<u>**PRESS RELEASE – Sunday 1pm**</u>

<u>**Sizzling races at the Stowe circuit**</u>

Metrakit and Fab-Racing would like to warmly thank Silverstone for the chance to use the Stowe circuit during the MotoGP weekend. The riders who have travelled from around the UK, Italy, Australia and Bermuda have thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere and the track facilities at Silverstone.   To be part of such a special UK event will stay with the riders and help to motivate them though their racing careers. Sunday started with improving weather and track temperatures and warm-up completed without any incidents.

<u>**Metrakit Mini GP70**</u>

Race 2 progressed well from the start with fierce competition between all riders. No incidents or red flags caused any disruption allowing the top 4 riders to battle hard through the race. Alessio Pascoli lead until Joe Francis caught him at the line on lap 13, however the Italian rider swiftly re-took the lead for the next few laps. The crowd enjoyed the spectacular efforts from both riders as fairings touched into every corner. As both riders entered the final hairpin Francis held the lead and with a final push down the straight, finished victoriously.

Race 3 saw Francis, Pascoli and Asher Durham chasing the lead and swapping places until midway when Pascoli suffered engine problems and Kai Johnson joined the leading pack. The rest of the field continued to jostle places with the leading trio until the final corner when Durham, attempting to overtake others, slid off the track leaving Francis to take the win followed by Johnson and Alessio Castelli.

The fastest lap of the weekend for the Mini GP70 class was set by Joe Francis during race 2 of 1.01.870 seconds.

<u>**Metrakit Pre-GP 125 and XL-80**</u>

The second Pre-GP 125 and XL-80 set off with poor starts from the front row allowing the second and third rows to make good progress. Luca Fabrizio from the third row lead the race into the first bend and held this position from Luca Antonelli until the 6th lap. Antonelli then took the lead and Bradley Ray followed into 3rd place in the 7th lap. The race continued at pace with the top 5 bikes following each other in single file. An error made in the 8th lap by Antonelli allowed Ray, Nathan Westwood and Gianluca Fedi through. Ray and Westwood continued to hold off the Italian riders and took the chequered flag in style. In the XL-80 class Luke Mitchell continued his winning streak taking the 2nd race from Zac Zanesco.

Race 3 saw close racing between all riders with Westwood leading the GP 125 class until the last corner when Ray overtook to take the finish flag. In the XL-80 class Zac Zanesco challenged Mitchell taking his first win of the weekend.

The fastest lap of the 2nd race went to Nathan Westwood with a best lap time on lap 16 of 59.338 seconds. Ray took the fastest lap of the weekend with a hot 59.242 second lap.

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