

## Round 8 – August 14<sup>th</sup>

### Qualifying

Round 8 of the Daytona International InKart Championship was contested between 11 drivers, with several new names on the grid. The weather conditions were ideal for fast times and that was evident, as Tyler Parslow quickly got on the pace and at the top of the time sheets, lapping the circuit in low 1 minute 10s. Ollie Ursell responded by posting the first 1.09 of the day, and Kameron Khan slotted in behind Ursell with a 1.09.719. At the end of Q1, newcomers Dillon Archibald and Alex Masefield were eliminated, along with John Donnelly.

With the 2nd round of Qualifying under way, Kameron Khan topped the time sheets, dropping into the 1.08s, the only driver to do so. Ollie Ursell held onto second place, with Tyler Parslow looking good. Lorraine Scales was looking good in 4th place, and as the session ended, it was Khan, Ursell, Parslow, Scales and Luke Mason who would go head-to-head for Pole position. Michael Saward, Matt Bell and Steve O'Hara were the eliminated drivers.

The final round of Qualifying was contested between the last 5 drivers, with Kameron Khan going faster still, getting closer to his Lap Record, posting a 68.652s. Again, Ollie Ursell followed in 2nd place, with Tyler Parslow rounding up the Top 3, with Luke Mason snatched P4 from Lorraine Scanes, who completed the Top 5.

### Race 1

As the lights went out, Khan set about opening up an early lead, with Tyler Parslow snatching 2nd place from Ursell. Ursell's bad start cost him two places but he quickly regained his composure and was back into 2nd place by Turn 6. Parslow tried to get 2nd place back later on the same lap, but could not find a way past Ursell's wide kart. The battle for 4th place was being fiercely contested by Lorraine Scales and Luke Mason. Mason gained an advantage through contact at Turn 2 and was issued a penalty board, meaning a demotion of 5 places come the end of the race.

Ollie Ursell had got his head down, setting the fastest lap of the race with a 68.592s to try and reel in Khan. Whilst Ursell was fastest, Kameron Khan was consistently fast, and with a lead of more than 3 seconds, he was looking hard to catch. Tyler Parslow was now under pressure from Luke Mason, who was breathing down his neck, with Lorraine Scanes driving closely behind, waiting for the chance to seize P3.

Scanes eventually went past for P4 after Parslow ran Mason wide on the entrance of Turn 5, which resulted in warning from the race officials. Mason later responded, overtaking into the entrance of Turn 6, and reclaiming P4. Scanes, however, wasn't finished, and soon reclaimed the position going into Turn 2.

With the chequered flag going out, Kameron Khan took the win in Race 1, followed by Ollie Ursell in 2nd and Tyler Parslow in P3. Scanes and Mason rounded out the Top 5, but with his penalty, Mason was classified 10th.

### Race 2

With the drivers best lap-times determining the grid for the final race of the day, Khan led the way, followed by Ursell and Parslow...again! By the end of Lap 1, Ursell and Khan were in a lead of their own, with Lorraine Scanes now in P3, having to defend from Parslow after overtaking for 3rd place at the entrance of Turn 10. Luke Mason was having a good drive in 5th place, and was closing up to Parslow and Scanes ahead of him, the former having reclaimed 3rd position after Scanes made an error going into Turn 7.

As the race progressed and the air cooled, Kameron Khan was getting closer and closer to his Lap Record time, posting low 68-second lap-times, with Ollie Ursell not far behind, his fastest lap just 6 tenths off record pace. Further down the order, Steve O'Hara and Michael Saward were having their own private battle for 9th place, lapping bumper-to-bumper and alternating positions over a handful of laps. Saward eventually managed to break free of O'Hara and build himself a lead.

In the closing stages of the race, all eyes were on Mason and Scanes for 4th place, with just a few tenths between them. Parslow had checked out of that battle but didn't have the outright pace to catch the two ahead and drove to a solitary 3rd place finish.

As the chequered flag went out, the top 3 finished as they started, with Khan securing victory, just 2 tenths off a new lap record, followed by Ursell, who would leave with a new PB from race 1, and Parslow in 3rd. Mason won the battle for fourth this time around, with Scanes rounding out the Top 5.