

The TW Steel DMAX Enduro Champs 2016 - Round 3

## Inter Qualifying

The Inters drivers headed out onto a cold but sunny Whilton Mill circuit to begin qualifying for Round 3. Oliver Peacock and Bobby Trundley were the early pace setters, trading fastest laps as the circuit quickly improved in the sunshine. Andrew Tempest popped into $3^{\text {rd }}$ after 6 minutes as Peacock moved the goal posts going 4 tenths quicker than Trundley with a 55.913. Trundley responded a lap later with a 55.623 to take provisional pole as Luke Cousins split the pair of them. Peacock and Trundley continued to trade fastest laps and it was Peacock who emerged on top when the chequered flag went out, pipping Trundley to pole by 0.034 seconds. Martin Bourke lined up on $3^{\text {rd }}$ ahead of Cousins, William Topp and Matthew Conroy.

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| pos | competitor | best | time | In lap | best speed | diff | gap |
| 1 | Oliver Peacock | 54.296 | 16 | $79.564 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |  |  | 16 |
| 2 | Bobby Trundley | 54.33 | 14 | $79.514 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.034 | 0.034 | 16 |
| 3 | Martin Bourke | 54.688 | 12 | $78.994 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.392 | 0.358 | 16 |
| 4 | Luke Cousins | 54.691 | 14 | $78.989 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.395 | 0.003 | 16 |
| 5 | William Topp | 54.76 | 16 | $78.89 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.464 | 0.069 | 16 |
| 6 | Matthew Conroy | 55.064 | 15 | $78.454 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.768 | 0.304 | 15 |
| 7 | David Cottrell | 55.14 | 15 | $78.346 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.844 | 0.076 | 16 |
| 8 | Seb Cook | 55.456 | 14 | $77.9 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.16 | 0.316 | 15 |
| 9 | Michael Coppin | 55.558 | 16 | $77.757 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.262 | 0.102 | 16 |
| 10 | Ben Oliver | 55.733 | 11 | $77.512 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.437 | 0.175 | 15 |
| 11 | Simon Gibson | 55.766 | 14 | $77.467 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.47 | 0.033 | 15 |
| 12 | Ben Chapman | 55.787 | 15 | $77.437 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.491 | 0.021 | 15 |
| 13 | Andrew Tempest | 55.839 | 15 | $77.365 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.543 | 0.052 | 15 |
| 14 | James Perry | 55.913 | 11 | $77.263 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.617 | 0.074 | 15 |
| 15 | Tom Eastwood | 55.964 | 15 | $77.192 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.668 | 0.051 | 15 |
| 16 | Ronan McClintock | 55.989 | 12 | $77.158 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.693 | 0.025 | 15 |
| 17 | Macauley Pond | 56.25 | 14 | $76.8 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.954 | 0.261 | 15 |
| 18 | Giles Handley | 56.475 | 13 | $76.494 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.179 | 0.225 | 14 |
| 19 | Blaze Sienko | 56.658 | 15 | $76.247 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.362 | 0.183 | 15 |
| 20 | Dan Fisher | 56.731 | 13 | $76.149 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.435 | 0.073 | 15 |
| 21 | Stuart Shearman | 57.01 | 15 | $75.776 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.714 | 0.279 | 15 |
| 22 | Antonio Caccioli | 57.458 | 15 | $75.185 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 3.162 | 0.448 | 15 |
| 23 | Robert Purtak | 57.94 | 14 | $74.56 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 3.644 | 0.482 | 14 |
| 24 | Nigel Foot | 59.941 | 12 | $72.071 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 5.645 | 2.001 | 13 |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Bobby Trundley dropped to the back on the rolling lap after collecting a barrier by mistake, taking some of the pressure off Oliver Peacock at the start as the green lights came on to start an hour of racing. Luke Cousins moved into $2^{\text {nd }}$ on the opening lap with Martin Bourke and William Topp behind him. Trundley had moved up 5 places on the first lap from $24^{\text {th }}$ to $19^{\text {th }}$. The leading 5 of Peacock, Cousins, Bourke, Topp and David Cottrell began to pull a gap over the rest of the field. A mistake in the middle of this group however, let Peacock and Cousins get a lead over Topp with Michael Coppin
moving into $4^{\text {th }}$. Trundley had progressed into $8^{\text {th }}$ after 7 laps with a fastest lap aiding his progress with 9 seconds between himself and leader Peacock.

At quarter distance, Peacock had extended his lead to 2.6 seconds over Cousins with a further 4 seconds back to Topp. Trundley had now made his way into $4^{\text {th }}, 10$ seconds off the leaders with a move into turn 1 on Coppin giving him $4^{\text {th }}$ place. Trundley closed in on Topp as Cousins began to edge closer towards Peacock. Topp and Trundley negotiated their way through the traffic with Trundley lining up Topp into Christmas corner on lap 25 and passing him for $3^{\text {rd }}$ up the inside. Peacock and Cousins were matching each other for pace, keeping the gap at 2 seconds as Topp held onto the back of Trundley's kart. The fight for $5^{\text {th }}$ was heating up between Matthew Conroy, Ben Oliver, Coppin, Ben Chapman and James Perry as they all lapped together in a long train and swapped for position.

With some clear air at the half way stage, Peacock had managed to extend his lead over Cousins to 3 seconds with Trundley a further 3 seconds behind in $3^{\text {rd }}$ place. Macauley Pond received a penalty for an advantage by contact coming back down the hill, which dropped him down the order as he served his penalty. Trundley was all over the rear of Cousins' kart as the race approached the final third with lap 46 seeing Trundley move into $2^{\text {nd }}$ ahead of Cousins with a 7 second gap to Peacock in $1^{\text {st }}$ to close up. Conroy had managed to open up a lead over Coppin of 5 seconds to look comfortable in $5^{\text {th }}$, but was not catching Topp who was on his own in $4^{\text {th }}, 5$ seconds off Cousins ahead of him. Chapman was sitting in $7^{\text {th }}$ as Oliver moved into $8^{\text {th }}, 4$ seconds behind Chapman with 13 minutes left in which to catch him. Trundley lost time with 5 minutes remaining as traffic in front of him got together, putting him 7 seconds behind Peacock with Giles Handley being penalised for an advantage by contact under the yellow flag. In the midst of this, the hour was up and Peacock crossed the line to win from Trundley, Cousins, Topp and Conroy.

| pos | competitor | laps | diff | best time | best lap | best speed |
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| 1 | Oliver Peacock | 67 |  | 53.001 | 60 | $81.508 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 2 | Bobby Trundley | 67 | 7.283 | 52.948 | 65 | $81.589 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 3 | Luke Cousins | 67 | 10.211 | 53.081 | 58 | $81.385 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 4 | William Topp | 67 | 18.173 | 53.309 | 55 | $81.037 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 5 | Matthew Conroy | 67 | 46.577 | 53.496 | 41 | $80.754 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 6 | Michael Coppin | 67 | 49.465 | 53.356 | 64 | $80.966 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 7 | Ben Chapman | 66 | 1 lap | 53.796 | 35 | $80.303 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 8 | Ben Oliver | 66 | 1 lap | 53.376 | 46 | $80.935 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 9 | David Cottrell | 66 | 1 lap | 53.129 | 64 | $81.312 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 10 | James Perry | 66 | 1 lap | 53.772 | 64 | $80.339 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 11 | Andrew Tempest | 66 | 1 lap | 53.568 | 50 | $80.645 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 12 | Simon Gibson | 66 | 1 lap | 53.792 | 58 | $80.309 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 13 | Martin Bourke | 66 | 1 lap | 53.193 | 58 | $81.214 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 14 | Tom Eastwood | 66 | 1 lap | 53.325 | 66 | $81.013 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 15 | Ronan McClintock | 66 | 1 lap | 54.041 | 62 | $79.939 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 16 | Seb Cook | 66 | 1 lap | 53.91 | 64 | $80.134 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 17 | Giles Handley | 66 | 1 lap | 53.362 | 58 | $80.956 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 18 | Stuart Shearman | 65 | 2 laps | 54.315 | 52 | $79.536 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 19 | Dan Fisher | 65 | 2 laps | 54.318 | 57 | $79.532 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |


| 20 | Antonio Caccioli | 65 | 2 laps | 54.451 | 53 | $79.337 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
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| 21 | Robert Purtak | 64 | 3 laps | 54.183 | 58 | $79.73 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 22 | Blaze Sienko | 64 | 3 laps | 54.276 | 58 | $79.593 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 23 | Macauley Pond | 63 | 4 laps | 54.069 | 59 | $79.898 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 24 | Nigel Foot | 63 | 4 laps | 55.687 | 24 | $77.576 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |



## Heavy Qualifying

Heavy qualifying started with a full course yellow to allow time for everything to get up to temperature. Tomasz Zaustowicz was the early pace setter once the green flags were waved, but Whilton Mill specialist, Chris Carter, quickly moved into provisional pole ahead of Adam Daly, Zaustowicz and Adam Christopher. Daly was feeling quick, moving himself to the top of the time sheet as he followed Carter and Zaustowicz on track. Stuart Foster had slotted into $4^{\text {th }}, 0.267$ seconds off pole with Daly just 0.041 ahead of Zaustowicz, enjoying a tow up the hill from the pair in front. The pace quickly stabilised as the drivers struggled to improve on their fastest laps with just 5 minutes remaining. Carter defied this however with 2 minutes remaining as he pipped Daly by 0.024 seconds with Christopher somehow splitting the pair of them before snatching provisional pole by 0.039 seconds from Carter. Xander Mahony was sitting in $5^{\text {th }}$, just 0.133 seconds off pole. With the chequered flag waving, it looked as though Christopher had done enough, but Zaustowicz stole pole with his final lap, denying Christopher by 0.026. Carter was in $3^{\text {rd }}$ ahead of Daly, Lee Witney and Mahony with just 0.159 seconds covering the front three rows.

|  | best <br> pos |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | competitor | time | In lap | best speed | diff | gap | laps |
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| 1 | Tomasz Zaustowicz | 53.408 | 17 | $80.887 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |  |  | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Adam Christopher - SH | 53.434 | 14 | $80.847 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.026 | 0.026 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Chris Carter | 53.473 | 13 | $80.788 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.065 | 0.039 | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Adam Daly | 53.497 | 9 | $80.752 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.089 | 0.024 | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Lee Witney | 53.547 | 16 | $80.677 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.139 | 0.05 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Xander Mahony | 53.567 | 14 | $80.647 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.159 | 0.02 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| 7 | Jamie Pender | 53.725 | 16 | $80.409 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.317 | 0.158 | 16 |
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| 8 | Stuart Foster | 53.764 | 9 | $80.351 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.356 | 0.039 | 17 |
| 9 | Gareth Holt | 54.041 | 15 | $79.939 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.633 | 0.277 | 15 |
| 10 | Adam Nakar | 54.087 | 16 | $79.871 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.679 | 0.046 | 16 |
| 11 | Adrian Wisniewski | 54.204 | 16 | $79.699 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.796 | 0.117 | 16 |
| 12 | Chris Munro - SH | 54.541 | 14 | $79.206 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.133 | 0.337 | 16 |
| 13 | Bruce Shingler | 54.603 | 14 | $79.117 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.195 | 0.062 | 16 |
| 14 | Malcolm Clark | 54.685 | 5 | $78.998 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.277 | 0.082 | 14 |
| 15 | Tommaso Ammendola | 55.277 | 12 | $78.152 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.869 | 0.592 | 16 |
| 16 | Gary Martin - SH | 56.285 | 11 | $76.752 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.877 | 1.008 | 16 |
| 17 | lan Howard - SH | 56.502 | 15 | $76.457 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 3.094 | 0.217 | 15 |

## Race

Tomasz Zaustowicz got a clean getaway as the lights flicked to green with Adam Christopher just holding off Adam Daly and Chris Carter for $2^{\text {nd }}$, despite a late lunge into Christmas corner from Daly. Zaustowicz completed the first lap, 1 second clear of the field with Christopher heading the chase ahead of Daly and Carter. Carter moved into $3^{\text {rd }}$ on lap 2 through The Boot with Xander Mahony following him through and dropping Daly to $5^{\text {th }}$. Christopher began to close the gap to Zaustowicz with Carter closing the gap to the pair of them as the top three began to bunch up. A beautiful move up the inside of Christopher from Carter through The Boot as they swung right saw Carter grab $2^{\text {nd }}$ on lap 5. The trio bunched up on lap 9 with them going three abreast coming back down the hill from Christmas corner with Zaustowicz holding them off as Christopher moved back into $2^{\text {nd }}$ ahead of Carter with Mahony now joining them. Carter quickly regained $2^{\text {nd }}$ as Mahony put the pressure on Christopher for $3^{\text {rd }}$. Daly and Jamie Pender were making the most of their fighting to start taking chunks out of their lead and it was soon a 5-kart train at the front. Carter was putting Zaustowicz under immense pressure with a move around the outside of The Boot, seeing him get hung out to dry as Christopher snuck past the pair of them to take the lead. Mahony moved into $3^{\text {rd }}$ as Daly got onto the rear of Carter's kart.

At third race distance, Carter had got back into $3^{\text {rd }}$ and was onto the back of Zaustowicz with a run out of the final corner on lap 21 seeing Carter move into $2^{\text {nd }}$. A lap later, Carter was onto the back of Christopher through The Boot and tried to go around the outside through the final corner, with Christopher leaving him just enough room allowing Carter to slip past into the lead into turn 1. Christopher tried to respond on the run up the hill and into Christmas, but Carter held him off and Christopher bogged down, dropping him behind Zaustowicz and Daly. Pender and Mahony were hot on Christopher's heels, but Christopher had his sights firmly set on Daly in front of him as he applied the pressure through The Boot, but ultimately lost out to Pender through turn 1. This fighting was allowing Carter and Zaustowicz to break away as Christopher out-braked himself coming back down the hill from Christmas, putting him onto the grass and dropping him down to $10^{\text {th }}$.

The race stabilised soon after Christopher's error with Carter maintaining a 2 second lead over Zaustowicz in $2^{\text {nd }}$ as they continued to gradually pull away from Pender, Daly and Mahony. Gareth Holt was running in $6^{\text {th }}, 7$ seconds behind the trio ahead of him with a decent 4.5 seconds between himself and Stuart Foster. Foster had Adam Nakar keeping him honest as he trailed him by a second
with a further 6 seconds back to Malcolm Clark who had the recovering Christopher crawling over the rear of his kart as the race entered the final quarter.

Carter continued to pace himself and gradually stretch his lead over Zaustowicz as the pair continued to drop Pender who was running in a lonely $3^{\text {rd }}, 4$ seconds clear of Daly who still had Mahony crawling over the back of Daly's kart, but unable to pass with 5 minutes remaining. Christopher had recovered to $8^{\text {th }}$ with a move up the inside of Foster into The Boot his latest improvement. Nakar had closed and passed Holt in the dying stages to take $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ place, but still had some distance to go to catch Daly and Mahony. Carter cruised across the line to win from Zaustowicz and Pender as Mahony snatched $4^{\text {th }}$ on the final lap from Daly. Following a review the overtake was deemed to be against the rules and the positions were reversed.

| pos | competitor | laps | diff | best time | best lap | best speed |
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| 1 | Chris Carter | 68 |  | 52.696 | 63 | $81.98 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 2 | Tomasz Zaustowicz | 68 | 7.209 | 52.891 | 68 | $81.677 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 3 | Jamie Pender | 68 | 13.002 | 53.032 | 50 | $81.46 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 4 | Adam Daly | 68 | 18.604 | 52.936 | 48 | $81.608 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 5 | Xander Mahony | 68 | 17.778 | 52.993 | 48 | $81.52 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 6 | Adam Nakar | 68 | 27.296 | 53.112 | 48 | $81.338 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 7 | Gareth Holt | 68 | 27.881 | 53.08 | 67 | $81.387 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 8 | Adam Christopher - SH | 68 | 37.768 | 53.015 | 59 | $81.486 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 9 | Stuart Foster | 68 | 41.95 | 53.531 | 34 | $80.701 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 10 | Malcolm Clark | 68 | 46.351 | 53.421 | 51 | $80.867 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 11 | Lee Witney | 67 | 1 lap | 53.377 | 20 | $80.934 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 12 | Adrian Wisniewski | 67 | 1 lap | 53.563 | 64 | $80.653 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 13 | Bruce Shingler | 67 | 1 lap | 53.778 | 31 | $80.33 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 14 | Chris Munro - SH | 67 | 1 lap | 53.76 | 59 | $80.357 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 15 | Tommaso Ammendola | 67 | 1 lap | 53.914 | 47 | $80.128 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 16 | Gary Martin - SH | 65 | 3 laps | 54.621 | 37 | $79.09 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 17 | lan Howard - SH | 57 | 11 laps | 56.71 | 49 | $76.177 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |



#  <br> Zaustowicz <br> Christopher (SH) <br> Carter <br> Pender 

## Light Qualifying

With two laps under the full course yellow to allow everything to get up to temperature, Ben Leslie, Tom Pughe and Dee Falconer were caught out and picked up 5 place grid penalties for over taking or spinning under the yellows. Tom Golding shot to the top of the timing screen once the green flags were waved with Tom Sibley and Chris Hackworth keeping him honest, just 2 tenths adrift. Cameron Noble was sitting in $4^{\text {th }}$ ahead of Axel Slijepcevic, Joseph Conroy and Ben Leslie. Hackworth nipped ahead of Golding by 0.005 seconds with 4 minutes remaining, but Golding responded to go 0.051 seconds clear, only to have Hackworth go immediately back to the top by 0.077 seconds. Sibley managed to split them with 30 seconds left, missing out by 0.044 seconds with one last flying lap left. Hackworth and Golding both improved as the chequered flag went out. Sibley could not improve as all eyes looked to Golding and Hackworth as they failed to improve on their final lap. So it was Golding with a 51.994 to claim pole from Hackworth by a tenth. Sibley lined up on $3^{\text {rd }}$ ahead of Noble, Conroy and Leslie.

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| pos | competitor | In lap | best speed | diff | gap | laps |  |
| 1 | Tom Golding | 51.994 | 16 | $83.087 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |  |  | 17 |
| 2 | Chris Hackworth | 52.105 | 16 | $82.91 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.111 | 0.111 | 17 |
| 3 | Tom Sibley | 52.183 | 15 | $82.786 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.189 | 0.078 | 16 |
| 4 | Cameron Noble | 52.412 | 15 | $82.424 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.418 | 0.229 | 17 |
| 5 | Joseph Conroy | 52.649 | 16 | $82.053 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.655 | 0.237 | 17 |
| 6 | Sam Bennett | 52.822 | 16 | $81.784 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.828 | 0.116 | 16 |
| 7 | Axel Slijepcevic | 52.868 | 13 | $81.713 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.874 | 0.046 | 16 |
| 8 | Paul Cox | 53.029 | 13 | $81.465 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.035 | 0.161 | 16 |
| 9 | Ellis Pullinger | 53.075 | 16 | $81.394 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.081 | 0.046 | 16 |
| 10 | Russell Horton | 53.149 | 16 | $81.281 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.155 | 0.074 | 16 |
| 11 | Ben Leslie | 52.706 | 15 | $81.964 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 0.712 | 0.057 | 16 |
| 12 | Mez Evans | 53.177 | 16 | $81.238 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.183 | 0.028 | 16 |
| 13 | Dominic Cheng | 53.205 | 16 | $81.195 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.211 | 0.028 | 16 |
| 14 | Kameron Khan | 53.55 | 16 | $80.672 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.556 | 0.166 | 16 |
| 15 | Nikolay Angelov | 53.701 | 13 | $80.445 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.707 | 0.151 | 16 |
| 16 | Dean Thomas | 54.061 | 13 | $79.91 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.067 | 0.36 | 16 |
| 17 | Harrison Pughe | 54.15 | 11 | $79.778 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.156 | 0.089 | 16 |
| 18 | Tanzi Besant | 54.551 | 13 | $79.192 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.557 | 0.364 | 16 |
| 19 | Tom Pughe | 53.384 | 16 | $80.923 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 1.39 | 0.179 | 16 |
| 20 | Dane Christison | 55.866 | 12 | $77.328 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 3.872 | 1.315 | 15 |
| 21 | Dee Falconer | 54.187 | 13 | $79.724 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | 2.193 | 0.037 | 16 |

## Race

Tom Golding led the field away as the lights flashed to green, but had Chris Hackworth all over the rear of his kart. Hackworth saw his chance very early on as the pair headed up the hill towards

Christmas for the first time. Hackworth dived up the inside and grabbed the lead, demoting Golding to $2^{\text {nd }}$. Tom Sibley held $3^{\text {rd }}$ from the start, but had Cameron Noble hot on his heels. Noble kept the pressure on Sibley for $3^{\text {rd }}$ over the next couple of laps as Hackworth and Golding settled in for a long race. Lap 4 saw Noble sneak pass Sibley as they made their way onto the infield straight. Sibley held onto the rear of Noble and bided his time, regaining the place a lap later into turn 1 . Golding had regained his composure and was onto the rear of Hackworth, lining him up on the run up to Christmas and repassing him for the lead. It was now Hackworth's turn to put the pressure on for the lead as Sibley put some daylight between himself and Noble. Axle Slijepcevic was running on his own in $5^{\text {th }}$, leaving behind Joe Conroy who was also enjoying some alone time in $6^{\text {th }}$. Ellis Pullinger was sitting in $7^{\text {th }}$, but had Russell Horton and Paul Cox in close company.

After 20 minutes, Hackworth and Golding had swapped places twice more, allowing Sibley to join them and have a go at Golding. An attempted move into Christmas saw the pair slow down and Hackworth pull out a lead of 1.2 seconds. Golding and Sibley proceeded to work together to start closing the gap. Lap 26 saw Golding run wide through turn 2 and allowed Sibley to pass him into Christmas for $2^{\text {nd }}$ place. Sibley set his sights on Hackworth and began to edge ever closer as Ben Leslie, Kameron Khan and Mez Evans had a close fight for $11^{\text {th }}$ place. Lap 32 saw a change for the lead as Sibley got the run through the first two corners and drafted alongside Hackworth into Christmas corner and grabbed the lead. Hackworth tried to respond, but Sibley kept the door firmly shut as the leading trio came across some traffic. Sibley lost out through The Boot as a backmarker failed to see him coming through, allowing Hackworth and Golding to slip back past and Sibley had to tuck into $3^{\text {rd }}$. Golding then hit the front as the race reached half race distance.

Hackworth maintained a gap of 1.5 seconds over the chasing pair of Golding and Sibley as the race entered the final 20 minutes with Noble 17 seconds behind the leading trio. Slijepcevic was sitting in $5^{\text {th }}, 4$ seconds behind Noble, but 21 seconds clear of Conroy in $6^{\text {th }}$. Cox was in $7^{\text {th }}, 4$ seconds behind Conroy with Horton in close company. Sibley slotted into $2^{\text {nd }}$ ahead of Golding on lap 55 with a gap of 2.644 seconds left for Sibley to try and close up. An attempted move from Golding on Sibley into The Boot led to minor contact, causing the pair to slow and extending Hackworth's lead. With the chequered flag at the ready, Hackworth crossed the line to win by 2.6 seconds from Sibley with Golding completing the podium and Noble and Slijepcevic rounding out the top 5.

| pos | competitor | laps | diff | best time | best lap | best speed |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Chris Hackworth | 69 |  | 51.588 | 47 | $83.74 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 2 | Tom Sibley | 69 | 2.665 | 51.594 | 44 | $83.731 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 3 | Tom Golding | 69 | 2.775 | 51.649 | 44 | $83.642 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 4 | Cameron Noble | 69 | 23.597 | 51.838 | 68 | $83.337 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 5 | Axel Slijepcevic | 69 | 26.422 | 51.883 | 63 | $83.264 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 6 | Russell Horton | 68 | 1 lap | 52.224 | 60 | $82.721 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 7 | Joseph Conroy | 68 | 1 lap | 52.389 | 66 | $82.46 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 8 | Ben Leslie | 68 | 1 lap | 52.074 | 48 | $82.959 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 9 | Ellis Pullinger | 68 | 1 lap | 52.177 | 64 | $82.795 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 10 | Dominic Cheng | 68 | 1 lap | 52.247 | 50 | $82.684 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 11 | Paul Cox | 68 | 1 lap | 52.33 | 40 | $82.553 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |


| 12 | Mez Evans | 68 | 1 lap | 52.55 | 68 | $82.207 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
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| 13 | Kameron Khan | 67 | 2 laps | 52.613 | 34 | $82.109 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 14 | Nikolay Angelov | 67 | 2 laps | 52.984 | 27 | $81.534 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 15 | Harrison Pughe | 67 | 2 laps | 52.712 | 66 | $81.955 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 16 | Tom Pughe | 67 | 2 laps | 52.544 | 66 | $82.217 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 17 | Sam Bennett | 67 | 2 laps | 52.439 | 52 | $82.381 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 18 | Dee Falconer | 67 | 2 laps | 52.979 | 45 | $81.542 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 19 | Tanzi Besant | 66 | 3 laps | 53.569 | 49 | $80.644 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 20 | Dean Thomas | 65 | 4 laps | 52.881 | 63 | $81.693 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 21 | Dane Christison | 64 | 5 laps | 54.908 | 60 | $78.677 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |



The next round is at Daytona Sandown Park on the Alternate GP Circuit on Sunday $15^{\text {th }}$ May 2016 - with testing on Saturday $14^{\text {th }}$ May. Call mark on 03303327870 Option 9 to book in.

