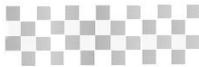
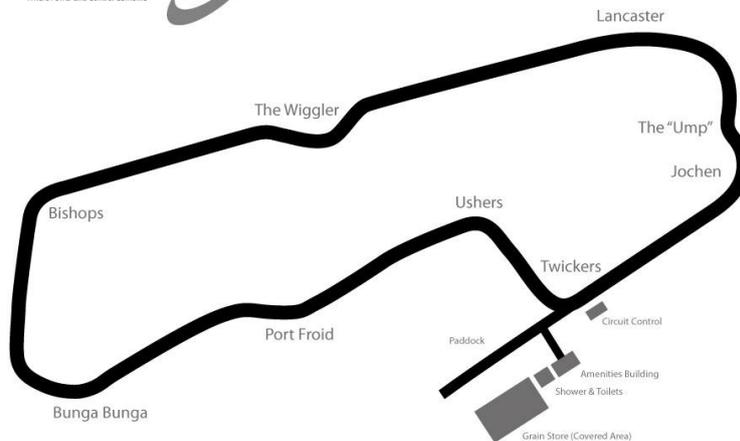


# SPRINT SERIES

**TOYOTA**  **2011**

## Event Report - Round 6 Blyton 15th October 2011

Former US airbase Blyton Park hosted the sixth and final round of the 2011 Toyota Sprint Series. Jointly designed by former BTCC driver Eugene O'Brien and journalist John Barker, the 1.5 mile track near Gainsborough provided a fitting venue to bring the curtain down on this years championship.



Early morning saw the sun shining, making it a clean sweep of dry events this year. The TSS competitors gathered in pit lane in preparation of the day's competition.

The pressure was on, with it being the last event of the season, people were not just concentrating on where they would finish in the event, but where it would leave them in the overall standings at the end of the day. Some needed to finish high up the order to claim their "Class Trophies" But in the A1 Pro class Adrian Smith and Jonny Milner had only one option .... To Win! After 5 rounds there was only 1 point in it, and whoever won the day would be crowned TSS Champion.

The new super smooth tarmac circuit was laid during Blyton's revamp earlier in the year, and a combination of quick corners, chicanes and tighter turns provided a great driving challenge to test the varied range of Toyota's. Blyton also provided excellent viewing areas for Toyota Sprint Supporters.





**Results in class order:**

**Class F Street - Up to 1.0**



Dan Quinn made his final appearance in Class F before moving back up to Class C again next year. Dan made the most of his little 1.0 litre Yaris, ending the day with an impressive 90.21, not only taking the Class win, but deservedly claiming the Class F Street title too.

**Class F Pro – Up to 1.0**



Added excitement in Class F Pro was added by the TRD Vitz being three way shared between husband and wife pairing Barrie and Jane Newsome, along with Tim Cogman (above). Although observing that the car felt underpowered and quite chunky compared with his normal mount, Barrie was quite quickly up to speed. Jane decided to opt out of her last three runs having already set a 92.52, leaving Barrie and Tim to fight out the class win. By the completion of run eight, Tim had come out on top by 1.37 seconds to finish with an 86.42. Tim would like to publicly thank the Newsome's for allowing him to share the car this season, and after taking six wins from six events and the class title, Tim, like Dan will be stepping back up to Class C next season.

### **Class D Pro – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated**



The ever enthusiastic Rob Pierson (above) was back at Blyton in his normally aspirated Starlet, and steadily improved in both times and confidence as the day wore on. His last run of 90.63 proved to be his quickest of the day, handing Rob the class win.

### **Class C Street – Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated**



Series stalwart Scott Briance (above right) had new competition at Blyton in the form of series returnee Pete Coleman (above left). Pete had been a previous Class B runner in his Starlet, but Blyton saw the debut of his recently acquired automatic Altezza. An extremely close battle took place throughout, both drivers trading fastest laps until Pete's seventh run of 82.33 which Scott couldn't match with only one run left. A winning return for Pete then, but Scott's pace and consistency throughout the year netted him the class championship.

### **Class C Pro- Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated**



Three drivers contested Class C Pro, Jamie Clare's (above left) Celica ST202, Paul Thomas's Supra (above right), and Stephen Ellis's ST182 Celica. Jamie held the upper hand all day and deservedly won the round with an 82.24 attained on his eighth and final run. Paul finished only 1.15 seconds behind Jamie, with Stephen a scant .62 behind Paul. But it was Paul's consistency and speed over course of the season that claimed the Class C Pro title.

### Class B Pro – Up To 1.6 Forced Induction



Sadly the season long Class B Pro battle between Barrie Newsome (above left) and Phil Cutler (above right) didn't materialise again at Blyton, this time a clutch failure on run three thwarted an unlucky Phil in his supercharged MR2. This didn't prevent Barrie giving his all in his Starlet, setting a superb 72.90 on his last run. Barrie finished the day with the class win, third overall, the Hard Charger award, and of course the Class B Pro title. Including his second place in Class F Pro, Barrie took a well deserved five trophies home from Blyton.

### Class A3 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction



The largest class entry of the day fell to Class A3 Street, with eight drivers taking part. Once all eight runs were completed only 4.61 seconds separated first to eighth, and that included the 1.21 second gap the once again dominant Ash Simpson (above left) had over second placed Danni Bark (above right). The TSS has now become accustomed to Ash's speed, and it will be very interesting to see him move up a class or two next season having claimed the Class A3 Street title this year. Another who runs under the Merlin Motorsport umbrella is Danni Bark, and her second place at Blyton was by far and away her best showing of the year resulting in an excellent second place. Chris Girdler, Roger Greaves, Jake Turner (who finished the year second in championship), David Wilson and the Crabtree duo of James and John finished in the order listed, and all put in very respectable performances.

### Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified



Joe Tapply put in a much better performance at Blyton as he learns the limits of his supercharged Celica, and finished on a 79.81 to finish third in Class A Pro. Chris Cooke (above right) again spent the day overcoming mechanical woes to finish second in class with a 78.91, but for the first time this season it was Ziggy Dykes (above left) who took the spoils with a 77.65 attained on his fourth lap. Andrew Falkingham sadly didn't make this round due to head gasket failure only a few days before, but had already done enough to win the class championship.

**Class A2 Street – Over 1.6 Forced Induction**



Dave Ellen was the only entrant in Class A2 Street, but nonetheless put in a gallant effort in his Lexus IS350. Dave was keener than ever to get the big car to handle better in order to gain more time, and his reward was an 81.4 second run on his fifth lap, claiming the class win and championship.

**Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction**



The Servicetune Celica faced new opposition in the form of Barry Mason for this round, Barry making his series debut in his Celica ST185. He thoroughly enjoyed his day, finishing third in class with a 77.14 set on his seventh run and has vowed to return for a full season next year.

As has been the case all season, Andy Bunney (above right) and Nigel Levinson (above left) were very closely matched in the red Servicetune car, eventually being split by just 0.1 of a second. It was Nigel who claimed the win, and clinched the A2 Pro title by 3 points from Andy, his 75.33s run just pipping Andy's 75.43 last ditch attempt on his eighth and final run.



## Class A1 Pro Over 1.6 Forced Induction



Everyone in attendance at Blyton waited with great anticipation as to the outcome of who would win the "big banger" A1 Pro title, and the championship overall.

Jonny Milner (above right) and Adrian Smith (above left) had been that close all season it made the mathematics easy, it simply came down to who won on the day.

Both were confident at the beginning of the day, and it was Jonny who set the first three stunningly fast and consistent times of 64.95, 64.98 and 64.72 respectively. Adrian took longer to build speed, learning the track, gaining tyre temperature and contending with a brake issue, but on his fourth lap blasted a 64.31 second run in. On his fifth run Jonny encountered an overheating problem, and spent the rest of the day valiantly trying to overcome it, just about getting the car back together each time to complete his runs. Sadly the problem kept rearing it's ugly head, and Jonny didn't get the chance to improve on his best morning lap.

Mechanical issues aside, an overjoyed Adrian completed three runs faster than Jonny's best, winning both the event and championship overall.

Out of a possible 405 points available, both drivers scored an astounding 403, Adrian winning overall by winning the first round at Rockingham.

### Results – Simplified:

**1st Overall:** Adrian Smith – Celica GT4-X

**2nd Overall:** Jonny Milner – Celica GT4-TC

**3rd Overall:** Barrie Newsome - Starlet Turbo

**Class A2 Pro Winner:** Nigel Levinson - Celica GT4

**Class A2 Pro Runner up:** Andy Bunney Celica GT4 Dave Ellen – Lexus IS350

**Class A2 Street Winner:** Dave Ellen – Lexus IS350

**Class A3 Pro Winner:** Ziggy Dykes – MR2 Turbo

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

**Class A3 Street Winner:** Ash Simpson - Celica GT4

**Class A3 Street Runner up:** Danny Bark - Celica GT4

**Class B Pro Winner:** Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo

**Class B Pro Runner up:** Phil Cutler - MR2 SC

**Class C Pro Winner:** Jamie Clare – Celica

**Class C Pro Runner up:** Paul Thomas – Supra

**Class C Street Winner:** Pete Coleman – Altezza

**Class C Street Runner up:** Scott Briance - Celica

**Class D Pro Winner:** Robert Peirson – Starlet Dan Quinn

**Class F Pro Winner:** Tim Cogman - Vitz

**Class F Pro Runner up:** Barrie Newsome – Vitz

**Class F Street Winner:** Dan Quinn - Yaris

**Hard Charger:** Barrie Newsome – Starlet Turbo



**Blyton Summary:**

Blyton proved hugely popular with both drivers and spectators alike. Blessed with glorious sunshine and relatively warm temperatures for the time of year, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, none more so than circuit owner Richard Usher, who was that impressed with the Javelin organisation, driving standards, and general friendliness that he would like to see the series make several visits next season, and in the years to come, a glowing endorsement indeed.



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## TSS 2011 Championship Results Overall - Class Winners Highlighted

    						
    						
Driver	Entrant or Club	Vehicle	Comp No	Class	Total	
1	Adrian Smith	Fensport / Blitz	Celica GT4 X	1	A1 Pro	403
2	Jonny Milner	Merlin International	Celica GT4 ST205	2	A1 Pro	403
3	Andrew Falkingham	Merlin International	Celica GT4 ST205	24	A3 Pro	391
4	Barrie Newsome	JN Electrical	Starlet Turbo EP82	46	B Pro	379
5	Ash Simpson		Celica GT4 ST205	35	A3 Street	375
6	Chris Cooke	CTC Performance	MR2 MK2 Turbo	21	A3 Pro	371
7	Nigel Levinson	Servicetune LTD	Celica GT4 ST185	16	A2 Pro	370
8	Andy Bunney	Servicetune LTD	Celica GT4 ST185	15	A2 Pro	367
9	Phil Cutler		MR2 MK1 SC	45	B Pro	359
10	Jake Turner		MR2 MK2 Turbo	40	A3 Street	346
11	Danny Bark		Celica GT4 ST205	38	A3 Street	345
12	Ziggy Dykes		MR2 MK2 Turbo	25	A3 Pro	334
13	Paul Thomas	Jun TW	Supra JZA80	58	C Pro	331
14	Dave Ellen	Prolex	IS350 SC	20	A2 Street	312
15	Joe Tapply		Celica 2ZZ SC	26	A3 Pro	312
16	Scott Briance	Celica Club UK	Celica 1.8ST AT200	65	C Pro	304
17	Vykki Cutler		MR2 MK1 SC	48	B Pro	298
18	Tim Cogman	Fensport / Blitz	Vitz / Yaris 1.0	81	F Pro	297
19	Jane Newsome		Vitz / Yaris 1.0	80	F Pro	285
20	Craig Attard		Supra JZA80 Turbo	8	A1 Pro	256
21	Diane Turner		Celica GT4 ST205	39	A3 Street	250
22	Andrew McCormack	AM Contracting	Celica GT4 ST165	6	A1 Pro	248
23	Barry Wattling	Merlin International	Celica GT4 ST205	3	A1 Pro	220
24	Duncan McMath	Merlin International	MR2 MK2 Turbo	23	A3 Pro	216
25	Craig Underhill		MR2 MK2 Turbo	9	A1 Pro	216
26	Luke Watson		MR2 MK2 Turbo	17	A2 Pro	216
27	Dan Quinn		Yaris 1.0	85	F Street	207
28	Steve Lawson		MR2 MK2 Turbo	22	A3 Pro	191
29	Jamie Clare		Celica ST202	61	C Pro	179
30	Stephen Ellis		Celica	59	C Pro	164
31	Christian Timms		MR2 MK2 Turbo	5	A1 Pro	137
32	Craig Storey	Celica Club UK	Celica 3.0GT ST186	55	C Pro	126
33	Rik Parker		MR2 Mk1 Turbo	49	B Pro	114
34	Ruth White		Celica GT4 ST205	28	A3 Pro	111
35	Anthony Briance	Celica Club UK	Celica 1.8ST AT200	66	C Pro	97
36	Chris Girdler	Csport/Trackjunkies	Celica GT4 ST205	37	A3 Street	68
37	Alex Meade		Supra JZA80	57	C Pro	66
38	Alan Wheeldon	Mrtwos	MR2 MK2 Turbo	36	A3 Street	63
39	Alex Meade		Supra	57	A3 Street	57
40	Lee Mabbett	Se7en Motorsports	Celica 2ZZ SC	18	A2 Pro	51
41	Dan Quinn		Supra	85	C Pro	48

## 2011 Summary & Thank You

The Toyota Sprint Series has just enjoyed its most popular and most successful year to date, now in its fourth year, the series is still growing despite the world economy in decline. The Series has succeeded in producing great racing at a very affordable level and has enjoyed a wide range of both competitor and machinery in 2011.

The varied classes have kept the racing extremely close and the series caters for both novice and professional drivers and teams. The events have been superbly organised by the Javelin Team and all the competitors have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and friendly atmosphere the series provides.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the competitors and congratulate all the class winners, and look forward to welcoming you all back for more in 2012.

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