

Sand Racing Report April 16th 2022

Once again the MX riders provided the main action on the beach for the 2nd time this season. The B group had 13 riders come under starter's orders for the 1st race of the afternoon but just after they had completed 3 laps the red flag was waved as Peter Snell lying in 5th spot took a serious tumble in the slip bend leading to a delay of approx. 40 minutes whilst he was taken off to hospital & a replacement ambulance had arrived. Once things returned to normal the racing continued without any other delay's though the handicap races for the MX & car classes were reduced to scratch races. Riding the biggest bike in this class Louis Waddingham on his brother's 450cc Husqvarna easily out paced the rest of the field whilst Jack Le Tissier sharing Josh Ballard's bike & Marcus Crittall out on Luke Bush's bike were vying for 2nd spot. Having their own battle in the mid field were the 4 lady rider's Alisha Wild King with 2 bikes the smaller 125cc Yamaha for the twisty races & a 250cc Honda for the oval course was up against Erin Ogier, Stephanie Best & Gemma Le Page. These ladies did not disappoint as they out rode 2 newcomers Cameron Price & James Smith. Only 6 A group riders started the day & their races were fast & furious with Billy Russell on his 450cc Honda clocking 85mph along the top straight. 2nd spot was a tussle between Jorrod Carrington & Cayden Far but unfortunately for Cayden the oval course proved to be too much for his bike as he had to retire.

Though 5 saloons did practice only 4 raced as a belt tensioner on Steve Marquis's Focus snapped so he could not continue so leaving Linda Jones to take the modified class in a better handling car now that the correct wheels with knobbly tyres have been fitted. Matthew Board tried his hardest to outpace the larger engine car of Eric Trump but just did not have enough power whilst Andy Rosamond was making his Vazon debut in a Audi A3 which got faster once he switched the traction control off though this did make the handling a little more scary in the corners.

In terms of a football score it was 5-0 to Jersey in the slider class as Jordan Noel once again was visiting Guernsey to compete & took all race wins from Bob Teed who just could not keep up Jordan's pace. Not content with just riding her MX bike Erin Ogier proved that women too can ride & control a slider machine. Thomas Vining was again in winning form in the junior/intermediate slider class whilst Lewis Le Blancq thought he had the 2nd places but Sam Walker after 3 races on his new 190cc bike managed in the 4th race to seek into that 2nd spot thus leaving his brother Charlie on a 150cc slider in 4th place. Ben Le Prevost with many seasons under his belt easily took the MX class for this group as Tyler-James Savident has only this season moved up from the cadets.

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