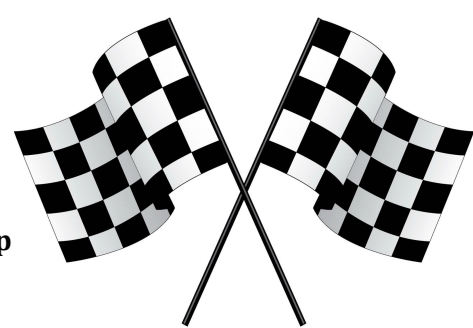


BRCA 1/12th Stockcar 2022 World Championship

6th November

Venray Raceway



'Brandon Eccles makes it back to back world titles'

"I had a great weekend over in Holland, as always the Dutch treated us well and the beer was flowing. The banter all weekend was what this hobby is all about. The big race itself did not disappoint, the Dutch did a huge build up and introduced each driver one by one with music. After a bad start getting caught up in turn 1, I realised I didn't quite have the pace to catch Maikel or my dad, as it was a fast race and everyone was so evenly matched. That's where I had to bring the front bumper into play, which made for a brilliant proper stockcar race. I managed to keep out of all the big crashes and go on to win. Absolutely over the moon to retain the gold roof for another year and I must give a huge thank you to Istox and my dad for all the hard work that goes into making this possible".

Brandon Eccles – Your 2022 world champion.



On Sunday the 6th of November, drivers travelled over to Raceway Venray to contest the 2022 1/12th BRCA Stockcar World Final. 35 drivers, including 20 UK / Scottish participants had gold set in their sights with a number of drivers wanting to taste gold for the very first time!

A couple of the favourites for the event included current world champion Brandon Eccles, alongside brother James and father Graham. Former world champion Ben Harding was also a driver you certainly couldn't rule out. His form in recent years has been a little poor for his own standards, but his focus has very much turned to the younger generation of team Harding drivers which are coming through the ranks of the sport. His brother Richard was another you can't push to the side, he was searching for his first ever world championship title after finishing runner up to Ben back in 2009.

Alfie Jones, Sebastian Taylor and Max Harding were names that have certainly lit up the section in recent years and were the main competition for the older racers to keep an eye on during the event.

Scotland's Gary Riddell was often mentioned by drivers when asked who could cause an upset on the big stage. Gary is a very consistent racer and has definitely upped his game on the national level this year. The Dutch hopes very much relied on Maikel Rutten who was flying the flag for the Dutch this weekend. Unfortunately, only 15 Dutch drivers were in attendance this weekend, but nevertheless you can't rule anyone out in their home country.

On the Saturday, the track was open to drivers to come along and get their eye in with a morning / afternoon practice session for everyone to gather those all important set ups.

The format, 4 rounds of qualifying heats followed by quarter finals, semi finals and finally the all important world final. It was all to play for as drivers began preparations for the big day.





Qualifying heats

Drivers were split into 7 separate heats per round in which they remained in up until the quarter finals. The top 24 drivers from the heats would be split into 4 quarter finals of 6 cars, with the top 3 of each progressing into the semi finals. The top 3 from the semi finals would form a 6 car grid for the world final.

After the opening round of heats, Graham Eccles set the benchmark for the day with 114 laps with Alfie Jones, Brandon Eccles and Maikel Rutten all close behind. Gary Riddell, flying the flag for Scotland also a strong starter as expected.

Rounds 2, 3 and 4 were very much a repetitive result with Maikel Rutten winning heat 1, Graham Eccles winning heat 2, Max Harding winning heat 3, Brandon Eccles winning heat 5 and Alfie Jones winning heat 7.

In heat 4, Seb Taylor and James Eccles shared 2 race wins each during the qualifying rounds and the same goes for Ben Harding and Gary Riddell in heat 6.

Scores after round 1 of 4

Kwalificatie ranglijst - Serie: 1 - WK/EK [WK/EK]

Rang	Rijder Nr	Rijder	Nat	Club	Rnd	Run 1.
1	530	#Graham Eccles	GB	Urmston	114	114 5:02.640
2	629	#Alfie Jones	GB	GB	112	112 5:00.640
3	1	#Brandon Eccles	GB	Urmston	112	112 5:02.322
4	144	#Maikel Rutten	NL	Lobith	112	112 5:00.324
5	600	#Gary Riddle	GB	GB	109	109 5:02.493
6	532	#James Eccles	GB	GB	109	109 5:00.930
7	45	#Brian Weijers	NL	Peeldrivers	108	108 5:01.519
8	426	#*Seb Taylor	GB	GB	107	107 5:01.960
9	471	#Ben Harding	GB	Rugby	107	107 5:01.094
10	291	#Rich Harding	GB	GB	106	106 5:01.372
11	226	#Gordon Mutch	GB	GB	105	105 5:01.229
12	555	#Jasper Wijbenga	NL	Friesland	105	105 5:04.980
13	192	#Max Harding	GB	GB	105	105 5:01.722
14	444	#Stijn Faber	NL	Friesland	104	104 5:02.605
15	156	#Davy Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	103	103 5:01.860
16	202	#Graeme Beckett	GB	GB	101	101 5:01.061
17	95	#Mike Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	101	101 5:01.335
18	7	#Pete Riddle	GB	GB	101	101 5:02.009
19	26	#Adam Kirkwood	GB	GB	99	99 5:00.384
20	737	#Sam Jacklin	GB	GB	98	98 5:00.140
21	13	#Alan Inness	GB	Hathern	97	97 5:00.505
22	137	#*Chloe Mitchell	GB	GB	96	96 5:01.876





Qualifying standings after round 4 of 4

walificatie ranglijst - Serie: 1,2,3,4 - WK/EK [WK/EK]

Rang	Rijder Nr	Rijder	Nat	Club	Rnd	Run 1.	Run 2.	Run 3.	Run 4.
1	144	#Maikel Rutten	NL	Lobith	358	112 5:00.324	117 5:01.689	119 5:00.483	122 5:01.055
2	530	#Graham Eccles	GB	Urmston	353	114 5:02.640	118 5:04.116	118 5:01.822	117 5:02.532
3	1	#Brandon Eccles	GB	Urmston	347	112 5:02.322	115 5:01.094	114 5:00.482	118 5:02.054
4	532	#James Eccles	GB	GB	346	109 5:00.930	118 5:01.684	119 5:01.289	63 3:29.883
5	829	#Alfie Jones	GB	GB	344	112 5:00.640	113 5:00.050	115 5:01.995	116 5:00.359
6	426	#*Seb Taylor	GB	GB	343	107 5:01.960	118 5:01.616	117 5:01.533	108 5:02.071
7	291	#Rich Harding	GB	GB	340	106 5:01.372	111 5:02.097	111 5:01.069	118 5:02.219
8	192	#Max Harding	GB	GB	339	105 5:01.722	113 5:00.384	114 5:00.569	112 5:01.116
9	26	#Adam Kirkwood	GB	GB	333	99 5:00.384	113 5:00.962	113 5:01.597	107 5:02.250
10	45	#Brian Weijers	NL	Peeldrivers	332	108 5:01.519	112 5:01.867	108 5:00.336	112 5:02.097
11	226	#Gordon Mutch	GB	GB	332	105 5:01.229	116 5:01.900	111 5:00.524	102 5:00.938
12	600	#Gary Riddle	GB	GB	326	109 5:02.493	109 5:01.731	107 5:00.030	108 5:01.489
13	471	#Ben Harding	GB	Rugby	324	107 5:01.094	106 5:05.429	108 5:02.034	109 5:00.065
14	444	#Stijn Faber	NL	Friesland	319	104 5:02.605	104 5:02.912	107 5:00.617	108 5:00.467
15	202	#Graeme Beckett	GB	GB	319	101 5:01.061	106 5:01.623	107 5:02.422	106 5:06.361
16	555	#Jasper Wijbenga	NL	Friesland	317	105 5:04.980	106 5:02.443	106 5:03.140	101 5:01.139
17	7	#Pete Riddle	GB	GB	316	101 5:02.009	104 5:01.645	107 5:00.419	105 5:00.400
18	13	#Alan Inness	GB	Hathern	316	97 5:00.505	105 5:03.517	104 5:00.204	107 5:06.140
19	156	#Davy Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	314	103 5:01.860	104 5:00.598	106 5:01.215	104 5:00.704
20	95	#Mike Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	311	101 5:01.335	105 5:02.661	104 5:02.896	102 5:00.574
21	16	#Dennis van Asten	NL	Peeldrivers	305	95 5:01.179	108 5:00.939	88 5:00.174	102 5:02.491
22	217	#Roland Versteegen	NL	Peeldrivers	304	95 5:00.196	96 5:00.256	101 5:02.396	107 5:00.057
23	737	#Sam Jacklin	GB	GB	302	98 5:00.140	104 5:00.804	100 5:01.011	92 5:00.781
24	78	#Davy Wims	NL	Peeldrivers	298	96 5:02.923	100 5:02.297	94 5:02.433	102 5:01.771
25	693	#Tjidsger Postma	NL	Friesland	298	95 5:02.520	99 5:02.038	104 5:01.345	DNS
26	137	#*Chloe Mitchell	GB	GB	292	96 5:01.876	93 5:02.164	97 5:02.419	99 5:00.152
27	153	#Chris Taylor	GB	GB	276	80 5:05.596	89 5:02.712	91 4:46.624	96 5:01.649
28	258	#Rob Harrard	GB	GB	276	91 5:02.707	88 4:59.821	97 5:00.671	DNS
29	43	#*Teun Jansen	NL	Peeldrivers	263	DNS	97 4:54.993	90 5:02.234	76 5:02.183
30	3	#Chris Wammes	NL	Peeldrivers	252	82 5:00.737	83 5:00.516	78 5:01.170	87 5:03.593
31	66	#Jan Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	250	81 5:00.074	81 5:02.766	79 5:00.693	88 5:01.979
32	230	#Jan Stark	NL	Lobith	225	69 5:01.664	68 5:02.375	74 5:05.222	82 5:02.576
33	278	#Tony Perry	GB	GB	220	79 5:01.862	66 5:04.144	55 4:57.504	75 5:01.825
34	25	#*Harry Doyle	GB	GB	168	77 5:02.580	DNS	9 0:26.284	82 5:02.091
35	124	#Rudie Jansen	NL	Peeldrivers	84	84 5:03.584	DNS	DNS	DNS

After all 4 rounds were complete, it was the Dutch that was leading the way in the form of Maikel Rutten on 358 laps. Team Eccles were close behind occupying 2nd, 3rd and 4th followed closely by youngsters Alfie Jones and Seb Taylor. Rich and Max Harding made up the top 8 in the standings with Scotland's Adam Kirkwood with a fantastic qualifying position. Dutch driver Brian Weijers rounds off the top 10 ahead of Scotland's Gordon Mutch and Gary Riddell. Ben Harding qualified 13th with very consistent lap scores during the heats, but he knew he'd have to crank it up a gear if he was to progress into the semi finals.

Up next, the junior world final.

Junior world final

Racegegevens
Evenement: W.K. Electro Junior 06-11-2022
Datum: 06.11.2022
Sectie: NSO + Finale [NSO + Finale]

Racetijd: 00:05:00
Huidige Racetijd: 00:00:00
Nog te rijden Racetijd: 00:05:00
Verschil ten opzichte v/h Tijdschema: +00:00:00

Series [NSO + Finale / Heat 1 - Serie 1]

#	Rijd	Rijder	Voortgan	T	Rnd	Bestetijd	Rondetijd	Prognose	Totaaltijd	Transponde	Gemidd	Verschil	Nr. 1	StdDev	Auto	Auto
1	426	#*Seb Taylor	→		107	2.472	2.789	107 05:02	05:02:513		2.834	0 / 0.000	1.106	4	0	
2	43	#*Teun Jansen	→		85	2.599	2.659	85 05:02.5	05:02:098		3.562	-22 / 58.913	8.099	1	0	
3	25	#*Harry Doyle	→		85	2.793	3.034	85 05:02.7	05:02:443		3.567	-22 / 1:06.818	1.305	2	0	
4	137	#*Chloe Mitchell	L	↓	58	2.634	1:21.602	59 05:08.5	04:19:669		4.514	49 / 4:24.030	8.973	3	0	

The junior world final very much became a cruise for Seb Taylor as he dominated the race eventually winning by 22 laps ahead of Dutch driver Teun Jansen and Harry Doyle in 3rd place. Chloe Mitchell came 4th place due to some car troubles during the race.

Seb Taylor has very much been the rising star of the sport in the last year and has dominated the national series as well as many other titles in the junior section. He lines up in the quarter final next up on track alongside some tough competition. Can he be a dark horse and make the main event?

Up next, the quarter finals.



Quarter final grids

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1/4 Finale A

Nr	Rijder Naam	Nr	Nat	Club	TX 1	TX 2
1.	144	#Maikel Rutten	NL	Lobith	4601188/0	387
2.	192	#Max Harding	GB	GB	9436654/0	398
3.	26	#Adam Kirkwood	GB	GB	8474025/0	
4.	555	#Jasper Wijbenga	NL	Friesland	8887338/0	949
5.	7	#Pete Riddle	GB	GB	7678701/0	
6.	78	#Davy Wilms	NL	Peeldrivers	6449662/0	

1/4 Finale B

Nr	Rijder Naam	Nr	Nat	Club	TX 1	TX 2
1.	530	#Graham Eccles	GB	Urmston	2874862/0	
2.	291	#Rich Harding	GB	GB	9805615/0	
3.	45	#Brian Weijers	NL	Peeldrivers	7359449/0	69
4.	202	#Graeme Beckett	GB	GB	7191551/0	
5.	13	#Alan Inness	GB	Hathern	4470108/0	
6.	737	#Sam Jacklin	GB	GB	7857766/0	

1/4 Finale C

Nr	Rijder Naam	Nr	Nat	Club	TX 1	TX 2
1.	1	#Brandon Eccles	GB	Urmston	8072044/0	
2.	426	#*Seb Taylor	GB	GB	3355034/0	
3.	226	#Gordon Mutch	GB	GB	7621103/0	6
4.	444	#Stijn Faber	NL	Friesland	9550463/0	
5.	156	#Davy Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	6814423/0	
6.	217	#Roland Versteegen	NL	Peeldrivers	7121710/0	

1/4 Finale D

Nr	Rijder Naam	Nr	Nat	Club	TX 1	TX 2
1.	532	#James Eccles	GB	GB	9660627/0	
2.	629	#Alfie Jones	GB	GB	7629188/0	
3.	600	#Gary Riddle	GB	GB	7641098/0	
4.	471	#Ben Harding	GB	Rugby	7304595/0	
5.	95	#Mike Steegs	NL	Peeldrivers	7896955/0	
6.	16	#Dennis van Asten	NL	Peeldrivers	3855658/0	

Q1

- 1st - Maikel Rutten
- 2nd - Max Harding
- 3rd - Adam Kirkwood

Q2

- 1st - Graham Eccles
- 2nd - Richard Harding
- 3rd - Brian Weijers

Q3

- 1st - Brandon Eccles
- 2nd - Seb Taylor
- 3rd - Gordon Mutch

Q4

- 1st - James Eccles
- 2nd - Gary Riddell
- 3rd - Alfie Jones

Semi finals

W.K. Electro 06-11-2022
 Datum: 06.11.2022
 Sectie: WK/EK [WK/EK]

Racetijd: 000500
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Finale [WK/EK / 1/2 Finale A - Finale serie 1]

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1	1	#Brandon Eccles	→		115	2.386	2.541	115 05:01	05:01.111	8072044	2.620	0 / 0.000	0.611	2	0
2	530	#Graham Eccles	→		113	2.361	2.594	113 05:01	05:01.422	2874862	2.666	-2 / 5.499	0.596	3	0
3	426	#*Seb Taylor	→		107	2.464	2.759	107 05:00	05:00.698	3355034	2.809	-8 / 22.485	0.798	4	0
4	532	#James Eccles	→		107	2.387	2.826	107 05:00	05:00.813	9660627	2.817	-8 / 22.834	1.333	1	0
5	226	#Gordon Mutch	→		106	2.450	3.374	106 05:01	05:02.361	7621103	2.845	-9 / 26.855	0.856	5	0
6	26	#Adam Kirkwood	→		103	2.441	3.207	103 05:01	05:02.201	8474025	2.937	-12 / 36.334	1.117	6	0

Semi final 1 was very much domination by Brandon and father Graham pulling away from the rest of the chasing pack and eventually finishing 8 and 6 laps ahead of 3rd place respectively. Junior sensation Seb Taylor continued his fine form and managed to sneak into the main event, beating James Eccles by a tenth of a second to seal his spot in the world final. Heartbreak for James Eccles who just misses out by such a small margin. I'm sure he will bounce back and has a world championship in his sights for the near future. Scotland's duo of Gordon Mutch and Adam Kirkwood sadly just ran out of steam at the vital stage narrowly missing out on a spot in the main event by a couple of laps. Nevertheless, a valid effort by both to make it as far as they did!!

W.K. Electro 06-11-2022
 Datum: 06.11.2022
 Sectie: WK/EK [WK/EK]

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Finale [WK/EK / 1/2 Finale B - Finale serie 1]

#	Rijd	Rijder	Voortgan	T	Rnd	Bestetijd	Rondetijd	Prognose	Totaaltijd	Transponde	Gemidd	Verschil Nr. 1	StdDev	Auto	Auto
1	144	#Maikel Rutten	→		117	2.337	2.542	117 05:01	05:01.462	3873262	2.580	0 / 0.000	0.746	1	0
2	192	#Max Harding	→		116	2.387	2.518	117 05:02	05:00.001	9436654	2.583	-1 / 3.979	0.286	6	0
3	600	#Gary Riddie	→		113	2.377	2.461	113 05:00	05:00.626	7641098	2.663	-4 / 10.680	0.951	2	0
4	629	#Alfie Jones	→		113	2.458	2.625	113 05:01	05:01.329	7629188	2.667	-4 / 10.633	0.444	3	0
5	291	#Rich Harding	→		111	2.428	2.542	111 05:00	05:00.465	9805615	2.706	-6 / 16.249	0.839	5	0
6	45	#Brian Weijers	→		107	2.446	2.626	107 05:01	05:01.081	7359449	2.818	-10 / 26.641	1.038	4	0

Semi final 2 was just as close (if not closer) than the result of semi final 1. Maikel Rutten shown his talent when it mattered as he sealed victory by a lap ahead of Max Harding in 2nd. A fantastic result for Max. Gary Riddell of Scotland proved his worth and managed to beat Alfie Jones by the slightest of margins. Again, similar to James Eccles in semi final 1 it was heartbreak for Alfie as he misses out on the main event by such a small gap. Both drivers exceptionally talented and I'm sure you'll be seeing plenty more of them as the years roll by. Rich Harding and Brian Weijers sadly fell at the final hurdle as both could not lay a hand on the front runners.

One more race to go! The 2022 1/12th Stockcar World Final. Gentleman, start your engines!

World final



So here we go then, time for the main event on the calendar .. The world final.

So many drivers out there have always wanted to be world champion however there could only be one winner.

Maikel Rutten – Maikel is a well known driver in both the 1/12th and 1/8th stockcars and has always been a face that you knew would give you a good run for your money in any given race. He's dominated the Dutch oval scene for years now as has very much been the driver in form in this event. He's a clean racer on his day, but he does love a good hit or two when the time is required.

Max Harding – Anyone who has a Harding as their last name, you know they are either going to be good with racing model cars, or good at making sure there is no grub left over at a chicken shop! Max has very much got the talent to be a future world champion, but I bet even himself wouldn't have expected to be making the world final with so much talent on display. Nevertheless, Max has very much earned his right to be in the race and we all know he isn't shy of getting stuck in either!

Brandon Eccles – The current champ! Can Brandon make it back to back world titles and cement his name in the history books of 1/12th stockcar racing. He's been here before, he knows what that winning feeling is like .. Can he handle the pressure and keep hold of his world title? He's already got his hands on the national points series, there's nothing stopping him from grabbing himself another title to add to his CV.

Gary Riddell – Scotland's hopes of a world title all comes down to Mr Riddell. Gary is known for his fair racing, you don't tend to see him get involved in too many battles and that could very much come into play in this world final if the bumpers start flying. Only problem is, with a 6 car line up you'd doubt there's going to be too many times during the race where someone is facing the wrong way. But this is stockcar racing and anything can happen.

Graham Eccles – Graham’s name has been mentioned plenty of times in recent weeks with the majority in favour of him getting his hands on his son’s world title. I’m pretty sure Brandon won’t be giving it up without a fight though! Himself and Brandon have dominated the national series this year and are very much odds on favourites to be up there in contention for the title. Can Graham manage to find himself a small gap and make a break for it?

Seb Taylor – Last up we have junior driver Seb. He has continued his winning form in the juniors and has managed to put himself in contention for the main honour. We all know Seb has the talent to beat anyone on his day when he has the car working how he wants it, can he cause the biggest of upsets and spoil the party for everyone else?

The race itself was fast, it was furious and it was everything in between. Brandon Eccles didn’t make the best of starts once the green dropped and realised quite early on that his main threat was through Holland’s Maikel Rutten. Brandon made the most of his front bumper and quickly got stuck in with his hard shots on the Dutch driver causing him to lose his rhythm.

Max Harding was making things difficult for Brandon with a couple of shots to the body throughout the race as he tried to make his way up the order. Graham Eccles was another driver that was clearly on the pace and unfortunately kept getting into a couple of stationary track blockages which allowed his son Brandon to sneak through.

Maikel Rutten appeared to be the fastest on track judging by the video which was recorded by Graeme Beckett. He managed to catch Brandon a few times and overtake him, but unfortunately for Maikel he kept getting shoved wide and a couple of little mistakes opened up a gap for Team Eccles to capitalise.

Gary Riddell and Seb Taylor were both finding it difficult to keep on the same pace as the front runners, but nevertheless they were still in with a chance as the race reached halfway. The hits became harder and a lot more tactical between Brandon Eccles and Max Harding as the race reached it’s climax, however Brandon’s experience in such a big race proved pivotal as he went onto claim his second world title.

Brandon claimed victory with 119 laps, ahead of his father Graham on 118 .. Just the 1 lap separated the Eccles in the biggest of all races!! Bet theirs some big bragging rights in that family on the journey home! Maikel was a further 4 laps behind on 115 followed by Gary on 114, along with Max on the same laps. Seb found the race just a little too much as he began to run out of steam on 107. A fantastic achievement of making a world final nonetheless.

I’m sure plenty of relief, at the same time pure joy must have been running through Brandon’s body after the realisation he’s retained his title back to back. A proud moment it must have been for his father too, even though he just got pipped at the post by the smallest of margins. All drivers in the final should be proud of their achievement to make the world final. It’s something I haven’t managed to achieve yet and it’s certainly something that a lot of oval drivers would like to have the opportunity to be a part of.

Finaleranglijst - WK/EK [WK/EK]

Rang	Rijder Nr	Rijder	Nat	Club	Rnd
1	1	#Brandon Eccles	GB	Urmston	119
2	530	#Graham Eccles	GB	Urmston	118
3	144	#Maikel Rutten	NL	Lobith	115
4	600	#Gary Riddle	GB	GB	114
5	192	#Max Harding	GB	GB	114
6	426	#*Seb Taylor	GB	GB	107
7	620	#Alfie Jones	GB		



3rd place - 144
Maikel Rutten



2nd place - 530
Graham Eccles

1st place - 1 Brandon Eccles



So that's it! Another year of championships have come and gone and yet another title goes back home to Team Eccles. It's been a fantastic year of racing at both club and national level. Sam, Rob, Graeme and the team have been working extremely hard all year round to try and put on a show for everyone and I'd personally like to send my thanks to them. Without them, things would certainly be looking different. I hope you all have a brilliant Christmas and new year, I can't wait to see everyone again in the new year once we are back with the national series and championship events in the new year. Keep an eye out on Facebook for more upcoming info regarding events, gradings, promotional features and much much more.

Report by Stuart Clarke.



