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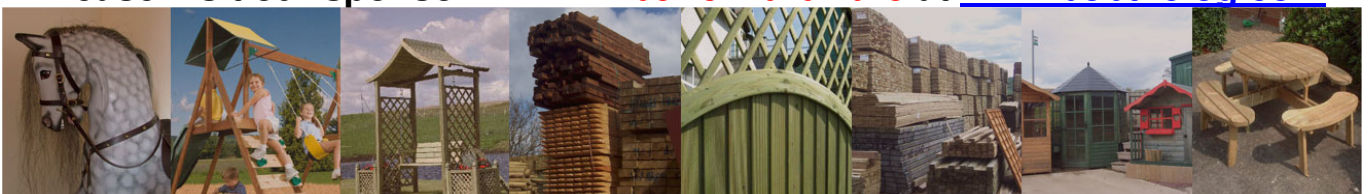
The grid for race 2 was as usual decided by the 2nd fastest time from each competitor. The line up was much the same as the 1st race. I was alongside Paul Moss but this time we had both Fiesta's directly behind us. So all the top class D clan were together on the start. I was very relaxed after the win in round 11 and was now looking for a good race as yesterday, although it was nice finishing qst, it was a bit un-eventful. Unfortunately a car in the previous race had dropped oil everywhere apparently, my relaxed state soon turned to a very nervous. There isn't much run off at cadwell in some places!

We made our way to the grid and did our green flag lap. There was a lot of cement dust down but it didn't seem too bad, so to the line we stopped. The lights went out and away we went. Paul made another bad start but thankfully not of the same scale as previously. I didn't start too well either shifting to 2nd way to early. This allowed Mick Starkey who always starts well to get up the inside and passed me. I followed him up coppice and around charlies. I stuck to the inside to block anyone trying to pass me into Park. I was a bit cautious on the brakes and Gavin Lee managed to get around the outside of me, down to 3rd. As I exited the gooseneck, Paul Moss also flew past on the inside. So when we came to the end of lap one, I had quickly gone from hero to zero, dropping to 4th place.

From here on in though, I was on the fight back. I had actually dropped back at this point, but I re-grouped and started to speed up. The track wasn't particularly slippy and I felt I could push on ok. I quickly got onto the back of Gavin Lee. Gavin was going much better this time at Cadwell, I couldn't pass him at the last visit so I wasn't entirely sure how I was going to get by this time.

Eventually I got a good run out of Charlies onto Park straight. I stayed in the slipstream and clung to his bumper. I pulled out to the inside at the end of the straight. This was as near as I was going to get and with no rivals for a little way back I thought I had to go for it. I waited for Gavin to brake, I was determined to brake later no matter where we were. He braked and I quickly got on the brakes afterwards. The rear of the car squirmed but luckily no lock ups on the

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front, the car stopped extremely well and I got by on the inside. This really showed me how crap I am on the brakes. I should have been braking that late for every lap!

I now turned my attentions to Mick Starkey who had by now got a good gap ahead. I slowly reeled him in over a number of laps. He was actually going extremely well and it took a lot longer than I expected to catch him. As we went into the final lap, I was right behind him. I closely followed him through Coppice and made sure I got a half decent run off Charlies. My car does have a slight speed advantage about half way down the straight to Mick's car so this is where I would pounce.

However, Mick had other plans, fair play to him for a great piece of defensive driving, I couldn't get alongside. My next opportunity was Mansfield. Through the gooseneck we went, Mick managed to get through quickly but ran wide, I got through reasonably well and positioned the car on the inside for Mansfield. We both braked late with Mick braking a bit too late, he went wide and I slipped up the inside to take 2nd. It was then just a short dash to the finish line.

I really enjoyed this race, I came off with even more buzz than when I won the previous day.

Overall class D result:

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| 1. Paul Moss | Citroen Saxo |
| 2. Peter Dixon | Honda Civic |
| 3. Mick Starkey | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 4. Gavin Lee | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 5. Dan Mckay | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 6. Scott Robson | Ford Fiesta XR2 |



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