

Round 2 – February 8th

Cadets

Heat 1

25 cadet drivers lined up for the second round of InKart 2015, the largest field in cadet InKart history. William Treanor got off to a bumpy start at turn 2 and received a black and white warning flag. Max Cole received a black flag for advantage by contact at turn 10 on the opening lap. Mikey Gleeson, Harry Winsor and Kuba Wozniak led the way through the opening few laps. Fraser Brunton was making a charge on the 4th lap and climbed past 3 drivers to take the lead through the mid-section, Mikey and Harry had dropped to 3rd and 4th respectively, with Kuba hot on his tail. Kuba tried a move on the inside of turn 11 and got through, but then ran wide and couldn't make it stick – leaving Fraser just in front. As they approached the final lap the top four remained in the same order, with a 2-way battle for first and the same for third. Fraser managed to hold Kuba off and take the win, with Mikey Gleeson taking third place.

Heat 2

Philip Strauss, Reeza Ansari and Helen Ballinger held the top spots in the second cadet heat of the day. Boudewijn made a powerful move on the opening lap and climbed all the way into first place from last. Connor Brown made the most of a mistake from Philip at turn 10 on the 3rd lap to take second place, as Philip dropped down the field. William Davison was chasing Connor as they approached the final lap, Ethan Fannon was climbing as he made his way into 4th, but still too far back to challenge. Boudewijn made a mistake with only a few corners to go and lost his 2.5 second lead to Connor and William as they took first and second places.

Heat 3

Kallum Batts, Joshua Griffiths and Sebastian held the top spots going into turn 2, with a few gentle collisions as they squeezed through. Kallum slipped down into 3rd on the 2nd lap, as Joshua took the lead, Sebastian was challenging though as they neared the back straight. He managed to squeeze past and take lead at turn 10, as they entered the 4th lap. Kallum struggled and dropped down to 6th as Luca took third place, Seb was finding some real speed and had built a 6 second lead after 4 laps, with Joshua comfortably in second place. Charlie and Luca were having the real battle for 3rd place with only a second between them. However Seb took the win by 13 seconds, with Joshua in second and Charlie in third place a further 13 seconds behind.

Heat 4

Kuba, Fraser and Harry led the way after the first lap as the rest of the field span out at turn 2 in the tricky conditions, many of the drivers were struggling as they didn't alter their driving style to accommodate for the track conditions. Kuba and Fraser were in a two horse race for first position as they powered away from the field by 10 seconds after 4 laps. It finished with Kuba just in first, Fraser second and Harry 16 seconds behind in third place with a further 21 seconds over fourth

position.

Heat 5

Lewis, Ricarda and Ethan led the pack as the green flag was waved to start the heat. William Davison was stamping his authority on this race as he climbed up into first place and built a massive lead early on. Philip and Connor were having a fight for second, with Joshua Griffiths chasing them down in fourth place. William took the win by 7 seconds with ease, followed by Connor Brown, Philip Strauss and Joshua Griffiths in 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

Heat 6

Milo Pilfold and Boudewijn led from the start, with Luca and Seb close behind as they powered through the first lap. Seb continued his form from earlier heats and found himself in second place but still a way back from Milo in first position. Boudewijn and Louis were following in 3rd and 4th as the heat began to spread out and the drivers settled in. The heat wasn't particularly tight as the drivers approached the final lap, it finished with Milo in first with a sizeable gap over Seb in second and Boudewijn in third place.

Heat 7

Connor Brown, Harry Winsor and Henry Treanor started off in front as we began to close out the cadet heats. Fraser made a good move early on and climbed into second place and looked steady, as did Connor Brown as the heat settled in. Henry and Harry were having the only real battle out there for third place as the heat was fairly spread, there was only 0.5 seconds between them as they approached the final corners. Connor took the win easily, Fraser looked comfortable in second place and Henry managed to hold on to third 7 seconds behind.

Heat 8

Louis started off in front but was soon challenged and lost out to Seb early on. Boudewijn, William and Joshua were fighting in turn 9 and managed to climb up to 2nd, 3rd and 4th, however Joshua did this by using contact and received a black flag for his troubles. Boudewijn and William were a second apart as they entered the 4th lap, with Seb 1.7 seconds clear at this point. There was a good battle for second place after 4 laps and the two of them had started to catch Seb with only 2 laps to go. William took second place through the middle turns on the 6th lap, he then powered past Seb as they entered the final lap. Seb then tried to regain the lead through turn 9 but couldn't hold it as William made a brave move on turn 10 and crossed the line in first place, leaving Seb in second and Boudewijn in third.

Heat 9

Kuba started off on fire in the final cadet heat and had a four second lead after 2 laps. Milo was going well in second place but then gained advantage by contact on Charlie Clements and received a black flag, dropping him to 7th place. Kuba was really going well and pulled away on every lap to create an 8 second lead after 5 laps. Mikey Gleeson was in second place and had almost 2 seconds

on Kallum Batts in third place, with Reeza hot on his tail as they approached the final corners. Kuba's great drive meant taking the win with almost a 7 second lead on Mikey in second and Kallum in third.

C Final

Luca Perkins, Louis Clements and Charlie Clements held the top three places as they all bid for a chance to move up into the B Final. There was some action at the back of the field but not too much happening in the way of position changes at the top of the grid. William, Max and Jakub were chopping and changing positions for the opening few laps. The Clements brothers were 2.5 seconds back from Luca in the lead, but having a tight battle for 2nd place between the two of them through the 5th and 6th laps. The top three drivers were all within 4.5 seconds of each other, then a 19 second gap over 4th place Helen Ballinger. As they completed 9 laps Luca had built an 8 second lead over the battling Louis and Charlie, he seemed to have the win wrapped up. Luca took the chequered flag and moved up to the B final, with Charlie taking 2nd place over 3rd placed Louis after a last ditch move at turn 4 on the final lap.

B Final

Harry Winsor and Joshua Griffiths led the way as the B final got underway and they began their battle to climb up into the A final. Joshua took the lead on the inside of turn 9 on the 3rd lap and then Harry took it back at turn 11, only for Joshua to then regain the lead at turn 2 on the 4th lap. Philip managed to take advantage of this battle and climb past Harry and into second position. Reeza Ansari came onto the scene as he battled through Harry and then Philip on the inside of turn 4 on the 6th lap and took second place, leaving Philip back in fourth. Joshua was 1.5 seconds ahead and looking strong after 7 laps, with Reeza and Harry both hunting him down. As they entered the middle section of the 10th lap the front three were all jammed together and ready for a tight finish. Joshua held on and took the win, as Ethan took a black flag for overtaking under yellow conditions.

A Final

Connor Brown was the favourite in pole position for the cadet final, with the likes of William Davison and Kuba Wozniak giving chase to try and steal the top spot. All the drivers got off to a flyer in the final race of the National InKart session, until Connor span out of his own accord at turn 10 on the opening lap and dropped to last place. This left room for Fraser to climb into first place, followed by William and Kuba in second and third. Fraser and William pulled slightly ahead leaving Kuba and Seb to battle it out as Seb was almost touching bumper to bumper. Kuba was struggling to hold on and Seb eventually got through on the 5th lap on the inside of turns 9 and 10, Kuba tried to regain on 11 but thought better of it and avoided a potential black flag. Fraser and William were speeding ahead with only 0.370 seconds separating them and 6 seconds ahead of Seb and Kuba. The top four drivers had turned into two two-way battles for 1st and 3rd positions, an excellent race to round off the day for the young drivers. These battles continued through the next few laps and Kuba made one more dive at turn 10 but couldn't make it stick, he then kept at it but committed an ABC at turn 6 on the penultimate lap on Seb. It finished with Fraser in first place, William in second and Seb in third place.

Juniors

Heat 1

11 drivers started the first junior heat of the day with Oliver and Tyler on top. Levi Anderson took the lead from 5th place at turn 5 on the opening lap, as Tyler and Frank dropped right down the grid at turn 10. Kameron Khan made a powerful move as he climbed into 4th place all the way from 10th after 2 laps, with Luke Richardson also going well in 3rd place after a multiple place move. Levi was speeding away after 3 laps and had built a 4 second lead with Luke in second place and Kameron in third. Oliver was in fourth but then committed an ABC at turn 2 and knocked Kameron out of position and started a 4 kart pile up, leaving him with a black flag and drive though penalty. Benjamin Lewis took Luke on the final lap to sneak second place, leaving Levi with the win and Kameron in fourth.

Heat 2

Oliver, Oscar and Max led the way in this 9 kart heat as they all approached the first few corners in the pack. Benjamin Lewis took his chance early on and climbed to first place as the others battled. Max and Redmond were fighting but Redmond took it too far and committed an ABC, leaving him second from last after his penalty. Harrison Pughe span out at turn 10 and then re-joined dangerously, resulting in a black flag penalty and a drop to last place. Benjamin and Max were having a great battle for first place and finished within 0.25 seconds of each other as they crossed the line in first and second, 10 seconds ahead of Oscar who took third place.

Heat 3

The third junior heat of the day started with Luke Richardson in pole, with Redmond and Kameron following up. Kameron showed his speed and powered through into first position after the first lap and began to build a lead. Luke and Oliver Mooij were in second and third after 2 laps, as Max followed up in fourth place. Oliver took Luke from behind through the exit of turn 6 on the 5th lap and moved into second. Levi also slipped through and moved past Oscar into fourth. Kameron had built a 6 second lead after 6 laps and looked comfortable out in front, Oliver and Luke were a second apart but didn't look like changing position as they approached the final corners. It finished the same way with Kameron first, Oliver second and Luke third.

Heat 4

Tom Dobson held the top spot on the line, but it didn't last long as Kameron jumped from third to first through the inside of turn 5. Harrison Pughe also made a statement as he slipped past and into second place, followed by Alex Masefield in third. There wasn't much action in the middle of the heat as the drivers spread out. Kameron took the win, with Harrison and Alex coming in second and third.

Heat 5

Courtney Burton and Ben Mills started off at the top of the grid in the final junior heat of the day. Redmond Kerr span out at turn 5 on the opening lap and dropped to last place, Harrison Pughe

managed to move up through the inside of turn 5 during the commotion. Levi was weaving through the grid and found himself in second place after 2 laps as he gave chase to Ben Mills. Tom Dobson was a second behind in third place and Harrison was a further 3 seconds back in 4th place. Ben was struggling to hold Levi off and lost out when he hit a tire wall on turn 6 of the 4th lap and let him through. Levi then had engine trouble at turn 6 on the next lap and bailed out of the heat, leaving Ben back in first place and Luke in second. It finished this way with Harrison taking third place.

B Final

Alex Masefield, Tom Dobson, Oscar Lancaster and Frank Crossley led the way on the opening lap. Alex had built a 6 second lead after 4 laps with Oscar, Tom and Redmond only half a second apart. Oliver Simpkins received a black flag for advantage by contact on turn 9 as he bumped into the back of another driver. Courtney was going well and showed some fantastic speed going through turn 9 flat out every time. Alex was running away with it and had a 15 second lead as they approached the final laps, it was going to take something serious to stop him from progressing into the A final at this point. Oscar and Tom were following in second and third and managed to hold position for a solid finish, the rest of the field was spread apart from Frank and Redmond, as Frank made a last minute dive on the inside of turn 11 to take position.

A Final

Kameron Khan held pole position in the Junior A final, with Benjamin Lewis and Luke in second and third. Levi was the only positive mover on the opening lap as he moved to third on the inside of turn 4. Levi then went again with a bold move on the inside of turn 10 – out breaking the rest and climbed into second place, leaving Benjamin to lose two places and drop to fourth, with Luke in third. Kameron was the first driver all day to break the minute barrier on his 6th lap, with Levi 1.6 seconds behind him in 2nd place. Luke and Benjamin were having the tightest battle for 3rd place as they rubbed together into turn 6. Kameron had built a 2 second lead after 9 laps over second placed Levi, with Benjamin and Luke a further 11 seconds behind. Alex managed to get past Luke and take 4th on the final lap. Kameron took the flag and the win by 2.4 seconds with Levi in second place and Benjamin in third 14 seconds back.