

2013 NZ Gas Nationals

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Last weekend the New Zealand nationals were held on the outdoor track at Ruapuna Raceway in Christchurch only 11 drivers were competing in the 8th gas class. But 8 of them were driving Mugen MRX-5's

Qualifying was held over 6 x 10min heats with the single fastest being used to deterring the qualifying order.

The weather was warm and the racing on the track was very close for the top spot. After 6 rounds of qualifying the top 5 cars were Mugens and the top 3 were Scot Robinson, Daniel Burrows and Luke Duthie.

The final was a 45 minute race Scot, Daniel and Luke got off to a good start and were fighting for position from the beginning. Tyre wear was high and so most of the top runners were planning on changing tyres at 20 or 25mis. And with people all on different fuel strategies it was hard to know who was going to win. The top 3 were all very close and not making any mistakes. At the end of the race Scot Robinson crossed the line in 1st just 1 second ahead of Daniel Burrows who was only 1 second ahead of Luke Duthie. The battle at the end of the final was very exciting. The drivers and pit men all did a great job under a lot of pressure. It was a great weekends racing and a great result for Mugen to have so much of the field driving their cars and taking all the top spots.

