

Donington's Season Finale: This Weekend



April seems a long time ago since the 10-weekend season began for the Ginetta G50 Cup and the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship. But before it draws to a close, there's still scores to be settled in the two Ginetta Championships this weekend.



The Ginetta G50 Championship was wrapped up at Silverstone by 16-year old Nigel Moore following his season-long stronghold at the top of the table. But there's still a fight for the crown in the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship.



It's going Spencer McCarthy's way at the moment. His closest rival Kieran Vernon is 49 points adrift so needs a strong finish in race one to make it go down to the wire!

Vernon's had a couple of mechanical troubles, which cost him dear at Snetterton where he scored his only non-finish. McCarthy's been consistently at the front in every round – except Knockhill where a tyre gamble didn't pay off in tricky conditions.

Even second place isn't safe; Julian Barratt's 48 points away from stealing Vernon's runner-up spot. The points structure is such that it won't make much to really turn up the heat if McCarthy or Vernon run into troubles!



Out to take points away from the regular frontrunners include Andy Smith – currently in fourth. He had his first double-podium finish including his first win last time out at Mallory Park as part of Ginetta's 50th Anniversary festival.



The Leamington-Spa based driver's threatened for more podium finishes but has ended up fourth on too many occasions for his liking!

'Mr. Pistonheads' – Peter Dignan (also known as Racing Pete to the forum community) clinched his second podium of the season at Mallory Park. New to Ginetta this year, he had a third at Knockhill and is a self-confessed fan of Donington Park so could mix it up on the podium once again.



Further G20 racers to keep an eye on include Phil Sykes in his red Speedworks Motorsport car, former VW racer Alex Dziurzynski and Russell McCarthy. The brother of Championship leader Spencer, Russell stood on the rostrum for the first time at Silverstone and has too given his brother a run for his money out on the track. But will the pair have devised a cunning plan to work together for points?



The G50s have had a successful debut season with impressive grid sizes for a new Championship and a variety of drivers sampling the might of the 300 bhp, 160 mph entry-level GT car.



Nigel Moore got to grips with the car early in the season and gave him a healthy lead at the top that he kept extending with his dominance of the race victories.



But contact with Toby Newton in Mallory Park's second G50 Championship race put Moore out of the race early on. This paved the way for a three-way dice at the top between the eventual top three of Frank Wrathall, Newton and Christian Dick.

This was Wrathall's first win and an important finish ahead of Dick for the two have been fighting it out for runner-up laurels most of the year!

Wrathall's debut G50 win puts him in a list of only 4 others to have dislodged Moore from the top step. Dick did so at Silverstone, Hunter Abbott did back-to-back British GT and Ginetta G50 Cup races at Brands Hatch to take a win and Abbott's British GT team-mate Rob Austin did the same at Croft and Thruxton.

Good luck to all who are still out there fighting for their final points in 2008.

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