



**Autumn InKart Championships – Junior Class
18th September 2016**

Qualifying

It's a bright but chilly morning in Daytona Manchester as we meet for the First round of the Autumn InKart Junior Championship.

There was a great deal of confident body language as the racers took to their karts to try and get their season off to the best possible start.

The session started quickly and all drivers seemed to evenly space themselves out to give themselves the best opportunity to nail down a quick time.

Oliver Aloul and Alex Whipday didn't hang around and consistently set competitive times. The rest of the field battled hard with no issues and made for a clean Qualifying session.

Alex Whipday posted a time of 33.235 to claim pole for the 1st time this season, only 0.155 ahead of Oliver Aloul (33:390) who qualifies 2nd and Alisha Palmowski (34:032) round off the top 3!

Qualifying Results

Alex Whipday - 00:33:235
Oliver Aloul - 00:33:390
Alisha Palmowski - 00:34:032
Alex Bomberg - 00:34:218
Matthew Wright - 00:34:507
Ioan Evans - 00:34:704
Oliver Flexen - 00:35:017 Q2 Elimination
Thomas Patterson - 00:35:942 Q1 Elimination

Race

So it's race time and the drivers have taken to the grid, the balcony falls in silence as the lights go from red to green.

Everybody makes a clean getaway and Aloul defends his second place brilliantly going into the first corner, everybody keeps position as they snake their way along the track. Alex Whipday and Oliver Aloul pull away after half a lap and put themselves in a commanding position, this leaves Alisha Palmowski and Alex Bomberg to battle it out for 3rd.

2 laps in and sadly Thomas Patterson loses control on the final corner and spins leaving him at the back of the pack with a lot of work to do.

A few kart lengths back from Alex and Alisha, we have a 3 kart battle for 5th, Mathew Wright, Oliver

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Flexen and Ioan Evans are battling hard to gain position, some great driving keeps the group close together and competitive.

Slightly further back Wright, Flexen and Evans are all pushing each other, with a few mistakes hindering their progress.

Whipday and Aloul are really running this race, they stretch out in front but the chasing pack are not going to give up without a fight.

Lap 14 and a slight mistake from Whipday gives Aloul a gift to overtake into the tunnel, they emerge side by side round beaker and Aloul in the #12 kart makes the overtake stick, fantastic driving from both drivers! Whipday doesn't mess around and is quick to get onto Aloul's tail.

With these two battling it out, this has given Bomberg and Palmowski a chance to close and it's now a 4 kart shootout for first.

Whipday seems to tire which gives both Bomberg and Palmowski chance to overtake which they seize without hesitation.

As we near the end of the race Oliver Aloul has a huge lead over second, since overtaking Whipday he has streaked away, however the chasing pack of Bomberg, Palmowski and Whipday haven't given up yet however and are duelling for positions.

Palmowski pushes Bomberg to the limits but just can't seem to pass, great defensive driving from Bomberg.

As we get onto the last lap Aloul has a 14 second lead over second place he has really taken the race by the scruff of the neck; a fantastic drive!

Alisha Palmowski pushes Alex Bomberg all the way to the finish, they take 3rd and 2nd respectively and Alex Whipday takes 4th which he will feel he can improve on next race.

A fantastic race all round, we now look ahead to the next round!

RACE RESULTS

1st - Oliver Aloul

2nd - Alex Bomberg

3rd - Alisha Palmowski

4th - Alex Whipday

5th - Matthew Wright

6th - Oliver Flexen

7th - Ioan Evans

8th - Thomas Patterson