



Daytona Milton Keynes InKart Championship 2012

Round Nine:

Junior International Heat One

Jordan Albert led the drivers from pole on the opening heat of the day. By the end of the second lap, Jordan Albert was able to pull out a healthy three-second lead to keep the chasing pack at bay. However, after moving from fourth to second on the opening lap, Ryan Ould also found a bit of space and began to hunt down Jordan. The racing was a little bit scrappy, due to the drivers being on a slightly unfamiliar circuit. Dan Bull was still able to successfully navigate his way into third, joining the breakaway gang of Jordan and Ryan. However, at this point the pack had started to spread out and the race finished with Jordan 1st, Ryan 2nd and Dan 3rd.

Heat Two

In the second heat, the first half-chance to make up positions belonged to Oscar Riley as he had a little look at making a move up the inside of Sam Barclay at turn ten but thought better of it. After a relatively clean opening lap, there was then significant contact between drivers with no obvious culprits, making it hard to choose whom to direct warnings too immediately. However, on lap four, Mathias Read-Simpson committed a reckless advantage by contact at turn ten and was of course penalised with a black flag. Through the madness, Owen Pearce took a flag-to-flag victory and Robert Greenhough piped Sam Barclay for 3rd on the final lap.

Heat Three

James Ives started on pole position, but took a very tight line coming into turn eleven which compromised his exit. This allowed Tom Harbottle to easily get up the inside of him at turn two after getting a much better run. Dan Bull unfortunately received a black flag for an advantage by contact on Jordan Albert at turn five, which he could find to hurt his championship credentials. Moving onto the final lap, Ryan Ould slipped up the inside of Jamil Said to take third place from him. Tom Harbottle scored maximum points and his position never looked in doubt, James Ives remained 2nd and Ryan Ould 3rd.

Final

The Junior drivers proved that they could be more mature than some of the seniors! It was a clean and tidy start, reminding everyone that you can't win a race on the first corner but you can certainly lose it! Moving onto lap two, Tom Harbottle was applying significant pressure on race leader Ryan Ould, with Owen Pearce lurking behind, looking ready to pounce if either driver made a mistake. Meanwhile, Robert Greenhough moved into 6th with a brilliant move up the inside of turn six. Tom eventually made his move up the inside of turn ten, but somehow Ryan superbly regained his position at the following corner. After regaining his composure, Tom was still looking racey, pushing

Ryan all the way to the chequered flag. However, Ryan holds on to win, Tom 2nd and Owen Pearce 3rd.

Senior Lightweight Heat One

At the start, Charlie Fenton made a 50/50 move on Vaughan Roberts with some side-to-side contact involved. However, he didn't hold onto it long, and it was decided no further action would be taken. Harry Law moved into 8th after starting last with a cracking move up the inside of turn eleven on lap three. It was a close race throughout, and Darryn De Souza was warned for his bumping after trying to get through a gap that just wasn't quite big enough. George Wilson stormed through the field from third and took the lead with four laps to go and managed to stay there for the rest of the race. Anthony Jordan did well to take 2nd and Vaughan finished 3rd.

Heat Two

There was a bit of bumping on the first lap, with all drivers desperate for championship points. Unfortunately Anthony Jordan experienced some bad luck when he pitted on the opening lap after he experienced technical issues with his kart. Some very close racing between Harry Law and Charlie Fenton almost ended in tears after some fierce racing; both drivers were issued warning flags. On lap five, Darryn De Souza knocked a driver out of the way at turn ten and was given a black flag. George Wilson took a well-deserved win; Daniel Truman was 2nd and Chris Anderson 3rd.

Heat Three

The first lap of the third heat started almost without incident – except for a 'no bumping' warning board for Dominic Tucker. However, the racing was extremely close; ten karts were still nose to tail coming into the second lap. Daniel Truman made a brilliant move up the inside of turn nine to take the lead from James Mac. Meanwhile, Dominic Tucker was able to move up into 3rd on lap four. Daniel Truman comfortably won from an excellent Darryn De Souza and Dominic Tucker in 3rd.

Final

After accruing the most points in the heats, George Wilson started on pole and led a relatively clean opening couple of corners. However, George made a very uncharacteristic mistake down at turn eight and ran wide. Not being one to say no to a golden opportunity, Daniel Truman poached the lead. On lap five, Darryn De Souza received his second black flag of the day for an advantage by contact on Vaughan Roberts at turn four. Meanwhile, Anthony Jordan was on the move, making a couple of places to fourth, and chasing Dominic Tucker in 3rd. At the front, Daniel Truman was running away with it, and cleared a huge advantage from his rivals to win in convincing fashion. George Wilson was 2nd and Dominic Tucker withstood huge pressure from Anthony Jordan to take 3rd place.

Senior Heavyweight Heat One

On the opening lap in the first heat, Stuart Shearman exceptionally grabbed the lead at turn four, whilst Paul Field spun at turn five. A good move at turn ten saw Chris Munro move up to 3rd place. Due to the amount of contact between the drivers, everyone was given a black and white warning flag. At the front, Stuart Shearman was keeping clear of the chaos by pulling out a two second

advantage. Andy Whymark and Martyn Smith overtook Andy Barr on lap three, following that the three of them had a good scrap all the way to the chequered flag. Before the end of the race, Asad Riyasat committed an advantage by contact at turn ten, but received a one lap penalty because it was too close to the end of the race for a black flag. Stuart took the win, Chris Munro in second and Andy Whymark in 3rd.

Heat Two

On the opening lap, Chris Munro committed an advantage by contact at turn four (although he assures me it was the wrong call!) and ended up with a black flag. It was a relatively static heat, with the top five in the same positions that they started in after the first five laps. On lap five, Wayne Robson excellently found his way past Andy Barr. Going into the final lap Paul Field was under a huge amount of pressure from Wayne, Andy and Stuart for 2nd. At the front, Andy Whymark comfortably won by 4.3 seconds, Paul Field just held on to 2nd and Wayne Robson was 3rd.

Heat Three

InKart newcomer Scott Breach started on pole position for the last heat. All drivers got away well and there were no opening lap dramas. On the third lap, Chris Munro got up the inside of Asad Riyasat at turn four for 2nd place. However, this squabbling behind allowed Scott Breach to pull away a decent lead at the front. Scott was able to take the win, whilst Paul Field edged Chris Munro to take 2nd.

Final

In the last race of the day, and after a decent set of heats, Andy Whymark led the class from pole position. It was tough at the front and some tempers were frayed but there was also some good racing. By the fourth lap, Andy Whymark had pulled a four second advantage from Paul Field and Stuart Shearman, who were battling over the podium positions. However, it was Andy Barr that really upset their party and came from behind to steal second place. It was a comfortable victory for Andy Whymark, with Andy Barr in 2nd and Paul Field holding on for 3rd.

Conclusion

Another excellent day of racing in the InKart Championship here at Daytona Milton Keynes. A big thank you to all drivers and spectators for your participation.

Please don't forget that you get to drop your worst two rounds, so many of you still have an excellent chance of winning the championship!

Please send any comments to ben.turner@daytona.co.uk

I look forward to seeing you all at the next round.

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