanson taking win from Josh Pickford. Heat two saw Blick finally beaten by Trueman and Lawrence Boyington, coming in an unaccustomed third and Shepherd fourth. The best novice going to Dan Jones in eleventh place. In the junior X30 class Hanson once again bettered Pickford. Heat three saw Blick back on top with fastest lap only 0.01 seconds ahead of Trueman, Boyington and Shepherd taking third and fourth places. Dan Jones took novice honours in 14th position. In the junior X30 Pickford reversed the tables to beat Hanson, making for an interesting final.

#### A Final

Blick once again came out on top by some 2.49 seconds from Trueman, Shepherd and Boyington. Reid taking top novice spot in thirteenth place. In the junior X30 class Hanson managed to finish ahead of Pickford making for a virtually perfect race day for him.

Blick/Tonykart, Trueman/Kosmic, Shepherd/Tonykart, Boyington/CRG, and Reid/Tonykart.

#### Junior Blue and Junior T K M

It was nice to see the Junior Blue and Junior T K M class back at Forest, although not large in number still a very competitive and entertaining formulae. Heat one saw Peter Newman take the honours from Mathew Ayres in junior TKM. In the blues Luke Lattimer crossed the line first with Thomas Massarella second and Taylor Waldren third, best novice going to Jordan Elcock. Heat two saw Newman take win from his sister Jodene Newman with Ayres

third. Blues result was a reversal of heat one with Massarella taking win from Lattimer and Waldron the novice Elcock DNS.

Heat three saw Newman take his third victory, followed by Newman and Ayres. Blues saw third different winner in the shape of Waldron from Massarella Lattimer having DNF and Elcock having DNS.

#### A Final

Newman took victory from his sister once again, with Ayres third. In the Blues Massarella came out on top from Waldron with Elcock DNS.

Peter Newman/Jade, Jodene Newman/Tonykart, Mathew Ayres/Jade and Thomas Massarella/MAC.

#### Formula Blue

It was great to see a twenty two strong grid of formula blue drivers back at Forest providing some excellent racing.

Heat one saw Duncan McLeod take win from Sam Dible, Ian Branfield and Kevin Ford. Heat two saw Chris Derek take win from Branfield McLeod and Dible. Heat three saw McLeod take win from Derrick, Martin Wheeler and Dible.

#### A Final

The A final saw Wheeler take win from Branfield Derrick and Dibble.

#### Senior Rotax

Heat one saw Elliot Hall take win from Dominic Russell, Nathan Harrison and Dan Dunham. It was a welcome return for Nathan who has been absent from Forest for some time, welcome back. Heat two saw Kieran Gifford take win from Scott Wylie, Jack Mayle and Myles Potter. Heat three saw Potter take win from Callum Hartridge, Gifford and Harrison.

#### The A Final

This saw Gifford win by some 0.47 seconds from Potter, Harrison, Mayle, Dunham and Russell, with fastest lap being set by Hall.

Gifford/Gillard, Potter/CRG, Harrison/Wild Kart, and Dunham/Kosmic.

#### Rotax 177 and Max and Masters

In the 177 class Andrew Cole took win in heat one from Jonathan Drabble, Matt Barnes and Michael Kent. In the masters, honours went to Mark Redding from Joe Holloway, Richard Renshaw and Mark Smith. Heat two saw Oliver Smith from Kent, Mark Oakley and Aaron Wearn. In the masters honours went to Matt Martin from Gary Andersen, Redding and Royston Byles. Heat three saw Aaron Bailey from Cole Smith and Chris Sawyer in Masters. Rob Roddy led home with Renshaw, Martin and Karl Mephram. Heat four saw Kent from Drabble, Cole and Alex Pointing in Masters, Holloway led home from Renshaw, Byles and Martin.

#### The A Final

The A final saw Smith from Kent, Drabble and Barnes in the 177 class, and Holloway, Roddy, Redding and Byles in the masters.

Smith/Gillard, Kent/TBK, Drabble/Wild Kart and Barnes/Gillard, Holloway/ Intrepid, Roddy/Gillard, Redding/Wild Kart and Byles/CRG.

## 125 Gearbox

The 125 gearbox class is gaining in popularity and it was nice to see a good grid of competitors. In this class Heat one saw Charlie Robertson from Steven Handford, Nick Jenkins and Lee Hasler. Young Daniel Arlott once again taking best novice spot. Heat two saw Robertson, Handford, Jenkins and Hasler once again, with Arlott taking best novice. Heat three saw Robertson, Handford, Hasler and Jenkins with best novice going to Simon Kierstan.

The A Final.

The result was the same as heat three Robertson, Handford, Hasler and Jenkins, with Arlott taking best novice spot.

Robertson/Tony Kart, Handford/Kosmic, Hasler/Alpha, Jenkins/Energy and Arlott Alpha.

## 250 Gearbox

Heat one saw Ray Thomas from Spencer Chappell, Nigel Steed and Christopher Morris. Heat two saw Thomas lead home Steed, Morris

and Chappell. Heat three saw only two finishers, Chappell leading home Steed.

The A Final

This saw Thomas head home Chappell, Kenton Ashforth and Morris.

Although a comparatively small grid a great days racing was had by all.

Thomas/Anderson, Chappell/Energy, Ashforth/Jade and Morris/Jade.

Southern Championships.

The next round at Forest is the most prestigious of the year, the two day event of the Southern Championships. Forest Edge consistently attracts large grids and the Southern Championships is the seasons jewel in the crown. Competitors are normally attracted from clubs all round the country. The driver in each class with the best score over the two days taking the coveted SC plate, good luck to you all. I can hardly wait to see the results and write the report.

