



**The InKart Championships at Daytona Tamworth
Round 5 Race Report by Chris Hodson**

Cadets

Heat 1

Luke Ringham starts from pole. After a steady start by all drivers the field slowly spread out. Abi Sanders makes an excellent move through Turn 5 to snatch the lead from Luke Ringham. Sam Cole gets by Luke Ringham into 2nd position and starts to harass Abi Sanders for the lead. Sam Cole gets up the inside of Abi Sanders into Turn 6 for a clean overtake. Behind, Oliver Flint, Alessio La Malfa and Benji Hughes are all keeping each other honest. Abi Sanders hasn't let Sam Cole off the leash and is worrying him as she looks for a gap. Luke Ringham is hanging on for 3rd. Benji Hughes in 5th is desperately trying to close on Oliver Flint in front of him. Alessio La Malfa has had a spin and drops back to 6th ahead of Nathan Britain. Ronnie Smith brings up the rear after a mechanical fault meant a kart swap. Finished Sam Cole, Abi Sanders, Luke Ringham, Oliver Flint, Benji Hughes, Alessio La Malfa, Nathan Britain & Ronnie Smith.

Heat 2

Jake Perry sits on pole. Joe Lorenz gets into the lead and opens a gap. Jake Perry, Luke Ringham & Alessio La Malfa are giving chase. Alessio La Malfa spins at Turn 10 to drop to the back. The field are all spread out as Joe Lorenz extends his lead at the front, Luke Ringham and Jake Perry fight over 2nd. Ronnie Smith has got through into 4th and tries to pull away from Thierry Hopkins and Nathan Britain as they battle behind. Nathan Britain makes a great move around Thierry Hopkins through Turn 10. Joe Lorenz is controlling the pace at the front whilst Luke Ringham has put some air between himself and Jake Perry in 3rd. Ronnie Smith is maintaining 4th and Nathan Britain has pulled clear of Thierry Hopkins. Alessio La Malfa is still recovering at the back. Ronnie Smith has caught Jake Perry but it's too late to make a move. Finished Joe Lorenz, Luke Ringham, Jake Perry, Ronnie Smith, Nathan Britain, Thierry Hopkins & Alessio La Malfa.

Heat 3

Sam Cole starts from 1st. Sam Cole maintains the lead but is closely followed by Joe Lorenz. Abi Sanders is hanging on in 3rd. Oliver Flint spins at Turn 7 and gets stuck trying to rejoin the circuit. Joe Lorenz is menacing Sam Cole for the lead. Abi Sanders is comfortable in 3rd. Benji Hughes has got through into 4th and has pulled clear of Jake Perry. Thierry Hopkins is back in 6th with Oliver Flint, now almost a lap down, recovering in 7th. As the race time ticks down and after constant pressure Joe Lorenz finally gets a better exit out of Turn 1 and drives past Sam Cole through Turn 2. Sam Cole now returns the favour and harasses Joe Lorenz. A clean exit from the hairpin at Turn 12 and Sam Cole makes it past Joe Lorenz for the lead. Joe Lorenz is now looking every which way for a gap. A close fight but Sam Cole holds on for the win. Finished Sam Cole, Joe Lorenz, Abi Sanders, Benji Hughes, Jake Perry, Thierry Hopkins & Oliver Flint.

B Final

Benji Hughes lines up on pole. Thierry Hopkins gains an advantage-by-contact on Alessio La Malfa through Turn 4 but realises the error and gives the position back. Benji Hughes settles into a groove at the front and pulls clear of Oliver Flint. Ronnie Smith in 3rd is keeping Oliver Flint honest. After a strong start Nathan Britain is now in 4th with plenty of space in front and behind him. Thierry Hopkins is pressuring Alessio La Malfa for 5th and Alessio La Malfa succumbs through Turn 4 and slides out running Thierry Hopkins wide but Hopkins manages to keep going to claim the place. Ronnie Smith is waiting to pounce on any mistake from Oliver Flint and makes an unsuccessful attempt into Turn 7. Benji Hughes is clear out front and looking very comfortable for the win. Ronnie Smith finds a gap and squeezes through for 2nd. The following lap Oliver Flint gets a better exit out of Turn 10 to squeeze through at Turn 11, Ronnie Smith returns the manoeuvre out of Turn 12 hairpin and gets through into Turn 1. The following lap and Ronnie Smith leaves the door wide open

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at Turn 12 and Oliver Flint doesn't need a second invitation to take the place back, a great scrap is ensuing as Oliver Flint gets back through for 2nd. Benji Hughes is comfortable out front, whilst it looks like the other podium positions are going to be decided on the last corner. Ronnie Smith and Oliver Flint are side by side as they come through Turn 10, Oliver Flint allows Ronnie Smith the inside of the left hand Turn 11 and sets himself up to go down the inside at the right hand Turn 12 hairpin, he gets his kart alongside and claims the spot through the corner, Ronnie Smith tries the switch back and it's a race for the line. Oliver Flint holds on by 8 thousandths of a second to finish 2nd. Finished Benji Hughes, Oliver Flint, Ronnie Smith, Nathan Britain, Thierry Hopkins & Alessio La Malfa. Benji Hughes advances to the A final.

1st – Benji Hughes

2nd – Oliver Flint

3rd – Ronnie Smith

A Final

Sam Cole starts the final from pole. Sam Cole makes a fantastic get away to open a kart length out of Turn 1. Luke Ringham gets through into 2nd and fend off Joe Lorenz across the line. Abi Sanders is sticking her nose in to the mix. Jake Perry gains an advantage by contact on Luke Ringham through Turn 12, resulting in the first black flag of the day. Sam Cole has pulled clear at the front and now Joe Lorenz is comfortable in 2nd. Abi Sanders has taken advantage of the melee at the hairpin to emerge in 3rd with Jake Perry now fending off Benji Hughes for 4th. Luke Ringham is trying to recover from the earlier incident. Sam Cole has stretched his lead out front whilst Abi Sanders has closed in and pressuring Joe Lorenz for 2nd, Abi Sanders makes it through and Joe Lorenz returns the favour at Turn 10. Sam Cole is clear out front. 2nd and 3rd are all over each other to the line with Joe Lorenz claiming the spot 1 tenth of a second ahead of Abi Sanders. Finished Sam Cole, Joe Lorenz, Abi Sanders, Luke Ringham, Benji Hughes & Jake Perry*.

*adjusted for Black Flag

1st – Sam Cole

2nd – Joe Lorenz

3rd – Abi Sanders



Juniors

Heat 1

Finley Pryce starts from pole. Slow start from Finley Pryce as he gets swallowed by the pack. Eric Su opens up a small gap at the end of lap 1. Behind 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th are squabbling over position and overtaking each other every corner making it a great fight. Jacob Wright makes a break in 2nd to try and catch Eric Su who is stretching his lead. Mark Whitbread makes a good move around Alistair Higgins through Turn 1 to move into 3rd. Ethan Kirkby makes a good exit the following lap through the same corner and manages to slip by Alistair Higgins for 4th. Finley Pryce brings up the rear. Mark Whitbread has closed the gap to Jacob Wright and makes a bold move into T12 resulting in an ABC but then gives the position back across the start line, both drivers lose out to Ethan Kirkby. A good race to start the day. Finished Eric Su, Ethan Kirkby, Jacob Wright, Mark Whitbread, Alistair Higgins & Finley Pryce.

Heat 2

Alex Jackson lines up in first. A steady opening lap as drivers settle into their groove. Alex Hughes makes a clean move up the inside of Turn 12 to move into 2nd behind Alex Jackson and ahead of Casey Baughan. Drivers are then 3-wide through Turn 1. Alex Hughes makes a fantastic move to squeeze through into the lead at Turn 3. Dillon Davis makes a great opportunistic move around Turn 6 and caught Alex Jackson napping. Alex Jackson manages to get back by through Turn 7. Still nose to tail behind are Casey Baughan & Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray with William Bomberg dropping back slightly. Alex Hughes hasn't managed to get away and is feeling the pressure of the 4 drivers behind, this race is still wide open. Dillon Davis makes a clean move through Turn 3 into 2nd. Entering the penultimate lap and the top 5 drivers are nose to tail. Last lap and Dillon Davis is climbing all over Alex Hughes for the lead as they try to pull away at the front, Alex Jackson is now fending off the advances of Casey Baughan and Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray to maintain the final podium spot. Alex Hughes holds on for the win. Finished Alex Hughes, Dillon Davis, Alex Jackson, Casey Baughan, Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray & William Bomberg.

Heat 3

Ethan Kirkby starts from the front. Hustle and bustle through Turn 3 shuffles Ethan Kirkby back down to 4th position. A good close battle between all the drivers as they swap positions corner by corner, who's going to break clear? Jacob Wright drops to 3rd and then makes his way back into 2nd. Ben Sanders has got into the lead and tries to pull away. Jacob Wright closes the gap and gets passed Ben Sanders for the lead. Ethan Kirkby recovers his composure and gets through into 3rd and immediately applies pressure making his presence known to the front two. Great move by Ben Foden up the inside of Ethan Kirkby for 3rd. Ben Foden tries to work his way through into 2nd as the race draws to a close. Jacob Wright is still in the lead with Ben Sanders trying to attack and defend at the same time. After a slow start Eric Su is now the quickest man on circuit and inches closer to the pack in front of him. Ben Sanders gets by for the lead and starts to open a gap. Finished Ben Sanders, Jacob Wright, Harry Sanders, Ben Foden, Ethan Kirkby & Eric Su.

Heat 4

Dillon Davis will start from pole position. Dillon Davis gets clear at the front, whilst 2nd 3rd and 4th are being fought over by Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray, Casey Baughan & Alex Jackson respectively. Mark Whitbread is comfortable in 5th whilst Alex Hughes bring up the rear. Dillon Davis has stretched a gap at the front. Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray has dropped off the battle for 2nd leaving Casey Baughan and Alex Jackson to fight it out. Alex Hughes has found his rhythm and has caught Mark Whitbread. Alex Hughes makes a clean move into Turn 12 to get past Mark Whitbread. Dillon Davis is sitting pretty in 1st whilst Casey Baughan is all over the back of Alex Jackson. Finished Dillon Davis, Alex Jackson, Casey Baughan, Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray, Alex Hughes & Mark Whitbread.

Heat 5

Ben Foden is on pole position for the final heat. End of lap 1 and Ben Foden and Harry Sanders are pulling clear in 1st and 2nd. The other drivers make it two by two with Ben Sanders and Alistair Higgins in 3rd and 4th, and William Bomberg accompanied by Finley Pryce in 5th and 6th. Harry Sanders has fallen back into the clutches of Ben Sanders and Alistair Higgins. Ben Foden has put a lot of daylight between himself and 2nd. Ben Sanders is now pressuring Harry Sanders for 2nd whilst Alistair Higgins hangs on in 4th. William Bomberg is pulling clear of Finley Pryce for 5th and 6th. Ben Sanders makes it through into 2nd. As the race draws to a close the field are starting to spread out as the drivers look comfortable in their positions. Finished Ben Foden, Ben Sanders, Harry Sanders, Alistair Higgins, William Bomberg & Finley Pryce.

B Final

Ethan Kirkby starts from pole. Ethan Kirkby tries to stretch a gap and takes Casey Baughan and Harry Sanders with him. Behind the rest of the pack fight over 4th place. As Harry Sanders troubles Casey Baughan for 2nd, Ethan Kirkby manages to open a small gap. Alistair Higgins is clinging on in 4th with Mark Whitbread fending off William Bomberg for 5th. Finley Pryce is in 7th whilst an issue has meant that Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray has pitted for a kart swap. As 2nd and 3rd squabble, Alistair Higgins has closed in to make it a 3-way fight for 2nd. Harry Sanders makes it through into 2nd and Alistair Higgins looks to follow him through. William Bomberg has also closed right in on Mark Whitbread and harries him for 5th. Ethan Kirkby looks comfortable out front as 2nd, 3rd and 4th get their head down to try and close the gap. William Bomberg attempts to drive round the outside of Mark Whitbread through Turn 1 and doesn't manage to gain anything from it. Alistair Higgins makes a fantastic move around Casey Baughan through Turn 4 to take 3rd. Casey Baughan gets the position back through Turn 11. Alistair Higgins tries again around Turn 4, but Casey Baughan has become wise to it. William Bomberg pressurises Mark Whitbread all the way to the line but cannot make a pass stick. Finished Ethan Kirkby, Harry Sanders, Casey Baughan, Alistair Higgins, Mark Whitbread, William Bomberg, Finley Pryce & Benjamin Tomkinson-Gray. Ethan Kirkby advances to the A final.

1st – Ethan Kirkby

2nd – Harry Sanders

3rd – Casey Baughan

A Final

Dillon Davis lines up first on the grid. Round the first tour of the circuit and the field have split into 2 bunches of 4. Dillon Davis heads the front pack including Ben Foden, Alex Hughes & Ben Sanders. Jacob Wright is leading the chasing pack ahead of Eric Su, Alex Jackson & B final winner Ethan Kirkby. The front 4 are running nose to tail whilst group 2 are squabbling over positions. Dillon Davis puts a bit of breathing space between himself and the pack behind. Alex Hughes makes a clean move into Turn 12 to take 2nd. 2nd, 3rd & 4th are 3-wide through Turn 3. Eric Su has made it through to head the chasing group and starts to pull away. Dillon Davis has opened up a comfortable lead with Alex Hughes in 2nd and Ben Sanders in 3rd fending off the advances of Ben Foden. Eric Su is trying to bridge the gap in 5th. Ethan Kirkby has picked off Alex Jackson and then Jacob Wright to make it through into 6th. Ben Foden goes side by side through the last few corners and manages to make it stick to take 3rd position. Ben Foden is now pressurising Alex Hughes for 2nd. Ben Foden makes a better exit from Turn 1 and drives alongside and passed Alex Hughes into Turn 3. Ben Sanders seizes the opportunity and follows Ben Foden through dropping Alex Hughes to 4th. Alex Hughes manages to work his way back into 3rd by the line. Finished Dillon Davis, Ben Foden, Alex Hughes, Ben Sanders, Eric Su, Ethan Kirkby, Alex Jackson & Jacob Wright.

1st – Dillon Davis

2nd – Ben Foden

3rd – Alex Hughes



DMAX-GT Championship

Heat 1

Phil Dixon lines up on pole for the first senior race of the day. Ryan Marsden crosses the line in 1st with the marauding pack behind him. Steven Humpage spins at Turn 10 whilst trying an ambitious move up the inside. Lap 2 and Tony Welch gets by at Turn 6 to take the lead and tries to open a gap. The drivers now sort themselves out as they settle into the race. Matthew Spencer has progressed through the field into 2nd and sets about Tony Welch in the lead. Ryan Marsden is now fending off Kieran Coombs for 3rd. Matthew Spencer has caught Tony Welch whilst Kieran Coombs has snuck through into 3rd. Ryan Marsden is now holding off Tobi Shomade and Richard Lavender. Matthew Spencer is climbing all over Tony Welch for the lead and are fast approaching new entrant Anthony Adewunmi to lap him. Matthew Spencer makes the best of lapping the backmarker and gets past Tony Welch in the process. Ryan Marsden is slowly slipping down the field and crosses the line in 7th behind Tobi Shomade, Kieran Coombs, Richard Lavender and Kurt Fawdry. Simon Stansfield makes it through whilst lapping Anthony Adewunmi to get into 7th ahead of Joseph Hamblett and Ryan Welch. Finished Matthew Spencer, Tony Welch, Tobi Shomade, Kieran Coombs, Kurt Fawdry, Richard Lavender, Simon Stansfield, Joseph Hamblett, Ryan Welch, Ryan Marsden, Mark Blaine, Anthony Whitehouse, James Browning, Steven Humpage, Phil Dixon & Anthony Adewunmi.

Heat 2

James Cook starts on pole for the second heat. James Cook runs wide at Turn 1 of the start and rallycross style gets it back on to the circuit at Turn 2 forcing drivers to take avoiding action. Andy Spencer crosses the line in the lead followed by Stephen Westwood and George Kenning. Patrick Kelly is now pressuring George Kenning for 3rd. Matthew Spencer has made good progress through the pack into 6th behind the recovering James Cook. Tobi Shomade has forced his way into 7th ahead of Alex Bomberg in 8th. The front two Andy Spencer and Stephen Westwood are comfortable, whilst George Kenning is fending off a growing swarm of drivers. Matthew Spencer has burst through into 3rd and sets after Stephen Westwood. James Cook has squeezed through up the inside of George Kenning at Turn 4 whilst Alex Bomberg goes around the outside but runs out of room going

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into Turn 5 and diving in, bumps James Cook wide. Alex Bomberg immediately gives the place back also allowing George Kenning back through in the process. Alex Bomberg gains an advantage by contact on Kurt Fawdry at Turn 10 resulting in a black flag. Finished Andy Spencer, Matthew Spencer, Stephen Westwood, James Cook, George Kenning, Patrick Kelly, Mark Blaine, Tobi Shomade, Kurt Fawdry, Alex Bomberg*, Ryan Marsden, Patryk Welna, David Hamblett, Steven Humpage, Phil Dixon & Anthony Adewunmi.

*adjusted for Black Flag

Heat 3

Ryan Welch starts from first for the final heat. Ryan Welch holds on to the lead at the end of lap 1. Joseph Hamblett, Simon Stansfield and Richard Lavender make it a 4-way fight for the lead. Patrick Kelly is on his own in 5th with Tony Welch and James Cook both getting past Anthony Whitehouse for 6th, 7th and 8th. Simon Stansfield makes an ambitious but clean manoeuvre at the hairpin to get through in the lead and tries to open a gap. Andy Spencer is working his way through the pack and gets into 2nd with 4 minutes to go. Joseph Hamblett got shuffled to the back of the chasing pack and then fights back into 3rd. Andy Spencer makes a clean move through on Simon Stansfield at Turn 4. James Cook has made a break in 3rd. Ryan Welch is holding on to 4th. Patrick Kelly gains an advantage by contact on Anthony Whitehouse at Turn 12 on the final lap resulting in a black flag. Finished Andy Spencer, Simon Stansfield, James Cook, Ryan Welch, Stephen Westwood, Richard Lavender, George Kenning, Joseph Hamblett, Tony Welch, Kieran Coombs, Alex Bomberg, Anthony Whitehouse, James Browning, David Hamblett, Patryk Welna & Patrick Kelly*.

*adjusted for Black Flag

B Final

Joseph Hamblett starts from pole. Alex Bomberg makes a great start to move into 1st out of Turn 3. Alex Bomberg is being kept very honest by Joseph Hamblett. Mark Blaine is currently in the final podium spot with Patrick Kelly hot on his heels. David Hamblett is on his own in 5th, with Anthony Whitehouse in 6th heading James Browning and Ryan Marsden. Joseph Hamblett tries again at Turn 11 to squeeze by Alex Bomberg, keeps the pressure on through Turn 12 hairpin and Alex Bomberg's heavy defending loses out through Turn 1. The front two battling have fallen back into the clutches of 3rd and 4th, with David Hamblett and Patrick Kelly closing in. Joseph Hamblett has got his head down and opens a comfortable gap to Alex Bomberg. Patrick Kelly is now in 3rd with David Hamblett making his way into 4th demoting Mark Blaine to 5th. Anthony Whitehouse is bridging the gap leaving Ryan Marsden & James Browning to battle it out behind him. Phil Dixon is comfortable in 9th followed by Patryk Welna and Steven Humpage trailing behind in 10th and 11th. David Hamblett has worked his way past Alex Bomberg into 2nd position with Patrick Kelly and Mark Blaine in close attention. As the race enters the closing stages the field are now well spread out. James Browning is still shadowing Ryan Marsden with the only other battle being Kelly giving Alex Bomberg the hurry up. Last lap and Patrick Kelly makes a superb move up the inside of Turn 4 to take 3rd off Alex Bomberg. As Alex Bomberg tries to regain the position at the last corner, he ends up wide out of the corner and Mark Blaine takes advantage to snatch 4th. Finished Joseph Hamblett, David Hamblett, Patrick Kelly, Mark Blaine, Alex Bomberg, Anthony Whitehouse, Ryan Marsden, James Browning, Phil Dixon, Patryk Welna, Steven Humpage & Anthony Adewunmi. Joseph Hamblett advances to the A final.

1st – Joseph Hamblett

2nd – David Hamblett

3rd – Patrick Kelly

A Final

Andy Spencer starts from pole. Andy Spencer and Matthew Spencer get a good start to break away at the front and fight over 1st. Simon Stansfield crosses the line in 3rd heading up the chasing pack.

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James Cook gets by Simon Stansfield through Turn 4. Tony Welch makes a move up the inside of Stephen Westwood at Turn 1 but can't hold onto it and Westwood retains 5th. Matthew Spencer is pulling clear of Andy Spencer at the front, with James Cook now comfortable in 3rd. Simon Stansfield is in 4th fending off Tony Welch who has now made it past Stephen Westwood. Tony Welch has got the bit between his teeth and gets by Simon Stansfield the following lap and sets about catching James Cook, whilst Tobi Shomade has now made it into 5th and is also giving chase. Simon Stansfield has slipped to 6th and is fighting heavily with Ryan Welch and Stephen Westwood. Tony Welch gets through into 3rd and now Tobi Shomade squeezes by James Cook at Turn 12 running him wide. Tobi Shomade is pushing Tony Welch for 3rd. James Cook is maintaining breathing space to Simon Stansfield who is leading the chasing pack. It's a 5-way scrap for 6th currently occupied by Simon Stansfield. Finished Matthew Spencer, Andy Spencer, Tony Welch, Tobi Shomade, James Cook, Simon Stansfield, Ryan Welch, Kurt Fawdry, Stephen Westwood, George Kenning, Kieran Coombs, Joseph Hamblett & Richard Lavender.

1st – Matthew Spencer

2nd – Andy Spencer

3rd – Tony Welch





SODI Endurance

Qualifying

Team Barton set the pace half way through with a 1:00:566. As the session draws to a close Team Barton and Team Okonski have set an identical lap time of 1:00:130 to sit 1st and 2nd. Team Okonski finish the session with a 59:821 to claim pole position.

Race

Team Okonski start from pole. Green light and it's a good start by all drivers as they sort themselves out through the first lap. Team Barton pits at the end of lap 1 to get their mandatory pitstop out of the way, but in doing so takes another driver out, Team Barton receives a Black Flag and the accompanying 30 second stop/go penalty. Team Smith also pit. After the incident at Turn 12 Team Okonski are escaping at the front and open up a 5 second gap. There's a 4-way scrap for 2nd with Team Westwood, Team Barratt, Team Kenning & Team Gibbons fighting it out. Team Westwood take themselves out of the fight to try and get some clear air and complete their stop. Team Kenning are still following Team Barratt for 3rd and 2nd respectively. Team Gibbons are clinging onto their coat tails in 4th. Team Smith squeeze by Team Westwood for 7th just ahead of Team Cook and Team Lager. Team Summerill carry out their stop at the 20-minute mark leaving only 4 teams left to stop. Team Gibbons carry out their stop as the field continue to spread out. Team Kenning do their stop the following lap leaving 2 left to make their stops. Team Cook are slowly advancing through the field as drivers in front make their stops, they also take Team Holliday to move up one more spot into 5th. Team Okonski make their stop with just over 20 minutes to go meaning all drivers have stopped and it's now a race to the finish. Team Kenning in 3rd are still stuck behind another driver, this time being Team Gibbons. The other close battle on track is that of Team Westwood and Team Lager as they fight it out for 7th. Consistently quick laps by Team Okonski have now put them 30 seconds ahead with 10 minutes to go. Team Lager finally make it past Team Westwood to move into 7th with 4 minutes to go. The final corner and Team Smith makes an ambitious move up the inside of Team Kenning and escorts them wide through the exit and Team Kenning have to back out of it to avoid crashing into the pit exit tyre wall. Finished Team Okonski, Team Gibbons, Team Smith, Team Kenning, Team Cook, Team Holliday, Team Lager, Team Westwood, Team Summerill, Team Barton & Team Barratt.

Lights

1st – Team Okonski
2nd – Team Cook
3rd – Team Lager

Heavies

1st – Team Gibbins
2nd – Team Smith
3rd – Team Kenning