PERRY RACING

### PIT CREW

TRENDSETTER X FIRST GEN DRIVER



VOLUME 01 ISSUE 01



2025 was full of fun and lessons that will make 2026 even more interesting. New challenges and more goals motivate this young driver to push harder than before.

www.perryracing.com

RT RULES











### THE DREAM







# Doubt Can Be A Strong Motivator

It all began when my MJ kept telling me he knew how to drive my car. At first, I wasn't sure if he was joking or serious, but he said it enough times that I started to worry he might actually try. So, I took him to K1 Speed to let him see that driving isn't as easy as it looks. During his first session, he was moving slowly around the track, and I figured that would be enough to get the idea out of his head. But after a short break and a Gatorade, he went back out — and everything changed.

His eyes were wide, he barely touched the brake, and he flew around that track like a rocket. That's when I knew. I had just witnessed the moment he found his thing — the kind of passion that sticks with you from childhood into adulthood.

When we got home, I asked him a simple question: "Do you want to be an F1 driver when you get older?" He said yes. I asked if, when he pictures himself driving an F1 car, he sees himself as an

adult or a kid. He said an adult. I told him if that's truly his dream, I'll give everything I have to help him reach it — but there's no quitting. There will be days when it's not fun, when it's hard, and when others seem better. But if he wanted to chase this dream, I wouldn't let him give up. He looked at me and said, "Yes." That was the moment our journey began.

This first season has been full of lessons. He had a big crash and kept going - he didn't care, he just wanted to drive. At United Karting, he was nervous his first time out, but the moment he got on track, nothing else mattered. There was never a thought of giving up, even when other kids were faster. Watching that kind of determination, that joy in pure competition, taught me something as a parent: it's not just about racing - it's about grit, passion, and finding what truly makes you come alive. I've watched him grow from a curious kid with big dreams into a young racer with real drive and discipline.

## FIRST LAP, FOREVER HOOKED

The day of his first karting class felt like a small milestone in itself. The clouds hung low over the track, and a light drizzle rolled in toward the end, but nothing could dull the excitement. The class began with the basics — flag rules, safety procedures, and a track walk where the instructor explained apexes, racing lines, and pit lane etiquette. Watching him take it all in among kids his age filled me with pride. This was the first step toward something bigger, and even though the weather wasn't perfect, it somehow made the day feel more real — gritty, challenging, and memorable.

When it came time to drive, the slick surface turned every corner into a test of patience. The kids slid and spun, but he never lost his focus or enthusiasm. Even though he couldn't go as fast as he wanted, he didn't get frustrated; he was just happy to be out there, finding his rhythm in the rain. By the time we got home, he couldn't stop talking about every single moment, as if we hadn't watched the whole thing unfold. That unfiltered joy — that pure love of driving — told me everything I needed to know. He had found his passion, and this was just the beginning.

Even as the class ended, his mind was already back on the track. He kept asking when we'd go again, eager for the next chance to find openings and pass slower karts. The sprinkling rain didn't dampen his determination; he wished the track were drier so he could push harder, faster, sharper. That night, he settled in to watch F1 on Netflix, studying every move like it was a secret manual for his own improvement. It was clear that this wasn't just a fun day — it was the start of something he wanted to master, a passion he was already chasing with both curiosity and intensity.







# Carolikart HAMERHED

### **ENGINE:**

HONDA 160GX 4-STROKE

### **POWER:**

5.5 HP

### TOP SPEED:

45 MPH

The Carolikart Hammerhead is no ordinary rental kart — designed in Sweden for Arrive & Drive programs, it fuses safety, durability, and a dash of racing DNA into a kart that feels serious even for first-time drivers. At United Karting, the Hammerhead is used in the Cadet (ages 8–12) program, with all units equipped with Carolikart's DeHaardt safety system, allowing track staff to remotely control kart speed or cut power in emergencies. Under the hood, the Hammerhead chassis is paired with a Honda GX160 engine producing around 5.5 horsepower, chosen for its reliability and easy maintenance in a rental environment. The kart's reinforced frame, adjustable seat, and rugged components are engineered for consistency, endurance, and maximum uptime in high-rotation use.

Despite being built for rental use, the Hammerhead delivers surprisingly lively performance and keeps drivers fully engaged. The balance, steering feedback, and responsive throttle make it far more than a casual rental kart — you feel the grip, the chassis flex, and the real dynamics of driving. That tactile honesty makes it an ideal learning platform for young racers developing precision and racecraft. And with its built-in safety electronics allowing staff to manage pace when needed, the Hammerhead remains safe even when competition heats up. It's a machine that bridges the gap: safe enough for newcomers, yet tuned enough to spark a lifelong love for speed.





**Q:** What was your favorite part of going to the kart track the first few times?

**A**: Hmm... being able to drive. I was surprised I could actually drive the kart.

**Q:** Did you try to race other kids, or just focus on driving your kart?

**A**: Neither. I was trying to get used to being on the track.

**Q**: Are you excited to go back, and what do you hope to do next time?

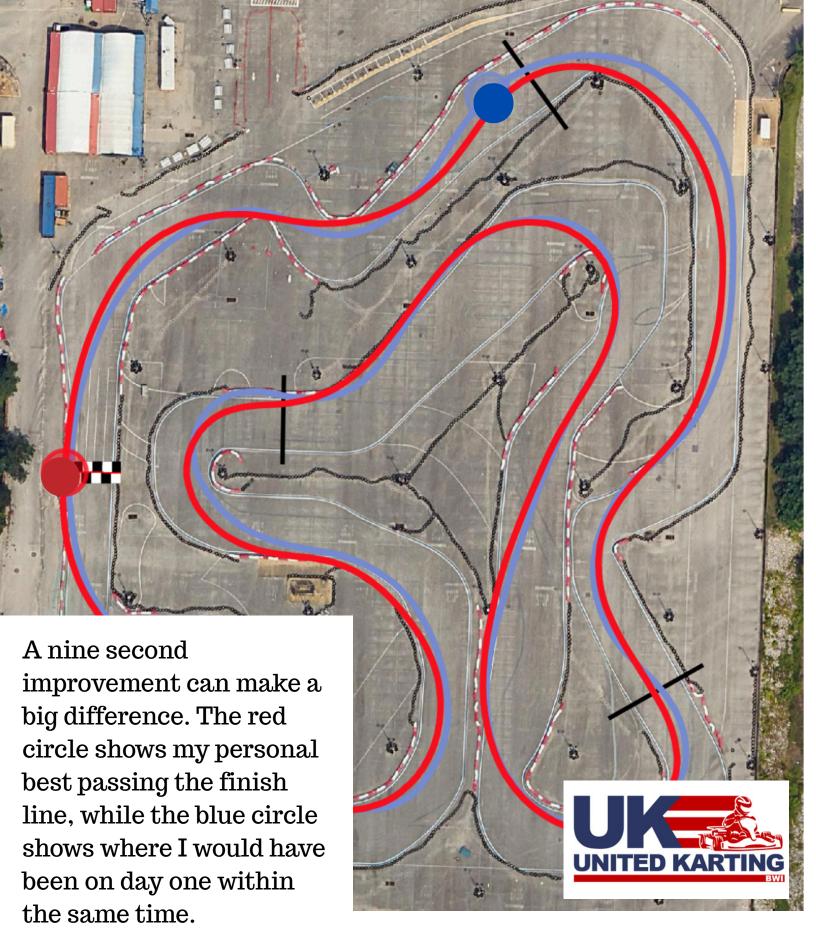
**A**: Yes. Start racing and getting some podiums.

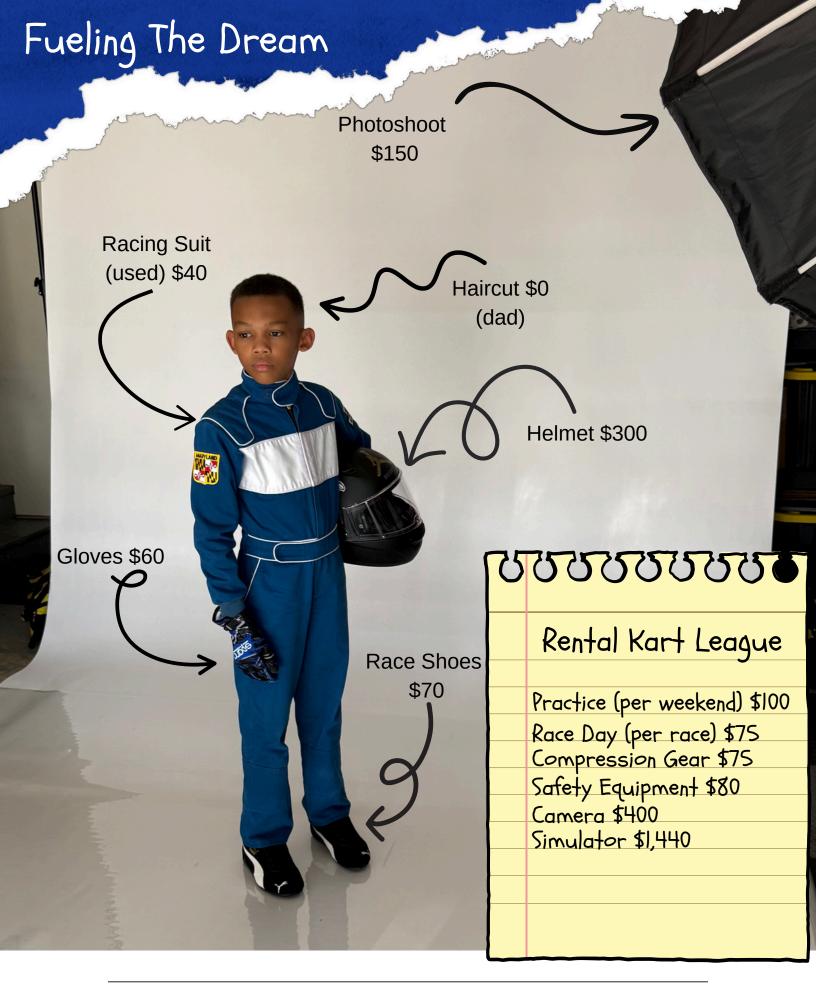


# THEN VS. NOW: THE LAP TIME STORY Ol:02.34 O

Each lap told the story of Michael's progress — from a 1:02 first attempt to a 00:51.1 personal best after just four weekends on track and a weeknight routine of simulator practice. He used the sim to master throttle control, brake on the straights, and learn how to balance grip through corners, turning every moment of understeer and oversteer into a lesson in precision. By race day, that dedication showed. Every Saturday morning he was eager to improve, and every Sunday, he attacked the track with new confidence. When he finally hit that 00:51.1 lap, he was pumped — not because he'd "arrived," but because he knew he could go even faster.







# Michael Derry





















# RISING STAR ALERT

MICHAEL PERRY

**2025 CADET STATS**TOP 5 FASTEST LAP TIME

6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE OVERALL IN LOCAL RENTAL LEAGUE

"I NEED A PERSONAL KART.
THE RENTAL KARTS ARE TOO
SLOW SOMETIMES"

WATCH HIS HIGHLIGHTS NOW! @MichaelsKartingAddiction





### COMING SOON 2026