



# SPRINT SERIES

**TOYOTA**  **2013**

## Event Report - Round 4 - Blyton Park - 18th August 2013

Round 4 of the series returned to Blyton Park. This circuit is a firm favourite with the drivers and supporters, plenty of run off allows the drivers to push their limits, whilst a well placed banking provides great views of the track. As this was the second visit to Blyton Park this year, drivers were keen to see if they could improve their own times as well as beat their competitors.

With no rain forecast and a warm and windy morning, the pit lane was buzzing with plans for the day. Round 4 saw our biggest entry of the season with 36 Toyota drivers raring to go, 12 of these driving the new GT86.

With a large entry, the start to the day was entertaining, with cold tyres being subjected to new corners and drivers getting to know their limits. The lunch break arrived quickly and allowed drivers to tweak their cars and discuss lines and techniques - without giving too much away!

With 12 classes the Toyota Sprint Series really caters for a wide range of both driver ability and vehicle providing a challenge for everyone from the novice to the professional team.

Report unfolds through the classes ....



### Report & Results in class order:



### Class F Pro – Up to 1.0

Debbie Cooper (above) in her 1st year of Toyota Sprint was driving her TRD Vitz. She impressed circuit staff with her clean driving lines and managed a much improved time of 1:54:01. Her determined attitude in the lowest powered car of the day earned her the Hard Charger award as well as first in class.



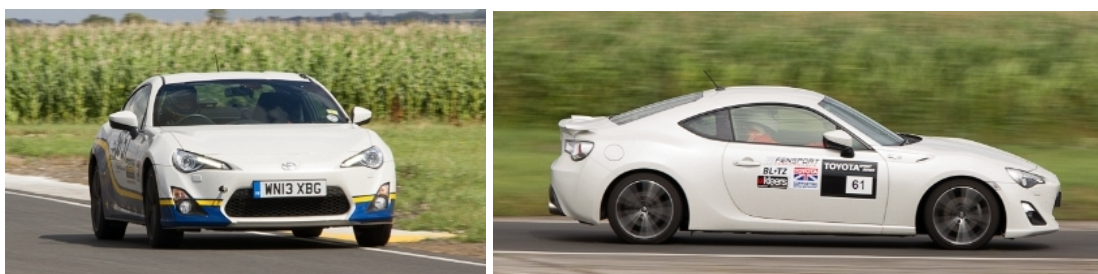
#### **Class D Street** - Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

A close Corolla battle between first and second place. Steve Allison (above right) was chasing hard and improved his times greatly to a 1:48:12 but could not catch Matthew Tyson (above left) and a 1:47:30.



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

Matt Hopkins and his MR2 (above) were on their own in this class, and managed to improve each run by a over a second a time. Matt's best time of the day was a 1:52:24.



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

The biggest class of the day, being the natural habitat of the standard GT86. Many of the drivers were new to sprinting and their times improved dramatically as they managed to find good lines and push their cars to the limits. TSS regular, Paul Thomas (above right) took runner up with a 1:39:32, whilst newcomer to the series Nigel Greensall (above left) proved unbeatable with a 1:37:68 - also putting him 11th overall.



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

Chris Girdler (above) was on his own with his Celica, and managed to improve his times over the day by 2 seconds, earning him a 1:38:18 and an impressive 12th overall.



**Class B Street** - Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Vit Seebaluck and his Starlet (above) were on their own in this class, and although having a few issues managed to improve his time by 3 seconds throughout the day to gain a 1:43:69



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

Two regular entrants make for a heartfelt battle in this class, but Phil Cutler's supercharged MR2 (above right) could not make the grade today and his 1:38:78 meant Barrie Newsome and the Starlet (above left) took the trophy with a super 1:33:86 and 7th overall.



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

Whilst Avi Seebaluck was pushing his Celica GT4 and made a good improvement to a time of 1:42:55, he could not keep up with Roger Greaves GT4 who produced a class winning time of 1:39:97.



**Class A3 Pro** – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified

Out of 5 entrants, the Crabtree brothers (above) were way out in front and battling each other. Pushing their Celica GT4 as hard as they could, causing many a void run for each driver, the gap was marginal, but James' 1:30:88 was beaten by John's 1:29:67 - this time earning him 2nd overall.



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

Barry Mason and the Celica were again proving hard to beat, despite engine issues. Barry took an easy first place with 1:31:56 and Andy Bunney was pleased to take second place with a 1:34:80 as this beat the Celica's shared driver, Nigel Levinson.



### **Class A1 Pro – Over 2.0 Forced Induction**

After a few overshoot corners from the top two drivers, Christian Timm's MR2 (above right) produced a stunning time of 1:33:25 but could not top Iain Gard's 1:29:31 in the Celica (above left). In fact, no one could beat this time and Iain was first overall.



### **Pro Tuner**

All alone in the Pro Tuner class this year, Adrian Smith was out in his GT86 (above), but having a battle with the 4wd guys in A2 and A3 pro. After a bit of an early morning scare leaving the track with thankfully no damage, Adrian adjusted the suspension and ran consistently in the 1m30s, and his final time of 1:30:04 was good for third overall.

**Trophy winners - Round 4 - Blyton Park - 18th August 2013**



### Round 4 Summary:

A typical August day on track, dry, sunny, windy, and competitive. Great to see new people getting into this affordable form of motorsport, and also the regular supporters of the series, showing that TSS is addictive!

There is plenty of action at the top of the table and overall titles are in sight for some.

But TSS is not all about the top guys and girls, there are battles throughout the field with new drivers getting to know their cars and set ups, giving the seasoned ones a challenge.

Don't miss round 5, at the famous - **Croft Circuit - 15th September 2013**



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