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Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship / G50 Championship Silverstone Preview



Leeds based sportscar manufacturer Ginetta form part of this weekends entertainment with their G20 and G50 cars out in five of the weekend's Silverstone races.



If you were at the Northamptonshire track last weekend, you may have spotted some G20s out in Club Ginetta, but the slightly different specification cars are out here for rounds 15 & 16 in the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship – the pinnacle of G20 racing.



There's then the two G50 Championship races made up of identical G50 'Cup' cars plus the G50s in GT4 specification heading out for the two-hour British GT race!



Nigel Moore's aim is to wrap up the G50 Championship title this weekend after just failing to do so last time out at Brands Hatch. He was using his car for the two Cup races and two one-hour British GT races, but a burst water pipe caused engine traumas in the second GT race. This meant he couldn't even start the second G50 'Cup' race and wrap up the title there...



Only Frank Wrathall can do anything about Moore's title bid, but at 183 points adrift (before the allotted two drop scores) coming into this weekend it's a tall order.

Wrathall's second place isn't secure either. Christian Dick's 48 points behind in third but fending off Tom Dunstan (less five points on 222 points) and Toby Newton (on 218).



Dunstan's having a better second half of the season since his debut podium at Thruxton in round 12. He followed his third place up with 2nd and then 4th so as his confidence and experience in the car continues, perhaps he will be a frontrunner once again at Silverstone.



Newlywed Dick had his fifth podium at Brands Hatch and Newton's had three so both drivers will put up a hard fight! Their positions would have been much stronger but for Dick's four non-finishes and Newton's two.

Wrathall too has had sporadic visits to the podium and would have had more if things had gone his way in some races, but the former karting star is still searching for his first win.



Spencer McCarthy retained the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship lead at Brands Hatch with a mere 33 points advantage from Kieran Vernon. Every podium bar one has featured either one of the drivers – and on nine occasions both have stood proud for spoils.



Vernon's had one more win than McCarthy (five verses four) but Snetterton was a troublesome weekend for Vernon, which has certainly given his rival the edge.



Julian Barratt's been having a better 2008 season compared with last year, and currently lies in third place in the points standings, just thirteen points behind Vernon.

Some strong results – including wins at Snetterton and Brands Hatch have given the East Sussex-based racer a 116 point cushion and a chance at the title. All rounds count here, so there's no chance to drop scores, which makes every race even more critical.

If past form continues, these three are sure to be at the front this weekend, but who else could join them?

Spencer's brother Russell was right up in the thick of the action at Brands Hatch until his car began running out of fuel... Plus Paul Moden's back again – and when he was last out for a one-off appearance at Snetterton, he won a third place trophy.

Silverstone produced some fantastic Ginetta racing last year with battles going down to the last few corners and the way things have been shaping up this season, Silverstone's going to provide great racing this year too!

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