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Jack Goff Motorsport will be competing in the 2009 MG Trophy championship with Jack set to become one of the youngest drivers on the grid. Goff, from Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, will be racing a black and yellow MG ZR 190 that belonged to former champion Paul Wallace. This is the first time the family-run team has competed in the MG Trophy, one of the UK 's most competitive single make club championships. Jack Goff will be wearing number 33 on the MG ZR 190 and he has recently been testing the car at Snetterton and Oulton Park in preparation for the start of the series on 4 April at Donnington Park . Before the final preparations for the championship, Jack Goff will be hosting an open track day at Silverstone on Saturday 7 February for sponsors and guests – a day that will include laps of the track with Jack in the MG ZR. This will be Jack Goff's first opportunity to meet his current and prospective sponsors, one of the many new experiences for this talented teenager. "I'm very excited about this year's championship and having my family running the team has given me a great deal of confidence. I know it will be very competitive and I'm realistic about what we can do, but we have had plenty of testing in the past few months and we will be very well prepared. Testing has gone well and although it was cold at Snetterton and difficult to get any heat into the rear tyres, we were getting lap times of 1 min 21sec and that was on used tyres. I was pleased with that and that form continued with our recent testing at Oulton Park ."

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Jack Goff (18) from High Wycombe did the double in the opening rounds of the MG Trophy championship at Donington on Saturday. After a nightmare test day when the team only managed to do four laps due to an overheating problem they woke on race day not knowing if they would even be racing ,or if the problem had been sorted as qualifying would be the only time to test the car again. Goff taking part in his maiden race in cars held pole position right till the end of qualifying when he was 'pipped at the post' by the more experienced Chris Bray. Goff therefore started race one second to Bray on the grid with an equally experienced Paul Luti lining up in P3. Goff said "I was worried about the start as I have never done a standing start before and have not been able to practice one till the race, but when I got to it all went to plan." After a great close scrap with Bray and Luti, it was Jack who came through for a momentous victory. Race two saw the trio in the same grid positions ,and after Luti's retirement, Goff and Bray scraped it out until the flag, swapping positions several times with Bray coming out just on top with Goff just millimetres off his rear bumper at the line. Goff was also named driver of race one and overall driver of the day. Bray leads Goff in the championship by two points its all to play for at rounds 3 and 4 four on 9th May at Oulton Park.