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# Goff encouraged by series opening pace

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Jack Goff enjoyed three solid points finishes at the opening weekend of the championship in his RCIB Insurance Racing Vauxhall Insignia.



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Off the back of his series finale podium in 2013, Goff picked up where he left off with strong pace which saw him fighting his way into the top 10 with Alain Menu in round three.

In FP2, Goff was the closest competitor to Jason Plato but was unable to replicate that form in the 30 minute qualifying session.

Goff told BTCC Crazy: "We shot ourselves in the foot a little bit with qualifying because we had an issue with the car which came at the wrong point that qualified us out of position to where we should have been.

"Had we started fifth or sixth in the first race then I think the day could have been a bit different.

"The biggest positive is that we have shown the pace in the car and that we have something to prove to the rest of the field."

Much was said about the lack of track space throughout the weekend, with 30 cars fighting it out around the 1.22 mile Brands Hatch Indy the racing was frenetic. New for 2014 was the much talked about track limitations that have been enforced, with many drivers being warned about exceeding them.

Goff commented: "It is busy in qualifying and was hard to find space for a lap but it was the same for everybody. Track limits are a bit of a problem but again it is the same for everyone. You have to change your style a little bit and tweak the technique but it is all about getting on with it.



Many were impressed by the performance of certain drivers on the soft tyre over the weekend, Goff being one of them. With an updated compound for 2014, the 23-year-old admits that the Vauxhall Insignia could still gain in performance had it not been for damage on the car.

"We had some damage on the car when the soft tyre was on but saying that it didn't affect us too much. There wasn't too much performance difference between that and the medium so we have to get our heads around them a little bit more."

Looking ahead to the second weekend of the championship, held at Donington Park in under three weeks, Goff is confident his RCIB Insurance Insignia can continue its race three exploits and be in the mix again.

"Donington should suit our track a little bit more because it is a bigger track and the flowing corners like the Craner Curves will suit the long wheel base of the Vauxhall. I'm heading into the next round confident and we ended in a high at Brands with some competitive times.

"I have an idea of what we need to change; the cooling package is one because we have suffered with some overheating - we have a few things up our sleeve."

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