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At the recent Victorian Championship held at the country circuit of Cobden, the Tony Kart Team and in fact all the Tony Karts there performed very well.

In Formula 100 the standout competitor was super fast Simon Salvatico. Simons Tony Kart Racer EV looked the goods all weekend. Pole position after qualifying by an outstanding 3/10ths of a second, winner of all his qualifying heats, winner of the pre-final, and lonely winner of the final, he simply outclassed his opposition. His J&A tuned engine and Tony Kart were in harmony all weekend in a display of class driving that left even his opposition in awe.

Grant Smith in his first major race since leaving the junior ranks was also an inspiration for the Tony Kart Team in the Leopard Light class. Qualifying 3rd and after a difficult first qualifying heat, he regained his composure to drive at his best to start the final in 5th position after dropping to 9th at the start of the pre-final. From 5th position Grant and his Tony Kart Racer EV were a smooth, fast and competent combination to greet the final flag in 2nd place.

In the Junior National class, Christopher Hayes was a standout competitor in only his third race out of the Rookie class and his first major junior race. Qualifying 6th in his Tony Kart Nordik chassis, he raced with the best and after a great pre-final he started the final in the front row in grid 2. Starting on the outside for the final he was forced wide and dropped back to a distant 10th place. Keeping a cool head, Christopher first made up his lost ground to finally race back to 6th position by the time the flag fell. A great effort that is the start of good things to come.

The Rookie class had many great competitors with Matthew Braham in his Tony Kart Rocky EXP 2 chassis showing all weekend why he is such a class act. Qualifying 2nd, his qualify races were all good with a mixture of 2nd place, 1st place and a win in the pre-final. Starting from pole position it quickly became a three horse race with positions for the lead changing regularly. A late race touch dropped Matthew back to 3rd position with a gap to catch back up. His Tony Kart Rocky chassis was definitely more economical on the road than the leaders and little by little he etched his way back to lead by the penultimate lap. A last lap battle saw Matthew get beaten to the flag by the smallest of margins. A great race which the Tony Kart team were all proud of.

Unlucky at the Victorian Championship was Midget Tony Kart pilot, Jake Klein. After qualifying poorly, Jake drove his Tony Kart Rocky chassis to finish 2nd in the pre-final. Starting on the outside of the front row, Jake was unfortunately unable to complete the first lap, but as with all the Tony Kart drivers, he took it on the chin and vowed to return to win again. This is the Tony Kart spirit we all respect and nurture. Well Done Jake!

Tony Kart Australia would like to thank all the Tony Kart competitors for their fine efforts, great spirit and their green dress sense. You all looked great on the track and throughout the pits. Congratulations.

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