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Race report for: Rounds 1 & 2

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Introduction

A lot to pack into this report as it covers the opening races of a new season and will also contain information pertinent for the season as a whole. It was good to see many new faces joining the championship adding to most of the 2010 season drivers who returned yet again and the hot sunny conditions certainly made it so pleasant. I was pleased to announce the new Veterans Cup for our mature drivers – those who were 42 on first of January.

A smile moment for me came after the weekend, in the report by Ian Sowman in Autosport (copied below by kind permission of Haymarket Publishing).

Ian writes within the ST race report “ -- in what is becoming an increasingly credible alternative to the Renault Clio Cup”.

Arguably better racing at a fraction of the budget and the best drivers taking part (KS)
(I also noted that the winning ST was running on a Pipercross filter and Team Dynamics PR- 1.2 wheels.)

FORD FIESTA ST, SILVERSTONE, APRIL 9-10

Grady is best of the bunch as new blood hits Fiestas

AN IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP of newcomers could not prevent top returning driver David Grady from completing a double Ford Fiesta ST win in what is becoming an increasingly credible alternative to the Renault Clio Cup. The Leicester driver was not headed during any of the 36 laps, and seemed capable of controlling the gap back to his rivals. His nearest challengers proved to be the Cockill brothers, with last year's Zetec champion Harry finishing second in both races. He admitted to making the odd mistake in race one, but still finished 11 seconds clear of brother Edward (winner of the 2010 Si title), whereas in the second race the gap between the brothers was a fraction of a second at the end. Ex-Combe champion Jason Cooper ran in the top three of race one but was hauled in for a drive-through penalty for going off-piste too often, although he was adamant that he had not gone 'four wheels off'. He therefore started from row eight for the second race, and was up to fifth when Mike Bushell tangled with him at Luffield, relegating Cooper to seventh. Formula Vee and Stock Hatch graduates Ash Sutton and Matthew Foley ran in close proximity in both races, with Sutton getting the best result – fourth in race two, after passing Bushell at Brooklands.

● Ian Sowman

RESULTS
RACE 1 (18 LAPS) 1 David Grady; 2 Harry Cockill +2.454s; 3 Edward Cockill; 4 Michael Bushell; 5 David Abbott; 6 Matthew Foley. FL Grady 1m09.533s (84.85mph).
RACE 2 (18 LAPS) 1 Grady; 2 H Cockill +3.543s; 3 E Cockill; 4 Ashley Sutton; 5 Bushell; 6 Foley. FL Grady 1m09.648s (84.71mph).



Grady topped fine Fiesta ST entry

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Driving standards

Overall, not too many issues were raised about the driving standards. The A and B classes were exemplary and most of the Class C drivers maintained a close but hard driving style. Some contact was seen, mostly driving incidents, but some was not. This was dealt with by the clerk of the course and he will also be viewing footage of racing to see if he needs to pursue any retrospective actions.



**Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship (Class A, B & D)
QUALIFYING - RACE 6 - CLASSIFICATION - AMENDED**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	7	A	John LANGRIDGE	Ford Fiesta Si	1:11.743	5	10			82.24
2	40	A	David ELSOM	Ford Fiesta Si	1:12.496	11	16	0.753	0.753	81.38
3	73	B	Scott BAINES	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:13.563	12	15	1.820	1.067	80.20
4	45	A	Nicholas TILEY	Ford Fiesta Si	1:13.738	15	16	1.995	0.175	80.01
5	55	B	Ken BATEMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:14.631	12	16	2.888	0.893	79.06
6	75	A	Zena COOPER	Ford Fiesta Si	1:15.263	13	13	3.520	0.632	78.39
7	88	B	Nikolas BARTON	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:15.380	13	14	3.637	0.117	78.27
8	77	B	Michel EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:16.121	12	15	4.378	0.741	77.51
9	17	B	Keith CHAPMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:16.577	14	14	4.834	0.456	77.05
10	32	B	Claire KEMP	Ford Fiesta Zetec	1:17.270	9	14	5.527	0.693	76.36
DQ	27	B	James APPELBY	Ford Fiesta Zetec			15			

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Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship (Class C) QUALIFYING - RACE 8 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	72	C	David GRADY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:09.282	3	9			85.16
2	28	C	Harry COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:09.771	3	15	0.489	0.489	84.56
3	24	C	Lee NAPOLITANO	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.053	8	14	0.771	0.282	84.22
4	35	C	Jason COOPER	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.062	2	9	0.780	0.009	84.21
5	4	C	Michael BUSHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.086	3	12	0.804	0.024	84.18
6	29	C	Edward COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.113	12	15	0.831	0.027	84.15
7	16	C	Ashley SUTTON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.155	5	16	0.873	0.042	84.10
8	3	C	David ABBOTT	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.308	7	10	1.026	0.153	83.92
9	51	C	Nicholas BOWERS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.554	10	15	1.272	0.246	83.62
10	82	C	Matthew FOLEY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.563	3	16	1.281	0.009	83.61
11	10	C	Ian WILSON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.639	9	12	1.357	0.076	83.52
12	33	C	Matthew PARR	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.799	5	16	1.517	0.160	83.33
13	18	C	Nicholas POPE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:10.995	2	15	1.713	0.196	83.10
14	20	C	Rex NYE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.022	7	13	1.740	0.027	83.07
15	44	C	Ian FLETCHER	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.046	9	16	1.764	0.024	83.04
16	19	C	James BYRNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.165	14	16	1.883	0.119	82.91
17	6	C	Joanne EASON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.215	14	15	1.933	0.050	82.85
18	21	C	Andrew WILMOT	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.279	7	15	1.997	0.064	82.77
19	5	C	AI DALY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.322	4	16	2.040	0.043	82.72
20	26	C	Steve PAPWORTH	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.421	5	15	2.139	0.099	82.61
21	9	C	Chris TOUMAZOS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.621	13	13	2.339	0.200	82.38
22	68	C	Terence UPTON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.682	4	16	2.400	0.061	82.31
23	13	C	Graham FIELD	Ford Fiesta ST	1:11.710	14	16	2.428	0.028	82.28

Silverstone National Circuit Length = 1.6390 miles. Start: 14:10 End: 14:31

The Race (One) Classes A and B

The racing was good and the ‘new kid on the block’ – John Langridge was quick to show his class with some stunning times and a mature performance that belied his tender years. Scott Baines was also back to Zetec form and was not bested throughout the first race. Zena Cooper managed ten laps before an engine problem sidelined her. James Appleby out on his maiden race found the wrong gear and buzzed the top end and was instantly out before a lap had passed and the Zetec reliability of Keith Chapman was absent as his driveshaft/hub went bang with 15 out of 17 laps done. Our other lady driver, Claire Kemp, fared better with some impressive driving to record her first Fiesta race outing with a good 5th in class. Nik Barton and Nick Tiley also put in some fine drives but in their classes were just shaded by David Elsom and Ken Bateman.

From the off David Elsom had the advantage to Copse corner and out of Becketts to Wellington straight the cars were already spaced out but into Brooklands Langridge recovered from a poor start and took the lead from Elsom with Baines now challenging but Tiley had a spinning moment and was instantly last. Appleby was gone. End of lap 1 and order was Langridge, Baines, Elsom, Bateman, Barton, Cooper, Kemp, Thoresen, Edwards, Chapman and Tiley. By lap 4 Elsom’s Si power proved too much for the Baines Zetec and the 2nd and 3rd places were swapped. Bateman was up in 4th some 5 seconds in arrears. Lap 7 saw Cooper drop from her 5th down to 9th as her woes became apparent. By the ninth lap Zetecs were loosely bunched as Baines led Bateman, Barton, Edwrad and Kemp with Tiley and Thoresen behind them. As the laps ran by the order was retty much unaltered and with a hot sun shining the first race of the year was won by John Langridge with Scott Baines taking the B class win.

Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship (Class A, B & D)

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	7	A	John LANGRIDGE	Ford Fiesta Si	17	20:52.131			80.10	1:11.937	8
2	40	A	David ELSOM	Ford Fiesta Si	17	20:54.078	1.947	1.947	79.98	1:12.344	12
3	73	B	Scott BAINES	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:23.852	31.721	29.774	78.12	1:14.848	6
4	55	B	Ken BATEMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:36.744	44.613	12.892	77.35	1:15.529	15
5	88	B	Nikolas BARTON	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:38.927	46.796	2.183	77.22	1:15.298	12
6	45	A	Nicholas TILEY	Ford Fiesta Si	17	21:44.741	52.610	5.814	76.87	1:13.863	8
7	77	B	Michel EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:54.563	1:02.432	9.822	76.30	1:15.540	5
8	32	B	Claire KEMP	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:54.990	1:02.859	0.427	76.27	1:15.765	12
9	31	A	William THORESEN	Ford Fiesta Si	16	21:08.307	1 lap	1 lap 74.43		1:16.055	14
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	75	A	Zena COOPER	Ford Fiesta Si	7	9:17.421	10 laps	9 laps	74.09	1:14.647	4
DNF	17	B	Keith CHAPMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	2	2:58.694	15 laps	5 laps	66.03	1:18.156	2
DNF	27	B	James APPLEBY	Ford Fiesta Zetec	0						
FASTEST LAP											
	7	A	John LANGRIDGE	Ford Fiesta Si	8	1:11.937	82.02 mph		132.00 kph		
	73	B	Scott BAINES	Ford Fiesta Zetec	6	1:14.848	78.83 mph		126.86 kph		



Class A and B - Race 2

Both Langridge and Baines sustained the earlier race one pace and both men made it a brace of class wins. David Elsom again took second place in a good race.

As reds went out, Langridge found the start a little better but this time a dogged Elsom held on to the Daniels Motorsport prepared car to give him a bit of a battle. Baines held a good third behind them and Chapman had managed to move up a couple of places by the end of lap 1. Elsom put on a good drive to keep Langridge honest and to make him work hard on his driving and lines. On lap 3 Chapman slipped by Kemp and set off towards Edwards who in turn was chasing 6th placed Barton. The remaining laps were set in stone with Langridge leading Elsom first by a couple of seconds to the eventual 6.6 seconds. AT the flag, John Langridge recorded his double as did Scott Baines in Class B.

RACE 14 - CLASSIFICATION

Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship (Class A, B & D)

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	7	A	John LANGRIDGE	Ford Fiesta Si	17	20:40.932			80.83	1:12.143	11
2	40	A	David ELSOM	Ford Fiesta Si	17	20:47.606	6.674	6.674	80.39	1:12.517	8
3	73	B	Scott BAINES	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:21.344	40.412	33.738	78.28	1:14.441	2
4	45	A	Nicholas TILEY	Ford Fiesta Si	17	21:28.231	47.299	6.887	77.86	1:14.659	4
5	55	B	Ken BATEMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:29.412	48.480	1.181	77.79	1:14.962	16
6	88	B	Nikolas BARTON	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:30.065	49.133	0.653	77.75	1:15.019	16
7	17	B	Keith CHAPMAN	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:39.919	58.987	9.854	77.16	1:15.544	14
8	31	A	William THORESEN	Ford Fiesta Si	17	21:40.230	59.298	0.311	77.14	1:14.690	17
9	32	B	Claire KEMP	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:40.979	1:00.047	0.749	77.10	1:15.242	15
10	77	B	Michel EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta Zetec	17	21:41.150	1:00.218	0.171	77.09	1:15.304	15
11	27	B	James APPLEBY	Ford Fiesta Zetec	16	21:41.661	1 lap	1 lap	72.52	1:15.210	14

FASTEST LAP											
7	A	John LANGRIDGE	Ford Fiesta Si	11	1:12.143	81.78 mph	131.62 kph				
73	B	Scott BAINES	Ford Fiesta Zetec	2	1:14.441	79.26 mph	127.56 kph				



A delighted John Langridge (left) and Zetec winner Scott Baines (right)

The Race (One) Class C

Well, this was the one class grid that so many people have spoken about in the close season and were eagerly anticipating as the season drew closer. The time for talk was over and the time for action on the track was now on ! Many a new driver to the ST class meant that the outcomes of the races were heavily debated and ideas on form were rife. As always, my answers were predictable when challenged on grid size and likely winners. "Lets just see how it all unfolds, shall we ?"

From the off David Grady looked very positive and determined and made good his pole advantage over the following field. All cars made it through the first bends and a tightly bunched group of cars made the end of lap 1 of 18. The order was Grady from Cockill (H), Cooper, Cockill (E), from Bushell and Napolitano. The next lap saw Cooper out of shape at Luffield, and then black/white flag to Wilmot for running wide at Copse (?). Lap 3 saw Sutton get by Foley for 9th. AT the end of lap 5, Grady led still just from Cockill (H) by a whisper. And three abreast over the start finish line as Daly, Upton and Toumazos. Into Brooklands for the 6th time and Grady held sway with Harry Cockill putting in a personal best lap time and then Cooper was shown a drive through penalty as we believed 21 was shown a time penalty board. Grady did look classy out on the track and with 9 laps gone both Cockills were just over a second from the leading Grady ST. Lap 10 and Abbott inherited 5th as Cooper took his driver through penalty but erroneously stopped before getting the hurry up by the pit marshals. In 4th spot, Bushell was driving well for his first outing but saw the space opened a bit from the leading trio. Foley was impressive and from a 7th on his 13th lap was up to 6th as 15 laps were seen off. All too soon the chequered flag waved home a worthy winner as David Grady took the inaugural win of the 2011 Fiesta ST season.

Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship (Class C)

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	72	C	David GRADY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:00.869			84.23	1:09.533	4
2	28	C	Harry COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:03.323	2.454	2.454	84.06	1:09.591	6
3	29	C	Edward COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:14.348	13.479	11.025	83.34	1:10.131	4
4	4	C	Michael BUSHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:19.023	18.154	4.675	83.03	1:10.204	4
5	3	C	David ABBOTT	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:21.943	21.074	2.920	82.84	1:10.318	2
6	82	C	Matthew FOLEY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:23.101	22.232	1.158	82.77	1:10.462	9
7	33	C	Matthew PARR	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:23.586	22.717	0.485	82.74	1:10.685	18
8	16	C	Ashley SUTTON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:23.921	23.052	0.335	82.72	1:10.156	13
9	10	C	Ian WILSON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:24.667	23.798	0.746	82.67	1:10.549	13
10	24	C	Lee NAPOLITANO	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:25.668	24.799	1.001	82.60	1:10.736	16
11	20	C	Rex NYE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:37.861	36.992	12.193	81.83	1:11.079	7
12	44	C	Ian FLETCHER	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:38.081	37.212	0.220	81.81	1:10.862	7
13	26	C	Steve PAPWORTH	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:38.460	37.591	0.379	81.79	1:10.674	11
14	19	C	James BYRNE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:39.349	38.480	0.889	81.73	1:10.911	14
15	51	C	Nicholas BOWERS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:40.428	39.559	1.079	81.67	1:11.028	11
16	35	C	Jason COOPER	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:40.692	39.823	0.264	81.65	1:10.177	4
17	9	C	Chris TOUMAZOS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:41.607	40.738	0.915	81.59	1:11.034	15
18	5	C	AI DALY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:42.752	41.883	1.145	81.52	1:11.186	11
19	68	C	Terence UPTON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:43.151	42.282	0.399	81.49	1:11.322	15
20	13	C	Graham FIELD	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:48.593	47.724	5.442	81.16	1:11.596	14
21	21	C	Andrew WILMOT	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:49.676	48.807	1.083	81.09	1:10.671	18
22	6	C	Joanne EASON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	22:01.915	1:01.046	12.239	80.34	1:11.852	10
23	18	C	Nicholas POPE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	22:02.936	1:02.067	1.021	80.28	1:11.286	11
FASTEST LAP											
	72	C	David GRADY	Ford Fiesta ST	4	1:09.533	84.85 mph	136.56 kph			

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Class C – Race 2

Having seen a real amazing first race, I was asked if the second race would be as good. I had high hopes. The racing was to prove spectacular and some elements were to tax the clerk of the course (and still may do ?)

As the red lights went out the field made a lunge for the opening right hander but once again Grady led but under real pressure from both Harry and Ed Cockill with Bushell, Foley, Wilson, Napolitano and Sutton leading just a smidgeon from Parr, Byrne, Cooper and Papworth. This order remained constant until lap 5 when Foley fell down to 7th from 5th. Once again though, Grady seemed untouchable at the front as try as they might, both Harry and Ed Cockill stuck to their task and chased hard and well. Already, Nye Papworth and Eason had retired with Field holding out until lap 8 when he too went OTL. Cooper made up another place as Napolitano had a big tank slapper. At the end of the halfway point (lap 9) Grady led both Cockills and then Bushell. As always the real battle was going on in the middle order. Cooper was now settled into a rythm in 6th with just ahead, the red ST of Sutton. By lap 12 Sutton led Cooper by just under 2/10ths of a second. Another lap and Cooper had got by Sutton and had the younger driver trying hard to get his lost spot back. The next lap and he had got it back but on lap 15 we saw Sutton centre track down the pit straight and a flick here and there gave a opening to Cooper who took to the pit wall side for a run. Sutton, almost in ‘slowmo’ moved to the right and for a moment looked as if the pit wall would kiss Coopers offside. Fortunately, space prevailed and Cooper safely continued. It was very very tight as Sutton held the 5th place. Sutton was now looking at Bushell’s rear end and the latter held his nerve earned him a warning flag (as did 51 and 82). The end of lap 16 and Sutton had 4th and Cooper was side by side with Bushell but again the latter drove well to keep 5th. Chequered flag and David Gardy won by the small margin of 3.543 seconds after some 21 minutes and just over 7 seonds of race time. Harry and ED Cockill 2nd and 3rd and they were split by 0.329.

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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	72	C	David GRADY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:07.967			83.76	1:09.648	4
2	28	C	Harry COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:11.510	3.543	3.543	83.52	1:09.944	4
3	29	C	Edward COCKILL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:11.839	3.872	0.329	83.50	1:10.235	15
4	16	C	Ashley SUTTON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:19.828	11.861	7.989	82.98	1:10.143	9
5	4	C	Michael BUSHELL	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:21.646	13.679	1.818	82.86	1:10.287	4
6	82	C	Matthew FOLEY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:24.316	16.349	2.670	82.69	1:10.561	14
7	35	C	Jason COOPER	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:25.358	17.391	1.042	82.62	1:10.182	8
8	24	C	Lee NAPOLITANO	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:26.010	18.043	0.652	82.58	1:10.612	8
9	10	C	Ian WILSON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:26.142	18.175	0.132	82.57	1:10.692	13
10	19	C	James BYRNE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:35.845	27.878	9.703	81.95	1:11.169	17
11	21	C	Andrew WILMOT	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:36.511	28.544	0.666	81.91	1:10.918	4
12	33	C	Matthew PARR	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:37.032	29.065	0.521	81.88	1:11.039	18
13	44	C	Ian FLETCHER	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:39.274	31.307	2.242	81.74	1:10.503	3
14	68	C	Terence UPTON	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:39.344	31.377	0.070	81.73	1:11.101	13
15	51	C	Nicholas BOWERS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:40.372	32.405	1.028	81.67	1:11.272	17
16	9	C	Chris TOUMAZOS	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:41.418	33.451	1.046	81.60	1:10.860	14
17	18	C	Nicholas POPE	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:41.782	33.815	0.364	81.58	1:11.102	15
18	5	C	Al DALY	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:42.795	34.828	1.013	81.52	1:11.270	16
19	3	C	David ABBOTT	Ford Fiesta ST	18	21:45.330	37.363	2.535	81.36	1:10.897	17
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	13	C	Graham FIELD	Ford Fiesta ST	10	13:49.466	8 laps	8 laps	71.13	1:11.713	6
DNF	26	C	Steve PAPWORTH	Ford Fiesta ST	8	9:47.434	10 laps	2 laps	80.35	1:11.283	5
DNF	6	C	Joanne EASON	Ford Fiesta ST	4	6:59.807	14 laps	4 laps	56.21		
DNF	20	C	Rex NYE	Ford Fiesta ST	3	6:04.648	15 laps	1 lap	48.54		
FASTEST LAP											
	72	C	David GRADY	Ford Fiesta ST	4	1:09.648		84.71 mph	136.33 kph		

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Ian Wilson's WDE prepared ST



James Byrne's Kempster Ford prepared Fiesta ST



Ashley Sutton's Daniels Motorsport ST

