

Round 4 – April 12th

Overcast but warm weather welcomed the International InKart drivers to Daytona Milton Keynes for the fourth round of their Championship, with James Ives hoping to extend his lead in the Senior Lights Championship and Diego Lopez looking to do the same in the Junior International category...

Junior Heat 1

Dean Thomas took pole position for the first rolling start of the afternoon, and despite running very wide at the difficult turn 8 he held on to his position for the first lap with Archie Forber close behind. Levi Anderson almost lost control on the exit of the chicane at turns 2 and 3 on the first lap but held on and even fought his way up to fourth by the end of lap 3. Levi was later penalised for an illegal overtake with contact at turn 10, as was Joshua Craft for a similar offence at the double-apex at turn 5. Dean and Archie consistently pulled away from the whole field with Levi finishing third, although after the relevant penalties were applied Ollie Ursell finished just under five seconds behind the two front-runners.

Junior Heat 2

After another busy but clean start Diego Lopez gained the lead on lap 2 at turn 6, while Levi Anderson struggled to keep his kart under control, first out-braking himself into turn 10 and then at turn 6 the next lap, losing five positions in total. Several others struggled with the quick left-hand turn 9 at the end of the back straight, with first Archie Forber and then Ollie Ursell running wide in heavy traffic, losing places but recovering well. Diego finished in the lead by 0.555 over Archie Forber, who attacked well on the last lap on the back straight, with Liam Coleman finishing third.

Junior Heat 3

Ollie Ursell shot into the lead of the final qualifying heat with Levi Anderson putting him under pressure from the start. There was a lot of contact on the second lap, with Joshua Craft being investigated and subsequently penalised for an advantage by contact at turn 11 when he dived down the inside of the kart in front. Levi Anderson did everything he could to make up for the penalty in the first heat, eventually taking first place from the championship leader at the last corner. Tadhg Lester was given a warning for excessive contact, while Archie Forber made a move to undercut Dean Thomas on the inside of turn 2. Dean returned the favour with a better run out of turn 11 at the end of the race, finishing 0.045 seconds ahead of Archie, Levi holding on effortlessly to win the final heat by almost half a second.

Junior Final

Archie Forber was on pole position for the final, leading Ollie Ursell and Dean Thomas across the start line, with the rest of the pack following with some close but fair racing through the first few

corners. Archie extended his lead in the following laps, eventually building up a gap of just over a second. Diego Lopez had to make some aggressive defensive moves to hold on to fourth place, with Dean getting ahead of Diego in several braking zones only to be denied by some good undercutting and out-accelerating moves. On the final lap Dean finally made a move stick on the run from turn 4 to 5, meaning he finished in fourth. Archie Forber took the chequered flag 3.7 seconds ahead of Ollie Ursell, with Levi Anderson finishing third despite an afternoon of highs and lows. As a result Ollie and Archie both take a piece out of Diego's lead in the series, throwing the 2015 championship wide open.

Senior Light Heat 1

A busy Senior Lights grid set off for their first heat with some contact but otherwise clean and fair racing. Thomas Knapton took an early lead, going just over a second ahead of John Monger and Craig Murchison, who were separated by only four tenths of a second. The pack slowly regained the time it had lost on Knapton, and with three laps remaining Craig Murchison made a move stick at the end of the back straight and took the lead. John Monger defended well to hold Knapton off for the rest of the race, with Craig holding on to win the heat by a little over one second.

Senior Light Heat 2

James Ives took control of the second heat with Tom Bush close behind him, with Tom setting the quickest lap of the race on the sixth lap. Charlie Lang was one of several to run wide at turn 8 from third place early on but held onto his position, although he slipped further down the order as the race went on. Alex Churchill produced some very consistent and tidy driving to edge into third place just ahead of Tyler Parslow until the conclusion of the heat, in which Ives took victory by two tenths of a second.

Senior Light Heat 3

Charlie Fenton was the first across the line in the final heat for the Senior Lights, managing to hold his position for the first lap Alex Churchill and Aaron Kidd fought for second behind him. Several drivers were penalised in a short space of time, including Aaron Kidd for losing control and taking another kart with him during an excessively risky move at the turn 10 hairpin, and Tom Bush and Tyler Parslow for illegal overtakes at turn 6. Charlie Fenton took a lights-to-flag win ahead of Scott Taylor and Matthew Diemer, with a lead of just over 3 seconds, boosting his grid position for the Final.

Senior Light Final

James Ives took the green flag to start the race on pole position in the final, followed by Craig Murchison and Thomas Knapton. The top two broke free of the following pack almost immediately, with Thomas Knapton following a few milliseconds behind. Charlie Fenton, Tyler Parslow and others were involved in some tight racing around the hairpin at turn 10, while Knapton successfully closed the gap to Murchison before sweeping around him on the outside of turn 9 and holding the position under braking at turn 10 to take second. On the next lap Knapton stole the lead from James Ives who



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slipped down and had to defend hard against Alex Churchill around the whole circuit, while Matthew Diemer slid into third benefiting from other drivers slipping down the standings. Slightly further down the track Tom Bush and Scott Taylor were battling for points, while Daniel Russell tried to catch James Ives to reduce the deficit of championship points. Tyler Parslow took the victory from Matthew Diemer, who took second after getting in a slipstream on the back straight and cutting across to take the position on the entry of turn 9, followed by Thomas Knapton. Tyler's victory puts him in the running for the lead of the Championship, with others gaining points to even out the Championship.

Senior Heavy Heat 1

Callum Jones produced a dominant performance in a clean race to finish ahead of Doug Willingale and Lee Eggleton by three seconds and give himself a good haul of points from the first heat.

Senior Heavy Heat 2

Doug Willingale set some highly competitive lap-times from the offset, leaving Lee and Callum to battle throughout and finished an otherwise quiet race just 0.2 seconds ahead of Lee Eggleton.

Senior Heavy Heat 3

Callum Jones took his second victory of the day with a controlled drive. This time it was Doug's turn to have a race long battle with Lee as Callum built and maintained a 2 second gap throughout. Doug finished in 2nd place with Lee crossing the line just 2 tenths behind.

Senior Heavy Final

Doug Willingale got off to a great start as he passed the green lights on the start line and took the lead, with Callum Jones slipping to third place after a good overtake by Lee Eggleton at the bottom end of the circuit. With Doug setting the quickest lap of the afternoon for the category he continued his run of dominant form and took the victory with ease. This left Lee and Callum to continue their dual from Heat 2 with more intense close racing. Lee eventually crossed the line in 2nd with Callum less than 2 tenths behind.