



Daytona DF1 Champs 2016

Round 5 – 26th July

Round 5 of the 2016 Championship saw 13 drivers across the two weight categories take to the circuit...

Qualifying

Q1 was dominated by the Heavy drivers, with Ryan Welch, Matt Casey and Tomek Zaustowicz topping the time sheets. The first of 4 Light drivers was Colin Samuel in 4th place. First to Last in Q1 were separated by just over 1.1 seconds, with the top 4 split by less than 2 tenths.

Moving into Q2, Ryan Welch was looking in imperious form as he topped the time sheets once more. Colin Samuel found some extra pace moving up into 2nd place, with Zaustowicz and Matt Casey on the second row of the grid. Julian Philippe missed out on Q1 by 12 thousandths of a second, with Tim Hockham, Nick Rowland and Nigel Walne the other drivers eliminated.

Ryan Welch completed a clean sweep in the Qualifying sessions taking Pole from Colin Samuel by less than a tenth of a second. Zaustowicz and Casey once again completed the 2nd row of the grid, split by 3 hundredths of a second, with Darren Ravenscroft and Dan Parker rounding out the Top 6. With a tenth of a second separating 1st to 4th, we were going to be in for a tight race for the podium positions...

Race

Welch made use of his pole position start to get away cleanly and lead for the early stages of the race. After deposing Colin Samuel on the opening lap, it looked like it would be Zaustowicz who would put up the biggest challenge to Welch for the race win. Zaustowicz followed closely for a few laps before making his move on Lap 9, taking the lead of the race. Moving into the clear air at the front of the pack he started to set the fastest laps of the race keeping Welch at bay, despite not being able to shake him off. After losing 2nd position on the opening lap, Samuel opening up a comfortable lead over 4th placed Matt Casey, but didn't quite have enough to stay on the coat-tails of the lead pair. Matt Casey's race was a solitary one in 4th place, whilst Ravenscroft and Philippe were battling for 5th overall.

As the chequered flag went out after 60 laps of racing, Zaustowicz took the win by just 3 tenths of a second from Ryan Welch, with Samuel crossing the line 3rd just 3 seconds behind. Matt Casey crossed the line 4th overall, taking 3rd in the Heavy class (behind Zaustowicz and Welch). Colin Samuel took the win in the Lights class, followed by Dan Parker and Nick Pile.

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Lights - < 85.1kgs										
Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Total
Dan Parker	0	22	22	22	22					88
Dave Parker	22	20	19	25	0					86
Luke Gore	25	25	25	0	0					75
Blair Henry	16	18	20	0	0					54
Colin Samuel	18	0	0	0	25					43
Jordan Owen	13	0	0	20	0					33
Dominic Payne	20	0	0	0	0					20
Nick Pile	0	0	0	0	20					20
Adam Davis	19	0	0	0	0					19
Andres Sikk	0	0	0	0	19					19
Ross Heale-Whittle	14	0	0	0	0					14
Jamie Hesford	12	0	0	0	0					12
James Clarke	11	0	0	0	0					11

Heavies - > 85.1kgs										
Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Total
Tomek Zaustowicz	20	22	22	22	25					111
Daz Ravenscroft	22	20	20	18	19					99
Ryan Welch	17	19	15	25	22					98
Ben Drake	19	18	25	17	16					95
Tim Hockham	15	17	18	16	17					83
Matt Casey	0	25	13	20	20					78
Julian Philippe	15	19	0	19	18					71
Nigel Walne	14	11	16	15	15					71
Nick Rowland	18	14	14	0	14					60
Ali Topley	25	16	19	0	0					60
Ryan Gilmore	16	15	17	0	0					48
Mick Dearden	12	13	0	0	0					25
Ernestas Bilvinas	17	0	0	0	0					17
Christian Byrne	0	0	0	14	0					14
Leighton Russell	0	0	0	13	0					13
Nathan Smart	13	0	0	0	0					13
Daniel Cherington	0	12	0	0	0					12
Ryan Lee	11	0	0	0	0					11
Paul Mills	0	10	0	0	0					10
Michel Gauci	10	0	0	0	0					10
Ian Johnstone	0	9	0	0	0					9
Steve Gray	9	0	0	0	0					9

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