



## **Round 4**

The April inkart round had 22 drivers registered and waiting for the track time to begin. With the drivers and spectators receiving the instructions to try their best to avoid the Manchester marathon road closures all drivers arrived early and waiting to get the event underway. After a driver briefing everyone was invited through to the pit lane for practice.

## **Cadets**

### ***Heat 1***

A storming victory for Saul Robinson started the day off. The rest of the field had the battles in the ranks which saw two black flags being issued for advantage by contact manoeuvres. Firstly Samuel Cunliffe making contact at the second hairpin pushed a driver wide allowing Sam to get the over take. Samuel received his black flag and served the penalty in the sin bin. And in the closing laps Alexander Baker made contact on the same corner and had the same consequences. This time Alex didn't see the flag due to the chequered flag being issued for the end of the race but the positions were reversed to allow Luke Jenkinson regain his track position in front of Alex.

### ***Heat 2***

A close race for the front two drivers of Samuel Cunliffe and Oliver Royer had the spectators keeping a close eye on their standings throughout. Samuel Cunliffe making the first mistake though missed his corner and allowed Oliver Royer to overtake and gain first place. Samuel Cunliffe was setting purple lap times in the race and quickly caught on to the back of Oliver. Samuel pushed hard for the over take but misjudged Oliver's braking point at the first hairpin and pushed him wide to gain the position. The chequered flag was issued to Samuel Cunliffe at the end of the lap but afterwards Samuel admitted his mistake and the positions were reversed well done to Oliver who took the race win and to Samuel who accepted the place swap and even apologised for the contact.

### ***Heat 3***

A front row start for Alexander Baker in pole position and Saul Robinson starting in second place. From the off the drivers were neck and neck and in the early stages Alex was holding off Saul and doing well to lead the race. But a gutsy move on the inside line at the first hairpin got Saul up in to first place. Saul began to open the gap while Alex tried hard to keep him in his sights. By the chequered flag the gap was up to 3 seconds and another first place it was two out of two for Saul.

### ***Heat 4***

Saul Completed a clean sweep of the heats after one lap he had made his move on the first hairpin and got in to the lead. After the ten laps the gap was 10 seconds. Luke Jenkinson took the second place finish and Oliver Royer took third.

### ***B Final***

The drivers were split in to the A and B finals, For the B final the drivers had the chance to make their way on to the back of the grid for the A final. Morgan Wroot had a pole position start in the B final for his first ever round of the Inkart championship. Morgan got off to a slow start and immediately fell in to second place. Ioan Evans making the move forward in to first set the pace for the race and managed to keep Morgan looking at the back of his bumper. Morgan set quicker lap times in the closing stages but it was too late as the chequered flag saw Ioan progress into the A final.

### ***A Final***

After a clean sweep of the heats Saul started on the front row with Oliver Royer after having a tremendous round so far started alongside. A thunderous start from Samuel Cunliffe had him leap in to second place from a fourth place start on the grid. Sam had the job of keeping Saul in his sights to try and take the top spot away from him. Samuel had tremendous pace having 25 second lap times flashing up on the scoreboard but each lap Saul was responding and posted lap times a few tenths quicker. Good racing all round but Saul again picked up the chequered flag almost ten seconds in the lead. Second place went to Samuel Cunliffe and Third place to Oliver Royer.

Driver	Final Positions	Round Points (inc Heats)
Saul Robinson	1 <sup>st</sup>	60
Samuel Cunliffe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	51
Oliver Royer	3 <sup>rd</sup>	54
Alexander Baker	4 <sup>th</sup>	46
Luke Jenkinson	5 <sup>th</sup>	50
Ioan Evans	6th / 1 <sup>st</sup> in B Final	42
Morgan Wroot	2 <sup>nd</sup> in B Final	42
Joe Ellison	3 <sup>rd</sup> in B Final	39
Oliver Vance	4 <sup>th</sup> in B Final	36
Van Knapton	5 <sup>th</sup> in B Final	37

## Juniors

### *Heat 1*

The race started with a lot of tussling for positions from all drivers with a lot of contact side by side and in the back of drivers. The marshals took a back seat to see what would unfold but on the start finish line at the end of lap one a contact warning was issued to the whole field. Not many position changes happened through the race Blair Henry took the first race win of the round from a pole position start and Daniel Taylor held on to second.

### *Heat 2*

Kallum McBride won race two after a much contested overtake on Harry Macdonald on the final sector in front of the balcony full of spectators. Kallum made contact on the long left handed corner which was worthy of a bumping warning to be issued by the start finish marshal. Harry was forced off line by the contact but Kallum did not use this as the momentum to get an over take. The position change happened on the final corner when Harry kept his foot down to hold his pace and let his kart run wide. Kallum used the space available and moved in to first on the inside line. Harry contested the overtake after the race but as Kallum allowed Harry time to regain control of his kart and keep his position it was not an advantage by contact manoeuvre.

### ***Heat 3***

A calm race for heat 3 again not many position changes throughout. A bit of kart trouble for Sam Reedy had the race officials keeping tabs on his track position. The kart trouble was down to a transponder issue which registers the drivers lap time and track position but the eagle eyed officials kept tabs on his race and Sam was issued the points for his seventh place finish.

### ***Heat 4***

Sam Dickov led from the start in race four and held off competition from Andre Forrester to register some points in the championship. The most notable of racing was from Dominic Caulfield who pulled out of position and dropped to the back to try and get the quickest lap time of the race. This had the marshals and race officials scratching their heads but the thumbs up given to the start finish marshal let them know he was fine.

### ***B Final***

Five Drivers took part in the B final and in with a chance of an eighth place start in the A final. Dominic Caulfield made the biggest progress starting from the back of the grid and making his way in to second place. Dominic pace was good but he could not find a way past Harry Macdonald who looked comfortable leading from the front. Harry did enough in the race to earn his position in the A final.

### ***A Final***

Daniel Taylor started on pole position and set the pace throughout. Kallum McBride kept Daniel in his sights but could do little to get past Daniel and eventually settled for a second place finish. Connor Woodyatt made a move from fifth place on the grid to get in to third and stayed there. Aaron Walsh was the driver to move backwards in the race after losing third place on the bridge to Connor and later on, lost fourth place to Blair Henry when Blair found the gap at the second hairpin to move through.

Driver	Finishing Position	Round Points (inc Heats)
Daniel Taylor	1 <sup>st</sup>	52
Kallum McBride	2 <sup>nd</sup>	51
Connor Woodyatt	3 <sup>rd</sup>	47
Blair Henry	4 <sup>th</sup>	48
Aaron Walsh	5 <sup>th</sup>	47
Sam Dickov	6 <sup>th</sup>	43
Brandon Bethell	7 <sup>th</sup>	42
Harry Macdonald	8 <sup>th</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> in B Final	41
Dominic Caulfield	2 <sup>nd</sup> in B Final	34
Jamie-Lea Hawley	3 <sup>rd</sup> in B Final	36
Sam Reedy	4 <sup>th</sup> in B Final	36
Andre Forrester	5 <sup>th</sup> in B Final	33

