



2010 Inkart Championship Report Round 1
Circuit: Grand Prix

Yet another year and another season of the Inkart championship is upon us once more. A bright but cold day heralded in the new season with great anticipation, as drivers attempted to make the perfect start to their ultimate goal of being crowned champion in December.

This season the day has been split in two, with the cadets and juniors in the morning and seniors in the afternoon, hopefully this will give the championship categories a boost in numbers and provide some extremely competitive racing.

74 drivers were at the circuit throughout the day, to set down a marker for the rest of the season, and for all spectators present, they weren't disappointed with what they witnessed out on the track.

Cadets and Juniors:

46 drivers got the new season under way, with 15 heats across three categories. The racing was close but most importantly clean; just 4 penalty boards were given during the heats, with the drivers starting as they hopefully mean to go on this season.

Here's how the finals played out.....

Cadet Finals

Philip Hanson earned his place on the back of the cadet A final with a convincing victory in the B final, thus meaning 8 finalist lined up on the grid. With last seasons champion George Thomson once again setting the early pace claiming pole position, Dante Dhillon lined up alongside in 2nd, Zack Nickson 3rd and Jarvis Devon 4th.

It was pole sitter George who gained the advantage off the line pulling out two kart lengths on the field heading into the first corner. The rest of the field exchanged positions throughout the first lap but no one could break away to catch George out front.

By lap 3 George had a 3 second lead but couldn't take it easy as he had Jarvis hot on his rear bumper after breaking away from the battle for 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

By lap 5 Jarvis had caught George, on route setting the fastest lap of the race a 53.987 and was looking determined to take the win away from him.

The last two laps provided us with some exceptional racing from the lead two, with George having to be at his defensive best to keep Jarvis behind him, as the chequered flag dropped George claimed the victory by a mere 0.1 seconds from Jarvis, with Dante just a further 0.8 seconds behind them in 3rd.

Zack headed up the remainder of the field in 4th, Thomas Oregon was 5th, Philip Hanson 6th, Jack Lemmer 7th and Matthew Taylor 8th.

Junior Light Finals

It was Charlie Sawyer who took a relatively easy victory in the B final, so rounding off the grid for the A final.

Pole was held by Reza Motavassel, who claimed two wins and a 2nd in the heats. Brandon Botchey started 2nd, last seasons champion Thomas Brookes 3rd and Sean Richardson 4th.

This one was close for the majority of the race, by the end of lap 1 Thomas had taken the lead, taking advantage of a poor start from Reza and Brandon finding himself squeezed out at turn 3. Sean found himself in 3rd, with Jack New and Matthew Ety 4th and 5th respectively.

Thomas and Reza were within half a second of each other the entire race, and it took a brave move from Reza to reclaim 1st with a lap to go.

By this time, Brandon had moved up to 5th and join the mid field battle from 3rd backwards.

At the chequered flag it was Reza who took the win by 0.1 seconds from Thomas, Sean came home in 3rd just ahead of Jack in 4th.

Junior Heavy Finals

The B final proved the closest race of the day, with the top 6 finishing just 0.6 seconds apart, Harry Lock was the one who managed to hold off the rest for the win.

11 karts lined up for the A final, with Adam Payne on pole, Josh Keeling 2nd, Harry Neale 3rd and Dominic Sardo 4th.

Josh got the jump on Adam going into Vale 1, and managed to lead until lap 3 when a slight error let Adam and Christopher Drennon through, who had made his way up from 6th after some impressive overtaking moves and misfortunes for others.

Despite dropping to 3rd Josh kept in contention, and managed to regain 2nd, but could never quite get close enough to Adam to make a move for 1st. Adam took the win by 0.4 seconds from Josh in the end, with Christopher a further 1.5 seconds back in 3rd.

Seniors:

27 were at the circuit in the afternoon to get their Inkart campaigns off and running, with several new faces and many of last seasons competitors back again to take the coveted senior titles, we were in for some exiting racing, and we weren't disappointed.

Senior Light Final

Jamie Brown lined up on pole, with Ian Del-Pizzo 2nd, Charlie Bragg 3rd, Daniel Godly 4th, Matthew Williams 5th and Matthew Edwards 6th.

Jamie made the most of pole by getting an excellent start heading into vale 1, and never really looked back from there, despite close attention from Ian for the majority of the race. By lap 4 the front two held a 5 second lead over the rest of the field, the battle for 3rd was the highlight of the race, with Charlie and Matthew bumper to bumper for most of the race, on lap 6 Charlie managed to make a move stick up the inside of vale 2 and held Matthew off until the line to eventually claim 3rd.

Jaime won by little over a second from Ian in 2nd.

Senior Heavy Final

Adam Nakar returning after a year out if the championship claimed pole, with last years winner Finlay Grogan 2nd, Arrun Saunders 3rd, Malcolm Baker 4th, Adam Christopher 5th and Alan Payne 6th.

After a first corner incident involving the majority of the field the race had to be red flagged, once it was restarted as a complete rerun, Adam Nakar just about managed to hold on to the lead with some good defensive driving, keeping Finlay at bay.

The drive of the day came from Stephen Harding who starting 8th made his way through the field up to 2nd, ultimately it proved to much to make up the gap that Adam had pulled out at the front, but an impressive drive none the less.

Stephen and Finlay, two rivals for last years championship, renewed that rivalry again, as Finlay made constant attempts to rob Stephen of his deserved 2nd, but as the chequered flag fell Stephen managed to take second by 0.3 seconds from Finlay in 3rd.

Adam was a further 3.5 seconds ahead in 1st.

Positions Round 1:

Cadets

1st George Thomson

2nd Jarvis Devon

3rd Dante Dhillon

Junior Light

1st Reza Motavassel

2nd Thomas Brookes

3rd Sean Richardson

Junior Heavy

1st Adam Payne

2nd Josh Keeling

3rd Christopher Drennon

Senior Light

1st Jamie Brown

2nd Ian Del-Pizzo

3rd Charlie Bragg

Senior Heavy

1st Adam Nakar

2nd Stephen Harding

3rd Finlay Grogan

I hope to see as many drivers if not more at the next round, remember you can book anytime up until 5.30pm on the Friday prior to racing.

Please call 0845 644 5502 to Book your place Now.

The next round of the Championship is **Sunday 28th February 2010**

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