



**Autumn InKart Championships – Cadet Class
20th November 2016**

Qualifying

So as we join up for the Third round of the InKart Championship, it is a bitterly cold morning which should make for some interesting racing.

The karts leave the pit lane and it is clear to see the drivers will need to warm their tyres.

Jordan Whittaker is the first to succumb to the cold tyres and spins on the down ramp, he isn't alone however as Nathan Hubbard also loses his back end early on.

Everybody is nicely spaced out however and times are quick considering the conditions.

Into Q2 and Alfie, Hugh and Jamie are all competitive and are pushing each other's times down.

Again drivers have space to push without worrying about other drivers.

Nathan is finding his feet and manages to improve his time on the final lap and manages to push Jordan out of Q3.

Billy Robinson also makes a late charge to secure his spot in Q3.

So the Final Qualifying session begins and the driver are again well spaced out, it's great to see all drivers giving themselves a chance to do their best.

There is little movement in the board as the drivers find their grooves, Alfie Thomas-Williams is pushing hard and keeping his line which is reflected in his times, Hugh Parry and Jamie Norris are not far behind however.

It's a steady session and times do fall but there is no further movement in the board and drivers look ready for the race.

Qualifying Results

P1 Alfie Thomas Williams	- 35.166	P5 Nathan Hubbard	- 36.889
P2 Jamie Norris	- 35.191	P6 Billy Robinson	- 36.996
P3 Hugh Parry	- 35.705	P7 Jordan Whittaker	- 37.559 Q2 Elim
P4 Gregory Wood	- 36.672	P8 Christopher Hughes	- 37.794 Q2 Elim

Race

So the drivers are settled on the grid and await the changing of the lights.
The Lights flash green and we are off!

It's a clean get away and everyone snakes up and over the bridge.

A Black flag coming off the bridge for Billy Robinson, he brakes late and causes a collision, that's a real shame so early in the race; hopefully he can recover and doesn't feel too down hearted.

DAYTONA

The rest of the field are lapping nose-to-tail but Alfie Thomas Williams is slowly creeping away.

We have a spin at the final Hairpin for Nathan Hubbold, yellows come out and a marshal retrieves him but he does end up in last position.

The race settles down as everybody gets into their race strategies, Jamie Norris is still in touching distance of Alfie Thomas-Williams but he is looking very comfortable out there.

Hugh Parry is closing quickly on Jamie Norris now; this could be quite a battle for second.

Billy and Nathan are battling hard at the back of the pack, with Nathan just inching ahead. Great racing from them both and also very well recovered from an unfortunate start for both their races.

Jordan Whittaker and Chris Hughes are nose to tail pushing each other along, great driving by both drivers.

Hugh and Jamie are now locked in a heated battle for 2nd, there is nothing splitting those two drivers.

Billy Robinson moves over under a blue flag but Nathan leapt behind the race leader to follow him through past Billy, clever racing!

At this point Alfie is streets ahead he is cutting through the back markers like a hot knife through butter.

Hugh Parry is climbing all over the back of Jamie Norris in the hope of forcing a mistake. He really wants that second position.

Nathan Hubbold takes a black flag for an Advantage By Contact, he spins out an opponent and that puts him to the back of the pack again.

Jamie Norris now has a bit of breathing room from Hugh Parry, the back markers taking effect, this battle is far from over though.

10 Laps remaining...

Hugh Parry is desperate to pass Jamie Norris and is applying pressure over the bridge, Jamie tries to go defensive but can't keep the door closed, Hugh sees a gap going under the bridge and makes it stick, fantastic driving from both.

Jamie is clearly not content with Third however and latches straight onto the back of Hugh to fight back.

Christopher Hughes and Gregory Wood are battling for position as Alfie the race leader approaches, blue flags are issued and Christopher moves over but lets the wrong driver through, very opportunistic from Gregory Wood, well seen!

Jamie seems to have lost a little momentum as Hugh looks to have sealed 2nd place.

The field settles down as the lap counter ticks over, the back markers are working brilliantly with the blue flags.



So as the Chequered flag comes out Alfie Thomas-Williams celebrates over the line, once again a commanding drive from that young man!

Race Results

P1 Alfie Thomas Williams	33.836 (fastest Lap)	P5 Jordan Whittaker
P2 Hugh Parry		P6 Gregory Wood
P3 Jamie Norris		P7 Billy Robinson
P4 Christopher Hughes		P8 Nathan Hubbard