



DAYTONA 60 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2012/2013

ROUND 2 – 9/12/12



The second round of the Daytona 60 Winter Championship was another cold but dry evening and the track was reasonably fast with plenty of grip on the racing line for the drivers to exploit.

The drivers were split up into 2 weight categories; Lights <76kg and Heavies >77kg. There were 21 drivers altogether – 13 Lightweight and 8 Heavyweight as seen below:

LIGHTS:

- **JAKE BIGGERSTAFF**
- **GARY POOLE**
- **KAM HO**
- **ANTHONY JORDAN**
- **MICHAEL RAWLINGS**
- **NIKOLAY ANGELOV**
- **ALEXANDRU DAMIAN**
- **VAUGHAN ROBERTS**
- **RAQIM SAQLAIN**
- **MICHAEL FISK**
- **JOSH BOODEN**
- **QASIM HUSSEIN**
- **RICHARD HARRISON**

HEAVIES:

- **STUART SHEARMAN**
- **JAIME TRIVINO**
- **CHRIS MUNRO**
- **ANDY BARR**
- **EMILIO LOPEZ**
- **MICHAEL HOLDCROFT**
- **JOSH OVERHILL**
- **CRAIG McVOY**





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QUALIFYING:

Anthony Jordan sent a message of intent to the rest of the grid with an authoritative opening few laps. He was able to set increasingly fast lap times to move over half a second ahead of the rest, and the only driver to break 1:10:00 at that point. Michael Fisk and Kam Ho were able to join him after warming themselves and their karts up in the cold conditions.



In the Heavyweight category, Emilio Lopez, put in another commanding performance to put himself top in his category, lining up in 4th overall.

Anthony Jordan was fastest overall to take pole position with a 1:09:27, closely followed by Michael Fisk in 2nd with a 1:09:59 and Kam Ho in 3rd.





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RACE:

As the green flags flew, the race got underway to an exciting start with all drivers closely packed and tussling for position throughout an eventful opening lap. Michael Holdcroft received a black flag for an ABC on Chris Munro at turn 10 after out-braking himself, leaving Chris out of position and with a metaphoric mountain to climb. On lap five, Richard Harrison hit his brakes a touch early at turn 4, proving how tricky the conditions could be. His punishment was to lose six places due to the closely-fought and competitive grid.

After 10 minutes of racing, Anthony Jordan had pulled out a 6 second gap from the rest of the field. Michael Fisk, Kam Ho and Alexandru Damien were battling it out for the remaining top positions in the lightweight category; there was little to choose between these three highly-skilled drivers. Meanwhile, Emilio Lopez was still the fastest heavy 9.5 seconds behind the leader but dominating his class. After being knocked off earlier in the race, Chris Munro was doing very well to fight his way back up the grid, looking to get back to the top positions and challenge in his category.

Vaughan Roberts and Jake Biggerstaff were having another close race. Jake was struggling to stay ahead, got a bit ragged and hit a few kerbs picking up a black and white flag for his troubles.



Gary Poole led a large group of drivers from 8th position down to Chris Munro in 15th. Raqim Saqlain squeezed through the inside of Michael Rawlings at turn 10, which left Michael drifting wide and took a big knock on the outside kerb with some air that even Shaun White would be proud of (for any snowboarding fans out there).

Up at the front, Alexandru sneaked past Emilio and Kam with a classic inside manoeuvre into turn 10 to move into 3rd. On the following lap he tried the same move on Michael Fisk, however, Michael went very defensive and shut him off, but in doing so, he left a big gap open for Alexandru to power through on the outside to move up into 2nd place.



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Stuart Shearman and Raqim Saqlain were having a great battle with Raqim taking Stuart then re-taking Raqim. The drivers were switching places once, or even twice a lap – putting on a great show for any on-lookers.



Craig McVoy received a black flag for persistent kerbing, pulled into the pits to have a word on his 29th lap and unfortunately losing several places – as instructed in briefing, it is crucial to look after your kart!

At the halfway mark, Anthony Jordan was storming ahead and put 17 seconds between himself and second placed Alexandru Damien. Clearly, the fight for 2nd, 3rd and 4th was affecting their lap-times!

Michael Rawlings managed to get past Stuart then pushed Raqim over the next few laps. Vaughan and Raqim then moved past Gary Poole between turns 4 and 5 to put some space between themselves and the chasing pack.

Michael Fisk took second place when Alexandru looked to go past a back-marker around turn 7. The back-marker turned in on him, leaving the inside clear for Michael to sneak through. But a game of musical chairs ensued to the tune of twin-engine 4-stroke karts when Alex re-took him back on the next lap around the same corner; however, Michael was able to power back through out of turn 8 and hold position well in 2nd place.

Gary Poole and Michael Rawlings were having a tussle by the start box, where there was some side-to-side contact. However, this carried on into turn 4 where Michael Rawlings hit into the back of Gary Poole and knocked him into the tyres.

The red flags went out stop the race. Gary was unable to continue the final minute of the race. Upon resumption of proceedings the chequered flag was shown soon along with full course yellows on the way in.

Fastest lap of the day at 1:08:56 came from Anthony Jordan who received the chequered flag with a gap of 37 seconds between him and second placed Alexandru Damian, Kam Ho 12 seconds behind him.

Emilio Lopez was the fastest heavy with a 1:09:32, separated by a large gap over second and third placed Stuart Shearman and Josh Overhill.



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Round 2 Winners



Light:

- 1. Anthony Jordan**
- 2. Alexandru Damian**
- 3. Kam Ho**



Heavy:

- 1. Emilio Lopez**
- 2. Stuart Shearman**
- 3. Josh Overhill**

Congratulations to all of this month's winners!

Join us next month for the **Daytona 60 Winter Championship Round 3** at Daytona Milton Keynes. Call us on **0845 644 5503** or visit our website www.daytona.co.uk to book and for more information.