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### **Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Downsview Sunday 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 karting 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. Sunday had the four-stroke masses taking to the temporary track and once again championships were decided on the final day of the season.

First up on a sunny Sunday afternoon was Novice where Grant Quinlan continued to show his dominance in the class as he snagged the Quickpics Pole and a prefinal win. At the start of the feature, Quinlan took an early lead at the drop of the green flag with Scotty Nagel, Brandon Hauck and Trevor Rancier in tow. The quartet took off from the rest of the field early and Quinlan continued to lead into the late stages when Nagel



began to apply the pressure to the leader and Hauck was pressuring Rancier for third. As the white flag flew for one to go, Quinlan held his ground in fending off Nagel for the win. Behind him, Rancier and Hauck swapped the final podium position through turn three and four before Hauck took the spot at the line. A second-place finish for Nagel secured the championship for the third-year driver, but Quinlan showed that he is a force



to be reckoned with as after a technical DQ in race one, he took four wins and third overall in the championship counting only four races.

In Senior Light, the Pearce Herder / Darryl Timmers combination dominated the racing at the front while Chris Packham was also laying down fast times. After a small turn one melee at the start of the main event, Timmers held the lead through turn one and

two, followed by Herder and Packham, but running down the back straight Herder took the lead and never looked back. Meanwhile, after a rough start for the point leader, Tyler Hendricks, was on a charge to the front as he disposed of Packham on lap four and closed on the lead pair. He would eventually catch Timmers to scrap for second, but Timmers kept the spot at the final flag. Herder though, was gone at the front. The win moved him closer to the championship, but when things were said and done Hendricks narrowly took the title with his third-place finish. Michael Mora rebounded from yesterday's tragic ending to finish fourth, followed by Alex DiFrangia.

Reviving Jake Collison for the weekend, Steve Lyons jumped back into the driver's seat in two classes for the day. After taking the Quickpics Pole in the Masters class and starting outside row one in Senior Heavy, Lyons put his Collison powered go-karts on cruise control and easily took wins in both classes, showing that no matter what go-kart you put him in, he will contend for the win. In five starts in five different go-karts this year, Lyons has taken three wins and two third place finishes giving him an average finish of 1.8 when he returns to the seat.

Tied atop the Junior Light standings heading into the final race of the series, Joey Atkinson and Bryson Schutte came into Downsview with hopes of taking home a championship. Atkinson snagged the prefinal to take pole for the final, but all members of the top five in the standings started inside the top six of the race - meaning a mistake by anyone would cost them in the final standings. Atkinson grabbed the lead into turn one followed by



Max Preston and Adam Racine while Nico Fattore and Bryson Schutte rounded out the top five after lap one. Atkinson's dominance on the day continued in the main as by lap five he had checked out from the field. Nearing the halfway mark, Preston began to slow showing signs of a possible tire going flat. This bumped everyone up a spot as Preston couldn't maintain the pace at the front. Outside the lead pack, Tristan Gill was on a charge from the back and looking to get involved after a DNF in the prefinal. Continuously picking off go-karts lap after lap, Gill had battled all the way to third place before more bad luck came his way, a blown engine leading to retirement. Coming across the line with a pump of his fist, Atkinson scored his first Regional win and called it the biggest win of his life, so far. Fattore and Racine battled to the finish line with Fattore taking the second step and Racine taking third. In the closing laps, Schutte, running fourth, was pressured by Jessica Brutzki. The youngest Brutzki made many attempts to pass but just couldn't complete it. It was important for Schutte, as the fourth meant he claimed the championship after drops were applied. The closest battle of the year by far, Schutte won the championship by a mere 4 points, which is less than one position on the track!

Showing continuous growth throughout the year, the Junior Heavy class rounded out the day's action. Twenty-four karts lined up for the start of final with Michael Adams leading the way. The start was wild as many karts went two and three wide through the opening



corners to the shock of many of the parents watching. Getting the raw end of the action was Jonathon Treadwell, as after starting third, he was shuffled back to ninth when the dust settled. Adams lead the first lap with Mitchell Brunning second and AJ Emms third. Showing his usual never-give-up attitude, Treadwell was on a charge back to the front as he had driven back into the top five by the end of lap one. Contact between TJ Marshall and Emms allowed Treadwell into third, and

then contact between Adams and Brunning opened the door for Treadwell to jump to the lead by lap four. From there he laid down continuous fast laps in extending his lead. By halfway, Treadwell's lead was over two seconds with Emms, running alone in second. Brunning, Zac Mahoney, Adams and Marshall were beating and banging for third as the foursome displayed some excellent racing for the fans. While Treadwell extended his win streak to eight and claimed the Championship, Emms crossed second and Brunning crossed third. However, after the race it was determined that Brunning made contact with Marshall on the last lap, placing him behind Marshall in the results. This boosted Mahoney to third and Adams to fourth with Marshall being displayed fifth.

Madysen Wright dominated the Cadet class in taking a twenty second win in the final. The win sealed the championship for the young driver. Austin Bisschop crossed the finish line second and Clay Van Eerd finished third. Rounding out the top five were Devlin DeFrancesco and Brett Moberg. The day wrapped the race action for 2007 Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship presented by MG Tires, but many prizes remain to be handed out in the coming weeks.