



TOYOTA SPRINT SERIES - 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT



The success of the 2008 Toyota Sprint Series heralded a positive start for 2009. Many of the 2008 competitors were back for a second time, some of them to defend their title, some with high hopes of doing better than last year, with new modifications and tweaks to their cars. A lot of newcomers who had seen the series progress last year were also entering to have a go themselves. Some 57 cars scored championship points throughout the year proving the popularity of the series.

Each event was expertly and professionally run by track day organisers Javelin, with support from Fensport, Millers Oils, Blitz-UK and the GT4 Owners Club.

An exciting addition to the timetable this year was the first event at Rockingham (above), which provided a great backdrop to the liveried Toyotas, and a great smooth track to get the championship underway.

The Series also attended the airfield circuit at Woodbridge, Suffolk, a purpose built sprint track at Barkston Heath, Lincolnshire and the Teesside Autodrome (below).





Class F – (1.0l)

Paul Thomas (above left) did it again in his Aygo, winning his class in all 6 rounds and beating some more powerful cars on the way! This year, Paul had some competition in his class, and Jane Newsome (above right), having taken runner up in each round, was the championship runner up with her Vitz.

Class E – Diesel

No diesels entered this year, however the Toyota Sprint Series would welcome some competition in this class for 2010.



Class D – Below 1600cc, normally aspirated.

Dominating this class was David Brooks (above left) in his rear wheel drive Starlet. Despite having only 140bhp, David was surprising the more powerful cars, and as well as winning this class, came a fantastic 4th overall. David took the Hard Charger award at two events, a trophy awarded to the car and driver who punch well above their weight. Neil Latham (above right) in his 20v MK1 MR2 chased David all season, and achieved runner up in this class.



Class C - Above 1600cc, normally aspirated

One of the smaller classes, but this seems to lead to closer battles! Jeff Lotts (above left) came out top in the class, winning 4 out of 5 rounds in his Celica GT. Craig Storey (above right) and his Celica ST202 was a well deserved runner up, in his 1st season of TSS.



Class B – Below 1600cc, forced induction

A battle was brewing in this class between Barrie Newsome (above left) in his Starlet Turbo and Phil Cutler (above right) in his supercharged Mk1 MR2. The championship was undecided right up to the final round, where Barrie set a superb time and grabbed first place, Phil taking runner up. These competitors finished 10th and 11th in the overall championship respectively, and Barrie was awarded the Hard Charger Trophy during the season.



Class A2 – Above 1600 CC, Turbocharged with limited modifications.

Class A2 is the most popular class in the championship; however one man is significantly at the top! Otis Hayes (above left) took first place, in his Celica GT4. Because of the excellent combination of well prepared car and driver, Otis also took third place in the overall championship. Chris Cooke (above right) and his MR2 Mk2 turbo performed some very quick and consistently good times, earning them runner up on class A2 in his first season of TSS.



Class A1 – above 1600cc, Turbocharged - unlimited modifications.

Class A1 had two 'regular' competitors, Jonny Milner (above left) and Adrian Smith (above right) they were locked in serious competition with each other all year! Very close battles were being played out at each round; it was Adrian in his Corolla GT4 who took the win on the 1st round at Rockingham, after Jonny suffered mechanical problems in his Celica GT4.

Jonny then claimed 5 consecutive wins to secure the Championship on the very last round by just 4 points! Being second to a double British Rally Champion is nothing to be ashamed of however, and Adrian took the runner up position with good grace. Congratulations to Jonny on becoming the 2009 TSS Champion.



From all at the Toyota Sprint Series – Huge Congratulations to the 2009 TSS Champion – Jonny Milner (pictured below)



Jonny's 2.2 litre Celica GT4 proved to be the quickest machine in the Toyota Sprint Series 2009



TSS Director Barry Cross (above left) Hands over the Championship shield and the winners trophy.

Overall Points Table - 2009

Pos	Driver	Vehicle	No	Class	Total
1	Jonny Milner	Celica GT4 ST205	29	A1	405
2	Adrian Smith	Corolla GT4	1	A1	401
3	Otis Hayes	Celica GT4 ST205	18	A2	395
4	David Brooks	Starlet RWD 4age	73	D	380
5	Barry Charters	Celica GT4 ST205	3	A1	378
6	Chris Cooke	MR2 MK2 Turbo	31	A2	369
7	Russell Giddings	Celica GT4 ST205	27	A2	368
8	Adam Levinson	Celica GT4 ST185	20	A2	363
9	Nigel Boby	Celica GT4 ST205	34	A2	358
10	Barrie Newsome	Starlet Turbo EP82	51	B	357
11	Phil Cutler	MR2 MK1 SC	48	B	354
12	Steve Lawson	MR2 MK2 Turbo	25	A2	350
13	Peter Coleman	Starlet Turbo EP82	56	B	340
14	Gregory Jones	Starlet Glanza EP91	55	B	333
15	Diane Turner	Celica GT4 ST205	38	A2	321
16	Jeff Lotts	Celica 2.0GT ST202	64	C	321
17	Christian Timms	MR2 MK2 Turbo	23	A2	320
18	Jake Turner	MR2 MK2 Turbo	39	A2	316
19	Andy Bunney	Celica GT4 ST185	21	A2	308
20	Richard Morrow	Celica GT4 ST165	22	A2	308
21	Craig Storey	Celica 3.0GT	66	C	303
22	Nigel Levinson	Celica GT4 ST185	24	A2	298
23	Niel Latham	MR2 MK1 20V	74	D	294
24	Scott Briance	Celica 1.8ST AT200	63	C	282
25	Gavin Mycock	Sera 1.3 Turbo	50	B	267
26	Mike Ellis	MR2 MK1	75	D	266
27	Dan Quinn	Celica 2.0GT ST182	65	C	263
28	Luke Lawrence	MR2 MK2 Turbo	12	A1	258
29	Paul Thomas	Aygo 1.0	82	F	256
30	Barry Cross	Yaris T Sport	77	D	255
31	Vycki Hoult	MR2 MK1 SC	53	B	242
32	Jane Newsome	Vitz / Yaris 1.0	84	F	227
33	Matt Hopkins	MR2 Mk1	76	D	225
34	Lee Mabbett	Celica 2ZZ SC	37	A2	210
35	Alex Meade	Supra JZA80 NA	67	C	193
36	Rebecca Foster	MR2 MK2 Turbo	32	A2	168
37	Rik Parker	MR2 MK1 SC	5	B	168
38	Joe Tapply	Celica 2ZZ SC	36	A2	161
39	Dave Townsend	Celica GT4 ST205	33	A2	160
40	Darren Deavall	Celica GT4 ST205	2	A1	148
41	Pete Grimmer	Starlet Glanza EP91	49	B	144
42	John Middleton	Celica GT4 ST205	35	A2	135
43	Barry Sheldrick	Celica GT4 ST205	19	A2	132
44	Dave Ellen	Soarer JZZ30	83	A2	130
45	Andrew Hayes	Celica GT4 ST165	40	A2	129
46	Roger Parker	MR2 MK1 SC	68	B	127
47	Steve Foster	MR2 MK2 Turbo	10	A1	122
48	Mohammed Zahir	Celica GT4 ST205	11	A1	108
49	Lee Chapell	Corolla Gti	78	D	102
50	Mike Brebner	Celica 2ZZ SC	28	A2	96
51	Phil Reeve	Celica GT4 ST185	6	A1	72
52	Tim Cogman	Celica 2.0GT ST202	62	C	56
53	Alex Morton	Celica GT4 ST185	7	A1	55
54	Peter Foster	MR2 MK2 Turbo	9	A1	49
55	Rik Parker	Celica GT4 ST205	5	A1	47
56	Dan Quinn	Yaris	86	F	43
57	Kami Ellen	Vitz / Yaris 1.0	85	F	31

Extra Events

TSS also attended a number of events putting on a static display at JAE and Modified Live show at Snetterton. Both shows proved a huge success for both members and introducing the general public to the series.



Goodwood Festival of Speed

3 Toyota Sprint Series cars were invited to the Goodwood Festival of Speed, Adrian Smith's 2008 championship winning Corolla and Barry Charter's immaculate Celica GT4 (both pictured above)

TSS Drivers Jonny Milner and Adrian Smith jointly drove the 2010 spec Celica (below) competitively up the hill climb course, to an amazing 6th overall in front of the 150,000 crowd that attended over the 3 day festival. A huge thank you to Toyota Motor Corporation for their support of grassroots motorsport.



Summary:

2009 has been a difficult year for most people, and those involved in motorsport are no exception. The Toyota Sprint Series has succeeded in producing a great fun series at a very affordable level, the battles and challenges have been both thoroughly entertaining and rewarding.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the class winners and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2010.

Thank You

We would like to thank all the competitors who have made the effort and supported the series throughout 2009. Thanks also to the Javelin Team for their super slick organisation. And last but certainly not least, Thank you to all the series sponsors, Javelin, Blitz-UK, Fensport, Millers Oils, GT4 Owners Club, we look forward to seeing you all back for more in 2010.

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Some of the Competitor's favourite pics...







Work for 2010 is already underway, entries will open around December, please keep an eye out on our forum <http://www.toyota-sprint-series.com/forums/index.php>

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Many pictures from the season can be found at

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