



## Round 3

The last Sunday of March is always a tricky InKart round as the clocks going forward means the drivers lose an hour of sleep. Hopefully the drivers took this in to account the night before and were feeling fresh and prepared for the early start. 10 cadet drivers and 13 juniors meant 4 heats per class and two finals.

### Cadets

#### *Heat 1*

The drivers were lined up for the start of heat 1. The green light illuminates on the gantry and the drivers were pedal to the metal. Saul makes a great start, moving up the inside into the first corner taking second place and quickly capitalises on a mistake from Van Knapton who runs wide on the exit of the bridge leaving the space on the apex for Saul to utilise. Alexander Baker follows Saul through on the racing line to move in to second place. Saul and Alexander move clear at the front and start to look comfortable in first and second place. The main battle is happening in the middle of the field with Samuel Cunliffe trying to move up the order. Oliver Royer gets himself out of shape on lap 3 Samuel keeps his kart smooth and easily makes a pass on the final corner to move in to sixth place. Samuel Cunliffe continues to push and latches on to the back of Joe Ellison. Samuel misjudges the pace of Joe on the last turn and makes contact on Joe forcing him in to a spin. Samuel gets the position as a result of the contact and receives a black flag. After serving his penalty he rejoins the action in last place.

#### *Heat 2*

In heat 2 a quick start from Ben Walker allows him to move up a position in to 7<sup>th</sup> place at the back of the grid as well as Saul Robinson taking first despite starting on the outside of the grid. Nicholas Crompton makes up two positions during the race first by taking back his starting position from Ben Walker on the final corner pulling off a calm switch back. Then he makes an overtake stick on Joe Ellison to move in to 6<sup>th</sup> place. Saul Robinson picks up the chequered flag at the end of the 10 laps showing his blistering pace by posting lap times 1 second quicker than anyone else on the track.

### ***Heat 3***

Samuel Cunliffe led the race from the front in heat 3 and takes the race win. Ben Walker and Alexander Baker had a coming together on the final corner. Ben Walker left room for Alexander to put his kart on the inside line as Ben turns in to the final corner, the karts come together, side-by-side, slowing them both down, allowing Saul Robinson to sweep past the both of them into 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### ***Heat 4***

One of the straight forward races of the day, most of the position changes happened in the opening few laps which then settled down and all the drivers raced for 8 laps in the same positions. Luke Jenkinson came home in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to Ben Walker and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Alexander Baker.

### ***B Final***

5 Drivers took to the grid for a B final of 15 laps. All drivers looking for the race win so they could take a place on the A final grid. Nicholas Crompton and Ben Walker set the pace from the green light as they left Van, Joe and Ioan trailing. Ben and Nicholas stayed bumper to bumper for the majority of the race matching each other's pace on the track. Ben tried a move on the first hairpin in the closing stages which he couldn't pull off, having to apply his brakes and back out of the move causing him to lose ground to Nicholas, giving him a few comfortable laps till the chequered flag.

### ***A Final***

A perfect start for Samuel Cunliffe from fourth place moves him immediately in to second. Alexander Baker and Luke Jenkinson in second and third place make contact which slows both of them down moving off the line and the quick start from Sam allows him to easily capitalise. Saul Robinson leads from the front throughout the race but is being matched for race pace by Samuel who keeps Saul in his sights. A battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place develops between Luke Jenkinson and Alexander Baker who sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place. An eager Alexander Baker though makes the costly mistake of getting too deep in to the final corner and pushes Luke Jenkinson wide and Alexander makes the pass. The move earns Alexander a black flag for an illegal overtake on the track so he makes a stop/go penalty in the sin bin which leaves him down in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Luke Jenkinson then keeps third place and sits comfortable until the end of the race.

# Juniors

## ***Heat 1***

A race with few overtaking manoeuvres sees Dominic Caulfield take the race win from Aaron Walsh. Kallum McBride makes up one place by passing Daniel Taylor on the final corner after finding the space to squeeze his kart through. Jamie-Lea Hawley takes advantage of a mistake from Andrew Hill who looks like he was still getting to grips with the pace and the racing line of the first hairpin as he ran wide and gave Jamie-Lea the space to overtake on the racing line. For a second time, Andrew Hill makes a meal of the hairpin and again concedes a position to Brandon Bethell.

## ***Heat 2***

An early black flag was issued to Connor Woodyatt getting caught out of position he makes contact on a driver who he spins around. No arguments from Connor as he makes his stop/go penalty in the sin bin and is released back in to the race in last place. The race was becoming unclean at times with a lot of nudging happening between drivers. Blair Henry picked up a black flag for front to rear contact on the second hairpin which allowed him to gain a place. Blair now moved back to last place after serving his penalty on the last lap. Taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a scrappy race was Harry Macdonald, Dominic Caulfield and Sam Dickov.

## ***Heat 3***

The opening couple of laps had a lot of contact from all drivers which had the need for the start finish marshal to hold a contact warning out to all drivers. Blair Henry did however pull off a clean over take on the final corner with a switch back on Harry Macdonald. Kallum McBride was shown a black flag after making a lot of contact throughout the race, he gains an advantage from contact on the last turn and is pulled in to the sin bin for a penalty. Connor Woodyatt also picked up a black flag for a similar manoeuvre on the first hairpin again he serves a stop/go penalty. Jacob Hand did keep his nose clean though to take the race win with Aaron Walsh finishing second.

## ***Heat 4***

A great start for Dominic on the opening lap of the race saw him move up two places as he took a tight inside line off the bridge but still had the momentum to pass two drivers on the straight. Heat 4 was a lot calmer compared to the previous races with the drivers spacing out and avoiding contact. However one black flag was issued to Jamie-Lea Hawley as she kept her foot down on the final corner and pushed a driver out the way to give herself an overtake. Sam Dickov was the runaway winner in the race finishing 4 seconds ahead of Daniel Taylor.

## ***B Final***

Brandon Bethell earned himself the pole position in the B final having collected the most points out of the B finalists. And a straight forward race meant that Brandon led from the front the whole way through to take the victory and earn the last grid spot in the A final.

## ***A Final***

Starting on the front row of the A final was Aaron Walsh earning the inside line in to the first corner and Dominic Caulfield on the outside in p2. A bad start from Dominic allowed Kallum McBride to stick to the inside and claim second place. Dominic tried hard to keep the front runners in his sights but seemed to struggle to match the race pace. Brandon Bethell managed to move through the field and claim two positions and some well earned points for the championship leader board. Aaron Walsh had his sights on the first place trophy and the top step on the podium as he opened up a gap in front of Kallum. Aaron was setting purple lap times towards the end of the race which saw him taking the chequered flag almost three seconds ahead of Kallum in second and Dominic Caulfield held his third place for the bronze trophy.

## **Results**

### ***Cadets***

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Round Points (Inc Heats)</b>
<b>Saul Robinson</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> A - Final	59
<b>Samuel Cunliffe</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> A - Final	49
<b>Luke Jenkinson</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> A - Final	55
<b>Nicholas Crompton</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> A – Final / 1 <sup>st</sup> B - Final	46
<b>Oliver Royer</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> A - Final	47
<b>Alexander Baker</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> A - Final	51
<b>Ben Walker</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> B - Final	42
<b>Van Knapton</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> B - Final	41
<b>Joe Ellison</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	36
<b>Ioan Evans</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	38

## *Juniors*

Driver	Finishing Positions	Round Points (Inc Heats)
Aaron Walsh	1 <sup>st</sup> A - Final	54
Kallum McBride	2 <sup>nd</sup> A - Final	51
Dominic Caulfield	3 <sup>rd</sup> A - Final	51
Sam Dickov	4 <sup>th</sup> A - Final	47
Brandon Bethell	5 <sup>th</sup> A – Final / 1 <sup>st</sup> B – Final	44
Daniel Taylor	6 <sup>th</sup> A – Final	45
Harry Macdonald	7 <sup>th</sup> A – Final	43
Jamie-Lea Hawley	2 <sup>nd</sup> B - Final	38
Andrew Hill	3 <sup>rd</sup> B - Final	34
Connor Woodyatt	4 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	30
Jacob Hand	5 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	36
Blair Henry	6 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	27
Andre Forrester	7 <sup>th</sup> B - Final	31

