

North Circuit InKart Juniors - Round Two

Race Report

Today it was the Junior's turn to take the early start and all of the drivers were greeted with glorious sunshine and a drying track to start the second round of this year's championship. With two drivers joining us for the first time this year the numbers were slightly higher than the last round and providing yet more competition in the tightly fought championship.

Qualifying

With the rapidly drying track making the qualifying session extremely interesting as every lap the times were tumbling. The provisional pole position changed hands several times throughout the session. This eventually culminated in Jordan Albert putting in a fantastic laptime to put him on pole by over two-tenths of a second over second placed Kyle. The gap between 2nd and 6th positions was just over one-tenth, proving both the karts and drivers were extremely well-matched.

Qualifying Results

Position	Driver Name	Best Laptme
1	Jordan Albert	16.805
2	Kyle Langley	17.020
3	Oscar Riley	17.065
4	James Ives	17.081
5	Robert Greenhough	17.107
6	Sam Barclay	17.127

Race One

As the green flag dropped both Jordan and Kyle got away well from 1st and 2nd places respectively. Robert Greenhough also got away well and was able to get alongside James Ives, there was contact involved but no advantage gained. Similarly, Sam hit Robert in a move that would have earned him a black flag but he got stuck on the tires and ended up gaining no advantage and losing a lot of time to the karts in front of him. Robert was involved in the action once again, making an excellent move by slingshotting and getting a good run out of the last corner and making it stick into the first corner. Sam also made a similar move out of the same corner, once again on James, however, Sam threw away time and position with a spin on his own accord. At the front of the field, the battle between Kyle and Jordan was extremely close with them matching each other's laptimes and keeping a steady gap between them. In spite of the necessity to navigate their way through backmarkers, it was Jordan who took the victory in race one with Kyle in second and Oscar, having had a quiet but nonetheless excellent race, in third position. Notably, 6th place driver Sam actually had the fastest lap of the race, with a sizzling time of 16.497, placing him on pole for race two.

Race One Results

Race Number: 1		Best Laptime	Points
1	Jordan Albert	16.693	50
2	Kyle Langley	16.661	43
3	Oscar Riley	16.746	40
4	Robert Greenhough	16.985	37
5	James Ives	17.066	35
6	Sam Barclay	16.497	33

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

1	Sam Barclay
2	Kyle Langley
3	Jordan Albert
4	Oscar Riley
5	Robert Greenhough
6	James Ives

Race Two

As the race got under way all drivers appeared to make a good start, especially Sam Barclay, who was pulling away from first position. After four laps the order was still extremely close between all the drivers. Sam was first to blink by missing his apex at the last corner, allowing second place driver Kyle to creep up on him. At the last corner Kyle then pushed Sam wide but gained no advantage so was able to sneak away with only a 'no bumping' board. It was a constant and very close battle up front between 1st and 4th, Robert was able to make an impression by squeezing round the outside of Jordan Albert to take 3rd position off him before the chequered flag fell for Sam Barclay to take victory in his first round of 2011.

Race Two Results

Race Number: 2		Points
1	Sam Barclay	50
2	Kyle Langley	43
3	Robert Greenhough	40
4	Jordan Albert	37
5	Oscar Riley	35
6	James Ives	33

Overall Results for Round 2

Race Number: 2		Points
1	Jordan Albert	87
2	Kyle Langley	86
3	Sam Barclay	83
4	Robert Greenhough	77
5	Oscar Riley	75
6	James Ives	68

Championship Standings

Name	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Kyle Langley	90	86	176
Jordan Albert	86	87	173
Robert Greenhough	87	77	164
Oscar Riley	77	75	152
Sam Barclay		83	83
Alex O'Sullivan	70		70
James Ives		68	68

In Closing

Once again, a big thank you to all drivers and parents that attended this months North Circuit Junior Round. A massive congratulations to all drivers and especially to Jordan, Kyle and Sam who took home the trophies on the day. Don't forget that its a long season and anything can happen, you must also take into account the fact that you can drop your two lowest scoring rounds!

We look forward to seeing you all at the next round on the 27th March, arrival time is **11:00AM**

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