

Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship Rounds 3 and 4



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Seventy-four thousand people attended Brands Hatch circuit over this weekend 28th / 29th April, as it hosted the final round of the A1GP season. The Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship did not fail to deliver action-packed entertainment with its impressive 35-car field.

Newcomer Daniel Laddiman has taken the Championship lead after two strong races. The young driver had never competed on the GP circuit until qualifying on Friday, but taking 2nd place on Saturday and a win on Sunday, has given him a 5 point advantage over fellow newcomer Joe Osborne. Osborne took a third and a second respectively.



Championship favourites Matt Nicoll-Jones and Ben Elliott suffered due to a pair of non-finishes on Sunday's race. Nicoll-Jones had initially built up a lead on Elliott who made up ground to provide a thrilling on-track battle for the lead that saw the pair end up going side by side into Hawthorn Bend and into the gravel.



Nicoll-Jones was unable to recover, but as Elliott emerged from the dust, he then became stranded in gravel at Stirling's Bend after a spin. This was enough to bring out the red flags and the race was stopped.

Despite Elliott initially being given the win, the result was amended to give Laddiman his first win in Ginetta racing.



"A win is a win and I'm absolutely over the moon" said an elated Laddiman. "This is the first time I've been here on the GP circuit and to get a win is amazing."

Nicoll-Jones took the win on Saturday having got a better start than pole-sitter Elliott, where he would remain. Elliott would go on to take an impressive fourth place having spun at Paddock Hill Bend, dropping him down to the back of the grid and fighting his way back almost to third; only losing out to Osborne by 0.035 seconds.



Meanwhile, Mark Wania had his "best race ever" as he and Richard Austin, Julian Barratt and Spencer McCarthy all displayed great sportsmanship with some of Ginetta's finest, clean racing whilst battling over the final few top 10 places.



Further down the grid, in round four, there were battles aplenty as drivers of varying experience enjoyed their time out there on the track. On the second lap, there were four cars abreast going into Paddock Hill bend as Elliott, Laddiman, Osborne and McCarthy, all fought for position.

Another new-to-Ginetta racer Andrew Smith also shined having started 18th on the grid and a 5th place finish.

The Championship moves on to Snetterton on 2nd / 3rd June where more action will be guaranteed on the high-speed circuit.

Full race reports to be available on www.GinettaCars.com



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