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WENNY ESCORT MK3

THIS MONTH

WENNY'S MK3 P52
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 FOCUSES P53
 SIMON'S FIESTA..... P54
 DAN'S SIERRA..... P55
 JAMIE'S ST220 P56

Both Focuses were straight back in the thick of the action!



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BACK IN ACTION!

The Motorbase crew are back in action, securing points finishes at Snetterton and podium places at Knockhill..!

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After sitting out the first half of the season we were keen to be back on track as we headed to Snetterton, and we were all excited to see what the 2015 car, complete with its new mountune engine, could do.

Both cars were quick in Saturday practice but when it came to qualifying pace both Mat Jackson and James Cole seemed to be

hindered by the 'late-entry' ballast, and would start race one on Sunday from P14 and P20 respectively.

We may be out of contention for the overall Championship having missed the first rounds, but we're not here to make up the numbers. We're here to compete! A point Mat proved by battling through a hectic first race to finish twelfth, and earn the team our first points of the season!

We made some slight setup changes to both cars for the second race, and they paid dividends with Mat finishing P8, while James earned a career-best P11 finish.

Race three was a chaotic affair.

James was battling well in the early stages, before heavy contact forced him back into the pits with significant rear suspension damage. Mat continued his fine form with a great drive resulting in a P6 finish.

We then headed to Knockhill with our spirits high, optimistic for even better results. Mat looked like he would have the car on pole, but was pipped into third place in the dying seconds of qualifying. However, as soon as the flag dropped he found a way past the BMWs in front and soon found himself in the race lead!

Unfortunately a Safety Car incident wiped out the 2.7second gap that

Mat had built up, and despite an excellent drive he had to relinquish the lead and settle for a P2 finish.

Mat was on the podium again for race two, having started in pole as a result of having secured the fastest lap time in race one. However with 66kg of ballast onboard he was immediately under pressure from the chasing pack behind. He held second position until lap 25 saw Rob Collard make a move past, but finishing P3 and earning the team a second Independent race win of the day was still reason to celebrate!

The third and final race wasn't as rewarding. Mat endured a hard fought race to come home in P9, earning yet more points for the team, while James had a difficult weekend and struggled to get to grips with his new drive. Considering we've been away for the first half of the season, we are all very pleased with how the team has performed. And if we can build on that we'll get that overall race win!

