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Jack Goff Enjoys First Test In BTCC Car With Team HARD

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Despite the main season having completed at Brands Hatch in October, there is no sign of slowing down for the 2012 AirAsia Clio Cup Champion, Jack Goff. Following his title success in the final round of the year, his first port of call was a whirlwind trip to Barcelona to test in a Megane Eurocup car, as seen on the World Series by Renault package.

Fast forward a couple of weeks and the action returns closer to home. With only one ambition for the 2013 season — a drive in the headline British Touring Car Championship — all focus now switches to securing a drive ahead of the new season. Today though saw his first taste of BTCC action, as he headed to Silverstone to test with Tony Gilham and Team HARD in their newly acquired NGTC Vauxhall Insignia.

A foggy morning awaited, and delayed the action somewhat. But, spirits were not dampened as the chance a lifetime awaited. So, how did the Clio Cup Champion find it?

"Today was a taster of what will hopefully be the future for me. I loved every minute of it," he told us after the session. "I just want to get back out there now though!"

While the un-initiated may expect a vast difference between a BTCC car and a Clio Cup car, for Goff the main difference between the two was the physical size of the NGTC Insignia.

"The main difference I found was the size of the car to be honest," he said. "I felt like I really gelled with



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the car instantly."

The Vauxhall Insignia has been the subject of many discussions throughout the last twelve months — not all of them positive — but under their new ownership at Team HARD, improvements are already visible.

"The car felt really good for a first test. I feel like there is a lot of potential in it."

As ever, Goff was extremely thankful for the opportunity presented to him, and hopefully sets him on the road to a 2013 BTCC drive.

"I want to say a massive thanks to Tony Gilham and all of Team HARD for the opportunity."

The work continues to push for a spot on the grid in Britain's premier saloon car series, along with the ongoing efforts to secure KX Academy backing for 2013.

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