

North Circuit InKart Juniors - Round One

Race Report

After enjoying a lie-in, it was time for the North Circuit Juniors to kick off their championship campaigns. The sun was out and they were able to enjoy a dry track for round one. Round One also saw the introduction of a new set of regulations, allowing the drivers to have more tracktime and producing some exciting racing at the same time. Once we had got over the first couple of misunderstandings with the rules, the races ran without problems and all drivers should be praised for their ability to adapt to the new rules with some clean and exciting racing.

Qualifying

In qualifying all of the drivers settled into a very quick pace, with all drivers within 0.8 seconds of each other. There was some battling between drivers which will not have helped their lap times, in order to set the best times it is always best to find some space to get your best lap in. Kyle Langley produced the best lap of the session, with a 16.624 to put him on pole position, just 0.013 seconds faster than second placed man Jordan Albert.

Qualifying Results

Position	Driver Name	Best Laptime
1	Kyle Langley	16.624
2	Jordan Albert	16.637
3	Robert Greenhough	16.728
4	Oscar Riley	16.884
5	Alex O'Sullivan	17.442

Race One

As we kicked off the first round in 2011, it was Kyle who made the best start and pulled away quite a large gap to the chasing pack. Jordan Albert unfortunately did not get away as well and lost a place to Robert Greenhough, who took the inside line and made the move stick. Alex O'Sullivan spun out at the third corner and lost ground to the others on what was otherwise a very credibly consistent race from him. As the drivers battled it out around the last corner there was some side-by-side contact between them which unfortunately left Robert on the outside of the corner where he collided with pitlane entrance, losing position to Jordan, Oscar and Alex. However, he did manage to salvage some points by catching and passing Alex and finishing in fourth position. The chequered flag went out to Kyle, who was the runaway winner and took the maximum number of points. A special mention should be made to Oscar, who finished in 3rd place in his first ever InKart race.

Race One Results

Race Number: 1		Best Laptime	Points
1	Kyle Langley	16.557	50
2	Jordan Albert	16.408	43
3	Oscar Riley	16.800	40
4	Robert Greenhough	16.445	37
5	Alex O'Sullivan	17.237	35

Grid for Race Two (Ordered by Best Laptime for Race One)

1	Jordan Albert
2	Robert Greenhough
3	Kyle Langley
4	Oscar Riley
5	Alex O'Sullivan

Race Two

So with this grid mixed up at the front after the best laptimes from race one were used as qualification for this race we saw second place driver, Jordan Albert start on pole and our winner Kyle starting third with Robert sandwiched between the two of them. As the green flagged dropped, signaling the start of the race, all drivers got away cleanly. After a few laps it became clear that this would be a tale of two battles, between Jordan and Robert for 1st and 2nd the rest of the drivers competing for 3rd, 4th and 5th. Some close racing was enjoyed by all, culminating in a move by Robert at the last corner, which allowed him to take first place and, ultimately, the victory.

Race Two Results

Race Number: 2		Points
1	Robert Greenhough	50
2	Jordan Albert	43
3	Kyle Langley	40
4	Oscar Riley	37
5	Alex O'Sullivan	35

Championship Standings

Position	Driver Name	Points
1	Kyle Langley	90
2	Robert Greenhough	87
3	Jordan Albert	86
4	Oscar Riley	77
5	Alex O'Sullivan	70

In Closing

Thank you very much to all drivers and parent for attending the first round of the Mercedes-Benz North Circuit InKart Championship. I'm sure you'll agree that the new format offers increased opportunities to drivers and prospects for more exciting racing throughout the year. Congratulations to all drivers for their performance today, especially to Kyle, Robert and Jordan who have got their campaigns off to the ideal start and earning themselves trophies for their efforts.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next round on the 27th February, arrival time is **8:30AM**

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