

2016 EPEC Rd 7 UK24hr at TEESSIDE 12 Aug

During practise, those brought up on GX160 discovered their OMG moment as they descended the esses into the hairpin left hander while braking from a recorded 73 mph delivered by the tuned GX200 Extreme engines. A 65sec lap on the 1250m circuit means an average speed of 43mph and a 24hr distance of 1032 miles. (Equivalent to Lands End in Penzance to John O'Groats in Scotland - bottom left to top right of the UK)

There was an entry of 53 karts lined up for the now traditional Le Mans type start and the order had been determined by Timed Qualification.



Qualification

Pro/Elite

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
43 MS SoCo Select	111 MS JSR	13 Red Racing
Dan Crossley	Connor Lucas	Adam Nichols
72.863	72.997	73.004

4 Coseley Cougars	10 Alverstone Auto	11 Corporate Chauffeurs
13 Red Racing	16 SGPetch Fury	22 Canterbury College
33 Q Racing	43 MS SoCo Select	44 MS Lucas
49 SEN Racing	58 DWS	66 Lambo
77 OffLine Racing	111 MS JSR	199 Downforce Radio
777 OffLine 2	775 Teesside Jun	824 OffLine B24
115 Team Keane		

Clubman

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
775 Teesside Jun	49 SEN Racing	22 Canterbury College
Josh Falcus	Fabio	
73.216	73.226	73.273

HGX200

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4 Coseley Cougars	93 BUKC All Stars	16 SGPetch Fury
Cle Williams		Adam Delmont
79.62	79.853	79.893

Race

When the flag dropped, the early leader was 111 MS JSR (Connor Lucas) closely followed by 43 MS SoCo Select (Dan Crossley), 33 Q Racing (Adam Willis), 44 MS Lucas (Jamie Crease), 13 Red Racing (Adam Nichols), 49 SEN Racing (from Belgium Fabio's Team), 775 Teesside Juniors (Josh Falcus), 77 Offline Racing ()



After 3 laps 43 had gained the lead followed by 111, 33, 13 and 44 who had pulled a 5sec lead from the next bunch fighting for position.

With 50plus karts on the track you are either overtaking or being overtaken and everyone is busy in a battle with a similarly paced kart.

The first "casualty" was 13 when their spark plug cap decided to come off. And so into the first fuel stop. Torro Tosso, CD 31 and LM Racing also discovered disappointment early.

The first round of fuel stops passed without incident and the top 10 were 43, 775, 33, 111, 44, 77, 13, 10, 22, 58, 4, 199, 16.

The day passed and at half distance midnight the order 43, 111, 13, 77, 777, 115, 66, 44, 58, 49, 824, 10,22, 775, 8, 199, 4, 11, 9, 16.

By this time we had lost 33 who suffered a massive shunt that deformed the frame and retired the team. The rest moved around the leaderboard as a result of servicing, fuel stops , racing incidents and mechanical gremlins.



111 MS JSR Connor Lucas, 775 Teesside Jun (Josh Falcus, 10 Alverstone Auto (Owen Jenman), 22 Canterbury College



7 OffLine Racing, 777 OffLine Racing 2



115 Team Keene (Dave Shaw)



8 Team DWS (Steve Nichols) and son 13 Red Racing (Adam Nichols)

At ¾ race distance (just over the Scottish Border) 77 and 777 established themselves as race contenders in a solid 3rd and 4th , 115 had risen to fifth , 10 had retired with mechanical problems. 4 still leading 199 and 16.

Towards the end (18 hrs) 43 was cruising comfortably with a 5 lap lead and decided to change to their second set of tyres to attempt to wrest fastest race lap from 775 Teesside Jun . At 22 hrs it looked as though the wheels were starting to come off the wagon as 2 engines were changed in separate incidents as a result of fuel leaking.

However, at race end the positions had not changed and 43 ran out winning in the Pro class with 777 in Clubman and 4 in HGX200.



Result

Fastest race lap

Clubman	775 Teesside Jun	(Josh Falcus)	73.331
Pro	43 MS SoCo Select	(Dan Crossley)	73.345 sec
HGX200	16 SGPetch Fury	(Adam Delmont)	78.963 sec

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43 MS SoCo Select	111 MS JSR	77 OffLine 1

Clubman

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777 OffLine 2	49 SEN Racing	115 Team Keane

HGX200

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4 Coseley Cougars	199 Downforce Racing	16 SGPetch Racing

It is worth noting that the whole of the top 10 were MS Karts



Rob Smedley is the Head of Vehicle Performance at the Williams Martini Racing Formula One team and is presenting the trophy to Dan Crossley for the fastest Pro race lap



HGX200 Class winners
-----, -----, RS, Richard Dunn and Cle Williams



115 Team Keane
Mike Thoms, Dave Shaw, Rob Stanway, Danny Keene, Wes Grundy and Wes's minder
3rd in Clubman



43 MS SoCo Select
Paul Wilkins, Dan Crossley, Howard Lucas, Dave Robinson, Steve Welsh, Steven Watson, Fransen Romario

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prev lap next lap current lap: 950

	Pos	Kart	Name	Laps	Last	Gap	Gap to 1st
	1	43	MS SOCO SELECT	950	1:15.077		
	2	111	MS JSR	950	1:21.319	6:32.572	6:32.572
	3	77	OFFLINE 1	950	1:15.680	5:40.498	12:13.070
	4	777	OFFLINE 2	950	1:15.583	3:22.302	15:35.372
	5	115	Team Keane	950	1:15.934	2:42.334	18:17.706
	6	44	MS LUCAS	950	1:17.295	22.405	18:40.111
	7	49	SEN RACING	950	1:15.405	1:32.284	20:12.395
	8	58	DWS	950	1:15.721	1:38.811	21:51.206
	9	10	ALVERSTONE AUTOS	796	1:15.315	0-13:00-280	0-22:00-74
	9	824	Offline B24	950	1:15.854	3hr23:21:150	22:59:076
	10	13	RED RACING	950	1:16.028	5:08.706	28:07.782
	11	775	Teesside JNRS	950	1:17.445	9:37.718	37:45.500
	12	33	Q RACING	386	7:46.839	0:38:00-587	0:53:00-87
	12	7	BARWATO 7 Unit 51	950	1:16.742	12hr47:56:256	58:03.169
	13	22	CANTERBURY COLLEGE	950	1:15.705	14:46.144	1hr12:49:313
	14	8	BARWATO 8 RLM	950	1:16.026	20:48.542	1hr33:37:855
	15	04	Cosley Cougars	950	1:19.745	1:56.832	1hr35:34:387
	16	199	Downforce Radio	950	1:19.855	16.827	1hr35:51:214
	17	16	SG Petch Fury	950	1:20.178	7:06.780	1hr42:57:994
	18	09	Newmarket Hornets	950	1:20.947	1:55.311	1hr44:53:305
	19	011	Corporate Chauffeurs	950	1:20.274	3:01.237	1hr47:54:542
	20	05	Northampton Maidens	950	1:20.574	39.175	1hr48:33:717
	21	20	SG Petch Sprinters	950	1:20.203	5:45.844	1hr54:19:561

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Lap 950 of 1129 21 hrs