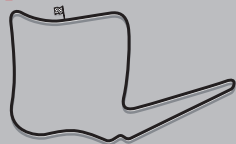


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FORMULA RENAULT AT A GLANCE

- Race 1 Alex Lynn
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Dixon controlled tight first race



Goff claimed his first win since MGs in '09

FORMULA RENAULT & CLIO CUP OULTON PARK, JUNE 4-5

Goff is at his happiest through the gloom

JACK GOFF BROKE HIS

Clio Cup duck in fine style at Oulton Park, winning by more than five seconds in the wet from Team Pyro team-mate Aron Smith.

Goff's driver coach, 2009 Clio champ Phil Glew, pointed out that the 20-year-old High Wycombe lad has always been mighty in the slippery stuff, and so it proved as he powered away to his first win since his MG Trophy days in '09.

"The weekend's gone well from start to finish," grinned Goff. "I got my best qualifying [third], had a good race yesterday to the

podium and then today went even better. I was watching the pitboard, and after I got a five-second lead I paced myself and counted the laps down."

Smith moved up to third when points leader Paul Rivett ran wide at Lodge Corner, then wriggled past Rivett's main title rival James Dixon – who seemed to struggle from pole in the damp – to take second with four laps remaining.

Dixon thereafter held off James Colburn for third, which was a repeat of what he did to win in the dry on Saturday. After qualifying

on pole, he kept lightning starter Colburn at bay, and the Westbourne Motorsport man in turn had Goff, Tom Grice, Rivett, Smith, Matt Allison and Adam Bonham in his wheeltracks in a group that 'kaleidoscoped together' according to the Irish PA man at the chicane. "That train was big!" said Dixon, dedicating the win to Total Control Racing team director Graham Pearce, who passed away recently. Dixon's TCR team-mate Grice had the speed to win, especially in the wet, where he lost out due to an early excursion at the hairpin.

In Formula Renault UK, Alex Lynn continued his season of domination. To crudely paraphrase a well-worn Latin phrase, it exorcised the demons of his 2010 Oulton weekend *horribilis*, in which he'd dislocated a knee when he crashed in Friday's test, then snapped his rollhoop in a brutal race shunt.

Fortec Motorsport's Essex racer played pathfinder in the first race, which started with damp patches on the circuit. Once dialled in he broke the challenge of Mark Burdett Motorsport man Jack Hawksworth, who'd held pole until a demon,

ultra-committed, one-lap, post-red-flag Lynn effort.

A "fuel-related problem" that prevented his car from starting meant Hawksworth played no part in second qualifying, but he was probing new team-mate Dan Cammish for ninth in this race when he came to grief at the chicane, causing a safety car. That provided Lynn's only anguish, but he nailed the restart to perfection to see off fellow Fortec man Oliver Rowland, who added second to his earlier fourth and was happy with his best overall weekend yet.

Kuala Lumpur-born, Twickenham-based Australian Mitchell Gilbert completed Fortec's first FRUK 1-2-3 of the season with his best drive yet, atoning for crashing in first qualifying. Yet another Fortec man – guesting Eurocup racer Felix Serralles – was next until an error on the last lap allowed Atech Reid's Tio Ellinas in front.

Ellinas had taken third in the earlier race, falling away from Hawksworth as the race progressed but well clear of Rowland. Next up were his inexperienced team-mates Oscar King and Dan Wells, who both made enormous progress on pace

this weekend. In race two they inadvertently tangled, and neither would finish.

The unrelated Jordan King appeared to be Manor's fastest driver of the weekend, but crashed in race one. Alice Powell took the team's best result – sixth in race two – from a disappointing day.

● Marcus Simmons

RESULTS

Renault Clio Cup (12 laps) 1 James Dixon; 2 James Colburn +0.849s; 3 Jack Goff; 4 Tom Grice; 5 Paul Rivett; 6 Aron Smith. **Fastest lap** Smith 1m36.533s (83.01mph).

Race 2 (12 laps) 1 Goff; 2 Smith +5.686s; 3 Dixon; 4 Colburn; 5 Craig Currie; 6 Adam Bonham. **FL** Grice 1m44.817s (76.45mph). **Points 1= Dixon & Rivett, 197;** 3 Smith, 182; 4 Colburn, 150; 5 Goff, 146; 6= Grice & Bonham, 122.

Formula Renault UK (15 laps)

1 Alex Lynn; 2 Jack Hawksworth +1.786s; 3 Tio Ellinas; 4 Oliver Rowland; 5 Oscar King; 6 Dan Wells; 7 Dan Cammish; 8 Josh Hill; 9 Alice Powell; 10 Mitchell Gilbert. **FL** Lynn 1m19.346s (100.99mph).

Race 2 (16 laps) 1 Lynn; 2 Rowland +1.252s; 3 Gilbert; 4 Ellinas; 5 Felix Serralles; 6 Powell; 7 Hill; 8 Ollie Millroy; 9 Cammish; 10 Jordan King. **FL** Lynn 1m19.601s (100.67mph). **Points 1 Lynn, 264;** 2 Ellinas, 216; 3 Rowland, 170; 4 Millroy, 152; 5 Hawksworth, 151; 6 Hill, 126.



Lynn continues to dominate FRUK