



Mercedes Benz InKart Championship 2011 Round 2

Cadets

Another big turnout for InKart round 2 gave the championship racers a few early season nerves. A lot of new faces for the season of 2011 were mixing it up amongst the veterans and although expectations were high nothing could have prepared our drivers for how the February round turned out!

Race 1

Our cadets were split up into their races and the drivers lined themselves up on the grid. The race began with the cadets matching each other for pace, although an untimed manoeuvre from Lee Chamberlain saw him rapidly fall down the order from 2nd into 3rd. Michael Whittaker took full advantage and scooped up 2nd place and not holding back, he began his attack for 1st against Ewan. A good racing line and consistency brought Ewan home in 1st.

1st – Ewan Bennett 2nd – Michael Whittaker 3rd – Lee Chamberlain

Race 2

Race two saw the dominance of 1 driver in particular. Sam Dickov started the race in P1 and pulled out a very impressive performance to keep in the top spot for maximum points. Along side Sam there were some very good attack minded manoeuvres' from Alex Jones and Luke Jenkinson.

1st – Sam Dickov 2nd – Alex Jones 3rd – Luke Jenkinson

Race 3

Race 3 started with Luke Jenkinson in P1, Alex Jones in P2 and Ewan Bennett in P3. All the work needed to be done from the back of the grid and the drivers did not disappoint. Lee chamberlain started positive although turning across the racing line and trying to tuck into the pack turned out to be his down fall. Luke, Glen, Ewan were locked head to head into lap number 3 and tearing up the times but an untimed overtake saw Alex Jones turn across Ewan at turn 8 narrowly missing out.

1st – Luke Jenkinson 2nd – Glen Dabo 3rd – Lee Chamberlain

Race 4

Our fourth cadet race saw the drivers giving it their all, with Cameron Pilkington in Pole position and looking very confident he quickly increased the gap from himself and Michael Whittaker in 2nd. Although it wasn't meant to be as Cameron pushing himself too tight into a hairpin and losing the rear of the kart forced him down into 2nd. The final race of the cadet class also had a little bit of drama with Sam Dickov pushing for the win and maximum points, having to take a penalty in the Sin Bin for an overtake that didn't pay off.

1st – Glen Dabo 2nd – Cameron Pilkington 3rd – Michael Whittaker



Juniors

Last rounds junior class had very positive effect on the rest of the drivers at Daytona Manchester. A lot of drivers were asking questions about each other after such a competitive round 1. This gave round 2 the excitement it deserved and it didn't prove to be quiet so easy for the majority of drivers that raced!

Race 1

A good grid start from all drivers as they set off for lap number 1, all drivers trying to tuck into the formidable "Crocodile Formation" as they made their way into the tunnel. Lots of contact from the majority of drivers left the marshals signalling the 'No Bumping' boards to let the pack know they are being closely watched. Lap 5 started to spice up as Luke Fleming was a holding a very firm racing line leaving Joe Bleackley to do all the work. Not out of the running was John Gwyneth who on round 2 was setting a very high consistent lap time barrier for the drivers in the Junior Class to match. Joe pushing for the win made the overtake towards the later stages of the race taking a firm grip of 1st position points.

1st – Joe Bleackley 2nd – Luke Fleming 3rd – John Gwyneth

Race 2

Connor Woodyatt starting on pole position meant it was always going to be difficult to try and take the points away from him and he did exceptionally well fending off all advances from the drivers that were trailing. An incident on lap number 8 saw the Race having to go to a Red situation, a misjudged overtake from Aaron left him slightly wider on the entrance to the bridge than expected causing him to hit a driver from the rear which in this case was Adam Peacock. After some assessment from the Race Team and Race Director the verdict was in, Aaron was punished with a black flag therefore finished in last place. Adam was greeted by a warm round of applause from drivers and the spectators on the balcony showing their appreciation.

1st – Connor Woodyatt 2nd – John Gwyneth 3rd – Jason Bagnal

Race 3

Drivers were bunched together at the start of the race. Aaron Walsh making amends for his earlier mistake with Adam was putting in some immense lap times. Josh Morris held his line like a true competitor making sure he secures at least top 3 position points. Brandon Bethel going for the overtake at the 2nd Hairpin of the circuit but unfortunately didn't quite make the move he was planning gaining advantage by contact.

1st – Aaron Walsh 2nd – Joe Bleackley 3rd – Josh Morris



Seniors

The senior drivers were last out on the circuit to finish off round to but with such a high turnout it was sure to be the one to watch. Drivers from round 1 were keen to put in the same performance although with such a compact track it wouldn't be easy.

Race 1

In the opening race of the senior class there was a lot of contact although there was a lot to prove out on the circuit. Drivers were nose to tail from start to finish and from the word go our senior class did not disappoint. Dwayne Marsden last years InKart Champion was out to prove why he was crowned in the 2010 season although he had tough rivalry in the shape of Jonathan Elliot who won his first round of 2011. Dwayne was very strong in the opening stages of the race and carried that through to the chequered flag. Following closely was Philip Mossdrop who looked very positive by not letting Dwayne stretch his legs. Adam Clayton one of our relatively new drivers to the InKart Championship shown true form holding on to 3rd position and gaining some valuable points for later on into the season.

1st – Dwayne Marsden 2nd – Philip Mossdrop 3rd – Adam Clayton

Race 2

A strong start in race 2 for a round 1 winner Jonathan Elliot passing easily around the outside, although one of our newer drivers to the senior class Mustafa Wandi picking up a Bumping warning for a dangerous manoeuvre into the entrance of the bridge. The race then began to flow with the pack taking shape although on the following lap Mustafa gained a lot of pace on the start straight and tried another inside line against Dwayne Marsden. Unfortunately this was Mustafa's 2nd official Bumping warning leaving the Race Team to black flag and punish him in the Sin Bin with a 30 second penalty. The rest of the racers just couldn't overtake the drivers that remained out in front with such impressive pace.

1st – Adam Bach 2nd – Scott Winter 3rd – Chris Stackhouse

Race 3

A straight forward race for the majority of the pack making a very clean and good race, although there wasn't much in the way of overtaking our senior class reminded us how talented they really are averaging lap times within the low 26.00 seconds. Locked head to head with each other in the midst of the racing was Matthew McLachlan and Dwayne Marsden who were both pushing hard to try and gain a much needed position in the top half of the table. Although excellent display from all drivers here are the race 3 winners

1st – Adam Clayton 2nd – Graham Phillips 3rd – Colin Samuel

** A special mention goes to Matthew Clayden who on InKart Round 2 set the NEW lap record of 25.534*