

2012



Ford fiesta junior championship

Race report 007 for: Rounds 13 & 14 – Snetterton – 01/02 Sept 2012
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Introduction

This has been a period of much activity by our rival championships and the MSA. Firstly, the MSA are looking to impose a control tyre scenario on us without the courtesy of even asking anyone involved whether it is desirable or wanted. The Fiesta ST has been developed with the Dunlop slick tyre right from the beginning when it was first regulated in the Fiesta Championship many years ago. To date it has never been the cause of any mishap in use. In Fiesta Junior it appears that the MSA were content to let the Juniors run on Dunlop slick tyres in 2012 but, suddenly, it becomes undesirable for 2013. This is an outrageous and totally arbitrary decision which fly's in the face of natural justice, good manners and many other things besides. At present I have requested the BRSCC to take up the fight for Fiesta Junior and emphasise that this 2012 season has been conducted with all drivers making superb use of and becoming fully tuned-in to the Dunlop slick tyres. Slick tyres most of the drivers have been used to in their many years of racing in karting.

It was announced by the 750 Motor Club (or via Autosport etc.) that the SaxMax Junior Championship will fold at the end of this season. The Ginetta Junior Championship is willingly going on to 'treaded tyres' in 2013 on the alleged basis that it will be cheaper for competitors who have been reportedly been charged just short of £1000 (that is one thousand pounds by Michelin) for FOUR tyres. This information is direct from a connected source. Quite why approaches have been made to nearly all Fiesta Junior drivers from a person connected with a driver who has been competing in Ginetta Junior is perhaps understandable and I suppose is a compliment to Fiesta Junior.

Our championship represents real value for money and the driver gets the chance to drive in a front wheel drive saloon car which is still described by several current BTCC drivers as the perfect car to learn on before going up the ladder. In restrained economic times, everyone must look at the way their motorsport funding may be best used. I submit that there is no argument, Fiesta Junior is the most complete and cost effective way for any 14 – 16 year old to go motor racing! I have been approached by another 7 people since this Snetterton weekend of racing with a view to build and race cars in 2013. This figure will increase and we will see the anticipated 14 + cars out in 2013. This is not bull, but based on the cold call enquiries I am getting. We do not need to get into a contest with the supremoes of any other junior championship. There is no reason to do so. Our talking will be done by cars on the 2013 grids. I think that the requests to our young drivers to consider going for tests or races are a testament to how seriously we must be rated as opposition. We are not in a contest with them, just wish to run in our own club championship manner.

In view of the manner in which contacts have been forthcoming to our drivers, I have had to remove the person(s) concerned from our email database as I feel it inappropriate to let those people know what we are doing for 2013. They may find out the same as everyone else in the media when we release it.

Kevin Shortis
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Snetterton – the racing.

Practice and Qualifying.





The practice session went off ok but Jack Mitchell's new car seemed a bit off colour and maybe underperforming? (*this has now been sorted as a minor problem and full power will be back for Brands Hatch*).

The qualifying session went well for Charlie Ladell as he just pipped Ben Wilcox and James Ross and Alfonso Skriczka by less than a second from him to 4th. Jack Mitchell and Aiden Moffat were next, with Rory Collingbourne and Alex Reed both out for the first time.



Motorsport News Ford Fiesta Junior Championship PRACTICE - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	32		Charles LADELL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:29.006	8	9			80.24
2	8		Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:30.380	6	9	1.374	1.374	79.02
3	19		Jack MITCHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:30.444	6	11	1.438	0.064	78.97
4	88		Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:31.196	8	13	2.190	0.752	78.32
5	43		Aiden MOFFAT	Ford Fiesta ST	1:33.198	4	9	4.192	2.002	76.63
6	15		Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:34.000	7	11	4.994	0.802	75.98
7	4		James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:34.099	5	12	5.093	0.099	75.90
8	13		Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:35.704	5	12	6.698	1.605	74.63

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Snetterton 200 Circuit Length = 1.9840 miles. Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry. Start: 10:22 End: 10:44

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Motorsport News Ford Fiesta Junior Championship QUALIFYING - RACE 8 - CLASSIFICATION - AMENDED

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	32	Charles LADELL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:29.014	11	13			80.24
2	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:29.538	12	14	0.524	0.524	79.77
3	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:29.811	13	13	0.797	0.273	79.52
4	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:29.900	13	13	0.886	0.089	79.44
5	19	Jack MITCHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:30.405	12	12	1.391	0.505	79.00
6	43	Aiden MOFFAT	Ford Fiesta ST	1:40.864	1	2	11.850	10.459	70.81
DQ	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	0					
DQ	15	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	0					

Cars 13 and 15 - Times disallowed due to eligibility

Snetterton 200 Circuit Length = 1.9840 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 15:16 End: 15:37

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Race 1

What they describe as a lack of substantial numbers is compensated by the high level of driving ability – even from those who were racing for the first time in their Fiesta ST cars shod on Dunlop slick tyres.



(He tested but a family commitment prevented young Mr Bourne from racing this weekend.)

A twelve lap race over the near 2 mile circuit would test the young gentlemen. The clear and dry bright conditions were a bonus given previous races. Red lights out and off and away they went. Ladell made a brilliant start with Wilcox getting some first gear wheelspin which allowed the yellow Ross car to ease by on the way to Riches. A bit of contact? between Wilcox and Moffat on the entry then Moffat was through. A long plume of anti-oil dust along the run to Montreal and Wilcox ran slightly wide and the orange projectile piloted by Mitchell saw him get by for 4th and the same moment saw Skriczka though. Loads more dust on Bentley straight as Wilcox slip-streamed Skriczka then pulled out to pass. Through Brundle and Bomb Hole the order was Ladell, Ross, Moffat, Mitchell and Wilcox followed by Reed and Collingbourne. Into Murrays and all avoided the thick trail of oil dust here to complete the end of lap 1. Wilcox slowly reeled in Mitchell as they crossed the line and heading for Riches for the second time Mitchell sportingly gave room for the faster car to go by. Along the Bentley straight, Wilcox again seemed to have the legs of the proceeding Moffat car but was only able to draw up to the back of the young Scot as they went into Brundle. It was evident that Wilcox could carry a shade more speed into the bend and on braking slightly later. Over they went for the start of lap 2. Along Senna straight Wilcox again drew up to Moffat and just simply drive around him for 3rd place. Into Montreal and another contact(s) just shy of the apex between Wilcox ahead of Moffat which spun and slowed both cars allowing Skriczka and Mitchell though. Moffat had

right nearside wheel damage which left him stranded and as Wilcox drove off the outside grass he was then passed by Reed.



As they completed another lap the full course yellows came out for the safety car. The whole field did eventually bunch up as the recovery truck scooped up the Moffat ST. A good lesson here from the young heads on the importance of keeping up to the leaders so as not to lose out on the re-start. Lap 7 and the race resumed with Ladell leading the bunch of young tigers. I have to reiterate the way the re-start was conducted and perhaps I will

put footage on video to demonstrate the 'how to do it' mode. Text book stuff – well done our junior drivers! Around Montreal and Mitchell and Skriczka were battling close and fair which allowed Wilcox who had got by Reed to close up too. Incredibly, Wilcox just drove by the two cars along Bentley straight to take up 3rd place and he could see Ladell and Ross just two hundred yards ahead. Getting to 3rd may have been ok, but trying to gain on Ladell and Ross seemed a tough ask as his lap times show on the last four laps with the gap to Ross and fairly constant 5 seconds. At the chequered flag and another faultless drive from the WDE prepped ST driver Charlie Ladell. Second and well deserved 2nd was James Ross with Ben Wilcox third.



Charlie Ladell with mum and the three podium guys and birthday boy (right) Rory Collingbourne

Motorsport News Ford Fiesta Junior Championship RACE 8 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	32	Charles LADELL	Ford Fiesta ST	12	20:43.460			68.92	1:28.803	12
2	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	12	20:46.253	2.793	2.793	68.77	1:28.969	9
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	12	20:50.071	6.611	3.818	68.56	1:29.179	11
4	19	Jack MITCHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	12	20:52.911	9.451	2.840	68.40	1:29.383	10
5	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	12	20:53.279	9.819	0.368	68.38	1:29.409	11
6	15	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	12	21:11.847	28.387	18.568	67.39	1:32.485	8

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	4	6:47.446	8 laps	8 laps	70.12	1:34.622	2
DNF	43	Aiden MOFFAT	Ford Fiesta ST	2	3:09.896	10 laps	2 laps	75.22	1:30.591	2

FASTEST LAP

32	Charles LADELL	Ford Fiesta ST	12	1:28.803	80.43 mph	129.44 kph
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Snetterton 200 Circuit Length = 1.9840 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 11:21 End: 11:43

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Race 2



Well, this was going to be another cracker and they had 14 laps to go this time. Red lights out and good starts from Ladell and Ross and Mitchell and Wilcox with Reed keeping up as they went towards Riches but soon getting swamped by Moffat to his nearside and Skriczka to the off. Moffat took a neat inside line to take a place then into Montreal he nipped right under Mitchell and Skriczka



for 4th. Ladell led them along Bentley with Ross and Wilcox behind and these just ahead of Moffat. Reed had the legs of Mitchell down here and looked at moving by Skriczka, but a hesitant gearchange kept him back. A gap now from third to fourth and then to sixth placed Skriczka. Around Coram, Mitchell reclaimed the Reed place for 6th. Approaching the line it was obvious that Moffat had slowed but then came back. Lap 4 and Wilcox had taken second place from Ross before the Bomb Hole only to get crossed up as he got the Coram apex. The slide was gentle but devastating as the back flicked out one way then the other leaving Wilcox on the outside grass – stationary. All up to Skriczka went by and then as he tugged at the gear change Moffat took advantage and zipped by as they went up the Senna straight. It took until lap 6 for the earlier off to get better as he out-ragged Moffat along Bentley for the 4th spot. Meanwhile at the front it was service as normal as Ladell went about his work confidentially and well with Ross some 5 -6 seconds behind him Skriczka was about the same gap back as was Wilcox from him. The only other change of place happened on lap 11 when Wilcox claimed Skriczka's 3rd place. The chequered flag was waved after 14 laps and Charlie Ladell took the honours from James Ross and Ben Wilcox.



Motorsport News Ford Fiesta Junior Championship RACE 17 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	32	Charles LADELL	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:02.170	79.22	1:29.061	2		ON
2	4	James JJ ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:08.105	5.935	5.935	78.85	1:29.214	2
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:19.199	17.029	11.094	78.17	1:29.017	3
4	8	Alfonso SKRICZKA	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:21.298	19.128	2.099	78.04	1:30.344	13
5	43	Aiden MOFFAT	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:25.569	23.399	4.271	77.78	1:29.810	8
6	15	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:48.734	46.564	23.165	76.40	1:31.561	8
7	19	Jack MITCHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:52.616	50.446	3.882	76.18	1:32.263	5
8	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	14	22:18.907	1:16.737	26.291	74.68	1:34.143	3

FASTEST LAP

88 Ben WILCOX Ford Fiesta ST 3 1:29.017 80.23 mph 129.13 kph

Snetterton 200 Circuit Length = 1.9840 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 17:23 End: 17:45

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Ford Fiesta Junior Championship points table 2012																					
Points remain provisional subject to any judicial procedures																					
ALL ROUNDS LESS TWO TO COUNT																					
Points disabled for MSA reg transgression																					
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Highlighted shows dropped score																					
Shows only Ford Championship race points total																					
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dnf - corrected score																					
dnf - did not compete in any of first 12 rounds																					
NAME/ROUNDS		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16				
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		07/04/11	08/04/11	29/04/11	29/04/11	20/05/11	20/05/11	03/06/11	03/06/11	01/07/11	01/07/11	04/08/11	04/08/11	02/09/11	02/09/11	28/10/11	28/10/11				
NO.	CLASS	Total																			
Charles LADELL	32 FJ	195	14	1	16	1	16	1	16	1	14	1	dnf	dnf	10	16	16	1	1	16	1
Jack MITCHELL	19 FJ	193	14	1	14	1	14	1	14	1	16	1	14	12	12	12	10	10			
James ROSS	4 FJ	158	13	12	9	9	9	13	13	16	1	1	14	1	14	1	14	14	14		
Ben WILCOX	88 FJ	145	dnf	9	11	12	12	11	10	13	13	12	13	13	13		13	13	1		
Aiden MOFFAT	43 FJ	127	11	8	dnf	10	13	12	13	11	11	12	12	14	dnf	dnf	11	11			
Freddie LEE	51 FJ	87	16	13	1	14	13		11	11	8										
James MANNING	46 FJ	58						10	10	9	10	10	9								
Alfonso SKRICZKA	8 FJ	55	dnf	10	dnf	dnf	dnf	10	10	9											
Bobby THOMPSON	9 FJ	45			10	11		12	12	dnf	dnf		11	11	11	11					
Louis MILLAR	6 FJ	23	dnf	11	12	dnf															
Aiden MCPRESS	14 FJ	0																			
Alex REED	15 FJ	0																			
Rory COLLINGBOURNE	13 FJ	0																			
James BOURNE																					

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