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**TOYOTA**  **2010**

**Event Report**

**Round 6 – Blyton Park – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010**



The final round of the 2010 Toyota Sprint Series was held at the developing venue of Blyton Park in Lincolnshire. This is a very promising track, with promises of re-vamps in the new year, and much fun was had by all.

The event was expertly organised and run by track day organisers Javelin, with support from Blitz-UK, Fensport, Millers Oils, Super Pro Bushes, Merlin International, AEW Graphics, and the GT4 Owners Club.

Forecasts of heavy showers had drivers looking nervous – except in the case of Dave ‘sideways’ Brooks, who was doing a rain dance. The skills of sprinting are required when there are days with risks of showers, as there may be only one or two runs where the track is at it’s best.

This was proving to be the case, with many a ‘lost back end’ as drivers got to grips – probably not quite the word – with the new track. No rain all morning meant that the track significantly improved in the first four runs, and the vast majority of drivers set their fastest time so far in run 4.

However, over lunch, the rain dancers got their wish, and the track soon got wet, taking the situation back to the very first run of the day. Drivers were using this time to get to know the track, in the hope that it would have dried up in time to beat their pre lunch targets.

For a lot of drivers, this proved to be the case, and the fastest times of the day were set in either run 4 or run 8. Drivers were pleased with the way the day had progressed, and many went away with thought of 'wet track training' in their minds.

### **Overall Results:**



### **Class F: Up to 1.0l**

The last sprint of the season for Class F was all about enjoyment; with tales of slips & slides being discussed after each run on the wet & twisty track (arguably more suited to the smaller lower powered cars of the class) the accent was less on speed and more on handling. With close times being swapped in both the morning and the afternoon sessions which finally ended with Paul Thomas (above left) in the Aygo taking 1<sup>st</sup> place (and giving him the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place in class for 2010) and Dan Quinn (above right) in the Yaris coming in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> for which he received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class for the 2010 Series.

Both drivers respectively recorded faster times by the end of the day than some of the higher powered cars in Class B, C & A3, so a very positive and fitting end to a great season



### **Class D: Up to 1.6l**

Class D was dominated by Dave Brooks (above left) and the super sideways Starlet as always. Dave hurtled round the track, beating a lot of the more powerful cars in the process, and took the class win with a time of 69.65 – which also meant he was 4<sup>th</sup> fastest overall. Neil Latham (above left) and his MR2 20v posted a respectable time of 73.14 to get runner up.



**Class C:** Over 1.6l

A battle was on throughout most of the day between the top three entrants of Class C. Alex Meade (above right), current class leader was struggling to get his Supra to grip in the wet and was prepared to hand a class trophy to Ian Johnson in the MR2. However both Alex and Jeff Lotts (above left) managed a quicker time in run 8 – Jeff winning the class with a time of 70.92 in the Celica, and Alex runner up with a time of 72.16.



**Class B:** Up to 1.6l forced induction.

Things were tense in Class B today, with only 2 points separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the class championship. Phil Cutler (above left) was another one doing rain danced in the hope his skills would get his MR2 Supercharger round the track quicker than Barrie Newsome (above right) in his Starlet Turbo. After a few runs, it was clear this was the case, and Phil got the class win with a time of 70.33 – gaining him his highest overall finish of 5<sup>th</sup>, Barrie runner up with a time of 73.74.





**Class A3:** Over 1.6l Forced Induction - limited modifications

Chris Cooke (above right), one of the top runners in A3 reports:

After the first practice runs I realized just how slippery it was... I found it hard just to stay in a straight line!!! Getting off the start line was a challenge in its self. Within 4 laps I managed to drop 8 seconds off my time as the track began to dry. At lunch the heavens opened and the first run after lunch was very slippery but I was only a couple of seconds off my best time. With confidence up I went out for what was to be my last run.. the start of the run was great however I over-cooked it into the fast chicane, then over corrected the slide and ended up on the grass. Still managed to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in class again with a time of 70.51, but could not do enough to beat Barry Watling's time of 68.43, Barry (above left) used his karting experience and the grip of the 4wd Celica to finish 1st in class and 3rd overall.



**Class A2:** Over 1.6l Forced Induction – modified

Andy Bunney (above), a class A2 competitor with Team Servicetune, provides his view of the day:

Nigel Levinson's first run time of 75.56 was a good banker so I knew I would have to try hard. I tried a bit too hard for the level of grip on run 1, wiped out a cone and fed slowly back onto the track. I decided to use the rest of the run as a practice and was pleased with an 82 something although void. Run 2 was good for Nigel with a 74.30. I needed a banker so took it a bit steady achieving a clean run in 75.47 seconds.

Run 3 saw the track drying in places and my 72.57 put me in 3rd place overall behind Jonny and Adrian. I was over the moon and immediately started a rain dance but to no avail!

On a very much grippier track run 4 saw most of the top runners gain their fastest time of the day and I was relegated to 8th overall.

With rain falling just after lunch no-one looked set for any faster times till run 8 when Nigel popped in a 73.60, his fastest of the day but still 2.26 seconds slower than my fastest. Most of the later cars to run got their fastest times on run 8 and by the finish I had dropped another place to 9th overall. All in all a very enjoyable day and nice to take another first in class even if only from my team mate.



**Class A1:** Over 1.6l Forced Induction – unlimited modifications

The two drivers in class A1, Adrian Smith (above right) and Jonny Milner (above left) were both driving 600bhp+ 4wd cars and both really struggled for grip, Jonny was 1st to record a "void" clipping a few cones on run 1, and was quickly followed by Adrian performing a full 360 degree spin essentially putting both cars last overall after run 1!! From run 2 on both settled down and started to push harder and as the track started to dry, Jonny took the early lead and despite Adrian's best attempts it was Jonny who pulled out a 0.93s lead to take the overall win with Adrian in second place.

**Hard Charger:**

The hard Charger award is given to the driver who has punched above their weight or stood out in some way at each round. Phil Cutler, who is usually matching the times of the more powerful cars, really stood out today with his finish of 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Results – Simplified**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall – Jonny Milner, Celica ST205 XXX
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall – Adrian Smith , Celica GT4X
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall – Barry Watling, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner – Jonny Milner, Celica ST205 xxx
- Class A1 runner up – Adrian Smith , Celica GT4X
- Class A2 Winner – Andy Bunney, Celica GT4
- Class A2 runner up – Nigel Levinson, Celica GT4
- Class A3 Winner – Barry Watling, Celica GT4
- Class A3 runner up – Chris Cooke, MR2 Turbo
- Class B Winner – Phil Cutler, MR2 Mk1 Scupercharger
- Class B runner up – Barrie Newsome, Starlet Turbo
- Class C Winner – Jeff Lotts, Celica ST202
- Class C runner up – Alex Meade, Supra
- Class D Winner – David Brooks, Starlet 4AGE
- Class D runner up – Neil Latham, MR2 20v
- Class F Winner – Paul Thomas, Aygo
- Class F runner up – Dan Quinn, Yaris

Hard Charger – Phil Cutler, MR2 Supercharger  
 Fastest Lady – Diane Turner, Celica GT4



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### Overall Results

Overall Position	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run							
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
1	1	A1	Jonny Milner	65.04	VOID	66.54	69.12	65.10	65.97	NR	69.11	65.04
2	2	A1	Adrian Smith	65.97	VOID	69.04	67.47	65.97	67.07	84.61	72.08	73.91
3	12	A2	Nigel Levinson	73.60	75.56	74.30	VOID	74.03	75.21	75.63	76.26	73.60
4	15	A2	Andy Bunney	71.34	VOID	75.47	72.57	71.34	71.96	75.28	VOID	71.42
5	21	A3	Chris Cooke	70.51	78.52	74.15	74.99	70.51	72.40	VOID	NR	NR
6	23	A3	Steve Lawson	72.86	83.81	79.59	80.79	72.86	86.92	148.06	NR	77.41
7	24	A3	Diane Turner	71.86	75.58	76.08	75.11	71.86	76.28	82.37	78.14	73.57
8	25	A3	Christian Timms	73.17	79.89	79.03	VOID	74.36	80.59	81.12	79.89	73.17
9	26	A3	Jake Turner	72.89	78.90	77.75	75.25	73.20	74.92	78.98	76.20	72.89
10	31	A3	Joe Tapply	79.13	85.48	84.40	84.95	81.01	81.44	84.77	83.37	79.13
11	32	A3	Dave Ellen	76.91	90.01	89.00	86.28	79.88	82.94	86.74	84.63	76.91
12	33	A3	Alan Wheeldon	71.31	78.21	76.02	74.74	71.31	74.76	82.53	79.24	72.66
13	36	A3	Barry Watling	68.43	73.06	80.73	72.88	68.46	69.99	100.36	71.13	68.43
14	41	B	Barrie Newsome	73.74	82.26	81.89	78.24	75.18	77.12	81.62	78.76	73.74
15	42	B	Phil Cutler	70.33	74.27	74.16	72.80	70.33	73.15	76.44	NR	71.35
16	44	B	Gavin Mycock	82.28	87.53	86.88	85.02	82.28	82.40	85.91	84.67	83.35
17	45	B	Vykki Cutler	80.78	86.09	85.32	82.97	80.78	NR	NR	NR	82.12
18	51	C	Jeff Lotts	70.92	78.20	VOID	85.92	72.50	72.84	75.03	73.88	70.92
19	53	C	Scott Briance	76.44	80.42	VOID	79.21	76.96	79.05	81.40	89.29	76.44
20	54	C	Jamie Clare	74.75	84.51	85.78	100.91	76.86	79.87	82.74	78.79	74.75
21	56	C	Ian Johnson	72.28	76.49	76.89	76.38	72.28	81.23	80.48	77.73	VOID
22	57	C	Alex Meade	72.16	79.33	81.59	75.22	72.56	75.34	79.31	84.21	72.16
23	58	C	Antony Briance	79.11	94.40	84.66	82.67	79.11	81.02	82.40	VOID	80.79
24	61	D	David Brooks	69.65	74.38	75.65	72.65	69.65	72.41	81.90	71.83	69.93
25	63	D	Lee Chappell	76.90	82.01	78.60	VOID	81.31	81.12	82.33	81.66	76.90
26	64	D	Neil Latham	73.14	81.76	80.01	76.10	73.14	78.69	82.61	81.05	74.13
27	71	F	Paul Thomas	77.65	VOID	85.02	81.35	80.14	83.25	82.84	78.49	77.65
28	72	F	Jane Newsome	82.74	86.53	86.26	86.02	82.74	89.09	87.13	85.68	82.95
29	73	F	Dan Quinn	78.70	82.19	84.23	82.02	78.70	85.97	84.71	82.70	79.66
30	81	X	Richard Lynn	71.83	85.77	83.64	78.39	75.85	85.02	82.40	78.89	71.83
31	82	X	Steve Brenton	70.10	77.06	79.82	72.80	70.10	79.71	77.61	73.09	70.50

### Summary

Another great day, professionally organised and with everyone smiling by the end, the true spirit of the Toyota Sprint Series was shown at Blyton Park this weekend.

We would like to thank Javelin Trackdays for their professionalism and smooth operation of the day. Also thank you to all our sponsors for making the championship a reality.



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