

Hryniuk Wins Oran Park Finale

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Sydney kart racer Jason Hryniuk has secured victory in the final karting Championship to be decided at the Oran Park Raceway in Narellan, west of Sydney, this afternoon.

Hryniuk, who finished third behind V8 Supercar driver Mark Winterbottom the last time the Championships were held at the venue in 1998, led home a high quality field in the Clubman Heavy category to claim the victory.



Above: Jason Hryniuk
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Finishing second behind Hryniuk was former national champion Shayne Piper and Jason Varley.

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"Oran Park is a very special place for me and a lot of people in karting across the country, so it means a lot to me to have won the final ever championship to be held here," said Hryniuk, who claimed the 21st State Championship of his career today.

"Over the years I have seen some of the best drivers from not only Australia but also the world compete here at Oran Park. This is where guys like Mark Winterbottom, Ryan Briscoe and James Courtney all started their careers.

"Today was another great battle, I knew going into this race that it wasn't going to be easy with such a quality field. I was lucky enough to have pace when it mattered most and came through for the win."

In the junior ranks it was Canberra's Mathew Hart who proved dominant in the final of Junior Clubman. The teenager got the early jump and by the end of lap two had opened up a buffer of over 15 kart-lengths over Ben Jurczak.

As the race wore on it was Hart who proved superior to claim the win. Jurczak drove a lonely race for second, as did Chris Farkas in third.

The top five finishers in each category and race notes from each of the Championship Finals can be found below.

2009 Sargents Pies New South Wales State Championships **Oran Park Raceway, Narellan, NSW**

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Top Five

Rookies

1. #4 Cameron Hill
2. #40 Stefan Stankovic
3. #3 Dylan Higgins
4. #8 Jordan Boys
5. #96 Lachlan Gibbons

Race Notes:

ACT driver Cameron Hill got into the lead at the start of the Rookies final ahead of pole sitter Lachlan McHugh, who was closely followed by Stefan Stankovic and James Golding. Golding made some good early moves to find his way into second place. McHugh spun on lap three dropping him from second to 11th before Golding ran wide and dropped a chain on lap four which allowed Stankovic into second spot. Top Kart pilot Dylan Higgins was the big mover to move from 11th through to third place by mid race. The race came to a premature end due to an incident where

Ryan Luke's kart came into contact with the concrete wall on the main straight. Luke was in a stable condition when transported from the circuit to hospital.

Rotax Heavy

1. #33 Rick Pringle
2. #9 Lane Moore
3. #3 Simon Meyer
4. #35 Jason Pringle
5. #57 Trent Moore



Above: The Pringle brothes in action
pic - Cooper's Photography

Race Notes:

Following a lengthy delay after the incident in the Rookies final Jason Pringle got the jump off the start over his brother, who started on the outside of the front row. Lane Moore is the big mover during the early running. After starting from 18th on the grid Moore charged his way to fourth by lap three. Rick Pringle made the pass on Jason for the lead on lap six an immediately opened a five kart-length gap. Jason Pringle then dropped another spot when Moore showed superior pace on lap nine to move into second. Despite his best efforts Moore was unable to close in to mount a challenge and Rick Pringle claimed the win by a number of kart-lengths.

Senior National Light

1. #92 Thomas Phillips
2. #1 Blake Scibberas
3. #9 Ryan Reynolds
4. #59 Eddie Cranswick
5. #14 Corey Lean

Race Notes:

Thomas Phillips jumped into the lead at the start of the Senior National Light final and by lap four had opened up a commanding lead over Blake Scibberas. Corey Lean was looking good on a drying track to charge his way to fourth spot by mid race distance. Craig Thornton was recovering from a DNF in the pre-final and was the big mover from the back of the pack to be in fourth spot with a handful of laps remaining. However, the leading trio were unstoppable and very evenly spread with Phillips taking a convincing win over Blake Scibberas and Ryan Reynolds. Craig Thornton crossed the line fourth but was relegated to 14th following a post race stewards hearing.

Junior National Light

1. #88 Joseph Mawson
2. #7 Jake Coleman
3. #34 Jordan Nicolaou

4. #92 Nathan Di Camill
5. #19 James Foster

Race Notes:

Nathan Di Camillo took full advantage of his outside front row start to lead the way up the hill for the first time but it wasn't long before Joseph Mawson found his way to the front. Mawson, who was undefeated throughout the lead up races, led the way but was closely followed by the CRG kart of Jake Coleman. The battle for third was intense between Joshua Seiffert and Camillo before the pair were joined by Jordan Nicolaou. After starting deep in the pack James Foster was a big mover to become a podium contender aboard his Arrow kart with a handful of laps remaining. In the end Mawson showed superior speed to claim a convincing victory over Coleman.

Leopard Light

1. #1 Tyler Greenbury
2. #20 Cian Fothergill
3. #18 Phillip King
4. #9 James Kovacic
5. #77 Reece Kawitzki

Race Notes:

The pace was hot at the front of the Leopard Light final. The two young guns, Tyler Greenbury and James Kovacic going side pod to side pod while battling for the lead during the early running. As the race continued Greenbury drove off into the distance as Kovacic battled with Cian Fothergill and Phillip King, who ran off the circuit early in the race, for the minor spots. With two laps remaining King found a way past Kovacic and as they battled it allowed Fothergill an easy road to the runner-up spot.

Formula JMA

1. #14 Macualey Jones
2. #62 Mathew Hart
3. #1 Ben Jurczak
4. #35 Luke Rochford
5. #11 Pierce Lehane



Above: Macauley Jones wins JMA
pic - Cooper's Photography

Race Notes:

Recently crowned National Champion Ben Jurczak led the early running before Macauley Jones moved into the lead on lap two. Behind the leading duo Mathew Hart, Luke Rochford and Pierce Lehane were all battling in close proximity. The leading duo swapped the lead lap after lap. With Jurczak and Jones battling it allowed Hart to close in from third spot. When Jurczak ran wide with

three laps remaining it allowed Jones to open a handy buffer in the lead, Hart also took advantage of Jurczak's mistake to move into second spot.

Rotax Light

1. #97 Tyler Greenbury
2. #36 Daniel Rochford
3. #44 Steel Guiliana
4. #45 Jason Hryniuk
5. #29 Kyle Ensbey

Race Notes:

In the early running of the Rotax Light final the top five were all within close proximity before Tyler Greenbury showed the field a clean pair of heels to claim the win. Daniel Rochford fended off the challenges from Steel Guiliana and Jason Hryniuk to claim the runner-up spot. Guiliana finished third, narrowly ahead of Hryniuk. Polesitter David Whitmore was a non-finisher on lap five.

Clubman Super Heavy

1. #23 Scott Simpson
2. #11 Josh Brooker
3. #27 Bruce Otter
4. #25 John Rowley
5. #4 Ben McKinlay

Race Notes:

While Scott Simpson may have added another state title to his long list of achievements in the Clubman Super Heavy category, he certainly didn't have it all his own way. Ben McKinlay and Josh Brooker took the challenge to Simpson in the early running before Simpson pulled clear and went on victory. Brooker emerged from a frantic dash to the finish to claim the runner-up spot.

Senior National Heavy

1. #37 Shaun Cleary
2. #66 Adam Pisula
3. #15 Matthew Pritchard
4. #14 Corey Lean
5. #8 Ben Ashcroft

Race Notes:

As has come to be expected in the Senior National Heavy category the action was hard fought at the front. Matthew Sinclair led the early running but was followed closely by Corey Lean, Ben Ashcroft, Shaun Cleary and Glen Riddell. Adam Pisula was the big charger in his CRG kart to join the front runners on lap five after starting from position 20. Following a frantic few laps it was Shaun Cleary who opened a clear gap to claim his maiden state championship. After crossing the line third Nathan Sinclair was later excluded for an incident during the race moving Matthew Pritchard onto the podium.

Leopard Heavy

1. #78 Simon Roberts
2. #88 Daniel Stein
3. #33 Matthew Greenbury
4. #7 Matthew Erdmann
5. #32 Bevan Garioch

Race Notes:

For the duration of the Leopard Heavy final the vanspeed kart of Simon Roberts, Arrow of Daniel Stein and Tony Kart of Matthew Greenbury were hard to separate. The trio raced nose to tail and swapped the front running on a number of occasions before Roberts claimed an enthusiastic victory.

Junior Clubman

1. #26 Mathew Hart
2. #76 Ben Jurczak
3. #88 Chris Farkas

4. #86 Anton DePasquale
5. #7 Liam Sager



Above: Canberra's Mathew Hart leads the Junior Clubman field
pic - Cooper's Photography

Race Notes:

Canberra's Mathew Hart got the early jump and by the end of lap two had opened up a buffer of over 15 kart-lengths over Ben Jurczak. Warren White then moved past Ben Jurczak for second spot in the early running. However, as the race wore on it was Hart who proved superior to claim the win. Jurczak drove a lonely race for second, as did Chris Farkas in third.

Clubman Light

1. #13 Matthew Waters
2. #57 David Whitmore
3. #69 Blake Sciberras

4. #98 Scott Mclaughlin
5. #64 Adam Hughes

Race Notes:

During the early running it appeared as though David Sera would dominate the proceedings of the final in Clubman Light, however, it wasn't to be. The Victorian was reeled in by David Whitmore and Blake Sciberras over the closing stages to make it a three way battle for the lead. When Whitmore and Sera came together at top of the circuit on the final lap the latter ran off the circuit before coming to a halt after spinning on the wet grass. A fast finishing Matthew Waters took advantage of the incident to claim the win.

Junior National Heavy

1. #1 Darsey Kondopirakis
2. #10 Shannon Holley
3. #85 Chris Farkas
4. #14 Macauley Jones
5. #55 Brock Plumb

Race Notes:

The Junior National Heavy final was really a battle of two main packs, the first consisting of Darsey Kondopirakis, Shannon Holley and Chris Farkas and the second being Macauley Jones and Brock Plumb. Throughout the entire 16-lap distance these two packs were never far apart but it was Kondopirakis who held on for the win.

Clubman Heavy

1. #45 Jason Hryniuk
2. #7 Shayne Piper
3. #10 Jason Varley
4. #77 Daniel Baker
5. #76 Greg Turner

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