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### Toyota Sprint Series – Round 5 – Teeside – 25/10/2008

The Toyota Sprint Series contenders headed to Teeside, near Middlesbrough for the final round of the Championship. The event was run by track day specialists Javelin with support from Toyota GB, Blitz-UK, Fensport, Millers Oils, Prolex-UK, Toyo Tyres and Turbo Dynamics.

An impressive entry list of 42 impressive Toyota's made the trip north to compete on Teeside's twisty smooth tarmac. The dominant thoughts on everyone's mind was "How dark will it be" This was to be our first ever night sprint!



There were a few casualties even before the start; the much anticipated return of Jonny Milner was not to be, after working throughout the previous night an engine problem was evident which could not be rectified in time. Likewise Steve Timms GT4 fell foul to a broken oil cooler on the A1 on its way to the venue.

The event started at 4pm with scrutineering and sign on dispatched, the cars headed out for some daylight practise. With many championship battles to decide many drivers looked more than a tad nervous!

A short break was had at 6pm, just so it was pitch dark for everyone, and at 6:30 the first cars rolled up to the start line, Adrian Smith (below) was first up in the Fensport Corolla and although leading the championship, he knew only too well that it could all be won or lost on this the last event. Due to the unique way the points system is scored, this was true for all the championship contender's.



On the very first timed run no less than 10 cars broke the magic 1 minute barrier, and the scene was set. Weather might have been cold and blustery but the pace certainly was not!

Adrian Smith quoting on the first run - "With 420 horsepower, launching downhill towards the first corner, in the pitch dark was absolutely awesome, if a little scary, the hill section, also dark, was extremely slippery, the corolla was spinning it's wheels all the way to the top, after that the second half of the track is floodlit, with a fast straight then a chicane followed by the longest hairpin ever, it's great" All the drivers echo'd his thoughts, dark, slippery, dark!

Run 1 also caught a few drivers out, with 4 drivers reporting spins, but no major damage, it was time for everyone to settle down and sort those championship battles out. Runs 2 through to 8 were quickly dispatched.

### Report by class

**Class F** (1.0L), Being the only car in class, Paul Thomas (below left) in his amazing Aygo didn't have to try, but that doesn't stop him, and with a 63.07s lap on run 8, Paul ran faster than a few cars with a lot more power.



**Class E** (Diesel) With 7 drivers battling it out, all in Auris SR180s, it was soon apparent this was going to be a very close battle, the "usual" class leader Chris Rees (above right) was just outpaced by Joe Clifford (below left) on run 1, Joe held on to lead all night and set a blistering 57.99 with Chris only 0.29s behind. 3<sup>rd</sup> in class went to Richard White (below right) 0.76s behind Chris. These 3 drivers finished 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> overall proving their skill and speed of the Auris SR180 Diesel.



**Class D** (under 1600cc NA) turned out to be a 2 horse race on the night and what a phenomenal pace the pair set. David Brooks (below left) who rebuilt the starlet's engine 1 day before the event, suffered a few teething problems on the night, but overcome them to set a blistering time of 54.86s on his way to 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Phil Cutler (below right) in his MR2 MK1 was also on a similar mission finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in class with a 56.47 and taking 10<sup>th</sup> overall. The guys in the higher classes need to keep an eye on this pair next year!



**Class C** (over 1600cc NA) Jeff Lotts (below left) was pushing hard in his Celica and despite a half spin on run 3, he went on to win the class with a 55.84 and finish 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Mike Rawlings (below right) in his V6 MR2 was also pushing hard, trying to catch Jeff and as many points as he could for the championship, he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 13<sup>th</sup> overall.



**Class B** (Under 1600c forced induction) The usual suspects, Pete Grimmer (below right) and Barrie Newsome were eclipsed by Gavin Mycock (below left) in his turbocharged Sera, after turbo failure in the last round, Gavin was back with a vengeance and set a great time of 59.44, pushing Pete to 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. Barrie Newsome Starlet retired from 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the exhaust was damaged beyond repair.



**Class A2** (Over 1600c forced induction limited modifications) Simon Marsh (below left) in his MR2 Turbo and Otis Hayes (below right) in his Celica GT4 were locked in an epic battle all night long, both drivers were extremely consistent and were swapping tenths run by run, it was Simon who came out on top with a 54.58 against Otis's time of 54.73, only 0.15 seconds separated the pair, so close!



**Class A1** (Over 1600c forced induction), The top 3 drivers were all pushing very hard, Adrian Smith in his Corolla GT4 set the pace, a 50.36, but had damaged the Corolla's rear differential, would it be enough to keep Darren Deavall (below left) and the charging Barry Charters (below right) at bay? All three had reported half spins and were certainly trying! Darren set a 52.29 on his way to 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Barry was only 1.11s behind, good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and proving that his recent training is definitely working.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall; Darren Deavall, Celica GT4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall; Barry Charters, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- Class A2 Winner; Simon Marsh, MR2 Turbo
- Class B Winner; Gavin Mycock, Sera Turbo
- Class C Winner; Jeff Lotts, Celica 2.0GT
- Class D Winner; David Brooks, Starlet rwd
- Class E Winner; Jo Clifford, Auris SR180 Diesel
- Class F Winner; Paul Thomas, Aygo 1.0
- Hard Charger Award; David Brooks, Starlet rwd
- Ladies Trophy; Diane Turner, Celica GT4

## Overall Results for Teeside Round 5



### TEESIDE ROUND 5 - OVERALL RESULTS

1	Adrian Smith	A1	50.36	52.19	53.19	51.73	50.36	52.15	51.70	51.81	63.26
2	Darren Deavall	A1	52.29	55.55	54.49	62.18	53.11	53.59	52.29	52.69	54.12
3	Barry Charters	A1	53.40	56.43	55.93	53.40	59.22	55.94	53.76	54.65	70.17
4	Simon Marsh	A2	54.58	58.13	56.59	55.37	56.10	55.46	54.92	54.58	55.87
5	Otis Hayes	A2	54.73	55.77	55.62	55.17	54.73	55.31	55.33	55.06	55.40
6	David Brooks	D	54.86	63.50	55.85	54.86	57.76	56.47	55.89	55.89	DNR
7	Jeff Lotts	C	55.84	57.92	60.40	56.52	56.78	56.71	55.84	56.73	56.39
8	Barry Sheldrick	A2	56.01	58.96	58.03	57.01	56.01	57.09	57.23	56.64	56.97
9	Adam Levinson	A2	56.28	57.44	59.84	56.44	57.44	56.91	56.72	57.38	56.28
10	Phil Cutler	D	56.47	60.12	58.47	56.47	60.98	57.49	61.18	57.98	58.48
11	Richard Morrow	A2	56.81	1.97.02	60.24	56.81	56.97	57.21	57.22	59.27	58.45
12	Andy Bunney	A2	56.96	81.35	56.96	57.49	67.19	64.02	57.63	59.23	57.23
13	Mike Rawlings	C	56.96	58.60	58.36	1.03.34V	57.83	57.67	68.18	57.27	56.96
14	Joe Clifford	E	57.99	59.65	58.87	57.99	58.93	58.40	59.12	58.62	58.61
15	Chris Rees	E	58.28	61.56	1.00.29	58.47	60.15	58.28	59.98	59.98	58.36
16	Richard White	E	59.04	62.02	1.00.55	59.04	60.83	59.76	60.44	64.13	59.35
17	Diane Turner	A2	59.17	62.78	62.66	60.47	60.58	61.03	59.51	59.17	59.63
18	Steve Lawson	A2	59.21	61.99	61.88	59.21	60.36	59.75	62.94	61.81	60.88
19	Jake Turner	A2	59.33	63.37	62.45	59.33	61.43	63.20	61.04	62.02	60.64
20	Gavin Mycock	B	59.44	63.28	61.91	60.93	61.08	60.03	59.44	60.80	60.12
21	Tim Cogman	C	59.58	63.60	62.70	61.46	60.87	60.30	59.58	60.01	59.76
22	Scott Briance	C	59.64	63.03	61.63	60.31	60.91	60.62	60.31	60.13	59.64
23	Nigel Levinson	A2	59.75	60.66	60.66	61.14	60.48	60.54	61.26	59.75	60.70
24	Richard Seymour	E	59.76	62.65	60.88	59.82	61.15	60.72	60.35	60.45	59.76
25	Bob Rawlings	C	60.28	64.61	64.00	60.28	60.85	60.58	60.51	60.82	60.57
26	Rajan Nahr	C	60.35	62.36	61.95	60.73		61.34	70.90V	60.35	60.55
27	Christian Timms	A2	60.76	67.96	66.25	64.58	63.69	63.33	60.76	63.18	62.72
28	Peter Chapman	E	61.02	1.04.12	1.03.94	61.92	64.37	61.26	62.97	62.35	61.02
29	Steve Neophytou	E	61.28	1.05.10	62.65	61.92	63.83	61.91	61.68	61.28	61.56
30	Rik Parker	C	61.58	68.11	61.58	66.10	65.19	67.14	63.29	64.41	68.80
31	Pete Grimmer	B	61.88	68.71	64.86	64.36	64.07	62.75	61.88	63.07	63.51
32	Alex Grant	E	62.13	1.06.92	1.04.42	64.33	64.80	63.17	62.87	62.80	62.13
33	John Middleton	C	62.28	66.97	64.09	62.28	65.05	63.33	63.58	63.40	63.23
34	Barry Cross	C	63.01	DNR	67.67	64.71	65.58	63.78	63.29	63.01	DNR
35	Paul Thomas	F	63.07	1.05.95	1.04.28	64.27	64.40	66.85	65.88	64.14	63.07
36	Dan Quinn	C	63.70	64.49	73.91	63.70	65.48	63.98	64.49	65.85	65.14
37	Barrie Newsome	B	64.16	DNF	64.16	DNF		Retired broken exhaust			
38	Mike Brebner	A2	64.73	98.43	66.95	66.98	66.24	64.73	64.88	DNR	65.00
39	Matt Hopkins	D	66.30	75.96	71.94	68.69	68.33	66.38	66.72	66.30	66.97

#### Summary:

If Formula 1 can race at night, so can the TSS competitors! It may have been dark, cold and damp on track, but the intensely hot competition throughout the field was incredible, 2 Sighting Laps, 2 non timed practice runs, 1 timed practice run and 8 competitive runs all in 6 hours kept everyone on their toes.

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....

More photos of the event can be found here

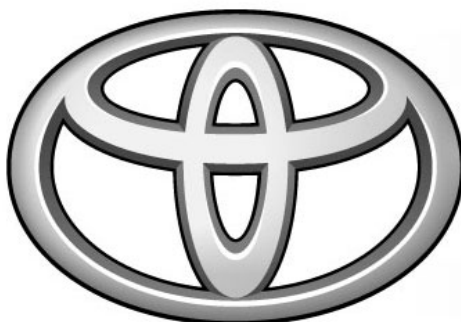
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