



2012 Inkart Championship Report Round 1 **Circuit: Grand Prix**

Cadets

Twenty four drivers, only one champion; but who will it be this year? After only one round of the 2012 Inkart Championship it would be wrong to discount any driver, but there were many who have laid down a marker for the rest of the season.

Alexander Dorricott claimed his first win in the cadet C final and produced another valiant driver to finish 3rd in the B final which was won by Sage Don Dillon.

The line up for the A final saw Luke Roberts on pole after a clean sweep of victories in his heats. Jack Lemmer lined up in 2nd, whilst Roberto Ferreira was 3rd, Diego Lopez 4th, Finn Angell-Wells 5th, Joshua Craft 6th, Oliver Tipping 7th and Sage Don Dillon 8th.

Luke led the way into the first corner as the A final got under way, Jack tucked in behind in 2nd whilst Roberto was 3rd and Diego 4th; these positions were maintained until turn 8 when an advantage by contact manoeuvre by Roberto on Jack led to both Jack and Roberto dropping down the field.

By the end of lap 2 Luke had a 4.5 second lead over Sage, who had avoided the mid field tussles to move into 2nd. Joshua was running 3rd, with Diego 4th and Finn in 5th.

On lap 3 Joshua dropped down to 5th after running wide at turn 4, allowing Diego and Finn to move up the field.

By lap 4 Luke's lead was over 9 seconds as the chasing pack started to hold each other up; Diego and made a move stick on Sage for 2nd whilst Jack had fought his way back up to 5th.

On lap 6 Jack's luck again ran out as he spun at turn 3 whilst chasing down Finn and Sage, this dropped him down to 7th, allowing Roberto and Joshua through.

By the final lap Luke's lead was a comfortable 11 seconds, whilst Diego had a 2 second advantage over Sage in 2nd.

Luke took the win by 12.2 seconds, with Diego finishing 2nd and Sage 3rd; Roberto finished 4th but took a penalty for his first lap incident with Jack, whilst Jack valiantly battled his way back up to 5th.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>
1 st Luke Roberts	53.307
2 nd Diego Lopez	54.324
3 rd Sage Don Dillon	54.492

Junior Light

As classes go the Junior Lights is one of the most closely fought championships year in year out and this year will be no exception, as both the reigning champion Harry Neale and last year's Cadet champion Thomas Oregan are present in a very strong field.

Dante Dhillon who has also made the step up from cadets this year took victory in the B final.

The line up for the A final saw Harry Neale on pole position, with Thomas Oregan alongside in 2nd; Charlie Tibble was 3rd, James Deere 4th, Jody Richardson 5th, William Goodlace 6th, Matthew Hayman 7th and Dante Dhillon 8th.

After the opening lap Harry led the way from Charlie who moved into 2nd, dropping Thomas down to 3rd. James was running 4th, with William 5th, Jody 6th, Dante 7th and Matthew 8th.

By lap 2 Dante had moved up to 4th, whilst James dropped down to 7th; at the front Harry led Charlie and Thomas by half a second, with Dante 3 seconds further back.

By lap 4 Harry had extended his lead to 2 seconds as Thomas who had moved back into 2nd and Charlie held each other up battling for position.

By lap 6 Harry led by 3.2 seconds from Charlie, Thomas was 3rd and Dante 4th though starting to chase down the drivers ahead of him; further down the field Jody had moved into 5th with William dropping to 6th.

Over the closing 2 laps Harry continued to pull away at the front so much so that he managed to cross the line 5 seconds ahead of Charlie in 2nd.

Dante had closed the gap between himself and Thomas to a small enough distance that he could make a move stick on the last lap to claim 3rd.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>
1 st Harry Neale	52.848
2 nd Charlie Tibble	53.369
3 rd Dante Dhillon	52.595

Junior Heavy

This year's Junior Heavy class see's a few new faces as well as some of last year's Junior Light's move up.

Bobby Trundley won the B final to earn his place on the back of the A final, the line up for which saw Reza Motavassel line up on pole position, with Sean Richardson alongside in 2nd. Callum Mazzella lined up 3rd, Billy Cowan 4th, Alex March 5th, Jack Bolton 6th, Sam Wilson 7th and Bobby Trundley 8th.

Reza and Sean led the way into the first corner with nothing separating them and by the end of the opening lap there was still nothing to separate them. The biggest mover on the opening lap was Bobby, who having started 8th had moved up to 3rd with some very impressive overtaking and also a bit of luck after Jack, Callum, Sam, Alex and Billy all got caught up in an incident at turn 6.

By lap 2 the gap between the top three was under half a second, whilst Jack was running in 4th 2.3 seconds back.

By lap 4 Bobby had moved into 2nd, dropping Sean to 3rd as the top 3 raced bumper to bumper. A lap later Sean gained revenge by retaking 2nd from Bobby, this tussle though didn't slow them down, as they crossed the line to start lap 6 only 0.2 seconds separated the lead three.

By lap 7 Sean had taken the lead for the first time, capitalising on a mistake by Reza which saw him also lose a place to Bobby.

As the chequered flag dropped Sean took the win by half a second from Bobby in 2nd, whilst Reza who had led for most of the race had to settle for 3rd.

Podium positions: Fastest lap:

1st Sean Richardson 53.447

2nd Bobby Trundle 53.477

3rd Reza Motavassel 53.662

Round one of this year's championship for the seniors saw a number of new faces across both classes as well as many season veterans return for another crack at the championship.

Senior Light

The line up for the senior light final saw last year's champion Ian Del-Pizzo on pole position, with Jack O'neil in 2nd. Matthew Williams lined up 3rd, Ross Sheppard 4th, Andrew O'neil 5th, James Venning 6th, Joe Wackrill 7th and Jordan Bowley 8th.

Lap one saw a plethora of position changes as Matthew moved into 2nd, with Jack down to 3rd; Joe moved up from 7th to 4th, as Ross, Andrew and James all moved down a place to 5th, 6th and 7th respectively.

Ian led the way out front by 0.3 of a second but was already having to go on the defensive to keep Matthew behind him.

On lap 2 Ross moved back into 4th at the expense of Joe, whilst further down the field Jane Gibbons was on the move up to 8th having started 12th.

By lap 4 Matthew made his early pressure on Ian tell by taking the lead at turn 2, Ross had also moved up to 3rd, with Jack down to 4th.

On lap 5 Ian dropped down to 4th as Ross and Jack moved past, Ross subsequently lost 2nd to Jack.

On lap 6 just over half distance Matthew led by 0.1 of a second from Jack as the top six were separated by just under 1.5 seconds.

By lap 8 Andrew had battled his way up to 5th, with Joe and James losing ground slightly on the top 5.

On lap 9 Ian retook 3rd from Ross, who also lost out to Andrew; at the front Matthew was having to go on the defensive to keep Jack and Ian behind him as just 0.2 seconds separated them.

At the start of the final lap Matthew led by 0.1 of a second, from Jack and Ian, Andrew was 4th, Ross 5th and Joe 6th; by the time the chequered flag dropped Matthew just about hung on to take the win from Jack with Ian 3rd 0.2 seconds back. Ross finished 4th having overtaken Andrew, who also lost out to Joe so had to settle for 6th.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>
1 st Matthew Williams	50.276
2 nd Jack O'neil	50.143
3 rd Ian Del-Pizzo	50.060

Senior Heavy

The line up for the Senior Heavy final saw Inkart debutant Martin O'neil on pole position; he had Marques Riddell alongside in 2nd. Callum Beament lined up 3rd, Stephen Harding 4th, Arrun Saunders 5th, Malcolm Baker 6th Robin Peyton 7th, Patrick Booth 8th and Martin Whitlock 9th.

At the end of the opening lap Martin led the way from Callum in 2nd, Arrun had moved up to 3rd from 6th, whilst Stephen held 4th; Marques dropped from 2nd to 6th. By lap 2 Arrun had moved past Callum for 2nd, as Stephen dropped to 5th allowing Malcolm to move into 4th.

On lap 4 Arrun made a move stick on Martin for the lead; at this point the top 6 were only separated by under 2 seconds.

By lap 5 the race had started to settle down, at the front Arrun started to pull out a gap on the chasing pack as Martin had to go on the defensive as he was coming under serious pressure from Callum and Malcolm.

Martin managed to hold off Callum until lap 9 when he finally had to relinquish 2nd under the pressure.

Now free of the chasing pack Callum set about chasing down Arrun out front who had a 3 second lead, but with only 2 laps remaining he had to realistically hope for a mistake by Arrun.

As Arrun crossed the line, he claimed victory by 2.7 seconds from Callum; Martin managed to hold onto 3rd finishing 2 seconds further back.

<u>Podium Positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>
1 st Arrun Saunders	50.809
2 nd Callum Beament	50.681
3 rd Martin O'neil	51.254

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

Please call 0845 644 5502 to Book Your Place Now!

Round 2 of the 2011 Inkart Championship will be held on Sunday 26th February 2012.

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