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Coming into the weekend, the pace looked incredibly close. Jayan Prakash secured top qualifying honours with a stunning 46.892 second lap for Sam Pollitt Racing, edging Wraith Owen and Sebastian Crawford by little more than a tenth of a second. Kai Suri and Albert Pharoah completed a tightly packed top five, underlining just how competitive the field would be heading into the heats.

The opening heat saw Wraith Owen claim victory ahead of Crawford and Albert Pharoah in a race where consistency proved crucial. Crawford responded immediately in Heat Two, narrowly defeating Lenny Barton by just 0.085 seconds, while Prakash again demonstrated front running pace in third. The Super Heat ultimately belonged to Sebastian Crawford. The Origin Motorsport driver controlled the race superbly, defeating Barton and Owen while further strengthening his position heading into the all important Final. Although Prakash finished seventh in the Super Heat, his outright speed throughout the weekend still marked him as one of the favourites for victory.

That left the Final grid delicately poised. Crawford and Barton shared the front row, with Owen and Pharoah directly behind. Prakash and Suri lurked ominously close behind, ready to capitalise on any mistakes.

When the green flag dropped, Crawford launched perfectly. While the Origin Motorsport driver surged cleanly into the lead, chaos unfolded immediately behind him. Lenny Barton struggled slightly away from the line, while Albert Pharoah bounced aggressively over the kerbs and lost momentum exiting the opening complex. The biggest early beneficiary was Wraith Owen, who blasted into second position, while Kai Suri made an electric getaway from seventh to third by the end of the opening lap. Prakash, however, wasted little time moving forward. By Lap Two he had muscled his way into second place and immediately set about hunting down Crawford at the front. At that stage the race appeared to be settling into a classic two driver showdown, but the battle for the podium behind them was already becoming ferocious.

MICRO MAX REPORT

MICRO MAX FINAL

1	8	CRAWFORD	KR / ORIGIN	13:32.78
2	44	PRAKASH	KR / SPR	+0.643
3	17	SURI	KR / SPR	+6.544
4	72	GAMBLE	KR / DHR	+9.265
5	88	SENNA	SYNERGY / PRIVATEER	+9.483
6	82	RHODES	RCE / RCE	+10.06
7	31	OWEN	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+10.23
8	99	BOWERS	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+11.67
9	45	GUPTA	KOSMIC / MLC	+15.73
10	78	SLJIVAR	GILLARD / SANARACING	+15.78

11. PHAROAH, 12. HANLEY, 13. EWER, 14. KELLY
15. GAO, 16. WAINWRIGHT, 17. BARTON,
18. SLATER,

The fight involving Suri, Owen, Pharoah, Barton and later Ashi Gupta rapidly became the focal point of the race. Suri initially defended against Owen as both drivers traded positions multiple times through the technical middle sector. Pharoah looked poised to join the podium fight before disaster struck at the second chicane.

Attempting a move on Suri, Pharoah made contact and spun himself around, tumbling from podium contention to the lower reaches of the top ten. The incident dramatically reshuffled the order and intensified the battle behind. Owen briefly secured third place, only for Suri to retaliate immediately with an aggressive counterattack. Their elbows out duel allowed Barton recovering impressively from his poor start to close back into contention. As Barton claimed 3rd place, the following corner produced one of the race's defining flashpoints. Suri saw a gap open up and dived up the inside of Owen, who ran wide to avoid contact and bounced back into Barton, spinning the Strawberry Racing driver around in cruel fashion.

For Barton, who had entered the weekend with championship aspirations and showed strong pace throughout qualifying and the heats, it was a devastating blow.

What had looked like a potential podium dissolved into damage limitation.

Arlo Gamble emerged as the major beneficiary, sneaking through the carnage and suddenly finding himself firmly inside the top five.

While the midfield battle erupted behind them, the lead fight became a fascinating strategic duel. Prakash consistently looked marginally quicker in clean air and repeatedly set fastest laps as he edged closer to Crawford's rear bumper. Several times the Sam Pollitt Racing driver shaped for a move, particularly into Turn One and through the fast Willows section, but Crawford never cracked under pressure. The championship leader drove a mature and intelligent race, placing his kart perfectly at every defensive opportunity. Rather than engaging in desperate defensive manoeuvres, Crawford controlled the pace brilliantly, ensuring Prakash was never quite close enough to fully commit. As the laps ticked down, the leading pair gradually edged clear while the battle for third reignited behind them.

Two of the standout performances of the race came from Ashi Gupta and Kai Suri. Running strongly in podium contention during the second half of the Final. Gupta looked set to secure a breakthrough result for MLC Motorsport. But Kai Suri had other ideas. After spending several laps studying Gupta's defensive lines, Suri launched a decisive final lap attack. Diving aggressively to the inside, the Sam Pollitt Racing driver forced the issue in trademark fashion. Gupta attempted the switchback on corner exit and remained alongside into the final sequence, but slight contact on the run to the final corner ended her challenge. Suri emerged ahead to steal the final podium position in the closing moments of the race.

Away from the podium battle, Hugo Senna quietly produced one of the performances of the weekend. Starting 18th on the grid, the privateer driver methodically carved through the field during the closing stages, avoiding the incidents ahead while capitalising on every opportunity. By the chequered flag, Senna had climbed all the way to fifth place, the biggest gain of the race and posted one of the fastest laps among the lead group.

After 17 intense laps, Crawford crossed the line just 0.643 seconds ahead of Prakash to claim a hugely important victory in the championship fight. Prakash drive was a composed and highly impressive recovery drive in an ultra competitive field.

MINI MAX REPORT

OMAN TRIUMPHS AFTER STUNNING TEAM DUEL TO SECURE SPR 1-2



The pace throughout the weekend had already hinted at a fiercely competitive contest. Austin Oman secured pole position after a superb qualifying performance, narrowly edging teammate Sebastian Bearman to lock out the front row for Sam Pollitt Racing. Maximillian Abraham and Jackson Hilton also showed impressive pace through qualifying and the heats, while Lewis Herbertson and Logan Ralph emerged as major threats capable of charging through the order. The heats only reinforced the sense that several drivers had the speed to win, but when the Super Heats concluded, it was Oman and Bearman who looked like the drivers everyone else needed to beat.

As the lights went out for the Final, Oman launched perfectly from pole position and immediately established control at the front. Behind him, however, the opening corner descended into absolute mayhem.

Heavy braking and concertina contact triggered a chain reaction deep in the pack, with multiple karts scattered across the circuit.

Several drivers were forced onto the grass, one kart was briefly launched airborne, and yellow flags immediately waved over the first sector. Remarkably, most of the field managed to continue, but the incident instantly reshuffled the order and destroyed the hopes of several contenders. One of the biggest casualties was Hayden Wardale, whose race ended almost immediately after successfully progressing through the repechage earlier in the day. At the front Oman led cleanly while Jackson Hilton surged from sixth to second during the opening exchanges before Bearman quickly regrouped and reclaimed the position. Lewis Herbertson also made an excellent getaway, climbing six positions in the early laps.

Once the race settled down, the true story of the Final began to unfold.

Oman and Bearman immediately demonstrated superior pace, but instead of battling each other, the two teammates worked in complete harmony to break away from the chasing pack.

MINI MAX REPORT

Lap after lap, the pair ran nose to tail with almost perfect precision. Bearman tucked directly into Oman's slipstream, occasionally showing the nose but never committing to a move. Behind them, Hilton, Abraham and James Roots fought aggressively for the final podium position, but every battle only helped the leaders extend their advantage. By half distance, the Sam Pollitt Racing duo had built a gap of over a second. The commentary box repeatedly questioned when the internal fight for victory would begin, but the answer was clear: not until the job was done.

Their teamwork was exceptional.

Oman's aggressive defensive instincts combined perfectly with Bearman's calm and calculated approach. The contrast in driving styles only made the partnership more effective. Oman controlled the pace and defended the key braking zones, while Bearman ensured nobody behind could close the gap. It was intelligent racing from two drivers far beyond their years.

While the leaders escaped, the fight for third place became increasingly intense.

Jackson Hilton initially looked comfortable in the podium positions, but pressure from Maximillian Abraham and James Roots steadily mounted as the race entered its second half.

Abraham, representing Coles Racing, showed excellent composure and racecraft throughout the Final. Despite briefly losing momentum during the opening laps, he remained firmly attached to the podium battle and repeatedly capitalised on mistakes ahead. Roots eventually forced his way past Hilton with a bold move into Turn One, only for Abraham to immediately attack both drivers moments later. The trio traded positions continuously during the closing stages, producing some of the best wheel to wheel racing of the race outside the lead battle.

The Final Two Laps With the gap back to third place finally secure, the Sam Pollitt Racing teammates were free to race and what followed was spectacular. As the penultimate lap began, Bearman finally launched his first genuine attack on Oman. The pair ran side by side through multiple corners, trading switchback moves and constantly crossing over each other's lines. Neither driver gave an inch.

Oman defended aggressively but fairly, while Bearman repeatedly found ways to fight back using superior exits and clever positioning through the technical sections. The intensity only increased on the final lap. The two teammates collided lightly several times as they battled wheel to wheel through nearly every major overtaking zone around Kimbolton.

MINI MAX FINAL

1	6	OMAN	KR / SPR	13:14:19
2	10	BEARMAN	KR / SPR	+0.040
3	113	ARBRAHART	REDSPEED / COLES	+0.964
4	151	ROOTS	LN / DHR	+2.228
5	145	HILTON	LN / DHR	+2.281
6	105	CLEARY	LN / DHR	+4.304
7	168	BLAKEMORE	KOSMIC / TOOLEY	+4.765
8	108	DUNCAN	OTK/STRAWBERRY	+5.240
9	132	ROLFE	KOSMIC/KRSPORT	+5.913
10	133	CHARLIE PAGE	KR/PRIVATEER	+7.320

11. HERBERTSON, 12. MCGILL, 13. KENNEY
 14. GRANTHAM, 15. PHAROAH, 16. DEVEREUX,
 17. GALLAGHER, 18. EDEN, 19. MURPHY,
 20. ROBERTS, 21. PAHAL
 22. MOORE, 23. WILKO, 24. BURROUGHS, 25. XIONG
 26. TOWNSEND, 27. GARTH, 28. BROWN
 29. BEALES, 30. MCCULSKEY, 31. GOKULNATH
 32. FULBROOK-HARMER, 33. JACKSON, 34. WARDALE

Oman repeatedly reclaimed the lead with brilliant switchback moves, only for Bearman to immediately counterattack at the next corner.

It became a breathtaking display of kart control and mutual trust. Through the final corner, Oman committed deep on entry and forced Bearman to the outside. Bearman attempted one final switchback and dragged alongside on the sprint to the line, but Oman held on by less than half a tenth of a second to secure victory.

The victory marked a hugely important championship result for Austin Oman.

Not only did he claim maximum points, but the win also secured the championship lead and with it an International Trophy ticket heading into the next round at Warden Law.

WOOLFITT COMPLETES KIMBOLTON SWEEP



Coming into the Final, Charlie Woolfitt had already stamped his authority across the weekend. The DHR driver had shown exceptional speed through qualifying, the heats and Super Heats, continuing a remarkable run of form that had already seen him dominate the opening stages of the 2026 season. Jensen Chalk lined up as one of the main challengers for MLC Motorsport, while Finley Lines once again demonstrated the aggressive racecraft and raw pace that has made him one of the standout drivers for KR Sport. Harry Taylor, Finley Smith and Max Colbert all showed podium level speed during the earlier stages of the weekend, while Riley Morrow arrived carrying huge expectations after impressive performances both domestically and internationally.

The Final exploded into life immediately. As the lights went out, Riley Morrow dived aggressively below the white line approaching turn one, triggering contact that sent one of the Tony Karts spinning backwards into the opening corner.

What followed was near chaos in the midfield. Karts scattered across the circuit as drivers desperately searched for escape routes through the carnage. Somehow, the majority of the field managed to survive the opening lap incident, although several drivers suffered significant damage and lost crucial track position.

At the front, however, Woolfitt escaped perfectly. The DHR driver led cleanly through the opening complex ahead of Jensen Chalk, while Finley Lines produced another trademark opening lap to immediately insert himself into podium contention.

Harry Taylor, who had started near the front, endured a difficult opening sequence and rapidly dropped down the order, while Riley Morrow's race was effectively compromised within the first corners despite showing enormous speed all weekend. Further drama followed only moments later when another driver ran too wide exiting Turn One and slammed into the barriers, badly damaging the kart's nose cone and bringing yellow flags back out once again.

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JUNIOR MAX REPORT

JUNIOR FINAL

1	6	WOOLFITT	LN / DHR	15:19:46
2	224	SMITH	EXPRIT / KRAFT	+0.094
3	218	CHALK	KOSMIC / MLC	+0.360
4	280	LINES	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+0.758
5	250	SOUTHAN	LN / DHR	+0.848
6	282	RADCLIFFE	KR / SPR	+3.289
7	293	READ	OTK / TOOLEY	+4.049
8	251	CLARK	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+4.133
9	271	HAMMOND	OTK	+9.325
10	264	BELL	REDSPEED / ULTIMATER	+9.699

11. GRAY, 12. LARGE, 13. TAYLOR 14. A. CLARKE, 15. HOOKEY, 16. COLBERT, 17. BALAC, 18. ROBINSON, 19. KITELEY, 20. GRUBB 21. SMITH, 22. SHEPHERD, 23. BURON 24. WILLIAMS, 25. MURRO, 26. JACKSON, 27. SEIDL 28. BERKERY, 29. MINTO, 30. JNURNARD, 31. L SMITH, 32. MURDOCK, 33. BASTERFIELD, 34. RICHARDSON

Once the race settled, Woolfitt immediately began controlling the pace from the front. The DHR driver never looked flustered despite constant pressure behind him. Every time the chasing group threatened to close the gap, Wolff responded with another sequence of consistently fast laps. Behind him, the fight for second became increasingly intense. Finley Lines aggressively attacked Jensen Chalk early in the race, briefly moving himself into second place before the pair began trading positions while trying desperately not to allow Woolfitt to escape entirely.

The constant battling only played into the leader's hands. Meanwhile, Finley Smith and Blake Southan remained firmly attached to the lead group, creating a four kart train that threatened to erupt into an all out battle at any moment. Further back, the midfield contests were equally fierce. Harry Taylor found himself locked in aggressive battles with Max Colbert and Kian Bernard, while Sebastian Clark, Louis Radcliffe and Luca Holmes Balac all made impressive progress through the field after difficult opening laps.



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CHARLIE WOOLFITT
DHR

Radcliffe in particular delivered one of the drives of the race, climbing from 22nd position into the top ten with a series of bold overtaking moves.

The brutal nature of Junior Max competition at Kimbolton was highlighted once again midway through the race. Kian Bernard's challenge came to an abrupt end after mechanical problems forced the Sam Pollitt Racing driver into the pits. Lucian Smith, who had entered the weekend carrying strong momentum after a Euro Trophy podium in Wackersdorf, also suffered heartbreak after retiring from the race. The attrition only emphasised how demanding the Kimbolton circuit had become across the weekend. As the race entered its closing stages, Finley Lines finally began to emerge as Woolfitt's greatest threat. The KR Sport driver gradually detached himself from the battles behind and started consistently reducing the gap to the race leader. Lap after lap, Lines chipped away at Woolfitt advantage by tiny margins. The once comfortable lead had shrunk to less than four tenths of a second with only a handful of laps remaining. When the final lap began, Lines threw everything at the reigning race leader. A slight tap to the rear bumper unsettled Woolfitt's momentarily and briefly opened the door heading into the final sector. For a split second, it appeared the KR Sport driver might have found the winning move.

As they approached the final corner, Lines spotted the smallest opening on the inside and launched one final attack. The move compromised Lines' exit speed and immediately opened the door for both Finley Smith and Jensen Chalk to surge past on corner exit. Woolfitt crossed the line less than a tenth of a second clear to claim victory with Smith and Chalk rounding out the podium.

SENIOR MAX REPORT

LLOYD CAPITALISES ON OPENING LAP CHAOS TO TAKE KIMBOLTON WIN



The Senior Max category arrived at Kimbolton boasting arguably the deepest field of the weekend. Former champions, international race winners and some of the UK's most accomplished Rotax drivers had spent qualifying, heats and Super Heats separated by only fractions of a second, setting the stage for what promised to be a spectacular final. The benchmark throughout qualifying was KR SPORT'S Will Archer, who produced a stunning lap to secure pole position and rewrite the Kimbolton Senior Max lap record. Archer's record breaking pace underlined the speed he and the KR SPORT team had found throughout the weekend and established him as one of the leading contenders heading into the Finals.

Behind him, championship rivals Macauley Bishop, Jack Lilley, Mattie Hingley and Harry Freeman all remained firmly in the hunt, while Evolution Racing's Freddy Lloyd quietly built momentum through the heats and Super Heats.

At lights out in the final, Bishop initially launched well from pole. Within seconds, however, disaster unfolded. Approaching Turn One, the inside row behind Bishop piled into corner making contact with the championship leader who ran straight on through the runoff area.

Video replays appeared inconclusive to the cause of the incident and what was beyond dispute was the consequence. The pre race favourite suddenly found himself at the back of the field with the complexion of the entire race changed.

While chaos erupted around Bishop, Freddie Lloyd produced the perfect opening lap. The Evolution Racing driver threaded his way through the confusion and emerged from Turn One with the race lead. From seventh on the grid to first place in a matter of corners, it was the kind of opening lap that can define a championship campaign.

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SENIOR MAX REPORT

Behind him, KR SPORT'S Will Archer climbed into second place while Jack Lilley did well to limit the damage from the start line chaos, settling into third. Kian Garity also impressed with his awareness and racecraft, immediately moving forward into fourth position, while Mattie Hingley found himself having to recover after becoming trapped behind the unfolding incidents.

The opening lap also claimed its first major casualty when Joshua Graham was forced to retire almost immediately after pulling off the circuit. As the race settled into rhythm, Lloyd immediately began to stretch his advantage. The Evolution Racing driver repeatedly matched or exceeded the pace of the chasing pack, posting lap times in the low 40 second bracket while maintaining complete control of the race. Behind him, Will Archer became the focal point of the battle. The KR SPORT driver defended fiercely against Jack Lilley, Cian Gerraghty, Harry Freeman and Mattie Hingley, creating a queue of contenders all fighting over the remaining podium positions. While Archer's defensive driving was impressive, it ultimately played perfectly into Lloyd's hands. Every lap spent battling behind him allowed the race leader to extend his advantage. By half distance, Lloyd's lead had grown beyond four seconds. The race for victory was effectively over.

While Lloyd disappeared into the distance, attention shifted to the championship battle unfolding behind. Mattie Hingley gradually worked his way through the field, displaying the calm aggression that has made him one of the strongest drivers in Senior Max over recent seasons. A decisive move on Archer elevated him into third position and placed him firmly on course for a valuable podium finish. Harry Freeman remained in contention throughout, repeatedly attacking Gerraghty in a fascinating duel between two of the category's most accomplished racers.

The story of the race, however, was undoubtedly Bishop's recovery drive. After dropping to the tail of the field on the opening lap, many drivers would have allowed frustration to dictate their race. Bishop did the opposite. The reigning World Champion immediately reset and began carving his way through the order. One by one, positions fell. His pace was exceptional. His overtaking clinical. By the closing stages, Bishop had climbed back into the top ten and was setting some of the fastest laps of the entire race.

SENIOR FINAL

1	371 LLOYD	OTK / EVOLUTION	15:23:11
2	399 LILLEY	OTK/STRAWBERRY	+0.83
3	5 HINGELEY	OTK / ULTIMATE R	+1.12
4	378 FREEMAN	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+2.41
5	301 GERRAGHTY	OTK/STRAWBERRY	+2.59
6	361 ARCHER	KOSMIC / KR SPORT	+5.39
7	363 WHITTICOMBE	RACING PERFECTION	+5.55
8	6 BISHOP	LN / DHR	+5.68
9	315 BULLOCK CARTER	OTK	+5.83
10	9 WEST	LN/MLC	+6.71

11. KORDAL, 12. MOULTON, 13. KELL
14. HANSON, 15. BUCK, 16. HASTIE,
17. WHERLOCK, 18. GREEN, 19. METTERS, 20. MERCIA,
21. MILLS, 22. WEAVER, 23. KING, 24. ROBEY,
25. TRAVERSE, 26. MORTON, 27. BURT, 28. HULME
29. CRITCHLEY, 30. GOODYEAR, 31. RUSELL
32. HUSSAIN, 33. SMITH, 34. GRAHAM

While victory had long since disappeared, the recovery limited what could have been catastrophic championship damage. In the context of a long season, those points may prove crucial. Not every driver enjoyed the chance to fight until the finish. Zaki Hussein's race ended prematurely after receiving a mechanical flag due to a cooling system issue. The promising run of Joshua Graham was over almost before it had begun, while Lorenzo Kordal also lost significant ground after running off the circuit during the second half of the race.

Lloyd's advantage had grown to nearly five seconds. The Evolution Racing driver had delivered a flawless performance. Behind him, Lilley successfully secured second place after surviving the opening lap drama and managing the pressure from Hingley throughout the race. Hingley completed the podium by just a tenth of a second after successfully fending off Harry Freeman in a tense final lap battle.

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PRIOR POUNCES AS BELLINI'S DREAM WEEKEND ENDS IN HEARTBREAK



Coming into the Final, the story appeared straightforward. Taylor Bellini had been untouchable. The pole sitter had already completed a clean sweep of the weekend's earlier sessions, collecting victories in qualifying, the heats and Super Heats while extending his impressive run of podium finishes to every race contested so far in 2026.

Alongside Bellini on the front row sat Nathan Schaefer, while Tom Prior lined up directly behind and quietly carried the pace to challenge if an opportunity presented itself.

That opportunity arrived immediately.

As the field launched away from the grid, Nathan Schaefer produced one of the boldest opening lap moves of the season. Sweeping around the outside of Bellini into the opening complex, he squeezed the pole sitter towards the apex and emerged with the race lead.

It was a move that immediately altered the complexion of the Final. While Bellini attempted to regroup, Schaefer established control at the front, with Prior cleverly positioning himself to benefit from the fierce battle developing ahead.

Behind them, the midfield descended into chaos as drivers scrambled for position through the opening laps, but the leading trio quickly established themselves at the head of the field. For several laps, Schaefer defended resolutely, repeatedly covered the inside line and forced the championship leader to search for alternative routes around the circuit.

The battle allowed the chasing pack to close rapidly. A slight error from Schaefer forced him into a defensive line approaching turn One, opening the door for Bellini. As Bellini committed to reclaiming the lead, Tom Prior saw an opportunity that few others would have recognised.

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177 FINAL

1	413 PRIOR	OTK / PRIVATEER	13.13.64
2	429 CHAFER	OTK / PRIVATEER	+0.19
3	402 CROOK	CS55 / TH CORSE	+0.55
4	403 LINGARD	OTK / PRIVATEER	+1.65
5	406 CORNWELL	OTK / MLC	+2.43
6	417 ELLIS	REDSPEED / COLES	+6.79
7	404 GOLLIN	OTK / RACING PERFECTION	+7.03
8	423 MITCHELL	OTK / PRIVATEER	+10.88
9	465 TRUEMAN	OTK / TT MOTORSPORT	+11.38
10	409 HOWARD	CS55 / TH CORSE	+11.92

11. HEYWOOD, 12. DONOGHUE, 13. DAVIS
 14. SIMPSON, 15. CROSS, 16. GLOVER, 17. RUDGE
 18. NGWA, 19. TRZECIAK, 20. JUDD
 21. LEAR, 22. KENNEDY, 23. BELLINI

Executing a brilliantly judged move around the outside, Prior carried superior momentum through the corner sequence and emerged at the head of the field. In a matter of seconds, the race order had been transformed. Prior led. Schaefer followed.

Bellini suddenly found himself trapped in a furious multi kart battle and immediately began building a small advantage, while the fight behind intensified. Then came the moment that changed the entire championship battle. Having looked almost certain to challenge for victory, Bellini suddenly dropped down the order. Initially it appeared he had merely lost momentum in the lead group battle.

However, as the laps ticked by, the pole sitter continued to tumble down the classification before eventually disappearing altogether. A mechanical issue ultimately brought Bellini's race to an abrupt end.



413 TOM PRIOR
PRIVATEER

The driver who had won every race of the weekend and looked destined to leave Kimbolton firmly in control of the championship instead found himself parked in the paddock watching his rivals score heavily. It was a brutal reminder of motorsport's unforgiving nature.

With Bellini eliminated, attention shifted towards Harrison Crook. The TH CORSE driver had quietly worked his way through the lead group and began showing increasingly impressive pace as the race progressed. After struggling slightly in the Super Heat, Crook appeared transformed in the Final. A decisive move on Josh Golan elevated him into podium contention before then overtaking James Lingard to move into third. More importantly, every position gained represented valuable championship points.

At the front, Tom Prior delivered a performance of exceptional maturity. Having inherited the lead, he refused to be drawn into mistakes despite constant pressure from Schaefer behind. The gap fluctuated throughout the race but rarely exceeded a few tenths of a second. Every lap became a test of concentration. Every braking zone carried the threat of attack. Yet Prior remained composed. Rather than attempting to force the pace, he focused on hitting his marks, maintaining momentum and denying Schaefer any realistic overtaking opportunity. Behind them, Crook and Lingard continued to trade fastest laps and maintain pressure, but the front four ultimately settled into a tense stalemate. As the race entered its final lap, Prior held firm. Through the final corner, Prior executed one final flawless exit before sprinting towards the chequered flag. After spending much of the weekend lurking in the shadows of Bellini's dominance, Prior had seized his opportunity perfectly when it mattered most.

GALLERY



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