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Race Report: IKF 2-Cycle Sprint Grand Nationals - Day 2

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Day one of the 2010 IKF 2-cycle Grand Nationals was in the books and Willow Springs Kart Club was poised to make Day Two of the four day event as organized and successful as Day One.



*An amazing finish to the Junior 1 Comer feature with Colton Herta getting to the line first
(Photo: Race Media Group)*

The wind once again came up early in the day as the competitors hit the track for practice. The sun shined bright into the eyes of the racers but finally slipped behind the mountain, the weather cooled, the wind died down and Willow Springs Kart track once again proved the race ability with its layout. The spectators were anxiously awaiting on the front straight fence line the last turn and the drag race to the line in every race.

Kid Karts get two days of racing at the IKF Grand Nationals and Kid Kart Heavy sponsored by Mike Manning Karting was on track for their second day of racing. Hudson Morrow bounced back from his runner up finish the day before by grabbing the Screaming Eagle in Qualifying with a lap of 1:02.446. In the Pre Final Morrow led most of the race but was challenged by Norcal Hotshoe Zach Corbitt. On the start of the final Corbitt got shuffled back and began to endure engine troubles while Morrow sped away to a quick lead. As laps wound down the Day One's Duffy winner Anthony Willis and Luis Ortiz began putting the pressure on the leader. With two laps to go the two got together losing several positions and this allowed Morrow to run the last few laps uncontested to victory. Myles Farhan came home second with Hayden Wagner, Derek Deslauriers and Tomas Mejia round out the top five.

Jr 1 Comer sponsored by Pitts Performance was on track and Colton Herta

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*Jake Craig scored Duffy two of the event with the win in KPV-2
(Photo: Race Media Group)*

inherited the pole starting position. From the drop of the green it was apparent the race would have several karts in the running for the Duffy. The lead pack had seven karts all in tow with many lead changes. Around halfway Davey Manthei took over the lead and began to show his strength. While all the racing was going on no one seemed to notice the drive put in by Day One's Duffy winner Colton Herta. Herta started 21st on the field. Herta broke into the top ten by lap 9 and with six laps to go he was running fourth. Once he caught the leaders the young pilot backed off and ran with the leaders pace which it was believed the driver was saving his tires. When the white flag flew Herta pulled the trigger on Brenden Baker for third. In the final Turn Parker Thompson dove to the inside of Manthei. The two went side-by-side drag racing to the line. As they touched they lost a bit of momentum and this allowed Herta to join the race to the line. With video and three sets of eyes it was still too close to call. Scoring rewarded the Duffy to Colton Herta by .006 over Thompson. Manthei came home third with Brenden Baker and Jake Drew capping off the podium.

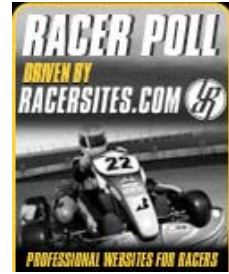
KPV-2 sponsored by TiMi Promotions was next up and Jake Craig was fresh off his Day One performance which included a Duffy and set fast time with a 46.472. In the heat Race Austin Elliott could stay with Craig as he set fast time nearly every lap. On the start of the Final Craig found himself in second



*IAME Cup winner Dylan Nobile
(Photo: Race Media Group)*

position for the first time on the weekend after Elliott made a stellar move on the outside of turn one to take the lead. As the drivers began to settle in Craig got passed Elliott. By halfway Craig had opened up a big lead over the field and the race once again became for second. The driver on the move was Halet Jenni who started 12th. Jenni made late braking maneuvers on every driver she came across and moved into a commanding second place with just a few laps to go. Craig rolled to another easy victory for his second Duffy on the weekend with Jenni securing

grabbed the Screaming Eagle with a quick lap of 50.336. Herta was quick in the heat race but on the last lap coming to the checkered flag, the top three karts of Herta, Parker Thompson and Zane Smith all made contact sending Herta off track and Thompson the win. Herta would have to start from the back for the Final and Jake Drew



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second. Austin Elliott came home third with Luis Tyrrell and Carlee Taylor finishing off the top five.

IAME Cup sponsored by Italian Motors was up next and Dylan Nobile grabbed fast time with a 45.145. In the heat race the drivers could stay close to Nobile in the early laps, but as tires got hot and setups came in Nobile would pull away. Scary moment halfway through the heat when TJ Fischer lost brakes and went steaming through two sets of Crash Bales and into chain link fence brought out the red. Nobile got the win and the pole for the Duffy race. On the start of the Final Nobile once again pulled away to a commanding lead. The karts started to drop off as attrition began to play a major part leaving only two karts left running at the Checkered. Nobile got the Duffy with Jon Ban finishing second. Cory Gwin finished third, TJ Fischer fourth and Scott Saunders.



*Nick Johnston edged out Brett Felkins in KPV-3
(Photo: Race Media Group)*

The last class up on the night was the Haddock LTD KPV-3 Sr. and Brett Felkins set fast time with a lap of 46.213 half a second over the 2nd place qualifier. In the pre-final Felkins cruised to an uncontested win. On the start of the Final however as Felkins pulled away he had the

company of Nick Johnston. The two pulled out to a big lead with only swapping the lead a few times. With three laps to go Johnston pulled the trigger in the downhill hairpin. Nick over shot the turn and Brett crossed him back up to take the position back. This dropped Johnston nearly a second behind Felkins. In the last two laps Johnston got up on the wheel and as the two ran down the downhill back shoot they were nose to tail. In the last hairpin Johnston dove to the inside. Felkins again crossed him up and made a drag race to the line. Johnston edged out Brett by 0.104 for the Duffy. Matt Johnson was third with Robby Harryman fourth, CJ Mooneyham had a great run to fifth.

There are two more days left of the IKF 2 Cycle Grand National racing. Tune in to Live audio of the event at WestCoastKarters.com with Chris Scribner on the Microphone bringing the play by play. Videos and pictures by Race Media Group will be uploaded and can be seen on WestCoastKarters.com

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