

Daytona DF1 Champs 2015

Round 7 – 30th September

For the 7th round of the Daytona DF1 Championships, the Heavy drivers took to the circuit first for qualifying...

Matt Casey looked on the pace throughout all of Q1 leaving him 0.6 seconds clear of second placed driver Daz Ravenscroft. Mark Williamson rounded out the top 3. Tim Hockham and Nick Rowland were eliminated from Q1, both just over a second off the pace of the front runners. It was again Matt Casey on the pace from the outset, however was 0.1 seconds slower than the time he set in Q1. Mark Williamson was best of the rest, improving his time by 4 tenths from Q1. Mark Hitchcock rounded out the top 3. Daz Ravenscroft appeared to struggle in Q2 by only managing P8, 2 tenths down on his Q1 time. Ryan Gilmore, Daz Ravenscroft, Matt Gibbs and Nigel Walne were all eliminated in Q2. Matt Casey proved to be fastest through all three qualifying sessions. An excellent drive from Julian Philippe sees his as the best of the rest, just 3 tenths down on Matt Casey, Mark Hitchcock leads Ben Drake in P3 with Ryan Welch and Mark Williamson rounding out the top 6.

As the lights went out on the start-line gantry, all drivers made a good clean getaway. Ryan Welch immediately gained a position on lap 1 to get him up to P4. Matt Casey steadily built up a healthy gap between himself and Julian. Ryan was definitely the driver to keep an eye on in the race; his best lap a full 4 tenths quicker than qualifying pace setter Matt Casey. On Lap 11 Ryan made a move which saw him elevate to P3 then on Lap 37 made a move stick on Julian. Matt Casey's inconsistency with his lap times enabled Ryan to catch up and on lap 46 made a move for the lead. The move stuck and the race was essentially over from then on. Ryan pulled away and the remainder of the field held position.

| Heavies - > 82kgs | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Round 8 | Round 9 | Total |
| Ryan Welch | 20 | 22 | 22 | 19 | 22 | 20 | 25 | | | 150 |
| Julian Philippe | 22 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 20 | | | 143 |
| Matthew Casey | 15 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 22 | | | 129 |
| Daz Ravenscroft | 17 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 18 | | | 125 |
| Mark Hitchcock | 18 | 18 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 25 | 19 | | | 122 |
| Dwayne Marsden | 25 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 25 | 19 | 0 | | | 119 |
| Ben Drake | 16 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 17 | | | 111 |
| Nigel Walne | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 15 | | | 91 |
| Ryan Gilmore | 0 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 13 | | | 90 |
| Mark Williamson | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 16 | | | 82 |
| Matthew McLachlan | 19 | 0 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 0 | | | 80 |
| Nick Rowland | 0 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 12 | | | 77 |
| Matt Gibbs | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 0 | | | 67 |
| Jonny Elliott | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 25 |
| James Clarke | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | 23 |
| Sean Greenhalgh | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 20 |
| Tim Hockham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | | | 14 |
| Ernestas Bilvinas | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 13 |
| Dave Critchlow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | | | 9 |
| Michal Koczkas | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 9 |

A condensed field of only 8 drivers saw Adam Bach lead Adam Davies in Q1 with 3 tenths exactly between both Adams. Blair Henry followed closely in P3 with Daniel Park within the same tenth as Blair. No drivers were eliminated from Q1. Q2 saw all the drivers from Q1 out on circuit again. Again it was Adam Bach setting the pace with a blistering time of a 33.393. Blair Henry improved from his Q1 time to get himself into P2. Adam Davies followed closely and rounded out the top 3. Dave Parker appeared to struggle through the qualifying sessions and was unfortunately eliminated along with Parry Richardson. Again it was Adam Bach that led the top 6 shootout, narrowly beating his previous fastest time by 0.06 seconds. Blair Henry continued his strong form to qualify P2 with Adam Davis, Dan Parker, Michael Antony and Colin Samuel rounding out the top 6.

Adam Bach led the pack away and started to build a gap from lights out. Blair tried with all his might to keep up with Adam, however Adam had the slight edge. Adam Davis held his own in P3 against Blair, however was unable to field an attack for position. Michael Antony managed to gain a position on Dan Parker to get himself up to P4. The pace between all the drivers throughout was very close, with less than a second covering the grid. Adam Bach built a gap to take first place, with Blair Henry hanging on for 2nd and Adam Davis taking 3rd.

| Lights - > 82kgs | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Round 8 | Round 9 | Total |
| Adam Davis | 22 | 25 | 22 | 25 | 20 | 22 | 20 | | | 156 |
| Blair Henry | 18 | 17 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 25 | 22 | | | 139 |
| Adam Bach | 25 | 22 | 25 | 22 | 0 | 17 | 25 | | | 136 |
| David Parker | 17 | 15 | 18 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 17 | | | 126 |
| Michael Antony | 14 | 14 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 19 | | | 113 |
| Colin Samuel | 20 | 20 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 16 | | | 109 |
| Daniel Parker | 19 | 0 | 20 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 18 | | | 102 |
| Dominic Payne | 16 | 19 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 0 | | | 95 |
| Parry Richardson | 12 | 0 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | | | 80 |
| Ross Heale-Whittle | 15 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | 79 |
| Luke Gore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 | 0 | | | 45 |
| Chris Mayes | 11 | 0 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 36 |
| Paul Corby | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 26 |
| Adam Spillane | 10 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 21 |
| Daniel Lane | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 16 |
| Tom Parker | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 15 |
| Stanmore Samkange | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | | | 12 |
| Philip Jackson | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 12 |
| Simeon Willis | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 10 |
| Andrew Moore | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 9 |
| Michael Boffey | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 9 |

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