



# *SPRINT SERIES*

**TOYOTA**  **2010**

Event Report - Round 1 Rockingham 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010



Now in its third year, the Toyota Sprint Series contenders returned to Rockingham for round one of the 2010 championship. Rockingham provides a perfect season opener, with a smooth and open track layout, it was sure to re-ignite last years close battles, as well as welcoming the new competitors with a challenging layout.

The event was expertly run by track day specialists Javelin with support from Blitz-UK, Millers Oils, Fensport, SuperPro, Merlin International, AEW Graphics, and the GT4 OC.

The weather was smiling on the area, providing a good dry track from the off. The sighting runs gave drivers their first view of the track, which appeared to suit all types of cars – long straights and wide corners made use of the famous banked oval and would challenge the powerful cars, whilst tricky tight chicanes rewarded the nimble.

By lunchtime, many of the driver's cards were on the table, some great runs had been laid down by new and established drivers, although there had been a fair share of mishaps too. Former British Rally Champion, and last years season winner, Jonny Milner was setting the pace in his brand new Celica GT4, with a time of 81.21. Adrian Smith had replied with an 81.30 despite some gearbox problems with his Celica GT4-X. Duncan McMath, who had assisted Milner last year on the technical side, had decided to get behind the steering wheel this year, and produced a good time of 88.16 in run 3.

Further down the classes, Darren Burwash, newcomer to class B this season was proving a force to be reckoned with in his Starlet Turbo, producing a time of 92.72 on his first ever run.

With lunchtime over and the sun still shining, the competitors had swapped hints and tips and were ready to attack their times once more. As they got more competitive and braver, the cones on the circuit were suffering, and a few runs were 'voided' due to drivers playing skittles as they explored their vehicle's limits.

## Results in class order:

### Class F – Up to 1.0l



Class F had doubled in size this year, with a record 4 competitors. Winner was Paul Thomas (above left), 2 times overall class winner, in his Aygo, with a time of 104.29 gained in the last run. Chasing hard all day and sometimes leading by a few tenths was Dann Quinn (above right) in his Yaris, Dan's best time of 105.97 earned him 2<sup>nd</sup> in class.

### Class D – Up to 1.6l Normally Aspirated



Unbeatable once more in his Starlet was Dave Brooks (above left), producing a great time of 89.95 on his last run, to tke 1<sup>st</sup> in class and 6th overall. Runner up was Neil Latham (above right), competing with his MR2 Mk1, Neil gained a time of 93.13 also on his last run.

### Class C – Over 1.6l Normally Aspirated



Alex Meade in his Supra won the class with a very good time of 92.79 and could not be caught by Jeff Lotts, whose time of 96.39 set in his Celica gained him runner up in class.

### Class B – Up to 1.6l Forced Induction



Newcomer to the series this year, Darren Burwash (above left) in his Starlet Turbo, could not be caught in class B with his time of 89.26 which was good enough to earn him 4<sup>th</sup> overall. This time also gained Darren the **Hard Charger** award, given to drivers who stand out and punch above their weight. Barrie Newsome (above right), last year class winner was runner up in his Starlet Turbo with a time of 92.03.

### Class A3 – Over 1.6l Forced Induction



Another new driver this year, Duncan McMath (above left) is looking like a good championship contender in his Celica GT4, Duncan was soon on the pace setting an unbeatable time of 88.08. Chris Cooke (above right), last year's class winner, was chasing hard in his MR2 Turbo and was runner up with a time of 89.65.

### Class A2 – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified



Steve Timms (above left) returned to the series this year and produced a time of 94.28 to win this class in his Celica GT4. Runner up was Nigel Levinson (above right), who put a time of 112.40 on the board despite his Celica having engine problems.



**Class A1 – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Highly Modified.**



Two competitors were back with a vengeance this year in class A1. Jonny Milner (above left), 2009 champion was out to defend his title in a brand new car, Jonny had not even driven the car before Rockingham but despite a steep learning curve he was soon on top, leading by 0.09 seconds at lunchtime from Adrian Smith (above right) who is now driving his Celica GT4X, both cars were problematic on the day but the pace was still amazing. Jonny went on to set a time of 79.63 to Adrian's best of 80.51. With both drivers in new cars and still separated by only 0.88s the championship battle is definitely on.

**Results – Simplified:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Overall:** Jonny Milner – Celica GT4

**2<sup>nd</sup> Overall:** Adrian Smith – Corolla GT4-X

**3<sup>rd</sup> Overall:** Duncan McMath – Celica GT4

**Class A2 Winner:** Steve Timms – Celica GT4

**Class A2 Runner up:** Nigel Levinson – Celica

**Class A3 Winner:** Duncan McMath – Celica GT4

**Class A3 Runner up:** Chris Cooke – MR2 Turbo

**Class B Winner:** Darren Burwash – Starlet Turbo

**Class B runner up:** Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo

**Class C Winner:** Alex Meade – Supra

**Class C Runner up:** Jeff Lotts – Celica ST202

**Class D Winner:** David Brooks – Starlet 4AGE

**Class D Runner up:** Neil Latham – MR2 20v

**Class F Winner:** Paul Thomas – Aygo

**Class F Runner up:** Dan Quinn – Yaris

**Hard Charger:** Darren Burwash – Starlet Turbo

**Fastest Lady :** Diane Turner – Celica GT4



### Full Overall Results



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No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run						
				One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven
1	A1	Jonny Milner	79.63	88.13	81.21	89.19	113.70	81.85	80.07	79.63
2	A1	Adrian Smith	80.51	118.30	86.38	81.30	VOID	80.51	VOID	82.52
27	A3	Duncan McMath	88.08	90.42	93.43	88.16	88.08	VOID	92.36	89.18
47	B	Darren Burwash	89.26	92.75	NR	NR	93.39	89.26	90.70	90.11
21	A3	Chris Cooke	89.65	92.90	91.76	89.65	92.03	91.01	90.03	90.52
61	D	David Brookes	89.95	NR	NR	91.52	91.45	91.74	VOID	89.95
23	A3	Steve Lawson	90.36	95.83	95.47	96.96	92.85	92.97	90.36	90.39
28	A3	Andrew Falkingham	91.32	95.68	93.45	93.15	92.53	93.38	93.22	91.32
26	A3	Jake Turner	91.72	96.01	94.72	93.29	91.72	92.47	92.10	92.22
41	B	Barrie Newsome	92.03	95.02	92.91	VOID	94.95	92.03	93.27	92.05
22	A3	Nigel Bobby	92.24	93.72	92.94	VOID	93.99	92.93	111.13	92.24
57	C	Alex Meade	92.79	96.35	93.56	92.79	VOID	92.96	93.23	92.90
42	B	Phil Culter	93.10	94.09	93.10	93.72	VOID	VOID	93.53	93.60
29	A3	John Middleton	93.60	96.74	94.50	93.60	VOID	94.06	VOID	94.57
14	A2	Steve Timms	94.28	97.87	VOID	98.15	94.28	NR	NR	NR
24	A3	Diane Turner	94.37	99.87	96.16	97.48	96.11	94.82	95.42	94.37
32	A3	Dave Ellen	95.20	97.59	97.26	96.45	96.91	97.06	95.20	96.56
33	A3	Alan Wheeldon	95.27	97.91	96.17	96.37	96.51	95.92	95.76	95.27
30	A3	Neil Latham	96.13	99.59	97.75	97.34	98.64	99.03	97.28	96.13

46	B	Pete Grimmer	96.32	100.43	99.01	98.43	96.79	96.32	96.42	96.87
51	C	Jeff Lotts	96.39	98.48	97.53	97.19	VOID	96.83	96.39	VOID
34	A3	Don Boyack	96.52	100.11	97.81	97.96	97.22	97.78	96.52	97.54
25	A3	Christian Timms	97.12	100.94	VOID	VOID	98.03	97.97	98.83	97.12
43	B	Peter Coleman	98.07	98.96	98.39	99.16	98.07	VOID	100.46	156.25
56	C	Ian Johnson	98.11	101.51	100.10	102.92	101.30	98.11	107.22	VOID
45	B	Vykki Cutler	99.35	105.59	104.25	101.45	103.50	102.05	100.25	99.35
63	D	Lee Chappell	100.07	104.62	104.74	101.89	102.90	104.52	100.07	VOID
62	D	Barry Cross	100.43	101.35	101.98	VOID	101.95	101.34	100.43	NR
55	C	Adam Wright	101.01	106.07	103.21	104.09	101.57	102.29	101.01	VOID
53	C	Scott Briance	102.42	102.42	VOID	VOID	103.48	VOID	103.30	VOID
31	A3	Joe Tapply	103.12	105.04	103.14	104.57	106.78	103.12	103.14	107.27
71	F	Paul Thomas	104.29	110.32	107.59	106.37	107.31	105.64	104.99	104.29
54	C	Jamie Clare	104.67	109.04	106.59	105.20	VOID	VOID	105.52	104.67
73	F	Dan Quinn	105.97	109.24	106.76	106.95	105.97	VOID	107.78	108.02
74	F	Andy Watson	109.68	114.46	111.40	110.06	109.68	110.45	109.95	VOID
12	A2	Nigel Levinson	112.40	112.40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
72	F	Jane Newsome	113.38	VOID	113.38	113.42	VOID	114.13	114.71	NR



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The competitors were all very happy with the day, and are looking forward to the next round at Barkston Heath, Lincolnshire on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Barkston is a super smooth and twisty track, can the nimble beat the giants, it will be close!!

We would like to thank Javelin Trackdays for their professionalism and smooth operation of the day. Also thank you to all our sponsors for making the championship a reality.

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