

## **North Circuit Junior InKart Championship**

As the drivers from both categories were signing in we were thanked for pulling some strings to get the sun shining, a complete contrast to last month's first round. Not all drivers returned for round two, however we had a couple of new competitors to spice things up. With thirteen cadet drivers and eleven junior drivers, there was plenty of competition for everybody. Thankfully we had no issues regarding the karts, so a big thanks to the engineers who were on hand.

### **Cadets - Heats**

H1) It was all go from the drop of the first green flag, all drivers staying in their respective grid positions but putting in some very respectable lap times. There was a lot of contact throughout the field but nobody losing or gaining position, until the last lap, when Matthew made a move down the inside of Sam Barclay at the hairpin. A small amount of side to side contact, resulting in Matthew taking the position, and the win with Alex following Matthew through. With Sam finishing in third, Zac, Thomas and Brandon finishing in fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

H2) It was Jordan-Lee who made all the moves in heat two, moving up from third into first. There were a few questions being asked by the parents, however the marshals felt all racing was fair and above board. A few other change throughout the field, with Dean dropping from first to third, an Oliver and Sam swapping positions.

H3) The biggest drop in heat three was by newcomer Brandon, who felt the pace of the other drivers a little too hot to handle. Zac moved up into first place making a perfect over taking manoeuvre and Jamaal following him through into second position. Joshua making a storming move from sixth on the grid into third place.

H4) Again having an odd number of drivers, meant the remaining three heats were down to five drivers per heat. We only had two changes in position, with Tor taking third place from James.

H5) Unlike heat four, we had a number of movers from the original starting positions. The best drive was from Zac who managed to drive himself into second position from fourth on the grid. Again we had Jordan-Lee taking the heat victory.

H6) We only had one issue throughout the days racing, which was a black flag-able offence committed on the last lap of the last heat, It was an advantage by contact (ABC) by Joshua on Jamaal on the top hairpin corner. As we were putting chequered flag out, we simulated a black flag on the timing dropping Joshua into fifth position, giving Jamaal the heat victory.

### **Cadet Grand Final**

With the final called, the drivers made their way to their karts. Starting positions were as follows;

Pole position – Jordan-Lee Plummer

2<sup>nd</sup> – Zac Outfin

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tor outfin

4<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Diemer

5<sup>th</sup> – Alex Wright

6<sup>th</sup> – Jamaal Ahmed

With the drivers sat on their respective grid positions, all eyes were on Gino our start marshal, building up the tension with a raised static green flag. An interesting battle ensued, with Tor and Zac, no love lost as Tor pulled a fantastic manoeuvre to get past his brother. In the mean time Jordan-Lee was pulling away from them. However, Tor settled into his rhythm and started to reel Jordan-Lee in. No changes occurring between the bottom three in the final, Jamaal finishing in sixth, Alex in fifth and Matthew in fourth. With all the parents watching and encouraging their children, a gap opened up which gave Tor half a chance on the last corner. He was side by side towards the line with Jordan-Lee, however Jordan-Lee just had enough to hold Tor off to take the overall win in round two.

### **Final Result**

### **Best Lap**

1st – Jordan-Lee Plummer	17.364
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tor Outfin	17.415
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Zac Outfin	17.300
4 <sup>th</sup> – Matthew Diemer	17.410
5 <sup>th</sup> – Alex Wright	17.802
6 <sup>th</sup> – Jamaal Ahmed	17.708

### **Juniors - Heats**

H1) The early pace was being set by Daniel Truman, making some great overtaking manoeuvres to move from third place to first. Mathias having a horrible first heat which saw him loose position from the front of the grid down into sixth place. Owen managed to hold onto second place, and Matthew holding onto fourth place. Jamie having a great first heat, moving from fifth to third with some thoughtful driving, and Jack moving up a place from sixth into fifth place.

H2) It was round one winner, Stephen Moffat who made some great moves to make his way into first position, the biggest fallers in the heat were Oliver and Liam who dropped from second place to fourth and first to third in respectively.

H3) Heat three under way, and the result was the closest we had all day to the drivers finishing the same as their starting positions. There was however some great battling going on within the heat, with the only changes occurring between the bottom three positions. Jamie Bull dropping from fourth to sixth place, TaShun moving from sixth to fifth and Daniel moving up a position into fourth place.

H4) So at this point we were down to five drivers per heat, the same as the cadets. Again there were little changes to the starting positions all drivers staying pretty much in single file, unable to make up a position, but also holding on without dropping a position. With only a couple laps to go Oliver made a good move on Liam to take fourth position and the only change in the positions.

H5) It seemed the order of the day was that the drivers were going to finish in the same positions they started in, unless there were some spectacular overtaking manoeuvres, or a mistake made by another driver. The only change happened early on with TaShun taking a slightly wider line on the entrance to the last corner, with Jack Evans taking full advantage moving his way up into second place.

H6) Again in the final junior heat was business as usual, the only driver gaining a position was Stephen who made a great move on Matthew to take fourth place, obviously Matthew then finishing in fifth. Jamie taking first, TaShun in second and Dillon in third.

## **Junior Grand Final**

We had Alex our Pit Manager calling the grid in reverse order, to get a bit of tension building up towards the top three positions. The positions were as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> – Daniel Truman

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Moffat

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Evans

4<sup>th</sup> – Owen Pearce

5<sup>th</sup> – Dillon Ogorman

6<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Bull

So again under starter's orders, all eyes fixed on Gino....away we go with a green waived flag. All of the drivers getting a great start, with Daniel and Stephen starting to pull away from the rest of the field. Not much to report as all drivers heads down and trying to chase down first and second, with the only change in position between Jamie and Dillon. Slowly but surely Stephen started to reel in Daniel but didn't have enough time, and Daniel took the overall win in round two.

### **Final Result**

### **Best Lap**

1<sup>st</sup> – Daniel Truman

17.103

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen Moffat

17.167

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Evans

17.458

4<sup>th</sup> – Owen Pearce

17.649

5<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Bull

17.435

6<sup>th</sup> – Dillon Ogorman

17.597

### **Summary**

After the great start to the season last month it could have been easy to think that standards could drop, however I think round two was more successful on many ways than round one. One thing I noticed was that the spirit between the drivers has improved, demonstrated by some of the cadets encouraging their fellow competitors whilst they were not in the heat. It seemed even the parents were getting along, which is nice to see a good example being set. Hopefully we will enjoy the same weather for round three in april only time will tell. Again I would like to thank the guys running the circuit, Alex Stoyles, Sam Hodgson and Gino Colucci who were yet again spot on! I look forward to seeing you in round three which will take place on the National Circuit, dates and times for practice sessions will be announced soon.

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