

North Circuit InKart Cadets - Round One

Race Report

A chilly morning at Daytona Milton Keynes left some with frozen hands but the drivers enjoyed the first dry track in months for the first InKart round of 2011. It was a event with the extended format and qualifying rules throwing up some interesting results but many parents found the longer races difficult to watch with all the exciting racing going on! Even so, the new format was a success and drivers enjoyed the amount of time on track they received. The turnout was exceptional as 17 cadet drivers battled it out to be the victor of round one and start their championship campaign on a high.

Qualifying

The first qualifying session saw quite a lot of contact, four drivers were given bumping boards and Dean Thomas was issued a black and white warning flag for his move on Levi Anderson at the final corner. It didn't affect his laptimes though as his time 16.521 was enough to secure him provisional pole. All drivers were extremely close and at one point it looked like Spencer Olds had tied up fastest in the first session before Dean pipped him to fastest in the session. Behind the top two was another thrilling battle of laptimes between Joe, Levi, Oliver and Max for positions in race one.

Qualifying session two was a little bit better in term of contact with drivers concentrating on times, allowing them to set the best possible times. Drivers are reminded that for qualifying they should look to find a gap on circuit to set the best laptimes as battling with others will only slow you down! Liam Coleman finished top of this session, with notable performances from both Alex Wright and Toby Goodman. Jude, Adam and Myles were extremely close behind and qualifying well for the first race.

In the third qualifying session there were five drivers, giving the drivers a little bit more room on the track. No major incidents throughout the session but there were a couple of bumping boards that went out to Thomas Byrne and Matthew Diemer. Once again, there was a close battle for laptimes but Thomas outshone the others in his group to start provisionally on second place for race 1A. Harry Ephremesen also had a very good session to qualify sixth overall to secure a place in division A. Just behind was Matthew Diemer, followed by good drives by Alessandro Pomfret and James Osmond.

Qualifying Results

Position	Driver Name	Best Laptime
1	Dean Thomas	16.521
2	Thomas Byrne	16.557
3	Spencer Olds	16.656
4	Liam Coleman	16.799
5	Joe Turney	16.852
6	Harry Ephremesen	16.947
7	Levi Anderson	16.973

Position	Driver Name	Best Laptime
8	Matthew Diemer	17.002
9	Alex Wright	17.078
10	Toby Goodman	17.129
11	Oliver Banwell	17.219
12	Alessandro Pomfret	17.398
13	Jude Cornish	17.560
14	Adam Pooler	17.568
15	Myles Gray	17.596
16	James Osmond	17.813
17	Max Phippen	17.912

Grids for Race One

Race Number: 1 Division: A		Race Number: 1 Division: B		Race Number: 1 Division: C	
1	Dean Thomas	1	Levi Anderson	1	Jude Cornish
2	Thomas Byrne	2	Matthew Diemer	2	Adam Pooler
3	Spencer Olds	3	Alex Wright	3	Myles Gray
4	Liam Coleman	4	Toby Goodman	4	James Osmond
5	Joe Turney	5	Oliver Banwell	5	Max Phippen
6	Harry Ephremesen	6	Alessandro Pomfret		

Race 1A

After their warm-up lap to the grid, the top qualifiers for the first race took their positions on the grid for the first race in the 2011 season. As the green flag dropped, Spencer Olds made an excellent start and grabbed second position away from Thomas. In the next two laps the front three extended their lead over the other drivers with a blistering pace. Liam Coleman lost a place to an excellent move by Joe Turney into the first corner, relegating him to fourth position. Harry Ephremesen, despite his excellent qualifying position could not hold on to the pack. After returning to the pits, with what appeared to be a brakes issue, he swapped karts and once back on track appeared to be on the pace of the other drivers. Back up front, Dean and Spencer were locked in a constant battle for the lead with Thomas appearing to be gaining on the two of them as they went fought tooth and nail. In the drivers enclosure, there were many parents biting their nails at the thrilling conclusion the the race when, unfortunately for Dean, he got stuck behind the recovering Harry Ephremesen and whilst he hesitated, Spencer made his move for the first victory of 2011 and took the maximum number of points.

Race 1A Results

	Race Number: 1 Division: A	Best Laptime	Points
1	Spencer Olds	16.572	50

2	Dean Thomas	16.522	43
3	Thomas Byrne	16.389	40
4	Joe Turney	16.540	37
5	Liam Coleman	16.755	35
6	Harry Ephremesen	16.731	33

Race 1B

Race 1B kept the crowd just as entertained as the previous race. All six drivers were very closely matched in speed and racecraft. As the race begun Matthew made the most of a good start with some excellent overtaking manoeuvre, only for Levi to counter with some moves of his own. Toby Goodman, after his very promising qualifying session, unfortunately spun and dropped to last place. Also impressing with their consistent driving were Alessandro Pomfret and Alex Wright. With five minutes left on the clock the tightly-fought racing caused the red flags to be bought out. After checking that Matthew Diemer was okay, and all drivers being warned on their contact the race resumed for the final few minutes, with the chequered flag finally falling for Levi Anderson to take the victory.

Race 1B Results

Race Number: 1 Division: B		Best Laptime	Points
1	Levi Anderson	17.059	31
2	Oliver Banwell	16.950	29
3	Matthew Diemer	16.744	27
4	Alessandro Pomfret	17.287	26
5	Alex Wright	17.048	25
6	Toby Goodman	17.045	24

Race 1C

The final heat in the first round of races this morning saw some exciting and consistent driving, a vital component in this year's extended heat format. Myles Gray probably made the best start of the entire field but undone all of his hard work by committing an advantage by contact (ABC) on Jude in kart 73, earning him a black flag and dropping him to the bottom of the standings. Whilst pushing hard to catch the opposition and set a laptime that would qualify them well for the next race both Adam Pooler and Jude Cornish span on their own accord. The rest of the race passed without incident, a very clean race to the chequered flag for Max Phippen who earned a well-deserved victory, without putting a foot wrong. Notably, Adam Pooler set a personal best laptime which leapfrogged him in terms of qualification for the next race into division A.

Race 1C Results

Race Number: 1 Division: C		Best Laptime	Points
1	Max Phippen	17.059	23

2	Jude Cornish	17.098	22
3	James Osmond	17.779	21
4	Adam Pooler	16.727	20
5	Myles Gray	16.939	19

Qualifying for Race 2 (Best Lapttime from Race 1)

Postition	Driver Name	Best Lapttime
1	Thomas Byrne	16.389
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3	Joe Turney	16.540
4	Spencer Olds	16.572
5	Adam Pooler	16.727
6	Harry Ephremesen	16.731
7	Matthew Diemer	16.744
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9	Myles Gray	16.939
10	Oliver Banwell	16.950
11	Toby Goodman	17.045
12	Alex Wright	17.048
13	Levi Anderson	17.059
14	Jude Cornish	17.098
15	Alessandro Pomfret	17.287
16	Max Phippen	17.287
17	James Osmond	17.779

Grids for Race 2

Race Number: 2 Division: C		Race Number: 2 Division: B		Race Number: 2 Division: A	
1	Levi Anderson	1	Matthew Diemer	1	Thomas Byrne
2	Jude Cornish	2	Liam Coleman	2	Dean Thomas
3	Alessandro Pomfret	3	Myles Gray	3	Joe Turney
4	Max Phippen	4	Oliver Banwell	4	Spencer Olds
5	James Osmond	5	Toby Goodman	5	Adam Pooler
		6	Alex Wright	6	Harry Ephremesen

Race 2C

The second round of races kicked off with the drivers in division C. Levi Anderson, winner of race 1B started off the race in pole position got away well as the green flag signalled the start of the race. Both Levi and Alessandro moved away from the chasing pack in the early

laps. Jude and Alessandro both later span on their own accord, giving Levi the opportunity to extend his lead even further. The result of this race was never in doubt with Levi controlling the field from start to finish. All drivers in this race should be credited for their fast tempo with some of the cleanest racing seen all day.

Race 2C Results

Race Number: 2 Division: C		Points
1	Levi Anderson	23
2	Alessandro Pomfret	22
3	Max Phippen	21
4	James Osmond	20
5	Jude Cornish	19

Race 2B

As the race got underway, all drivers appeared to make good starts until Oliver Banwell unfortunately span at the second corner and, to make matters worse, his kart then stalled, putting him firmly at the back of the field. With fantastic racing throughout the move, one of the overtakes of the day was made by Myles Gray into the first corner. Both Oliver and Alex, trying out their own overtaking moves, ended up committing an advantage by contact on other drivers. Fortunately for them, they gave back the positions and ended up with just a black and white warning flag. Matthew Diemer was powering away up ahead and, doing what many other drivers had failed to do, made an excellent overtaking manoeuvre into the first corner on a backmarker to extend his lead all the way to the chequered flag.

Race 2B Results

Race Number: 2 Division: B		Points
1	Matthew Diemer	31
2	Myles Gray	29
3	Liam Coleman	27
4	Alex Wright	26
5	Toby Goodman	25
6	Oliver Banwell	24

Race 2A

The last cadet race of the meeting continued the exciting racing that we have had all day. Thomas Byrne, proving once again that he has all the raw pace to qualify on pole but then showing that his luck had run out after his kart developed a sticky throttle that wasn't noticeable on the warmup lap. He changed karts, but lost a lot of time, sending him to the back of the pack. Back at the front meanwhile, there was a great deal of close racing going on with the drivers nose-to-tail around the circuit. Spencer Olds made an excellent move at the first corner on Joe Turney to take second position. Harry Ephremesen proved once again that he belongs at the front of the field by keeping in touch with the other drivers and

consistently putting in great lap times. Adam Pooler, who moved up from division C in race 1 also had an excellent race and kept himself out of trouble. Trouble for Dean Thomas once again with backmarkers as Spencer and Joe seized their chance in the last few minutes to grab track position in a thrilling finale.

Race 2A Results

Race Number: 2		Points
Division: A		
1	Spencer Olds	50
2	Joe Turney	43
3	Dean Thomas	40
4	Harry Ephremesen	37
5	Adam Pooler	35
6	Thomas Byrne	33

Championship Standings

Position	Driver Name	Points
1	Spencer Olds	100
2	Dean Thomas	83
3	Joe Turney	80
4	Thomas Byrne	73
5	Harry Ephremesen	70
6	Liam Coleman	68
7	Matthew Diemer	58
8	Adam Pooler	55
9	Levi Anderson	54
10	Oliver Banwell	53
11	Alex Wright	51
12	Toby Goodman	49
13	Myles Gray	48
13	Alessandro Pomfret	48
15	Max Phippen	44
16	James Osmond	41
16	Jude Cornish	41

In Closing

What an exciting start to the new season of the Mercedes-Benz Cadet InKart Championship! All drivers should be commended on the standard of driving today as they proved that the differences between the field are so small it could be anybody's season. Congratulations to our top three: Spencer, Dean and Joe for making the ideal start to their campaign.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next round on the 27th February.

Ben Turner and Jake Biggerstaff

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