

## Sand Racing Report Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

A quality entry of 20 MX riders saved the 6<sup>th</sup> round of this season from being a total washout as only 3 car drivers & 3 cadets/juniors were the only other entrants.

The MX B group opened presiding's with a race on the longer twisty course which after a couple of laps saw the riders spread out across the whole of the track, leaving Rhys Melass to take a commanding win from Olly Driscoll who likewise was well in front of Luke Saunders in third spot as he improves his riding style. Their second race on this course went exactly the same way. Their third & fourth races were on the full oval course & in these races the lads were outdone by the very talented Alisha Wild King one of the young ladies that race in this category. Their final race was a handicap race in which the field had to chase down the slowest man away, that was James Smith, to gain the win & on the last lap it was only Rhys Melass & Luke Saunders that managed this feat.

The MX A group though smaller in number still put on a thrilling display of racing on the beach so it was that Owen Waddingham took all the race wins including from being last man away in the handicap to pip Kevin Rumens for that race win. Taking second place in four races was Cadeyn Far, whilst Cory Leggett was third in both twisty races whilst Paul Le Messurier claimed that spot in the oval races. The bike of Cory Leggett was also being used by Olly Driscoll in the B group races so it was no wonder that it did not survive the days racing.

Cadet Emilia Wallbridge on her second visit to the beach ploughed on racing on her own to finish her five races. Likewise junior Digby Jones on his slider had solo rides that netted him five race wins. Tyler-James Savident should also have finished five races on his MX bike but as the fuel had on be switched on for the first race he came to a grinding halt when the engine died.

With only three cars racing it was easy to predict the race finishing order so it was that Karl Marshall in his buggy took line orders for the first four races from either Gary or Jamie Le Page in their very rapid Honda saloon which once again left the beach needing repairs as the power from the engine together with the knobbly tyres gives it too much grip & vibrations resulting in the exhaust being broken at the manifold. Steve Marquis in his more standard Focus was first man away in their handicap race & held this position to the finishing line although Jamie was only a car length behind at the finish.

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