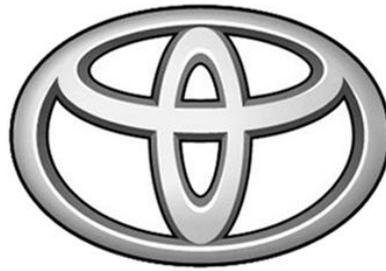
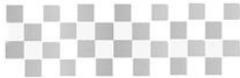


# RRG TOYOTA SPRINT SERIES



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## Toyota Sprint Series Round 1 Blyton Park 27.04.14

The eagerly anticipated start to the 2014 Toyota Sprint Series began at former US airbase Blyton Park, Lincolnshire. Series regulars were familiar with the circuit and very smooth tarmac, but as is always the case at the first round, paddock gossip was rife with who had done what to their cars, and who had been brushing up on their driver skills during the winter lay off. It was pleasing to see many new cars and faces, some taking their first steps into the world of motorsport. All questions were about to be answered as after the sighting laps 37 drivers lined up for their first timed runs of the season.

### Results In Reverse Class Order



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

Team Taddy' was represented by two 1.5 litre Yaris T Sport's in Class D Street. The beautifully turned out red version piloted by Sallyanne Elliot and Becca Haw (above left), with Alex Daniel driving the pretty blue car (above right). It was Alex who made the biggest improvement during the day, finishing with a 1.36.64 set on her sixth run. Becca also vastly improved as confidence and mileage racked up, ending with a 1.32.13 set on her eighth and final lap. But it was Sallyanne who stole the show with a 1.30.10 also on the last run to seal the class win.



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

Class D Pro consisted of three quite different cars, the classic AE86 driven by Martin Lush (above left), Guy Bentley's Corolla G6R (above right) and Matt Hopkin's trusty Mk1 MR2. Matt managed to carve six seconds from his first timed run to finish third in class on a 1.30.02. Guy put up a valiant fight, but Martin held the upper hand all day to win the class with a 1.19.78 set on his seventh lap.



**Class C Street - Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated**

Series stalwart Dan Quinn once again entered Class C Street in his normally aspirated Supra (above left). Richard McKay of series sponsor RRG Macclesfield entered a hastily prepared Celica ST202 (above right) to share with Andrew Moore, and Conrad Csenski entered his red Mk2 MR2. Richard started steadily, but was another to greatly reduce his times as the day wore on to finish with a 1.27 set on his seventh run, greatly enjoying himself in the process. Conrad also set his best time on his seventh lap to finish third in class with a 1.25.51. After a fluctuation in times Andrew saved the best until last with a 1.25.14 on his last lap, but there was no stopping Dan, a typically consistent showing seeing him win the class with a 1.23.30.



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

Chris Girdler and Ollie Novell contested Class C Pro, both using 2ZZ-GE power but in different chassis, Chris in a Celica T-Sport (above left) and Ollie Corolla T-Sport mounted (above right). A good battle ensued between them both, Ollie gradually bringing his times closer to Chris, but it was Chris who took the winners spoils with a 1.18.56 set on his fifth run to win the class and finish eleventh overall.



**Class B Street - Up To 1.6 Forced Induction**

The ever cheery Vit Seebaluck started his third year of the TSS in his EP91 Starlet Glanza (above). Unusually Vit didn't improve throughout the day as he normally would, his fastest time coming at the end of his second run to finish class winner and seventeenth overall.



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

Phil Cutler has been involved with the series since it's inception, and once again showed his commitment and enthusiasm by entering his supercharged Mk1 MR2 (above). Consistent 1.18's was the story of Phil's day at Blyton, but a 1.16.93 posted on only his second run saw him win the class and finish a respectable eighth overall.



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

Celica ST205 GT4's were the order of the day in Class A3 Street, five different examples fighting for class honours.

James Clayton managed to improve by nearly two seconds over his previous runs to post a 1.21.97 on his eighth and final lap.

Chris Walker was another to whittle his times down as the day wore on, also posting his best time on his last lap.

Consistent times saw the ever improving Roger Greaves take third in class with a 1.19.02 set on only his second run.

An incredibly close battle between Jay Wood (above left) and Andrew Haw (above right) saw them separated by only tenths all day, but it was Jay who finally took the win by a scant .43 of a second to see him the class victor and ninth overall.



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

Barry Mason's ST185 Celica (above) made a welcome return to the series.

Driven as enthusiastically as ever Barry unfortunately encountered some turbocharger problems which prevented him improving upon his first lap time of 1.12.67.

Despite running lower power than usual Barry pushed hard, to finish a superb second overall and the class win.



### **Class A1 Pro - Over 1.6 Forced Induction**

Series regulars Nigel Levinson and Andrew McCormack were joined in the A1 Pro "Big Banger" class by former motorcycle racer and occasional TSS entrant Luke Lawrence. Andy's venerable ST165 (above right) had turbo wastegate issues in the morning which only allowed him four runs in the afternoon, but a 1.14.46 posted on his seventh lap ensured second in class and fourth overall, especially impressive considering he had no fourth gear either!

Luke's menacing MR2 turbo ran into difficulties with gearbox failure the previous afternoon, but a fabulous effort by Luke, Rob Pierson and Dave Brookes saw him not only post a 1.14.75 to place 5<sup>th</sup> overall, but also win the Hard Charger award for pace, dedication and commitment.

But it was Nigel's reliable and smoothly driven ST205 Celica (above left) that claimed the class spoils and last of the podium finishers in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

### **GT86 Trophy**

A brand new GT86 & BRZ sprint series is growing within the TSS championship. The cars are also eligible for overall points in the main series. Split in to 5 classes depending on modifications keeps the competition close, some 14 competitors took to the track for the very 1st event.



### **Class N3 - Normally Aspirated - Standard Car**

The most popular GT86 class with 7 competitors provided thrills and spills all day long. Series regular Paul Thomas (above left) was quick off the mark in the morning and was chased hard till lunchtime by newcomer Damian Wilkinson (above right) with less than a second between the two at lunchtime! It was Paul who worked the hardest after lunch pushing the standard GT86 to an incredible time of 1:18.61, enough to seal the class win. Damian continued to improve and took 2nd in class with a 1:21.60. Alex Shaw improved his times all day long and settled for 3rd in class with a 1:21.84.



### **Class N2 - Normally Aspirated - Modified - Street**

The N2 class is the home of the normally aspirated modified street cars, with 3 experienced drivers in this class the pace was hot right from the start! Stan Hawrylak (above left) was first to set the blistering pace followed closely by Lauren Blighton (above right) just over a second away. The two battled fiercely all day long setting incredible times, it was Stan who set the fastest a stunning 1:15.37 to take not only the class win, but also 2nd overall in the GT86 Trophy! Lauren finished 2nd in class with a 1:16.92. This will be a battle to watch in the future!



### **Class F2 - Forced Induction - Street**

Class F2 is for the turbo and supercharged cars, although modified they are still in street trim and road tyres. 3 entrants here this time and it was Keith Stanbury (above left) who was quickest first thing in the morning, but it was a close battle with Rob Swinden all day long. The pair were never more than a second apart all day long, but it was Keith's 1:20.57 run that just stole it from Rob's 1:20.59! Just 2/100's of a second between them!



### **Class F1 - Forced Induction - Pro**

Class F1 Pro is the home of the ultimate GT86 and although only 1 entrant in this class at the moment, we hope some of the other tuning companies get on board and help it grow. Adrian Smith (above) had just finished his new wide body GT86R and it was going to be the one to watch! Adrian finished 2nd overall in last year's series and is after going one better this year. The pairing were quite simply stunning, setting fastest time from the 1st run, Adrian worked hard all day to extract the best time from the car and finished with a 1:09.43 to take 1st in class and 1st overall.

The trophy winners :)



### **Blyton Round 1: Event Summary**

What a start to the season, it's only round 1 and the battles have already begun!

Special mention must be made to the friendly competitors and how they help each other out ... a handful of people had car problems and they were all helped by others, some even direct competitors! Just show's what a great series the TSS has become.

Blyton was a perfect example on how to go sprinting! The event run like clockwork thanks to Javelin's expertise. Many novices took to the track for the very first time and judging by the smiles they will be back at Round 2 for more!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new headline series sponsor the RRG Group. Formed in 1967 the RRG Group consists of 12 Toyota & 3 Lexus Centre's serving

the North of England. Their dedication and enthusiasm for the Toyota brand is second to none. Not only are they sponsoring the series but they are also actively competing and helping out behind the scenes. RRG are a perfect partner for the Toyota Sprint Series.

### Crystal ball for round 2 .... :)

Barry will fix his turbo, Adrian won't have it his own way for long, there are a few other driver's missing who didn't get their cars finished in time. The Crabtree brothers will be back with a faster car! The GT86's look great and will continue to grow. Some will change tyres and go faster, others will fix their gearbox ....

**Round 2 is at Woodbridge on the 15th June**, come along and find out if the predictions are true!!!

Start line



Many more photo's can be found at [Round1 Pics Blyton 2014](#)

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