

Round 11 – November 8th

Junior Heat 1

Conditions in the afternoon segment of the championship were overcast but much drier than the morning, although there were still damp patches around the track. Charlie Fenton started on pole and held his leading position for 6 laps but almost dropped to second as James Ives got alongside; Fenton produced some strong defensive driving to hold onto first and won the heat by just 0.2 seconds, while Thomas Knapton finished third having stayed in contact with the top two, ready to take advantage if they tangled, but was unable to catch up.

Junior Heat 2

Liam Coleman lead the pack past the green flag for Heat 2 with championship leader James Ives in second; although positions changed hands several times towards the rear of the field in the early stages of the race, the drivers spread out, and with fairly sizeable gaps between them allowed Liam Coleman to win by 4 seconds over James Ives, with Knapton collecting his second third place finish of the day.

Junior Heat 3

Luke Roach started in first for the final senior heat of the championship round, but struggled at turns 2 and 3, dropping back and allowing Liam Coleman and several others through. Coleman was unable to keep his lead, with Thomas Knapton passing into first after starting from fifth in the final randomly allocated grid of the day. Coleman got the lead back on lap 5 but a mistake seconds later cost him he position and meant he conceded a gap to Knapton, who won by a second as the chequered flag was shown.

Junior Final

Thomas Knapton had the most points from the 3 heats and was rewarded with pole position; a few places changed hands in the opening corners with the track still damp making grip levels very low. James Ives had qualified in third but, after moving into second from the start line, also got past Knapton on lap 3 and wasn't ever in any difficulties from that point onwards, illustrating how he had so confidently won the championship this year. He finished three seconds in front of Knapton, while Charlie Fenton took the honours for the third step of the podium with some consistent and assured driving to stay ahead of Daniel Russell.



Senior Heat 1

Kai Mack took pole position for the first International heat but lost his race lead to Dean Thomas as he passed under the green flag, while Mack dropped to fifth. Ursell put himself in second with Forber third, the top group of three managing to stay relatively close together. Thomas won the heat by 0.3 seconds after 9 laps having successfully kept his two rivals behind him despite some pressure as the heat came to an end.

Senior Heat 2

Forber ran wide at turn 9 on the opening lap, putting a wheel on the grass and almost losing control of his kart but wrestling it back onto the circuit, and Ollie Ursell was issued a warning for contact made while trying to overtake some of his competitors. On the second lap Dean Thomas secured first place from Sam Dickins with better speed up the back straight, and remained there taking a 4 second victory over Dickins, his second of the day, with Ursell managing to cleanly get himself into third on the penultimate lap.

Senior Heat 3

As the race got underway with Ollie Ursell out front Kai Mack dropped back as the green flag was shown, and span out at turn 1, overcompensating for his poor start on a track that was still damp from the morning rain. Dean Thomas squeezed past Ursell for first but was passed by Archie Forber. Although at one point dropping back towards Thomas, Forber consolidated his first place and won by half a second.

Senior Final

The championship scenario going into the final was that with just 10 points between them Ollie Ursell had to finish in front of Archie Forber by some margin – not made easier by the fact that Forber qualified ahead of Ursell, with Dean Thomas on pole. The only change from the start was Ursell dropping to fourth, with Sam Dickins benefitting and provisionally putting himself on the third step of the podium; this change was undone by Ursell a few laps later, while Thomas dropped to second for one lap when Forber undercut him between turns 10 and 11 but got his place back at the same place the next time round. Thomas didn't allow Forber to pass again and won another round of the championship, with Forber finishing second 2 seconds behind but securing the overall 2015 title.