

1/12th Stockcar Hathern National 2018



Round number one of the 2018 national points championship kicked off with a bang this weekend with current national points champion Anthony Wyper #30 racing to victory in the main final beating current junior world champion Dylan Ashurst #55 in a tight battle. Stuart Clarke #150 rounded off a successful days racing with a top 3 finish in what was a fairly scrappy final with that famous front bumper having quite an effect on the overall result.

Former junior world champion Brandon Eccles #531 finished 4th place with Rob Whalley #91 taking a respectable 5th in front of Ben Harding #471 who progressed into the final through the consolation along with Rugby's returning driver Ryan Cattell #904. Dylan's father Peter #146 earned a creditable 7th place beating Ryan in 8th with David Smith #54 having numerous issues during the final.



Rugby's Brandon O'Neil #555 was the winner of the first concourse of the year with Urmston's Gary Osborne #218 taking the top yellow award.

Brandon was back at it again as he earned the top blue top award in what was a successful day for the young racer. With a fantastic second place earned in the main final, Dylan #55 also won the top junior award with James Eccles #532 and Leah Wyper #107 finishing a 3rd place with Urmston taking a 1 2 3 in the running order!



After round number one, Rugby's Stuart Clarke led the leaderboard with 99 laps after maintenance issues for the current title holder Anthony Wyper in his first outing. However round number two was an eye opener for the day with Anthony smashing a new track record on the Hathern oval with 108 laps in his second heat beating current world champion Rob Tueke's track record by half a second! Brandon Eccles scored the highest laps in round three with 102 laps closely followed by another win for Anthony Wyper in the final round.

Two of Rugby's favourites for the win Ben Harding and Rob Tueke were both having earlier issues which left them in a tricky situation if they were to qualify for the main event. Some very tough heats during the afternoon led to quite a tight contest as to who had qualified and who was to fall at the first hurdle! Nobody could get close to Anthony's new track record after his second outing.. Not even the man himself could get close as he finished 1st in his third race with 99 laps. Martin Nash #675 who had plenty of luck!! But unfortunately it was all bad luck with a really unlucky day's racing with numerous issues going on from the word go!

It was the battle of Urmston vs Rugby at the top of the standings after the qualification rounds had been calculated and announced with only Rugby's Stuart Clarke qualifying straight into the final compared to the 6 Urmston racers. A tight consolation race was in store with the likes of Ben Harding, Rob Tueke, Ryan Cattell and the so called 'Jon Lund' of model stockcar racing Jon Cutts ready to pounce at the back of the grid! A first bend lung for Jon resulted in a broken car forcing him out of the race early on opening up the door for Ben and Ryan to make a 1 2 Rugby finish earning them both spots at the back of the final line up.

Final time... I think most were expecting a first bend pile up with some of the names in the line up however this was not to be! Anthony led early on with Stuart Clarke closely behind in second. As for the rest, I couldn't say as I was in it!!! Anthony got caught up in a little bit of traffic which allowed the path through for myself to take up my first ever lead in a national final.. A proud moment to say the least! However it was the man of the hour Anthony Wyper who eventually won a tight contest closely followed by Dylan in second with myself in third.

A fantastic days racing with the oval family, always good to see some of the Scottish lads come down for a days racing along with long traveller Martin Nash who had a day to forget for the unlucky driver. As always, a big thankyou to Allan and Becky for running race control along with everyone else who helped make the day possible! Roll on Rugby for round number two of six!

Nobby #150



3rd place – Stuart Clarke #150



2nd Place – Dylan Ahurst #55



1st Place - Anthony Wyper #30