

# MOTORSPORT NEWS

## RACING NEWS

### YOUTUBE STAR BROADBENT JOINS GINETTA GRID

YouTuber sim racing star Jimmy Broadbent made his real-life Ginetta debut at Snetterton last weekend racing in the marque's GT championship with Xentek Motorsport.

Broadbent, 33, has accumulated over 900,000 YouTube subscribers via his gaming videos, and his sim-racing success includes winning the iRacing Le Mans 24 Hours and Indianapolis 500.

He also has plenty of real-life racing experience since his debut in the British Endurance Championship in 2021. He won the Praga Cup UK title the following season sharing a car with now-British GT racer Gordie Mutch, and recently finished second in the Nurburgring 24 Hours' SP 8T class in a Team Bilstein by Black Falcon BMW M4 GT4.

Xentek manager Sarah-Jayne McKenna said: "He's a great personality and many of our team have enjoyed watching his content over the years."



Broadbent keeps it real



Brothers got Ginetta run



Racers Morgan and Marcus are seeking career boost

## SHORT BROTHERS MAKE RACING RETURN IN GINETTA GT CONTEST

*Hotshoe sons of Le Mans frontrunner Martin hoping for more after return to action*

By Graham Keillon

Morgan and Marcus Short returned to circuit racing action for the first time since April with last-minute deals to race in the Ginetta GT championship at Snetterton last weekend.

Morgan, 22, and Marcus, 19, are the sons of Le Mans and

British GT frontrunner Martin, and the rapid young duo were GT Cup frontrunners last year in a Mosler, with Morgan taking an outright Brands Hatch win. Morgan sampled British GT in a GT4 Ginetta at Brands last year while Marcus raced in GB4 in 2022.

They competed in a Revolution in Sports Prototype Cup's

Zandvoort 2024 opener, but hadn't raced since after a budget-hitting incident there.

At the British GT support last weekend they raced with Ginetta's Want2Race outfit, with their cars run by Alan Mugglestone who also ran Morgan's British GT Ginetta. They hope to also make further appearances this year and that

more generally their debuts in a one-make championship, and rare outing in modern machinery, will turn heads.

Morgan told Motorsport News: "Dad was speaking to [Ginetta bosses] Mike Simpson and Lawrence [Tomlinson] at the grand prix about how we weren't doing much racing. We got a really good deal.

"The Mosler is not as fast as modern GT3s, so this is our first real chance for an equal weekend in equal machinery.

"This is an actual platform that we can use as a comparison of ourselves and have few more eyes on it. It will be beneficial for our careers. Everything we're trying to do is trying to put us further forward."

### DJ SAWYER HITS THE TOP 10 IN MINIS



Record label boss is improving in freshman season

DJ turned Mini Challenge Clubsport racer Paul Sawyer took a hat-trick of overall top-10 finishes at his local Thruxton track 10 days ago in just his third four-wheeled racing meeting.

The Krafted music label director and Radio 1 DJ had a best result of 14th overall in the first two meetings of his freshman 2024 campaign.

And at Thruxton, despite practice being cancelled due to barrier repairs, and then having a frustrating qualifying session where he went the wrong way on set-up in wet conditions, Sawyer immediately took a personal-best finish of 10th in race one, which was also fifth in the S53 class. He then repeated the result in a wet race two.

The circuit dried for race three

and Sawyer finished a best-yet eighth overall, which was fourth in S53.

Sawyer said: "We swapped out the springs for the races [after qualifying] and it was like I was in a different car, and it meant I was able to get stuck in. In all three races, I managed to get it off the line pretty well and that made it much easier to fight for some good results."

### CLIFFORD GETS YOUNG DRIVER AWARD

Miata Trophy racer Connor Clifford has been named the Motorsport UK Academy 2024 Young Driver of the Year after topping a five-driver shootout finale.

Clifford, who races with Hills Motorsport in MotorSport Vision Trackdays' Mazda MX-5 contest, will receive a bespoke driver development programme with Motorsport UK Academy partner iZone, and will be awarded the official trophy at Motorsport UK's Night of Champions in January.

Each year standout second-year Motorsport UK Academy Enhanced DiSE students are shortlisted for the award that recognises sporting excellence, academic performance, attainment, effort and overall engagement.

Porsche Sprint Challenge racer Seb Hopkins, Carrera Cup GB's Sid Smith, Racing Hondas' Loui



Miata racer Clifford topped youngsters' contest for prize

Hounsell and Mini Challenge Trophy's Ronnie Smith joined Clifford as the five making this year's shootout.

The shootout included physical fitness tests, driving skill assessments on iZone's GT and single-seater simulators, panel interviews and presenting on their Enhanced DiSE Programme experiences, drawing on their career goals and aspirations.

Clifford said: "Winning this award is a huge achievement and a decent boost to my career so far. It's testament to my continued work off track to develop as a driver."

Motorsport UK's head of competitor development Katie Baldwin added: "The award is a test of ultimately everything needed to become a well-rounded and successful driver."

### CLIOS GROW FOR SECOND MEETING

The returning Clio Cup entry grew from three to five for the second meeting of its comeback at Anglesey circuit last Saturday.

The popular former British Touring Car Championship support, revived by MotorSport Vision Trackdays for 2024, had just three latest Gen5 machines at its June Brands Hatch GP debut, joined by three guesting older models.

At Anglesey, Brands' latest-model trio of Graves Motorsport's Nicky Taylor and Westbourne Motorsport pair Daire Flock and Ben Colburn were joined by Ben Jenkins, racing with LDR Performance Tuning.

Jenkins has raced a Clio in Britcar Trophy and MSVT's Trackday Trophy and Championship in recent times, and combined his



MSVT is seeking to revive popular ex-BTCC support

Clio Cup run with the EnduroKa 24 hours at the same Anglesey meeting. The quintet was completed by automotive marketing

software company CEO Jeremy Evans, the MSVT racing contest graduate making it a three-car Westbourne entry.