

Vortex – Motorsport News Fiesta Junior Championship



From Silverstone
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May 2013

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Introduction



The magic of Silverstone as a driving venue was certainly not lost on our young warriors who came out and drove amazingly well in some wet and dry changing conditions. The new boy on the block was already a record setter as Aaron Thompson was just 14 some very few hours before the Sunday race day. We believe he is now the youngest ever race driver to hold an MSA licence and race in any junior category. This fact was picked up and confirmed by both Autosport and Motorsport News. It must be true!



We were expecting nine young drivers to take part in the racing but Michael Higgs must have been bitterly disappointed when his 'shared' car was damaged in the first senior race when Joe Ferguson was at the helm and was not able to be repaired for the rest of the event for either driver. He did get out to drive in free practice and qualifying and was looking very competent though.



Free practice went ahead and gave drivers the opportunity to get some more track time in before the qualifying session later in the day. The qualifying session is shown below and a return to track and form by ben Wilcox saw him half a second off the Poleman James Ross.



MotorsTV have moved position on the SKY satellite channel and now may be found at Channel 447. This was a surprise move to many of us

and seemingly to SKY when enquiries were made with the broadcaster.



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PRACTICE - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.597	11	13			82.41
2	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.760	7	13	0.163	0.163	82.22
3	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.798	5	11	0.201	0.038	82.18
4	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:12.155	9	11	0.558	0.357	81.77
5	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:12.259	3	5	0.662	0.104	81.65
6	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:12.574	10	13	0.977	0.315	81.30
7	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:12.733	6	12	1.136	0.159	81.12
8	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	1:13.064	10	11	1.467	0.331	80.75

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QUALIFYING - RACE 10 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:14.985	9	10			78.68
2	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:15.441	11	11	0.456	0.456	78.21
3	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:15.794	12	12	0.809	0.353	77.84
4	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:15.849	11	11	0.864	0.055	77.79
5	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:16.034	4	11	1.049	0.185	77.60
6	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:17.866	8	10	2.881	1.832	75.77
7	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	1:18.692	3	11	3.707	0.826	74.98
8	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:19.444	10	10	4.459	0.752	74.27

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RACE 1



The cars were all formed up and red lights went out and the race roared off to Copse and as they came out the back towards Luffield it was not the familiar decal be-decked ST of James Ross heading the field, but Rory Collingbourne by a mere 0.013 of one second from Ross. Alfonso Skriczka now in third with Robert Cox 4th ahead of Natasha Hussain and Alex Reed with Ben Wilcox and Aaron Thompson next. Into lap 4 and into Becketts and Ross held a line to take the lead but it was a four car battle for the lead Collingbourne, Skriczka and Cox all so tantalizingly close but nerves held and cars continued. On lap 5 Skriczka late braked and then deposed Collingbourne of that second place as Cox now looked to do the same but held off. On lap 6 and out of my sight but Cox grabbed 3rd from Collingbourne with Reed now up into contention. Luffield and contact between the two cars of Cox and Collingbourne? End of lap 7 and the cars crossed the line with Ross now a near 3 seconds ahead of Skriczka and Reed, and just back from them were the cars of Cox and Collingbourne who were engaged in a real squabble for the 4th and 5th places. Cox came next with a gap back to Hussain and Thompson. Lap 10 and the Reed pressure took its toll as he passed Skriczka for the 2nd spot. Ross was looking very secure in the lead as a five second penalty was shown to Collingbourne who promptly crossed the lines yet again. The remaining laps saw the front places stay calm and with a chequered flag waving James Ross home to take the win and Alex Reed second and Alfonso Skriczka third.



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RACE 10 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:37.523			81.81	1:11.354	8
2	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:44.396	6.873	6.873	81.22	1:11.673	8
3	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:47.762	10.239	3.366	80.93	1:11.986	4
4	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:49.066	11.543	1.304	80.82	1:11.899	4
5	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:54.044	16.521	4.978	80.39	1:12.546	3
6	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	13	15:54.672	17.149	0.628	80.34	1:12.176	12
7	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	13	16:13.049	35.526	18.377	78.82	1:13.509	8
8	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	13	16:13.650	36.127	0.601	78.78	1:13.271	8

FASTEST LAP

4 James JJ ROSS Ford Fiesta ST 8 1:11.354 82.69 mph 133.07 kph

Car 13 - 5 second penalty - not respecting track limits

Car 41 - Transponder not working - please fit before your next race

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RACE 2

The sunshine had gone, and wet weather popped overhead. Thus, this was the scene which greeted us for the start of the second race. Rainbows in the distance but shining faces under the helmets saw our drivers ready and willing and certainly very able.

A gloomy visual haze of spray on the warm up laps before the cars lined up for the race start.



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The track was damp but it was not raining now. Red lights out and off again. The two front row cars (both yellow) got away well but it was Ross who leads into Copse now nose to tail. Towards Becketts Thompson experienced a slide but got it back to continue. The two white STs of Cox and Collingbourne were again close, but had Wilcox lost out a little bit of ground and they went through Woodcote and cars had lights on. Crossing the line at the end of the first lap the order saw Ross leading Reed and then Skriczka and Cox from Collingbourne, Wilcox, Hussain and Thompson who was now looking more confident on the wet surface. Same order on the second lap and into lap three where Skriczka tried a move into Luffield, but Reed survived that. Distances between cars were measured in split seconds as it was dramatically close all around. Then commentators reported contact a big nudge from Skriczka on Reed and the latter spun around and was last. This incident allowed Cox to slip by into 2nd with Skriczka breathing all over the Cox ST. Reed did get back on the track but was trailing in last place. Down to Woodcote and Becketts and again late on the brakes Skriczka narrowly avoided contact with Cox. The commentators picked up on this and had to ask the question about Skriczka not learning from previous incidents? Ross now had the 'luxury' of a few seconds lead over Cox who then set a race fastest lap but Ross responded to record the race fastest lap on his fifth tour. Skriczka was now very close to Cox and both were not able to carry the battle forward. Laps 6 – 9 and no change until lap 10 when Skriczka nabbed Cox with an inside line but was unable to get by and then into Luffield he pulled out to look for a chance to take 2nd place from Cox and he did so on lap 11. Maybe stung by this unhelpful nudge, and watching Ross have a big

sideways slide but held to continue without losing out, Cox took the 2nd place back from Skriczka. Collingbourne was pegging the leading trio and maybe waiting to take advantage of anymore incidents. Last lap Skriczka on the outside and Cox on the inside tagged Cox to push him out and take 2nd. This allowed Collingbourne to close but not have the momentum to pass. Chequered flag welcomed to James Ross with a good win and then just 5.5 seconds to second placed Alfonso Skriczka and 3rd to Robert Cox. After the race the Clerk of the Course considered and decided to leave the result as it was. I should emphasise that it is always open to any driver or entrant to lodge a protest if they feel so strongly about the driving or legality of another. After the race end there is a window of 30 minutes in which to make out a written protest and lodge it with race officials. I will be talking to all drivers at the next event about expected standards of driving on the track!!

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RACE 17 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:09.263			77.87	1:15.009	5
2	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:14.740	5.477	5.477	77.40	1:15.274	5
3	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:16.284	7.021	1.544	77.27	1:15.260	4
4	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:16.802	7.539	0.518	77.22	1:15.195	7
5	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:22.326	13.063	5.524	76.76	1:15.857	5
6	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:50.845	41.582	28.519	74.46	1:18.184	10
7	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:54.934	45.671	4.089	74.14	1:15.847	2
8	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	12	15:56.245	46.982	1.311	74.04	1:17.271	12

FASTEST LAP

4 James JJ ROSS Ford Fiesta ST 5 1:15.009 78.66 mph 126.59 kph

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