



# ***Daytona DF1 Champs 2016***

## **Round 7 – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Round 7 of the 2016 Championship saw packed grids across the two classes, making for some superb racing. Here is how the action unfolded...

### **Lights Qualifying**

It's a cold damp night in Daytona Manchester and we meet today for the Seventh round of the 2016 D-F1 Championship, the drivers are looking confident as they enter the karts and we settle down for Qualifying...

As the Karts leave the pit lane you can see that Daniel Parker, David Parker and Mark Nuttall are instantly looking for free air and space. This is soon reflected in their times.

Maaz Fyyaz, Amdadul Razak and Nick Pile have a steady session as they get to grips with the circuit. Phillip Mosscrop, Nick White, Hem Graham and James Perryman bunch together which hinders their progress but as the session progresses their times start to drop.

David Parker makes the most sensible move of the session pulling to the side to allow a pack of 5 Karts passed for clean air and space which allowed him to drive his lap times down despite some solid times from Daniel Parker and Mark Nuttall.

As Qualifying continues there seems to be a lot of bunching on track as drivers try to make the most of any tow they can muster, but space is tight and it almost seems to hinder some of the drivers and frustrations seem to be coming through and this can be seen in some of the drivers body language out on track.

As we hit Q3 the drivers find a lot more space on track. The drivers are all pushing themselves and as the pace rises, the times drop, this causes the score board to look like a Christmas tree as it keeps up with the ever changing Positions.

Daniel Parker is pushing Mark Nuttall for 1<sup>st</sup> making for an exciting session, BUT David Parker with 3 laps to go finds space and speed and seals second position, pushing his brother back down to third!

A notable mention for Jun Su, a debutant to the series, as he seemed to settle down quickly and post some impressive lap times.

### **QUALIFYING RESULTS:**

P1 Mark Nuttall	- 00:33:581	P7 Nick Pile	- 00:34:642
P2 David Parker	- 00:33:669	P8 James Perryman	- 00:35:158
P3 Daniel Parker	- 00:33:716	P9 Maaz Fyyaz	- 00:36:505
P4 Phillip Mosscrop	- 00:33:806	P10 Nick White	- 00:36:554
P5 Jun Su	- 00:33:893	P11 Hem Graham	- 00:38:087
P6 Colin Samuel	- 00:34:238	P12 Amdadul Razak	- 00:38:095



## Lights Race

The drivers make their way on to the grid and eager to get off the line quickly.

As the lights come on there is some twitching but everyone stays calm and as the lights go out they all make a clean get away. The top 3 of Mark Nuttall and the Parker Brothers instantly show their intent and hook onto each other to try and pull away, the chasing pack is close together, and with fair and clean driving they all settle into the race.

Amazingly it only takes the top 3, 6 laps to catch the back markers and they really have set themselves apart from the field. They are all pushing one another and it is great watching them (with the help of some fantastic blue flag calls by the marshals) cut their way through the field, chasing the glory of a top step finish!

Lap 8 we see a change of position at the front, Dave Parker who has been nose to tail with Mark Nuttall since the start, sees an opening on the inside and makes his move, Nuttall is quick to tuck in behind to keep second but this has allowed Daniel Parker an opportunity to catch them both.

Philip Moss crop who qualified 4<sup>th</sup> has been consistent and seems to have made 4<sup>th</sup> his own, slightly off the front pack but comfortably ahead of the chasing field.

Nick Pile, Colin Samuel and Jun Su are battling it out for 5<sup>th</sup>, the guys are tireless in their efforts to improve their race position but with ever more pressure being added the drivers look wary of making mistakes.

At the front, Daniel Parker has now closed on Mark Nuttall and is now showing his intent, he tries to take the inside on turn one but Nuttall closes the door. They quickly settle back down and focus on chasing down David Parker, and proceed to cut through the back markers at an amazing rate!

Lap 25 and Daniel Parker AGAIN goes for 2<sup>nd</sup> place but this time pulls it off with aplomb, Nuttall doesn't hang around however and is quick to tuck behind and avenge his lost position. However over the next few laps Daniel shows us some fantastic defensive driving which does allow David to pull away and you can see Mark is desperate to pass!

Lap 34 and Daniel Parker goes from defensive to offensive and is the first driver of the day to break 33 seconds with a race best of 00:32:980.

Philip Moss crop who has sat in 4<sup>th</sup> from the beginning is slowly catching the leaders as they are caught by some back markers, a really great showing from him considering he has spent most of the race on his own!

Must say how well the back markers did with following the blue flags, there could have been some real issues out there but the field were courteous and quick to follow instruction!

Back to the racing and Mark Nuttall is trying hard to find a way back into the top two but David and Daniel are driving like they're possessed.

A mistake reading the Blue board for Jun Su, sees him drop two places unnecessarily! A real shame, but he should feel confident going into the next rounds.

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10 Laps to go and the field has settled down, but on lap 55 Daniel Parker makes an attempt for first but David is quick to shut the door, two laps down the road he tries one last ditch attempt to claim glory into beaker but David has his wits about him and holds on for 1<sup>st</sup>!

## RACE RESULTS

POS /	Name /	Best Lap /
P1	David Parker	00:33:119
P2	Daniel Parker	00:32:950 <<FASTEST LAP>>
P3	Mark Nuttall	00:33:145
P4	Philip Mosscrop	00:33:186
P5	Colin Samuel	00:33:420
P6	Nick Pile	00:33:647
P7	Jun Su	00:33:539
P8	James Perryman	00:34:217
P9	Maaz Fyyaz	00:34:887
P10	Nick White	00:35:177
P11	Hem Graham	00:35:441
P12	Amdadul Razak	00:36:723

Lights - < 85.1kgs											
Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Total	Best 8
Dan Parker	0	22	22	22	22	22	22			132	132
Dave Parker	22	20	19	25	0	18	25			129	129
Colin Samuel	18	0	0	0	25	20	18			81	81
Luke Gore	25	25	25	0	0	0	0			75	75
Nick Pile	0	0	0	0	20	19	17			56	56
Blair Henry	16	18	20	0	0	0	0			54	54
Mark Nuttall	0	0	0	0	0	25	20			45	45
Jordan Owen	13	0	0	20	0	0	0			33	33
Dominic Payne	20	0	0	0	0	0	0			20	20
Philip Mosscrop	0	0	0	0	0	0	19			19	19
Adam Davis	19	0	0	0	0	0	0			19	19
Andres Sikk	0	0	0	0	19	0	0			19	19
Jun Su	0	0	0	0	0	0	16			16	16
James Perryman	0	0	0	0	0	0	15			15	15
Maaz Fyyaz	0	0	0	0	0	0	14			14	14
Ross Heale-Whittle	14	0	0	0	0	0	0			14	14
Nick White	0	0	0	0	0	0	13			13	13
Hem Graham	0	0	0	0	0	0	12			12	12
Jamie Hesford	12	0	0	0	0	0	0			12	12
Amdadul Razak	0	0	0	0	0	0	11			11	11
James Clarke	11	0	0	0	0	0	0			11	11



## Heavy Qualifying

Spirits are high as the drivers assemble themselves and take to the Karts for Qualifying.

As the drivers all leave the pits, instantly we have Tomek Zaustowicz, Ben Drake and Robert Duma sprinting off ahead chasing down a front row start.

Ryan Welch seems to have a tart Issue very early on and is quickly assisted by a marshal to change his kart and keep him competitive.

Tim Hockham, Nigel Walne and Mick Dearden are bunched quite tight and are pushing each other along the course, which cannot be helping their lap times!

The top 3 of Robert Duma, Tomek Zaustowicz and Ben Drake are pushing hard at the front and times are tumbling. Just a short way back, the rest of the field are right on top of each other, hindering their lap times and elimination seems to be the only solution to getting extra space on track.

As the first eliminations take place we see the drivers spreading out, this is vital for everyone as bunching up wasn't helping anybody.

As the next session begins we immediately see the difference on track and almost straight away the lap times are falling. A great push from Robert Duma sees him first under 34 seconds today and quickly the rest of the field close down.

As we continue through the session, there is a great deal of space on track with Nigel Walne, Ryan Gilmore and Tim Hockham pushing each other desperate for a solid grid position.

Daz Ravenscroft makes a great effort to get a fast lap in just at the end of Q2 saving himself for Q3 just in time.

As we start Q3 it is hard not to notice that the whole group except Matt Casey, has once again bunched. There is a lot of racing through the corners and it is hard to understand who is gaining anything by doing this.

Robert Duma is the first driver to remove himself from the congestion and is instantly rewarded. With clean air and space, he nails a 00:33:579 lap time putting him P1.

The pack seems to react to this as we see them separate and allow distance to grow, now the times once again start to tumble and the real action begins.

As we approach the sessions end, Ben Drake slams home a Pole position lap-time with two laps to go but like a bat out of hell Robert Duma, on the last lap, just takes it, leaving his wheels straight and powering across the start/finish line for "top spot".

## QUALIFYING RESULTS

P1 Robert Duma – 33:515

P2 Ben Drake – 33:757

P3 Tomek Zaustowicz – 33:827

P4 Matt Casey – 33:847

P5 Daz Ravenscroft – 33:887

P8 Mick Dearden – 34:444

P9 Ryan Gilmore – 34:540

P10 Nigel Walne – 34:708

P11 Nick Rowland – 34:767

P12 Paul Mills – 34:946



P6 Ryan Welch – 34:017

P13 Ian Johnstone – 35:128

P7 Tim Hockham – 34:158

P14 Paul Errington – 36:872

### **Heavy Race**

So after a hectic Qualifying, the drivers have rehydrated and taken back to the track for the business end of the evening.

The drivers take to their karts and sit waiting for the lights. There are a few twitches from a few of the mid pack drivers but no advantages are gained so when the lights change the pack move off together and we don't see any position changes into the first corner.

Right from the off Robert Duma, Ben Drake and Tomek Zaustowicz start to pull away with Matt Casey, Daz Ravenscroft and Ryan Welch chasing as a close pack.

The race doesn't take long to come alive with big packs traveling together; Ben Drake is defending 3<sup>rd</sup> place brilliantly, keeping a few drivers at bay with some commanding driving.

Slightly further back we have Nigel Walne, Mick Dearden and Nick Rowland all battling it out for 8<sup>th</sup> position. Some great moves and defending from that group.

Ryan Welch, is applying a lot of pressure to the back of Ben Drake for third position but Ben Drake is driving with his elbows out, nothing can get past him.

Ryan Gilmore was also finding it hard to progress through the field, and good defending from Mick Durden frustrates him further.

Duma, by this point, has sprinted away and is driving like a man possessed. The closing pack of Tomek Zaustowicz, Ben Drake, Matt Casey, Daz Ravenscroft and Ryan Welch are now well in contention for the last 2 podium spots.

The guys are constantly battling for position which makes for great viewing, as they snake nose to tail around the track. Blue flags are playing a key role in this race, the marshals having to be on the top of their game.

A mention for Tomek Zaustowicz who for periods of the race was out on his own. Consistent driving making light work of back markers kept him in contention for the whole race.

On Lap 47 Ryan Welch makes a dive for 3<sup>rd</sup> and makes it stick! But Ben Drake is straight back onto his tail and vying to regain his position.

The pressure mounts as the laps we have left deplete, we see proof of this as Ben Drake looks up the inside of Ryan Welch at Beaker but misjudges it, making contact and spinning, costing himself and Ryan a potential podium and no doubt a few blushes!

The rest of the race is played out calmly, the field seemingly settled by the coming together and they proceed cleanly to the chequered flag.

Duma takes the win convincingly, followed by Zaustowicz in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matt Casey taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A crazy race, lots of great defending and some choice overtakes out there.

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## RACE RESULTS

POS /	Name	/	/ Best Lap /
P1	Robert Duma	00:33:419	<<FASTEST LAP>>
P2	Tomek Zaustowicz	00:33:593	
P3	Matt Casey	00:33:543	
P4	Daz Ravenscroft	00:33:559	
P5	Ryan Welch	00:33:623	
P6	Tim Hockham	00:33:738	
P7	Ben Drake	00:33:689	
P8	Ryan Gilmore	00:34:054	
P9	Nick Rowland	00:34:295	
P10	Mick Dearden	00:34:006	
P11	Nigel Walne	00:34:221	
P12	Paul Mills	00:34:384	
P13	Ian Johnstone	00:34:482	
P14	Paul Errington	00:35:901	

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Tomek Zaustowicz	20	22	22	22	25	20	22			153	133
Ryan Welch	17	19	15	25	22	25	18			141	126
Daz Ravenscroft	22	20	20	18	19	17	19			135	118
Matt Casey	0	25	13	20	20	16	20			114	114
Ben Drake	19	18	25	17	16	19	16			130	114
Tim Hockham	15	17	18	16	17	15	17			115	100
Julian Philippe	15	19	0	19	18	18	0			89	89
Nick Rowland	18	14	14	0	14	11	14			85	85
Nigel Walne	14	11	16	15	15	12	12			95	84
Ryan Gilmore	16	15	17	0	0	13	15			76	76
Ali Topley	25	16	19	0	0	0	0			60	60
Robert Duma	0	0	0	0	0	22	25			47	47
Mick Dearden	12	13	0	0	0	0	13			38	38
Paul Mills	0	10	0	0	0	0	11			21	21
Ian Johnstone	0	9	0	0	0	0	10			19	19
Ernestas Bilvinas	17	0	0	0	0	0	0			17	17
Dan Grocott	0	0	0	0	0	14	0			14	14
Christian Byrne	0	0	0	14	0	0	0			14	14
Leighton Russell	0	0	0	13	0	0	0			13	13
Nathan Smart	13	0	0	0	0	0	0			13	13
Daniel Cherington	0	12	0	0	0	0	0			12	12
Ryan Lee	11	0	0	0	0	0	0			11	11
Michel Gauci	10	0	0	0	0	0	0			10	10
Paul Errington	0	0	0	0	0	0	9			9	9
Steve Gray	9	0	0	0	0	0	0			9	9

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