

The Goff Gazette - Issue 6

Welcome to the latest edition of the Goff Gazette. Keeping you informed of the latest developments here at Team JG

Mixed fortunes for Jack in rounds 5 & 6

Rounds 5 & 6 of the 2010 Renault Clio Cup with Michelin held mixed fortunes for Jack with a DNF on Saturday and a storming drive to an eventual 6th place in the second race on Sunday, along with the NGK fastest lap award.

Qualifying did not go smoothly at Brands Hatch with a hard pushing Jack having a major 'moment' at Paddock Hill bend, almost rolling the car and skimming though the gravel trap before regaining his line. This resulted in the loss of valuable track time as the gravel was removed from the car. Jack showed great composure in returning to the session and set respectable times, despite a puncture coming out of the pit lane, to secure 12th position for race 1 and 10th for race 2



Race 1 started well with Jack making 2 places by the end of the first lap, a feat which was to be repeated on lap 6 to put him in a strong 8th position. He held 8th for a further 4 laps but picked up a slow puncture, the tyre eventually coming off the wheel rim with only 2 laps remaining.

Sunday's race was a different story with atrociously wet conditions from the start. Just after the first bend, Paddock Hill, 4 cars in front and 2 cars behind Jack span off. Showing great skill and avoidance he emerged unscathed and headed uphill towards Druids. By the end of the first lap he had reached 6th position from 10th on the grid, a place he briefly lost to Rob Gaffney in a nip and tuck first half of the race. Jack had 5th position well in his sights and was closing hard on a recovering Mike Robinson, but on lap 8 had a trip into the gravel at Stirling Bend, the fast left hander on the GP loop. He recovered well to once again chase down Robinson in the closing stages, setting the fastest lap in the process. At Clearways on the last lap Jack made an audacious lunge and finally passed Robinson.

Jack's tenacity in securing his highest placed 5th finish drew loud cheers from all our sponsors and supporters, but the stewards penalised Jack for his 'ambitious' move and issued a 4 second penalty, leaving him in a very creditable 6th place.



Commenting on the weekend's events team manager Jonathan "Flavio" Walters said: "Jack has again proved he is more than able to "mix it" with his more experienced opponents over this last weekend, especially in the challenging conditions of Sunday's second race. Given the bad luck we had in qualifying and race one, we came away as a team, very happy. We are looking forward to Jack making the next step up at Oulton Park on June 5th & 6th."

Looking forward to rounds 7 & 8 at Oulton Park

We have a short break until the next two rounds at one of the country's most picturesque circuits, Oulton Park in Cheshire. This will give the team ample time to prepare well for one of Jack's favourite circuits and hopefully, by then, all the equipment and awning will have dried out after the soaking at Brands Hatch.

We will be updating you with event details for Oulton Park in the very near future. If you cannot wait until then you can now re live the excitement of Thruxton, Rockingham and Brands Hatch and watch the race videos, which are available to view on the Renaultsport website. Click [here](#) for more details.

We hope you are able to join us at Oulton Park for what should be another great weekends racing but, if not the full Sunday race day action is live on ITV4 from 11.30am. We are hopeful of great things on the back of Jack's impressive wet drive at Brands Hatch last time out. In the meantime visit the website for more updated photos and news.

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