

# Higgins Storms To Maiden Win

Once again, the Cadet field proved to be as competitive as ever with a cluster of drivers proving to have good pace. Fraser Brunton claimed another pole ahead of Connor Brown, but James Higgins in 3<sup>rd</sup> had set the fastest lap of the day and was determined to take his first win in the A Final.

## Heat 1

Heat 1 started off with James Higgins leading from pole with Zach Walters immediately putting him under pressure. Walters grabbed the lead through turn 3, but Higgins kept with him as the field made its way out of Vale and onto the main straight. Ted Rivett was into 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Higgins' rear bumper, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 2 and getting on terms with Walters. The leading three broke away from the rest of the pack which was headed by Thomas White with Maximilian Bublik just a kart's length behind. Rivett was pushing hard to try and pass Walters as Higgins watched on. Rivett went for a move through turn 1 on the penultimate lap, but couldn't make it stick and was passed by Higgins. Walters claimed the first win of the day ahead of Higgins, who set the fastest lap on the last lap, with Rivett, White and Bublik completing the top 5.

## Heat 2

Connor Brown replicated his start from Junior Heat 1, to lead the Cadet field through the first couple of corners and opened up a decent lead on lap 1 as those behind squabbled for position. Josef



**James Higgins en route to his maiden InKart Championship win**

Smillie completed the lap in 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Otis Smith and Phillip Strauss. Strauss grabbed 3<sup>rd</sup> into Vale on lap 2 with Mikey Gleeson following him through and then passing him at the end of the straight under braking. Smillie had pulled clear of the battle, trying to chase down Brown. Alex Hamilton and Thomas Wallace joined in on the action, moving into 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively, dropping Strauss to 6<sup>th</sup>. Brown was gradually extending his lead at the front with Smillie comfortably in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gleeson had Wallace, Hamilton and Strauss all tucked up and shadowing him around the circuit. Brown took the win ahead of Smillie with Gleeson coming home in 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Wallace, Hamilton and Strauss.

## Heat 3

Daniel White led from pole from Maximilian Bublik, but by the end of lap 1, Fraser Brunton had moved into 2<sup>nd</sup>

and was nipping at White's heels. Brunton went for a move at the final corner, but made contact and duly let White back through to avoid a penalty. The move allowed Jayden Neale-Holder and Thomas White to close up. An attempted move at turn 2 which didn't pay off saw Thomas White lose touch with the leaders with Brunton now taking over at the front with a move under braking at the end of the straight. Neale-Jayden-Holder copied the move a lap later to take up 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Daniel White tried to regain the position at turn 2, but contact occurred with Neale-Holder dropping back. Brunton took the win ahead of White with Thomas White taking 3<sup>rd</sup>, Neale-Holder 4<sup>th</sup> and Bublik 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Heat 4

Jake Tarling headed the pack into the first corner, but lost out to Milo Pilfold. He was joined at the front by Mikey Gleeson, Amy Brunton, James Higgins and Phillip Strauss by the end of lap 1. Gleeson lost out to

Brunton and Higgins on lap 2 with Brunton coming under pressure from Higgins and losing out at turn 1 on lap 3 as Pilfold began to build a lead. Strauss was still looking to pass Gleeson for 4<sup>th</sup>, but Gleeson was doing well to hold him off. Higgins had the hammer down, stringing together some fastest laps as he closed down on Pilfold at the front. A move on the final lap from Higgins to take the lead paid off as Pilfold tried to respond at the end of the straight, but out-braked himself with Higgins cutting back to regain the lead and take the win. Pilfold took 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Brunton, Strauss and Gleeson.

### Heat 5

Thomas Wallace grabbed the lead at the start, going around the outside of Josef Smillie at turn 1, handing him the inside for turn 2. James Higgins was out on their heels in 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end of lap 1 with a cut back at turn 4, giving Higgins the inside line into Vale and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. An attempted move at the end of the straight from Smillie, saw him lock up and spin around, narrowly missing Higgins and dropping him to 4<sup>th</sup> behind Daniel White. Higgins set after Wallace, but Wallace had built a decent lead at the start with Higgins taking a couple of tenths out of Wallace each lap, it was going to be close as the 'Last Lap' board went out with a second between the two of them. Wallace claimed the win, holding off Higgins in 2<sup>nd</sup>. White came home in 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Smillie and Otis Smith.

### Heat 6

Amy Brunton led away from Thomas Wallace and Jayden Neale-Holder as the green flag waved with Connor Brown and Zach Walters picking up 'Bumping' boards

for contact at the start. Brown worked quickly to take up 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the end of lap 1 ahead of Neale-Holder and Walters. Brown pushed to close the gap to Brunton and made his move on the exit of turn 4 and into Vale to take the lead on lap 3. Brown tried to build a gap, but Brunton would not let him get away, staying on his rear bumper as they broke away from Neale-Holder, Walters and Thomas with Walters taking 3<sup>rd</sup> under braking at the end of the main straight. A spinning back-marker threw a spanner into the works on the final lap, but Brown held on to win ahead of Brunton, Walters, Neale-Holder and Wallace.

### Heat 7

Milo Pilfold took the lead into turn 1, going around the outside of James Mellor. Maximilian Bublik followed him into 2<sup>nd</sup> with Pilfold opening up a sizeable lead on lap 1. Alex Hamilton moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> at the end of the main straight to complete lap 1 1.7 seconds behind leader Pilfold. Mikey Gleeson was into 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end of lap 2. Hamilton was lapping fractionally faster than Pilfold, but with such an advantage, it was going to take a lot for Hamilton to catch him in time. Gleeson was dropping back in 3<sup>rd</sup> but had broken away from the fight between Bublik and Jake Tarling with Tarling getting ahead at the end of the main straight as Bublik out-braked himself. Pilfold took the win by 1.184 seconds from Hamilton with Gleeson, Tarling and James Mellor rounding out the top 5.

### Heat 8

Fraser Brunton made a good start to lead Phillip Strauss and Zach Walters. Connor Brown grabbed 3<sup>rd</sup> through turns 3 and 4 with Milo Pilfold latching

onto the back of them to make it a three-way tussle. Strauss grabbed the lead on lap 2 at turn 1 with a bold move with Brunton coming back at him through Vale to take the lead back. The move allowed Brown and Pilfold to close the gap. Brunton was defending from Strauss, slowing the pack up as Strauss had a half spin at the end of the straight, slowing down Brown and Pilfold. Pilfold then picked up a penalty for an advantage by contact as Walters slipped past into 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Pilfold and Brown. Brunton used this to his advantage to break away as Pilfold and Brown attacked Walters for 2<sup>nd</sup>. A run out of the final corner saw Pilfold through at turn 1 with Brown following him past to drop Walters to 4<sup>th</sup>. Brunton streaked away at the front to take a comfortable win ahead of Pilfold, Brown, Josef Smillie and Walters.

### Heat 9

Alex Hamilton shot off from pole, leaving Jayden Neale-Holder and Thomas White to fight over 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy Brunton got in on the action, moving her way into 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end of lap one and drew alongside Neale-Holder as they crossed the line to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> into turn 1. Hamilton had pulled out a 2 second lead on the opening lap as Amy Brunton was joined by Fraser Brunton. Fraser lined up Amy out of the final corner to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place into turn 1 and set after Hamilton. The two Bruntons pulled clear of the rest of the pack now headed by Ted Rivett with Neale-Holder, White and James Mellor behind him. Hamilton was gradually extending his lead at the front – 2.8 seconds was his advantage after three laps. Fraser Brunton responded to go a few tenths quicker with Amy still hot on his heels with

Amy seemingly losing out at the final corner. Hamilton claimed the win from Fraser and Amy Brunton with Rivett and Neale-Holder completing the top 5.

### **C Final**

Maximilian Bublik led Phillip Strauss off the line as the green flag waved with Jayden Neale-Holder just a kart length behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>. These three got away from Otis Smith and James Mellor on the opening lap with Jake Tarling and Kingsley Reid close behind them. Strauss moved into the lead on lap 2 and promptly began to edge away into a decent lead as Neale-Holder moved ahead of Bublik. Bublik was not about to let Neale-Holder go, hanging onto the back of his kart as Strauss extended his lead and could begin to relax. Neale holder managed to pull out a couple of kart lengths towards the end of the race, but he didn't quite have the pace to stay with Strauss. Otis Smith picked up a penalty for contact as the chequered flag was readied. Strauss took the win from Neale-Holder, Bublik, Reid and Mellor.

### **B Final**

Amy Brunton and Thomas Wallace were side-by-side into turn 1 with Brunton holding on to lead into turn 2. Wallace gave chase but had Josef Smillie all over the back of him down the main straight. Daniel White joined in with the fight at the front on lap 2 but lost out to Mikey Gleeson at the final corner. Brunton had her head down, but was unable to break away from Wallace who was shadowing her through every corner. Gleeson had got ahead of Smillie on lap 3 and was easing himself toward the leading pair. Smillie was running in 4<sup>th</sup> just

ahead of White, Ted Rivett, Phillip Strauss and Thomas White with the four of them squabbling for position. Gleeson caught the two at the front and got ahead of Wallace through the final two corners just before they started the penultimate lap. Wallace came back Gleeson, but Gleeson saw him off to quickly regain 2<sup>nd</sup>. The fighting behind had allowed Brunton to pull out a small lead but Gleeson closed back up and pulled off a pass at the final corner as the chequered flag was readied. Gleeson crossed 0.072 seconds clear of Brunton with Wallace, Smillie and Rivett completing the top 5.

### **A Final**

Fraser Brunton made the most of pole to lead into turn 1 with Jamie Higgins using the inside to his advantage to move from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Connor Brown. Zach Walters was into 4<sup>th</sup> and onto the back of Brown, causing Brown to focus on protecting 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of holding onto the leading pair of Brunton and Higgins. Brunton was edging away in the opening couple of laps, but Higgins closed the gap back up to shadow him around the alternate circuit as they pulled clear of the chasing group of Brown, Walters, Alex Hamilton, Mikey Gleeson and Milo Pilfold. Walters got a good run out of Vale and with the help of a tow, out-braked Brown into turn 6, giving him 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a chance to chase the leaders down. Higgins had been edging ever closer to the back of Brunton and saw his chance with a move into turn 1 earning him the lead of the race on lap 4. With Brown now dealing with Pilfold, Hamilton and Gleeson, Walters was free to break away in 3<sup>rd</sup> and began to reel

in Brunton. At the same time Higgins got the hammer down and gradually built a lead over Brunton as Walters closed in. A 52.629 from Higgins saw him comfortably extend his lead as Brunton had to focus on holding off Walters. Higgins cruised across the finish line to take his maiden win by 1.401 seconds from Brunton and Walters with Pilfold and Gleeson rounding out the top 5.

### **Results**

#### **C Final**

1. Phillip Strauss
2. Jayden Neale-Holder
3. Maximilian Bublik

#### **B Final**

1. Mikey Gleeson
2. Amy Brunton
3. Thomas Wallace

#### **A Final**

1. James Higgins
2. Fraser Brunton
3. Zach Walters

# Chodyko Declared Winner

**Sebastian Chodyko and Connor Brown had again proved they were good enough having just moved into the class by locking out the front row. A close race ensued with Ben Graham taking the chequered flag, but a penalty meant Chodyko was the eventual winner.**

## Heat 1

Connor Brown made a good getaway from pole ahead of Max Oshaughnessy and Ben Graham. Oliver Mooij moved into 4<sup>th</sup> on lap 1 ahead of Jake Gillett as Brown began to break away at the front. Mooij began to apply the pressure to Graham for 3<sup>rd</sup>, but Graham was holding on allowing Oshaughnessy to edge away and creep back towards Brown at the head of the field. Brown responded with a new fastest lap to open the gap back up over Oshaughnessy with Oshaughnessy clear of the battling group of Graham, Mooij and Gillett. Brown took the win ahead of Oshaughnessy, Graham, Mooij and Gillett.

## Heat 2

Brendan Sathees led the field away with an incident at turn 3 splitting the drivers. Ambrose Witherspoon moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 1 ahead of Nathan Parr and Harry Lambert. Witherspoon closed the small gap to Sathees and made his move for the lead on lap 3, getting ahead through Vale as Sebastian Chodyko caught the pair and took the lead through the final corner. Witherspoon came back at Chodyko though, hanging onto the



## A first Junior win for Chodyko

back of his kart and pushing to find a way back into the lead as Sathees began to drop back. Chodyko held on to take the win, narrowly beating Witherspoon. Sathees came home in 3<sup>rd</sup> with Lambert and Parr completing the top 5.

## Heat 3

Ben Graham led away from pole as Max Oshaughnessy picked up a penalty for switching lanes at the start. Matteo Strathmann made his way into 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Dan Hudes and Oshaughnessy with Oshaughnessy hounding Hudes for 3<sup>rd</sup>, allowing the two out front to pull a gap. Hudes defended at the end of the straight on lap 3, but ran wide, handing the place to Oshaughnessy. Strathmann was next for Oshaughnessy, but with over 2 seconds to claw back and Strathmann matching leader Graham for pace, that was going to be a tall order. Graham was trying to break away at the front, but

could only keep Strathmann pegged at half a second as the time ticked away. Graham took the win from Strathmann, Oshaughnessy, Hudes and Mark Martin.

## Heat 4

Jake Gillett came under attack from Harry Lambert at the start, but held on as Oliver Mooij moved into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lambert came under fire from Connor Brown on lap 1, losing the position. A tap into the back of Brown at the end of the straight saw Lambert back through, but with a penalty board. Brown regained the position a lap later, but Lambert continued to hustle Brown for the position. Gillett was pulling away at the front, leaving Mooij on his own in 2<sup>nd</sup> as he enjoyed a comfortable margin over Brown who had now dropped Lambert. Nathan Parr was sitting in a semi-secure 5<sup>th</sup> ahead of Fergus Ward as the time ticked away. Gillett cruised across the line to lead home Mooii. Brown. Lambert and

Ward.

### Heat 5

Ambrose Witherspoon leapt off pole and led Mark Martin and Jake Gillett by the time they exited turn 3. The field split into two halves by the end of lap 1 with Witherspoon leading Martin and Jake Gillett with Matteo Strathmann heading Brendan Sathees and Oliver Tipping. Gillett moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> and chased down Witherspoon as Strathmann climbed up into 3<sup>rd</sup> and chased down the pair of them. The group merged on the penultimate lap with Gillett taking the lead and Strathmann looking to try and take 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gillett was then on the defence as Witherspoon came back at him, but Gillett held on to win from Witherspoon, Strathmann, Martin and Sathees.

### Heat 6

Dan Hudes held the lead through turn 1, but Sebastian Chodyko slipped up the inside into turn 2 to take the lead. Chodyko then proceeded to pull out a gap over Hudes who had Ben Graham giving chase behind him having just passed Brendan Sathees. Graham closed up to the back of Hudes and out-braked him at the end of the main straight to take up 2<sup>nd</sup> and set after Chodyko who was by this stage, 1.8 seconds up the road. Although Graham was in free air, Chodyko was pulling away as Hudes held the gap to Graham in front of him to a couple of tenths. Chodyko took the win from Graham, Hudes, Sathees and Nathan Parr.

### Heat 7

Harry Lambert had a good opening lap to lead Max Oshaughnessy, Oliver Mooij and Ambrose Witherspoon

with a small gap back to Mark Martin. Lambert had a small lead by the end of lap 1, but Oshaughnessy closed it down and passed under braking on lap 2 at the end of the main straight. Oshaughnessy got his head down to gap those behind as Mooij moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Lambert with Lambert now holding off Witherspoon and Martin. Mooij was onto the back of Oshaughnessy with a move at the second to last corner seeing Mooij through into the lead as they started the final lap. Oshaughnessy tried to regain the position with a run out of Vale seeing him draw alongside and regain the lead under braking. Oshaughnessy took the chequered flag ahead of Mooij, Lambert, Witherspoon and Martin.

### Heat 8

Oliver Tipping and Connor Brown shot off at the start to move into 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively with Brown taking over the lead by turn 3. Tipping had Sebastian Chodyko and Dan Hudes climbing over the back of his kart, looking for a way past with Chodyko into 2<sup>nd</sup> at the final corner. Brown was pulling away at the front with Chodyko pushing hard to catch him and pull away from Tipping and Hudes. Hudes managed to get through with a lap to spare, but Tipping came back at him on the final lap. Brown took the win from Chodyko with Hudes holding onto 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Tipping with Fergus Ward completing the top 5.

### C Final

Nathan Parr had Oliver Tipping on the back of his kart at the start with Tipping getting through at turn 3 to take the lead. The leading pair opened up a gap over Nikhita Joshi who had the rest of the pack closed up behind him.

Tipping pulled away at the front, leaving Parr on his own in 2<sup>nd</sup>. The closest fight on track was between Fergus Ward, Harry Standen, Abraham Ashekun and Joshi as they squabbled for 4<sup>th</sup> with Ward coming out on track. These four then spread out with no one close enough to improve on their position. Tipping took a convincing win from Parr, George Hannay, Ward and Standen.

### B Final

Max Oshaughnessy got away well as the green flag dropped with Dan Hudes slotting in behind him. Matteo Strathmann was into 3<sup>rd</sup> with Harry Lambert, Brendan Sathees, Oliver Tipping and Mark Martin behind him. Oshaughnessy and Hudes had pulled out a small gap at the front on the opening lap, but Strathmann quickly closed it down to get on terms with them with Lambert joining them. Strathmann undid the good work at the final corner with a mistake dropping him down the order, once again leaving the two leaders with some breathing space. Hudes began his attack on Oshaughnessy, but Oshaughnessy defended at the end of the straight before leaving the door open at the penultimate corner, briefly costing him the lead until the final corner, when Oshaughnessy was back in front. The lead swapped once more, two corners later with Hudes getting back in front, only to lose out at the end of the main straight to Oshaughnessy once more. The fighting allowed the pack to close up and Hudes lost out at the final corner as several of the drivers snuck through, dropping him down the order. Oshaughnessy broke away as they continued to squabble with Sathees ending up in front with Hudes picking up a

penalty for contact along with Lambert. Oshaughnessy took the win ahead of Oliver Tipping and Harry Lambert.

### **A Final**

Sebastian Chodyko got a good get away from pole with Ben Graham leap-frogging Connor Brown into turn 1. Chodyko pulled out a small lead on the early stages as Brown and Graham continued to tussle for position with Jake Gillett soon joining in. Gillett managed to jump the pair of them with Graham slotting into 3<sup>rd</sup> as Brown lost out at turn 3 due to contact from Max Oshaughnessy with Oshaughnessy picking up a penalty as a result. Chodyko had continued to pull away as those behind tripped over each other with Graham once more, getting ahead of Gillett to take 2<sup>nd</sup>. With Graham and Gillett no longer fighting for position, they were able to close the gap to Chodyko

and a three way fight ensued. Chodyko was doing well to defend, but Graham got a run out of Vale onto the main straight and tried to go around the outside of Chodyko through turn 6, giving him the inside line for turn 7. The move didn't stick however with Gillett seizing the opportunity to pass the pair of them and take the lead. Chodyko regained the lead under braking a couple of corners later at turn 3 only to have Gillett strike back a corner later through the right hand hairpin. The two bogged down and Graham got a run into Vale, going up the inside of the pair of them and taking the lead for himself ahead of Gillett and Chodyko. Meanwhile, behind them, Oliver Mooij was keeping Ambrose Witherspoon and Max Oshaughnessy at bay. Graham put his foot down and pulled a gap as Chodyko

once again passed Gillett into turn 3, but this time was careful to hold on through the proceeding corners. Graham crossed the line first ahead of Chodyko, Gillett, Mooij and Witherspoon, but a penalty was applied to Graham for an advantage by contact, resulting in Chodyko being promoted to the win.

### **Results**

#### **B Final**

1. Max Oshaughnessy
2. Oliver Tipping
3. Harry Lambert

#### **A Final**

1. Sebastian Chodyko
2. Jake Gillett
3. Oliver Mooij



**The Junior Podium**

# Dorricott Fends Off All Comers

**Axle Slijepcevic looked to upset the form book as he jumped Alexander Dorricott and William Thomas in the early stages, disrupting their championship fight.**

## Heat 1

Alexander Dorricott held onto the lead through turns one and two with Josh Lad looking to get through. Dorricott opened up a gap of 6 tenths on lap 1 as Silas Woolway and Max Oshaughnessy battled over 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jack Martin was running in 4<sup>th</sup>, keeping a gaggle of karts behind him as those ahead pulled a gap. Oshaughnessy took 3<sup>rd</sup> on lap 3 with a move at the end of the straight, out-braking Woolway. Woolway was then caught by Martin and passed a lap later. Dorricott had built a comfortable lead at the front over Lad as Oshaughnessy began to reel in Lad. Dorricott cruised to win the first heat of the day ahead of Lad, Oshaughnessy, Martin and Woolway.

## Heat 2

George Worledge held off a determined Silas Woolway at the start with Jack Martin coming under attack from Max Oshaughnessy. Worledge quickly started to build a gap as Woolway had Martin and Oshaughnessy behind him to contend with. Martin worked his way past into 2<sup>nd</sup>, but Worledge had pulled out a gap of 2.5 seconds. Woolway was maintaining 3<sup>rd</sup> with Axel



## Dorricott unchallenged at the front

Slijepcevic now applying the pressure. A move at turn 2 on the final lap saw him through to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Worledge claimed the win ahead of Martin, Slijepcevic, Woolway and Joshua Craft.

## Heat 3

Finn Angell-Wells held off the majority of the pack into turn 1 as everyone tried to improve their position. Josh Craft was following in his wheel tracks and moved into the lead at the end of the straight with Scott Van Breda following him through into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Axel Slijepcevic moved into 4<sup>th</sup> on lap 2 as Van Breda started his assault on Craft for the lead. A run out of Vale on lap 3 handed Van Breda the lead at the end of the main straight as Slijepcevic closed in with Angell-Wells in tow. Van Breda broke away at the front as Slijepcevic applied the pressure on Craft for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Van Breda took the win with Craft just holding on to 2<sup>nd</sup>

ahead of Slijepcevic, Angell-Wells and Sam Attard.

## Heat 4

Ben Gosling held the lead as the pack entered turn 2 four abreast. Sam Attard picked up a penalty for contact as William Thomas moved into the lead. Alex Dorricott in 3<sup>rd</sup> was next to demote Gosling, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> as they entered Vale. Behind them, Attard was holding off Silas Woolway, Joshua Craft, George Worledge, Scott Van Breda and Harry Jarrett. Dorricott was chasing down Thomas, closing the gap to sit on his rear bumper and hustle him for the lead. Thomas frequently looked behind him to monitor Dorricott's progress with Dorricott getting ahead at turn 4 on the penultimate lap. Gosling had dropped back in 3<sup>rd</sup>, but was clear of the intense fight for 4<sup>th</sup>. Dorricott took the win ahead of Thomas with Gosling

secure in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attard held on for 4<sup>th</sup> with Woolway taking 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Heat 5**

At the third time of asking, Axle Slijepcevic held the lead through turn 1 with Max Oshaughnessy and William Thomas in hot pursuit. Josh Lad going for 4<sup>th</sup> made a mistake at the end of the main straight, pitching him backwards and into the tyre wall with those around him panicking and joining the incident. Slijepcevic got his head down and built a gap at the front with Oshaughnessy keeping Thomas and Alexander Dorricott at bay. Slijepcevic took the win ahead of Thomas, Oshaughnessy, Dorricott and Jack Martin.

### **B Final**

Josh Lad led the grid away as the race started with Max Oshaughnessy in close company. These two quickly broke away from the rest of the pack as Ben Gosling held off Tom Nicoll and Sam Hampshire. Nicoll slipped through into 3<sup>rd</sup> with Hampshire next to demote Gosling soon after. These two dropped Gosling as they tried to get back on terms with the leading pair out front. The drivers spread apart with the closest fight between Sam Attard and Finn Angell-Wells for 7<sup>th</sup>. Lad cruised to the win to promote himself into the A Final with Oshaughnessy having to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nicoll claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> from Hampshire with Gosling completing the top 5.

### **A Final**

With a false start dealt with, Alexander Dorricott led away but was immediately put under pressure by Axle Slijepcevic, William Thomas and George Worledge. Slijepcevic slipped through

into the lead at turn 3, but could not shake the group behind him as he lost the lead a lap later on the exit of Vale to Dorricott. The move left Slijepcevic vulnerable with Thomas getting ahead into 2<sup>nd</sup> as Dorricott began to pull a gap. Jack Martin was running in 4<sup>th</sup> but had Josh Lad and Joshua Craft lined up behind him looking to get ahead. Lad quickly got onto the rear of Martin's kart and passed with the gap to Thomas and Slijepcevic coming down very quickly. As Lad caught the pair, Slijepcevic got through at turn 3 with Lad passing Thomas for 3<sup>rd</sup> a corner later. Dorricott used the passing and re-passing to extend his lead all of the way to the chequered flag to win by 4.307 seconds. Slijepcevic came home in 2<sup>nd</sup> with Thomas retaking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the dying stages. Lad had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Martin.

### **Results**

#### **B Final**

1. Josh Lad
2. Max Oshaughnessy
3. Tom Nicoll

#### **A Final**

1. Alexander Dorricott
2. Axle Slijepcevic
3. William Thomas

# Butler Extends Title Lead

**Ian Del-Pizzo scored highly in the heats to put himself on pole, but championship rival, Jake Butler and Tom Sibley hounded him the entire race eventually breaking through to deny him the win and allow Butler to extend his points lead at the top.**

## Heat 1

Jordan Bowley headed Tom Sibley as George Dixon got spun around. Syd Coombes picked up a penalty for contact at the start as Bowley and Sibley tried to break free of Ian Del-Pizzo and Fergal Ludlow. Sibley was pushing for a way past Bowley as Del-Pizzo reeled them in. Jake Butler had moved himself onto the back of Ludlow and was quickly past into 4<sup>th</sup>, but had a sizeable gap to make up to get on terms with Bowley, Sibley and Del-Pizzo. Bowley continued to have Sibley shadowing him around the circuit, but was avoiding any mistakes that would see him through as Del-Pizzo struggled to close the gap. Sibley saw his opportunity at the end of the main straight and looked to the inside. Sibley closed under the brakes and Bowley moved to the side to avoid Sibley, handing him the inside line and with it, the lead as the chequered flag was readied. Sibley claimed the win from Bowley, Del-Pizzo, Butler and Ludlow.

## Heat 2

Ian Del-Pizzo grabbed the lead at the start, going around the outside of Stephen Wackrill. Del-Pizzo was quick to open up a gap



## Butler increased his championship lead with another win

at the front as Fergal Ludlow, Jake Butler and Daniel Holland scrapped for 3<sup>rd</sup> with Jordan Bowley looking as though he may close in. Butler was through into 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap two with a move up the inside into Vale and now had a 1.3 second gap to close down to get on terms with Del-Pizzo. Bowley was passed Holland quickly and set after Ludlow, moving himself into 3<sup>rd</sup> on lap 4. Butler closed the gap to Del-Pizzo and began to attack for the lead, forcing Del-Pizzo to start driving defensively and backing the pair of them up into Bowley. Bowley began to attack Butler for 2<sup>nd</sup>, forcing Butler to now drive defensively whilst trying to get past Del-Pizzo at the same time. Ludlow then joined the back of the group on the final lap, but Del-Pizzo hung on to win from Butler, Bowley, Ludlow and Holland.

## Heat 3

At the third time of asking, the race got underway with Syd Coombes losing out to a fast starting Jake Butler. George Dixon slotted into 3<sup>rd</sup> on lap 1 with Ian Del-Pizzo climbing up to 4<sup>th</sup>. Butler made the most of those behind him racing to quickly build a lead as Del-Pizzo grabbed 2<sup>nd</sup> through turn 2 on lap 2. Del-Pizzo broke away from the rest of the pack which was headed by Daniel Holland and Tom Sibley with Coombes locking up the rears at the end of the main straight, causing others to take avoiding action. Del-Pizzo was pushing to close the gap to Butler ahead of him with Del-Pizzo taking 7 tenths out of Butler's advantage on lap 5. He continued to close the gap, as the 'Last Lap' board was handed out, getting onto the rear of Butler and drawing alongside him down the main straight. A

text book out-braking manoeuvre at the end of the straight saw Del-Pizzo through and onto the chequered flag with Butler having to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Sibley, Daniel Holland and Jordan Bowley.

### Final

Ian Del-Pizzo led away when the green flag dropped, followed by Jake Butler and Tom Sibley with Jordan Bowley just a couple of kart lengths behind. An incident at turn 3 on lap 1 saw some of the grid fall behind with Bowley hitting kart problems and stopping on track. This brought out the full course yellow by which point the top 3 were well clear of the chasing pack headed by Syd Coombes. The green flag got racing back underway with Del-Pizzo pulling a small lead over Butler and Sibley. The pair were quick to close the gap back down as those behind squabbled for 4<sup>th</sup>. George Dixon worked his way to the

head of this group with Daniel Holland and Bradley Youngman close behind but with Fergal Ludlow closing. Del-Pizzo was doing well to keep Butler and Sibley behind him as they continued to look for a way past with Dixon breaking away from the group as Ludlow worked his way into 5<sup>th</sup>. Lap 7 saw Butler hit the front, securing the lead through the final sequence of corners with a string of fast laps seeing him pull away from Del-Pizzo and Sibley. Del-Pizzo was forced to hold off Sibley, making Butler's escape easier with an uncharacteristic error on the final lap seeing Sibley slip through into 2<sup>nd</sup>. Butler claimed the win from Sibley, Del-Pizzo, Dixon and Ludlow.

### Results

#### A Final

1. Jake Butler
2. Tom Sibley
3. Ian Del-Pizzo



The Senior Podium

# Christopher Wins Thriller

**Adam Christopher had managed to get the widest Sodi RT8 in the Daytona fleet as Mark Kearon, Josh Mercer and David Comber attacked him relentlessly for the lead of the race, denying them by 0.071 seconds.**

## Heat 1

Mark Kearon headed Josh Mercer by the end of lap 1 with the two of them getting away from Marc Morley-Freer. George Watson was sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> but had Adam Christopher on his rear with Donald Macauley, Jake Taylor, Leigh Ebanks and David Comber all lined up behind him. Christopher went for a move at the end of the main straight, but out-braked himself and ran wide, allowing Macauley to have a go at Christopher into the penultimate corner. Mercer moved himself into the lead at the halfway stage but Kearon was holding on to him with Morley-Freer just a kart length behind. Christopher moved himself into 4<sup>th</sup> at turn 2, passing Watson on the inside and set after the three ahead of him. Mercer had Kearon all over the back of him as they started the final lap with a comfortable gap to Morley-Freer now emerging. Mercer defended at the end of the main straight as Kearon pulled alongside with Mercer holding on to win from Kearon, Morley-Free, Christopher and Ebanks.



**Christopher holding off Mercer, Kearon and Comber**

## Heat 2

Donald Macauley and George Watson led the way through the first two corners as the rest of the field jostled for position. Come the end of the main straight, it was Macauley from Jake Taylor, Watson and Marc Morley-Freer as everyone lined up front-to-tail. Macauley and Taylor were getting away at the front as Watson held off Mark Kearon with Taylor grabbing the lead under braking at the end of the main straight. Macauley came straight back at Taylor through the final two corners and regained the lead with Taylor having to slot back in behind him. Macauley was starting to place his kart defensively allowing the rest of the pack to close in as Kearon got within striking distance of Taylor. With the pressure on, Taylor went for a move up the inside at turn 2, but could not make it stick

with Kearon and Morley-Freer punishing him for the mistake, dropping Taylor to 4<sup>th</sup>. Leigh Ebanks and Josh Mercer added to Taylor's pain with the pack so closed up and positions swapping regularly. Macauley was still holding off the pack and took the chequered flag from Morley-Freer, Adam Christopher, Kearon and Mercer.

## Heat 3

Adam Christopher held the lead into turn 1 with David Comber nipping at his heels. Jake Taylor was in 3<sup>rd</sup> with the rest of the pack bottled up behind him, allowing Christopher and Comber to run away. A spinner at turn 3 resulted in a couple of karts in the tyre wall having nowhere to go. Christopher managed to pull out a kart length over Comber as Taylor broke clear of the rest of the pack, now headed

by Mark Kearon who chased down Taylor. George Watson had Donald Macauley clambering over the back of his kart, looking to pass him 5<sup>th</sup>, but Watson was doing well to keep him at bay. Christopher continued to edge away from Comber as the race wore on. Kearon passed Taylor for 3<sup>rd</sup> with a couple of laps to spare and tried to chase down Comber, but with a decent gap, it was going to be a tall order for Kearon to catch and pass him. Christopher cruised across the finish line to win from Comber, Kearon, Taylor and Watson.

### **Final**

Adam Christopher led away from Mark Kearon with Josh Mercer a kart length back in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mercer closed up to the pair on the second lap, leaving David Comber and Marc Morley-Freer behind him in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. Mercer passed Kearon for 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 2, but lost out to Kearon under braking at the end of the main straight and into turn 6. Kearon then got onto the back of Christopher with Christopher now driving defensively and slowing the group. This allowed Comber to close the gap and make it a four-way fight for the lead of the race. Mercer got back into 2<sup>nd</sup> with a move up the inside into the final corner on Kearon with Kearon copying the move 2 laps later to regain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Despite the fighting, Christopher was unable to break away as Kearon, Mercer and Comber held onto the back of Christopher. Mercer moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> once again with a move starting at turn 4 and finishing at turn 6 when the pair hit the brakes. Mercer lost the position again when Kearon got a run into turn 3 and out-braked Mercer with the two continuing to

swap positions. In between swapping places, they took it in turns to apply the pressure to Christopher, but Christopher knew exactly where to place his kart until the final lap when Mercer lunged Christopher into turn 1 and took the lead. Christopher held on around the outside to give himself the inside line for turn 2 and retook the lead. Kearon pounced on Mercer as Mercer bogged down and moved back into 2<sup>nd</sup> into turn 3. Christopher then defended all of the way to the chequered flag, taking the win from Kearon by 0.071 seconds. Mercer had to settle for 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Comber and Morley-Freer.

### **Results**

#### **A Final**

- 1.** Adam Christopher
- 2.** Mark Kearon
- 3.** Josh Mercer