

MG KX MOMENTUM RACING – THE BREAD OF A WINNING SANDWICH

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Jason Plato took two fantastic wins for MG KX Momentum Racing at today's penultimate race weekend of the 2012 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) at Silverstone in Northamptonshire; 'The Home of British Motor Racing'.

The sun had broken through the morning's fog at Silverstone as the BTCC field formed up on the grid for race one of the day. The #99 MG KX Momentum Racing car of Jason Plato was at the front of the grid, having secured his 5th pole position of the season in qualifying yesterday. Jason made a good start and lead into turn one, whilst the chaos behind him caused the Safety Car to be disturbed from its pit-lane slumber. At the restart the Ford of Mat Jackson passed Jason for the lead. JP gave chase and when a mechanical failure slowed Jackson with three laps to go, Jason sped through to win his fifth race of the season. Andy had an eventful race from twelfth on the grid, he was moving forwards, before a collision dropped him to the back, from which he recovered back to twelfth!

Race two got off to a great start, with Jason once again leading from the front, all was going well, even after another brief safety car interlude when Matt Neal's Honda caught fire, from which the reigning champion fortunately escaped unscathed. Disaster then struck the #99 MG 6GT when a standardised TOCA component failed, causing Jason's car to lose all power and retire from the race. Andy was again making progress from P12 on the grid when contact with one of the Audi's gave him a puncture and effectively ended his race.

Race three of the day saw both MG's start from the back of the grid following their race two misfortune. Jason however drove like a man possessed and carved his way through the field like a hot knife through butter and incredibly lead the race at half distance. From the front JP was able to cruise to his 6th win of the season, setting the fastest lap of the race on his way for an additional bonus point, to cut Shedden's championship lead to just fifteen points as the series heads for a dramatic final day showdown in two weeks' time at Brands Hatch

Jason Plato (#99), BTCC Standings 2nd – 349 points:

"Two wins, so easily could have been three. But another great step forwards today, the car was just mega, especially in race three. My tail is in the air going into Brands Hatch, I'm confident we will have the best car and a just 15 point gap to the top is very do-able. Game on."

Andy Neate (#44), BTCC Standings: 16th – 72 points:

"A disappointing day for me today, considering that we had good pace in the car, just one points finish is not a great return. However starting in the mid-field for each race as I did today increases your likelihood of getting involved in accidents and it showed today. Onwards and upwards towards the final at Brands now I guess."

Ian Harrison, Team Principal, BTCC Standings: Teams - 5th – 412 points, Manufacturers – 2nd 651- points:

"Three great races from Jason today, the DNF in race two has hurt us though, but a good job by Jason as always. Andy's had an unfortunate day getting tangled up with various people, which is a shame, as his overall pace this weekend was stronger than his results show."

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