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Renault Clio Cup

## Jack Goff Experiences European Success At Spa

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The AirAsia Clio Cup is, like the headlining BTCC, in the midst of a mid-season break. Drivers never stop driving though, as is the case with current Championship leader, and BTCC Crazy blog writer, Jack Goff. Swapping England for Belgium, Renault for Lotus, front-wheel drive for rear-wheel drive, Goff headed to the legendary Spa-Franchorchamps circuit to take part in a round of the Lotus Cup Europe, alongside his regular Lotus Cup UK team-mate, Phill Capstick.

For both this would be their first race on foreign soil, aiming to take it to Europe's best Lotus drivers around one of the best circuits in the world. The adventure began on the Thursday, where, baked in glorious sunshine, Goff took part in testing to get to grips with the circuit and to iron out any potential issues with the car. He only managed to complete 5 laps however, due to some initial issues with the Exige.

Qualifying would take place the following day, and only lasted a mere 20 minutes. On a circuit like Spa, 20 minutes is pretty low in terms of laps completed. To add to the challenge, early rain had left the track damp.

Goff's confidence grew lap by lap, and despite a distinct disadvantage over other drivers who knew the circuit better, the final lap saw a qualifying time good enough for P2 in class, just a couple of tenths back on the fastest time of the session.

Saturday's race was to be a half hour dash around the Belgian circuit, and for Goff it would also see his first standing start in the Lotus. The start was impressive, as heading into the first corner he made a dash around the outside of a Lotus Evora GT4.

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Problems would soon hit though, as Goff was to experience pretty catastrophic power loss, which left him struggling to keep the other cars at bay on the long Spa straights. Despite this, showing the same determination we see week in, week out in the Clio Cup, Goff held on to claim an extremely impressive 2nd in class at the end of the 30 minutes, and an equally impressive 6th overall.

Upon further examination, a broken exhaust and an electrical fault were deemed the cause of the power loss. Heading back to the UK with a podium, the next outing for the pair in the Lotus will be at Oulton Park on July 28th, before Goff returns back to Clio Cup action at Snetterton in August.

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