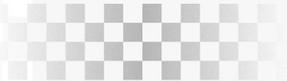


SPRINT SERIES

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Toyota Sprint Series – 2008 Championship Report

The 2008 Toyota Sprint Series has been hailed a massive success by all involved. Attracting over 40 entrants per round, the series has enjoyed both loyalty and enthusiasm from its varied competitors. Each event was expertly run by track day specialists Javelin with support from Toyota GB, Blitz-UK, Fensport, Millers Oils, Prolex-UK, Toyo Tyres and Turbo Dynamics.





Class F, Up to 1.0L Normally Aspirated

The sole runner in class F was Paul Thomas (below) in his virtually standard 1.0 litre Aygo. Paul has turned the Aygo into something of a legend in TSS circles; his giant killing antics have been great fun to watch if a tad embarrassing for some of the more powerful cars, proving there is more to sprinting than deep pockets and big horsepower! On his way to class victory Paul also won our coveted "Hard Charger Award" twice.





Class E, Diesel

The diesel class was the sole domain of the Auris SR180. Five cars were entered by Toyota GB, 4 were driven by magazine editors and journalists and the 5th car was driven by representatives from Toyota press office.



Chris Rees (Japanese Performance magazine) set a stunning early pace in the championship, picking up 3 class wins on his way to the class title. Chasing him all the way was Joe Clifford (Banzai magazine) who went on to finish second in class. Joe also won the class at the last event beating Chris by 0.3 seconds! Third in class was Steve Neophytou (Redline magazine), Steve had mildly modified his Auris and his times improved all year.

Class E

- 1st; Chris Rees, Toyota GB, Japanese Performance magazine
- 2nd; Joe Clifford, Toyota GB, Banzai magazine
- 3rd; Steve Neophytou Toyota GB, Redline magazine



Class D, below 1600cc - Normally aspirated

Two amazing young drivers took control of Class D, Phil Cutler in his MR2 (below left) and David Brooks in his Starlet rwd (below right). The pair was not only content with beating their class rivals, they both consistently set times which embarrassed the more powerful cars.



It was Phil who took the class win and went on to finish 8th overall with only 2 litre turbo cars in front of him! David Brooks was matching Phil's times and sometimes faster, however an engine failure and a dropped round demoted him to second in class.

Class D

- 1st; Phil Cutler, MR2 mk1
- 2nd; David Brooks, Starlet rwd.
- 3rd; Jo Walker, MR2 mk1, Bookatrack / Mr2 Mk1club



Class C, above 1600cc - Normally aspirated

Class C, might as well stand for “consistency” with 3 drivers battling it out for the closest of championship finishes.



Rajan Nahr (top left) took the honours but only just! Rajan held an 11 point lead over Mike Rawlings MR2 (top right) going into the final round, however the Celica’s engine was getting tired, would it last the night? Mike had a stunning drive and very nearly pulled it off, finishing 10 places ahead of Rajan, but alas he needed 11.

Watching the pair closely was Tim Cogman in his Celica (above left) who went on to finish 3rd in class.

A special mention to Jeff Lotts (Celica above right) who set some stunning times throughout the year, unfortunately for Jeff he missed the first round which ruined his championship chances.

Class D

- 1st; Rajan Nahr – Celica 1.8ST
- 2nd; Mike Rawlings – MR2 MK2 V6
- 3rd; Tim Cogman – Celica 2.0GT, Fensport / Blitz



Class B, below 1600cc - Turbocharged

Yet again consistency and reliability was the name of the game in class B, Pete Grimmer in his immaculate Starlet Glanza (below left) fought off his rivals to take the class win.



Gavin Mycock in his “ultra rare” Sera (top right) was getting faster with each event and if it wasn’t for a turbo failure on R4 he may have made it. A stunning drive on R5 saw him clinch 2nd spot from Barrie Newsome (above centre). Barrie also suffered a few gremlins, an ecu problem meant he missed a round completely which saw his championship chances fade.

Class B

- 1st; Pete Grimmer – Starlet Glanza, Fensport / Blitz
- 2nd; Gavin Mycock – Sera Turbo
- 3rd; Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo



Class A2, above 1600cc – Limited Turbochargers

With 18 registered drivers class A2 is the most popular class in the Championship. The turbo modifications are limited, capping the maximum power available.



Four drivers dominated class A2, Otis Hayes (top right) set an amazing pace way back on round 1 and looked like he would become untouchable. However it was Simon Marsh in his MR2 (top left) that clawed his way to the top of the class and was starting to worry the A1 cars. Simon set some stunning times and finished top two wheel drive car and 3rd overall.

Close on the heels of the leading pair was Barry Sheldrick (GT4 above left) who despite a few problems at R2 secured a fine 3rd place.

Class A2

- 1st; Simon Marsh – MR2 Turbo
- 2nd; Otis Hayes – Celica GT4, LBV Television
- 3rd; Barry Sheldrick – Celica GT4



Class A1, above 1600cc – Unlimited Turbochargers

Class A1 is the domain of the highly modified cars with unlimited turbocharger housings. All the class A1 entrants were driving 4wd cars.



Two drivers dominated the early rounds, Adrian Smith (Corolla GT4 top left) and Darren Deavall (Celica GT4 top right). From the very first round they were locked in a battle which was to last all year. One mistake and the other would win! Adrian took the first 2 wins of the season, then Darren fought back with a win on Round 3, but it was Adrian who came out on top on the next 2 to take the class and overall championship win. Darren was a fine second place followed by (Barry Charters above left) who was vastly improving towards the final rounds.

Class A1

- 1st; Adrian Smith – Corolla GT4, Fensport / Blitz
- 2nd; Darren Deavall – Celica GT4, Daitoku UK
- 3rd; Barry Charters – Celica GT4



Championship Points Table – By Class



2008 Toyota Sprint Series results by Class

Driver	Entrant or Club	Vehicle	BHP	No	Class	s/o	1	s/o	2	s/o	3	s/o	4	s/o	5	Bonus	Total	
Class A1 - Above 1600cc with aftermarket turbocharger																		
1st	Adrian Smith	Fensport / Blitz	Corolla GT4	420	1	A1	10	60	10	60	10	59	10	60	10	60	50	399
2nd	Darren Deavall	Daitoku-UK	Celica GT4 ST205	400	2	A1	10	59	10	57	10	60	10	58	10	59	50	393
3rd	Barry Charters		Celica GT4 ST205	400	4	A1	10	53	10	55	10	54	10	50	10	58	50	370
4th	Jonny Crisp		Celica GT4 ST185	496	6	A1	10	55	10	47	0	0	10	54	0	0	186	
5th	Rik Parker		Celica GT4 ST205	5	A1	10	50	0	0	10	46	0	0	0	0	0	116	
6th	Phil Reeve		Celica GT4 ST185	350	3	A1	0	0	10	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	
Class A2 - Above 1600cc with standard frame turbocharger																		
1st	Simon Marsh		MR2 MK2 Turbo	20	A2	10	56	10	59	10	58	10	59	10	57	50	389	
2nd	Otis Hayes	LBV Television	Celica GT4 ST205	270	12	A2	10	58	10	58	10	56	10	55	10	56	50	383
3rd	Barry Sheldrick		Celica GT4 ST205	290	14	A2	10	57	10	41	10	57	10	57	10	53	50	365
4th	Adam Levinson	Servicetune LTD	Celica GT4 ST185	25	A2	10	43	10	53	10	52	10	51	10	52	50	351	
5th	Andy Bunney	Servicetune LTD	Celica GT4 ST185	24	A2	10	33	10	36	10	55	10	48	10	49	50	321	
6th	Richard Morrow	Weston Performance	Celica GT4 ST165	250	22	A2	10	40	10	45	10	29	10	30	10	50	50	294
7th	Christian Timms	MR2 Drivers Club	MR2 MK2 Turbo	240	19	A2	10	41	10	37	10	35	10	44	10	37	50	294
8th	Nigel Levinson	Servicetune LTD	Celica GT4 ST185	23	A2	10	27	10	21	10	44	10	38	10	41	50	271	
9th	Steve Lawson		MR2 MK2 Turbo	26	A2	10	25	10	25	10	32	10	29	10	45	50	256	
10th	Kennet Climpson		Celica GT4 ST205	270	16	A2	10	51	10	49	10	48	10	52	0	0	240	
11th	Steve Timms	Stimmsbuilders.co.uk	Celica GT4 ST185	280	17	A2	10	52	10	48	10	38	10	33	0	0	211	
12th	Russell Giddings		Celica GT4 ST205	15	A2	10	54	10	54	0	0	10	53	0	0	0	191	
13th	Dave Ellen	Prolex UK	IS350 SC	352	21	A2	10	30	10	35	10	51	10	23	0	0	179	
14th	Nigel Hayes		Celica GT4 ST185	300	18	A2	10	45	10	24	0	0	10	31	0	0	130	
15th	Mike Brebner		Celica 2ZZ SC	29	A2	10	38	10	28	0	0	10	27	10	30	0	163	
16th	Tom Gowlett		MR2 MK1 Turbo	28	A2	10	48	0	0	10	33	10	25	0	0	0	136	
17th	Mark Joshi-Godrez		Celica GT4 ST185	27	A2	10	47	10	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	
18th	Barry Newsome		Lexus IS200 SC	36	A2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	35	0	0	0	45	
Class B - below 1600cc with turbocharger																		
1st	Pete Grimmer	Fensport / Blitz	Starlet Glanza EP91	175	35	B	10	46	10	34	10	47	10	36	10	35	50	298
2nd	Gavin Mycock		Sera 1.3 Turbo	38	B	10	23	10	18	10	26	10	22	10	44	50	233	
3rd	Barrie Newsome		Starlet Turbo EP82	220	36	B	10	32	10	39	10	49	0	0	10	31	0	191
4th	Tim Cartledge		MR2 MK1 SC	37	B	10	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	
Class C - above 1600cc normally aspirated																		
1st	Rajan Nahr		Celica 1.8ST AT200	135	45	C	10	39	10	43	10	45	10	46	10	38	50	311
2nd	Mike Rawlings		MR2 MK2 V6	48	C	10	36	10	46	10	41	10	39	10	48	50	310	
3rd	Tim Cogman	Fensport / Blitz	Celica 2.0GT ST202	199	44	C	10	42	10	40	10	39	10	42	10	43	50	306
4th	Scott Briance	Celica Club UK	Celica 1.8ST AT200	120	47	C	10	29	10	29	10	30	10	37	10	42	50	267
5th	Jeff Lotts		Celica 2.0GT ST202	170	43	C	0	0	10	52	10	53	10	56	10	54	0	255
6th	Dan Quinn	Celica Club UK	Celica 2.0GT ST182	150	46	C	10	31	10	32	10	25	10	32	10	32	50	252
7th	Bob Rawlings		MR2 MK2 V6	49	C	0	0	10	23	10	37	10	28	10	39	0	167	
8th	Roger Parker		Celica GT	50	C	10	26	10	22	10	24	0	0	0	0	0	102	
9th	Peter Betts	Thor Racing	Supra V8	300	51	C	0	0	10	44	0	0	10	47	0	0	111	
10th	Paul Thomas		Celica ZTT230	140	42	C	0	0	0	0	10	43	0	0	0	0	53	
Class D - below 1600cc normally aspirated																		
1st	Phil Cutler		MR2 MK1	120	56	D	10	35	10	50	10	42	10	49	10	51	50	327
2nd	David Brooks		Starlet RWD 4age	139	54	D	10	49	10	51	0	0	10	0	10	55	0	195
3rd	Jo Walker	Bookatrack / MR2 MK1 Club	MR2 MK1	120	53	D	0	0	10	42	10	40	10	45	0	0	157	
4th	Brian Bales		Corolla GTI AE92	55	D	10	37	10	19	10	34	10	26	0	0	0	156	
5th	Scott Lawson		MR2 Mk1	58	D	10	24	0	0	10	23	10	24	0	0	0	101	
6th	Vyikki Hoult		MR2 MK1	57	D	10	22	10	17	10	22	0	0	0	0	0	91	
Class E - Diesel																		
1st	Chris Rees	Toyota GB / Japanese Performance	Auris SR180 - No 2	177	62	E	0	0	10	33	10	50	10	43	10	46	0	212
2nd	Joe Clifford	Toyota GB / Banzai	Auris SR180 - No 1	177	61	E	0	0	10	30	10	36	10	40	10	47	0	193
3rd	Stav / Richard W	Toyota GB / Redline	Auris SR180 - No 4	177	64	E	0	0	10	31	10	31	10	41	10	36	0	179
4th	Ben / Lee / Alex	Toyota GB / Max Power	Auris SR180 - No 3	177	63	E	0	0	10	26	10	28	0	0	10	34	0	118
5th	David / Richard S	Toyota GB	Auris SR180 - No 5	177	65	E	0	0	10	20	10	27	0	0	10	40	0	117
Class F - Below 1000cc - normally aspirated																		
1st	Paul Thomas		Aygo 1.0	67	70	F	10	28	10	27	0	0	10	34	10	33	0	119



Summary:

In its very first year, the Toyota Sprint Series exceeded all expectations and has succeeded in producing a thrilling and dramatic championship at a very affordable level. The many battles throughout the field have been both entertaining and rewarding for the drivers and spectators alike. We would like to take this opportunity congratulate all the class winners and look forward to welcoming you all back for 2009.

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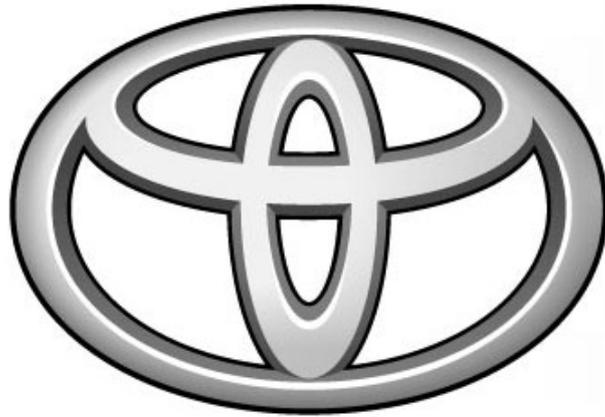
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