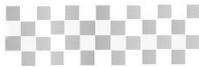


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Event Report - Round 1 Rockingham 27th March 2011

Now in its fourth year, the Toyota Sprint Series contenders returned to Rockingham for round one of the 2011 championship. Rockingham provides a perfect season opener, with a smooth and open track layout, it was sure to re-ignite last year's close battles, as well as welcoming the new competitors with a challenging layout.

The Toyota Sprint Series welcomes back Toyota GB as the series overall sponsor as well as support from Blitz-UK, CTC Performance, Fensport, Javelin Trackdays, Merlin International, Millers Oils, SuperPro.

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.

Last year's TSS champion, Adrian Smith was straight on the pace setting the fastest times and by lunchtime had pulled out an unusually large gap of 2.4s to arch rival Jonny Milner who was suffering a gear selection problem.

Despite a brake issue, Barry Watling was chasing hard in 3rd overall and a little over a second behind were the cars of Duncan McMath, Rob Hawkins and Patrick Mortell all keeping the pressure on each other!

With lunchtime over and the sun still shining, the competitors had swapped hints and tips and cars were checked and serviced, some even having replacement brakes and gearbox parts! The driver's 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.

Across the field the battles resumed for the afternoon.

Newly introduced for 2011 were the Street Classes, each class from last year now features a 'sub class' where modifications are further limited and the cars have to retain standard interior and street tyres.

Results in class order:

Class F Street – Up to 1.0l



Dan Quinn (above left) took class honours in his 1.0 Yaris, Dan's best time of 99.30 on run 8 was enough to earn him the class win from Sally Ingold (above right) in her iQ 1.0.

Class F Pro – Up to 1.0l



Only 1 car entered in F Pro, but shared between 2 drivers, The ex TRD/Netz Cup Vitz was pushed hard all day. Tim Cogman was the class winner with a time of 97.99s and Jane Newsome runner up with 102.95s.

Class C Street – Over 1.6l Normally Aspirated



And a similar story in C Street, a single car but shared by 2 drivers, the Father & Son team of Anthony & Scott Briance.....who would be faster, youth or experience? Well the waiting was over and youth took the honours with Scott setting a 95.34 against father Anthony's best time of 99.37s.

Class C Pro – Over 1.6l Normally Aspirated



C Pro was a popular class with Celica's, Mr2's and Supra's competing for the class win. Patrick Mortell (above left) returned to the series as a reserve entry with his V6 engine MR2 Spider and was unstoppable, his best time of 81.23 was not only good enough for the class win but also pushed him up the leader board to 3rd overall. Alex Meade (above right) took the runner up slot in his normally aspirated Supra with a time of 86.86s.

Class B Pro – Up to 1.6l Forced Induction



Barrie Newsome (above left) fought off a challenge from three Mr2's all day to take the class win with a best time of 85.72s. Phill Cutler chased Barrie all the way and took 2nd in class with a 87.51s. Barrie also claimed the 'Hard Charger' award for finishing a very creditable 9th overall and in amongst the 2.0L turbo cars.

Class A3 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction



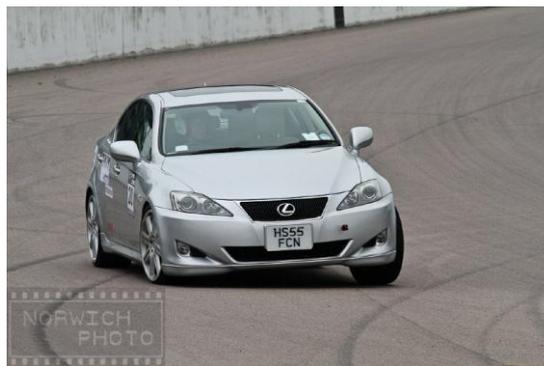
The 'A' classes are now split over 6 different sub classes designed to cater for the wide range of forced induction cars and keep the racing close. A3 Street winner was Alan Wheeldon (above left) with a time of 87.72 in his MR2. He was chased hard all day by Jake Turner (above right) in his similar MR2, Jake finished just 0.58s behind Alan and took 2nd in class.

Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction



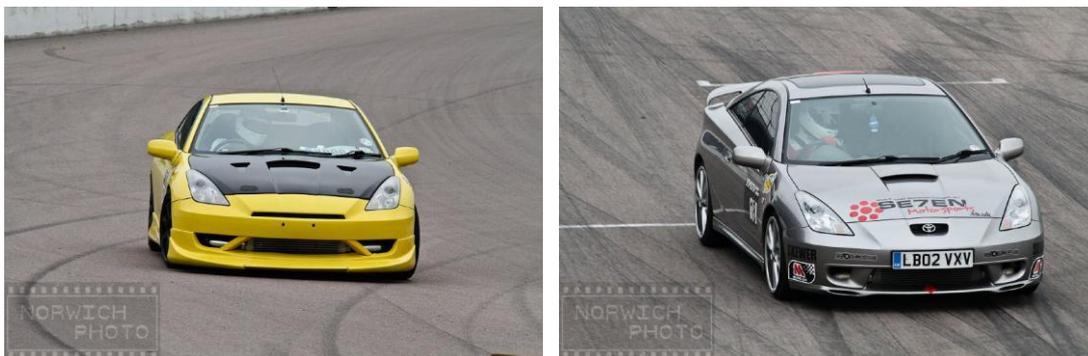
A3 Pro is one of the most popular classes, the cars are limited in power by turbocharger size and ecu has to remain standard. Close racing is ensured. Robert Hawkins was sharing Duncan McMath's Celica GT4 (above) and the pair were locked in battle all day. Duncan was leading until run 6 when Robert pulled out a very quick run of 81.78 to pip Duncan's best of 82.03 by a mere 1/4 of a second.

Class A2 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction - Modified



Dave Ellen in his supercharged IS350 was literally in a class of his own at Rockingham, the only entrant for this class didn't stop Dave trying hard and his best time was on run 8 with a 92.00s.

Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction - Modified



A pair of supercharged gen 7 Celica's dominated A2 Pro, Viet Tran (above left) held the class lead all day and won the class with a 87.46. Lee Mabbett chased hard, but suffered a few problems and missed the last 5 runs which left Viet with the victory.



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



Adam Pemble, the sole entrant in this class chipped away at his times all day and recorded 91.38 on his 7th run to take the class win.

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



With 7 cars in the A1 Pro class this year, the competition is fierce! Adrian Smith (above left) was straight on the pace and kept his lead from Jonny Milner (above right) throughout the day. Jonny suffered a gear selection problem on run 2 and missed a few midday runs whilst the Celica was repaired. Adrian carried on pushing hard knowing Jonny would come back, which he did with a 76.66, but Adrian was on top form and posted a 75.34 to take the overall win.

Results – Simplified:

1st Overall: Adrian Smith – Corolla GT4-X

2nd Overall: Jonny Milner – Celica GT4

3rd Overall: Patrick Mortell - MRS V6

Class A1 Street Winner: Adam Pemble – Celica GT4

Class A2 Pro Winner: Viet Tran – Celica SC

Class A2 Pro Runner up: Lee Mabbett – Celica SC

Class A2 Street Winner: Dave Ellen - IS350 SC

Class A3 Pro Winner: Robert Hawkins - Celica GT4

Class A3 Pro Runner up: Duncan McMath – Celica GT4

Class A3 Street Winner: Alan Wheeldon - MR2 Turbo

Class A3 Street Runner up: Jake Turner - MR2 Turbo

Class B Pro Winner: Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo

Class B Pro Runner up: Phil Cutler - MR2 SC

Class C Pro Winner: Patrick Mortell - MRS V6

Class C Pro Runner up: Alex Meade – Supra

Class C Street Winner: Scott Briance - Celica

Class C Street Runner up: Anthony Briance - Celica

Class F Pro Winner: Tim Cogman - Vitz

Class F Pro Runner up: Jane Newsome - Vitz

Class F Street Winner: Dan Quinn - Yaris

Hard Charger: Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo

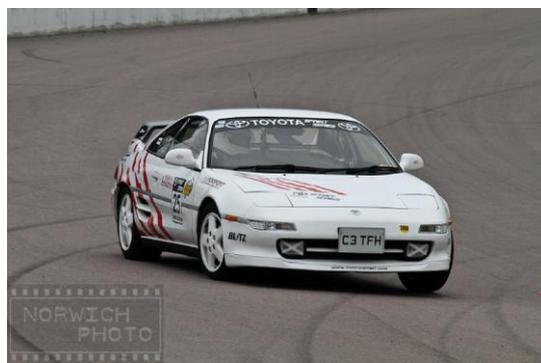




Full Overall Results - Rockingham Round 1, 27- March 2011

Pos	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run							
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
1	1	A1-P	Adrian Smith	75.34	VOID	78.15	75.95	76.42	75.34	VOID	80.23	VOID
2	2	A1-P	Jonny Milner	76.66	78.84	89.61	NR	NR	NR	79.54	76.66	VOID
3	62	C-P	Patrick Mortell	81.23	83.67	95.79	VOID	82.96	82.71	84.40	82.49	81.23
4	3	A1-P	Barry Watling	81.77	VOID	VOID	VOID	81.77	107.98	83.28	82.23	VOID
5	11	A3-P	Robert Hawkins	81.78	88.54	83.81	83.04	83.95	81.78	82.98	85.93	86.28
6	23	A3-P	Duncan McMath	82.03	83.48	83.38	82.84	82.03	VOID	VOID	VOID	84.76
7	9	A1-P	Craig Underhill	83.64	87.77	84.98	84.90	84.61	85.84	85.15	84.81	83.64
8	24	A3-P	Andrew Falikingham	84.73	88.17	85.34	87.73	85.98	87.24	85.67	RERUN	84.73
9	46	B-P	Barrie Newsome	85.72	88.03	87.50	86.54	111.12	86.58	86.77	85.79	85.72
10	21	A3-P	Chris Cooke	86.13	92.51	92.01	89.55	89.16	89.28	RERUN	86.47	86.13
11	8	A1-P	Craig Attard	86.25	94.20	92.59	92.33	89.29	87.48	93.47	VOID	86.25
12	5	A1-P	Christian Timms	86.69	93.95	92.52	89.56	89.12	87.01	87.61	86.74	86.69
13	57	C-P	Alex Meade	86.86	89.99	88.27	87.71	VOID	89.11	88.12	87.75	86.86
14	19	A2-P	Viet Tran	87.46	98.84	96.35	VOID	NR	NR	91.35	91.32	87.46
15	45	B-P	Phil Cutler	87.51	89.87	88.73	88.33	88.15	87.55	87.63	87.73	87.51
16	22	A3-P	Steve Lawson	87.68	89.77	88.78	89.41	87.68	87.69	89.81	VOID	89.14
17	36	A3-S	Alan Wheeldon	87.72	92.78	90.34	VOID	89.12	87.72	88.47	90.87	96.84
18	40	A3-S	Jake Turner	88.30	90.79	92.52	93.50	89.73	88.30	88.97	89.52	88.81
19	39	A3-S	Diane Turner	88.58	92.38	92.84	91.98	90.06	89.45	88.86	89.38	88.58
20	58	C-P	Paul Thomas	90.24	97.03	94.48	93.06	92.52	91.56	91.88	90.24	91.58
21	41	A3-P	Roger Greaves	90.72	109.62	97.97	105.71	93.31	90.87	92.34	90.72	111.15
22	12	A1-S	Adam Pemble	91.38	95.39	98.44	92.60	93.36	NR	VOID	91.38	NR
23	20	A2-S	Dave Ellen	92.00	96.99	96.78	96.86	94.71	94.79	94.15	93.14	92.00
24	61	C-P	Jamie Clare	92.25	93.90	95.91	94.41	93.53	94.66	92.25	NR	NR
25	6	A1-P	Andrew McCormack	92.67	VOID	103.13	RERUN	96.80	94.26	92.67	94.43	NR
26	16	A3-P	Nigel Levinson	93.23	98.25	95.60	96.17	94.75	93.84	93.23	94.28	95.99
27	49	B-P	Rik Parker	93.69	97.82	96.39	93.69	96.31	95.15	94.61	93.89	NR
28	15	A3-P	Andy Bunney	93.80	99.78	96.44	94.83	94.58	93.86	93.81	94.37	93.80
29	48	B-P	Vykki Cutler	94.75	95.04	96.14	95.33	97.10	94.75	95.57	196.10	NR
30	65	C-S	Scott Briance	95.34	99.85	99.39	98.21	99.49	97.99	96.36	95.34	VOID
31	18	A2-P	Lee Mabbett	95.40	107.13	97.88	95.40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
32	63	C-P	Adam Towler	95.66	100.71	99.64	98.74	96.91	95.86	95.95	95.66	NR
33	25	A3-P	Ziggy Dykes	95.93	98.30	104.66	100.73	96.25	97.14	96.71	95.93	VOID
34	28	A3-P	Ruth White	96.55	99.66	101.35	98.77	96.59	VOID	96.55	96.55	99.44
35	81	F-P	Tim Cogman	97.99	102.71	100.06	98.68	100.23	99.28	99.58	98.87	97.99
36	17	A2-P	Luke Watson	98.03	105.02	101.17	99.96	NR	100.77	98.03	NR	NR
37	85	F-S	Dan Quinn	99.30	102.22	102.15	100.74	101.07	100.00	99.71	99.38	99.30
38	66	C-S	Anthony Briance	99.37	104.15	VOID	104.86	102.99	101.60	99.37	99.95	101.54
39	80	F-P	Jane Newsome	102.95	106.81	109.15	105.83	104.79	104.72	104.20	105.15	102.95
40	86	F-S	Sally Ingold	106.96	119.96	118.01	112.57	114.43	110.84	107.79	108.80	106.96

A few pictures from the day



More pictures from the event can be found at <http://www.racingexposure.com/tss/2011/r1/>



Summary:

The Toyota Sprint Series had a fantastic start to the season at Rockingham, with 40 cars finishing the event, ranging from street spec 1.0 cars to purpose built supercars, the series caters for all. The track itself was well thought out to test the abilities of both the small and big power cars and all the competitors were very happy with the day.

As well as the enjoyment there is a more serious side and there is already very close competition throughout the classes. Many competitors had new cars out this year and will be beavering away in their workshops fine tuning their cars in readiness for round 2.

This year also marks the return of series sponsor Toyota GB who were on hand throughout the day along with support from Blitz-UK, CTC Performance, Fensport , Javelin Trackdays, Merlin International, Millers Oils, SuperPro. All of which give great support to the series and are willing to help out both novices and professionals alike.

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.

MR2's, Celica's, Supra's, Lexus, Corolla's, Auris, Starlets, Sera.....If you like Motorsport and Toyota's then the Toyota Sprint Series is the place to be.

Don't miss Round 2 at Woodbridge on the 22nd May !!

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