

Round 8

31<sup>st</sup> August 2014

# Juniors

## Inkart Championship 2014



### Heat 1

A messy start to heat 1 of the day, the junior drivers making a lot of contact in the opening corners and the group picking up a bumping board. Luke Jenkinson leads the way, with Oliver Flexen close behind having to defend from Ioan Evans. Oliver is backing up the pack, making 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

positions very close and locking them into position as everyone is defending their position. Dominic Caulfield went for it going into the final lap, managing to pass Oliver and Ben to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Luke who set fastest lap - over 1 second a lap

faster than anyone else on circuit. Oliver Flexen took 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Heat 2

For heat 2 the drivers were a little better behaved off the start with no contact around the first corner, but as they approached the first hairpin Christian Larsen dived for the inside and took out Lohit. He received a black flag later in the lap. Lohit then began to fight back, pulling off 2 very nice overtakes on the down ramp and into the hairpin.

Dominic leads the race with Andre in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lohit again goes for his favourite overtake, this time on Luke. Luke goes wide and cuts back underneath to keep the position, his experience really showing in this particular battle. Into the final laps Lohit and Luke still battling, with Luke eventually coming out on top to take 4<sup>th</sup>

place, with Lohit settling for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dominic took the race win, Andre 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oliver putting in another strong race to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Heat 3

Another messy start to heat 3 saw all drivers receive a bumping warning at the end of the opening lap. James Brown managed to hold onto his pole position, but with Ben Walker right on his tail trying to make the overtake for first place.

Oliver makes a mistake and spins the kart, dropping him down the order. Ben made his way past James and immediately began to pull away. James struggling for pace begins to hold the pack up - 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> are all very close but again

unable to make any moves as there is nothing between this chain of drivers. Luke goes for an overtaking maneuver at the first hairpin but has to back out. Ben takes the race win ahead of James and Seb.

## Heat 4

The cleanest start of the day from our junior drivers. Lohit strikes straight away on his inside line maneuver in the first hairpin, passing Seb to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Christian Larsen leads the race with

Lohit just behind him. James Brown also made a mistake in the opening lap, dropping him right to the back of the field for the remainder of the race. Christian started to put in some fast laps to pull

away from Lohit and secure his race win, while setting the fastest lap of the race at 31.925 seconds.

Lohit places 2<sup>nd</sup> and Seb takes 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Final

Lots of side by side contact in the opening laps of the junior final. Luke made the jump into p2 from his 4<sup>th</sup> place grid slot. Oliver Flexen and Seb Duesbury both pick up bumping warnings for excessive contact in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Dominic begins to pull a gap to Luke, who is also pulling away from Ben. The race settles down with no changes in position for a few laps. 5 laps to go and it's completely closed up at the front with nothing between the top 3. As they begin to tussle, they

back each other up into Lohit who is looking to take a podium. Dominic in 1<sup>st</sup> place is struggling for pace, and goes very defensive against Luke. Very fair racing between the top drivers - all giving each other racing room, but nothing else. Dominic holds on to take the final win, with Luke in 2<sup>nd</sup>, ben in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lohit just losing out and taking 4<sup>th</sup>.

