



Daytona Milton Keynes National InKart Championship 2012

Round Nine:

Cadet Lightweight Heat one:

On an opening lap full of action, pole-sitter Theo Angus spun at turn four, leaving Lewis Harmer nowhere to go. On the second lap Jack Deakin overtook up the inside of turn 11 for second place. However, Jack was given nowhere to go on the following lap at turn 5, when a driver spun in front of him, forcing him onto the grass, meaning he lost several places. At the front, Archie Forber was still leading but was under significant pressure from the top. Harry Ephremson, was doing superbly in fourth but unfortunately spun on his own accord at turn 10 on lap four. Jay Hodson, who was already up to third stole second place on the final lap, Archie took the win and Luke Richardson was third. The top three drivers were separated by just 0.5seconds.

Heat two:

The second heat had a very messy start; a driver spun out and collected Theo Angus, pushing him right to the back. There was some contact near the front, both Jack Deakin and Harrison Pughe were shown the 'no bumping' board as a warning. Following this, Jack Deakin made a good move stick up the inside of Harrison Pughe at turn 10. Harrison then committed an advantage by contact on Jack but then lost the position when he spun out, so no further action was taken. Keeping his head above water was Archie Forber who kept clear out in front, away from the messy race behind! Archie took the win by a huge 11.3 seconds, Jack Deakin 2nd and Jay Hodson was 3rd.

The Grand Final:

On the opening lap, Archie Forber led from pole and a determined Jack Deakin moved up into 3rd at turn four up the inside of Lewis Harmer. Lewis wasn't happy with that and regained the position at turn five! However, Jack eventually regained third and held onto it. Meanwhile, Archie Forber and Jay Hodson were able to pull away from the squabbling pack behind them. On lap four, Harry Ephremson excellently got past Jack Deakin at turn eleven, but Jack got the run on him at turn two to regain the place. Lewis Harmer, on a charge after his early misfortune, brilliantly overtook Harry on the outside of turn five in one of the best moves of the day. Coming into the tricky turn ten, Jack Deakin came in a little bit hot, causing his back to step out and affect his run out of the corner. Lewis Harmer opportunistically grabbed his chance and moved up into third. Archie Forber took the chequered flag just 0.153s ahead of Jay Hodson, who almost snatched victory at the last corner, Lewis Harmer drove well to finish 3rd.

Cadet Heavyweights Heat one (A):

As a consequence of the turnout for the cadet being so high, the drivers were split into two groups before rejoining in the finals, with positions decided by number of points. On to the racing and with the championship so close, it was vital that Zac Outfin got away from pole position well; which he was able to do, he and Bailey Bedborough were able to clear a massive six-second gap between themselves and the chasing pack. As the race continued, Bailey was struggling to keep up with a

determined Zac and the field behind them also began to spread out. On the fourth lap, Bailey made a mistake at turn ten, but was able to get going again and remain in second place, although Zac had gained a commanding lead. The race finished with Zac in 1st, Bailey in 2nd and Matthew Cao battled to 3rd place.

Heat one (B)

In a hotly contested start, Levi Anderson impressively gained second place with a great move up the inside of turn four. He then followed that up on the next lap, taking the lead up the inside of Toby Goodman at turn two. George Bridson and Dean Thomas followed and also moved up, but Toby was still looking extremely racey. Following a good run out of the last corner, championship leader Dean Thomas overtook George for second place on lap four. It was an excellent win for Levi Anderson, 3.2 seconds up the road, Dean came in 2nd and George was 3rd.

Heat two (A):

Impressively, after starting last, Zac Outfin fought through the crowds up to 4th place by the end of lap one. Up at the front, Samuel Ravindran and Samuel Tucknott were fighting tooth-and-nail for the lead, the rest of the field were 5 seconds behind. Samuel Tucknott made his move for the lead on lap three at turn six and made it stick. Meanwhile, Zac had moved up to 3rd and was driving like a man possessed, gaining all the time. On the final lap, he overtook Samuel Ravindran at turn 5 and then, amazingly, overtook Samuel Tucknott on the penultimate corner to take the win! It was a superb drive that stunned everyone, and Zac can be very proud of his performance in this race.

Heat two (B)

Following a good start, it all got a bit messy between turns four and five but no advantage was gained by anyone, just too many karts into too little track! Charlie Toes lost it under braking into turn ten which caused both Toby and George to taking avoiding action, meaning they lost a lot of time. This released Dean Thomas and Levi Anderson to fight it out at the front for the win. Meanwhile down in 5th and 6th, Toby and George were having a great battle and putting on a show for the crowd. Dean was able to pull away and took the win, Levi 2nd and Charlie Toes 3rd.

The B Final

With a place in the 'A' final on the line, a lot was at stake in the 'B' final. There were certainly some drivers that had had some bad luck, who we wouldn't expect to be there and therefore we knew we would have a great race. Matthew Cao led the field from pole position, before Jamie Estick excellently stole the lead. However, the lead changed hands for a third time with a charging Toby Goodman. The race then settled down in its final stages. Toby Goodman progressed to the 'A' final as he took a good win from Jamie Estick and Matthew Cao was 3rd.

The Grand Final:

In all honestly, this was probably the most exciting race we had all day! Zac Outfin started on pole ahead of Levi Anderson and Dean Thomas. After a clean and tidy first lap, Zac spun out from the lead at turn ten! Meanwhile, Toby Goodman, still on a high from his win in the 'B' final is up to fifth. George Bridson was on an absolute flyer and moved into 2nd after lap one and then up into the lead, despite starting 5th! George, Dean and Levi were all very close, and Toby started to catch them after taking yet another position, up into fourth. On the penultimate lap, Levi made a great move up the inside of Dean at turn three, but this also allowed Toby to catch up! Dean was working very hard to

re-take Levi but this left half a door open for Toby, which he takes going into turn six! However, Dean was very late onto the brakes into turn ten and regained his podium position. Following a superb race, George Bridson finished 1st, Levi in 2nd and Dean in 3rd.

Junior Lightweights Heat one:

Matthew Diemer started on pole for the first heat of the Junior Lights, with seven other eager young drivers lined up behind him. Daniel Mallison took 3rd place with a spectacular move up the inside at turn 10. However, unfortunately for Spencer Olds, he committed an advantage by contact on Brandon Callimano and received a black flag. Dan Mallison continued his very strong charge and moved up into 2nd on lap three. Matthew Diemer took a well-deserved victory, 1.4s in front of Dan in 2nd and Christian Nielson-Evans in 3rd.

Heat two:

So following a very entertaining first heat, the crowd were hoping for another spectacular race, and they weren't disappointed! It was a relatively tidy start; as the drivers left turn six, pole sitter Liam Coleman had a bad exit, which bunched the drivers' together coming into turn ten. However, everyone escaped unscathed but trouble was just around the corner! Dan Mallison hit Liam Coleman on lap two at turn two to gain the advantage, and was duly issued the black flag. Following the excitement at the start, the rest of the race was relatively pedestrian; Spencer took the win by 0.5s from Matthew Diemer and Adam Pooler in 3rd.

The Grand Final:

It was a good and clean opening lap, as all drivers successfully navigated the first lap without major incident. On lap two, Adam Pooler unfortunately spun out of 4th and as a result Christian Nielson-Evans ran wide and Spencer snatched second place. It wasn't long before Spencer was all over the back of Matthew, and trying to take the lead, on lap five Spencer made a move at turn four to take the lead from Matt. Christian was still in 3rd but was under a huge amount of pressure from Dan Mallison. Christian went very defensive into the last corner, allowing Dan to make a brilliant sling-shot move into turn one to take 3rd. However, Dan wasn't done yet, he overtook Matt at turn four to take 2nd. The race finished with Spencer winning from Dan and Matt in 3rd.

Junior Heavyweight Heat one:

In the opening race of the Junior Heavyweight category, Championship leader Sam Howell started on pole hoping that a strong performance this weekend could see him extend his lead. On the first lap Thomas Knapton went for a daring move for second place but out-broke himself and spun out! Meanwhile Sam, at the front began to pull away and built a significant lead of 1.6 seconds. Alex Churchill made a superb overtake on Callum Curtis on lap three at turn ten to take third place. Jamaal Ahmed committed an advantage by contact at turn six but conceded the place and therefore avoided a black flag – a very sporting and mature attitude which certainly helped his points tally. On the following lap Jamaal made his move stick on Callum Curtis with a clean move at turn ten. Sam Howell won the race with a flag-to-flag victory, Tyler Parslow was 2nd and Alex Churchill 3rd.

Heat two:

As James Mottram led the field away from pole, Sam Howell was on the move already, overtaking Callum Curtis on lap one at turn four. On the exit of the National cut-through, Alex Churchill took the lead but James sensationally reclaimed it at turn 10! Tyler Parslow had a very strong race,

fighting all the way from 5th to take the lead on lap four. It was extremely close throughout the field as they entered the last lap with just one second separating the top five. Tyler was still leading coming into the last lap but Alex Churchill was all over the back of him. However, he was able to hold on to win, Alex 2nd and James in 3rd.

The Grand Final:

Even on the first lap of the final there was drama at turn two and six which bought out the yellow flags. However, there was nothing in it, just racing incidents that involved Calllum and Thomas, which moved them both down the order. Alex Churchill did make a move early on, unseen by race control whilst much of the attention was on the incidents on lap one. As a result of the first lap mayhem, there was a large spread between the drivers. Due to this, the race finished with Alex in 1st, Tyler Parslow 2nd and Sam Howell 3rd.

Although we believe that it has been a successful day, we also recognise there is always room for improvement and if anyone has any feedback – positive or negative! Please drop an e-mail to ben.turner@daytona.co.uk

Please remember that you will **drop your worst two rounds** – meaning that anyone many of you still have a chance for the championship!

See you all next round, be sure to book in early to guarantee your space!

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