

# RACING REPORTS

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TCR Europe's Andersson dived at front in UK debut



Kelleth (52) and Lucas (234) were among the Fiesta ST240 winners in Kent

# GUEST ANDERSSON STARS IN TCR OPENER

Viktor Andersson scored a sensational TCR UK victory on his and the Lynk & Co 03's British debut at Brands Hatch.

The Swedish TCR Europe racer demonstrated touring car nous in a fine performance that would have left him a close second to Callum Newsham in the points had the car not lost its race-three podium to a rideheight infringement.

Andersson displayed defensive prowess to win the opener after jumping polesitter Newsham's Hyundai. Then he called on his inner Matt Neal to execute a series of passes under braking into Clearways en route to fourth in race two and an on-the-road second in race three.

Pushed back to fourth in the opener,

Newsham was second to Adam Shepherd's Cupra – who leapt from eighth to first at the start – in race two, then took a dominant maiden race win in the finale. Reigning champion Carl Boardley struggled to perfect his Cupra's set-up but claimed a pair of podium finishes.

Four times a winner in Audi TT Cup Racing's debut non-championship season, Carl Swift scored a largely untroubled double success in its first championship weekend. Area Motorsport team-mate Matt Luff kept him honest in the opener but tangled with Bradley Burns in the sequel – restarted after a startline pile-up. Burns added second to his earlier fourth, while Harry Yardley-Rose was twice third.

Having switched to Rhys Claydon's

title-winning car, Robbie Kenning claimed a maiden Metro Cup victory on Sunday. He had qualified on pole a day earlier but was slow away on his first start in the K Series-powered car. That let Mike Williams escape only for his engine to blow on the final lap, handing veteran Dick Trevett victory.

Reigning champion Max Edmundson won two of three Civic Cup races from pole position, despite the category's influx of highly rated drivers. Debutant Spencer Stevenson impressed en route to second in the opener, while Josh Files scored two podiums and Alistair Camp gave his new FN2 model a winning debut in the reversed-grid race.

Fiesta ST240 wins were shared between Zach Lucas, Alastair Kelleth

and Daniel Lewis. Lucas and Kelleth were dominant until Fiesta Junior graduate Lewis finally managed to nail a start. Lewis leapt from third to first in the partially reversed grid race and won from fellow teenager Lucas Hayden.

Mike Blackburn dominated the opening pair of ST150 races but could only manage fourth from sixth on the grid in race three, surviving a half-spin after an unsuccessful late challenge of debutant Steph Sore. Sam Watkins showed what might have been with a six-second win over Liam Browning after being punted into the barriers earlier on.

Jenson O'Neill-Going was denied a Fiesta Junior hat-trick by gearbox gremlins in the finale won by Finn Leslie.

### RACE WINNERS

#### TCR UK

Race 1: Viktor Andersson (Lynk & Co 03 TCR)

Race 2: Adam Shepherd (Cupra Leon Competition TCR)

Race 3: Callum Newsham (Hyundai i30 N TCR)

Audi TT Cup Racing

Races 1 & 2: Carl Swift

MG Metro Cup

Race 1: Dick Trevett (MG Metro Turbo)

Race 2: Robbie Kenning (Rover Metro GTI)

Civic Cup

Races 1 & 3: Max Edmundson (EP3)

Race 2: Alistair Camp (FN2)

#### Fiesta ST240

Race 1: Zach Lucas

Race 2: Alastair Kelleth

Race 3: Daniel Lewis

#### Fiesta Junior

Races 1 & 2: Jenson O'Neill-Going (MK6 ST)

Race 3: Finn Leslie (MK7 Zetec Si)

#### Fiesta ST150

Races 1 & 2: Mike Blackburn

Race 3: Sam Watkins

#### Clubsport Trophy

Phiroze Billmorla (Volkswagen Scirocco)

## SILVERSTONE: MSVR BY RACHEL HARRIS-GARDINER APRIL 13-14

Photo: Mick Walker

# YOUNG AMERICAN IS SILVERSTONE STAR MAN

A new talent emerged in United Formula Ford on Saturday. American Jason Prybil, driving a 2020 Ray, had never driven a Formula Ford before nor been to the UK. Prybil won a curtailed and scrappy race one, which was shortened due to oil on the track and the accidents it precipitated.

He then spent race two sparring with Alex Ames's Van Diemen RF90 in a fascinating contest between old and new, before being demoted to third for exceeding track limits, behind Andrew Rackstraw's Spectrum and Ames.

The front of the Clubmans grid was the stage for some top lead battles, with Steve Dickens taking race one in his Mallock Mk29 and Clive Wood the other two wins in his earlier Mk23. Dickens in race one did well to hold off Steve Collier's Vision as well as a

charging Ben Mallock's Mk30 and Wood, who recovered from a spin early on to finish third. Wood and Mallock were the chief protagonists in the next two races, swapping the lead, although the more experienced Wood was the winner both times. Collier and Dickens were left to scrap for third.

Sports 2000 had a record-breaking grid and Class B driver Colin Peach was the first winner in his Van Diemen RFS02. Erstwhile leader Michael Gibbins had to deal with a broken gear linkage on his MCR, but Peach still had to work hard to hold off Steve Ough's MCR. Gibbins, the defending champion, won the second and third races, chased hard by Joshua Law, who had driven home to Essex to fetch a second MCR after qualifying when his car expired. Sadly it expired again during race three.

The first Miata Trophy race was won by Nicholas Stott, whose measured approach meant that he did not incur the same track-limits penalties as on-track leader Daniel Parrans-Smith. Parrans-Smith won the second race from Declan Lee, the 2023 champion who also picked up penalties in race one.

Penalties also decided the EnduroKa five-hour race, with Pro-Am Racing taking the victory after the more dominant MilnAir trio had two laps disallowed for a refuelling infringement. Pro-Am had been taking two seconds per lap out of MilnAir for the final half hour, until the last two laps when MilnAir pulled away, only to be pulled back by the penalty.

Amid snarling American machinery, it was Stewart Robb's British-built TVR Tuscan that was the undisputed winner of both Bernies V8s races.



Prybil (l) shrugged off being new to country and category

### RACE WINNERS

#### Clubmans Sports Prototype Championship

Race 1: Steve Dickens (Mallock Mk29)

Race 2 & 3: Clive Wood (Mallock Mk23)

#### Miata Trophy

Race 1: Nicholas Stott

Race 2: Daniel Parrans-Smith

#### SRCC Sports 2000 Championship

Race 1: Colin Peach (Van Diemen RFS02)

Race 2 & 3: Michael Gibbins (MCR S2n)

#### United Formula Ford

Race 1: Jason Prybil (Ray CR20)

Race 2: Andrew Rackstraw (Spectrum KMR)

#### Bernies V8s & Historic Outlaws

Race 1 & 2: Stewart Robb (TVR Tuscan)

#### Enduroka Pro-Am Racing

Race 1 & 2: Will Hilliard/Scott Thompson/Richard Jepp (Ford Ka)