

MERCEDES BENZ

INKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

ROUND 5

SUNDAY 30TH MAY

The May holiday weekend is always an unpredictable championship round, and last Sunday's action proved no different, with possibly the most intriguing morning of racing so far this season!

CADETS

Once again both the A and B class combined for the mornings two races. It was impossible to establish a difference between the two classes, with every driver continuing to improve to a high level of competition. Qualifying put Elijah Montaque on pole, with Elliot Lloyd and Jamieson Pomeroy keeping Tom Geaney and Ishola Finni behind them on the starting grid. Jamieson immediately leapfrogged Elliot for 2nd from the start line. Ishola and Aaron Walsh began the first battle in the early stages, going side by side round the final corner. Neither driver was prepared to back off through turns 1 and 2, meaning someone would lose out in turn 3. Aaron was the unfortunate driver, as Race Control made absolutely sure, clarifying the decision as a racing incident with both karts going side by side. The race took shape to a tension-building finale, as a pack of four karts chased leader Elijah for the remaining stages. At times Tom in 4th looked to have run wide on the hairpin giving Ishola a number of sighters, before recovering well each time, and thus allowing Aaron to exert pressure for 5th place. Ishola was soon caught off guard by Aaron who pulled off a sweet overtake at the final corner on the last lap. Elijah was able to cross the line by over 12s in a comfortable display, with Jamieson and Elliot putting in their strongest race display of the year so far for 2nd and 3rd.

Race 2 gave Ishola a shot at redeeming his earlier fortunes, leading them across the line on the green flag. He would be followed by Elijah for 27 laps bumper to bumper, before Elijah somehow made a quite unbelievable overtake at full speed through the mid-sector. With the job seemingly done on lap 27, Elijah would have been confident of taking a second win of the day; however he hadn't quite reckoned just how Ishola would respond, as he came back fired up and determined not to miss out on a win he though he had sown up, taking back the lead on the final lap through the final corner, in an incredible twist to the morning's cadet racing.

A-Class points

Position	Name	Best Time Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Elijah Montaque	24.498	15	12	27
2	Ishola Finni	24.450	10	15	25
3	Tom Geaney	24.749	12	10	22

B-Class Points

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Jamieson Pomeroy	24.931	15	10	25
=	Aaron Walsh	24.636	10	15	25
3	Elliot Lloyd	24.723	12	12	24
4	Kallum McBride	24.837	9	9	18
5	Dylan Robson	25.394	8	8	16

JUNIORS

The ten drivers, including three newcomers could never have predicted what was in store for an exhilarating round. Qualifying put John Gwyneth and Adam Tomkins on the front row of the grid. Adam wouldn't be staying there for long, as the pack charged into the first hairpin on lap 1. Jason Bagnall went diving down the inside, taking the risk which didn't pay off, catching Adam's kart hard on the turn, and causing a Monaco style melee as the grid was turned completely upside down. Jason was black flagged, while Daniel Hutchinson and Mark Ashton leaped to 2nd and 3rd from 7th and 8th respectively. With the blue flags out from the early stages and the order completely reshuffled, the remaining laps were sure to see plenty more action. Adam wasted no time cutting up the field to move from 8th to 4th by lap 12. John Gwyneth may have been concerned the back markers would have disrupted his lead, but good driver response and timely marshalling kept his lead in tact. A slip by Daniel from the hairpin exit let Luke White, Adam and Curtis Mee past to set up a scrap for 2nd-4th. The closing laps were close but no one was able to make a definitive move, as John took the first win by 20s from Luke in 2nd.

Race 2 saw John start in pole, with Adam and Jason setting up an experienced front 3 which went bumper to bumper for 30 laps. It was seemingly a procession, as there was rarely a chance for anyone to execute a manoeuvre. However on the final lap of 30, Adam saw his chance with John just leaving a gap and a possible sight of 1st for Adam to squeeze through at the hairpin. Adam took the chance, and appeared to have the better line round the final turn. Taking a defensive line, Adam made sure there was no gap for John to attack, however John failed to pull back, determined to hold 1st. With the front of John's kart catching Adam's rear quarter, Adam was spun out as John and Jason crossed the line. Race Control took plenty of time to assess the decision from all angles, and ruled that John would receive a black flag and 20s penalty for the incident. The revised finish order put Jason in 1st with Adam and Luke White in 2nd and 3rd.

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Adam Tomkins	24.493	10	12	22
=	John Gwyneth	24.650	15	7	22
=	Jason Bagnall	24.680	7	15	22
=	Luke White	24.913	12	10	22
5	Curtis Mee	24.907	9	9	18
6	Christopher Beckett	25.032	5	8	13
=	Daniel Hutchinson	25.509	8	5	13
8	Mark Ashton	25.304	6	6	12
9	Luke Warrender	25.565	4	3	7
=	Jordan Picart	26.019	3	4	7

SENIORS

Another strong senior pack got the morning underway, with some clean racing, in an ever improving class. Dwayne Marsden started from pole, while behind Adam Clayton and Adam Bach would give chase. Aaron McManus lost one place to Philip Mosscrop from the start while Mark Wright passed Colin Samuel. Michael Lawes received a black flag on lap 5 catching Aaron, who responded well, setting up an eye catching mid-order fight with plenty of overtaking! The field reshuffled a number of times, while blue flags kept the race alive at the front. Dwayne wouldn't be caught, winning by 8.4s from Adam Clayton.

Race 2 didn't quite see the same level of action, with Michael at times running on thin ice with some attacking driving, but sensibly not making any rash manoeuvres. Adam Bach pulled out a first class over take on Adam Clayton for 2nd on lap 16 to cap off a good days performance but was unable to match leader Dwayne's pace, who romped to a second victory and another maximum points haul for the day.

Position	Name	Best Time Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Dwayne Marsden	24.503	15	15	30
2	Adam Bach	24.540	10	12	22
3	Adam Clayton	25.057	12	9	21
4	Philip Mosscrop	24.825	9	8	17
5	Aaron Mcmanus	24.970	6	10	16
6	Michael Lawes	24.882	7	7	14
7	Ryan Welch	25.054	8	6	14
8	Colin Samuel	25.145	4	5	9
9	Mark Wright	25.540	5	4	9

So Round 5 was certainly the most entertaining round so far this season. Great pace, overtaking and as always a little bit of controversy has set up the summer season perfectly, as drivers look to make a charge on this years titles.

See you all for Round 6 on Sunday 27th June

ARRIVAL TIMES

Juniors – 8.30am

Seniors – 9.15am

Cadets – 9.45 am

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