

Just wanted to let you know I won my race on Saturday!

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After doing well last Sunday, I felt like we had something for them and in practice it was myself and my brother on the inside of a line of 3-kart draft and they could not pass us. It took them like 5 laps to finally get around us.

The race line up was perfect; with myself drawing the #1 pill and the HobbyTown drivers (#00 and #4) starting 2nd and 3rd respectively. John was in my line, separated by 2 other karts.

I know if I got dumped (which I would by both the guy in between us) that all I cared about is John getting to my bumper as soon as he could.

I got 'em good on the start, and after things panned out in a lap, the HobbyTown karts were bumper to bumper beside me on the outside.

This rookie of ours was anxious and jumped out of my line to get with them, but instead messed everyone up and they all dropped back. My brother picked me up and we were going!

It was a side-by-side battle the ENTIRE race. It was me on the inside with my brother behind me. and the HobbyTown karts on the outside. We were dead-neck the whole race. I kept 'em up the track just enough they could never gain enough moment to pass us. They'd always pull us a little coming out of turn 2 because of how sharp the exit becomes our karts still bog the motors to keep them down on the white line.

But I'd always arch in it and good as I could in 3 and apex it right out of 4 and pull 'em every time.

It was a dead heat on the final lap and even at the checkers where they got a 3rd-kart to push them I beat 2nd place by .026 seconds. The scoreboard said 1st #4 and 2nd #63, but it quickly changed order to 1st #63 and 2nd #4. I was so ecstatic I was pumping my arms as high as my arm restraints would let me! lol

First thing I did when I got to Victory Lane was rush out to go hug my brother. That was the BEST part about celebrating in Victory Lane is that I didn't do it by staying in-front hoping no one would pass me, like most winners this year. We actually had to focus and WORK every single lap to keep ahead of those HobbyTown karts who, by themselves can normally pass a line of 3-karts by themselves.

To beat them was a big accomplishment, but luckily the grid fell to our liking and we took advantage of it and made it work!

The whole race I felt like I was in a dream. I never thought we'd get to this point just all of a sudden, but some work dad did made a BIG difference!

I feel so blessed to have been in that position Saturday. Something felt weird, but I guess that feeling was that it was just my day to win! I could NOT have asked for a better way to win a race than have my brother pushing me eking out over the 2 best karts out there right now. THAT was a win worth fighting for and I felt really appreciative after this one because of all the hard work and time we and especially our father have put into this team to get where we are. We had our ups and downs, and had a lot of down times, but it makes the win all that more sweeter, especially knowing we worked hard at it and was not just handed the victory, or the special formula or special winning kart right off the bat...then the win probably would not have felt as amazing as it

did..even if it was just a Champ Kart race...the road we have taken to get here was tumultuous and we have done it!

Now its time to enjoy the win, and realize it may not happen again right away, but to have positive thinking and work the best we can with where we end up at in qualifying and wherever in the race; if we have a chance, or if we don't; either way we will do the best we can and enjoy our hard work efforts.

I'll be putting up the race footage on my fan page and youtube soon. Only my brother's kart cam worked, but that was the one with the best view anyways!
Just wanted to let y'all know that.

Thanks!

-Sincerely, Clifton Savage