



DAYTONA 60 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2012/2013

ROUND 1 – 11/11/12

The first round of the Daytona 60 Winter Championship was hosted on Remembrance Sunday throughout a crisp evening at Daytona Milton Keynes' International Circuit.

There was a good turnout of both regular drivers and some less experienced competitors making for an exciting race, the drivers were split up into 2 weight categories; Lights and Heavies, <76kg and >77kg respectively - as follows:

LIGHTS:

- JAKE BIGGERSTAFF
- GARY POOLE
- KAM HO
- ROSS CLEVERLY
- ANTHONY JORDAN
- MICHAEL RAWLINGS
- DAMON CLEVERLY
- DYLAN TAYLOR
- JASON CLEVERLY
- NIKOLAY ANGELOV

HEAVIES:

- STUART SHEARMAN
- STEVE BONE
- JAIME TRIVINO
- CHRIS MUNRO
- ANDY BARR
- RICKY SMITH
- DAVID GOODHAND
- EMILIO LOPEZ
- MICHAEL HOLDCROFT



With the drivers organised into weight categories and race briefing completed, the drivers made their way down to the pit lane and their karts to get prepared for qualifying.





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QUALIFYING:

With all drivers ready and eager to begin, qualifying got under way.

The pack was bunched up and good times were hard to find to begin with, Jake Biggerstaff found this even more so with 'no brakes' on his first lap and came back in for a kart change.

A few drivers broke away, finding some space on circuit and managed to put in a quick lap to move up the starting grid.



Anthony Jordan takes chequered with the session's fastest time of 1:09:036 with Kam Ho in second only 0.717s behind.

Jaime Trivino made it in as fastest heavy, with an impressive Michael Holdcroft closely following him up.





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RACE:

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With everything set it looked to be shaping up for an exciting race, could the leaders maintain this pace for the remaining 60 minutes? Only time would tell.

After a solid qualifying performance Jake Biggerstaff comes off worse in a battle of experience by spinning at turn 4 on his 3rd lap, after an over-ambitious manoeuvre on Kam Ho left him helpless in the tyre barrier, and at the back of the pack.

Anthony Jordan got off to a dream start and was able to increase his lead by 2 seconds a lap between him and the rest of the field in the opening 10 minutes.



There was some excellent driving out there in a generally 'clean' race, particularly between Stuart Shearman and Andy Barr fighting for position coming off the back straight.

With the leaders beginning to create a gap at the front, Emilio Lopez led the chasing group containing Michael H, Dylan T, Jason Cleveley and Steve Bone.

The chasing group, spurred on by each other, found another gear and started to reel in the race leaders, Jaime Trivino being the 1st casualty as they stormed through.

Emilio Lopez managed to break away from the middle of the pack and began to chase down Gary Poole for 3rd overall, although the two were in separate categories.



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Anthony Jordan was still holding fast at the front, and everyone was left wondering whether he could keep this pace with Kam Ho hot on his heels?

After an eventful start dropping to the back of the grid Jake Biggerstaff was on his recovery and up to 10th position, moving past some of the heavyweight drivers in better fashion than his earlier attempts.

With the race drawing to a close, time was running out for Kam Ho to catch Anthony Jordan who seemed to racing mistake free.

The 'Comeback King' Jake Biggerstaff was still making progress as he managed to pass Michael Holdcroft and Steve Bone to move into 6th position after a long battle between some excellent drivers.

With only a few laps left it seemed certain that Jordan would take the chequered flag but the Top 3 Heavy podium positions were still up for grabs.

As the chequered flag dropped, Anthony secured the first D60 Winter Champs race win from Kam Ho and Gary Poole, with Emilio Lopez taking the Heavy race win from Michael Holdcroft and Jaime Trivino.



Round 1 Winners

Lights:

1. Anthony Jordan
2. Kam Ho
3. Gary Poole

Heavies:

1. Emilio Lopez
2. Michael Holdcroft
3. Jaime Trivino

Join us next month for the **Daytona 60 Winter Championship Round 2** on 9th December at Daytona Milton Keynes. Call us on **0845 644 5503** or visit our website www.daytona.co.uk for more information. Don't forget you earn a cumulative discount each round!