



Daytona Manchester

InKart Championship 2011

Round 10

The Penultimate round of the 2011 Series was upon us. As drivers walked onto the balcony area you could see the emotion on the faces and what maximum points would mean to their championship places. Clearly this was going to be a difficult round for everybody involved.

Cadets (1)

Our cadet class were the first set of drivers to show everyone how it was supposed to be done, with Sam Reedy on pole position Glen Dabo in 2nd and Michael Whittaker in 3rd an eager bunch of drivers awaited the green light. A strong start from the top 2 drivers had Sam and Glen with a sprint race to get in 1st place. Very cool consistency gets Glen just ahead of Sam and in 1st place. Steady racing through until lap 9 where Luke Jenkinson was Black flagged for Advantage by Contact on the 1st hairpin. Again not much happening after this although Lee Chamberlain was trailing unusually at the back he was the fastest driver out on the circuit setting low 26 seconds.

1st – Glen Dabo 2nd – Michael Whittaker 3rd – Ben Walker

Cadets (2)

With Ben Walker on the first grid spot he looked focused to keep hold of his position. The lights changed to green and Ben did not disappoint, flying off his marker and pulling a huge gap on the rest of the pack from turn 2 to turn 6. Although moving into the final section of track and Ben looked a little to relaxed as he came around the final corner to quick and let the back end of the kart slide out, as the drivers behind were so close the inevitable happened. An unavoidable collision between Sam Dickov and Ben Walker meant the Ben went from 1st to last within a lap. With the unfortunate events happening so early on this gave Sam the room he needed to stretch his legs. With the pack setting easy 26 seconds, Sam was breaking the 25 second barrier. Eventually he gained +0.800 on anybody on the circuit.

1st – Sam Dickov 2nd – Lee Chamberlain 3rd – Sam Reedy

Cadets (3)

Race 3 and coming to the end of the cadets for round 10 saw Michael up against a very fast Luke in pos 1 and 2. With a slight hold up on the grid the marshals eventually decided all was good to go and the green was issued on the start line. In lap number 1 the order remained the same as grid position but in lap number 2 a very fast Glen Dabo squeezed past Sam Reedy to move into 3rd place. Drivers pushing hard on lap number 5 and Sam Dickov pulls a textbook overtake on the final corner to seal 4th place. Just as the end was in sight Luke Jenkinson had seen his chance to take 1st although it wasn't to be as Michael tightened up his racing line into the next corner (Turn 9) and unfortunately Luke made the decision not to back out causing a black flag to be issued for Advantage By Contact. With Mike's frustration clearly visible, an overjoyed Glen Dabo takes 1st Place and a very happy Sam Dickov takes 2nd.

1st – Glen Dabo 2nd – Sam Dickov 3rd – Michael Whittaker

Cadets (4)

So the final race of the cadets was set and ready on the grid. A green light shown on the start line and the drivers were off trying to get an important strong early position. But it was all very messy heading into turn number 2, drivers were not their usual selves and amongst the crazy start Luke Jenkinson just got his nose into 1st place. Lee Chamberlain was giving it everything at this point and as the drivers approached the down ramp of the bridge Luke left a huge gap up the inside off his kart. Realising that he had made a huge mistake he tried to cut back in but it was too late, Lee was already 3 quarters through causing Luke to ricochet off him and spin. No major incidents to report from this race although it was an immensely fast race with Lee setting 25.700s within 12 laps and Sam Dickov who was in 2nd place setting 25.900s.

1st – Lee Chamberlain 2nd – Sam Dickov 3rd – Glen Dabo

Juniors (1)

Our junior's class had a newcomer to the class for round 10. Jacob Hand was making his debut to the InKart scene and what a brilliant start it was. Through the Random grid allocation rule Jacob was starting his very first race of InKart in 1st place next to a driver who has collected a huge amount of points this season and a real contender for the trophy positions, Aaron Walsh. As the race gets underway Aaron takes an early lead with Jacob closing off 2nd position, although through some textbook driving Jacob was pushing low 26.200 second lap times. Later into the race the pack were applying pressure on each other as Matthew, Jason and Connor were all within (0.400) of each other. But an excellent 2nd place finish for Jacob Hand gets the job done.

1st – Aaron Walsh 2nd – Jacob Hand 3rd – Blair Henry

Juniors (2)

So the start of race 2 and immediately you could see the race was going to be a fast one. Within 3 Laps the drivers were already on low 26 second lap times and going FASTER!

As the formation started to separate we had a very slick overtake from Joe Bleakley on Josh Morris to gain 1st place position. A well timed inside manoeuvre after Josh went slightly too wide on the corner named "Fangio" (Just after the tunnel). Shortly after on lap number 8 Bair Henry pretty much replicated what happened on lap number 3 and moved into 5th position.

1st - Joe Bleakley 2nd - Josh Morris 3rd - Aaron Walsh

Junior (3)

This was always going to be a clinical race for the junior class. An incident on the top right hand corner of the circuit took all our attention for pretty much of this race. A collision between Jason Bagnall and Kallum McBride left them both with a sour taste in their mouth. Upon making a decision for the race, we admit that we found it very difficult to judge who actually had the right of way to the corner as our view from race control wasn't the best. There was a slight delay after race 3 because we needed to gather all race descriptions from the marshals while it was still fresh in their mind. To add to this I asked the drivers to come up to race control and explain to me how they thought the incident took place. It was not easy to determine from either driver how they thought it happened so for the first time since the 2007 season we asked the drivers on circuit to try and give more description in their statements of what

happened. With each of the drivers giving a detailed description of what happened it was clear that the race call we made was the correct decision.

1st – John Gwyneth 2nd- Blair Henry 3rd- Jason Bagnall

Junior (4)

The last race of a very emotional round 10 saw the drivers cluttering into corners and making some very sloppy overtaking manoeuvres. Lots of bumping boards were issued which helped as the aggression died down. You could clearly see a lot of the drivers were getting extremely tired now and it was no longer about skill but more about endurance to finish the race. Besides the tension all around race 4 nothing much really changed and it was obvious from the lap times that drivers were getting more and more exhausted. Although it was a good way to finish for the Junior class and close round number 10.

1st- John Gwyneth 2nd- Blair Henry 3rd-Jason Bagnall

Senior (1)

The senior class had 2 new additions to their championship for round 10 looking to mix it up with the other drivers. Mitch Millet and Shirley Hennessy who both have very good experience on the racing scene and both have taken part in Daytona Championship races before entering into the InKart Championships.

With the race underway the senior class were showing a very mature approach to their conduct on circuit and on lap number 3 Scott Winter pulls out a swift overtake on Philip Mossdrop to grab 2nd place and would be looking for 1st.

Pushing hard in 1st place had Shirley who was setting smooth lap times with every lap going faster and faster making it very difficult for Scott to make up any ground to battle for first. Shirley went on to take the chequered flag with Scott not being able to gain more positions.

1st – Shirley Hennessy 2nd- Scott Winter 3rd- Philip Mossdrop

Senior (2)

The second race was relatively straight forward with only two position changes during the whole race. The real objectives for the senior class were their lap times which were unbelievably quick for only the second race of the day. A gripping 6 laps consistently hitting the low 26 seconds had Colin Samuel on track for breaking the elusive 25 second barrier. He did not disappoint setting a 25.800 second lap time and catching Aaron with every lap that passed, although it wasn't enough Aaron took the win for race 2 and Colin claimed a strong 2nd.

1st - Aaron McManus 2nd- Colin Samuel 3rd- Chris Carew

Senior (3)

The final race for the Senior Class had one of our newcomers Mitch Millet on pole position. The lights changed to green and the race had begun with every single driver fighting for turn number 1. The formation had quickly formed with all drivers nose to tail as they reached the final corner and with Mitch travelling too wide he left the door open for the drivers to squeeze past and move up the leader board. Rhys, Scott, Aaron and Philip had all managed to gain positions from their starting grids and that meant our newcomer although wasn't in first, was still comfortable mid-table.

1st – Rhys Eccles 2nd- Scott Winter 3rd- Aaron McManus