

WEST AUSTRALIAN 1/3/06

# 20

STYLING : MARGARET DEES  
LAYOUT : GUY CARROLL  
PHOTOGRAPHY : SHANE WOODS  
LINE : SYDNEY 0001 001 001

# Clubman Pro final goes to the wire

## KART RACING

KEN SEEBER

You can always tell when there is going to be a big race meeting at the Hurricane Kart Club in Wundowie. How? By the number of cars parked out the front in Burma Road.

There were lots of cars there on Saturday because it was the first round of the three-round Western Cup Series.

The second round is being held on May 7 at Wanneroo by the Tiger Kart Club and the final on June 24-25 at Geraldton by the Midwest Kart Club.

Another reason for the number of cars was that the Hurricane club included a special five-heat Pro

Clubman event which attracted many of WA's top karters, the goal being the prize of a new Yamaha KT100S Clubman class engine donated by the Kandola family.

As with most racing meetings, the club catered for the litre-size midgets (that seem to be increasing in numbers every race meeting) up to the senior classes, with a couple of 60-year-olds mixing it with the young and brave.

The Hurricane Club takes advantage of its track lighting during summer, running three heats during the latter part of the day, then after a tea break, running the remaining two heats under lights.

This format works well for those who have to work on the Saturday morning and provides pleasant racing in the cooler evening.

The racing in all classes was fair

and incident free, although there were the usual number of "offs" into the gravel catch traps.

The final of the Pro Clubman was a cracker, with everyone to the fence, the winner of the final getting the Yamaha engine as a trophy.

Those Tee-shirts saying "second place is the first loser" were spot on in this case.

Nothing for second place, so everyone went for it — a quality field filled with pressure, dramas and action.

It came down to two drivers for the last five nail-biting laps.

Congratulations, therefore, are in order for the winner, Kip Foster, and to young Marc Pracy for holding on to the lead for so long.

It was a great race day, enjoyed by all and well worth the drive up the hill to picturesque Wundowie.



Podium, trophies and Yamaha engine ready for the winners.