

Fiesta Championships

Race Reports Magazine



**Find out what happened at
Brands Hatch on 31 August/01
September 2013 when Junior
Fiestas went out racing**

**Vortex Motorsport News
Fiesta Junior Championship
Rounds 11 & 12**

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Race report 06 – Brands Hatch – 31 August/01 September 2013

Introduction and news.



The biggest grid of Fiesta Juniors thus far. Photo by Barry Edwards

You always know when championships are going well and growing by the amount of attention they are given by the competition. True to say one junior championship perhaps seems to be dangling incentives in an effort to draw some if not all of our young stars. It is a free world and each must do what is best for him/her. The best advert is success and it must seem an anathema that we do not give free or subsidised drives to bolster our grids. Drivers come to Fiesta Junior because the Fiesta ST is a brilliant front wheel drive race car. It is fun to drive. It is also remarkably cost effective racing with costs at reasonable levels. I am confident that Fiesta Junior will grow continuously. With some sound race teams already in the championship and a few more ready to do so, the future looks good. Another enticing snippet is that I have begun talks with another sponsor who proposes to support the championships with some sound assistance and help with marketing and promotion and a revamp of the Fiesta Junior website. When the time is right an announcement will be made.





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FREE PRACTICE - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	57.413	6				75.74
2	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	57.501	10	15	0.088	0.088	75.62
3	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	57.503	14	14	0.090	0.002	75.62
4	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	57.547	9	15	0.134	0.044	75.56
5	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	57.665	15	15	0.252	0.118	75.41
6	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	57.772	6	15	0.359	0.107	75.27
7	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	57.900	6	7	0.487	0.128	75.10
8	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	58.380	9	10	0.967	0.480	74.48
9	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	58.396	10	12	0.983	0.016	74.46
10	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	59.398	14	15	1.985	1.002	73.21
11	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:00.028	13	15	2.615	0.630	72.44

Car 1 - Please fit a working transponder

Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles Weather / Track : Bright / Dry

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Start: 11:07 Flag 11:22 End: 11:23



Qualifying was a robust affair with all drivers trying to set really competitive times. Looking around the track I was impressed with the single minded commitment to doing well. The end of the session saw an off by Natasha Hussain which at the time looked alarming. The reality was that although it was a hard shunt, both driver and car survived to race. Well done the crew for a competent and swift repair. I was left to ponder that perhaps any of the cars in the other junior championships would have fared so well in a similar crash?

Well done to Rory Collingbourne setting a good pole time with Rob Cox and then Ben Wilcox and Michael Higgs behind them.

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QUALIFYING - RACE 2 - CLASSIFICATION - AMENDED

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	57.206	5	13	76.01		
2	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	57.353	6	13	0.147	0.147	75.82
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	57.479	12	13	0.273	0.126	75.65
4	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	57.605	9	13	0.399	0.126	75.49
5	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	57.617	6	13	0.411	0.012	75.47
6	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	57.828	4	13	0.622	0.211	75.19
7	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	58.142	8	13	0.936	0.314	74.79
8	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	58.321	9	11	1.115	0.179	74.56
9	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	59.187	9	12	1.981	0.866	73.47
DQ	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST						
DQ	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST						

Cars 1 and 21 - Lap times disallowed for exceeding track limits

Cars 21 and 51 - Excluded for technical infringement MSA ref C3.1.1

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Start: 18:04 Flag 18:17 End: 18:18

Race 1



This race was to go almost for a marathon 21 laps for many and clocked up some 21 minutes for some. From the off the whole grid went away well with some good stuff all round. The first lap came up very quick and the order was Rob Cox from Rory Collingbourne and Aaron Thompson who had less than a cars length back to James Ross. Then just a sniff behind came Alex Reed and Michael Higgs, Geri Nicosia, Ben Wilcox, Natasha Hussain and then the first timers Thomas Grundy and Nathan Edwards . On the subsequent laps it was pressure all the way with some 'close' brushes. The order remained constant until lap 3 when a change for 5th saw Higgs take it from Reed. Lap 4 and it was lead change as Collingbourne disposed Cox and then middle order upset as Reed re-took 5th then another lap he (Reed) was 4th with Ross now 5th. The red ST of Grundy seemed of song and he pitted it on lap 5. The yellow Ross ST also appeared to be not quite up there as usual, although I am sure the young charger was giving his all. I looked down the field as I had fully expected some speed and places from Wilcox but he was firmly stuck in 8th place (owing to a mowing trip?) until at last, the 7th spot was his but with some six



seconds along to Higgs was a big ask. Around the half way mark the order prevailed as the cars went into the eleventh lap. This lap saw the patient Ross reclaim 4th from Reed who had dropped to 6th. Over the next five laps there was no change in the order, but drivers were trying hard and the racing was spectacular. Lap 15 and Edwards was lapped by the leading cars but he was very aware and saw them all safely by. A wise head with good race craft on a young head. Lap 16 and Ross took 3rd from Thompson but another lap and that fortune was reversed. Obviously and incident on lap 18 (out of my sight) saw a massive change as Reed was 3rd from Thompson and then Higgs with Wilcox 6th then Nicosia and then Ross heading Natasha Hussain. Lap 20 and more action with Thompson going down to 6th as the order now Collingbourne leading from Cox, Reed, Higgs and Wilcox. Nicosia was looking ever improving in 7th with Ross, Hussain and Edwards still all running. Chequered flag and an elated and delighted Rory Collingbourne took a deserved win from Rob Cox and in third Alex Reed.





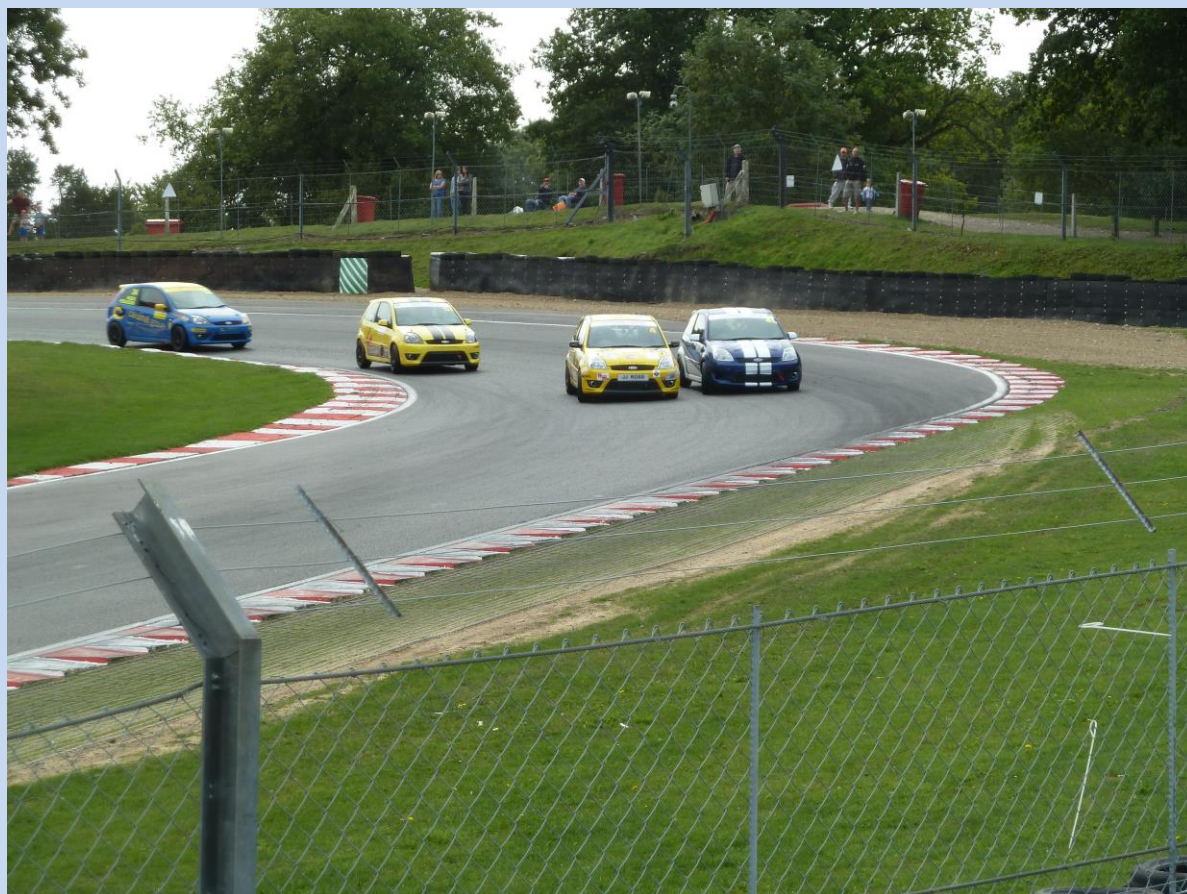












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RACE 2 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:19.974			74.85	57.066	6
2	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:22.700	2.726	2.726	74.68	57.280	13
3	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:28.534	8.560	5.834	74.33	57.327	9
4	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:31.130	11.156	2.596	74.17	57.323	9
5	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:31.430	11.456	0.300	74.15	57.455	12
6	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:40.839	20.865	9.409	73.59	57.523	4
7	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:47.543	27.569	6.704	73.20	58.162	4
8	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	21	21:05.546	45.572	18.003	72.15	57.470	7
9	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	21	21:14.605	54.631	9.059	71.64	59.208	19
10	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	20	20:58.996	1 Lap	1 Lap	69.08	1:00.204	14

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DNF 43 Thomas GRUNDY Ford Fiesta ST 4 4:26.556 17 Laps 16 Laps 65.25 59.966 2

FASTEST LAP

13 Rory COLLINGBOURNE Ford Fiesta ST 6 57.066 76.20 mph 122.63 kph

Brands Hatch Indy

Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles

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Race 2

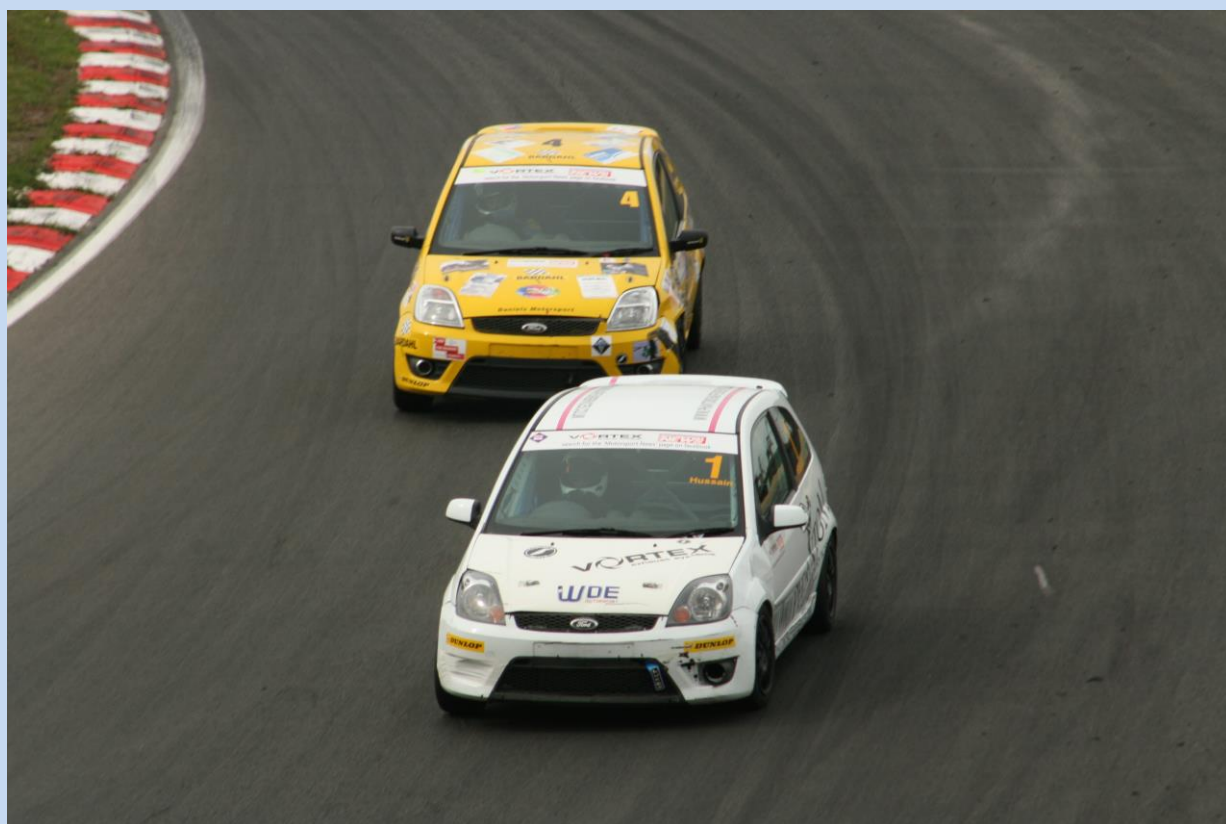
It was very obvious that having more cars out fired up the drivers and made the edge even more important. Speaking to Rob Cox during the time between races he was all buoyed up to look to win race two. Well he came, he saw, he conquered!.

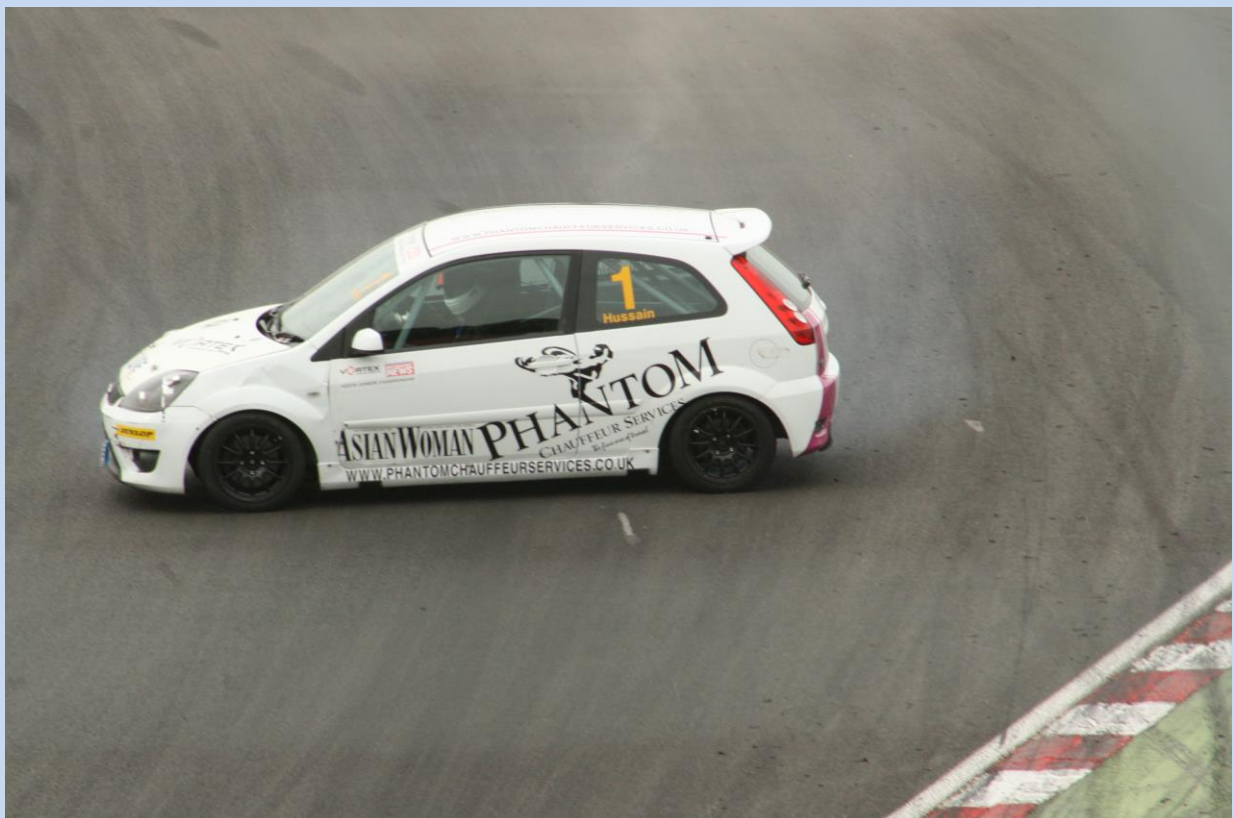


Another 21 laps and this time the on song polemen took the task ahead in their stride but it was race 1 winner Collingbourne who had to play second fiddle to Cox as at the first lap ended; it was Cox who led Collingbourne. Higgs was equally impressive as he was just over half a second in arrears with Reed tucked neatly behind poised to take advantage of any errors ahead. Thompson was also well placed in 5th with both Wilcox and Nicosia 6th and 7th. Natasha Hussain was in 8th then, ahead of Ross who came next leading Grundy and Edwards. It was also exciting to see Collingbourne practice his craft and looking for a way to either unsettle or pass the leader Cox. However, the latter was having none of it and

although at times it got very very close they both put on a brilliant display of competent driving. It was also great to watch Higgs putting on another good drive as he clung on tenaciously to the lead duo. Wilcox had slipped by Thompson for 5th on lap 2 and it looked as if the race would settle down to a hectic pace without change. Oops, spoke too soon. Fiesta Junior is never dull!. From his third lap 3rd, Higgs was pitched down to an instant 10th, with Reed in his 3rd place and everyone else up one down to that 10th. Just as I thought Cox had the race all sown up Collingbourne was suddenly leading as they crossed the line at the end of lap 6. Wilcox had bided his time and on this lap made 3rd spot all his. The Cox camp groan could be heard, but application and perseverance and on lap 8 Cox nicked the lead back. The Reed moves on Wilcox did not plan out. Halfway; no change. Lap 13, and it was unlucky 13 for Collingbourne as another rehearsed move failed to gain him the lead. This was riveting stuff from our young drivers. It was also noted that so many other championships competitors were out spectating this race. As the race came and went the distance the three leading cars remained in-situ as if on the last few laps a podium finish was now the goal. The chequered flag did come out and waved home Rob Cox with Rory Collingbourne a good second from an equally good drive from Ben Wilcox.













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RACE 9 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:23.509			74.63	57.403	9
2	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:26.722	3.213	3.213	74.44	57.382	11
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:26.858	3.349	0.136	74.43	57.321	13
4	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:30.512	7.003	3.654	74.21	57.603	7
5	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:32.526	9.017	2.014	74.09	57.631	5
6	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:33.054	9.545	0.528	74.06	57.531	6
7	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	21	20:36.800	13.291	3.746	73.83	57.831	12
8	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	21	21:23.287	59.778	46.487	71.16	59.016	15
9	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	20	20:54.407	1 Lap	1 Lap	69.33	1:01.059	18
10	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	19	20:45.868	2 Laps	1 Lap	66.31	59.359	3

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	16	15:54.454	5 Laps	3 Laps	72.89	57.618	6
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FASTEST LAP

88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	13	57.321	75.86 mph 122.09 kph
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Brands Hatch Indy

Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry

Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles

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Ford Fiesta Junior Championship points table 2013

Points remain provisional subject to any judicial procedures
ALL ROUNDS LESS TWO TO COUNT

points disallowed for MSA reg transgression
C 1.1.5, and G5.3.5.1 and Championship reg 4.2.2

highlighted shows dropped score

excl+ must count as scoring round for points

va = did not compete in any of first 12 rounds

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