

Richmond School



Press Release

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RICHMOND SCHOOL STUDENT WINS KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Richmond School student, Max Coates, aged 13, has won the 7 round Northern Karting Federation (NKF) Championship at the final round of the series held at Wombwell Kart Circuit near Barnsley.

He took the win in a dramatic finale to the series. After 27 races and going into the last race of the championship, three drivers were separated by three points. The final of the NKF, was a race within a race with the prestigious "Cock of the North" title up for grabs. Whichever NKF driver finished highest would win the championship.

Max knew what he had to do and right from the start. With a brave calculated move he took the lead into the first corner and then held onto it for nine of the ten laps and third position overall. He was under intense pressure from his championship rival when one of the non NKF drivers forced himself through, Max was pushed wide allowing his challenger for the title to pass as well. Max kept his cool and managed a brilliant overtaking manoeuvre going into the hairpin on the final lap and held on to the chequered flag finishing 2nd overall and taking his first ever championship win.

Max is currently lying 3rd in the national Motors TV championship with two rounds to go. The team are hoping to be chasing national honours next season and, budget allowing, trying some European rounds as well. Max is very grateful to his sponsors Focal Earth, Coates Garage, MAK Racing and Simon Loveridge of Gratia for supporting this year's challenge.

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