

MERCEDES BENZ INKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2010 ROUND 1 SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

A new season, new format and new drivers meant there was plenty to look forward to as the Inkart Championships rolled back into action at Daytona Manchester.

Cadets A

Daytona's youngest drivers were the first to road test the new format, with 6 experienced Inkart competitors lining up in qualifying to open the new season. After the 8 min session, Ishola Finni grabbed pole, setting the fastest time on his penultimate lap.

From the grid start, Elijah got the better run into turn 2 to move past Lewis for 2nd. Drivers saw their opportunities to overtake limited, with Ethan getting frustrated at the back of the chasing pack, and at times excessively attempting a sneaky move at the final corner. Ishola headed up the pack for the 30 laps, with no more than a few tenths between each position all the way to the chequered flag.

Race 2 saw the first rolling start of the season, with Elijah starting from 1st behind the pace kart, having set the best time in Race 1. Immediately we had our first error under the pace kart, as Ishola sprinted too soon at the final corner, forgetting that an overtake cannot be made until the next time across the start line. Ishola's chances were severely dented as he put himself into the barriers as the pack got underway on lap 1. Elijah was unchallenged, opening the gap to Lewis lap by lap. Ethan was back on form and on pace challenging from 3rd. Robert Tyrer would see the first black flag after nudging Tom Geaney on lap 9, dropping him to 6th. Elijah strolled to the win by 5s after the 30 laps.

Position	RacerName	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Elijah Montaque	24.560	12	15	27
2	Ishola Finni	24.981	15	8	23
3	Lewis Hughes	24.682	10	12	22
4	Tom Geaney	24.859	9	9	18
5	Ethan Leigh	24.946	7	10	17
6	Robert Tyrer	25.076	8	7	15

Cadets B

The newcomers to the championships were placed in the B class, giving them to best opportunity to compete at an entry level. Having impressed in recent practice sessions, Aaron Walsh once again led the way, starting from pole for Race 1. Remaining unchallenged throughout, Aaron took a maiden win, while the best battle

on track was a close contest between Jamieson and Elliot for 2nd, with relative newcomer Elliot pushing Jamieson right to the final lap.

Under the rolling start on Race 2, Aaron opened a healthy lead, while Jamieson and Elliot resumed rivalries in another close encounter for 2nd, while Louis Barnes displayed a positive challenge from 4th. Aaron made it two wins from two finishing 11s ahead.

Position	RacerName	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Aaron Walsh	25.008	15	15	30
2	Jamieson Pomeroy	25.369	12	12	24
3	Elliot Lloyd	25.272	10	10	20
4	Louis Barnes	25.959	9	9	18

Juniors

An open contest was expected as always with the juniors, and that was proved with the provisional pole position exchanging hands numerous times throughout Qualifying. John Gwyneth would eventually head the grid, going 3 tenths quicker than anyone else in qualifying. His main challenger would be Adam Tomkins, as the pair set out on an intriguing 30 lap battle. Adam would see a number of bumping warnings for minor repetitive nudges, but John remained unsettled and held off Adam's challenge to the chequered flag. Under the rolling start of Race 2, the tables were turned as Adam secured pole position with a best lap from Race 1. The race at the front was a mirror image of the first heat, with Adam and John swapping roles for 30 laps. This time John gave Adam a taste of his own medicine with repetitive minor nudges. On lap 6 an incident in the midfield saw Connor Woodyatt facing the barriers, due to an unintentional tag from Luke Gore through the hairpin. Upon review, Connor was awarded the points for the 5th place that he occupied before the incident. Adam led the chasing pack home by 0.3s to claim an opening round victory.

Position	RacerName	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Adam Tomkins	24.625	12	15	27
2	John Gwyneth	24.660	15	12	27
3	Connor Woodyatt	24.982	10	8	18
4	Luke Gore	24.652	8	9	17
5	Jason Bagnall	24.842	7	10	17
6	Warren Francis	24.904	9	8	17
7	Mark Ashton	25.220	6	6	12

Seniors

A fantastic turn out with a number of new and returning faces set the senior class up to be the most exciting of the day. With many of the drivers competing regularly in Open and Practice races in recent weeks, the standard of racing was at a new level for the senior class, as everyone was keen to get their seasons off to the best possible start.

Returning champion Dwayne Marsden took Pole for Race 1 with a best lap of 24.6s on his penultimate run. Michael Lawes would complete the front row, showing natural talent in his first Inkart outing. While the front runners pulled ahead, the remaining chasing pack struggled to keep pace, as drivers turned to holding their own positions on a crowded circuit. Dwayne took the first win by 6s. He would also be heading up the grid behind the pace kart, as the drivers performed an exemplary start to Race 2. Once again there were limited opportunities to overtake, with only Matt and Ryan exchanging positions for 7th. Dwayne and Michael made it another 1-2 finish, as Dwayne's championship defence got off to the best possible start.

Position	RacerName	BestTime Of Event	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	Dwayne Marsden	24.460	15	15	30
2	Michael Lawes	24.322	12	12	24
3	Philip Mosscrop	24.656	9	9	18
4	Adam Clayton	24.899	10	8	18
5	Adam Bach	24.408	7	10	17
6	Scott Winter	25.060	8	7	15
7	Ryan Welch	24.974	6	5	11
8	Matthew Mclachlan	24.844	3	6	9
9	Steve Gray	25.228	5	4	9
10	Ross Omeara	25.299	4	3	7

So with drivers glowing about the new format to the Inkart championships, the season is well and truly under way. With more and more faces expected to get involved throughout the opening rounds, there is still much competition for all drivers to face in the forth coming rounds.

FEBRUARY ARRIVAL TIMES Sunday 28th

SENIORS 8.30AM

ALL CADETS 9.15AM

JUNIORS 10.15AM

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