



Playscape Academy

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RACE REPORT RD3

SOUILLAT CLINCHES MAIDEN WIN AND SHAH BEATS JETLAG TO WIN....



Championship leader -
Luis Ikonen



Michael Samuels made
the Grand Final in his
first ever Academy



Rasaan Malcolm-Moore
leading Krishaan Sivag-
nanam

The first problem the cadets had to contend with was standing water on the circuit due to a large amount of overnight rain, with practice being halted until the instructors worked their magic and dried the circuit out with some deft driving through the wetbits!!

Once the race action started, Vincent Souillat was to lead the pack being matched by the ever more confident Jacob Lefevre to share the front row for the final, with Luis Ikonen and Harry Brewer looking menacing on row two.

The heats produced some talking points with Krishaan Sivagnanam crashing heavily through the tyrewall onto the bambino track, phased by the presence of cameras recording the event, for the strangest crash of the series so far!

Asha Brookes' pass of Michael Samuel in heat 7 was pure class, whilst Souillat swooped around the outside of Finbar Skitini in heat 10 almost matched it for audaciousness, but for me the pick of the day was Krishaan's last to first burst in one lap in heat 12.

And so to the Grand Final.

Vincent Souillat sped from the start line like a scalded cat, determined to make advantage of his qualifying form and take his first win, and soon established a clear lead as the squabbling pack backed up behind him.

Out of that pack popped the slight figure of series leader Luis Ikonen and he set about reducing Souillat's lead with some purpose, as Harry Brewer and Asha Brookes conducted a private battle for third place.

With just 3 laps left, Souillat was feeling the pressure of Ikonen's efforts as his engine being pouring white smoke from the exhaust under load, a sure sign of oil overburn, but would it last to the end of the race?

Instead of encouraging Ikonen to press on, the plumes of smoke appeared to unsight Luis and Vincent won a well judged victory, with Luis second and Harry Brewer picking up third place



Tyler Dougan again qualified for the Grand-Final



Roberto Ferriera finish 3rd in the B final.



Grand Final winner Vincent Souillat



Cadet Grand Final Podium, (l,-R) Luis Ikonen, Vincent Souillat, Harry Brewer.

Pos	Driver	Best Lap	Starting Position
1 st	Vincent Souillat	24.299	Pole
2 nd	Luis Ikonen	24.206	3 rd
3 rd	Harry Brewer	23.754	4 th
4 th	Asha Brookes	24.360	5 th
5 th	Rasaan Malcolm-Moore	24.437	6 th
6 th	Krishaan Sivagnanam	24.235	8 th
7 th	Roberto Ferrier	24.235	10 th
8 th	Tyler Dougan	24.625	9 th
9 th	Jacob Lefevre	24.303	2 nd
10 th	Michael Samuel	24.993	7 th

The problem with the junior section this year is the equal standard of the drivers and karts leading to some frankly sterile racing in the heats, sort of chess on wheels.

However, Shane Scott was to provide most of the excitement with a firm overtake in heat 3, and a four way crash in heat 10 ended up with Piers Booth and Lee Massey having a tremendous scrap at the back of the field.

Sipho Manzi collected a black flag for an overenthusiastic move on Ryan Palmer in heat 16, whilst heat 24 saw Wilf Joules pile up at the aptly named casualty corner, and there were three drivers' ties on top of the leader board for the final.

Andre Aguirre Conde, pole position, vastly experienced former cadet champion.

Prajesh Shah, p two, having arrived this morning after a delayed transatlantic dash.

Shane Scott, p3, driving far beyond his recent form to be there.

Light go green, Aguirre-Conde sticks to the inside line into the first corner when further down the grid someone outbrakes themselves causing an almighty pile up as Conde is hung out to dry, his race over.

Shane Scott held his nerve to pinch the lead with Shah just a few karts lengths away in 2nd place and Sipho Manzi and Micheal Iacovou commencing hostilities for third place with Rasaan Malcolm-Moore also in the mix.

Shane rolled out the laps, a picture of concentration and controlled aggression as he attacked the track urging every last ounce of energy out of his kart to stay in front of the ever present Shah, but Shah dived through on the inside at casualty.



Ryan Palmer leading Sipho Manzi in heat 16



Front runner Reece Yusuf struggled on the International circuit



Top 10 drivers lining up for the start of Junior Grand Final

The penalty board appeared and Shah had no alternative but to let Scott back through with just two laps to go.

Another chance for Prajesh in 2 laps?

Shane Scott, nerve ends screaming at the prospect of his maiden victory, dodged to the inside at Howler hairpin, which left his inside line unprotected on the way out. That'll do....Shah took the opportunity with both hands and feet to plant his kart up the inside and take victory.

Everyone felt the pain of Shane, but he had been beaten in one helluva race by that most courteous of drivers, now double winner Prajesh Shah, with Siphon Manzi a distant 3rd place.



Mohammed Arafa won first ever heat



Alex Douglas set the fastest lap in the C Final



Start of the Junior Grand Final



Grand Final Podium (L-R) Shane Scott, Prajesh Shah, Siphon Manzi

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Best Lap</i>	<i>Starting Position</i>
1 st	Prajesh Shah	24.440	2 nd
2 nd	Shane Scott	24.700	3 rd
3 rd	Siphon Manzi	24.641	5 th
4 th	Michael Iacovou	24.674	4 th
5 th	Lee Massey	24.547	7 th
6 th	Kori Angus	25.135	8 th
7 th	Billy Cowan	24.440	6 th
8 th	Andre Aguirre-Conde	24.934	Pole
9 th	James Hart	25.127	10 th
10 th	Rasaan Malcolm-Moore	24.421	9 th

Forthcoming Events:

- **Sunday** 11th April **Bambino Training (6-8yrs)**
- **Monday** 12th April **Academy Tuition**
- **Monday** 26th April **Academy Tuition**
- **Saturday** 1st May **Championship – RD4**

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