Daytona DMAX Heats Champs 2017
ROUND 6 – WHILTON MILL

LIGHT HEAT 1

The rain started again just in time for the first heat of the day. Ben Leslie and Graeme Cobb led the drivers away first time. Five drivers were off at Turn One as the Lights experienced the rain for the first time, followed straight away by four more at Christmas corner. Leslie and Cobb both escaped the danger behind and led in grid order, with Barrs, Manton and Ursell chasing down the leaders.

But it seemed to be Lovelace who was dealing best with the challenging conditions, sliding through the pack like a hot knife through butter. Quickly moving from tenth to fifth. Leslie was using his experience to pull away from the pack, setting consecutive fastest laps to consolidate his lead.

That was enough for the win, with Cobb second and Barrs holding on for third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Ben Leslie	7	0	01:13.0	7
2	Graeme Cobb	7	5.056	01:13.4	7
3	Ed Barrs	7	6.71	01:14.0	7
4	Charlotte Manton	7	10.995	01:14.5	7
5	Dante Dhillon	7	11.039	01:13.4	7
6	Axel Slijepcevic	7	11.821	01:13.0	7
7	Sam Lovelace	7	11.824	01:14.3	6
8	Zack Swannell	7	12.795	01:12.5	7
9	Ollie Ursell	7	14.409	01:14.1	6
10	Max O'Shaughnessy	7	14.81	01:13.7	7
11	Joshua Craft	7	16.244	01:13.9	7
12	Kameron Khan	7	16.357	01:14.5	7
13	Daniel Truman	7	16.901	01:13.7	7
14	Matthew Bees	7	18.518	01:13.9	7
15	Anatolij Dulko	7	18.734	01:14.0	7
16	William Thomas	7	23.644	01:15.2	6
17	Ethan Souter	7	26.813	01:14.3	7
18	Dylan Bell	7	44.395	01:17.5	6
19	Cameron Noble	7	49.225	01:14.2	6
20	Mark Martin	7	01:07.2	01:20.3	6
21	Kurt Fawdry	7	01:10.6	01:17.2	7
22	Alan Briggs	6	0	01:22.7	6

INTER HEAT 1

Tom Eastwood led the drivers away, but it was Lacey who made the early moves, up from fifth to first in three corners. Behind Lacey, it was Coppin and Eastwood battling for second, with a group of six drivers battling it out for fourth behind them. Hackworth jostled his way to the front of that group and then passed Eastwood for third.

Stobart then had a problem on circuit, dropping him right to the back of the pack with just a couple of minutes remaining. At the front, the leading three had settled into their groove, with Lacey, Coppin and Hackworth all exchanging fastest laps on their way to secure first, second and third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Richard Lacey	7	0	01:07.8	7

2	Mike Coppin	7	2.887	01:08.2	5
3	Chris Hackworth	7	3.502	01:07.5	6
4	Jordan Taylor	7	4.608	01:07.0	7
5	Bobby Trundley	7	9.344	01:06.8	7
6	Chris Alcock	7	10.227	01:07.1	7
7	Philip Senior	7	13.436	01:09.3	6
8	Oli Peacock	7	19.047	01:07.9	6
9	Xander Mahony	7	19.25	01:08.7	6
10	Pete Leppan	7	0	0	-
11	David Stephen	7	23.946	01:10.2	7
12	Tom Eastwood	7	25.235	01:11.1	6
13	Curtis Mitchell	7	25.412	01:10.5	6
14	Allan Curtis	7	34.185	01:11.2	6
15	George Hucknall	7	34.639	01:09.8	4
16	Andre Careless	7	39.966	01:10.8	6
17	Lee Carey	7	50.211	01:12.9	5
18	James Browning	7	51.91	01:14.4	6
19	Andy Stobart	6	1 lap	01:13.7	6

HEAVY HEAT 1

Ammendola did well to hold his lead round the first two corners, but then lost out to Taylor and Sienko at Christmas corner. Ammendola continued to head in the wrong direction with Munro and Bennett next to head through as they hunted down the leading pair.

Sienko then fell off at Christmas, running into the back of Munro who just about managed to stabilise his kart and head up into second position.

Zaustowicz was another big mover in the heat, up from fifth to fourth, using his experience of the conditions earlier to his advantage. The order at the top did not change again, with Taylor the deserved winner.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	James Taylor	7	0	01:15.4	5
2	Chris Munro - SH	7	0.883	01:15.2	5
3	Rob Bennett	7	2.682	01:15.5	4
4	Tomek Zaustowicz	7	8.516	01:15.6	5
5	Paul Manton	7	14.686	01:17.4	6
6	Tommaso Ammendola	7	16.09	01:17.6	5
7	Lee Witney	7	16.195	01:17.0	6
8	Tarik Almou	7	16.858	01:16.1	7
9	Blaze Sienko	7	19.613	01:16.3	4
10	Gary Martin - SH	7	34.126	01:18.9	6
11	Christian Diz	7	38.663	01:19.0	3
12	Vinod Hirani - SH	7	39.013	01:17.2	3
13	Robert Purtak	7	42.466	01:20.5	5
14	Andy Mitchell	7	45.047	01:18.9	3
15	Stefano Leaney	7	47.183	01:18.6	5
16	Richard Newton - SH	7	57.849	01:20.2	5
17	Alex Pritchard	6	1 lap	01:17.8	4

LIGHT HEAT 2

O'Shaughnessy and Khan made up the front row for the second heat. O'Shaughnessy got away very well, with Bees making a great move round the outside of turn two to take second only for Khan to get unbelievably brave on the brakes into the boot to take the position back. O'Shaughnessy was next in Khan's sight, as he made short work of the winner of the Endurance race winner on the second lap.

Craft moved his way up to third and then also managed to pass O'Shaughnessy, getting better traction out of Christmas corner. Next it was Swannell's turn as he completed the cross-back at the boot. Barrs and Leslie weren't giving each other an inch, scraping paint on lap 5 as they approached turn six.

The order at the front did not change. With Khan holding on for the win, Craft second and Swannell rounding off the top three.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Kameron Khan	7	0	01:14.0	6
2	Joshua Craft	7	0.565	01:13.8	7
3	Zack Swannell	7	1.533	01:13.9	7
4	Max O'Shaughnessy	7	2.706	01:14.2	7
5	Daniel Truman	7	3.126	01:13.8	7
6	Graeme Cobb	7	5.722	01:14.6	6
7	Axel Slijepcevic	7	5.972	01:14.3	5
8	Dante Dhillon	7	6.707	01:13.8	6
9	Sam Lovelace	7	9.777	01:14.7	5
10	Ethan Souter	7	10.003	01:14.0	7
11	Ed Barrs	7	11.144	01:13.9	7
12	Ben Leslie	7	13.247	01:14.8	6
13	William Thomas	7	13.368	01:14.0	5
14	Ollie Ursell	7	14.214	01:14.6	6
15	Charlotte Manton	7	22.445	01:16.0	6
16	Cameron Noble	7	22.965	01:16.3	2
17	Matthew Bees	7	25.703	01:14.9	7
18	Kurt Fawdry	7	29.959	01:17.3	2
19	Anatolij Dulko	7	30.216	01:14.8	5
20	Alan Briggs	7	42.814	01:19.0	5
21	Dylan Bell	7	01:04.4	01:16.7	5
22	Mark Martin	7	01:19.0	01:18.8	5

INTER HEAT 2

Taylor and Stobart led the pack away, with Trundley moving straight through into second place. Behind, Curtis, Coppin and Mahony all flew off the circuit. It was judged that the incident with Coppin and Mahony at The Boot was the formers' fault, with a black flag handed to Coppin as a result.

Chris Alcock was then unfortunately knocked off the track by Pete Leppan at Turn seven, caught out by the conditions, with Alcock losing half a lap on the pack and Leppan earning himself a black flag.

Back at the front Trundley set a fastest lap in pursuit of Taylor, with one second separating the pair as they crossed to begin their final lap.

But the Championship leader didn't quite have it in him, Taylor doing well to take victory with Trundley second and Hucknall taking third on the last corner, crossing the line inches in front of Hackworth and Senior.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Jordan Taylor	7	0	01:13.4	7
2	Bobby Trundley	7	0.437	01:12.8	7
3	George Hucknall	7	13.283	01:14.1	6
4	Chris Hackworth	7	13.395	01:14.0	5
5	Philip Senior	7	14.021	01:14.4	6
6	Richard Lacey	7	18.168	01:14.9	4
7	Oli Peacock	7	21.144	01:15.0	6
8	Curtis Mitchell	7	25.163	01:15.8	6
9	David Stephen	7	25.386	01:15.3	7
10	Andy Stobart	7	26.665	01:15.2	6
11	Lee Carey	7	38.244	01:17.3	7
12	Xander Mahony	7	39.07	01:15.9	3
13	Tom Eastwood	7	39.164	01:16.1	5
14	Allan Curtis	7	42.854	01:15.0	7
15	James Browning	7	48.655	01:18.3	6
16	Chris Alcock	7	59.96	01:14.8	6
17	Mike Coppin	7	01:04.7	01:14.5	7
18	Pete Leppan	7	01:09.2	01:15.4	5
19	Andre Careless	6	0	01:16.3	6

HEAVY HEAT 2

Zaustowicz and Munro led the pack away with both navigating the first few corners safely. Hirani, having made some ground on the lead pair, then lost out following contact with Taylor at Turn Seven.

As they began the second lap, Munro made a move on Zaustowicz at the first corner which pushed him into the lead.

Taylor set a fastest lap but then spun three corners later, dropping him to tenth. Hirani then went straight on at Christmas, dropping three positions in the process.

At the front, Munro had done well to build a lead, taking a four second advantage into the final lap. And that was enough to hold on for the win. Zaustowicz was a comfortable second, with Almou claiming third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Chris Munro - SH	7	0	01:13.9	7
2	Tomek Zaustowicz	7	5.921	01:14.9	6
3	Tarik Almou	7	7.8	01:15.0	5
4	Rob Bennett	7	14.857	01:14.9	7
5	Christian Diz	7	17.877	01:16.2	6
6	Vinod Hirani - SH	7	20.065	01:14.6	7
7	James Taylor	7	20.346	01:14.6	7
8	Paul Manton	7	20.63	01:14.1	7
9	Lee Witney	7	26.047	01:15.7	6
10	Tommaso Ammendola	7	27.015	01:16.1	7
11	Robert Purtak	7	29.366	01:16.4	7
12	Gary Martin - SH	7	31.834	01:17.1	7
13	Richard Newton - SH	7	32.437	01:17.3	7

14	Alex Pritchard	7	45.785	01:17.1	5
15	Stefano Leaney	7	49.959	01:18.9	4
16	Blaze Sienko	6	1 lap	01:17.4	5
17	Andy Mitchell	-	0	0	-

LIGHT HEAT 3

Slijepcevic and Lovelace led the pack for the final heat of the afternoon. Lovelace got sideways at the second corner allowing Swannell through.

In the midfield, O'Shaughnessy and Cobb both ended up spinning over the grass as everyone jostled for position.

Ursell then received a black flag for knocking Barrs of the circuit at the first corner. The drivers were still struggling with the conditions as there were multiple spins throughout, but Slijepcevic, Swannell and Lovelace were completely unaffected, claiming the top three spots without a look back.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Axel Slijepcevic	7	0	01:12.0	7
2	Zack Swannell	7	1.809	01:12.4	6
3	Sam Lovelace	7	3.686	01:11.9	5
4	Ben Leslie	7	8.542	01:12.0	7
5	Daniel Truman	7	11.009	01:13.3	7
6	Charlotte Manton	7	11.442	01:13.2	7
7	Ethan Souter	7	11.852	01:13.1	6
8	Kameron Khan	7	12.691	01:12.0	7
9	Cameron Noble	7	15.358	01:12.2	7
10	Dante Dhillon	7	15.692	01:12.2	7
11	Max O'Shaughnessy	7	16.01	01:12.0	7
12	Joshua Craft	7	16.839	01:11.9	7
13	Graeme Cobb	7	19.438	01:13.5	7
14	William Thomas	7	23.412	01:13.2	5
15	Anatolij Dulko	7	25.66	01:14.9	6
16	Dylan Bell	7	31.667	01:14.9	7
17	Kurt Fawdry	7	34.123	01:15.0	7
18	Matthew Bees	7	36.408	01:14.3	4
19	Ed Barrs	7	38.375	01:11.2	7
20	Alan Briggs	7	38.419	01:15.8	5
21	Ollie Ursell	7	01:05.7	01:12.5	6
22	Mark Martin	7	01:06.1	01:18.3	2

INTER HEAT 3

Browning and Peacock led the field away, with Peacock getting great drive out of turn two and away from his competitors. Hackworth followed him through, with Mahony then the head of the rest of the pack at the first crossing.

Leppan had contact with another driver at turn 4 which resulted in him getting up onto the kerbs and retiring his kart with a bent sprocket. Hucknall made it passed Mahony on lap four, bumping him out of the top three, but no one had an answer for the pace of Peacock at the front as the sun came out and the circuit began to dry.

Peacock cruised home for victory, with Hackworth securing second. Hucknall held on for third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Oli Peacock	8	0	01:04.9	8
2	Chris Hackworth	8	4.87	01:05.5	8
3	George Hucknall	8	8.967	01:05.9	8
4	Bobby Trundley	8	14.877	01:04.1	8
5	Xander Mahony	8	14.928	01:06.9	8
6	Richard Lacey	8	16.458	01:04.7	8
7	Chris Alcock	8	17.329	01:05.2	8
8	Andre Careless	8	26.668	01:07.6	8
9	Jordan Taylor	8	27.046	01:06.2	8
10	Allan Curtis	8	29.77	01:08.2	8
11	Mike Coppin	8	32.23	01:07.4	8
12	David Stephen	8	33.21	01:07.9	8
13	Philip Senior	8	33.459	01:09.0	7
14	Tom Eastwood	8	41.637	01:07.8	8
15	Andy Stobart	8	47.007	01:09.8	8
16	Curtis Mitchell	8	49.136	01:06.5	8
17	Lee Carey	8	01:02.6	01:10.4	8
18	James Browning	8	01:06.9	01:10.7	8
19	Pete Leppan	6	0	01:06.9	6

HEAVY HEAT 3

Leaney and Newton made up the front row and led the pack away, they managed to get through the first two corners and then there were big incidents with multiple karts tangling at Christmas and turn E. The big losers were Manton, Ammendola and Newton who all dropped right to the back.

As the leaders crossed swords on the second lap, it was Bennett who lost control, getting it too sideways at turn E and losing a couple of spaces in the process. But it was Taylor who was pulling away from the rest of the field, with Witney in hot pursuit, with the next kart back Almou, five seconds down the road.

Bennett and Zaustowicz both got very aggressive in their driving with one another as they shot past Almou at the last corner and jostled for third, with Bennett coming of the better of the two into the boot, although he was too far back to affect the battle for the lead.

Taylor brought it home for the win, with Witney second and Bennett doing well to recover to third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	James Taylor	8	0	58.034	8
2	Lee Witney	8	0.383	57.923	8
3	Rob Bennett	8	7.236	57.634	8
4	Tomek Zaustowicz	8	7.574	57.392	8
5	Tarik Almou	8	9.386	58.747	8
6	Stefano Leaney	8	15.113	58.661	8
7	Blaze Sienko	8	15.974	59.422	7
8	Chris Munro - SH	8	21.611	59.019	8
9	Gary Martin - SH	8	28.753	59.945	8
10	Robert Purtak	8	31.18	01:00.2	7
11	Paul Manton	8	32.086	58.533	8

12	Alex Pritchard	8	32.613	01:00.3	8
13	Andy Mitchell	8	33.714	59.67	8
14	Christian Diz	8	39.922	01:00.5	7
15	Tommaso Ammendola	8	40.056	59.92	8
16	Richard Newton - SH	8	41.07	01:01.1	8
17	Vinod Hirani - SH	8	51.583	01:01.9	7

LIGHT FINAL

Slijepcevic was alongside Swannell on the front row, with a dry racing line finally ready as the lights began their final. Slijepcevic got a good start, with Swannell clipping his rival at turn 2 without causing any lasting damage.

O'Shaughnessy and Dhillon were the big movers on the first lap after below par heats.

Having been re-warned about the kerb tyres at turn E just before the race, Ethan Souter was guilty of the offence on just the second lap, resulting in a black flag.

As they crossed for the third time, Dhillon was up to fifth, having made some great passes to get through Cobb and Truman. Cobb was the net to receive a black flag for the tyres at turn E.

Thomas pitted his kart complaining of an issue and was re-released at the back of the grid.

At the front, Slijepcevic and Swannell were being pressured by Dhillon and Leslie, with Lovelace fifth until Barrs made a fantastic move, carrying more speed up the inside into the boot.

Leslie then lost control and track position on lap eight, bumping everyone behind up the order. Dhillon was setting fastest laps, trying to hunt down Swannell as Barrs and O'Shaughnessy went side by side with Barrs doing fantastically well to come out on top and pull out a slight gap.

He then looked up the road and made a move stick round the boot on Lovelace to take fifth.

On the penultimate lap, Swannell lost a lot of time, allowing Dhillon through into second, with Barrs also showing an interest and making a move stick in the last sector.

Slijepcevic brought it home for the victory with Dhillon second and Barrs taking the last spot on the podium.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Axel Slijepcevic	14	0	53.394	12
2	Dante Dhillon	14	3.586	53.457	11
3	Ed Barrs	14	8.993	52.87	12
4	Zack Swannell	14	9.284	53.414	12
5	Sam Lovelace	14	10.351	53.69	12
6	Daniel Truman	14	10.616	53.401	12
7	Max O'Shaughnessy	14	10.767	53.359	13
8	Cameron Noble	14	14.214	53.747	11
9	Charlotte Manton	14	16.184	53.712	12
10	Kameron Khan	14	22.082	53.153	12
11	Ollie Ursell	14	22.609	54.538	13
12	Dylan Bell	14	25.114	54.301	14
13	Anatolij Dulko	14	30.177	54.761	14
14	Mark Martin	14	39.144	55.172	12
15	Ben Leslie	14	39.36	54.024	13

16	Alan Briggs	13	1 lap	56.048	11
17	Kurt Fawdry	13	13.32	54.542	11
18	Ethan Souter	13	19.387	53.574	13
19	Graeme Cobb	13	25.059	54.336	12
20	William Thomas	12	2 laps	53.271	11
21	Matthew Bees	10	4 laps	54.208	7
22	Joshua Craft	6	8 laps	54.913	6

INTER FINAL
Hackworth and Lacey led the Inters away with Trundley all over the back of the latter up into Christmas. Lacey then lost out trying too much into to boot, with 2 drivers passing him up the inside on entry and exit.

Hackworth led from Trundley, with Taylor behind them, but only until Mahony continued his strong form to take the position into Christmas.

Further down the pack, Coppin, Peacock and Alcock were getting very aggressive with one another as they battled for ninth. That was only until Alcock pulled his kart to the side of the circuit following an issue on the straight up to Christmas.

The course was then neutralised while his kart was made safe, with the race resuming with 3 minutes and a lap remaining. It was Hackworth still just leading from Trundley, with Mahony at the head of a train of four, all in with a shout for the final podium slot.

Hucknall in fifth was all over the back of Taylor until Curtis lost control of his kart and wiped him out into E, resulting in both of them dropping to the back of the pack.

Hackworth had done enough for the win, with Trundley second and Mahony rounding of a good day in third.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Chris Hackworth	13	0	53.524	11
2	Bobby Trundley	13	0.321	53.44	11
3	Xander Mahony	13	2.984	53.672	13
4	Jordan Taylor	13	3.383	53.599	12
5	Richard Lacey	13	3.651	53.41	13
6	Mike Coppin	13	8.875	53.679	11
7	Oli Peacock	13	9.381	53.645	13
8	Curtis Mitchell	13	9.701	53.619	13
9	Tom Eastwood	13	10.319	53.792	13
10	Andre Careless	13	10.617	53.619	13
11	George Hucknall	13	10.729	53.456	11
12	Philip Senior	13	11.762	54.099	4
13	David Stephen	13	12.018	53.969	11
14	Allan Curtis	13	12.521	52.935	11
15	Lee Carey	13	36.433	54.815	11
16	Andy Stobart	13	36.675	54.741	12
17	James Browning	13	36.842	54.639	11
18	Chris Alcock	6	7 laps	53.646	6
19	Pete Leppan	2	11 laps	56.693	2

HEAVY FINAL

Taylor and Munro made up the front row for the last final of the day. Munro got a poor start allowing Zaustowicz and Bennett through into the first corner. Bennett wasn't hanging around, making a great pass into E on Zaustowicz.

The front four had escaped the rest of the pack and were having a fantastic battle. They were nearly four abreast out of E as Zaustowicz passed Taylor for the lead only to quickly be passed by Bennett. The commotion had let the train catch up behind them.

On lap four, Zaustowicz ran wide at the first corner and got onto the damp grass, losing a lot of time and dropping him back to ninth. Taylor made a great move on Munro for second as Sienko made a pass on Almou into The Boot as they tussled for sixth.

At the front Bennett was in a league of his own, with Taylor and Munro beginning to gap each other and the rest of the chasing drivers. With three minutes remaining it was Almou winning the 'best of the rest' category in fourth, having re-passed Sienko who had subsequently dropped to seventh.

Munro didn't quite have the pace he had earlier in the wet, with Almou closing the gap quickly in his pursuit of the final podium slot. Further back, there was contact at Christmas corner with Witney and Ammendola resulting in a black flag for Ammendola and Witney dropping to ninth.

Bennett cruised home for victory, with Taylor second. Munro couldn't quite hold on with Almou passing him on the last corner to steal third position.

Pos	Competitor	Laps	Diff	Best time	Best lap
1	Rob Bennett	14	0	53.708	8
2	James Taylor	14	4.441	53.71	8
3	Tarik Almou	14	7.643	53.666	10
4	Chris Munro - SH	14	7.764	54.194	11
5	Tomek Zaustowicz	14	10.199	53.826	14
6	Alex Pritchard	14	10.482	53.746	8
7	Blaze Sienko	14	12.737	54.11	14
8	Lee Witney	14	14.31	54.446	14
9	Christian Diz	14	18.742	55.018	10
10	Gary Martin	14	23.792	54.932	14
11	Vinod Hirani - SH	14	24.184	54.594	14
12	Robert Purtak	14	25.047	54.651	13
13	Andy Mitchell	14	27.763	55.151	8
14	Paul Manton	14	44.781	54.449	9
15	Stefano Leaney	14	45.359	54.889	14
16	Richard Newton - SH	14	46.356	54.836	14
17	Tommaso Ammendola	14	01:11.3	53.764	14

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