

DOUBLE HOME WIN FOR BREEZE EXTENDS HIS G50 CUP LEAD

King's Lynn race ace Carl Breeze almost made it three wins out of three last weekend in the Ginetta G50 Cup Championship at his home circuit Snetterton, but a late-race Safety Car period prevented him from having the opportunity to attack championship rival Frank Wrathall for the round 17 victory. Earlier in the weekend on Saturday saw Breeze take two very popular race victories at his local track for the Total Control Racing team.

The King's Lynn driver was in great form throughout the action at the 1.95-mile Norfolk circuit. Starting off by securing pole position during qualifying, Breeze went on to take two very important wins in the 15th and 16th rounds of the campaign. Getting away well at the start of the opening encounter, Breeze was on his way to the sixth win of the year. Originally opening up a two second gap at the front, his advantage was nullified on lap four following the deployment of the Safety Car due to an accident at Riches Corner. Undoing all of his hard work, the re-start meant Breeze was back in the clutches of his pursuers and although he was put under serious pressure he handled it perfectly to keep chief rival Frank Wrathall at bay by a few 10ths of a second at the chequered flag on lap 14.

In round 16, which took place on a drying track, the pole-sitter again made the position count by holding the lead through Riches for the first time. Pressured hard during the early laps, the complexion of the race changed on the fifth tour when Wrathall made contact with the rear of Breeze's car at Sear as the pair braked hard in the difficult conditions. The result was an unfortunate moment for Wrathall which dropped him down the order but Breeze managed to continue without delay and raced to an eventual massive winning margin of over 10 seconds from his closest challenger Tom Sharp.

Sunday saw the reverse grid system in place and after Breeze was drawn sixth out of the hat he had a lot of work to do if he was going to score another podium. At the start he moved into fifth and on the third tour he took fourth place. Continuing his rapid progress, even with bodywork damage, the championship leader grabbed third from Tom Sharp at the Esses and after pressuring second placed Freddie Hetherington for several laps he made the move of the race, again at the Esses, to sail around the outside of his rival on lap eight.

Quickly reeling in leader Wrathall, Breeze looked very comfortable as he closed in on the race lead but a collision further down the order resulted in the Safety Car being deployed and the race was subsequently red flagged on lap 12. With the result declared from lap 11, Breeze finished in second place, just 0.8 seconds behind his rival. Everyone who saw the race commented that Breeze had the pace over Wrathall and a win looked a definite certainty before the stoppage. Breeze agreed, "We were taking massive chunks of time out of Frank and I could see him struggling, it was a shame the race ended when it did as we had another 6 laps to run. It has been another great weekend in terms of increasing our championship lead and I'm really looking forward to Silverstone in two weeks time where I aim to add to my seven wins so far". The results leave Breeze 18 points ahead of chief rival Frank Wrathall in the race for the championship.

"It's been a very strong weekend for Carl, he always goes well at his home track and I think Sunday's race was perhaps one of his best drives of the season", added Brookes, "We knew he would come through from sixth on the grid but we didn't expect him to get the job done so quickly, especially with the problem with the dislodged bodywork.

Silverstone National Circuit in Northamptonshire is the next port of call for Breeze just two weeks from now, 21st/22nd August, for the 18th and 19th rounds of the Michelin Ginetta G50 Cup.

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