



Round 7 – July 12th

Junior Heat 1

Diego Lopez took the green flag for the start of the first International heat of the afternoon, ahead of Clement Sauvan and Archie Forber. Forber briefly took first place with a move over the crest on the inside of turn 4 but lost it again under acceleration, which allowed Ollie Ursell to move through behind Lopez and then pass the pair of them to take first. Forber lost out again as Dean Thomas got past into third under braking for the chicane at turns two and three, while Ursell took first from Lopez by 0.9 seconds.

Junior Heat 2

The rain seen at intervals in the morning made a return mid-race which caused a few spins, especially at the tighter corners of the circuit. Multiple drivers were given warnings for excessive contact, before the rain turned torrential, red flags were shown and the race was suspended. The race directors made the decision to abandon the race and call the results as they stood on lap 5, giving the top three spots to Diego Lopez, Ollie Ursell, and Joshua Craft.

Junior Heat 3

After an abandoned first attempt at a start Ollie Ursell took pole position for the heat ahead of Sam Dickins. Some drivers were showing more talent in the wet than others, with several aquaplaning in the zones with standing water and ending up pointing backwards or collecting the tyre barriers around the circuit, and others shining, including Archie Forber who took the win by over two seconds over Diego Lopez and Ollie Ursell.

Junior Final

Diego Lopez took a deserved pole position after points from the heats were added together to calculate grid positions, having not finished lower than second in any of his heats, with Ollie Ursell looking to challenge him from second. A handful of drivers ran wide at turn 8 at the bottom of the circuit, and were warned for hitting the exit kerbs. Ollie Ursell struggled in the conditions, dropping from his second qualifying spot to fourth, with Archie Forber moving up to take his place. Dean Thomas moved up to second place almost unnoticed, but Forber was able to hold his place from Ursell to keep third; 18 seconds ahead Lopez made his drive look easy and took victory along with a very valuable points haul.

Senior Heat 1

James Ives led the senior class across the start line, with Lee Eggleton the only driver able to keep pace with him, and the pair building a gap of three seconds to the rest of the pack. Charlie Fenton was black flagged for dangerous driving, which managed to put him and another driver through the unofficial shortcut between turns 9 and 11, and retired as a result, and Ives managed to keep Eggleton behind him to take his first heat win of the day.

Senior Heat 2

As racing resumed after the rain delay in Daytona Milton Keynes the rain came down again on the first lap and multiple drivers piled through the tyre barriers at turn six, prompting a full-course yellow neutralisation of the entire circuit. The signal to restart normal racing was given two laps later, with drivers tip-toeing around trying to find any grip on track, and lap times being around half a minute behind those in dry conditions. As the chequered flag was shown Doug Willingale came out on top, in front of Craig Murchison and Lee Eggleton.

Senior Heat 3

With standing water around the circuit and driving still difficult, Doug Willingale undid his good work in the second heat as he was penalised for an illegal overtake and excessive contact at the last corner of the circuit. Lee Eggleton and Craig Murchison finished 12 seconds apart in the top two places, with James Ives just under a second behind Murchison but not able to find a way past him at any point.

Senior Final

The top three spots were occupied by Lee Eggleton, James Ives and Craig Murchison as the start went underway for the final race of the day. Although he set the fastest lap-time of the session Craig Murchison span out at turn 9 in the opening laps and dropped almost half a lap to the rest of the grid. Charlie Fenton was trying to make up for his difficulties encountered in the heats, but suffered as he ran wide at a few corners. Doug Willingale was mastering the changing conditions and slipped into second place ahead of Ives, with Thomas Knapton and Chris Gristwood in fourth and fifth place hoping to steal a place on the third step of the podium. James Ives managed to brush past Willingale for second around turn 9 on the last lap, resisting some aggressive defensive driving and finishing 10 seconds behind race winner Lee Eggleton.