

Mondello June Report

Rounds 5 & 6

Rounds 5 and 6 saw a return to Mondello after the previous meeting in Knockhill. The weekend started very early with the car delivered to the track on Friday all ready to go, That was a first. Qualifying was on Saturday evening. Unusually it was warm in Mondello. The aim for the weekend was not to be last. So went out for qualifying, and finished up in 12th of 14 cars. Ok but felt I could have gone better it took a too long to get back into the rhythm. It also didn't help leaving the car in third gear on numerous occasions for turn one.

Sunday morning arrived and without the rush for qualifying it was very relaxed. The first race was dry and the conditions were good. I made a place up off the start and was having a pretty uneventful race. Then towards the end of the race Ivor miller went off bringing out the safety car. With 2 laps to go all the cars were bunched up again. as the race drew to a close coming into the last corner I saw John Conway running wide I managed to slip past and finish in 7th with a Best lap of 1:00.6 a personal best.

During the interval between races the heavens opened and the place was soaked but between each shower the place dried up. Each time it looked like it was going to be dry for our race it rained. So as the race drew nearer time was coming to decide whether to go with wet tyres or slicks. Using those famous words "it'll be grand" I went out on slicks. For the race start it was still quite damp, this was unexplored territory for me slicks on a damp track I tried to gauge the grip on the warm up lap but was none the wiser by the end. Ready for race start I took it easy heading into turn one I kept it tight down the inside and looked to have a clear path past a few cars down the inside. That plan however was ruined when I had to slow to avoid the spinning car of Ivor. One car avoided and still amongst the pack heading to turn 3. Coming sideways through turn 3 I was greeted with the sight of Ben Conway stopped sideways. 2 cars avoided. Coming out of the esses there was Max facing me so past him. 3 cars avoided on the opening lap.

The race was more like a drift event as I had inadvertently set the car up like a drift spec global. I had left it too soft. As the race continued I caught and passed Liam Kavanagh around the outside of turn 3 only to spin in front of him at turn 4, letting Ben and Ivor by in the process. With the advantage of slick tyres and a drying track I caught and passed Ben and Ivor, going around both cars around turns one and 2. Last lap 20 seconds left I'm in 6th heading to turn one when disaster strikes and the car starts to move around with very little steering through turn one. Edging closer to the bank despite my best efforts to get it to go the other way I had to park up. I got of the car to see the wheel having virtually falling off. The hub nut had sheared off, race over.

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