



International InKart Championship

Round 11

2016

Round 11 – November 13th

Qualifying

The final round of Daytona's International InKart championship started on a clear Sunday afternoon, using the Cliff Drop configuration for the first time. The track was completely dry with the exception of Turn 2 and Turn 8, which were still damp from the rain on the previous day. Ollie Ursell led Q1 with the fastest lap time of 1.18.687, but it was short lived, as Dean Thomas stole provisional pole, setting a lap-time of 1.18.334, and Charlie Fenton slotted in 2nd place, with Ursell dropping to 3rd, Jack Mayor and Toby Cirel rounding up the Top 5.

Q1 Eliminated Drivers – Chris Cirel, Martin Fisher, John Donnelly, Michael Saward, Alex Masefield, James Lawrence

Kameron Khan was struggling for pace, and that was evident by the 7th fastest lap time he'd posted up until mid-way Q2. It was Ollie Ursell back on top again, going into the 1.17s lap times, with Dean Thomas and Charlie Fenton still in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, with Tyler Parslow now in 4th place and Jack Mayor in P5. A surprising last-second burst of speed from Parslow ensured him provisional pole, and Kameron Khan was now in 3rd place, with Dean Thomas in 4th and Charlie Fenton forming the new Top 5.

Q2 Eliminated Drivers – Tyler Fossey, Stuart Norman, Oscar Lancaster, Toby Cirel, Jack Mayor

The final round of Qualifying saw the track getting colder, but drier and clearer. With lap times improving, it was a battle between Parslow and Ollie Ursell, but as the chequered flag went out, the order remained unchanged for the final standing for the race.

Race 1

Race 1 was led by Dean Thomas, who was quick on the opening lap and took the lead from the Top 4, after Ursell and Parslow ran wide on the first corner. Ursell went to 2nd place, with Kameron Khan now in 3rd, with the Top 3 now separating from the rest of the pack by 2 seconds by the end of Lap 4. Khan and Ursell went past for 1st and 2nd respectively, on the entrance of Turn 8, but Ursell eventually overtook for the lead. Thomas tried his hardest regain P1, but Parslow took advantage of a weak spot on the entrance of Turn 11, which resulted in a contact warning, but he emerged in the lead.

Kameron Khan took the provisional lead once more around Turn 2, but some aggressive driving resulted in bumping warnings for him, Parslow and Ursell. With 8 laps gone, Khan was slowly pulling into the lead, having 0.5 second advantage over 2nd place, while Parslow and Ursell were in a battle for that place, which caused them to drop back slightly and lose their chance of catching the leader.



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In the closing stages of the race, Dean Thomas was struggling to recover positions and the Top 3 were looking unreachable for the time being. Charlie Fenton was also keeping a consistent pace throughout the remaining 5 minutes, but the chequered flag went to Kameron Khan, followed by Tyler Parslow in 2nd and Ollie Ursell.

Race 2

Tyler Parslow led the pack for Race 2, after posting the fastest lap for Race 1, followed by Ollie Ursell and Dean Thomas in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Kameron Khan had to start from P7, as a result from a penalty for gaining advantage by contact in the previous race, significantly decreasing his chances of gaining spaces at the front. With 2 laps down, he was up to 4th place, however. After a crucial mistake, Dean Thomas dropped to 3rd, running wide on the exit of Turn 10, and that allowed Tyler Parslow to take the lead, followed by Ollie Ursell in 2nd place.

Meanwhile, a new entry to Series, Stuart Norman, demonstrated good pace and was keeping a consistent 5th place, ahead of Toby Cirel and Charlie Fenton, who were just under a second behind. A further mistake by Thomas allowed Kameron Khan to slot past for 3rd place and he was now able to chase the leaders, who were under 0.5 seconds ahead. However, too much inconsideration by Ursell, Khan and Parslow on the entrance of Turn 2 caused them all to lose control and open a gap, allowing Dean Thomas to reclaim the lead on Lap 7.

With not a lot of time to go, Thomas and Ollie Ursell started to slowly pull away into a lead, Kameron Khan was in a steady 3rd place, but it was looking difficult for Parslow to catch the leaders, with him being 5 seconds behind. As the pack started Lap 12, Thomas's pace was evident, as he started pulling away by 0.3 seconds per lap. It was short-lived however, as he ran wide coming into Turn 11, which allowed Ursell and Khan to close the gap to just 0.8 seconds.

As the chequered flag went out, it was a win for Dean Thomas, followed by Ollie Ursell in 2nd and Kameron Khan in 3rd place.