



Daytona Manchester

InKart Championship 2011

Round 3

Cadets

The biggest turn-out for the cadet class for the season of 2011 had shown the popularity that our InKart Championship deserves. From new drivers through to the familiar faces everyone was clearly eager to get round 3 underway!

Race 1

With the amount of drivers that we had meant that we had to split the drivers into extended races rather than just racing with the same people throughout. A very positive start from everyone off the grid saw the cadets in an early battle from the word go. In the opening first 2 laps Lee Chamberlain saw an early chance to move up the order by going for an overtake on turn 2 although realising the gap was just too tight he backed off and chose not to take the risk. Moving into lap 15 Mike Whittaker gained 4th from a perfect inside line manoeuvre. At the closing stages of the race Mike Whittaker overtakes Ryan Buckley to claim 3rd place.

1st – Sam Reedy 2nd – Sam Dickov 3rd – Mike Whittaker

Race 2

The second half of the cadet class placed their karts on the grid. Glen Dabo found a lot of grip on turns 1 and 2 meaning his options were looking good for an early overtake, although it was not meant to be as Glen gained the position he tried to place his kart back in the midst of the pack and unfortunately cutting into and across another driver leaving him faces backwards. Luke Jenkinson was pulled a slick overtake out of the back making the pass on Alex Jones pushing him up the order. Glens luck had ran out by lap 11 as he was pushing hard to get back into the higher points position although pushing to hard he locks up the kart and gets himself stuck. The drama didn't end there as we saw a Black flag go out to Ben Walker for an inside line manoeuvre on turn 1.

1st – Luke Jenkinson 2nd – Alex Jones 3rd – Glen Dabo



Race 3

Race 3 was the quietest race of the class as Ryan pulled a lot of speed out of the first few corners although positioned himself inside of Alex and Mike causing a spin for all drivers. Later on into the race we saw a driver having to retire due to a kart error although after a full inspection from our engineers a decision was made, clearly things were hotting up for the cadet racers!

1st – Sam Dickov 2nd – Cameron Pilkington 3rd – Sam Reedy

Race 4

Our fourth cadet race saw our cadets produce the kind of skill you would never expect from this age group. Lap 5 saw Lee Chamberlains advances dominate the early stages of the race, he was pushing hard in the very low 26.00s barrier. Although so often we see that our drivers pull something out the bag we also see the mistakes that come with it as Lee hit the final apex on the circuit too fast sending him out wide leaving the door wide open for Luke Jenkinson to claim 2nd.

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

Race 5

With the contest towards the end stages the opening lap of race 5 showed a lot of promise with ever driver making a clean entrance for turn 1 and 2. Moving into lap 9 one of our newer drivers Noah on the attack pressuring Alex Jones into crucial errors that would gain him a position. Although it looked promising for Noah it was not meant to be as he just made too much contact with Alex forcing the overtake and claiming a Black flag for Advantage by Contact. Lap number 18 had its fair share of drama with Ryan Buckley spinning just after the under pass and unfortunately blocking the way for Ben Walker to retain his position. Lap 19 saw a new race leader who in the earlier stages was not having the best of days but none the less still brought home maximum points in race 5.

1st – Cameron Pilkington 2nd – Ben Walker 3rd – Alex Jones

Race 6

The final race of the day for the cadets was clearly taking its toll on the majority of drivers. Mistakes were being made where not the norm and lap times were slowing each lap that went by. Although a very quiet race lap 15 saw the last bit of magic from the cadets. Lee Chamberlain looked content in 3rd place position until his plan came together and he launched it to perfection. Glen Dabo who was by no means slow made his way down the Bridge to find Lee Chamberlain with a ferocious burst of speed beating him to the corner and snatching away his position in 2nd.

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



Juniors

With our junior class always setting the standards for the pace would round 3 also prove to be another blistering session of lap times and racing!

Race 1

A standard first 3 laps for all drivers as they left the start finish line, although as usual exceptional lap times were being produced already, drivers were pushing into the 25.800s barrier within the first 10 laps. Front runners of the pack were trying to leave their competitors behind but with such a wide range of talent our drivers were finding it difficult to get clear into the lead. Race 1 had a little bit of caution in the racing which made for a very good clean positional finish for the top 3 drivers

1st – Kallum McBride 2nd – John Gwyneth 3rd – Luke Gore

Race 2

Race 2 off and this was a completely different race than the first as lap number 10 came into play the passion for the win was starting to show. A 5 kart spin massively held up 2 particular drivers in general who looked certain to go and give everything they had. Luke Gore and Kallum McBride were now towards the back of the pack but could they show drivers and spectators why it is they held the Lap Record for 2011? Into lap number 12 and the contact started to creep in with the marshals warning the drivers of the close proximity bumping. Towards the end of the race we had seen some very enthusiastic chances but a bold move from Connor Woodyatt on Matthew Clayden saw Connor having to back out of the inside line and choose not to take the risk.

1st – Aaron Walsh 2nd – John Gwyneth 3rd – Dylan Robson

Race 3

An early overtaking opportunity for Joe Bleackley saw him try to overtake an Aaron Walsh that was very much in his best racing shape we had seen since he was a cadet. With an untimed execution from Joe the chance did not pay off knocking him down into 5th position. Moving into lap 10 and Luke Gore pulls a very precise overtake on turn 8 on Dylan Robson who by the looks of it didn't realise that he was the close. Lap 13 had Aaron Walsh move up a position into second place with a very well timed overtake on the first hairpin. Unfortunately Joe Bleackley's race wasn't turning out how he expected and just making that little bit too much contact on the rear of another driver forces the marshals to produce a Black flag and a timed penalty in the Bin of Sin.

1st – Jason Bagnall 2nd – Aaron Walsh 3rd – Brandon Bethell



Race 4

From the word go it was obvious that the drivers who wanted something out of today were going to try and make amends for lost points earlier in the racing. On lap 1 Joe Bleackley received a driver warning for causing an incident with another kart from turn 1 through to turn 4 although Joe knew he tried a harmless overtake to try and gain points he nodded at the marshal and acknowledged the mistake. Warning flags were not a rare thing in the final race for the juniors as the drivers were clearly pushing harder than ever as this was their last chance in Round 3 for points they so badly need. But with the race coming to a close a delighted Brandon Bethell was the driver to take home maximum points from race 4.

1st – Brandon Bethell 2nd – Jason Bagnall 3rd – Josh Morris

Seniors

A great turn out for Round 2 of the InKart Championships gave high hopes for some epic racing in Round 3. Drivers with a wealth of experienced returned to a very early Sunday morning start with gloves and helmets at the ready!

Race 1

From the opening lap of the seniors the racing was already taking shape as a very difficult scenario unfolded with Dwayne tucking into second place behind Ryan Welch making an overtake on the first hairpin. From this point forward the call was to Black Flag Dwayne for front to rear contact to gain first place. Although this call came under scrutiny from Race Control and after reviewing the footage it appeared that Ryan was trying to adopt a defensive racing line but went very wide into hairpin 1 and having to re-correct forcing the rest of the pack including Dwayne into the apex section of the track and gaining 1st place. Lap 6 saw Adam Bach overtake Colin with an excellent timed overtake, and it was the same on lap number 8 as Aaron McManus pulls off a great overtake on Ryan Welch to gain 2nd place.

1st – Adam Clayton 2nd – Aaron McManus 3rd – Ryan Welch

Race 2

A great start to the race for the top 5 positions, and our senior class had the lap times to match. Moving further into lap 3 though and Adam Bach was holding firm in 2nd place until Dwayne grabbed the position off him in a well timed overtake at the top end of turn 4. Aaron McManus was definitely one of the stronger drivers in this category and was proving that with his attack minded driving, but pushing to hard can have consequences as we saw Aaron lock the kart up into hairpin 2 and dropped himself down from 4th all the way into 10th, none the less a great race for the senior class to go into the final race of Round 3 with.

1st – Philip Moss crop 2nd – Dwayne Marsden 3rd – Adam Bach



Race 3

The final race of Round 3 was upon us and was not short of its fair share of incidents. From the first lap one of our senior drivers over compensated into turn 3 and lost the rear of the kart facing oncoming traffic. Now was the time for someone to attack and try and go for the win and in this case it was one person in particular. Adam Bach was in the best form we had seen and he was setting the lap times to prove it producing an early 25.435. The gap was now opening up and Adam was making sure that nobody would get close enough to threaten his lead. Lap 12 Mustafa Wandi hits the rear quarter of another driver and causes an ABC and a 3 kart pile up. Moving into the last lap of racing and a head to head battle throughout Round 3 had Philip Mossdrop and Dwayne Marsden both overtake a defensive Jamie McGovern to clinch 4th and 5th.

1st – Adam Bach 2nd – Aaron McManus 3rd – Adam Clayton

** A special mention goes to Adam Bach who on InKart Round 3 set the NEW lap record of 25.32*