

## QUINLAN WINS BSRKC ROTAX MINI-MAX CHAMPIONSHIP

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Windsor, ON – Heading into the final weekend of the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship (BSRKC) at Kawartha Downs Speedway, Grant Quinlan was on the verge of winning his second BSRKC championship in two years. Leading the points in the Rotax Mini-Max class, Grant also sat on the outside looking in, in both the Junior Light and Junior Medium classes positioned second and third in points respectively. Completing the weekend's events on Monday, Grant and company drove home earning one championship, one vice-championship and a third place overall.

After positioning himself near the top of all the timesheets in Saturday practice, the team felt very positive heading into the next two days of racing.

"After racing the Kawartha Durham Kart Club race last weekend, I felt very prepared to take a shot at all three championships this weekend," stated Todd Quinlan, team owner and father. "We finished up early on Saturday and that gave Grant lots of time to relax and mentally prepare for the 100 plus laps he will drive on Sunday."

Grant posted the fastest time in Mini-Max qualifying, solidifying his chances for the championship. After getting bumped from the lead at the start of the prefinal, Grant eventually ended up third setting him up on the inside of row two for the final. With the outside again getting the jump from the start, Grant fell to fourth place rounding lap one. Recovering quickly the Windsor native rounded lap two in third place and looked to run down the leaders. Knowing he needed to finish the race in one piece to win the championship, Grant ran twenty consistent laps and crossed the finish line in third place, adding another championship to resume.

Also on Sunday, Grant entered the Junior Medium class third in points as one of the youngest drivers in the field. Qualifying fifth set Grant on a mission to get to the front in the prefinal. However with the draft very important at Kawartha, Grant could only get as far of fourth in the ten-lap prefinal as the front three drafted away. The team set up the chassis for the long haul as the final would be twenty laps. Grant worked very hard to stay with the leaders, but near the halfway mark, fell shortly off the draft. Keeping his head down, and pushing his Birel kart to the limits, he found himself a drafting partner and they worked their way back to the front. Rounding the last lap Grant moved from fourth to second in corner seven, but lost his momentum for turn eight falling back to third. Earning his second podium of the day, Grant also confirmed his third place in the points championship.



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Returning Monday morning, the team was primed and ready to go, with another championship on the line, this time in Junior Light. Alone on the track without a drafting partner, Grant could only muscle up a seventh place effort in qualifying. After working his way into the top five in the prefinal, Grant found himself in a group of three in the final battling for the third position. With only a handful of laps remaining, Grant worked his way into fourth and was setting up a pass for third when an incident behind his group brought out the red flag and ended the race prematurely. With the points battle so close, and Grant ahead of the leader at the red flag, the number crunching started. However, Grant's fourth place finish was not enough to win the championship, as he had to settle for second overall.



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"I'm really upset, I was just about to make my move when I saw the red flag. I really wanted this championship," exclaimed the ten-year-old Quinlan. But he continued, "I want to thank my Dad and Luke (Chiovitti) for all the help this year."

The team now heads back to home before returning to Point Pelee Kart Club to finish out their season over the next couple weekends. Grant leads the way in the Junior Light class and looks to add yet another championship to his already successful year. Quinlan Inc. as well as CF Groups and Shelby Roofing support the team. For more information, please contact Todd Quinlan at 519.796.4690 or [tquinlan@kelcom.igs.net](mailto:tquinlan@kelcom.igs.net)