



Daytona Manchester InKart Championship 2011 Round 5

Inkart Championship Round 5 started on a very wet and windy Sunday Morning in Manchester. The Daytona Manchester circuit was sporting some new and very tricky corners for our drivers to navigate themselves around. But would the change to the track prove too much for our Elite Class of Drivers?

Cadet 1

The first race of the morning had our cadets out on the circuit and with the new twist and turns on the circuit you could clearly see that they were taking it easy for those first few crucial laps. After a short practice the drivers were gathered onto the grid for race 1, which had Glen in 1st, Sam Dickov in 2nd and Cameron Pilkington in 3rd. Immediately on lap 2 a black flag was issued to Jacob Clarke for an advantage by contact manoeuvre on Ben Walker. Lap number 10 Cameron Pilkington give a little nudge to Sam Dickov which left Sam a little upset and with this he lost his position although Sam kept his head up and fought back to pull into position 2. But a very heavy braking line into hairpin 1 left Sam Dickov wide open to be overtaken by Cameron Pilkington.

1st - Glen Dabo 2nd - Cameron Pilkington 3rd - Sam Reedy

Junior 1

It was the juniors time to make their way on to the tarmac and with the karts cold tyres troubling the juniors it was another case of drivers taking caution into the corners. Practice session over with and it was time to get the drivers onto their random grid spots for race number 1. Matthew Clayden in 1st, Dylan Robson in 2nd and Luke Gore in 3rd. Lap number 2 and the race order switching up with Brandon Bethell pulling out a fantastic overtake on Dylan Robson. Positions sticking quiet firm although an overtake attempt from Connor Woodyatt left him very nearly picking up a black flag for an inside line. A clean finish for all drivers in Junior race 1 and some well earned points for drivers all round.

1st – Matthew Clayden 2nd – Luke Gore 3rd – John Gwyneth



Senior 1

Practice laps revealed that we had a few newcomers to Inkart round 5. Practice also shown that the seniors would be very keen to overtake as we saw some excellent examples. Very straight forward from the start line as drivers organised themselves into their positions, although moving into the 8th lap 3 drivers picked up a bumping warning for contact which was a little bit too close for comfort. Moving into lap 20 and Scott Winter clearly running away with the race having himself a 10.600 second lead with Jonny Elliot being his closest rival. Shortly after a very strong race win saw Scott take home the points and looked like he would take some beating.

1st- Scott Winter 2nd – Jonny Elliot 3rd-Rhys Eccles

Cadet 2

Off the grid Ryan Buckley just didn't have the pace to maintain 1st place position and unfortunately just slipped down more than he would have wanted. On the other side of the grid though was Lee Chamberlain he was looking to make amends for a couple of rounds of which he thought he had not done so well. Moving into lap 15 and Lee had opened up a lead of 12.500 seconds on Luke Smith who after a couple of laps being stuck being a strong defensive line of Luke Jenkinson. Within the last 3 laps it was up to Lee to bring home the chequered flag and he did so in style posting a 26.101 and a gap of 12.905s.

1st – Lee Chamberlain 2nd – Luke Smith 3rd – Luke Jenkinson

Juniors 2

Race 2 of the juniors was by far the most competitive with all drivers battling for position very early in the race. Marshals were showing numerous bumping boards to let the drivers know that they were being watched, although a very good battle between championship rivals John Gwyneth and Matthew Clayden had everyone's eyes closely fixed on laps 8 – 12. Although at the front of the pack a very well managed race for Joe to take much needed points with Kallum and Brandon following closely in 2nd and 3rd.

1st – Joe Bleackley 2nd – Kallum McBride 3rd – Brandon Bethell

Cadet 3

A very emotional race for number 3 as we saw an early black flag issued to Sam Reedy for an inside line manouvere that unfortunately did not come off the way he would have wished. Further into racing and the driver that was the victim to an Advantage by contact had made up 2 places into position 3. Cadets laptimes were plummeting as the laps went by, our drivers were easily hitting low 26.000s. But bringing home the win and maximum points was a strong finish from the Birthday boy Ben Walker.

1st – Ben Walker 2nd - Glen Dabo 3rd - Sam Dickov



Seniors 3

Ryan Welch was the name that kept popping up during race 3 of the seniors and it was all for good reasons. Ryan was posting very low 26.000s times and gave himself a barrier of 2 seconds between himself and Aaron McManus as we know from past rounds and racers is by no means a slow driver. Nasir a driver that is relatively new to the Inkart scene was giving himself every chance with a strong 3rd place all the way through to lap number 19 where Adam Bach saw his chance after hair pin 1.

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

Cadet 4

A stretched start to race 4 of the cadets with drivers crossing into each other, this meant that Luke Jenkinson and Ryan Buckley were left towards the back of the pack. Standard racing all through this race as Michael in 1st Luke in 2nd place with Lee in 3rd position, drivers looking for the overtakes but some very good defensive lines held the drivers as they were.

1st – Michael Whittaker 2nd – Luke Smith 3rd – Lee Chamberlain

Juniors 3

The strongest start to Inkart round 5 and drivers were eating up the tarmac. A very competitive formation from the drivers as they entered turn 1 left Kallum with no option but to try an inside line overtake, although unfortunately it didn't work out for Kallum meaning he suffered a penalty. The fastest race of round 5 easily saw the drivers destroy the 26.000s barrier and 1 driver produced 25.571 so a big well done to Jason Bagnall. A big well done to Connor Woodyatt and Josh Morris who had an uphill task of defending the advances of other drivers to claim 2nd and 3rd.

1st – Jason Bagnall 2nd – Connor Woodyatt 3rd – Josh Morris

Seniors 3

Out of the traps for senior 3 race and on lap number 2 Aaron McManus picked up a black flag for accidentally knocking Jonny Elliot out of the way. Aaron accepting the black flag re-joined the race at the back of the pack. A kart malfunction for Adam Bach saw him drop off his usual fast pace and have to be pointed into the pit lane for a kart error of which he was issued points he started in. Our senior class were giving as good as they got towards the end of race number 3 taking a few chances that would earn them a few extra points of which they would need later on in the season. A special mention would have to go out to Jonny Elliot for an inside line overtake to gain 2 places to make it up into 3rd.

1st – Scott Winter 2nd – Ryan Welch 3rd – Jonny Elliot



Cadet 5

Standard race for the cadets in race 5 as drivers pretty much stayed as they started. On lap number 10 Cameron went very wide on the last corner leaving the door wide open for Ben Walker to claim 1st. Moving into lap 15 Cameron moving again very wide on the final corner having to defend against Sam Dickov although later onto lap 19 Sam Dickov pushed for the overtake making an inside line manoeuvre to claim 2nd.

1st – Ben Walker 2nd - Sam Dickov 3rd - Cameron Pilkington

Juniors 4

Very quiet race from number 4 as positions really didn't change much, a hard fought battle between John Gwyneth and Joe Bleackley for pretty much 14 laps must have took its toll on the drivers. Although strong performances all round from the junior class surely gave the drivers the confidence boost they needed.

1st – John Gwyneth 2nd – Joe Bleackley 3rd – Jason Bagnall

Seniors 4

Adam Bach starting at the front of the race with Rhys following in 2nd place looking to get out in front nice and early but it wasn't to be, on lap number 5 Rhys was overtaken by Scott Winter which left a gap for Jonny Elliot to squeeze through and gain 3rd. From here the rest of the pack had all the work to do but again a surprise battle emerged mid-pack with Colin, Nasir and Ryan all trying to pull a surprise out of the bag.

1st – Adam Bach 2nd – Scott Winter 3rd – Jonny Elliot

Cadets 6

From the start of the race the action was the back of the pack with Ryan Buckley and Lee chamberlain battling for position into turns 1 and 2. A good race decision from Lee to back off a position with Ryan actually having the racing line leaves Lee in 5th and Ryan in 4th meaning both drivers had it all to do to try and get into the top 3 positions. Luke Jenkinson was on form pulling out a 25.904s lap time in 1st place.

1st – Luke Jenkinson 2nd – Luke Smith 3rd – Michael Whittaker



Junior 5

Straight away into hairpin 1 the marshals called for an Advantage by contact on kart number 5. Luke Fleming went a little wider than he thought he was and made contact with Connor Woodyatt causing him to spin and Luke to gain the position although illegally. Luke held his hands in the air to acknowledge his mistake and was sent back out onto the track. Luke Gore and Joe Bleackley locked horns for 12 laps as they were applying pressure every single corner becoming more of a mental test rather than ability in the karts. Lap 15 and Luke Fleming decided to retire from race 5, leaving more space on the circuit for the other drivers to use. Drivers put in a very strong performance all round from the juniors to end Inkart round 5.

1st – Luke Gore 2nd – Joe Bleackley 3rd – Kallum McBride

Race Directors Comments

An excellent race this month from all classes, although there were a lot of bumping boards there were only 2 – 3 black flags in the whole Championship round. This is the standard of which I have come to expect from Daytona's Elite Class and I thank you for your maturity on the circuit.

Im sure that round 6 will be very interesting as we approach the mid-season standings, this means I will be re-organising points in highest point scoring order so you can see what position you stand in the Championships Table.

Good Luck To You All For Round 6 – June 26th