

RACING REPORTS

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FAIRCLOUGH KEEPS LEAD AFTER MIXED WEEKEND



Leader Fairclough had a win, second and spin



Wyllys came within 0.016s of winning from the back in Caterham Seven 310R, then took two victories

Deagen Fairclough maintained his British Formula 4 championship lead despite a weekend of mixed fortunes at Silverstone.

The Hitech driver scored his fifth victory of the season in the opener on the full Grand Prix layout, pulling clear after an early safety car period to finish 4.770 seconds ahead of team-mate Reza Seewooruthun. The battle for the final podium spot was an all-Rodin Motorsport affair with Alex Ninovic passing James Higgins at Copse in the closing stages, while Jack Sherwood retired in an opening-lap collision while battling the pair. JHR Developments' Ella Lloyd gained six places on lap one and finished fifth. Fairclough spun out on the opening lap

of race two, and he was joined in the Becketts gravel trap by three other drivers, including Sherwood and Maxwell Dodds. There was only time for three more racing laps once the cars had been recovered, with Leo Robinson taking a maiden win. Lloyd was promoted to second post-race after Ninovic, Joel Bergstrom, Higgins and Bart Harrison were all handed one-place penalties for overtaking her under safety car conditions. Seewooruthun took a lights-to-flag triumph in race three ahead of Fairclough, while Ninovic strengthened his title hopes with a seventh straight podium finish and Sherwood slipped back from third to fifth behind Robinson.

Peter Erceg and Marcus Clutton dominated the two-hour British Endurance Championship contest to continue their unbeaten start to the season. The arrival of rain just as Erceg ended his stint at the halfway stage left Clutton wrestling the Audi GT3 on slick tyres, but after returning to the pits for wets eventually came home three laps clear of the rest. Three-time Britcar champion Witt Gamski made a racing return after a six-year absence and scored a second place alongside Ross Wylie in an MJC-run Bentley Continental GT3, while Bal Sidhu and Josh Steed's Porsche GT4 edged Team Brit's Aaron Morgan and Paul Fullick to third. Chris Bialan and Simon Mason won

the two Britcar Trophy contests to double their season victory tally in their Cupra, both times finishing ahead of Alex Van Nederveen's Ginetta and Lee Goldsmith's BMW M3. Tom Wyllys stormed from the back of the grid in the Caterham Seven 310R opener, but Taylor O'Flanagan pipped him to victory by 0.016s. Wyllys got his revenge in race two, beating O'Flanagan by 0.008s, and Wyllys won again in the finale by finishing 0.131s ahead of Hugo Bush. Ben Timmons prevailed in three tight 270R contests to take a hat-trick of wins. Paul Goldstein made a final-lap pass to win the Roadsports opener ahead of Barry Thompson and Nick Highton, but Goldstein was narrowly denied in race two by Jonathan Emery.

RACE WINNERS

- British F4**
Race 1: Deagen Fairclough (Hitech Pulse-Eight)
Race 2: Leo Robinson (JHR Developments)
Race 3: Reza Seewooruthun (Hitech Pulse-Eight)
- British Endurance Championship**
Peter Erceg / Marcus Clutton (Audi GT3)
- Britcar Trophy Races 1 & 2:** Chris Bialan / Simon Mason (Cupra Gen-1)
- Caterham Seven 310R championship**
Race 1: Taylor O'Flanagan
Races 2 & 3: Tom Wyllys
- Caterham Seven 270R championship**
Races: 1, 2 & 3: Ben Timmons
- Caterham Roadsports**
Race 1: Paul Goldstein
Race 2: Jonathan Emery
- Caterham Academy**
Bruno Van Dyke
- Snetterton Saloons**
Luke Allen (VW Golf)

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LYDDEN HILL: MSVR BY MARK LIBBETER

JUNE 15

GAFRARAR AND PRIBYL SHARE FF1600 WINS

Formula Ford racing made a welcome long-awaited return to Lydden Hill last Saturday as American youngsters Caleb Gafrarar and Jason Pribyl shared the race wins in the United FF1600 double-header.

Drivers were greeted with difficult track conditions in both qualifying and the first race as rain showers and gusty winds swept the track, but 16-year-old Gafrarar was undeterred in his Ray GR18 as he made a rapid start from the outside of the row two to move into second behind poleman Jason Smyth's Van Diemen RF00/JL12. The pair ran in close company for the opening half of the race before Smyth slid off at North Bend, handing Gafrarar a lead he would hold to the finish.

Pribyl finished second in his Ray GR20, while Charlie Mann brought his similar car home third having battled with Pascal Monbaron for much of the way. Morgan Quinn, who had salvaged fourth from the opener in his Van Diemen RF99 after a tardy start had dropped him to ninth from second on the grid, enjoyed a much better launch in race two as he moved up to second behind fellow fast-starter Pribyl. Despite Quinn's best efforts to force a mistake, none was forthcoming from Pribyl and he held on to take victory in a race where weather conditions were much improved from earlier in the day. Smyth claimed third after a brilliant charge from the rear of the grid. Chris Bassett was in control



American youngster Gafrarar took a stunning breakout win in difficult conditions

of the opening Classic and Modern Motorsport Club Super Saloons/Tin Tops race in his Peugeot 306 GTi until Dave Avis's BMW M3 spinning into the Devil's Elbow tyre barrier triggered a stoppage. The restart helped the BMW M3 of Jacques Whitehead reel

Bassett in but a spin across the track late in the race, moments after taking the lead, ended Whitehead's victory hopes and allowed Bassett to claim the spoils. Paul Watson took second in his E36 M3 despite enduring some wayward moments battling Martin

Reynolds' Ford Escort. Race two was won by Reynolds after he usurped Bassett late on in another red-flag interrupted contest after Bob Hosier's Seat Leon struck the Hairy Hill tyre barrier. The Trackday Championship race was dominated by Justin

Roberts and Nicole Drought in their Honda Civic Type R, while William Heslop/Paul McHugh in their Civic claimed third behind Charlie Palk's Renault Clio despite Heslop clashing twice with Jonny Milner's VW Golf during his stint.

RACE WINNERS

- United Formula Ford**
Race 1: Caleb Gafrarar (Ray GR18)
Race 2: Jason Pribyl (Ray GR20)
- CMC Super Saloons/Tin Tops**
Race 1: Chris Bassett (Peugeot 306 GTi)
Race 2: Martin Reynolds (Ford Escort)
- MSVT Trackday Championship**
Justin Roberts/Nicole Drought (Honda Civic Type R)
- MSVT Trackday Trophy**
Roberts/Drought