



SPRINT SERIES

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Event Report - Round 5 Snetterton 20th October 2012

The final round of 2012 was held at Snetterton in Norfolk, the first time the competitors had raced on the 100 circuit layout. The circuit included a split junction to increase the course to 17/8 laps to provide a testing layout.

Due to the weather conditions the previous day a wet and slippery surface welcomed the 32 entrants, who found that the 1.9 mile course Javelin had set out for them had their cars in two modes: Spin or Slide! Even the most experienced drivers finding themselves struggling to keep their cars pointing in the right direction.

After the first three runs the track started to dry out, and by run four apart from a few puddles, everyone finally found some grip and only a few drivers showed off their skills on how to execute a perfect pirouette (or two) due to clipping the grass.



Results in class order:



Class F Street - Up to 1.0 Normally Aspirated

Joe Tapply (above) was the lone contender in F Street in his 998cc Yaris, finding that being in a lower powered car from his usual Gen 7 Celica didn't necessarily mean it didn't slip and slide quite as much, though once the circuit began to dry out Joe put his all into the little car and finished with a very respectable time of 134.70.

Class D Pro – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated



Neil Chillingworth and Ziggy Dykes shared Neils MR2 (above) for the final round. Neil had the edge on Ziggy all day, understandably as it was Ziggy's first time out on track in the car but both were able to swap tips and carry out any adjustments as a team. Just over three seconds separated their final times with Neil gaining a 111.20 on his final run winning him first place in class and Ziggy gaining a 114.64 on his 7th run placing him second.



Class C Street - Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Dan Quinn (above) was once again entered in his normally aspirated Supra and looking forward to a day of fun. After every run Dan had a big smile on his face, a vast improvement in times throughout the day saw him shave 14 seconds off of his original time to finish with a 115.16 to claim the class win.



Class C Pro- Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Adrian Smith once again had Autocar's Matthew Saunders as co driver in the Fensport GT86R (above left) with Paul Thomas (above right) entered in his normally aspirated Supra.

The first run saw Matthew in first place, Paul in second and Adrian in third but by run 2 Adrian got to grips with the surface and moved in front where he stayed for the rest of the day.

Matthew pushed hard all afternoon and on the very last run pulled 0.13s faster than Adrian's time only for Adrian to go out on a last banzai run, which was even quicker to claim the class win by .55 seconds.

The two GT86R drivers were also locked in a 4 way battle for overall honours with Jonny Milner and Barry Mason from the A2 Pro class, as the 4 cars ended headed out on the tense final run, it was the GT86's that moved up the field, Matt claiming 4th overall with a 101.50s and Adrian splitting the A2 drivers for 2nd overall with a 100.95s.



Class B Street - Up To 1.6 Forced Induction

Vit Seebaluck (above) was again the lone entrant in Class B Street in his EP91 Starlet Glanza. Vit had on his usual cheery disposition and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the circuit and improved his times as the day went on finishing with a time of 114.32 to take the class win.



Class B Pro – Up To 1.6 Forced Induction

Phil Cutler in his supercharged MR2 (above right) was glad to see his old adversary Barrie Newsome back for the final round of the Series in his EP82 Starlet (above left). Phil started the day on wet tyres but soon changed them for semi-slicks as the track started to dry out but both competitors (like many others) struggled with grip all day. Times were close for both of them throughout the eight runs but Barrie pipped Phil to the winning post by a mere 0.69 seconds with a final time of 106.88 to take the class win with Phil taking second place with a 107.57. Such a great performance by Phil over the day rightly earned him the coveted Hard Charger Award.



Class A3 Street – Over 1.6 Forced Induction

Class A3 Street consisted of three drivers this time out, brothers John and James Crabtree (above left) and Diane Turner (above right). Throughout the morning the 3 were all close, it could have been any ones guess who would come out on top but by lunchtime James had settled into a fast pace leaving John and Di rather than sibling rivalry to battle amongst themselves. Di put up a good fight but John just had the edge and finished in second place with a highly respectable 106.01 and James finished on 103.78 for the Class win and also 7th place overall.



Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction – Modified

Steve Lawson (above) in his MR2 turbo was the only competitor in Class A3 pro for the final round but that didn't thwart his 'going for gold' attitude as there were championship points to be gained. Despite a cautious start Steve soon found his ground and by the 7th run had put in his winning time of 105.39 which secured him vital points for 9th place overall.



Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction

Class A2 Pro saw 5 contestants all vying for the top spots. The welcome return of the Jonny Milner in the Merlin International MR2 (above right) and the Servicetune GT4 being driven by Andy Bunney & Nigel Levinson, Barry Mason out in his recently upgraded GT4 (above left), Neil Latham in his 3SGTE powered MK1 MR2 and

Andy got off to a good and consistent start closely followed by Barry with Nigel in third, but things soon swapped round and although they carried out a few modifications at lunchtime the Servicetune car just couldn't quite keep up with the pace of Barry and Jonny who despite each having a void run upped the pace all day. Sadly Neil had a few mechanical problems during the day which meant he didn't quite get his usual best out of his MR2.

Jonny finished with a stunning 101.31 on his 6th run giving him 2nd place in Class and 3rd place overall, but it was Barry Mason who took the top spot, his spectacular time of 100.51 netted him not only 1st in class but 1st overall and his first ever Toyota Sprint win.



Class A1 Pro - Over 1.6 Forced Induction

Snetterton saw four entrants in the A1 Pro class.

Roger Greaves in his ST205, Christian Timms in his MR2 Sprint Special (above left), Andy McCormack in his highly individual ST165 and Luke Lawrence in his MR2 (above right).

Despite this being Luke's 1st Toyota Sprint since 2009 he was ready for action against his three competitors. The start of the day saw all four competitors with very close times but by run three and the drying out of the circuit Christian started to inch ahead closely followed by Luke. Andy and Roger swapped the 3rd and 4th positions right up until the end with Andy putting in his best time of 106.89 on run 7 putting Roger into 4th position with a 109.70.

On the final run Christian managed to knock over a second off of his best time awarding him first place in class and sixth overall with a superb time of 103.06, with Luke just behind and taking the second place trophy with a time of 105.44.

Results – Simplified:

1st Overall: Barry Mason - ST185 Celica

2nd Overall: Adrian Smith – GT86

3rd Overall: Jonny Milner - MR2

Class A1 Pro Winner: Christian Timms - MR2 Sprint Special

Class A1 Pro Runner Up: Luke Lawrence - MR2

Class A2 Pro Winner: Barry Mason - ST185 Celica

Class A2 Pro Runner Up: Jonny Milner - MR2

Class A3 Pro Winner: Steve Lawson - MR2 Turbo

Class A3 Street Winner: James Crabtree – ST205 Celica GT4

Class A3 Street Runner up: John Crabtree – ST205 Celica GT4

Class B Pro Winner: Barrie Newsome - EP82 Starlet

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

Class B Street Winner: Vit Seebaluck – Starlet Glanza EP91

Class C Pro Winner: Adrian Smith – GT86R

Class C Pro Runner Up: Matthew Saunders –GT86R

Class C Street Winner: Dan Quinn - Surpra SZ

Class D Pro Winner: Neil Chillingworth – MK1 MR2

Class D Runner Up: Ziggy Dykes - MK1 MR2

Hard Charger Award: Phil Cutler - MK1 MR2 SC



Toyota Sprint Series
Overall Results

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Pos	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run							
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
1	17	A2-P	Barry Mason	100.51	113.22	109.86	106.33	VOID	102.61	100.51	108.37	100.96
2	86	C-P	Adrian Smith	100.95	129.19	117.02	111.22	109.54	102.90	101.63	101.69	100.95
3	18	A2-P	Jonny Milner	101.31	126.28	111.58	125.43	123.89	101.52	101.31	VOID	103.31
4	87	C-P	Matthew Saunders	101.50	117.63	NR	114.53	VOID	103.78	VOID	102.42	101.50
5	16	A2-P	Andy Bunney	103.00	112.38	126.74	110.03	110.73	105.30	103.29	103.62	103.00
6	5	A1-P	Christian Timms	103.06	NR	123.64	115.97	114.28	106.50	104.39	106.19	103.06
7	31	A3-S	James Crabtree	103.78	115.32	115.54	112.48	111.21	107.32	106.98	106.16	103.78
8	15	A2-P	Nigel Levinson	104.03	114.67	114.33	113.73	111.89	107.03	105.22	104.47	104.03
9	23	A3-P	Steve Lawson	105.39	125.19	127.07	125.72	119.30	111.02	110.64	105.39	107.01
10	7	A1-P	Luke Lawrence	105.44	123.01	119.35	118.66	115.07	109.12	109.71	109.15	105.44
11	32	A3-S	John Crabtree	106.01	118.43	115.41	123.79	114.54	109.03	107.60	106.62	106.01
12	43	B-P	Barrie Newsome	106.88	VOID	119.60	116.83	113.67	109.32	109.62	106.88	107.68
13	6	A1-P	Andrew McCormack	106.89	126.68	122.52	119.96	VOID	116.70	121.20	106.89	109.11
14	41	B-P	Phil Cutler	107.57	127.45	125.47	122.28	118.18	111.48	110.38	108.99	107.57
15	33	A3-S	Diane Turner	107.88	117.56	116.53	119.03	115.69	108.90	119.24	107.88	107.94
16	14	A2-P	Neil Latham	107.93	124.86	122.27	118.89	NR	111.74	107.93	114.74	VOID
17	4	A1-P	Roger Greaves	109.70	123.07	122.03	120.84	118.89	116.84	113.16	110.26	109.70
18	65	D-P	Neil Chillingworth	111.20	123.95	121.48	119.64	118.52	113.28	111.52	111.52	111.20
19	52	C-P	Paul Thomas	112.36	124.83	122.89	122.81	119.64	115.37	113.08	112.36	112.78
20	46	B-S	Vit Seebaluck	114.32	129.29	130.08	127.00	123.20	117.26	114.68	114.82	114.32
21	25	D-P	Ziggy Dykes	114.64	132.22	130.60	127.35	123.82	115.94	115.59	114.64	114.95
22	62	C-S	Dan Quinn	115.16	129.61	127.19	125.48	122.16	121.47	117.91	117.07	115.16
23	24	F-S	Joe Tapply	134.70	155.65	148.90	147.93	144.20	140.78	140.48	135.90	134.70
24	42	B-P	Vykki Cutler	0.00	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Snetterton Summary:

The anticipation and excitement shone through for the final round of 2012 and Snetterton proved to be a great track to fight out the final championship places . All the drivers reported back that the track was a firm favorite and would love to see Snetterton a permanent fixture on the Toyota Sprint calendar.

The final event was a fantastic ending to another enjoyable and successful year for the Toyota Sprint Series, everyone is looking forward to another great season next year.



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