

Fiesta Junior Championship
Race report from Brands Hatch
Rounds 15 & 16 – 26/27 October 2013



includes a season review

Brilliant racing for the final rounds of the
2013 season at Brands Hatch

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2013 Season Review

The long season is over and the Champion has been crowned. Another exciting season of Fiesta Junior racing now hibernates for the winter until a fresh beginning in 2014. We have seen steady growth with competitors registering in full and having the option of a sixteen race eight weekend event calendar. It has been a season of highs and more highs as new drivers came into the championship as the season progressed.

We started at Rockingham over the 6/7 April. Some raw talent mixed with some experience was obvious from the start. The young enigma we know as James 'JJ' Ross broke cover and secured back



to back victories and served to warn his peers that the gauntlet had been laid down. The fact that he lacks testing and abundance of tyres perhaps serves to show that talent alone may be enough? However, the other drivers were not slow as both Alex Reed and Rob Cox along with Rory Collingbourne all had the tools to get the job done. In fact all the drivers had the same chances and were all showing themselves as determined drivers and thoroughly nice young people.



Norfolk, and Snetterton for the first of two visits again saw James Ross seemingly carry on where he had left off. He won the first race, but endured a dnf in race two and thus we saw Alfonso Skriczka take his first win of the year. Rory Collingbourne and Rob Cox took seaparate seconds with a delighted Natasha Hussain a third in the second race. The first race was subject of post race scrutineering which saw a number of cars deemed illegal.



The third weekend event moved the Championship to Silverstone where once again, James Ross was the dominant force. True to say the other drivers were now getting his measure and had closed the gap to a very tight margin. Alex Reed made a fine 2nd place in race one whilst Alfonso Skriczka did likewise in race two. Rob Cox bagged a 4th and 3rd. Natasha Hussain continued to improve and we now saw Aaron Thompson join the fray.



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Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire would be the next venue. This idyllic and picturesque circuit is always immaculately kept and present by the MSV staff. It is a hilly, twisty and demanding track and has caught many drivers out over the years. The Fiesta Juniors were here at this venue on their own and for the first time not with their senior colleagues. In some respects this made for a more relaxed atmosphere for drivers and teams. James Ross made the brace of wins compulsory viewing as it was tough racing,

but Rob Cox and Rory Collingborne with a second place each kept him honest and mindful of the ever present challenges to come. Ben Wilcox drove well in conditions to capture a 3rd and 4th over the two races. We now welcomed Geri Nicosia out and he found the rain conditions also challenging but coped well in his immaculate Fiesta ST, which had previously been seen out in the seniors as a shakedown in the hands of Geri's 'old man' Trevor. Trevor being a long time racer in his own right. Aaron Thompson found the track to his liking and for his second ever outing with FJ turned in creditable performances to bag two 5th spots. This now saw off the half distance for the season and the points tally board was like this. Leading on 126 – James Ross. In second place was Rory Collingbourne on 96 and Robert Cox 3rd on 94 points.



Nearly a month would go by before the young chargers would be racing again. This time the venue would be Snetterton again. Having said that the drivers were now getting to grips with car and racing, the groups were very much closer. So close that Alex Reed bagged the first non-Ross win of the year. His drive was thoughtful and aggressive in equal measures. A good win. Ross took the second race win and both shared seconds as the other won. Rob Cox consolidated his

points tally with two solid 3rd places. Rory Collingbourne bagged a 4th and 7th. Aaron Thompson dnf for the first and 6th for the later race. Alfonso Skriczka, now at 16 against the advice of some, took himself (and his Fiesta ST) off to the senior Championship. The Championship table still remained in the same order as before for the top three.



Probably one of the best known race circuits in the world – Brands Hatch. We were there for the first of two visits in 2013. The advantage of this beautiful track is that you are able to see nearly all the racing notwithstanding where you happen to be standing. It is a user friendly track for all. It was certainly a wake up call for us. The conditions were so typically Kentish summer sunshine and a hot balmy light breeze kept things temperature controlled to suit spectating, not sure about car interiors. Rory Collingbourne came alive as did Rob Cox. Both were on top form as first Collingbourne won race 1 and came second to race 2 winner Rob Cox. Cox was 2nd in the first. Alex Reed took a fine 3rd and 4th with Ben Wilcox finding form for a 5th and a 3rd. The wheels stayed on

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but something in form was lacking as James Ross endured niggling car problems to only run in 8th and 7th respectively. This livened up the Championship table as the Ross lead was now much reduced with Cox and Collingbourne sharing second place. Thomas Grundy also now joined the Championship and thus a regular 11 drivers were to be seen racing.



Up North to Junction 23A off the M.1. and Donington Park. There is no denying that this is another fabulous track and one which sets out many challenges. The long undulating nature demands absolute concentration or a slip and off you go. James Ross came back to some form and had to give best in race one to a magnificent win by Robert Cox. He (Ross) came back to win race two though with a delighted Ben Wilcox second in that to add to his earlier

4th. Rory Collingbourne had a dnf but looked better in race 2 to get a 4th. This had allowed Cox to open up a gap with the points, both having one dnf in their record, a fact also shared with leader Ross. With the whole season allowing two scores to drop, it would need some effort to beat the leader. Some help had come from the clerk as Ross had picked up a -4 point penalty at Brands Hatch.



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Brands Hatch – Formula Ford Festival – Race Report



It was a strange weekend for weather with a massive storm predicted for Sunday night/ Monday morning. Some strong gusts had been through Brands Hatch paddock on Tuesday night and a few awnings had 'gone for a burton'! Still the City B Group marquees we use not only withstood that but also coped with strong 50mph gusts on Saturday and Sunday. Rain came down in abundance and the first race on Saturday afternoon was a nightmare. What transpired for Fiesta Junior race 1 was probably one of the finest race drives by so many competitors that I have ever seen, and, I have seen a lot.



The free practice and qualifying went off ok and we welcomed both Sam Watkins and Nathan Edwards out for their first baptism of fire. They coped very well. A good round number of 12 cars made this a respectable grid entry. The word for 2014 is around 14-18, with some European interest on the horizon as potential young drivers are now looking to Fiesta Junior.

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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	57.630	10	16			75.45
2	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	57.726	18	20	0.096	0.096	75.33
3	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	57.893	11	11	0.263	0.167	75.11
4	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	58.081	8	18	0.451	0.188	74.87
5	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	58.098	15	18	0.468	0.017	74.84
6	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	58.228	16	20	0.598	0.130	74.68
7	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	58.479	12	17	0.849	0.251	74.36
8	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	58.482	17	18	0.852	0.003	74.35
9	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	59.125	10	18	1.495	0.643	73.54
10	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	59.257	16	20	1.627	0.132	73.38
11	24	Samuel WATKINS	Ford Fiesta ST	59.495	13	20	1.865	0.238	73.09
12	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:00.704	17	17	3.074	1.209	71.63

Car No 21 requires a working transponder - Q.12.2.1

Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles Weather / Track : Cloudy / Drying Start: 09:00 Flag 09:20 End: 09:21
Results can be found at www.tsl-timing.com Printed - 09:21 Saturday, 26 October 2013

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Vortex Motorsport News Ford Fiesta Junior Championship QUALIFYING - RACE 5 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.127	2	18			69.99
2	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.152	5	18	0.025	0.025	69.96
3	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.195	8	19	0.068	0.043	69.91
4	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.382	17	19	0.255	0.187	69.70
5	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.552	12	19	0.425	0.170	69.51
6	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.589	9	17	0.462	0.037	69.47
7	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:02.781	12	17	0.654	0.192	69.26
8	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:03.083	16	19	0.956	0.302	68.93
9	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:03.108	10	16	0.981	0.025	68.90
10	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:03.520	15	16	1.393	0.412	68.46
11	24	Samuel WATKINS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:04.203	4	19	2.076	0.683	67.73
12	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:05.623	12	16	3.496	1.420	66.26

Car 21 - Transponder4 still not working - Q.12.2.1

Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles Weather / Track : Cloudy / Damp Start: 13:05 Flag 13:25 End: 13:26

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Race 1



The weather was so atrocious with rain wind and dim light that clerk of course Bernard Cottrell spoke to all drivers to gauge their appetite for the race. They all went for it, conditions or no. So dark was it that I was unable to take loads of my customary photographs (indeed none) and to my eternal regret missed recording in stills the enormous and exciting race that was to unfold. I stood in the soaking rain and watched spellbound as the race was on. No superlatives would be enough to describe the admiration that all who watched showed. It was almost a standing ovation in the Kentagon on the Saturday night when I paid testimony to the courage and skills of our Fiesta Junior competitors. A genuine loud and sustained round of applause resounded around from all those present, including many stalwart Formula Ford drivers and teams. Astonishingly, the 12 drivers, bar a few, did accept the full race times and they mostly all completed 18 laps. A famous victory for Robert Cox who headed home James Ross and Alex Reed. Rory Collingbourne and Ben Wilcox also shone and both Michael Higgs and Natasha Hussain both deserved mentions. The new drivers – Sam Watkins, Nathan Edwards and Thomas Grundy acquitted themselves well as did Aaron Thompson (with a car problem). Geri Nicosia nursed his car into the pits. The lap times were incredulous as all 11 finishers were divided by a tad over one second.

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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:31.818			63.54	1:03.286	6
2	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:34.315	2.497	2.497	63.41	1:03.491	15
3	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:34.712	2.894	0.397	63.39	1:03.575	14
4	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:37.385	5.567	2.673	63.25	1:03.660	18
5	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:39.416	7.598	2.031	63.15	1:03.251	14
6	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:45.037	13.219	5.621	62.86	1:03.811	15
7	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:59.622	27.804	14.585	62.14	1:04.657	11
8	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:00.201	28.383	0.579	62.11	1:04.127	9
9	24	Samuel WATKINS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:26.663	54.845	26.462	60.83	1:04.920	18
10	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	17	20:50.239	1 Lap	1 Lap	59.12	1:07.134	17
11	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:27.975	4 Laps	3 Laps	47.26	1:04.470	4

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	8	10:10.935	10 Laps	6 Laps	56.94	1:05.178	5
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FASTEST LAP

88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	14	1:03.251	68.75 mph	110.64 kph
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Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles Weather / Track : Cloudy / Wet Start: 17:27 Flag 17:48 End: 17:49

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Race 2



Thankfully the weather had improved for the second race and it was even sunny and dry (as described on the TSL-Timing sheets! At around a quarter to one p.m. the cars all gridded up for the off and in prospect, another 18 laps of the 1.2 mile track. Poleman Rob Cox started as he had finished and was promptly away and carrying a wake of cars with him. After the first lap he led James Ross, Alex Reed, Ben Wilcox, Michael Higgs, Rory Collingbourne, Aaron Thompson, Thomas Grundy, Geri Nicosia, Sam Watkins, Nathan Edwards and Natasha Hussain. Lap 2 and Collingbourne usurped Higgs for 5th. Lap 5 and the secure Reed 3rd was reduced to 5th with Wilcox now 3rd. A big moment during lap 6 saw the safety car deployed and some laps later after ten laps, it was in and racing resumed for the remaining laps. The 'quiet period' had maybe got to drivers, who knows, but what was evident on lap 12 was race leader Cox slipping back to 4th as Wilcox led Ross by a handshake. Another lap and another dramatic moment as Wilcox went to 4th thus leaving Ross leading with Collingbourne tucked up in 2nd. And a recovering Cox in 3rd. Another lap and another change as Wilcox went 3rd as Cox dropped away out of contention. Looking strong was Thompson who was tight up behind Wilcox. With just a handful of laps to go, the race might still go to anyone. However, that anyone would be James Ross as he took the chequered flag to win the race and the Championship and 10 wins out of the 16 race season to tally up 224 points (after drop scores). Rob Cox was a good 2nd in the Championship on 199 points and Rory Collingbourne 3rd in the Championship on 180 points.

An incredible race season with even more incredible race driving from our young competitors. Thank you all.

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RACE 12 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:18.020			64.26	57.644	14
2	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:20.373	2.353	2.353	64.14	57.728	3
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:21.290	3.270	0.917	64.09	57.802	6
4	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:22.147	4.127	0.857	64.04	58.091	6
5	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:24.317	6.297	2.170	63.93	57.945	6
6	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:29.137	11.117	4.820	63.68	59.035	15
7	24	Samuel WATKINS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	20:34.128	16.108	4.991	63.42	59.734	15
8	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	16	20:26.368	2 Laps	2 Laps	56.73	57.749	6

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	13	19:40.454	5 Laps	3 Laps	47.88	59.545	5
DNF	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	8	8:58.074	10 Laps	5 Laps	64.65	59.180	5
DNF	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	7	7:22.988	11 Laps	1 Lap	68.71	58.456	6
DNF	21	Nathan EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta ST	5	5:30.296	13 Laps	2 Laps	65.82	1:03.509	3

FASTEST LAP

4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	14	57.644	75.43 mph	121.40 kph
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Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Length = 1.2079 miles Weather / Track : Sunny / Dry Start: 12:34 Flag 12:54 End: 12:56

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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.

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highlighted shows dropped score
driver carrying championship decal points void
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NAME/ROUNDS				R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		R6		R7		R8		R9		R10		R11		R12		R13		R14		R15		R16			
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James ROSS	4	FJ	224	16	1	1	16	1	1	dnf	1	1	16	1	1	16	1	1	14	1	16	1	8	-4	9		14		16		14		16	1			
Robert COX	11	FJ	199	12			14		dnf		14		12		13		14	1	1	13		13		14	16		16	1	13	1	1	16		9	1		
Rory COLLINGBOURNE	13	FJ	180	13			12		14		11		10		12		10		14		12		9	16	1	1	14	1	dnf		12	1	14				
Alex REED	51	FJ	152	14			13		dnf		nc		14		9		12		dnf		16	1	14	1	13	12		12	1	7		13		dnf			
Ben WILCOX	88	FJ	135	dnf		dns						11		11		13		12		11		dnf		11	13	1	13		14		11	1	13				
Natasha HUSSAIN	1	FJ	109	10		11		dq		13		9		10		dnf		8		dns		8		12	7	8		8		8		9		dnf			
Michael HIGGS	34	FJ	97					dq		12						9		10		nc		11		12		dnf		11		11		9		11			
Aaron THOMPSON	41	FJ	83									8		8		11		11		dnf		10		10		-4	11		dnf		6		12				
Geri NICOSIA	50	FJ	67													8		9		nc		12		9		10		9		10		dnf		dnf			
Alfonso SKRICZKA	8	FJ	64	11		10		dq		16		13		14																							
Thomas GRUNDY	43	FJ	43																					dnf		6		10		9		8		10			
Nathan EDWARDS	21	FJ	20																					6		7				7		dnf					
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It Has Been A Real Privilege To Have Been A Part Of The Fiesta Junior Championship In 2013. I Would Just Like To Take This Opportunity To Say Thank You To All The Drivers And Teams And Officials



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Hope to see you all in 2014