

Round 5 – May 10th

As the Spanish Grand Prix was gridding up a few thousand miles away spectators at Daytona Milton Keynes were treated to a better race than almost anything Formula 1 drivers had provided all season. Kameron Khan was hoping to ensure Luke Richardson didn't get any closer to taking first place in the Junior National series, and Sebastian Chodyko looked to defend his lead in the Cadet Championship.

Cadets

Heat 1

Reeza Ansari took pole position for the first heat of the day but almost immediately lost out to Liam Pughe off the start line, who took the lead but dropped to sixth on the second lap after out-braking himself at the hairpin at turn 10 and overshooting the corner. Jamie Rayson and Boudewijn Long got tangled up in the National sector of the circuit, causing them both to fall to the bottom of the timesheets, while Max Cole logged some consistent laps to challenge for second place. On the penultimate lap Max took second from Reeza around the inside of the quick left-hand Turn 9, while Reeza span out at the next corner trying desperately to defend his position. Further up the track William Davison had kept himself out of trouble and won the heat by over 11 seconds.

Heat 2

Milo Pilfold had clearly had his Weetabix in the morning as he shot from last place on the grid to first within seven corners of the lights turning green, while Connor Brown kept him under pressure by staying within half a second of Milo throughout the race. Milo held onto his lead to win but there was more action further back, as Luca Perkins and Ethan Callum Fannon scrapped for third position. After an investigation by race officials Luca was retrospectively penalised for pushing Ethan off the circuit on the run to the finish line after the last corner, which dropped him down the final result 5 places.

Heat 3

Fraser Brunton climbed quickly from fifth to second with a few aggressive but fair manoeuvres around the bottom section of the circuit, while Louis Clements started in the lead but lost control at high speed on the apex of turn 9 and dropped almost to last position. Sebastian Chodyko and Amy Brunton were separated by just a few inches fighting for second place, with Sebastian holding on with some strong defending to keep his position. Fraser was untouchable several corners ahead of the two, winning comfortably by nearly 10 seconds.

Heat 4

Reeza Ansari got tangled up with Joshua Griffiths at the very first corner and received a warning as his move was deemed slightly too risky and knocked the two to the back of the field. William Davison was pressuring Max Cole for third, showing some good discipline and patience by biding his

time before undercutting Max early in lap 5. Boudewijn Long was in the lead throughout, whilst some bumping at turn 11 on the last lap gifted William Davison second place with Max Cole just behind.

Heat 5

Connor Brown surged from last to third within three corners, surviving being squeezed wide at Turn 4 by Lewis Tyler, with Fraser Brunton building a gap in the lead for the second time this morning. Further back the whole field was spread out with large time gaps between most drivers. Milo Pilfold was in second and put in a good effort to stop Fraser from increasing the gap any further, with Connor Brown rounding out the top three who were 14 seconds ahead of the next driver.

Heat 6

Amy Brunton got off to a flying start, reacting better than anyone to the red lights going out and kept her lead through the first succession of corners. Sebastian Chodyko was investigated towards the end of the race for an illegal overtake for first place at turn 5, but was cleared of any wrongdoing as it was deemed that Sebastian had gained right of way and legally squeezed Amy slightly wide on the exit of the corner. Sebastian went on to win the heat despite a highly competitive Amy not giving up her hopes of victory up to the end of the race.

Heat 7

Several drivers were struggling to keep their karts on the tarmac and facing the right way as several drivers span at the tighter corners of the track and lost positions, keeping the track marshals busy. William Davison stayed right behind Fraser Brunton who yet again took the chequered flag to win his third heat of the day, setting himself up for great starting position in the finals.

Heat 8

Henry Treanor started in the lead but was out-accelerated by Milo Pilfold and Sebastian Chodyko off the line, who once again spent their race battling for position – Milo lead out Sebastian, both trading positions until the last corner where Milo intelligently slingshotted his way out of turn 10, overtaking Sebastian on the right after tricking him into looking over his left shoulder and winning by under 0.2 seconds as the chequered flag went out.

Heat 9

Eva Hayman started in first place for the final heat of the National Cadet Championship, while Louis Clements clipped the tyre barriers in the National part of the Milton Keynes circuit, causing yellow caution flags to be shown in sector 6 as the barriers were put back in place. Boudewijn Long was fighting hard with Helen Ballinger to take third place from her, before Charlie Clements also lost out to him after being outbraked at turn 2. Connor Brown underlined his strong performance in the day's heats by flying away from the rest of the field, leading from Boudewijn by 12 seconds.

C Final

Liam Pughe qualified for first place in the C Final, with Helen Ballinger and Kyle Dunford taking the next slots on the grid. Jamie Rayson claimed several positions with a tight racing line on the exit of turn 3, promoting him to first place. Reeza Ansari was not giving up on his hopes of qualifying for the next final however as he nestled himself right on the rear bumper of Jamie, at times separated by less than a tenth of a second, until Reeza ran slightly wide at the first corner and gifted Jamie with a two second gap. Rayson kept his lead until the end of the race, getting himself promoted to the Cadet B Final, with Reeza missing out by 3.7 seconds.

B Final

Lewis Tyler just missed out on the A Final but was on pole position for this race giving himself the best chance of getting into the top echelon of the Cadet grid in this round of the championship. Joshua Griffiths squeezed his way into second position under braking at turn 10 but went wide at the exit, losing control as he went over the kerbs and dropping to fifth. Henry Treanor was trying to bridge the gap to Lewis Tyler but was too busy defending from Luca Perkins who was hounding him for second, while his brother William locked his brakes at turn 6 and lost some positions as a result of a slow exit onto the back straight. Continuing the family theme two more siblings were fighting each other for position further back, to the extent that Charlie Clements made contact with his brother Louis while trying to move up a position and was penalised by the race directors for an illegal overtake. Jamie Rayson made his way from the back of the grid to fourth, Henry Treanor lost out at turn 5 as a result of four karts trying to fit into a corner which was only wide enough for three, and Lewis Tyler ended up taking victory by six seconds, with Luca Perkins taking second by only 0.3 seconds from Joshua Griffiths.

A Final

Fraser Brunton claimed the first grid slot for the final race in the Cadet National round of the InKart Championship from Milo Pilfold and Sebastian Chodyko. Lewis Tyler tried a little too hard to gain positions at the start of the race and lost control, impacting a few other drivers' chances in the race but officials decided it was a racing incident so no penalty was issued. As the top three fought for position Amy Brunton was sneaking up on them from fourth place, taking advantage of the trio being focussed on each other. Amy's place on the podium was assured when Fraser made heavy contact with Sebastian Chodyko under braking at turn 10, and was given a five-place penalty because he gained a place illegally as a consequence of the move. Milo Pilfold took the chequered flag, with Sebastian taking 2nd place and Amy 3rd.

Juniors

Heat 1

Ben Mills took the leading grid slot for the first heat in this category, although he spent the first four laps trading places with Luke Richardson and Nat Thomas in an exciting race. Kameron Khan came steadily from the back of the field to take third and then second in consecutive laps at the last corner. Kameron challenged Luke for the lead but ran out of laps before the chequered flag was waved to end the race, missing out on first place by just over one second.

Heat 2

Oliver Mooij started in pole position and sprinted away from Clement Sauvan, while Harrison Pughe made his way up the field with a few overtakes, before spinning out at turn 4 and undoing his good work. Tyler Fossey was twice reprimanded for contact, especially for a clumsy move at the second corner, while Oliver held off Clement to win with Edward Cantwell finishing third.

Heat 3

Alex Masefield started in first but dropped down to third with Luke Richardson and Kameron Khan taking the first two positions. Luke Richardson was building a lead but unfortunately a kart failure at turn 3 meant that he was stranded on track unable to move anywhere. Yellow flags were deployed around the entire circuit to neutralise the race while the stricken kart and driver were moved to safety, with Kameron Khan taking the lead at the green flag for the restart and cruising unchallenged to an easy victory, beating Harrison Pughe and Alex Masefield by three seconds.

Heat 4

The field stayed close together through the first with both Oliver Hallsworth and Oscar Lancaster receiving a black and white warning flag for bumping in the tight National sector of the circuit. Edward Cantwell went wide multiple times receiving a few warnings for excessive use of the kerbs on the exits of the corners but did not lose any positions until he lost control in the braking zone of the penultimate hairpin and dropped to last. As the signal showing the last lap was shown all drivers from second to sixth were separated by less than two seconds, while at the front Kameron Khan again outshone everyone else to take another processional victory and set himself up for an excellent starting position for the finals.

Heat 5

Oliver Hallsworth dropped the rest of the pack within a few corners, leaving them to battle for the next positions leading by 5 seconds after 3 laps. Hallsworth pulled away, with Luke Richardson taking second place from Ben Mills on the very last corner and out-accelerating him to make up for his misfortune earlier and limit the impact it had on his starting position for the finals.

B Final

Nat Thomas lead from Alex Masefield and Donovan Kidd as the lights turned green. Oscar Lancaster was clearly keen to move up the field as he was twice reported for bumping in the opening lap; in the meantime Edward Cantwell was fighting Tyler Fossey for bragging rights further down the

scoreboard, almost making a brave move stick around the outside of turn 9, although Tyler refused to be beaten. Nat Thomas compounded his lead with some rapid laps, setting the quickest lap of the day in the Junior National category, with Alex Masefield managing to dive down the inside of Oscar Lancaster for second place around 50 metres behind Thomas. Oscar was warned for illegal blocking, swerving across Tom Dobson on the back straight, but even this wasn't enough to keep Tom from stealing third; seconds later Nat Thomas crossed the finish line to earn his place in the A Final after a solid performance.

A Final

Kameron Khan took a deserved pole position in the top Junior National Final, with Oliver Mooij, Oliver Hallsworth, and Luke Richardson completing the next rows on the grid, promising an exciting race for the trophies at the end of the day. Ben Mills aggressively took Clement Sauvan's place on the run down to the first corner. Kai Mack was the latest driver to fall victim to out-braking himself at turn 10, falling from fifth to eighth as other drivers benefited from his error. Khan was clearly trying to get the drivers behind him out of his slipstream but was unable to do so until Mooij, Hallsworth and Richardson got caught up with each other and gave Khan enough breathing space to stop him from having to look over his shoulder after every corner. Harrison Pughe was shown a warning flag for bumping, although a lap later he made a similar move which was this time executed fairly and cleanly, moving him to fifth place – it was too little too late however as the top four were in a class of their own, and were never going to be threatened by anyone else. Khan came through to win relatively easily, increasing his lead in the Championship to the detriment of Luke Richardson's chances of the title this year.