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## **Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Downsview Saturday Report**

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This past weekend, Downsview Park was host to the sixth and final round of the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship presented by MG Tires, and with 160 karts entered it proved to be one of the biggest Canadian events of the year. With the addition of a few sponsors for the weekend's events, the Series wrapped its second season in grand fashion with over \$10 000 in cash and prizes being awarded. A temporary circuit was fashioned for the finale, with plenty of passing room and a long back straightaway on offer to championship hopefuls.

Five classes took to the track on a very cold and windy Saturday with Rotax/TaG Senior the first to hit the pavement. The points scenario was very tight as Kurtis St. Clair (CRG) was leading Michael Mora (FirstKart) by just eight points heading in, but returning class champion Michael Glaze topped both in taking pole in his first race aboard a TonyKart.



The contenders bounced back in the prefinal though, and as the field lined up for the Saturday main Mora was on pole with St. Clair alongside. Mora took the lead into turn at the drop of the green followed by Matt Abram and St. Clair, but Glaze would once again work to the top. Fully recovered from engine troubles that appeared in the prefinal, Glaze was back to the front by lap four and never looked back, taking the checker in his first race with new machinery. Mora and St.Clair then had a head-to-head battle for the championship with Abram involved as well. By lap fifteen it looked to be all Mora as he worked to free ground in



second, but with three laps to go he ran wide a clipped a bale exiting turn five, ending his race and championship hopes in one move. St Clair was held up in the aftermath, which

allowed Abram through to second, but St. Clair remained third, and claimed the championship in the process.

Rotax Junior took to the track next and there was a new face on pole as Neelan Nadesan (FirstKart) snagged the Quickpics pole from class champion Jonathon Treadwell (TonyKart). With four wins and a third through five rounds, Treadwell had the championship wrapped up heading into the final event, and showed why once the racing started. When the final hit the track, Treadwell drove a flawless race and took the checkers well clear of the field. Nadesan and Zac Mahoney put on a great show for the fans with a race-long battle for second before Nadesan emerged for the second step on the podium.



Wrapping up the championship classes on Saturday was the F125 Shifter class and it proved to be a trip back in time. 3-S GoKarts brought back a few of their drivers from past seasons including legend Ward Imrie, Cale Mead, Rene Silva and Chris Trombly,



but all were chasing another karting legend and '07 regular Juliana Chiovitti, who took the Quickpics Pole. Unfortunately, as the timed session expired, so did her engine and she would have to start from the back of the pack after a change.

Mead got the hole-shot into turn one of the main event, followed by Josh Adams (PSL/CRG) and Chiovitti. Mike MacNeil (FirstKart) and Jimmy Lo rounded out the top five after the first lap, but Imrie was

also on a charge from the back and was sixth just two laps later. The race was halted on lap ten when the red flag flew for Ryan Horses. Looking to lap a backmarker exiting turn three, contact sent Horses to the air and ejected him from the kart. He walked away from the incident, but later did make a trip to a local hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

The race was restarted from lap nine and from there Imrie made his bid for the front. Quickly dispatching Lo and MacNeil, Imrie disposed of Adams on lap twelve and set to Chiovitti. As the pair repeatedly swapped spots, Mead was able to check out and take yet another win after an absence from the seat - just as he did two years ago at Shannonville. Behind him, Imrie and Chiovitti ended up in a drag race to settle the podium with Imrie taking second and Chiovitti third by less than a nose. Lo and MacNeil wrapped up the top five.

Two support classes were added to the lineup Saturday and in Senior Medium Alex DiFrangia scored a win over Brennan Nielsen and Scott Brooks while in Junior Medium, Jonathon Treadwell continued his winning ways taking a five second victory over Jamie Riberdy and Mitchell Brunning.