



Mercedez Benz Inkart Championship 2011

A new start to 2011 came with a new format for the Inkart championship and a chance to get a glimpse of the newcomers. The new format for the season is a series of races which allow all the drivers to start from the front middle and back of the grid and gain points for the finishing position from each race. With no final race for the drivers to take maximum points it all comes down to consistency smooth driving and cunning overtaking throughout the event.

Cadets

The new season brings forth another change to the cadets where there is no A and B class but everyone races for the same championship. A new inkart season has all our cadet racers raring to go. With so many queuing to get on the grid the field had to be split in to smaller races.

Race 1

The race start saw Luke Jenkinson start in pole on the first lap he takes a bad line over the bridge and loses out to three drivers but manages to defend one place to keep him in the running. Ewan finding himself in 1st comes under pressure from Lee chamberlain at the first hairpin, Lee picks up a bumping warning. Lap two and the pressure gets to Ewan, he loses control on the exit of the bridge gifting Lee the lead and Sam Dickov 2nd. After all the early drama the race settled down Lee took the first race win of the day Sam 2nd and Ewan 3rd.

Race 2

Race two had less drama than the first. But still there was a difficult decision for the marshals when Cameron Pilkington went too deep in to hairpin one spinning out Elliot Lloyd and Sam Reedy. Tom Morkill seized the opportunity slipping past from 4th in to 1st. Cameron picked up a black flag which saw him finish last. Tom Morkill Came through in 1st, Sam Reedy 2nd and Elliot Lloyd 3rd.

Race 3

Race 3 started with little to call from the marshals just the more notable advantage by contact manoeuvre by Sam Dickov on Daniel Bumford which saw Sam spend time in the sin bin to knock him down the order and eventually finishing the race in last place. Lee chamberlains however showing great form picked up another race win.



Race 4

Our fourth cadet class race was one of the straight forward races of the day all drivers keeping it clean out on the circuit and a well driven race from all. Elliot Lloyd picked up maximum points, Tom Morkill 2nd and Ewan Bennett 3rd.

Race 5

In to the last race of the day for these drivers and a last chance for the drivers to get as many points as possible to boost their standings. Lee Chamberlain showed good pace on the circuit, too much for anyone to handle picks up a 3rd race win and taking maximum points from the day. Sam Dickov picked up 2nd place and Michael Whittaker over the line in 3rd.

Race 6

The final race in the cadet class and again another clean race on the circuit the marshals not having much to do as most drivers finish where they started on the grid.

Juniors

Last year the junior class went right to the wire in a really close championship. This year has the making to be another close affair. A few cadet racers from last season have been getting in some valuable practice in pre season trying their hand with a bigger more powerful kart. But all eyes are on our track record holder Matthew Clayden who has certainly shown his speed on the circuit but with the new format forcing him down the grid order it was interesting to see how he would fair.

Race1

A good turnout for the first round brought a packed out grid of 11 drivers for the junior class so the marshals had to be on top form. Lights out for race one and all drivers holding their lines well around the first couple of corners. Round at the top corner though Kallum McBride gets caught out sticking the nose of his kart in where it didn't belong, forcing Luke Gore off line and getting an advantage. For his troubles he picks up a black flag and the time in the sin bin knocks him down to last place. Blue flags were brought in to play half way through the race with the early black flag on Kallum now sees him as a back marker. With Luke looking to work on damage limitation after being impeded early on he finds himself fighting for 8th place with Aaron Walsh a winner of inkart from the previous season in a cadet kart. Luke tries his best to get up the inside coming in to the final corners but Aaron has a lot of experience he holds his line using the full track keeping Luke on the outside and keeps his position, a good battle from both drivers. At the chequered flag Joe Bleackley crosses the line in 1st, Connor Woodyatt in 2nd and Jason Bagnall 3rd.



Race 2

Off the line for race 2 all drivers trying to hold on to their starting positions. Coming off the bridge and there was a racing incident which sees John Gwyneth locking up his brakes trying to avoid any impact. A bad start to the race for John as he now finds himself facing the wrong way on the track. Round at the first hairpin though Joe Bleackley with the confidence from his win in race 1 goes for a late braking undertake and executes it smoothly to gain a position and moves up in to 4th. Some excellent racing all around saw few places being swapped but any mistake from a driver and a position could be lost. Across the line for the end of race two and Aaron Walsh picking up his 1st race win of the season, Matthew Clayden in 2nd and Luke Gore 3rd.

Race 3

With two races down there was no clear leader so all drivers still had it all to play for. Joe Bleackley having had a good start to the first two races tries an inside line overtake at the first hairpin but this time doesn't execute it as well as in race 2. This time Joe catches the back end of a kart and puts them in to a spin, so for his efforts he picks up a black flag. A few laps in to the race Aaron Walsh gets caught out coming through the tunnel and hitting a driver in the back giving himself the advantage for an overtake again a black flag is awarded which sees him drop down to 9th place. After 10 minutes of racing John Gwyneth crosses the line in 1st, Brandon Bethell 2nd and Matthew Clayden 3rd.

Seniors

The senior drivers were last out on the track on the day so they had the advantage of seeing how the format ran before hitting the tarmac. A very close start off the line all drivers defending their positions Graham Phillips tries hard to defend his position at the top end of the circuit but moves across in to another kart the only call from the marshals was a racing incident, there was nothing either party could do about it. The close racing continued up ahead with Adam Bach having a look up the inside finding the space to get his kart through. Jonathon Elliot was quick to pounce following Adam Through the gap Mustafa Wandi finds himself losing two spaces. Not too much drama for the rest of the race. Crossing the line taking the chequered flag was Scott Winter Adam Bach taking 2nd and Jonny Elliot 3rd after their early manoeuvre to put them in position.

Race 2

A straight forward race in race two was one in which few places were swapped after 10 minutes of racing the front runners from the start held their nerve to take the same points. Jonny Elliot held the pole position to win the



race another 2nd place finish for Adam Bach and Phillip Moss crop picking up 3rd.

Race 3

Race 3 saw one of the best races of the day Jonny Elliot starting the race in last place had it all to do. After an amazing first lap Jonny managed to make his way up the group 8 places in to 4th. An unbelievable start but he wasn't finished yet after another 4 laps of racing he managed to gain an additional 2 places now sitting in 2nd place he had his eyes set on the back of Chris Stackhouse who was holding out 1st place from a pole Position start. Feeling the pressure from Jonny Eliot Chris's lead in the race lasted only another lap as Jonny finds his way past and didn't look back from that point and after the 10 minutes of racing he crossed the line with maximum points and the win for Round 1 in the senior class.