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The Vodafone Dmax 2013 Championships

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Light Endurance Qualifying

As the light endurance practice session began conditions were dry but overcast and windy, with fourteen drivers taking to the track. Ben Leslie (BL) was the early pace setter with an impressive 43.32 on just the third lap. Chris Hackworth (CH) took far too much kerb entering the 2nd chicane, dropping the front right off the circuit completely snapping the front right stub axle. This resulted in a short jog back to the pit-lane and an early kart change. This change didn't affect his pace as he quickly moved up to second with a 43.82. Marc Coltelli (MC), Tom Kempynck (TK) and Max Bird (MB) rounded off the top 5 with half of the session gone. With 6 minutes remaining CH improved his time to a 43.17 moving him up to first. Paul Cox (PC) and James Baldwin (JB) also went under 44 seconds with 3 minutes to go moving them up to sixth and seventh respectively. With just over one minute left in the session JB set a 43.83 to move into fifth knocking PC and MC out of the top 5. At the end of practice Thomas King (TKing) set his best time a 43.81 moving him into fifth for the race, TK was fourth, MC third, BL second and CH on pole for the race.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	3 Christopher Hackworth	17		43.175	8	100.058
2	1 Ben Leslie	20	0.196	43.371	9	99.606
3	16 Marc Coltelli	19	0.298	43.473	10	99.372
4	13 Tom Kempynck	18	0.552	43.727	18	98.795
5	56 Thomas King	17	0.637	43.812	16	98.603
6	21 James Baldwin	18	0.658	43.833	13	98.556
7	40 Paul Cox	18	0.664	43.839	15	98.542
8	42 Max Bird	19	0.67	43.845	12	98.529
9	4 Andrew Collins	19	0.69	43.865	18	98.484
10	23 Jane Gibbons	19	1.025	44.2	16	97.738
11	15 Tanzi Besant	18	1.539	44.714	15	96.614
12	7 David Glover	18	1.953	45.128	17	95.728
13	12 Mez Evans	18	2.147	45.322	15	95.318
14	6 Dominic Tucker	17	2.499	45.674	16	94.583

Light Endurance Race

All of the drivers got away cleanly with JB and MB making significant gains around the first 2 corners. On the second lap BL set a 44.2 lap time as he pursued CH in 1st. TKing lost out on the third lap going from 8th to 14th. CH and BL exchanged fastest lap times as they battled for the lead in the early stages. TK in fourth and JB in third created some daylight between themselves and the rest of the pursuing pack.



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TKing passed David Glover (DG) and Mez Evans (ME) in one lap as he made his way back through the field. DG then had a spin at the first chicane and got stuck in the gravel trap, resuming in last place. Jane Gibbons (JG) couldn't maintain her qualifying pace with her fastest lap a 45.1 as TKing passed her on his way back into the top 10. Tanzi Besant (TB) came under pressure from ME as they battled for 11th; both drivers' pace slowed allowing DG to close the gap making it a three way battle for position.

BL pumped in consistently quick lap times which allowed him to close the gap that CH had opened up out front, re-igniting the battle for first; both drivers successfully navigated their way through back markers with neither gaining any ground. TK passed JB to move up to 3rd place but JB quickly regained the position with a move up the inside at the first corner; the two remained bumper to bumper.

With a 3rd of the race gone MB and Andrew Collins (AC) locked in a tight battle for 7th position.

ME was forced to pull into the pits and change kart moving him to the back of the pack. AC went for a move on MC, who had dropped to 6th but couldn't complete the pass, however this did allow MB to catch the pair and with some fine driving he passed them both in just under a lap moving him up to 6th.

With half of the race gone TKing caught and passed by AC as he continued to advance through the field. He was consistently lapping 3 tenths quicker than MB and catching him fast as he looked to gain 6th position, having been 14th.

The top two had been within a second of each other for most of the race but on the forty minute mark BL lost significant time as the pair tried to navigate their way through back markers on the track.

TKing caught MB but failed to overtake before being held up through traffic, losing time to MB.

The gap between the top two was closed back down as this time CH lost time lapping other drivers. With just 15 minutes remaining BL finally managed to make a passing move stick but just a lap later CH regained the position and pulled out a gap of 3 tenths the following lap.

As the race entered its final 10 minutes Dominic Tucker set his fastest lap of the day a 45.3. TKing managed to pass MB with a move at the first corner and quickly pulled out a gap having been on his bumper for 10 minutes.

CH was forced to take defensive lines for 2 laps as he tried to hold off BL but at the first corner BL successfully got passed with 5 minutes to go, just a lap later CH made an identical move to retake the lead. DG again slipped up at the 1st chicane and lost time as the marshals removed him from the gravel trap resulting in waved yellows for one lap.

BL and CH continued to trade places as the race moved into its final lap, with contact being made as they battled for the win. CH crossed the line with just 4 tenths between himself and BL. JB took 3rd



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place with TKemp 4th and Paul Cox 5th. TKing just missed on the top 5 after some good passing moves finishing bumper to bumper with PC.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	3 Christopher Hackworth	82		43.437	11	99.454
2	1 Ben Leslie	82	0.409	43.443	5	99.441
3	21 James Baldwin	82	21.797	43.917	6	98.367
4	13 Tom Kempynck	82	27.041	43.743	13	98.759
5	40 Paul Cox	82	36.273	43.935	80	98.327
6	56 Thomas King	82	36.477	43.766	18	98.707
7	42 Max Bird	82	41.698	44.019	32	98.139
8	4 Andrew Collins	81	1 lap	44.099	61	97.961
9	16 Marc Coltelli	81	1 lap	43.823	14	98.578
10	23 Jane Gibbons	80	2 laps	44.222	32	97.689
11	15 Tanzi Besant	80	2 laps	44.939	75	96.13
12	12 Mez Evans	79	3 laps	43.951	64	98.291
13	6 Dominic Tucker	79	3 laps	45.323	62	95.316
14	7 David Glover	77	5 laps	45.043	50	95.908

INTER ENDURANCE QUALIFYING

Conditions for the inters were much the same as they had been for the lights although the wind had eased up, with the track remaining dry as qualifying got under way.

Straight away James Pratt (JP) set the fastest time a 44.48 with Joe Holmes (JH) 2nd quickest.

With just over a 3rd of the session gone rain began to fall, although that didn't seem to affect grip levels straight away as many of the 17 drivers continued to set fastest laps.

Tim McKeegan (TM) gained 3rd with a 44.9 showing that the track was still in good condition.

JH set a 44.2 to replace JP at the top of the leader board but JP quickly took the top spot back going just one thousandth quicker with 3 minutes left of the session. The two continued to trade pole laps as the end of the session neared. Alec Tucker (AT), Joe Ellis (JE), Anthony Kirk (AK) and William Topp (WT) were the other drivers under 45 seconds, and made up the rest of the top 7.

JH ended the session just 14 thousandths quicker than JP as he took pole with a 44.123, Tim McKeegan 3rd, Alec Tucker 4th, Joe Ellis 5th, Anthony Kirk 6th, Will Topp 7th. Andrew Tempest (AT), James Northfield (JN) and Allan Curtis (ACurt) rounded off the top 10.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	20 Joe Holmes	20		44.123	17	97.908
2	24 James Pratt	20	0.014	44.137	16	97.877
3	6 Tim McKeegan	20	0.469	44.592	18	96.878



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4	70 Alec Tucker	20	0.501	44.624	16	96.809
5	44 Joseph Ellis	18	0.598	44.721	16	96.599
6	48 Anthony Kirk	20	0.716	44.839	16	96.345
7	3 William Topp	20	0.813	44.936	15	96.137
8	10 Andrew Tempest	19	0.9	45.023	8	95.951
9	45 James Northfield	19	0.921	45.044	14	95.906
10	78 Allan Curtis	18	1.162	45.285	15	95.396
11	7 Bruno Botelho	19	1.176	45.299	16	95.366
12	17 Ben Chapman	20	1.207	45.33	17	95.301
13	31 Stuart Shearman	20	1.213	45.336	19	95.289
14	23 Andrew Knapp	20	1.322	45.445	16	95.06
15	28 Konstantinos Kyritsis	18	1.358	45.481	18	94.985
16	5 Adam Nakar	20	1.403	45.526	17	94.891
17	40 Tomasz Zaustowicz	18	1.574	45.697	6	94.536

INTER ENDURANCE RACE

Before the race began the rain began to fall more heavily creating a more slippery track for the start.

At the first corner some drivers in the middle of the field were caught out and ran wide. TM lost out to AT on the 1st lap who moved up to third. JH and JP pulled out a huge gap on the rest of the field in the first 2 laps holding 1st and 2nd lapping two seconds faster than anyone else on track in the slippery conditions. On lap three JE passed TM to move into 3rd setting a 58.5, the fastest lap of the rest of the drivers.

JP passed JH for the lead on the 4th lap at turn 1, and quickly began to pull away setting a fastest lap of a 54.1.

Konstantinos Kyritsis (KK) gained 6 positions in the opening laps moving from 15th to 9th. Adam Nakar (AN) achieved the same feat in the early stages. AK moved from 13th to 10th in one corner as he passed 3 karts at turn 1. Bruno Botelho (BB) lost out going from 11th to last as he lost control and got stuck in the tyres on the exit of turn 1.

James Northfield (JN) moved from 9th to 6th as he used the conditions to his advantage with the track again getting wetter. Lap times began to rise quickly with the leaders lapping in the 1.04's. KK began to put pressure on JN and passed him for 6th as he continued to move through the field. Stuart Shearman (SS) lost control heading into the 1st corner and lost a lot of time as he was forced to change karts moving him to the back of the field.

At the halfway mark JP lost time through traffic which allowed JH to decrease the gap to just 2 seconds. JE, TM and AT remained 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.



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The rain began to ease off as the second half of the race went on, with lap times falling, but still well off a dry pace with many of the drivers lapping around the 1 minute mark. Traffic continued to be a problem for many of the leaders with TM being held up for over a lap.

Andrew Tempest (AT) tried to push too hard into the first corner and lost time as the marshals' retrieved his kart from the trap. JP managed to increase his lead as JH struggled through back markers but the gap remained at around 5 seconds, with JE the fastest on track lapping consistently over a second faster than anyone else, but the gap between him and JH was still over half a minute. KK passed AT after 35 minutes moving him to 5th, 10 places up from his starting position.

Although the sun began to appear the track remained slippery, with no one able to break the 1 minute barrier with just 15 minutes to go. Allan Curtis (AC) was the quickest driver on the circuit in 13th place with a lap of 1.02.3. With 10 minutes to go KK passed TM to take 4th place. JP was able to maintain a 7 second lead over JH with JE a further 40 seconds further back.

That's how the top 3 remained, JP finishing top after a dominating performance, JH in 2nd and JE 3rd. KK managed to finish fourth after some great overtaking to come through the field and TM finished 5th. Alec Tucker, James Northfield, Adam Nakar and Andrew Knapp rounded off the top 10.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	24 James Pratt	59		54.178	6	79.737
2	20 Joe Holmes	59	1.823	54.923	7	78.656
3	44 Joseph Ellis	59	39.74	55.083	6	78.427
4	28 Konstantinos Kyritsis	58	1 lap	57.677	6	74.9
5	6 Tim McKeegan	58	1 lap	57.488	7	75.146
6	70 Alec Tucker	58	1 lap	57.307	5	75.383
7	45 James Northfield	57	2 laps	58.207	5	74.218
8	5 Adam Nakar	57	2 laps	59.001	5	73.219
9	23 Andrew Knapp	57	2 laps	59.268	4	72.889
10	48 Anthony Kirk	57	2 laps	58.901	5	73.343
11	3 William Topp	57	2 laps	59.483	7	72.626
12	78 Allan Curtis	57	2 laps	59.087	5	73.113
13	17 Ben Chapman	57	2 laps	59.374	4	72.759
14	40 Tomasz Zaustowicz	56	3 laps	59.118	5	73.074
15	10 Andrew Tempest	55	4 laps	59.769	6	72.278
16	31 Stuart Shearman	53	6 laps	58.69	4	73.607
17	7 Bruno Botelho	49	10 laps	59.299	5	72.851

HEAVY ENDURANCE Qualifying

The track remained slick for the start of the heavy endurance qualifying, although the rain had stopped, with most lap times around the 56 second mark as the drivers got used to the conditions.



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The times quickly began to fall as the track dried out with David Vincent (DV) quickly establishing himself as a front runner; he was the first driver under 50 seconds and quickly produced a 48.2 putting him at the front of the pack. Andrew Haine (AH) responded by going faster by a hundredth in the drying conditions. However the rest of the field quickly responded with Jamie Pender (JP) and Chris Carter (CC) moving into 1st and 2nd. DV then put in another fastest lap, a 46.6 with time for just one more lap in the session.

13 of the 14 karts made sub-50 second laps, with the top 10 drivers all going under 48 seconds . Andrew Sirkett gained 7 positions at the chequered flag, as one of the final drivers over the line giving him 3rd place with a 46.9. That pushed AH and CC down to 4th and 5th respectively. DV managed to hold onto pole with JP 2 tenths off the pace in 2nd.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	16 David Vincent	17		46.66	16	92.585
2	17 Jamie Pender	17	0.23	46.89	16	92.131
3	5 Andrew Sirkett	17	0.285	46.945	17	92.023
4	11 Andrew Haine	17	0.344	47.004	16	91.907
5	8 Chris Carter	17	0.55	47.21	17	91.506
6	14 Chris Munro	17	0.753	47.413	17	91.114
7	12 Adam Daly	16	0.971	47.631	15	90.697
8	25 Robert Bennett	16	1.192	47.852	15	90.278
9	2 Michael Mckeegan	16	1.22	47.88	15	90.226
10	6 James Griffith	16	1.236	47.896	15	90.195
11	35 Mark Brantom	16	1.592	48.252	15	89.53
12	46 Dane Clark	16	2.312	48.972	14	88.214
13	22 Stuart Foster	15	2.391	49.051	13	88.072
14	15 Russell Phillips	15	4.335	50.995	13	84.714

HEAVY ENDURANCE RACE

Conditions stabilised between qualifying and the race so as the drivers' went into the first corner conditions were dry. CC made up 4 positions on the first corner and very quickly passed DV to take first place on the first lap. DV, JP, CM and AS made up the top 5 as they crossed the line for the first time. AS quickly came under pressure from AH and James Griffiths (JG) for fifth position but held them off and caught CM to take 4th. The positions continued to change as all four drivers battled for track position.

With 5 minutes gone the top 3 had pulled out a big lead from 4th and 5th ; who in turn were pulling away from the rest of the pack. AH received a warning for an aggressive overtake on Stuart Foster (SF). Rob Bennett gained 2 positions from starting in 8th and began to clear the main pack which consisted of six drivers all fighting for seventh place.



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After 10 minutes JP set a new fastest lap of 44.5 as he attempted to catch DV and CC in 1st and 2nd. RB quickly caught AS and CM which began a bumper to bumper 3 way battle for third. As JP attempted to make a move on DV it gave CC an opportunity to pull out a 5 second lead with some consistently quick lap times.

DV was forced to pull in to the pits from 2nd with a kart issue putting him down to 12th place after fifteen minutes. CC and JP continued to pull away from the chasing pack of 5 drivers. RB was forced wide at the last corner and lost 2 places, narrowly avoiding the tyres by the start/finish line. AH took 3rd place from AS. RB got a warning for an aggressive move at turn 1 on CM, which led to CM having to be rescued from a gravel trap putting him in last position. Stuart Foster (SF) made his way through the incidents safely taking 5th place. CM then retired from the race.

At the halfway stage CC had gained a comfortable 10 second lead over JP. With AH holding 3rd from SF with AS further back in 5th. James Griffiths had done well to move from 10th on the grid to overtake RB on lap 46 for 6th position. RB overtook JG but it was deemed illegal and he handed the position back. DV began to unlap himself having had issues earlier in the race.

With 15 minutes to go CC set a new fastest lap, a 44.4, 2 laps later going quicker again with a 44.3, to extend his lead. AS then set his own personal best, a 44.8, to put pressure on SF in 4th. JP set a new personal best with 10 minutes to go, a 44.5. With track conditions clearly ideal, AS also put in his quickest time, a 44.6. With just 6 minutes left JG suffered a brake failure going into turn 1, and retired from the race which moved RB back into 6th.

CC took the chequered flag 15 seconds clear of JP in second after being untouchable from the first lap onwards. With AH 3rd, SF 4th and AS rounding off the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	diff	best time	best lap	best speed
1	8 Chris Carter	81		44.325	67	97.462
2	17 Jamie Pender	81	15.457	44.536	66	97
3	11 Andrew Haine	81	24.744	44.527	22	97.02
4	22 Stuart Foster	81	31.015	44.628	18	96.8
5	5 Andrew Sirkett	81	33.541	44.684	69	96.679
6	25 Robert Bennett	80	1 lap	44.695	26	96.655
7	2 Michael McKeegan	80	1 lap	44.78	22	96.472
8	12 Adam Daly	80	1 lap	44.772	31	96.489
9	35 Mark Brantom	79	2 laps	45.273	17	95.421
10	16 David Vincent	79	2 laps	44.724	8	96.592
11	46 Dane Clark	78	3 laps	45.86	62	94.2
12	15 Russell Phillips	77	4 laps	46.074	56	93.762
13	6 James Griffith	70	11 laps	44.811	41	96.405
14	14 Chris Munro	43	38 laps	44.707	42	96.629

