

# MDA Minicross Event

## Knockhill Circuit 18th September 2011

### Points after Round 6

Richard Wakeling 182  
Tommi Edwardes 165  
David Bell 144  
Todd Crooks 117  
Mark Griffin 89  
Sammy O'Flanagan 63  
Ian Clark 46  
Brian Wade 21

### Round 7 of the 2011 MDA Edwardes Brothers Mini-cross

**Championship** was held at Knockhill Race Circuit on Sunday 18th September. Due to the cancellation of round 8, which was scheduled for Mallory Park in October, this was to be the final round for 2011.

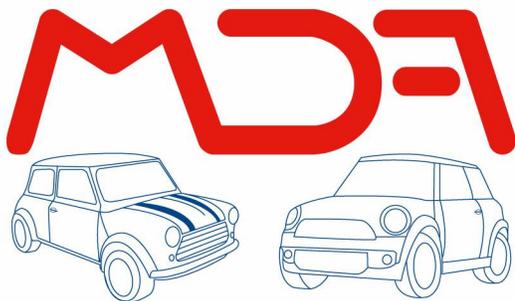
The results from Knockhill would therefore decide the championship standings for 2011 and it was all to play for, with Richard Wakeling and Tommi Edwardes competing for the overall championship and Dave Bell and Todd Crooks vying for the 3rd place spot



Minicross cars lined up in the paddock at Knockhill

**Heat 1** Richard Wakeling got an excellent start from the middle of the grid, with Tommi Edwardes, Todd Crooks and Mark Griffin side by side as they left the tarmac and entered the loose section. Tommi was wide on the loose section on lap 2, but kept his 2nd position, with Todd Crooks going wide on lap 3 and letting Mark Griffin through. Todd Crooks and Dave Bell battling for 4th place into the final corner.

**Result of heat one** - 1st Richard Wakeling, 2nd Tommi Edwardes, 3rd Mark Griffin 4th Todd Crooks, 5th Dave Bell



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Heat 1 Starting Grid

## Heat 2

Mark Griffin had a poor start from pole position, ending up at the back of the field. Richard Wakeling had a good start, but was put under pressure going down the hill by Tommi Edwards and Dave Bell, with Richard having to take to the grass, leaving him in 3rd place as they went onto the loose section. Dave Bell just in front of him in 2nd and Tommi Edwards leading the race.

Tommi held the lead right the way through the race, with Richard managing to get past Dave Bell on lap 3 and Todd Crooks just holding off Mark Griffin, with only two tenths of a second between them at the finish line.

**Result of Heat Two** - 1st Tommi Edwards, 2nd Richard Wakeling, 3rd Dave Bell, 4th Todd Crooks, 5th Mark Griffin



## Heat 3

All cars went down to the start, but Mark Griffin had to pull out with fuel pump problems. The morning's fine weather had disappeared and a downpour during lunch had left the track very wet and conditions much more difficult than the first two heats. Dave Bell had a disappointing start from pole, leaving him at the back of the field into the first corner. Tommi Edwards took the lead going down the hill, with Todd Crooks and Richard Wakeling close behind. Richard overtook Todd on lap 2 to take second place and Dave Bell's car struggling with a broken exhaust.. On the final lap Richard almost lost control going into the loose section, but Todd Crooks was unable to take advantage, going wide himself and remaining firmly in 3rd place.

**Result of Heat Three**- 1st Tommi Edwards, 2nd Richard Wakeling, 3rd Todd Crooks, 4th Dave Bell

## The Final

Mark Griffin was able to get his car fixed in time for the final, but the rain was falling heavily now and dirt from the loose section was spread onto the tarmac from other races, making for some interesting driving patterns. Tommi Edwards started on pole, but again the pole position gremlin struck and he did not get a good start, with Richard Wakeling gaining the lead off the line. Dave Bell and Todd Crooks in third and fourth positions very close together, with a little contact on lap 3. Going into lap 4 Todd Crooks lost control going down the hill, spinning the car and taking to the grass before continuing in last place, handing 4th position to Mark Griffin. Dave Bell was comfortable in third, with Tommi Edwards and Richard Wakeling challenging each other for the lead. On the final lap Richard Wakeling was in the lead, with only 7/10s of a second between him and Tommi.

## Race Result for the Minicross class

1st Richard Wakeling, 2nd Tommi Edwards, 3rd Dave Bell, 4th Mark Griffin, 5th Todd Crooks

## Final 2011 Standings

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Tommi Edwardes   | 198 |
| Richard Wakeling | 189 |
| David Bell       | 152 |
| Todd Crooks      | 140 |
| Mark Griffin     | 113 |
| Sammy O'Flanagan | 63  |
| Ian Clark        | 46  |
| Brian Wade       | 21  |



## New Minicross Champion

So, at the end of an exciting day's racing at Knockhill, this year's championship had been decided, with Tommi Edwardes becoming the 2011 MDA Edwardes Brothers Mini-cross champion.



**Tommi Edwardes.  
2011 Champion**