

Round 7 – July 10th

Cadets – Division 2

Heat 1

Round 7 of Daytona's InKart Championship started on a damp Sunday morning, with weather changing between cloudy and flashes of sunshine. Toby Purbrick was the first pole sitter of the day, followed by 2nd place Robson Knox and Jake Crofts in 3rd. A good start from everyone, with the first couple of corners being taken well, but Purbrick was immediately under pressure by Mark Versallion. A good exit out of Turn 6 allowed him to separate himself from the pack, and by the end of Turn 5 on Lap 2 he had built a good lead. A loss of traction eliminated the gap from 2nd place however Versallion, who almost took the lead, went too hot into Turn 11, resulting in him losing out on a few places. Jack Stewart was now in P3, challenging Knox for 2nd, and a mistake at the front by Purbrick allowed Stewart to fly past. With the chequered flag going out, it was a win for Stewart, followed by Robson Knox in 2nd and Mark Versallion in 3rd after a good recovery.

Heat 2

Alex Tuzzeo, Tom Ryan and Marcus Luzio started in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. A strong start from Alex was curtailed, as he overcooked it at Turn 5, costing him a lot of places. Daniel Munro overtook for the lead down at the entrance of Turn 6, and immediately set about building a gap to those behind. Tuzzeo was on a great recovery drive, slotting himself into 3rd place and challenging Tom Ryan for his 2nd place. By the end of Lap 4 Daniel Munro had built a huge lead from the rest of the pack, with William Johnson now in 2nd after overtaking at Turn 6, and Tom Ryan in 3rd place. The chequered flag went out to seal the win for Munro, followed by William Johnson in 2nd and Alex Tuzzeo in P3, after a last-minute overtake.

Heat 3

Lily Jeffs started from 1st place, with Jack Stewart and Lloyd Kay in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Lily made a good start, but Daniel Munro was straight back on it with a quick move slotting himself in the lead. Jack Stewart followed suit, seizing P2 straight away. He later made a move on Daniel, snatching the lead at Turn 10, but was now under pressure and had to defend his place during the next couple of laps. Robson Knox overtook Lily for 3rd after a clean move, with Toby Purbrick now in P4, waiting for the perfect opportunity to pounce and score more points. As the leaders separated from the rest of the field, Alex Tuzzeo was now close behind Purbrick, but Toby made a move at Turn 6 and slotted himself into P3. As the chequered flag was readied, Daniel Munro made a move into Turn 11, little did he know that Stewart was making his way into the Pits (after mistakenly thinking the 'Last Lap' board meant to head to the pits), leaving Munro to take the chequered flag unchallenged with Toby Purbrick inheriting 2nd place and Tuzzeo taking 3rd.

Heat 4

The green lights went out to Mark Versallion, with William Treanor P2 and Marcus Luzio in 3rd. Versallion started well with a brilliant opening couple of corners, but William Treanor and Marcus Luzio weren't far behind. Alex Tuzzeo made a move and claimed P3, and later overtook both Mark Versallion and William at the entrance of Turn 10. An unfortunate racing incident cost Rupert Versallion his positions as he dropped to last. As the chequered flag went out, it was a spectacular first heat win for Alex Tuzzeo, followed by William Treanor and Mark Versallion in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Heat 5

The lights went out to race leader Rupert Versallion, followed by William Johnson and Robson Knox in P2 and P3, respectively. Robson Knox took advantage of Rupert, who ran wide on the entrance of Turn 10, and claimed P1, but it was an impressive move by Toby Purbrick around the inside of Turn 11, as he slotted in 3rd after a great overtake. He later went on the inside of William and caught him unprepared, overtaking for 2nd place, but it was short lived, as he lost momentum and Johnson got 2nd place back. The two would continue to battle for 2nd place, and with the chequered flag going out, it was Robson Knox in 1st, followed by William Johnson in 2nd and Toby Purbrick in a very close 3rd.

Heat 6

The final heat of Division 2 was led by Daniel Munro, with Jake Crofts in 2nd and Lloyd Kay in 3rd place. A very strong start from Munro, as by the end of Lap 1 he had already built a 2 second lead over Crofts, with Kay keeping hold of P3. Mark Versallion was having a strong race, but managed to lose traction and surrendered his position to Kay. As the chequered flag went out, it was an undisputed win for Daniel Munro a mammoth 12 seconds up the road, followed by Jake Crofts and Lloyd Kay in P2 and P3, respectively.

B Final

The B Final pole sitter was Jack Stewart, followed by Mark Versallion in 2nd and Lloyd Kay in 3rd place. Versallion challenged and successfully overtook at the entrance of Turn 6, but it was short lived, as Stewart regained his lead at the entrance of Turn 10 after Versallion ran wide. A move, deemed to gain Versallion an advantage by contact, resulted in a penalty board, while Jack Stewart lost out on any chance of a place in the A-Final, as he span at Turn 4 and gave all hopes up. A charge from Lily Jeffs earned her 3rd place, and was then challenging for 2nd by the end of Lap 5, putting pressure on Tom Ryan. Her charge ended prematurely however as she locked her rear wheels on the entrance of Turn 6, unfortunately dropping to the back of the pack. At the front, Versallion held the provisional lead, followed by Tom Ryan now in 2nd, and Rupert Versallion in 3rd, with Versallion under pressure from Jack Stewart who had been making his way back up the grid, and was now just in the right place to make a move, eventually overtaking and taking 3rd place. With the chequered flag going out, Versallion took the win, however with his penalty applied it was Tom Ryan who would be promoted to the A Final, with Jack Stewart officially taking 2nd and Rupert Versallion 3rd.

A Final

After a sterling set of heats, Pole position went to Daniel Munro, followed by Robson Knox in 2nd and Alex Tuzzeo in P3. A bad start from William Johnson resulted in his retirement, whilst Tuzzeo made a strong start to take 2nd place from Knox. Munro had been the pace setter all day and with a clear track ahead of him, quickly built himself a solid lead at the front. Purbrick dived down the inside of William Treanor, and was now in a position to challenge Tom Ryan for 3rd place. The battle for 4th place was now the one to watch, with Robson Knox getting onto the back of Purbrick, overtaking for 4th, but Purbrick regained it a few corners later, diving down the inside at Turn 11. Their battling allowed Crofts to close up and he also managed to overtake Robson, pushing him further down the order. Time ran out for Purbrick unfortunately, and was unable to challenge for a podium position, with 3rd place going to Tom Ryan, 2nd place going to Alex Tuzzeo and the win and a perfect points score going to Daniel Munro.

Juniors – Division 2

Heat 1

Pole position went to Theo Angus, with Kyle Dunford in 2nd and Angus Tillyer starting 3rd. The pack were nose-to-tail at the end of Lap 1, with Angus overtaking for 2nd, followed by Max Cole in 3rd. Less than a second separated the entire pack. Max made a move on Lap 3, overtaking for P2, and by the end of Lap 4 was challenging for the lead. Just behind, a couple of aggressive, but clean moves from Ethan Fannon earned him 3rd, however a move by rookie Jake Taplin, deemed to gain him an advantage by contact resulted in a penalty and with it a 5-place penalty. At the front it was Angus Tillyer who emerged on top, and as the chequered flag dropped, it was a heat win for him, followed by Theo Angus and Max Cole in P2 and P3, respectively.

Heat 2

Pole position went to Ethan Fannon, followed by Max Cole in P2 and Kyle Dunford in P3. An immediate overtake by Max Cole slotted him in 1st place at the end of lap 1. A risky move by Dunford earned him 2nd place, but the battle was fierce, as most of the drivers were lapping the circuit on a very even pace. Fannon was later overtaken, allowing Jamie Rayson to go through for 3rd place. As the chequered flag went out, it was 1st place for Max Cole, followed by Kyle Dunford in P2 and Ethan Fannon in P3 after overtaking at the last corner before the finish line.

Heat 3

Jake Taplin started on Pole Position, with Jamie Rayson and Angus Tillyer in P2 and P3, respectively. Max Cole made a good start moving into P3, but then lost control at Turn 4, dropping down the order. Meanwhile, further forward, Taplin, Rayson in 2nd and Tillyer in 3rd, were about 4 seconds ahead of the rest of the field, with Jamie putting big pressure on Jake for the lead. There was plenty of action during the heat but not right at the front, and as the chequered flag went out, Jake Taplin took the win, followed by Max Cole and Jamie Rayson in P2 and P3, respectively.

A Final

The lights went out to pole sitter Max Cole, with Angus Tillyer and Jake Taplin in P2 and P3, respectively. Max quickly built his gap, separating himself by just over a second. Jamie Rayson made a move on both Angus and Jake, securing 2nd place. As the race wore on, Jake Taplin received a penalty board for overtaking using contact, dropping him to the back on the grid. Rayson eventually overtook Cole for the lead. Meanwhile, Ethan Fannon was charging from the back and managed to claim P4, and was soon onto the back of P3. Rayson took the win, followed by Max Cole in 2nd and Angus Tillyer in 3rd place, with Fannon just a tenth behind in 4th.

Cadets – Division 1

Heat 1

The first pole position went to Sam Wilson, with Euan Levey and Kuba Wozniak following in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Wozniak squeezed past for 2nd place quickly, overtaking around Turn 4, and later gained the lead, diving down the inside of Turn 6. Meanwhile, Eddie Key came in contact with another kart, but gave the position back, with the officials choosing not to penalise him. Sam Wilson was driving a solid race, holding onto second place, ahead of Euan Levey, Ralph Leckie and Kallum Batts, who had made several positions, after starting from the back. The chequered flag went to Wozniak, followed by Sam Wilson in 2nd and Euan Levey finishing in P3.

Heat 2

The Pole sitter for Heat 2 was Lewis Tyler, with Reece Lomax in 2nd and Joshua Griffiths in 3rd place. With the pack bunched up in the opening laps, Reece Lomax had a terrific drive, gaining 2nd place on Lap 2, with Sam Cole following closely in 3rd. Kuba Wozniak was struggling to find the space to challenge for higher positions, while Lomax took the lead around Turn 6 and sealed it on the back straight. He now had the job of defending it from Lewis Tyler, who was not happy with P2, putting the pressure on, but time ran out and the heat win went to Lomax, followed by Lewis Tyler in 2nd and Sam Cole in 3rd.

Heat 3

Joe Williams, Sam Cole and Philip Strauss started in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Sam quickly overtook and by the end of lap 1 managed to gain a 2 second lead over the rest of the pack, while Kuba Wozniak made his way to P3. A couple of corners later, he had taken 2nd place and was starting to catch the leader, slowly but surely. At the mid-point, the battle for P3 was the one to watch, as Joe Williams was under pressure from Philip Strauss and Rory Burke, who were right on his tail, and waiting for him to make a mistake and the opportunity to overtake. As time ran out, Sam Cole took an unchallenged heat win, followed by Kuba Wozniak in 2nd, and Joe Williams in 3rd place, having successfully defended his spot until the very end.

Heat 4

The green lights went out to Pole Sitter Eddie Key, followed by Alex Tervet in 2nd and Ralph Leckie in 3rd place. There was quite a lot of contact between all drivers on their way to Turn 11, with the

unfortunate result being Ralph Leckie spinning and dropping to the back. Jayden Neal-Holder emerged in the lead, with Reece Lomax slotting himself into 2nd place, followed by Alex Tervet now in 3rd. Jayden and Reece were quite a way ahead of the pack, having a good battle for the lead, with Lomax eventually emerging on top after overtaking on the entrance of Turn 10, and with the chequered flag going out, it was a win for Reece, followed by Jayden and Lewis Tyler in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Heat 5

Jessica White led the pack, followed by Kallum Batts in 2nd and Rory Burke in 3rd place. Jessica built a small gap going through the first few corners well. Burke moved into 2nd place as Batts span after going too wide at Turn 10. He managed to reduce the gap to White within a couple of laps, while Phillip Strauss slotted himself in 3rd place after overtaking Kallum for P3 on the entrance of Turn 5. The battle for the lead was close, as Burke was now directly behind White, pushing his kart to the absolute limit, but there was no time, as the chequered flag went out to winner Jessica White, followed by Burke in 2nd place, with Philip Strauss finishing in a solitary third, 4 seconds behind.

Heat 6

The green lights went out to Jayden Neal-Holder, with Kyle Dunford and Ralph Leckie in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Leckie overtook for 2nd place by the end of Lap 1, and with the rest of the back now a second behind, it was time to charge for the lead. Neal-Holder was looking strong out front, with his pace separating him on from Leckie by about 0.2 sec per lap. Kyle Dunford was into 3rd place, with Reece Lomax gaining rapidly on him, eventually overtaking for 3rd place on the next lap. As the chequered flag went out, it was Jayden Holder taking the win, with 2nd place going to Ralph Leckie and Reece Lomax in 3rd place.

B Final

Rory Burke was the pole sitter for Cadet B Final, followed by Sam Wilson in 2nd and Kallum Batts in 3rd place. A good start and strong early pace allowed Sam Wilson to gain the lead, as he took the first couple of corners brilliantly, but Burke was having none of it and overtook to reclaim the lead around Turn 11. It wasn't over for Wilson, as Kallum Batts went on to demote him further albeit only temporarily as he lost traction and dropped to 4th, with Euan Levey now in 3rd place. Levey later took his chance and gained 2nd place, and was now challenging for the lead. Burke had to defend to the best of his ability, and proved to be up to the task, not letting anyone through. Kallum Batts, meanwhile, was giving his all to make up for earlier, going past Sam for 3rd place and moving into position to challenge for 2nd place. Wilson, however, responded and managed to out-brake his rival, taking his position back and now putting pressure on Rory Burke for 1st. Several laps later, it was Batts' chance to shine, as he overtook both Euan Levey and Sam Wilson, slotting himself into 2nd place. Batt's up and down race wasn't over as he overcooked it on the entrance of Turn 6, losing traction, and that in turn allowed 3rd-5th to slot past. In an attempt to recover some positions, Batts went for a move that didn't pay off, earning himself a penalty for advantage by contact, thus ending a truly topsy-turvy race for the young man. As the chequered flag went out, it was Rory Burke in 1st, Euan Levey in 2nd and Joshua Griffiths in 3rd place.

A Final

Pole position went to Reece Lomax, followed by Jayden Neal-Holder and Kuba Wozniak in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Too many karts into one corner early on resulted in Neal-Holder losing out after spinning and dropping to last. It was a classic battle between Kuba Wozniak and Reece Lomax, as the two of them were side by side, but Sam Cole was feeling racey and charged and overtook Wozniak for 2nd place, and immediately put pressure on Lomax for the lead. Eventually, Cole gained the lead, going past Reece Lomax, and soon Kuba followed suit to pass for 2nd place. Contact at Turn 9 resulted in Reece Lomax getting a penalty board, which appeared to ruin plans for a podium finish. A second penalty board was issued to Lewis Tyler as a result of the same offence on the inside of Turn 10. Nevertheless, the battle for the lead was still on, with Kuba Wozniak leading the pack, followed by Sam Cole and Reece Lomax, side to side behind him. As the chequered flag went out, it looked to be a race win for Wozniak (with Lomax's penalty demoting him 5 places), with Sam Cole 2nd and Phillip Strauss 3rd. However, after a post-race investigation, it was deemed that the Lomax penalty was incorrectly issued and therefore Lomax was awarded the win, with 2nd place going to Kuba Wozniak and Sam Cole rounding up the podium in P3.

Juniors – Division 1

Heat 1

Pole position went to Henry Treanor, 2nd place went to Rio Le Conte and 3rd place for Katherine White. There was no position change throughout the first 3 laps, as the pace of everyone was so closely matched, that overtaking opportunities were difficult to find. Robert Taylor soon found another gear, however, and overtook for 3rd place at the entrance of Turn 4, and later made an aggressive, but clean move on William Davison on Turn 11, securing P2. Katherine White was also on the move and gained the lead over Taylor and Davison, and built a gap of about 2 seconds over the next couple of laps. With chequered flag going out, it was a win for Katherine, with Robert Taylor and William Davison in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Heat 2

William Davison started from pole position, 2nd place was Robert Taylor and Henry Treanor started 3rd. An unfortunate jump start from Robert Taylor resulted in a penalty being given. William was looking confident in the lead, while Robert and Rio were having a fierce battle for 2nd place, with Henry Treanor and Katherine White close behind, challenging for position. Katherine eventually emerged in 4th place, and looked ready to charge for a Top 3 finish. A sudden downpour resulted in grip levels pretty much disappearing, but William Davison took to it like a duck to water, continuing in the lead, and with the chequered flag going out, it was a win for him. Robert Taylor and Katherine White finished in 2nd and 3rd place, after White made a move on the last lap, diving down the inside of Turn 6.

Heat 3

Our Pole sitter was Rio Le Conte for the final heat, with 2nd place going to Katherine White and Robert Taylor in 3rd. A move from Robert Taylor moved him up to 2nd, as he overtook on the exit of Turn 6, but White responded and regained it on the exit of Turn 10 on the same lap. As Le Conte

built a slight gap up top, White now had to defend from both William Davison and Robert Taylor, with Davison overtaking for 3rd place at Turn 6. It didn't look like he'd be able pass White however as she had better pace, which eventually helped her decrease the gap to the leader. Within 2 laps, she was knocking on the door and was just 0.1 seconds behind Rio, who was giving his best to defend the lead to the very last moment. Fortunately for him, the chequered flag went out just in time, sealing the win, with Katherine White and William Davison in P2 and P3, respectively.

A Final

Katherine White had earned Pole through her endeavours in the heats, with 2nd place going to William Davison and 3rd place for Rio Le Conte. The first couple of laps went by without incident, but as the pace picked up, Davison was now in a position to challenge for the lead, trying to get past on every occasion possible. Le Conte's hopes of a debut Division 1 podium were all but ended with a half spin at the entrance of Turn 5, which caused him to drop at the back. Whilst out front the Top 2 drivers separated themselves from the rest of the pack by some 3 seconds, with Davison trying everything he could, but good defensive moves from Katherine White left no chance to overtake. While Henry Treanor was in a solitary 3rd place, Taylor and Le Conte were contesting a great battle for 4th place. With the chequered flag going out, it was a well-deserved Final win for Katherine White, followed by William Davison in 2nd and Henry Treanor in 3rd place. Robert Taylor managed to hold off Le Conte by less than a tenth of a second as they crossed the line.