

ROBUST G50 CUP AFFAIR ENABLES BREEZE TO INCREASE POINTS LEAD

Michelin Ginetta G50 Cup title contender Carl Breeze further increased his championship lead at Silverstone National Circuit last weekend, with a fine second place finish during the 18th round of the 2010 season and also producing a great recovery drive to sixth place in round 19.

The Total Control Racing ace just missed out on pole position by a mere 0.071 seconds in qualifying but he ended up starting the race from first place when Chris Dittmann was cruelly ruled out with a broken driveshaft on the warm up lap.

Getting away well at the start in round 18, Breeze led until mid-distance when chief title rival Frank Wrathall attacked at Becketts following mild contact between the pair. With the TCR man pushed wide, he was unable to try and wrest the place back and in the end had to settle for second.

It was Sunday's race where Breeze showed his determination fighting his way back through the order brilliantly following an early race incident involving chief rival Wrathall.

Clearly the class of the G50 Cup this year, Kings Lynn-based Breeze and his championship sparring partner have been very evenly matched throughout the campaign so far but last weekend Breeze took a significant step forward even though missing out on a race win.

Round 19 on Sunday morning may have been a turning point with just nine races remaining as with Wrathall failing to finish, TCR man Breeze has been able to open up a 38 point lead at the top of the championship table after Wrathall was given points on his race licence for the contact during the race.

Lining up second on the grid for the second Silverstone encounter alongside his rival, Breeze was initially challenged on the opening lap by eventual race winner Benji Hetherington but he repelled the attack and made sure of second at Becketts. Rapidly closing on pole-sitter Wrathall, who eked out an early advantage, by lap two into the complex Breeze was right on his tail.

Into Brooklands, Breeze carried greater speed into the turn on the outside line and nosed ahead of Wrathall as they passed through the left-hander but on the exit Wrathall leant on the TCR car and both ran wide onto the grass on the inside of Luffield.

The contact resulted in an instant retirement for Wrathall while an unfortunate spin for Breeze was well controlled and although dropping all the way down the order to 17th place, he managed to mount a great fight back.

Taking seventh place in the end, less than a couple of seconds shy of the top six, Breeze was promoted a further position post-race when original top five finisher Chris Dittmann was given a time penalty following a last lap incident.

“Carl did well to come back through into the lead group after the lap two tangle, he did exactly what he needed to and in the end it’s actually worked out quite well for us in the championship with Frank (Wrathall) not finishing - that’s done us a favour”, said TCR team principal Lee Brookes.

Further good news has followed this week with an invitation from Ginetta Cars to drive their factory G50 car in the FIA European GT4 Championship at the Nurburgring F1 circuit in Germany this weekend. Breeze will partner his UK championship rival Frank Wrathall in a left hand drive Ginetta G50 over two endurance races which will see them pitted against competition from Aston Martin, Corvette, BMW & Nissan to name a few. “It is a fantastic opportunity to be called up by the factory team to race in a recognised International series and Frank and I should be a very strong driver pairing” said Breeze.

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