

MERCEDES BENZ

INKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

ROUND 7

SUNDAY 25TH JULY

It may have been the start of the holiday season for some, but for Daytona Manchester and their elite Inkart drivers, it was tarmac and hot rubber rather than beaches and sandcastles that were on everyone's mind for Round 7 of the Championships.

CADETS A

Once again it was left to Tom, Ishola, Lewis and Elijah to fight it out for top spot in the A-Class, and as always the four competitors put in maximum effort, in another accomplished driving display. Race One saw Tom Geaney get past Lewis from the grid with a lightning fast start on the green flag. Ishola would once again be left to chase Elijah all the way for 1st position, but was left to settle for 2nd in a close race, with only 2 tenths dividing the front pair.

Race 2 saw the action pick up, with Elijah making an unforced error on the pace lap, clipping the inside of the barrier on the final corner before the green flag. This disrupted his speed away from the rest, and consequently set up a very close race. Lewis made the first move with a superb pass on the final corner to take 3rd from Tom. A few laps after, Tom would be on the receiving end of a black flag penalty, gambling into Turn 1, which more often than not doesn't pay off. At the front, Elijah was struggling to open a gap from Ishola, switching to a defensive pattern, and inviting Ishola to attack. Ishola got the slice of luck he needed as once again Elijah caught the inside barrier on the final corner exit, to slip wide, and slip down the order, with Ishola taking full advantage to sweep past into 1st and lead to the chequered flag.

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Ishola Finni	24.408	12	15	27
2	Elijah Montaque	24.567	15	12	27
3	Tom Geaney	24.426	10	10	20
4	Lewis Hughes	24.929	9	9	18

CADET B

Round 7 saw Alex Mcdade make his Inkart debut, and he couldn't have picked a better time to join the action, with a more than eventful morning for the Cadet B-Class. Race One saw championship leaders Aaron, Elliot and Jamieson make a break in the early stages. Jamieson couldn't quite continue his pace to make it a three way battle around half race distance, as Elliot closed the gap to just a matter of tenths behind Aaron.

Approaching the backmarkers in the closing stages, Aaron's eagerness to hold 1st saw him make an ambitious overtake attempt past the backmarker, on the entrance to the hairpin, despite the marshal being positioned to aide with the blue flag on the

exit of the corner. The consequent change off line saw Aaron drop his pace, and allow Elliot to steal through, and maintain his winning run from the previous round. Race Two began with a messy rolling start, with Jordan Cain slipping up under starter's orders by overtaking before the green flag and subsequently receiving a penalty. Jamieson would also be left floundering, with an unfortunate incident which saw Aaron slam on the brakes in front of Jamieson, who had mistimed his acceleration, before slamming on, and spinning out to slip down the order before the start. The penalties continued, first Aaron saw black for tagging a backmarkers kart, before Jamieson was next in the sin-bin for another illegal contact offence. Meanwhile, this left Elliot cruising at the front, untroubled with a 19s lead from Alex, who was putting in a superb debut performance, holding off Aaron for the remaining laps to the finish, and take a debut podium position in today's round.

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Elliot Lloyd	24.937	15	15	30
2	Aaron Walsh	24.738	12	10	22
3	Alex Mcdade	25.236	9	12	21
4	Ben Walker	25.268	8	9	17
5	Jamieson Pomeroy	25.038	10	6	16
6	Dylan Robson	25.295	7	8	15
7	Jordan Cain	25.364	6	7	13

JUNIORS

Another strong grid of regular experienced drivers began Round 7, as the challengers looked to cut Adam Tomkins lead at the top of the table. From the grid on Race One there was the usual unpredictable charge to Turn 3, with Jason Bagnall holding his nerve to pass John Gwyneth. Adam set the early pace at the front, but was mindful that Luke Gore's challenge from 2nd position was increasing. However, his was left chasing shadows, as Luke launched a timely and precise move to leave Adam in the unusually territory of being overtaken for the lead. Luke was more than comfortable leading the race, slicing through backmarkers in the closing stages with ease, at a quick and consistent pace to win Race One by 0.4s.

Luke would continue from the front for the Race Two rolling start, and showed plenty of composure in the early stages. Again all drivers were attacking with incredible pace, but saw little opportunity to overtake, with only Connor Woodyatt jumping John for 5th. Luke led from start to finish claiming a double race win and announcing himself as a possible late season title challenger.

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Luke Gore	24.354	15	15	30
2	Adam Tomkins	24.412	12	12	24
3	Liam Campbell	24.445	10	10	20
4	Jason Bagnall	24.468	9	9	18

6	John Gwyneth	24.728	8	7	15
7	Daniel Hutchinson	24.895	6	6	12
8	Mark Ashton	25.321	5	5	10

SENIORS

Once again, the Senior class used their experience and skill to put on another top class performance for Round 7. Race One put Michael in the early lead, as Adam Bach got ahead of Dwayne off the grid for 2nd. Dwayne wasted no time in responding, soon reclaiming 2nd before mounting an attack for 1st. By lap 13 he had closed the gap to just 0.2s, before making his move on lap 18, finding the narrowest of gaps at the final corner, possibly leaving Michael feeling aggrieved to the level of contact used on the manoeuvre. Race Control ruled that the contact was side by side, and the gap was fair to attempt the overtake. Michael didn't let up and mounted a response as the blue flags come into play, but failed to cut the gap of 0.7s as Dwayne took the first chequered flag.

Race Two put Adam Bach at the front of the grid, and he took full advantage to lead from start to finish and claim vital championship points. Dwayne once again found a way past Michael to take 2nd and further open his lead in the championship.

Position	Name	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 1	Total
1	Dwayne Marsden	24.278	15	12	27
2	Adam Bach	24.302	10	15	25
3	Michael Lawes	24.465	12	10	22
4	Adam Clayton	24.424	9	9	18
5	Philip Mosscrop	24.700	8	8	16
6	Ryan Welch	24.954	5	7	12
7	Colin Samuel	24.963	6	6	12
8	Mark Wright	25.251	7	5	12

So just 4 more rounds left to decide the destiny of this years championship titles. Round 8 takes place on Sunday 29th August.

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