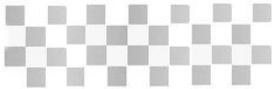


SPRINT SERIES

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Event Report - Round 2 Blyton 13th May 2012

Former US airbase Blyton Park in Lincolnshire hosted round two of the 2012 Toyota Sprint Series. Seven months have passed since the venue was last visited for the 2011 finale, and Javelin had utilised the smooth tarmac circuit this year to test both car and driver even further, use of a "Split" junction maximising circuit length to provide an even bigger challenge.

After the uncertain weather of round one, Blyton was held in dry, sunny conditions, although the strong wind didn't seem to affect car balance and peoples lap times.

With several drivers returning after varying lengths of inactivity due to various different reasons, it was highly encouraging and a great sight to see thirty four drivers line up to do battle.



Results in class order:



Class F Pro – Up to 1.0

With the fame and fortune that came with a four page feature in this months Banzai magazine, car owner Jane Newsome chose to spend the day signing autographs and socialising, leaving Tim Cogman (above) to pilot the Class F Pro TRD Vitz alone. Despite a lurid spin whilst trying to take Bishops flat out in third gear, the little car once again ran like clockwork, and the remaining five runs were very consistent, only 1.20 seconds separating them, a 114.78 sealing the class win.



Class D Street – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Gerard McGlynn's Corolla Levin BZ-R (above) made it's second consecutive appearance in Class D Street. Gerard gained confidence and speed with each run, improving his times by a huge seven seconds throughout the day. Gerard sat out the last two runs due to a broken mount and a gear retaining clip working loose, but a time of 113.58 on his fifth lap ensured the class win.



Class D Pro – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Mike Chillingworth's MR2 (above left), Guy Bentley's AE86 (above right) and Rob Peirson's Starlet made up Class D Pro. Neil held the upper hand until run five, when after Guy had a plug lead pop off on run three and a spin on run four set a superb 106.43. Neil spent the rest of the afternoon playing catch up, and on his final run of the day managed to pip Guy to the class win with a 106.17, a mere .26 of a second advantage. Guy will be missed for the remainder of the season whilst he completes a tour of duty in Afghanistan. The ever cheerful Rob was again gaining speed as the day wore on, several modifications to his little Starlet in recent weeks helping his cause. A 116.85 on his eighth and final run ensured third in class.



Class C Street - Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

An inability to stay away from the competition and fabulous social scene the series brings with it led Dan Quinn (above) to register for the series after Woodbridge in his normally aspirated auto Supra. By his own admittance, for the first time Dan really got to grips with the car, improving with each lap to finish even more happy and cheerful than usual on a 107.59.



Class C Pro- Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Five competitors made up Class C Pro.

Jeff Lotts (above right) made a welcome return to the series in his mean looking "Black Crow" ST202 Celica, David Holland entered his second event in his MR2, series regular Paul Thomas was in his Supra, Stephen Ellis was Celica mounted, as was Steve Walker (above left) making his series debut. David and Stephen enjoyed a close battle, Stephen just coming out on top with a 113.98 to finish fourth in class. Paul enjoyed plenty of sideways action on his way to 3rd, leaving Jeff and Steve to fight for the win. Despite a void run on his first lap, Jeff's fastest lap of 104.30 came on his second run, enough to lead the class until Steve posted a brilliant 103.71 on his fifth run, enough to claim the class win first time out.



Class B Street

Sai Seebaluck (above) made his second appearance in his Starlet Ganza, the lone entrant in Class B Street. Although new to the series Sai's cheery nature has already gained him many friends, and as at Woodbridge, made huge improvements throughout the day to finish on a 111.77 attained on the eighth and final run.



Class B Pro – Up To 1.6 Forced Induction

Barrie Newsome (above left) returned from recent elbow surgery in his EP82 Starlet, renewing the rivalry of many seasons with Phil and Vix Cutler's supercharged MK1 MR2 (above right). With a new brake and suspension set up Phil and Vix were looking forward to some extra speed, but sadly a faulty tyre valve on one of their race wheels saw them having to revert to road tyres, effectively ending their challenge straight away. Phil battled on however, and for the first time in his many years of Toyota Sprint competition managed to spin on a timed run. A 103.74 on his second lap was Phil's best time of the day. A scary spin for Vix under braking on her second run meant her first lap of 115.09 remained her quickest. None of this deterred Barrie from giving his all, the little Starlet looking fast and handling really well. A great 98.52 on his seventh run ensured the class win, sixth overall, and the fastest front wheel drive time of the day.



Class A3 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction

Class A3 Street consisted solely of ST205 Celica's.

Kelly Wright's white example made good improvements throughout the day to set a best time of 110.89 on the eighth and final run to finish fifth in class. Jason Wood's car looked great in its Red Bull livery, and finished fourth in class with a best time of 108.58. The Crabtree brothers James and John (above left) had recent experience of Blyton having taken part in a track day at the venue, but this had proved of little benefit due to the heavy rain and extremely poor conditions. Along with Diane Turner (above right), an incredibly close battle took place between the three of them, all three being separated by a mere .25 of a second at the close of play. James had to settle for third in class with a 103.06 set on his fifth lap. Diane's last run of 102.94 gave her second place, with John's 102.81 giving him the class win by the narrowest of margins.



Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified

Ziggy Dykes was looking forward to showing off and reaping the benefits of his ingenious new rear wing design at Blyton, but sadly electrical gremlins restricted his MR2 to only three runs, unable to show anywhere near the car's full potential. Just ahead came Joe Tapply in his supercharged ZZT231 Celica, sounding glorious as always, on a 108.36 gained on his sixth lap. Steve Lawson's beautifully turned out MRS came third in class with a 105.48, the 3SGTE powered car suffering some braking issues along the way. Andrew Falkingham's Celica (above right) was once again straight on the pace, finishing with an amazing 97.29 set on the last run. Under normal circumstances this would have been more than enough to win the class, but yet again nobody had counted on the sensational pace of Celica driver Iain Gard (above left). On only his second run Iain posted a 94.37. Conserving fuel and tyres, Iain chose to sit out the rest of the day after his third lap, nervously waiting to see if anyone came close to his time. He needn't have worried, nobody did come close, and Iain sealed both the class and overall win, with Andrew finishing a valiant second in class and overall.



Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction

Once again the largest field and one of the most closely fought battles fell to the six entrants of Class A2 Pro, 2.06 seconds covering them all at the finish. A new turbocharger propelled Steve Timms well driven Celica to a 99.96 on his fourth run, but with his engine breathing heavily Steve chose to sit out his last two runs. The Servicetune Celica duo of Nigel Levinson and Andy Bunney were unusually distant on times from each other, a very strange fault appearing only when the car is warm hindering their progress. Nigel managed a 99.56 on lap six to come home fifth in class, just behind the white ST185 of Barry Mason. Recording a time of 99.41 to finish fourth in class and eighth overall on a car with standard suspension earned Barry the Hard Charger award. Andy recorded a 98.82 on run four to finish third in class and seventh overall, just behind series returnee Otis Hayes ST205 Celica (above right). Otis thoroughly enjoyed his return, posting an excellent 98.19 on road tyres to finish second in class and fifth overall. But it was the 3SGTE powered MK1 MR2 of Neil Latham (above left) that claimed the Class win and a superb third overall, a 97.90 on his seventh run giving him a .29 advantage over Otis.



Class A1 Pro Over 1.6 Forced Induction

Three drivers contested Class A1 Pro, Roger Greaves in his very powerful ST205 Celica, Andy McCormack in his ST165 Celica (above right), and Christian Timms MR2 (above left). Roger admitted that some driver coaching wouldn't go amiss, and remained as cheerful as ever on his way to third in class with a 105.11 attained on his last run, having steadily improved throughout the day.

Having stuck with the elderly ST165 Celica's for many years, it was a joy to see Andy with a fast, reliable car, allowing him to just concentrate on driving rather than worry about mechanical niggles. Despite wildly fluctuating times, Andy did as many did on the day and posted his fastest time on the eighth and final run, a 101.51 securing second in class and eleventh overall. Christian has also had his fair share of mechanical woes over recent months, but on the day his MR2 behaved impeccably, a string of consistent fast times guaranteeing not only the class win but an excellent fourth overall.

Results – Simplified:

1st Overall: Iain Gard – ST205 Celica GT4

2nd Overall: Andrew Falkingham – ST205 Celica GT4

3rd Overall: Neil Latham – MR2 Turbo

Class A1 Pro Winner: Christian Timms – MR2 Turbo

Class A1 Pro Runner Up: Andy McCormack - ST165 Celica

Class A2 Pro Winner: Neil Latham – MR2 Turbo

Class A2 Pro Runner up: Otis Hayes – ST205 Celica GT4

Class A3 Pro Winner: Iain Gard – ST205 Celica GT4

Class A3 Pro Runner up: Andrew Falkingham – ST205 Celica GT4

Class A3 Street Winner: John Crabtree – ST205 Celica GT4

Class A3 Street Runner up: Diane Turner – ST205 Celica GT4

Class B Pro Winner: Barrie Newsome – EP82 Starlet Turbo

Class B Pro Runner up: Phil Cutler – MK1 MR2 SC

Class B Street Winner: Sai Seebaluck – Starlet Glanza EP91

Class C Pro Winner: Steve Walker – ST202 Celica

Class C Pro Runner up: Jeff Lotts – ST202 Celica

Class D Pro Winner: Neil Chillingworth – MK1 MR2

Class D Pro Runner Up: Guy Bentley – AE86

Class D Street Winner: Gerrard McGlynn – Corolla Levin BZR

Class F Pro Winner: Tim Cogman – Vitz

Hard Charger: Barry Mason – ST185 Celica GT4



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Overall Results

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Pos	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run								
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight	
1	22	A3 - P	Iain Gard	94.37	96.61	94.37	97.48	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2	21	A3 - P	Andrew Falkingham	97.29	100.74	100.73	100.17	100.56	100.17	99.50	98.58	97.29	
3	14	A2 - P	Neil Latham	97.90	103.33	102.47	VOID	104.26	99.43	99.08	97.90	100.81	
4	5	A1 - P	Christian Timms	98.03	100.75	100.11	101.92	100.54	99.69	VOID	99.17	98.03	
5	18	A2 - P	Otis Hayes	98.19	101.97	100.25	99.88	VOID	100.03	99.03	98.19	99.10	
6	43	B - P	Barrie Newsome	98.52	103.91	100.29	99.11	99.35	98.93	98.60	98.52	VOID	
7	16	A2 - P	Andy Bunney	98.82	115.61	100.96	99.32	98.82	101.06	99.66	99.23	101.76	
8	17	A2 - P	Barry Mason	99.41	100.85	100.12	VOID	100.38	99.41	103.43	101.32	100.21	
9	15	A2 - P	Nigel Levinson	99.56	106.07	101.95	VOID	100.07	100.65	99.56	101.88	101.83	
10	12	A2 - P	Steve Timms	99.96	103.40	103.78	103.73	99.96	102.67	100.16	NR	NR	
11	6	A1 - P	Andy McCormack	101.51	104.96	102.02	105.33	116.42	VOID	102.65	101.77	101.51	
12	32	A3 - S	John Crabtree	102.81	105.91	105.56	105.16	105.29	104.25	102.81	102.92	104.43	
13	33	A3 - S	Diane Turner	102.94	108.87	109.11	108.37	110.07	106.86	105.05	103.95	102.94	
14	31	A3 - S	James Crabtree	103.06	106.05	104.67	107.07	104.92	104.72	103.06	104.05	VOID	
15	56	C - P	Steve Walker	103.71	106.05	105.34	104.92	105.17	105.16	103.71	105.91	NR	
16	41	B - P	Phil Cutler	103.74	104.80	103.74	108.50	116.50	VOID	VOID	VOID	105.04	
17	55	C - P	Jeff Lotts	104.30	VOID	104.30	105.45	106.49	VOID	104.47	104.54	104.96	
18	4	A1 - P	Roger Greaves	105.11	107.88	109.19	107.87	107.86	106.46	106.83	106.78	105.11	
19	23	A3 - P	Steve Lawson	105.48	108.57	106.23	106.65	VOID	109.00	107.62	105.87	105.48	
20	65	D - P	Neil Chillingworth	106.17	109.99	109.48	108.40	108.85	107.22	106.58	108.66	106.17	
21	66	D - P	Guy Bentley	106.43	111.10	110.74	116.21	VOID	106.43	107.08	108.95	108.88	
22	62	C-S	Dan Quinn	107.59	111.49	109.07	111.33	109.55	108.60	108.89	108.17	107.59	
23	52	C - P	Paul Thomas	108.20	RERUN	112.68	111.17	110.20	109.39	114.32	108.20	111.43	
24	24	A3 - P	Joe Tapply	108.36	109.82	108.79	109.53	110.34	108.55	108.36	109.78	109.21	
25	25	A3 - P	Ziggy Dykes	108.46	108.46	115.25	NR	126.93	NR	NR	NR	NR	
26	35	A3 - S	Jason Wood	108.58	112.22	112.06	111.47	110.05	110.57	108.58	108.97	109.12	
27	34	A3 - S	Kelly Wright	110.89	117.60	115.11	117.57	VOID	116.90	115.30	114.64	110.89	
28	46	B - S	Sai Seebaluck	111.77	116.29	115.60	119.68	117.89	114.68	114.78	113.85	111.77	
29	70	D - S	Gerrard McGlynn	113.58	120.41	118.25	117.96	116.48	113.58	114.00	NR	NR	
30	53	C - P	Stephen Ellis	113.98	115.32	113.98	VOID	118.24	115.06	115.16	114.07	NR	
31	54	C - P	David Holland	114.25	120.35	117.59	115.64	115.93	116.13	114.44	114.25	114.32	
32	76	F - P	Tim Cogman	114.78	115.93	115.98	114.90	139.18	115.68	115.85	114.78	115.53	
33	42	B - P	Vix Cutler	115.09	115.09	VOID	117.10	NR	NR	NR	NR	118.67	
34	69	D - P	Rob Peirson	116.85	119.90	119.95	117.99	118.57	119.14	117.81	117.46	116.85	

Trophy winners - Round 2 - Blyton Park 13/05/12



Woodbridge Summary:

Richard Usher's fabulous little circuit, along with Colin, Bob, Andrew, Peter and the rest of the Javelin crew's organisation have ensured that by popular demand Blyton Park will appear on the Toyota Sprint series calendar for many years to come. The combination of a great family atmosphere, series past competitors coming back to rejoin the regulars and new additions, along with decent weather and a great track made this one of the best and most memorable events in the sprints history. Several new class winners, several people not finishing where expected, and perhaps the closest grouping of times ever seen adding to the unpredictability, excitement and enjoyment. But perhaps the biggest smile and proudest moment of the day belonged to Adrian Smith. In a moment of contemplation as he looked out across the paddock, not only did it dawn on him how many cars have been tended to by his Fensport concern, he realised how many people, from drivers to mechanics, from family members to spectators, were taking great pleasure from something he had created. Everyone involved in the Blyton sprint had reason to be proud, and with everyone involved spreading the word via word of mouth or through forums etc, the series will grow further over the remaining three rounds, the next one of course being at Barkston Heath on the 12th of August.



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