

Vortex – Motorsport News Fiesta Junior Championship

**Race report for:
Rounds 3 & 4 Snetterton
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Introduction



Another new driver out and a regular Ben Wilcox off to a wedding (bet I know where he would rather have been). With fourteen registrations it is looking better. We just need to get as many drivers out all at one time. Free practice was a good chance to work out the 300 track here at Snetterton. Three miles is a long way for one lap but all drivers coped well. It was noticeable that some differing lines were taken, especially through Murrys and the smoothest seemed to see fast lap times. It is a delicate art to be smooth and most of the worlds drivers are at their fastest when

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looking at their slowest? This is not a criticism but just an observation. I did take a time lapse series of photos of all drivers hitting Murrays and this may underline my comments above. All drivers were good. It remains to be seen what effect the 'treaded tyres' will have on the cars, but at present they seem to be standing up to the racing?



For the first time we have one ST racing in both senior and junior. Junior driver Michael Higgs shares the car with senior driver Joe Ferguson and the difference in times gives perhaps an unfair comparison given the respective levels of experience. However, Michael's qualifying time of 2:27.245 and Joe's 2:18.742 does show that treaded tyres make a big difference on this long track, taking the experience on board. It will be interesting to see how the times compare when Michael gets to grips with his car.

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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	2:21.828	7	7			75.35
2	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	2:22.801	7	7	0.973	0.973	74.84
3	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	2:24.126	6	7	2.298	1.325	74.15
4	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	2:24.302	6	7	2.474	0.176	74.06
5	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	2:26.129	5	7	4.301	1.827	73.14
6	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	2:36.797	3	5	14.969	10.668	68.16
7	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	0					

Snetterton 300 Circuit Length = 2.9689 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 10:18 Flag 10:43 End: 10:45
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Qualifying

This was a chance to put in the quick one and with a spread of cars the chance to have space was one to relish. Cox was out with a car issue and thus missed the session but due to the fact he had made three lap minimum this morning would allow him a chance to take up a grid place.

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A big moment by Alex Reed saw him airborne and landing on his undercarriage bashed the rear hub. A swift assessment by the Advent team soon had the repairs underway. Tricky corner this and an unforgiving kerb – as we saw last year when a senior car rolled a bit! All was well at close of play on Saturday, apart from the matter of sorting the ABS wiring loom.

James Ross claimed pole on his fifth lap of seven with a creditable time of 2:21.987. This time just 1.167 ahead of the Rory Collingbourne ST and then in third we saw Alex Reed who was 2.320 seconds adrift. Alphonso Skriczka just edged out to fourth by Reed by 0.057 of one second.



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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	4	James ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	2:21.987	5	7			75.27
2	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	2:23.154	5	7	1.167	1.167	74.66
3	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	2:24.307	4	4	2.320	1.153	74.06
4	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	2:24.364	3	7	2.377	0.057	74.03
5	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	2:27.245	5	6	5.258	2.881	72.58
6	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	2:28.977	2	6	6.990	1.732	71.74

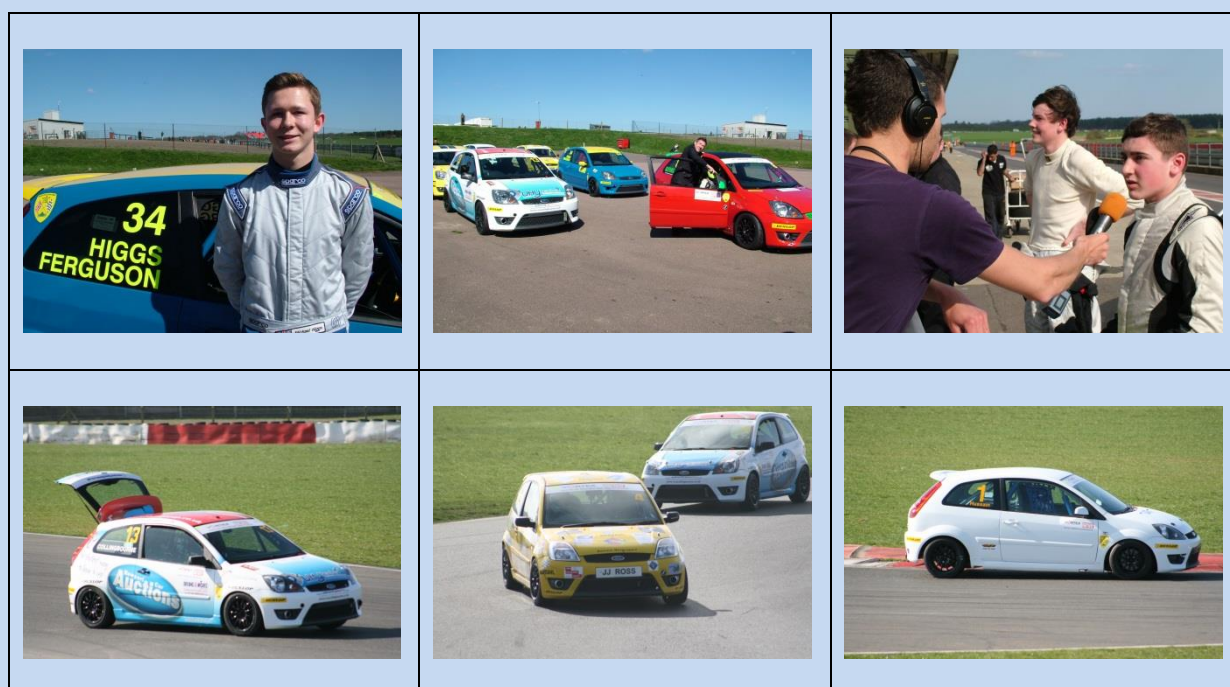
Snetterton 300 Circuit Length = 2.9689 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 15:01 Flag 15:17 End: 15:19



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Race 1



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It was to be a race result based not on the track but in the scrutineering bay. Snetterton checks always include ride heights, and thus it was to prove for some of the competitors. It is a hard and harsh way to lose valuable track finishes.



The red lights went out and a good start by most soon saw Ross leading out the back of the track as they headed through lap two of what was to be nine laps of the near three mile course. Ross built up a small lead and we saw Higgs battling for 5th with Hussain right behind him. At the end of the second lap Ross led by just over two seconds with Collingbourne second and then Reed and Skriczka. Hussain had dispossessed Higgs for 5th. On lap three and Skriczka was very close to the rear end of Reeds car and did make it by to take third and as they completed the lap the order was Ross, Collingbourne and Skriczka, with Reed, Hussain and Higgs next. Skriczka now set about the second placed Collingbourne and kept the latter honest with views of the red ST looming very large in the mirrors. With twelve minutes to go as they came to the end of lap 4 and then no change in the order except with a Hussain spin relegating her to last place. Lap 6 and Collingbourne disappeared as a result of contact (?) with another car – team mate Reed. Certainly Reed had a damaged front and the commentator remarked on some damage to Collingbourne's car. End of lap 6 saw changes as Ross went through in the lead with now Skriczka 2nd and Higgs up in 3rd from Collingbourne and Hussain. It also seemed that Hussain may have had a gear selection issue as the change sounded different. Running to the chequered flag, as it waved home the winner James Ross he headed Alfonso Skriczka and Michael Higgs for 2nd and 3rd on the road. Finishing on the road in 5th place Rory Collingbourne found that he had been promoted to second place after the scrutineering bay offences with other cars were confirmed.



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RACE 7 - CLASSIFICATION - AMENDED

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	4	James ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	9	21:24.970		74.85		2:21.055	5
2	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	9	23:47.551	2:22.581	2:22.581	67.38	2:23.124	4

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:09.809	4 Laps	4 Laps	73.22	2:23.911	5
DNF	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	0						
DQ	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	0						
DQ	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	0						
DQ	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	0						

FASTEST LAP

4	James ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	5	2:21.055	75.77 mph 121.94 kph
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Cars 1, 8 and 34 Disqualified for Eligibility post race scrutineering MSA Reg C3.1.1

Snetterton 300 Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Circuit Length = 2.9689 miles. Start: 09:33 Flag 09:54 End: 09:57
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Race 2

With issues resolved and cars repaired it was to be a maximum attack on the grid numbers again.

Red lights out and away they all went with a satisfying roar. Hopefully the trials of race one were put behind and the drivers could go off and do what they do best. Race each other and entertain the rest of us. This was to cover five laps and the opening lap saw very close racing but emerging in the lead by a couple of seconds was Ross from Read and Skriczka and these three had a small gap back to Cox, Collingbourne and then Hussain and Higgs. The latter put Hussain under some tight pressure. Onto the next (2nd) lap and Higgs closed the gap in his shared and repaired ST. End of the second lap and the Ross lead at the front was just over three seconds from Read and the attacking Skriczka who was just 0.2 seconds in arrears. Cox was now the lone ST with space ahead and behind. Higgs made a



feint but bailed out this time. Lap three and Ross slowed as first Read and then Skriczka took the top two spots. Collingbourne also had an issue which saw him drop to last place as he now chased Higgs and Hussain. End of lap 3 and Ross was still 3rd but clearly had a car problem (this turned out to be a rear brake/hub problem). Lap four saw Skriczka late on the brakes and was there contact but was still second. The red flag on the this lap after contact saw the hapless Read relegated to dnf on the count back of runners who were actually

racing at the time the red flag was shown. Tight racing and some bold moves!

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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:07.824			73.42	2:23.561	2
2	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:09.914	2.090	2.090	73.21	2:23.111	3
3	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:38.598	30.774	28.684	70.44	2:28.652	2
4	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:38.786	30.962	0.188	70.42	2:28.776	2
5	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:57.091	49.267	18.305	68.76	2:27.476	2

NOT CLASSIFIED

NC	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	5	12:07.472	000 Laps	73.46	2:23.598	2	
DNF	4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	3	7:19.992	2 Laps	2 Laps	72.87	2:22.075	2

FASTEST LAP

4	James ~JJ~ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	2	2:22.075	75.22 mph	121.06 kph
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Car 51 - Not Classified as not running at time of Red Flag

Snetterton 300. Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry. Circuit Length = 2.9689 miles. Start: 15:51 Flag 16:03 End: 16:10

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Croydon Race & Rally – Rising Star Trophy. Won by Alfonso Skriczka



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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 GS.3.5.1 and Championship reg 4.2.2.

dnf

= corrected score

highlighted shows dropped score

score carrying championship points points not

dnf - not count to scoring total by points

dnf did not compare to any of the 12 months

NAME/ROUNDS				R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	
				Rockingham	Rockingham	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton	Thruxton
				07/04/13	07/04/13	23/04/13	23/04/13	12/05/13	12/05/13	23/06/13	23/06/13	23/07/13	23/07/13	23/07/13	03/08/13	03/08/13	15/08/13	15/08/13	27/08/13	27/08/13
	NO.	CLASS	Total																	
James ROSS	4	FJ	56	16	1	1	16	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rory COLLINGBOURNE	13	FJ	50	13	1	1	12	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Robert COX	11	FJ	40	12	1	1	14	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alfonso SKRICKA	8	FJ	37	11	1	1	10	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Natasha HUSSAIN	1	FJ	34	10	1	1	11	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alex REED	51	FJ	27	14	1	1	13	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michael HIGGS	34	FJ	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ben WILCOX	88	FJ	0	dnf	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nathan EDWARDS	21	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Geri NICOSIA	50	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
James BOURNE	12	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aaron THOMPSON	41	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
James READ	69	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thomas GRUNDY	43	FJ	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		FJ																		

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