

Richmond School



Press Release

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Max takes 'Cock of the North' title

Max Coates (Scorton) 14 year old Kart Racer who attends Richmond School returned to the Wombwell Karting Stadium in South Yorkshire to compete in the prestigious 'Cock of the North' meeting. He competed at the same meeting last year finishing a close second, but, this time managed to get one step further up on the podium driving his 'Focal Earth' backed Tonykart.

He was on form from first thing on Saturday morning running top three times throughout practise only 'topped' by the circuits local drivers.

Sunday dawned dry and Max performed well in the heats qualifying 2nd on the grid for the all important final. Unfortunately this put him on the outside for the first corner and he was forced back to fifth position. The battle at the front was hectic and the pace very fast within a few tenths of lap record pace.

The 'Coates Garage' run driver held a watching brief leaving it until three laps from the end before making a very brave but calculated move to surge into the lead of the race. Under intense pressure from the following four driver pack Max used his wealth of experience earned over the last six years to hold off the local circuit specialists to claim a well deserved and well received win in front of a knowledgeable and discerning crowd of spectators.

The win was made even more satisfying as his fellow competitors and their teams took time out to comment that it had been a great race and Max had won it in a fair and sporting manner.

As the season draws to a close Max would like to thank his title sponsor Focal Earth and show his appreciation to his team and other supporters including Mak Racing and Coates Garage. Max would also like to thank Richmond School for supporting him in his quest for racing glory.

Max dedicated the win to his father Rob for everything he has done for him.

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