

Round 5 – May 10th

Drivers arrived for the afternoon session at Daytona Milton Keynes for the fifth round of the International InKart series all looking to build their points totals in the year's championships as the standings shaped up and started to show the serious contenders for the 2015 title.

Junior Heat 1

Tadhg Lester led the pack past the green flag for the first rolling start of the day, but soon lost out to Dean Thomas out of turn 8 at the beginning of the long back straight. Alexander Dorricott tried to make a move stick on the outside of the fast left-hand turn nine but lost control at the next corner and got overtaken by several drivers as he got a slow exit from the corner - the next lap Dean Thomas dropped six places making a similar mistake at the same corner, allowing Tadhg to regain the lead. Liam Coleman was pushing hard, gaining a few places but giving the marshals some work to do when he pushed Dorricott into the tyre barrier on the outside of the right-hand turn six – Coleman was consequently issued a penalty board, relegating him five places. Dean Thomas was moving back up the field, finishing fifth, but drama was to follow after Joshua Craft took the chequered flag – an incident at turn one after the finish meant the field was stopped with the red flag. It was judged that a driver deliberately impeded another after the race finished, pushing him across the grass and into a tyre barrier; after a thorough investigation the driver in question was disqualified from the round for unsportsmanlike and dangerous conduct.

Junior Heat 2

Liam Coleman and Diego Lopez occupied the first row of the grid for the second Junior International heat; Coleman held his first position and pulled out a slight gap, with Lopez losing second to Archie Forber at the bottom end of the track.

Junior Heat 3

Tadhg Lester won several places at the start of the final heat in the Junior International category, while Matthew Tubby made his presence felt in this heat as he took the lead and defended strongly against Ollie Ursell to stay in his position. The top three was rounded out by Dorricott, who had less bad luck than in the first heat and finished less than a second from race winner Matthew.

Junior Final

Joshua Craft took a well-earned pole position for the start of the Junior International final for the May round of the InKart Championship, ahead of Archie Forber and Ollie Ursell. After an aborted attempt at a race start and a second formation lap, Dean Thomas gained four places to commandeer second place within three laps of the green flag being waved, whereas Benjamin Lewis, Sam Dickins and Matthew Tubby struggled to keep up with the pace further back. The gap between first place and the pack fighting for second was increasing as Diego Lopez and Dean Thomas scrapped for the second step of the podium, with Alexander Dorricott hoping for an error from either driver under

pressure, not far behind in fourth. This is exactly what transpired the following lap as Alexander stole second place when Lopez and Thomas got too distracted by each other. Forber took the win over Dorricott and Lopez, with Tadgh being the victim of an advantage by contact at the final corner for which Joshua Craft was penalised.

Senior Light Heat 1

James Ives started the first heat for the Senior Lights Drivers on pole, but Craig Murchison took the lead shortly afterwards through the opening sequence of corners. Charlie Fenton dropped to the back of the field after a mechanical problem suffered at turn 11, with Craig Murchison cruising to take his first win of the day by three seconds.

Senior Light Heat 2

Alex Churchill was forced wide on the exit of the turn 2/3 chicane as too many karts tried to get into a limited width of track and was unlucky to lose out as a result, compromising his heat. John Monger fought his way into third with several strong moves in the braking zones around the track. Charlie Fenton was battling hard with Tyler Parslow for the lead which he lost earlier from pole, getting a little too close and being warned for bumping at one point, but Tyler held on to win by little over three tenths of a second.

Senior Light Heat 3

Tom Bush led the field to start the race and was never challenged, winning by a touch over four seconds from Scott Taylor and Christian Nielsen. Further back Thomas Knapton crossed the finish line under a tenth of a second ahead of Tyler Parslow after a seriously close contest, and Vaughan Roberts just stole fifth position in the closing stages of the heat.

Senior Light Final

After calculating the points won in each round Scott Taylor won pole position for the Senior Lights' Final, followed by Craig Murchison and Tom Bush. John Monger and Yuri Burton were warned on Lap 1 for contact, while Charlie Fenton passed two drivers on the inside of turn 10 to move up to fifth place on the next lap. A few minutes later Fenton pushed past Vaughan Roberts and Tyler Parslow to put himself on the third step of the podium, an excellent result considering his bad luck in the first heat. Ahead, Taylor had successfully held onto the race lead, clinching the maximum championship points haul available for himself, just a few seconds up the road from Tom Bush.



Senior Heavy Heat 1

Wayne Robson and Callum Jones spent the early stages of the race with a steady gap between them, while Doug Willingale appeared to be struggling with his kart further back – after a mistake by Callum, Wayne ended up winning by a little over six seconds to take the first win in the category of the day.

Senior Heavy Heat 2

Wayne Robson again pipped Callum Jones to the win, this time by only two seconds, as Doug Willingale again lagged behind.

Senior Heavy Heat 3

Callum Jones took victory in the final heat, with Wayne Robson being involved in a close scrap with Doug Willingale but losing out by a tenth of a second.

Senior Heavy Final

Putting his difficult afternoon behind him Doug Willingale produced a dominant performance to easily beat Callum Jones by three seconds, with Wayne Robson coming third.