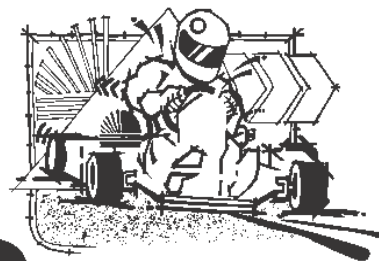


29th August 2013

Round 7

D-F1 Championship 2013



DAYTONA

MANCHESTER

Qualifying 1

In a close session Josh Morris claimed the top spot of the driver leaderboard with a best lap time of 29.191. For the first time this season, all drivers were in the 29 second lap times by the end of the session. Meaning less than one second

separated first place from fourteenth place. Once again with a maximum grid line up, four drivers were eliminated.

P14 Matthew Mclachlan (+0.789)

P13 Ryan Welch (+0.709)

P12 Nigel Walne (+0.649)

P11 Robert Walker (+0.629)

Qualifying 2

Josh Morris made it two wins out of two in qualifying this time showing he had a bit more in reserve as he improved on his lap time and pulled out a 28.899 second lap. The championship leader was down at the other end of the time screens

however and could only manage a 29.447 lap time which was not good enough to progress so he bowed out and would start from the grid in 7th position.

P10 Darren Ravenscroft (+0.870)

P9 Julian Philippe (+0.612)

P8 Sam Norris (+0.551)

P7 Brandon Bethell (+0.548)

Qualifying 3

Mark Hitchcock pushed Josh to his limits in the final qualifying session by setting an impressive 29.020 second lap time. The lap was good enough for Mark to hold the top spot for the early stages of the session. Josh struggled to match his pace from the earlier sessions but at the mid-way point he

got everything he could out of the kart and put in a 28.934 second lap time to clinch pole position.

P6 Matthew Casey (+0.446)

P5 Steve Gray (+0.299)

P4 Colin Samuel (+0.170)

P3 Tomek Zaustowicz (+0.169)

P2 Mark Hitchcock (+0.086)

P1 Josh Morris (28.934)

Grand Prix



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Getting off the line cleanly Josh kept his nose in front and led the way from the off while the chasing pack sorted themselves out and claimed their track position on the racing line. There was trouble early on for Steve Gray as he forced his kart past Tomek Zaustowicz as they battled for third place. Steve was adjudged to have gained an advantage by making contact so was issued with a black flag. The error from Steve saw both him and Tomek down at the back of the field. Josh was starting to get in to a rhythm after the first five laps and was pushing the kart to its limits as he was getting quicker by the lap. Josh then came in to trouble himself as a fault with the kart forced him in to the pit lane for a replacement. With the fault happening on track the full circuit was issued with yellow lights while Josh was safely taken out of harm’s way. Josh’s lead that he had built up was diminished when he rejoined the track and racing resumed. Mark Hitchcock was now

within two seconds of Josh. At the half way stage Brandon Bethell was the quickest driver on track and trying to make amends for his poor qualifying position. Brandon had already gained positions early on and with Tomek losing positions and Steve Gray getting a black flag Brandon was now in third place. Brandon applied the pressure on Mark Hitchcock and was fighting to get second place off him. With a clean overtake on the third hairpin Brandon claimed second place. Momentarily Josh opened up his lead to three seconds with Brandon putting in a slower lap time with the battle with Mark Hitchcock. Brandon responded quickly with the best lap time of the race and was on a charge. This had become a role reversal from some of the earlier races in the season usually having Brandon leading and Josh chasing down for the lead. With less than half the race still to go it was down to Josh to keep his nerve and put in a strong performance for

the last stages of the race. With fifteen laps to go the gap between Josh and Brandon was less than a second and Josh knew he was under pressure. Josh started to resort to a defensive race line to do everything he could to keep Brandon at bay. The hard work was paying off with the laps rolling down and the last lap board being illuminated the job was almost done. For the first race win of the season Josh put in a clean final lap to take victory in round seven.

Position	Driver Name	Gap	Points
1	Josh Morris	- - -	25
2	Brandon Bethell	+0.196	23
3	Mark Hitchcock	+5.949	21
4	Matthew Casey	+9.864	20
5	Colin Samuel	+14.133	19
6	Ryan Welch	+16.870	18
7	Darren Ravenscroft	+17.394	17
8	Matthew Mclachlan	+25.597	16
9	Steve Gray	+27.187	15
10	Julian Philippe	+1L	14
11	Tomek Zaustowicz	+1L	13
12	Nigel Walne	+1L	12
13	Sam Norris	+3L	11
14	Robert Walker	+4L	10