

# MDA/BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship Pembrey 7th October 2012

Going into the final round Richard Wakeling had a good lead on 112 points, with Todd Crooks just 13 points behind him and Tommi Edwardes and Mark O'Flanagan 21 points and 24 points behind Todd respectively, so with double points at stake for this final race the championship was still up for grabs. Mark Day was also competing in his second competition of the year.

All week the forecast had been for rain on Sunday, but the forecasters were wrong and the sun shone brightly for the last race of the 2012 season. The track was very wet, which was going to make for some interesting racing.

As Pembrey is a fairly long track there were 3 heats consisting of 3 laps, followed by a 4 lap final.

Minicross Competitors (L - R)  
Tommi Edwardes, Richard Wakeling, Mark Day,  
Mark O'Flanagan, Todd Crooks

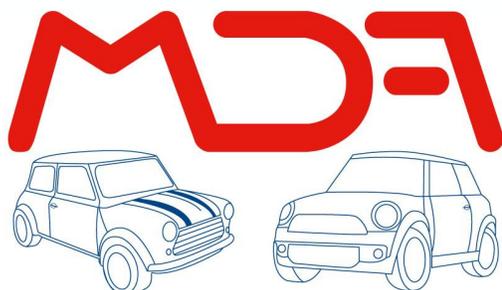


## Heat 1

Richard Wakeling started on pole, with Todd Crooks and Mark Day also on the front row, Mark O'Flanagan and Tommi Edwardes on row 2.

Mark O'Flanagan got an excellent start, moving up into 2nd place before the first loose section. Tommi Edwardes pushing Todd Crooks hard and getting past on the start/finish straight going into lap 2.

Mark O'Flanagan had a spin on lap 2 and went to the back of the field, but Mark Day's car began to misfire and Mark O'Flanagan regained 4th place. Tommi went wide at the end of lap 2, letting Todd past, but Tommi managed to retake 2nd place on lap 3.



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## Result of Heat 1

1st Richard Wakeling, 2nd Tommi Edwardes,

3rd Todd Crooks, 4th Mark O'Flanagan

5th Mark Day

**Heat 2** Mark O’Flanagan had pole position, with Tommi Edwardes and Todd Crooks alongside him and Richard Wakeling on row 2. Mark Day was unable to start due to an engine problem.

Richard Wakeling got a flying start and moved up into 2nd place, Tommi was in 4th, but pushing hard and overtaking Todd and Mark O’Flanagan at the end of lap 1. Todd got past Mark O’Flanagan on lap 2, but Mark was still pushing hard. Tommi closed on Richard and by the end of lap 3 there were just 2 seconds between them

### **Heat 2 Result**

1st Richard Wakeling, 2nd Tommi Edwardes, 3rd Todd Crooks, 4th Mark O’Flanagan



**Heat 3** All 5 cars went out as Mark Day had made a tremendous effort to get his car running for the last heat. Tommi Edwardes was on pole, with Mark Day and Richard Wakeling on the front row and Todd Crooks and Mark O’Flanagan on row 2.

Mark Day sadly didn’t get off the line due to a problem with the throttle cable. Todd Crooks and Richard Wakeling touched going into the first corner, but Richard kept in front and was challenging Tommi as they went into the loose, followed by Todd then Mark O’Flanagan. Todd Crooks pulled off towards the end of the 1st lap, leaving Tommi and Richard battling for the lead. Richard got into some deep gravel on the back corner and was unable to catch Tommi.

### **Heat 3 Result**

1st Tommi Edwardes, 2nd Richard Wakeling,

3rd Mark O’Flanagan



## The Final

The line-up for the final was Richard Wakeling on pole, with Tommi Edwardes and Todd Crooks on the front row, Mark O'Flanagan and Mark Day on row 2.

Richard Wakeling got a poor start, dropping back to 3rd place. Tommi kept the lead from pole, with Todd very close behind and Richard almost spinning off in his efforts to catch them.

Mark O'Flanagan and Mark Day in 4th and 5th place, but Mark Day's car not sounding too good. Richard had a spin on lap 2, letting Mark O'Flanagan past for a short while, before retaking 3rd place. By lap 3 it was evident that Mark O'Flanagan also had a problem with his car as he slowed down and Mark Day began to catch him. Tommi, Todd and Richard finished within 10 seconds of each other. With Mark O'Flanagan and Mark Day neck and neck over the finish line.

## Race Result for the Minicross class

1st Tommi Edwardes, 2nd Todd Crooks, 3rd Richard Wakeling, 4th Mark O'Flanagan, 5th Mark Day



So that brought to an end the final race of the MDA/BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship of 2012.

Final points are yet to be published, but the provisional championship standings are :

1st Richard Wakeling

2nd Todd Crooks

3rd Tommi Edwardes

4th Mark O'Flanagan

5th John Thacker

6th Mark Griffin



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