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TW Steel DMAX Champs 2016 Round 2 - Daytona Sandown Park 20th March 2016

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Lights - Qualifying

With 5 minutes gone, the drivers had firmly got their eye in and everything up to temperature on a cold morning. Tom Golding and Ben Leslie had been trading fastest times from the get-go with Joseph Conroy joining in. Times gradually dropped to the low 46 second range with a 46.165 seeing him 0.048 seconds quicker than Golding with local driver Ian Del-Pizzo a further 0.139 behind in provisional 3rd. Sam Bennett moved into 3rd, just 0.096 seconds off pole with his proceeding lap moving him into the top spot. A last minute effort from Leslie saw him snatch pole in the dying seconds of qualifying with a 45.850 earning him the top spot on the grid. Bennett completed the front row with a tight pack of Conroy, Del-Pizzo, William Thomas and Golding all behind. 1 second covered the top 15.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Ben Leslie	45.85	17			18
2	Sam Bennett	46.048	16	0.198	0.198	19
3	Joseph Conroy	46.081	14	0.231	0.033	19
4	Ian Del-Pizzo	46.125	17	0.275	0.044	19
5	William Thomas	46.19	19	0.34	0.065	19
6	Tom Golding	46.213	11	0.363	0.023	19
7	Cameron Noble	46.32	18	0.47	0.107	19
8	Tom Sibley	46.458	16	0.608	0.138	19
9	Mez Evans	46.515	18	0.665	0.057	19
10	Kameron Khan	46.526	14	0.676	0.011	19
11	Tom Clark	46.584	14	0.734	0.058	19
12	Russell Horton	46.73	14	0.88	0.146	18
13	Dean Thomas	46.786	16	0.936	0.056	19
14	David Glover	46.834	11	0.984	0.048	19
15	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	46.925	7	1.075	0.091	16
16	Nikolay Angelov	46.934	11	1.084	0.009	18
17	Bradley Court	47.32	18	1.47	0.386	19
18	Reece Harris	47.965	8	2.115	0.645	10
19	Dane Christison	48.873	15	3.023	0.908	17
20	Tomofumi Yoshida	49.089	16	3.239	0.216	18

Race

Ben Leslie got off to a textbook start from pole with a gaggle of karts all chasing him into turn 1. William Thomas muscled his way into 2nd through turns 1 and two, but Joseph Conroy and Cameron Noble moved back ahead by the end of lap 1. Kamran Moussa-Zadeh picked up a penalty on the opening lap for advantage by contact as the order settled into Leslie, Conroy, Ian Del-Pizzo, Noble, Thomas, Tom Golding and Sam Bennett with all of them lapping in the 46.4 range. The pace

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increased with Golding setting a new fastest lap, the first to get into the 45's with a 45.954 as he moved ahead of Thomas and got onto the back of Del-Pizzo and Noble. Leslie and Conroy were breaking away at the front as Del-Pizzo had a train beginning to form up behind him. Noble saw his chance to break through at turn 4 with a move up the inside, but was repassed into turn 5 with Golding slipping past to get onto the back of Del-Pizzo in 3rd. Golding was too eager to pass Del-Pizzo with a move into turn 3 seeing Del-Pizzo being spun around and Golding picking up a penalty.

With a third of the race run, Leslie had pulled out a 2 second lead over Conroy with Conroy being reeled in by Bennett who had moved ahead of Noble to take 3rd. Noble was sitting in 4th, a second behind Bennett with Tom Sibley a further second behind in 5th being asked to not cover the radiator with his left arm as he closed in on Noble. Sibley got onto the rear of Noble's kart and snuck through on lap 35 to take 4th place. Bennett was the next man up the road with a gap of 3.4 seconds for Sibley to nibble away at as Bennett continued to close the gap to Conroy until lap 39 when Bennett was finally onto the back of Conroy's kart.

The top three closed up as the half way stage with 1.2 seconds covering the three of them. Bennett at this stage appeared to be consistently the fastest of the trio and was hounding Conroy for 2nd with Sibley now 4 seconds off the lead but in with a chance to close up if the leaders began to fight amongst each other. Bennett had to remain patient for 10 minutes but finally got his opportunity to take 2nd with a run out of the final corner allowing him to use the momentum down the main straight to get ahead into turn 1. With Conroy ticked off, Leslie was next, but Bennett was now in the slightly more difficult position of trying to attack Leslie whilst holding off Conroy. Sibley was also closing in with just over 10 minutes go, setting up the potential for a 4 way fight for the lead.

Lap 67 with 8 minutes remaining saw Bennett get a run out of turn 3 enabling him to out-brake Leslie into turn 4, earning him the lead of the race as Sibley finally got onto the back of them and quickly passed Conroy for 3rd into turn 1. Sibley then got onto the back of Leslie and wasn't hanging around, grabbing 2nd with 4 minutes left to go. Could he close the 1 second gap to catch Bennett? Bennett looked to have everything under control as he set a new fastest lap and held his nerve as the chequered flag waved signalling Bennett's maiden win. Sibley came home in a very well earned 2nd having come up from 8th with Leslie having to settle for 3rd despite leading for so long. Conroy and Thomas completed the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Sam Bennett	78	00:11.3		45.693	70
2	Tom Sibley	78	00:12.7	1.466	45.754	68
3	Ben Leslie	78	00:14.5	3.192	45.886	11
4	Joseph Conroy	78	00:15.1	3.863	46.008	49
5	William Thomas	78	00:23.0	11.718	45.953	34
6	Cameron Noble	78	00:23.4	12.153	45.873	24
7	Ian Del-Pizzo	78	00:34.7	23.471	45.976	52
8	Tom Golding	78	00:41.3	30.057	45.741	44
9	Kameron Khan	78	00:43.7	32.417	46.051	18
10	Russell Horton	78	00:57.6	46.317	46.107	29

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11	Mez Evans	77	00:38.4	1 lap	46.5	59
12	Dean Thomas	77	00:45.0	1 lap	46.574	75
13	Tom Clark	77	00:50.9	1 lap	46.255	9
14	Nikolay Angelov	76	00:14.9	2 laps	46.611	50
15	David Glover	76	00:42.5	2 laps	46.761	17
16	Kamran Moussa-Zadeh	76	00:42.8	2 laps	46.603	24
17	Dane Christison	74	00:17.1	4 laps	47.653	65
18	Tomofumi Yoshida	73	00:59.8	5 laps	48.503	44
19	Bradley Court	48	38:52.8	30 laps	47.07	19



Ben Leslie

Sam Bennett

Tom Sibley

Inters - Qualifying

Bobby Trundley was the early pace setter with a comfortable 4 tenth margin over Ben Chapman and Ben Oliver with Luke Cousins just warming his kart up and finding some space. Matthew Conroy jumped into 2nd as Oliver and Conroy reduced the margin to Trundley at the top of the time table. Andrew Knapp was a bit of a late arrival to the times, but popped into 2nd, 0.229 seconds behind Trundley and 0.045 ahead of Oliver. Trundley dug deep and found a little extra with a 45.952 giving him pole position for Round 2. Knapp lined up on 2nd ahead of Chapman, Oliver, Conroy and Cousins with the 2nd to 12th covered by 0.518 seconds.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Bobby Trundley	45.952	18			19
2	Andrew Knapp	46.429	13	0.477	0.477	17
3	Ben Chapman	46.448	15	0.496	0.019	17

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4	Ben Oliver	46.474	11	0.522	0.026	19
5	Matthew Conroy	46.496	11	0.544	0.022	18
6	Luke Cousins	46.614	16	0.662	0.118	18
7	Martin Bourke	46.726	14	0.774	0.112	19
8	Oliver Peacock	46.745	17	0.793	0.019	18
9	James Perry	46.805	13	0.853	0.06	18
10	Giles Handley	46.873	16	0.921	0.068	18
11	Simon Gibson	46.918	17	0.966	0.045	19
12	David Cottrell	46.947	13	0.995	0.029	13
13	Seb Cook	46.973	11	1.021	0.026	18
14	Tom Eastwood	47.025	17	1.073	0.052	19
15	Michael Coppin	47.137	18	1.185	0.112	19
16	Paul Ward	47.145	17	1.193	0.008	19
17	Darrell Pilgrim	47.299	15	1.347	0.154	17
18	Robert Purtak	47.452	9	1.5	0.153	18
19	Blaze Sienko	47.814	17	1.862	0.362	18
20	Dan Fisher	47.96	17	2.008	0.146	18
21	Macauley Pond	47.985	8	2.033	0.025	19
22	Stuart Shearman	48.003	17	2.051	0.018	18
23	Nigel Foot	48.552	14	2.6	0.549	18

Race

Bobby Trundle got away cleanly as the green flag waved with Andrew Knapp hot on his heels as they approached turn 1. Ben Oliver held 3rd by the end of lap 1 with Oliver Peacock having a good start to progress to 4th ahead of Ben Chapman and Luke Cousins. Trundle didn't fancy having a race as he decided to put some daylight between himself and Knapp. Cousins moved into 5th with a move into turn 6 on Oliver and was onto the back of the fight for 3rd between Peacock and Chapman. Chapman sent a lunge up the inside of Peacock on lap 9 into turn 2 to take 3rd, but Peacock regained the place through turn 3. This allowed Cousins to get involved, but Chapman wasn't done yet, getting a run out of the final corner to beat Peacock into turn 1 and take 3rd place once more. Cousins followed through a lap later to take 4th and set after Chapman with Peacock nipping at his heels.

After 20 minutes of racing, Trundle had built a lead of 9.622 seconds over Knapp with a further 1.728 seconds to Chapman behind him with Chapman closing the gap up. Cousins was half a second behind in 4th with Peacock still sitting in 5th, 1.3 seconds behind. The closest fight on track at this stage was the one for 11th between Michael Coppin and David Cottrell as they lapped with just 0.2 seconds between them. Chapman was looking to make the closest fight the one for 2nd as he continued to reel in Knapp as they made their way through the traffic. Cousins had proved to be more efficient through the traffic and was once again hot on Chapman's heels as Chapman tried to juggle pressuring Knapp and holding off Cousins. It was an act he pulled off as he moved into 2nd

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place on lap 36. Chapman's next trick was to try and close the 17 second gap the Trundley had opened up in this time.

Cousins had kept the pressure on Knapp as the race approached the final 20 minutes and finally got ahead into 3rd with a move into turn 1. Cousins quickly closed the gap up Chapman to apply some pressure for 2nd as Knapp began to drop back. Trundley was enjoying a serene race at the front with a 20 second advantage with the rest of the pack settling into position and spreading out. Giles Handley was on the move however, passing Oliver for 8th on lap 65 showing that Handley was feeling more racey than the majority of the grid. Trundley had a pretty easy race and cruised across the line to win by 27.307 seconds from Chapman and Cousins with Knapp and Conroy competing the top 5.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Bobby Trundley	78	00:13.2		45.942	10
2	Ben Chapman	78	00:40.5	27.307	46.139	42
3	Luke Cousins	78	00:40.9	27.697	46.223	19
4	Andrew Knapp	78	00:49.6	36.414	46.242	49
5	Matthew Conroy	78	00:55.8	42.618	46.215	31
6	Oliver Peacock	78	00:56.1	42.884	46.38	21
7	James Perry	78	01:00.3	47.132	46.321	21
8	Giles Handley	77	00:15.7	1 lap	46.436	52
9	Ben Oliver	77	00:24.0	1 lap	46.242	20
10	Simon Gibson	77	00:31.2	1 lap	46.524	16
11	Martin Bourke	77	00:49.4	1 lap	46.417	66
12	Seb Cook	77	00:52.9	1 lap	46.738	21
13	Michael Coppin	77	00:59.4	1 lap	46.805	15
14	Paul Ward	76	00:14.7	2 laps	46.878	72
15	Tom Eastwood	76	00:21.5	2 laps	46.984	19
16	Dan Fisher	76	01:00.2	2 laps	47.187	75
17	Robert Purtak	76	01:01.2	2 laps	47.051	13
18	Macauley Pond	75	00:15.4	3 laps	47.122	66
19	Stuart Shearman	75	00:25.0	3 laps	47.54	16
20	Blaze Sienko	75	00:45.6	3 laps	47.384	40
21	Nigel Foot	74	00:30.8	4 laps	47.915	69
22	Darrell Pilgrim	47	37:51.0	31 laps	47.225	22
23	David Cottrell	34	26:51.3	44 laps	46.53	11

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Luke Cousins

Bobby Trundley

Ben Chapman

Heavy - Qualifying

With the karts up to temperature and the drivers limbered up, it was Chris Carter setting the early pace with Adam Nakar, Gareth Holt, Adam Christopher and Malcolm Clark all within a quarter of a second of him. Alexander Mahony moved into 5th after 8 minutes as times steadily improved with Carter still holding onto the top spot with the top 4 remaining unchanged. Nakar got Carter's advantage down to 0.063 seconds as Clark moved into 4th with 2 minutes left on the clock. Drivers were unable to improve with their final laps, so it was Carter from Nakar on the front row with Clark, Mahony, Holt and Christopher lining up behind them.

pos	competitor	best time	In lap	diff	gap	laps
1	Chris Carter	46.483	11			19
2	Adam Nakar	46.546	15	0.063	0.063	19
3	Malcolm Clark	46.592	18	0.109	0.046	18
4	Alexander Mahony	46.693	16	0.21	0.101	19
5	Gareth Holt	46.709	19	0.226	0.016	19
6	Adam Christopher	46.827	6	0.344	0.118	18
7	Stuart Foster	46.856	10	0.373	0.029	19
8	Lee Witney	46.88	19	0.397	0.024	19
9	Tomasz Zaustowicz	46.889	16	0.406	0.009	18
10	Rob Bennett	46.893	17	0.41	0.004	19
11	Adrian Wisniewski	46.972	16	0.489	0.079	17
12	Jamie Pender	47.001	7	0.518	0.029	18
13	Andrew Haine	47.141	18	0.658	0.14	19
14	Diogo Silva	47.226	18	0.743	0.085	19

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15	Vinod Hirani	47.464	7	0.981	0.238	19
16	Adam Daly	47.538	12	1.055	0.074	18
17	Tommaso Ammendola	47.7	14	1.217	0.162	18
18	Gary Martin	47.938	7	1.455	0.238	19
19	Chris Munro	47.947	13	1.464	0.009	17
20	Darren Nicholson	57.805	5	11.322	9.858	15

Race

Chris Carter held onto the lead at the start as the green flag got the race underway with Malcolm Clark slotting into 2nd through Vale, ahead of Adam Nakar. Nakar lost a further position to Gareth Holt through turn 2 but regained 3rd ahead of Clark as Holt quickly moved into 2nd. Clark moved back into 3rd on lap 3 as Carter immediately began to build a lead over Holt, who in turn, was gapping Clark and Nakar with Adam Christopher and Stuart Foster close behind in 5th and 6th respectively. Nakar regained 3rd once more on lap 5, but Clark came back once again to move into 3rd a lap later. All the while, Holt was getting away and set a new fastest lap – a 46.677 – to begin closing the gap to Carter. Nakar took up 3rd place on lap 9 as he and Clark continued their indecision on who should occupy the final podium spot. Alexander Mahony had been watching on just half a second back in 5th with Adam Christopher a further half a second back as lap 11 saw yet another swap between Nakar and Clark with Clark now taking his turn in 3rd. Lap 12 saw them change once more as Mahony got onto the back of Clark to try and join in with their game of musical chairs.

A brief full course yellow period came in as Andrew Haine hit the tyre wall and damaged his kart due to contact with Tomasz Zaustowicz, requiring it to be retrieved and Zaustowicz picking up a penalty. Drivers respected the yellows and maintained the gaps to one another as the track marshals got to work. The kart was quickly recovered and the green flags resumed the racing with Carter holding a 2.6 second lead over Holt with Nakar a further 3 seconds behind and Clark following in his wheel tracks. Holt continued to edge closer towards Carter as Nakar did likewise to begin closing the gap on Holt with Clark being towed along as the race approached half distance. Rob Bennett and Jamie Pender had progressed into 5th and 6th respectively as the top 4 continued to gradually close up.

Another full course yellow to retrieve a kart and driver from the infield straight with drivers once again respecting the yellows and maintaining the gaps with green flags soon waving to get the racing back underway. Carter continued to lead but Holt was closing with Nakar and Clark now close behind him with Bennett and Pender only 2 seconds adrift in 5th and 6th respectively. With 10 minutes of the race remaining, Holt had closed the gap and lined up Carter at the end of the Top Straight, out-braking him into turn 6 and taking the lead. Nakar was next on Carter's case with Clark just half a second back. Carter dug deep however and found a little extra to get back onto the rear of Holt's kart and regained the lead on lap 66 with Clark making the most of the confusion of the leading pack to jump into 2nd ahead of Holt and Nakar. Holt tried to come back at Clark through turn 2, but slowed the pair down allowing Nakar to jump the pair of them into 2nd. This squabbling enabled Carter to rebuild his lead to 2 seconds with 5 minutes of the race remaining. Nakar pushed in the dying stages to start reeling Carter in, but time ran out as the chequered flag signalled another win

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for Carter with Nakar and Clark competing the podium ahead of Pender and Bennett. Adam Christopher took the Super Heavy Honours for the second month running.

pos	competitor	laps	total time	diff	best time	best lap
1	Chris Carter	76	00:12.6		46.565	49
2	Adam Nakar	76	00:13.6	0.968	46.384	40
3	Malcolm Clark	76	00:16.0	3.337	46.518	38
4	Jamie Pender	76	00:19.8	7.155	46.556	72
5	Rob Bennett	76	00:20.4	7.768	46.542	20
6	Adam Christopher	76	00:20.8	8.203	46.636	44
7	Gareth Holt	76	00:26.3	13.637	46.494	34
8	Alexander Mahony	76	00:27.5	14.86	46.532	23
9	Lee Witney	76	00:28.6	15.924	46.689	20
10	Stuart Foster	76	00:37.3	24.633	46.734	45
11	Adrian Wisniewski	76	00:42.4	29.803	46.753	17
12	Diogo Silva	76	00:46.1	33.438	46.879	39
13	Adam Daly	76	00:53.6	40.955	47.053	34
14	Tomasz Zaustowicz	75	00:22.1	1 lap	46.727	75
15	Vinod Hirani	75	00:36.1	1 lap	47.148	64
16	Tommaso Ammendola	75	00:41.6	1 lap	46.988	45
17	Gary Martin	73	00:15.6	3 laps	47.511	10
18	Andrew Haine	45	39:07.8	31 laps	46.84	23
19	Chris Munro	12	10:50.2	64 laps	47.864	12



Malcolm Clark

Chris Carter

Adam Nakar

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