

Round 1 – January 11th

Junior Heat 1

The first junior heat of 2015 got underway with Dean Thomas, Archie Forber and Joshua Craft at the front of the grid. Dean struggled early on as he made his debut on the International circuit and dropped down to 6th position. Joshua took the lead straight away and Archie was hot on his tail. Diego Lopez gained advantage by contact on the 3rd lap but gave the position back and so avoided a penalty. Archie managed to sneak past Joshua on the 7th lap to take the lead, as Christian powered into 3rd. It finished with Archie first, Joshua second and Christian third.

Junior Heat 2

Liam Coleman and Diego Lopez were at the front of the grid as they crossed the line to get the heat underway. Dean Thomas started in 6th place but struggled down at turn 8 as he span out and dropped to the back, in the meantime Diego Lopez also dropped back to 4th from second after running wide and leaving space for the close pack. Liam was building a steady lead and after 5 laps was 2.5 seconds ahead, by this point Diego had regained his form and squeezed back into 2nd place with a 2 second lead over the pack. Ollie, Alexander and Joshua were having a great battle for third position with only 0.5 seconds separating them after they had completed 6 laps, with Alexander challenging Ollie moving into the 7th lap. Archie and Christian were also having a good battle down the grid with pride and points at stake, whilst Dean Thomas had posted the fastest lap time of the heat 1:11:712 from last position, as he caught up with the rest of the field. Liam took the win followed by Diego and Ollie in second and third.

Junior Heat 3

Ollie Ursell and Tadhg started off with the position in this final heat. Ollie was in excellent form and pulled away right from the start, building a 5 second lead after 4 laps. Dean Thomas started at the bottom and climbed up to third place, however he span out on the final lap and got stuck, leaving him back at the bottom. Ollie Ursell won by over 6 seconds, Alexander Dorricott in second and Diego Lopez in third.

Junior Final

After the rolling start in the junior final there were a large number of karts all trying to squeeze through turn 1 at the same time, resulting in 2 drivers ploughing into the tire wall on the outside of the turn and another crashing on the inside leading into turn 2. The drivers were all okay and the track team managed to repair the circuit quickly with minimal disruption to the race, allowing a smooth return to the final. Diego Lopez started in second place and found his way through into the lead early on, with Ollie Ursell close behind. Joshua was leading a pack down to 6th place with only a second between them in the battle for third place, but Diego and Ollie were 4 seconds ahead and having their own duel for the first win of the season. The race remained in the same shape

throughout the final few laps, as Diego took the win with a gap of 0.395 seconds over Ollie in second place, with Joshua in third place 5 seconds behind.

Senior Light Heat 1

John Monger, Patrick Leahy and Tyler Parslow held the pole positions in the first heat of 18 drivers and the largest field of the day. It started off closely with 4 tight packs of drivers and less than 4 seconds between the entire field after 3 laps. Craig Murchison stormed away with the lead and took the win, followed by James Ives and Tyler Parslow in second and third places.

Senior Light Heat 2

Another busy field as George, Christopher and Scott crossed the line in front after a very clean start. Yuri Burton and Josh Caygill were slightly erratic and lost positions after almost spinning and riding the kerbs. Vaughan Roberts was on the prowl after Scott Taylor tried to take second place but messed up, leaving room for Vaughan to move into third place above him. Vaughan then climbed into second place at turn 6 on the 4th lap, with only 0.6 seconds between him and race leader Christopher Gristwood as they crossed into their 5th lap. Christopher, Vaughan and Thomas were going well at the front, but there was a lot of action in the chasing pack as George Richardson was black flagged for gaining advantage by contact and persistent bumping. It finished with Christopher in first, Vaughan in second and Thomas third.

Senior Light Heat 3

James Ives, Daniel Russell, Tyler Parslow and Emilio Lopez all started well and climbed to the top for a battle for the last points, leaving them all less than 0.5 seconds apart throughout the bulk of the race. Craig and Vaughan were having a great battle in the middle of a tightly packed field. All of the lights were racing well as they fought for position in the largest field, but James Ives came out on top, with Daniel Russell in second and Tyler Parslow in third.

Senior Light Final

James Ives and Christopher Gristwood took an early lead with Tyler Parslow close behind at the front of the field. The rest of the pack was incredibly close on the opening few laps with a smooth and clean race despite the congestion. Emilio Lopez was holding strong in the middle of the pack and made a great move down the inside of turn 9 on the 4th lap to gain two positions, he then managed to make another manoeuvre stick on the inside of turn 8 to move into 4th place over Tyler Parslow. Craig Murchison's inevitable charge was well underway as he climbed up the field into second place with a fastest time of 1:11:587 after 9 laps and only half a second behind race leader James Ives. Christopher Gristwood was 0.8 seconds back in third place after 11 laps, as Craig closed the gap on James Ives with only 0.2 seconds between them as they approached the final lap. James took the chequered flag with Craig in second place just behind, with Christopher following them in third place.



Senior Heavy Heat 1

Lee Eggleton, Sam Howell and Steve Dunning started off on top in the first heavy heat of 7 solid drivers. Sam was making a great go of it with two experienced competitors in Lee and Doug right on his tail. Reigning champion Chris Munro was having a solid performance in the middle of the pack but wasn't challenging for the lead in this heat. After Lee started moving ahead in front, Sam lost out to Doug and dropped to third place with the heat beginning to spread. Lee took the win with a 1.7 second gap over Doug in second, with a further 3 seconds between him and Sam Howell in third.

Senior Heavy Heat 2

This looked to be a tough heat for the challengers as Wayne Robson started on pole with a great track record in the heavy category. Chris Munro mounted a challenge on Doug Willingale going into turn 10, but Doug managed to keep the racing line and regain position in 2nd place. Chris dropped back down after showing a gap at turn 2, as Lee and Sam Howell were having a great battle through the middle of the heat. Wayne was showing his skill out in front until him and Doug had a battle through turn 8 on the penultimate lap and he slipped to third place, as Lee climbed to second. It finished this way with Doug first, Lee second and Wayne third. Chris Munro held off a final challenge well to retain fourth.

Senior Heavy Heat 3

Doug Willingale led from the start and pulled away quite easily. The rest of the field was fairly spread with a close battle for third place with Wayne Robson and Lee Eggleton battling for position. Steve Dunning had his standout performance of the day and posted his fastest lap time in excellent style. Chris Munro was holding steady but span out at turn 10 on the 5th lap to drop to 6th place and was too far back to mount a comeback. Doug won with ease followed by Lee in second and Wayne in third.

Senior Heavy Final

Lee Eggleton and Doug Willingale ran from the front, with Wayne and Sam just behind as they crossed the line. Wayne didn't start great and lost out to Sam on the second lap after running wide; this was the only change on the opening 3 laps as the drivers found their groove. Wayne then span out at turn 6 on the 4th lap to let Chris Munro through and take 4th position from him. Lee was 1.6 seconds ahead after 5 laps with only 0.2 separating Doug and 3rd placed Sam, Chris Munro a further 0.5 seconds back in fourth as they finished their 6th lap. After 8 laps Lee had built up a 3.6 second lead, with Doug, Sam and Chris separated by only half a second. Chris made his move at turn 11 on the 9th lap as he powered through the inside to take 3rd place away from Sam Howell, but allowed Lee to pull away in the process. Lee then went on to chase Doug and powered past him with relative ease. Sam and Chris were having a great battle as Sam stole 3rd back from him on the 11th lap, with nothing to separate the two of them as they approached the final lap. Chris got right behind Sam into turn 10 and managed to get side-by-side with him on the inside of turn 11 but couldn't quite get



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the speed as Sam took third place. Lee took the win followed by Doug in second place after a great afternoon of racing.