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**Race Report: IKF 2-Cycle Sprint Grand Nationals - Day 3**

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The first two days of the 2010 IKF 2-Cycle Grand Nationals from Willow Springs Kart Club was in the books and competitors were back for day three. Many competitors had run well all week but hadn't yet gotten the luck needed to come away with the IKF Duffy. The third day was by far the windiest day



Zane Smith  
(Photo: RaceMediaGroup.com)

creating a high number of damaged tents and playing havoc with the Live Audio podcast reception. The wind also created a different environment for the racers in that the head and tail winds played a key role in gearing and setup. Tech ran late and into the early morning with several DQ's jumbling the original on track results.

First up was the Tony Kart West Jr. 1 KPV and Zane Smith grabbed his third Screaming Eagle of the weekend with a fast time of 48.982. In the heat race Smith jumped out to a huge lead early and continued throughout the race. With the green flag waving to begin the 18 lap final, Smith immediately tried to jump out to a big lead, however this time Colton Herta was in position to stay with him and the two sped away. Herta stayed perfectly content with running second for the entire race while the train of 8 karts all battled for the third position. As laps wound down the question was when Herta was going to pull the trigger and make the pass on Smith to go to the top spot. The white flag was in the air and Smith hit his marks to perfection to pull a two kart length gap over Herta to win another Duffy. Herta stayed second with Christian Brooks winning the race for third followed by Jake Drew and Brenden Baker.

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*Nick Johnston*  
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capturing the Screaming Eagle with running a fast time of 45.545 in qualifying. Hannegan got the early lead in the heat race but Jake Craig continued his dominance in the JR 2 classes and took over the lead before halfway. Hannegan stayed close until the end. On the start of the Final Hannegan got shuffled back and Craig once again jumped out to a huge lead. Craig went on to win his fourth Duffy of the weekend with ease. Juan Esteban had a great run to finish second, however he was removed from post race technical inspection for the wrong reeds. Hannegan bumped up the second position with Slater Stowell, Luis Tyrrell and Haley Jenni finishing the podium positions.

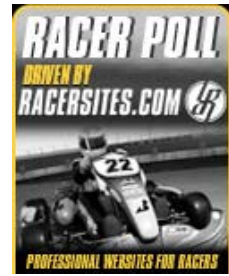
PRD Spec Sr. Heavy Division sponsored by PRD USA took to the track and Nick Johnston grabbed fast time with a 45.722 capturing the Screaming Eagle. Johnston and Brett Felkins were the class of the field pulling away from the rest of the karts. In the Final the two pulled away again. Felkins sat in second for almost the whole race awaiting the right time to pull the trigger. With around five laps to go Johnston's handling went away and Felkins pulled the trigger to pass Johnston. The two went back and forth until Felkins made the pass in the turn four and five combination to deny Johnston the opportunity to cross him up and get the position back. Felkins pulled 10 kart lengths on Nick in the last few laps to win his first IKF Duffy of the weekend. Felkins got DQ'd in post race tech and Johnston was bumped to the Duffy winner. Erik Jackson was second with Luis Martinez Jr., Justin Copen and Max Freyebend the top five.

Jr. 2 Super Sportsman sponsored by K&P Manufacturing and Margay Products was on track and Jake Craig once again looked to capitalize on his track performance and grabbed the Screaming Eagle with a fast time of 46.748. Jake Craig continued to dominate the Jr. 2 divisions with the heat race win. There was a close battle for the second position between several drivers



*Bronson Eggert*  
(Photo: RaceMediaGroup.com)

announcements of the day was that the RLV sponsored Jr. 2 PRD was in jeopardy of not having enough Karts to be eligible for a Duffy. Once the announcement was made that the class needed more entries the competitors got together and filled the field. Jason Hannegen made his first appearance felt by



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setting up quite the race for the Main. On the start of the Final Craig opened up a big lead. Austin Elliott and David Vasquez battled hard for most of the race for the second position and with five laps to go Austin took the position over for good. Jake Craig got his fourth Duffy of the weekend with Elliott coming home second. Vasquez finished third with Brandon reed and Luis Tyrrell finishing the top five.

Last of the day was the BKS Racing Engines Sr. Super Sportsman Heavy and Brett Felkins grabbed the fast time and Screaming Eagle with a 46.621 0.724 over second place. Felkins was dominating in the heat race while there were several great races throughout the field. On the start of the Final Bryan Eady got spun in the third starting position and this collected several drivers from upfront. While Felkins checked out, many fast drivers worked their way up through the field. Bronson Eggert made a great run up to the second position. Felkins got the win but was removed from technical inspection and this handed the win over to Eggert for his first Duffy. Leland Holden came second with Bryan Eady made a nice run through the field to third. Colby Wright and Kyle Vallarino finished off the top five.

There are one 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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