

ROUND 1 RESULTS



CIRCUIT LENGTH - 1.85 MILES

CONDITIONS - WEATHER CLOUDY / TRACK DRY

Time Attack Club Challenge Times - (click thumbnail for large image)



1. Peter Everett - Nissan Skyline - 1:38.368 - 4WD



2. Nigel Wilson - Mitsubishi Evo 3 - 1:40.712 - 4WD



3. Jeremy Horsham - Nissan S13 - 1:42.896 - RWD



4. Stuart Andrew - Subaru Impreza - 1:43.617 - 4WD



5. Ben James - Mazda FD3S RX7 - 1:50.072 - RWD



6. Simon Miskelly - Honda Integra - 1:50:729 - FWD



7. John Wooton - Mazda FD3S RX7 - 1:51.931 - RWD



8. Jason Evans - Honda Civic Type-R - 1:56.236 - FWD



9. Nadine Geary - Dodge Viper - Retired DNF - RWD

Time Attack Tuner Class Times - (Click thumbnail for large image)



1. Duncan Cowper - Dax - Dax Rush 1:30.185 - RWD



2. Philip Keen - Litchfield /Powerstation Type 25 Impreza - 1:32.899 - 4WD



3. Simon Norris - Norris Designs Evo 9 - 1:34.016 - 4WD



4. Clive Seddon - RC Developments Evo 6 - 1:34.271 - 4WD



5. Adrian Smith - Fensport Celica - 1:34.812 - 4WD



6. Terry Pankhurst - Dimma Peugeot 206 - 1:34.974 - 4WD



7. David Harrison - Abbey Motorsport R32 - 1:35.707 - 4WD



8. Robbie Thornton - Trackday Performance R32 - 1:36.288 - 4WD



9. Rob Barnes - Sumo Power Evo 8 - 1:37.089 - 4WD



10. Phil Gooriah - RE:Worx FD3S RX7 - 1:37.466 - RWD



11. Darren Soothill - RC Development Evo 6 - 1:37.648 - 4WD

Round 1 of the Time Attack Series got underway this weekend at Rockingham with an encouraging start to the season and with a couple of surprises. The grid has a mixed group of competitors and cars and among the field were some very familiar names in the tuning and car club scene, from Simon Norris to the Harry and the boys from Abbey Motorsport in the orange R32 GTR built especially for Time Attack and onto privateers such as Simon Miskelly in the 'BTCC friendly' white DC5 which he had entered into the Club Challenge FWD category. As free practice got underway in the morning and the sun was warming up the dry track, a visible pattern was forming to see Duncan Copwer in the Dax Rush storming around the circuit knocking on the door of most competitors in this untimed session. These sessions, used by competitors for setup and driver familiarisation enable the teams to prepare for

their one-chance hot lap in the afternoon. Walking through the pit garages it was obvious that major developments and strategy had been taken on by the competitors from the first Time Attack event at GT Battle last year, most notably from Abbey Motorsport who were in attendance to put on a professional show with a pit garage similar to that seen in BTCC or GT!

As the untimed sessions drew to a close the excitement grew for the competitors, each not knowing how fast or slow they were in comparison to the competition therefore having no choice but to take a decision to maximum effort to ensure a top placing in the timed hot lap. As the cars gathered into the pitlane there was around 10000 bhp sat idling between the competitors. Sent out of the pitlane one by one to set off on their warm up lap, drivers warmed their tyres and settled down into 3/4's of the course.

Time Attack requires a full flying start lap therefore as drivers approached the last section of the track a noticeable difference in pace was witnessed and a thunderous roar opened up as Simon Norris, the first of the Time Attackers cranked open his 900bhp Evo off the infield, up the banking and onto the pit straight, hitting 140mph in the process and braking late down the hill and into the left hander, the most dangerous part of the circuit with only a wall to greet you if you get it wrong. Simon went on to run a 1m34.016secs lap, putting him in 1st place....but for how long?....Also in the unlimited class was Duncan Cowper in the Dax Rush, Duncan was a favourite to win if he had the luck of good weather on his side and lucky for him he did - a warm dry track enabled Duncan to set the quickest lap of the day with a 1m 30.185secs lap in his lightweight sports car. Aside from Duncan's victory the biggest surprise of the day was from the boys at Litchfield Imports / Powerstation and their Subaru Impreza, driven by GT ace Philip Keen. Philip managed to stretch a fantastic lead from the rest of the tin-top grid to run an almost unbelievable 1.32.899sec lap, a good 1.1 seconds quicker than the favourite-to-win Simon Norris and the Norris Designs SWB Evo.

Duncan Cowper is now recorded to hold the quickest lap under Time Attack conditions around the circuit at Rockingham, beating last years GT Battle victor Gareth Lloyd/Ford Cosworth by just over a half second. Well done Duncan.

In the Club Challenge veteran track day warrior Peter Everett run an ultra smooth 1m38.368secs lap to go on to win overall quickest time in the Club Challenge in his R33 GTR Nissan Skyline as well as the 4WD class although last year Peter managed a 1m.37.24secs

lap at the same circuit under Time Attack conditions. Meanwhile Nadine Geary in the Supercharged Viper struggled with previous damaged to her car which finally resulted in seeing her retire for the finals. Simon Miskelly clinched a win in the FWD class with a 1m50.729 lap and Jeremy Horsham pulled the quickest lap for the RWD class with a 1m42.896sec lap in his Nissan 200SX.

Round 2 kicks off in 3 weeks time at Silverstone's National circuit where they will all be battling it out once more with the addition of competitors who were unable to make Round 1 in time, see you there.