



## 2012 Inkart Championship Report Round 8

### Circuit: Alternate

As is typical round 8's entry numbers were slightly lower than normal with competitors choosing this as one of their dropped rounds with many on holiday to sunnier climates. Weather at Sandown was certainly not bad after a changeable week and 60 junior drivers hit the track for practice.

#### Cadets

Max Lawson won the C final and managed to keep a hard charging Sage don Dillon behind him promoting himself to the back of the B Final.

#### C Final:

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Max Lawson	54.154	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Diego Lopez	54.296	4.585
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sage don Dillon	54.142	4.682

#### B Final:

A great start from William Thomas meant that he lead the first few laps from a third place grid slot, however the front row of Patrick Wanat and Sam Hampshire weren't letting William go and they both managed to pass him on lap 6. Sam and Patrick then battled for the lead with Sam staying in front from lap 7.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sam Hampshire	53.856	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Patrick Wanat	53.873	0.263
3 <sup>rd</sup> William Thomas	54.082	2.881

#### A Final:

Jack Lemmer started the A final on pole position; Max Oshaughnesy was 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Manuwa 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joshua Craft 4<sup>th</sup> and Luke Roberts 5<sup>th</sup>.

At the end of lap 1 Jack held a slim lead over Luke in 2<sup>nd</sup> who had made a series of brave moves stick in order to move ahead of Max in third.

By the end of the second lap Luke had passed Jack and started to push on for a gap.

As the race progressed Jack managed to keep Max behind and secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place whilst Josh passed David for 4<sup>th</sup> on the fifth lap.

By mid race distance it was clear there was no catching Luke as he set his best lap of the day, a 52.687 the gap between him and Jack settled at just over 8 seconds at the end of 9 laps of racing with Max 9 tenths further back in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Luke Roberts	52.687	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Lemmer	54.035	8.146
3 <sup>rd</sup> Max Oshaughnesy	54.089	9.060

## Junior Light

### B Final:

After a few penalties being given out in the heats the B final had some very quick drivers indeed. The front row of William Goodlace and Cameron Rodger both eager to make the most of their grid positions and move on the back of the A final. William, Charlie Tibble and Joe Bennaceur made the best starts and were all separated by less than a second for the first few laps. Will led narrowly with Charlie and Joe both demonstrating excellent race craft and swapping places multiple times a lap. It was on lap 4 that Joe tried to out brake Charlie into turn 6 after the long Top straight, he successfully passed Charlie but couldn't slow the kart down enough to avoid Will ahead and hit into him gaining advantage. Charlie jumped at the opportunity and snuck up the inside whilst the others collected themselves back onto the circuit. Joe managed to get back past Charlie and cross the line in first but a penalty for advantage by contact relegated him to 6<sup>th</sup> in the standings.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Tibble	53.677	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Will Goodlace	54.191	2.279
3 <sup>rd</sup> Stephen Netting	54.307	5.766

### A Final:

After a very impressive performance during the heats Dante Dhillon had secured the pole spot on the grid from Harry Neale in second and Jody Richardson in third.

It was a busy start and Harry got squeezed wide at the first corner dropping to fourth but making his way back up to third before the end of the first lap. Sean Adams got a great start from fourth and completed the first lap in second having passed Jody and pulling Matthew Hayman through behind him.

The positions were to stay as they were after the first lap but that's not to say it wasn't a close race; the front three drivers spending the next 8 laps absolutely nose to tail. They were separated by less than 6 tenths of a second as they crossed the line making this one of the closest races all day!

Matthew and Jody were similarly close for 4<sup>th</sup> in a final that anyone of the top five could have won.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Dante Dhillon	53.676	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sean Adams	53.572	0.229
3 <sup>rd</sup> Harry Neale	53.633	0.539

## Junior Heavy

### B Final:

Billy Cowan led from pole and won a convincing victory of 4.2 seconds over Luca Ingrassia in second.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Billy Cowan	53.747	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Luca Ingrassia	54.177	4.282
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben Benneyworth	53.705	7.941

### A Final:

Reza Motavassel started on pole, Sean Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Callum Mazzella 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jack Bolton 4<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Trundle 5<sup>th</sup> and Alex March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The first lap had lots of position changes in the second half of the grid; most notably the B final winner Billy moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place from the back of the grid.

What followed was an epic battle between the front four drivers each passing one another at various points on the circuit, the lead swapping hands between Reza and Sean.

As the front two battled they slowed each other down and this allowed Jack and Billy to join the fight for first. Over the last 1.5 laps the lead swapped hands four times with each driver holding it at one time or another but as the karts came onto the top straight for the final time it was Billy who led the gaggle of karts behind him. There was talk of controversial overtaking manoeuvres but these were judged to be fair by the marshals and the final positions stood as they had finished.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Billy Cowan	53.522	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sean Richardson	53.718	0.199
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reza Motavassel	53.331	0.453

## Senior Light

### B Final:

Jason Wood won from Julian Woolgar with an impressive performance setting two nearly identical fastest laps one after another.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Jason Wood	50.572	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Julian Woolgar	50.795	5.086
3 <sup>rd</sup> Chris Graco	51.058	8.637

With several of the championship contenders picking this as a dropped round the A final was always going to be interesting. Joe Wackrill had pole from Andy O'Neil with James Venning and Jack O'Neil on the second row.

Andy got a good start and drove the long way round the outside of turn one to have the inside line for turn two making the pass stick past Joe, James tried to follow him through but Joe shut the door and Jack took advantage of James' loss of momentum to move up to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On lap 4 Jack passed Joe for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and set his fastest lap of the race one lap later whilst trying to catch his brother in front.

Positions then stayed the same with gaps closing between certain drivers; most notably the O'Neil brothers being separated by just a tenth of a second at the flag and Jordan Bowley finishing just behind James Venning for 5<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Andy O'Neil	49.623	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack O'Neil	49.557	0.125
3 <sup>rd</sup> Joe Wackrill	49.771	3.051

## Senior Heavy

### A Final:

Jack Campfield started on pole for the senior heavy final; Stephen Harding was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Graham Craig 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marques Riddell 4<sup>th</sup>, and Patrick Booth 5<sup>th</sup>.

The first start of the final was very badly formed so another roll up lap was completed and at the second time of asking it was Stephen Harding who took the advantage after the first set of esses.

With Jack displaced down to 2<sup>nd</sup> there were two clear battles which merged together from time to time with explosive results; Stephen and Jack fought over first whilst Marques and Graham did the same for third.

Jack passed Stephen at turn 8 on the eighth lap squeezing him wide on the exit allowing Graham to sneak through as well. There were several passes between the front four and none except Jack seemed too happy to have been denied the win once the chequered flag fell after 10 laps of nose to tail racing. It was without doubt the closest final of the day; just 7 tenths of a second covered the top four drivers.

<u>Podium positions:</u>	<u>Fastest lap:</u>	<u>Gap:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Jack Campfield	50.945	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Graham Craig	50.814	0.250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Stephen Harding	51.178	0.548

I hope to see as many drivers if not more at the next round, remember you can book in anytime up until 5.30pm on the Friday prior to racing!

Please call 0845 644 5502 to Book Your Place Now!

Round 9 of the 2012 Inkart Championship will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 on the Reverse Alternate circuit.

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