



Talking Stox – 2024/2025 Edition No.3

Xmas Cracker, QF Grids Confirmed & The Midland Masters...



The festive period has well and truly arrived but that hasn't stopped us at the MSRA from hitting the raceways for more bumper-to-bumper action! Let's review a fast and festive grading period as we enter 2025!

#488 Elliott Shaw

Meeting #12 @ Amethyst – Saturday 22/12/2024

Our annual Xmas Cracker event commenced on the Amethyst circuit with a total of 37 racers lined up for the festive action and lots of Xmas themed attire graced the meeting too! The Heats kicked off with Points protagonists #53, #488 and #380 scoring early wins from Lane 6 whilst #213 & #501 joined from Blue and #333 & #391 took home wins from Yellow.

The Consi's saw a smattering of different winners with 4 different lanes proving victorious as a mix of Yellow, Blue and Red graded racers earnt the spoils – congrats to #987 & #119 for putting together a couple of solid drives from White to qualify for the QF races as well!

The QFs seemed to flash by without much action as 2 SFs greeted the qualifiers ahead and we eventually saw a mixed Final line up with 1 Yellow, 1 Blue and a pair of Reds and S/Ss.

The Final was all about whether anyone could stop the charge of an inspired #228 who had dominated the races before, but his form was not to be challenged and #228 led from start to finish earning a dominant first Final win of the season. #390 and #380 battled hard for podium honours ending in 2nd and 3rd ahead of a fast #203 in 4th as #488 endured a stop/start sort of race in 5th finishing in front of #22 who had a messy race in last position.

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 53
Heat 2: 488
Heat 3: 213
Heat 4: 333
Heat 5: 391
Heat 6: 380
Heat 7: 501

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 228, 987, 22, G29, 4, -
Consi 2: 203, 390, 42, 12, 18, G58
Consi 3: 260, 211, 9, 63, 21, -
Consi 4: 35, G32, 119, -, -, -
Consi 5: 372, 555, 15, 44, 142, -

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 390, 53, G32, 213, 987, -
QF 2: 228, 372, 488, 260, 211, -
QF 3: 501, 35, 203, -, -
QF 4: 380, 391, 22, 9, 15

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 228, 390, 203, 53, -, -
SF 2: 22, 380, 488, G32, 501, 35

FINAL:

228, 390, 380, 203, 488, 22

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 12, 987, -, -, -, -
GN 2: 333, 391, 35, 21, 18, -
GN 3: 15, 63, 605, 4, 42, -
GN 4: 213, 488, 9, 228, 142
GN 5: 260, 211, 390, 53, 22
GN 6: 372, 107, 380, G499, -
GN 7: 501, G29, 555, -

WTR 1: 3, 987, -

WTR 2: 18, 119, 4, 21





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Meeting #13 @ Wreck-It Raceway – Saturday 22/12/2024

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 199
Heat 2: 501
Heat 3: 380
Heat 4: 53
Heat 5: 107
Heat 6: 391
Heat 7: 372

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 12, 228, 390, 987, 44, -
Consi 2: 488, 333, 63, 119, 58, -
Consi 3: 555, 203, G32, 15, 21
Consi 4: 213, G29, 42, 3, -
Consi 5: 22, 9, 605, -, -
Consi 6: 20, 260, 13, 66, -

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 213, 260, 20, 199, -
QF 2: 12, 555, 13, -, -
QF 3: 42, 380, 391, 372, 22
QF 4: 53, 390, G29, 63, -
QF 5: 488, 107, 9, G32, 333

Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 107, 380, 391, -, -
SF 2: 53, 260, 12, 213, G29
SF 3: 488, 555, 390, 42, -

FINAL: 380, 260, 488, 53, 555, 107

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 20, 18, 119, 21, 58, -
GN 2: 391, 12, 63, -, -
GN 3: 228, 15, 605, 3, -
GN 4: 42, 66, 4, -, -
GN 5: 390, 53, 211, 380, 372, 203
GN 6: 22, 213, 260, 142, -
GN 7: 488, 9, 107, 199, 13

WTR 1: 18, 119, 175, 21, 3, -

WTR 2: 44, 987, 31, 4, 58, -

Xmas Cracker SF 1: 380, 22, 53

Xmas Cracker SF 2: 488, 107, 390

XMAS CRACKER FINAL: 488

The second part of our Xmas Cracker meeting also saw the debut meeting of the year at Wreck-It Raceway and a total of 41 drivers gridded to end our festive special.

Predictably, the Heats saw all winners gracing Lanes 4-6, although within these 7 winners, we saw 1 Yellow, 3 Blues, 1 Red and 2 S/Ss so a good spread of winning grades. The Consi's continued the trend of different graded drivers earning victories as, quite remarkably, we saw 1 White, 1 Yellow, 1 Blue, 1 Red and 2 S/Ss finishing as winners to progress to the QFs.

The QFs, again, saw a good collection of grades qualifying through and congrats to #12 and #42 for their hard-fought wins from Lane 2 both as Yellow grade! With only 2 drivers progressing from the 3 SFs in store, the racing was hard and fast but eventually saw the outer lane drivers dominate with all qualifiers from Lanes 5-6 as the lower graders just missed out.

So, we had an unusually tough Final line up which could easily be a Midland Final grid with the top 6 drivers on the Grading List gridding to do battle – no pressure then! In the end, the Final was as competitive as you might have thought with all 6 drivers racing hard but fair. In the end, it was home hero #380 who rose above the rest to win his first Final of the season ahead of a chasing #260 and #488 in 2nd and 3rd with the top 3 only split by 0.850s at the finish! #53 kept in the fight to end in 4th as #555 finished in 5th with #107 ending in 6th place.

The GNs seemed to pass by without incident before two highly competitive WTRs ended the meeting with an impressive 10 out of 12 drivers finishing to score all-important points in the season-long contest – definitely a title race to keep an eye on as the season continues!

The final races saw our usual Xmas Cracker Finale shootout with the top 12 points scorers from both meetings gridding in 2 SFs before the top 3 from each battled in the Final. Eventually, after an early tussle for the lead with #380, it was the current Gold and Silver roof of #488 which came through to win back-to-back Xmas Cracker Finals after also scoring a victory in the same event 12 months ago!

A fine way to round off the pre-Xmas racing action!





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Meeting #14 @ JMR Promotions – Saturday 28/12/2024

Heats (top 18 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 211, 260, 35, 391, 12, -

Heat 2: 886, 22, 488, 175, -, -

Heat 3: 380, 5, 9, 15, 125, 213

Heat 4: 555, 53, 373, 207, 4, -

Heat 5: 107, 333, 228, -, -, -

Heat 6: 247, 66, 13, 272, 3

Heat 7: 390, 85, 17, -, -

Heat 8: 66, 17, 35, 53, 175, -

Heat 9: 643, 213, 391, 58, -, -

Heat 10: 380, 211, 12, 9, 886, 85

Heat 11: 555, 22, 13, 4, 272, 15

Heat 12: 115, 260, 207, 228, 333, 125

Heat 13: 488, 5, 107, 44, 172

Heat 14: 199, -, -, -, -

Heat 15: 380, 107, 643, 53, 260, 488

Heat 16: 390, 247, 228, 886, 211, -

Heat 17: 207, 85, 213, 9, 12, 35

Heat 18: 115, 391, 373, 13, -, -

Heat 19: 17, 199, 333, 5, 66, 605

Heat 20: 22, 125, 4, 175, -

Heat 21: 3, 172, 58, -, -

Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 22, 5, 390, 260, 207, -

SF 2: 115, 391, 17, 380, 211, 107

SF 3: 66, 555, 488, 85, 247, -

FINAL: 115, 5, 22, 66, 555, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 272, 4, 175, 373, -, -

GN 2: 12, 3, 605, -, -

GN 3: 199, 44, 172, 15, -

GN 4: 488, 555, 213, 390, 115, 228

GN 5: 107, 247, 391, 9, 35, 5

GN 6: 380, 260, 211, 85, 22, 643

GN 7: 207, 13, 53, 19, 886, 66

WTR 1: 44, 172, -, -

WTR 2: 125, 3, -

A solid turnout of 40 drivers braved the winter fog and headed to Brandon Club for the first meeting of the season on the JMR Promotions circuit as the 4th Alternative Format meeting this year was prepped and ready to go.

The first set of Heats seemed to favour the outer lanes with all winners showing good form from Lanes 4-6. With the 2nd set of Heats gridding in a random order, it was a more mixed set of results with #66, #115 and #488 all scoring wins from Lanes 1-2 as #199 scored possibly the easiest win of the season as the only finisher of Heat 14! The final set of Heats also saw #380 end unbeaten as #3 secured his debut Heat win in the MSRA with a fine drive from Lane 4 in only his 5th meeting so a great end to the results!

Heading into 3 SFs, we saw an amazing 6 Yellow graders grid to occupy Lanes 1-2 and, impressively, 4 out of those 6 drivers qualified to the Final with great drives. In particular, #66 dominantly winning SF3 as well as a fine performance from #5 who qualified to make his debut MSRA Final!

So, the Final saw a mix of 4x Yellow graders alongside 1x Blue and 1x Red. It was an early lead for the Final debutant of #5 who took the advantage before #115 took charge and controlled the pace from Lane 2 to continue his winning run from the Heats and SF to earn his maiden Final win of the year. The podium battle was hard fought between #5 and #22 with #5 eventually fending off the challenge to earn a podium in his first ever Final! #22 came home in 3rd from Lane 5 ahead of #66 in 4th and #555 in 5th as the last finisher after #391 ended the race upside down at half distance.

Two WTRs ended proceedings as #44 secured back-to-back wins (also his 4th win of the season!) whilst #125 took his maiden win of the year to climb the rankings!





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Meeting #15 @ JMR Promotions – Sunday 29/12/2024

Heats (top 12 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 488, 247, 207, 605, 12, 987

Heat 2: 115, 260, 555, 17, 10, -

Heat 3: 228, 53, 390, 213, G10, -

Heat 4: 211, 9, 396, 44, 333

Heat 5: 199, 13, 391, 380, 35

Heat 6: 115, 380, 390, 211, 333, 987

Heat 7: 35, 488, 9, 10, 63, 4

Heat 8: 207, 228, 53, 555, G10, -

Heat 9: 13, 17, 605, 44, -

Heat 10: 391, 260, 396, 12, -

Heat 11: 199, 13, 9, 260, 605, 10

Heat 12: 115, 12, 53, 247, -

Heat 13: 380, 213, 555, 396, 44, -

Heat 14: 207, 390, 391, 228, 987

Heat 15: 488, 333, 211, 17, 4

Heat 16: 213, 12, 260, 35, G10, -

Heat 17: 380, 115, 347, 391, 10, 396

Heat 18: 9, 228, 53, 605, 44, -

Heat 19: 207, 211, 987, 4, -

Heat 20: 488, 13, 17, 390, 63

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 115, 207, 380, 9, 391, 211

SF 2: 488, 260, 228, 13, 213, 12

FINAL:

115, 380, 488, 260, 228, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 199, 63, 333, 4, G10, -

GN 2: 10, 12, 391, 605, 44

GN 3: 53, 213, 260, 211, 115, -

GN 4: 555, 17, 390, 228, 380, 396

GN 5: 207, 488, 247, 9, -

WTR: 10, 987

The final meeting of the 2024 calendar year also marked the end of this season's Qualifying Rounds with the 9th and final QR taking place at JMR Promotions. A respectable 28 drivers took their places to compete for a final shot at scoring valuable qualifying points meaning it was the 4-Heat Format which was in place for all drivers.

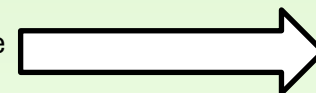
The 1st set of Heats got underway with a consistent showing of finishing with only 2 DNFs across the 28 drivers as #488 and #211 scored the only victories from the outer three lanes with some good drives. The 2nd round of Heats belonged to the Yellow and Blue graded racers as #115 continued his inner lane dominance to bag another win to maintain his form from yesterday evening. The 3rd set of Heats saw #199, #207 and #488 score their second wins of the day as #115 breezed through with another win to make it 3 out of 3! The final round of Heats saw some solid drives again from #207 and #488 who both won their 3rd Heat of the day as #213 and #9 also joined as winners with #380 bagging his second win of the day.

With 3 drivers on a maximum heading into the 2 SFs, it was all to play for and eventually it was #115 and #488 who maintained their winning streak to put together two solid wins from both ends of the track on Lanes 1 & 6!

The Final quickly rolled around and the line-up sparked interest as possibly the oldest average age for an MSRA Final ever (the total age of all drivers racked up to 330 years so an average driver age of 55 for this Final!). It was a comfortable lights-to-flag victory for #115 who made it back-to-back Final wins this weekend as he showed his skill once again. #380 and #488 enjoyed a good battle on the outermost lanes to finish 2nd and 3rd ahead of a chasing #260 in 4th with #228 ending in 5th as #207 had an early exit.

The GNs saw some great racing throughout with #10 scoring his debut win this season whilst #53 and #555 both dominated from Lane 1 in their GNs before #207 and #488 had an epic race-long duel for the win with just 0.066s separating them at the finish!

#10 also continued his winning form to score his first WTR win to end 2024 perfectly!





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Meeting #16, The Midland Masters Day 1 @ MAD Raceway – Saturday 04/01/2025

Heats (top 18 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 380, 555, 488, 53, 260, 643

Heat 2: 213, 390, 35, 9, -, -

Heat 3: 207, 391, 605, 63, -, -

Heat 4: 115, 272, 373, 5, 12, -

Heat 5: 7, 75, -, -, -, -

Heat 6: 488, 53, 555, 380, 260, -

Heat 7: 390, 9, 422, 35, 107, 213

Heat 8: 391, 207, 605, 63, -, -

Heat 9: 12, 5, 115, 175, -, -

Heat 10: 7, 125, 987, -, -, -

Heat 11: 53, 555, 272, 12, -, -

Heat 12: 643, 107, 207, 488, 9, 391

Heat 13: 7, 422, 125, 175, -, -

Heat 14: 35, 390, 605, 373, 172, -

Heat 15: 380, 63, -, -, -, -

Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 380, 9, 12, 35, 605, -

SF 2: 390, 53, 391, 213, 7, -

SF 3: 488, 207, -, -, -, -

FINAL:

390, 53, 488, 380, 207, 9

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 391, 373, 175, 125, 4, -

GN 2: 5, 288, -, -, -, -

GN 3: 115, 333, 12, 7, -

GN 4: 422, 643, 213, 390, 380

GN 5: 207, 53, 35, -

GN 6: 488, 555, 9, 107

WTR: 125, 172, -, -, -

As we welcomed MSRA racing in the new year of 2025, we saw a total of 30 drivers brave the winter cold snap to do battle as MAD Raceway hosted the first of a weekend double for our second Championship event of the season in the form of the Midland Masters.

This event is unique to the MSRA, in that it is ran across an entire weekend, so consistency is key to being in the hunt for the coveted Union Jack.

With 3 sets of Heats to race for, the action was quick from the get-go as we saw solid victories from Lanes 4-6 with only #213 winning from Lane 2. As the second set of Heats was a complete reverse grid of the first set, it was a predictable pack of results with all winners then coming from Lanes 1-3 with #7 being the only repeat winner from the first round of Heats.

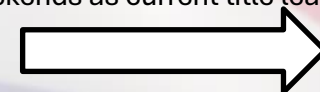
The 3rd set of Heats was a complete random draw which made for some tough draws across the board as a mix of similar graded racers battled for wins but it was #7 and #380 which ended as the only repeat Heat winners.

As 3 SFs greeted the racers, it was business as usual in the first two races with Lanes 5-6 qualifying from both; however, the 3rd SF saw carnage and late drama as #555 rolled with a few laps left as #272, #63 and #422 also fell by the wayside in a minefield of MSRA metal leaving only 2 finishers!

The Final saw a good mix of the elite racers in the MSRA as the top 3 Points protagonists lined up outside of 2 Reds and 1 speedy Blue on Lane 1. The race saw a dominant display of driving from #390 though as he led from start to finish to score his first Final win of the year. #53 and #488 battled to chase through and just ended up short but still in the podium positions. #380 came through in 4th ahead of #207 in 5th and #9 rounding off in 6th.

The GNs saw more good action as #391 battled to the line with #605 who just rolled going into the final bend before #488 and #555 rounded off the action with a race-long duel ending with a tiny gap of 0.107s at the flag!

The WTR saw #125 score his 2nd win in 2 weekends as current title leader #987 failed to pull clear with an unfortunate rollover as just 2 of the 5 drivers finished!





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Meeting #17, The Midland Masters Day 2 @ MAD Raceway – Sunday 05/01/2025

Heats (top 18 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 380, 643, 488, 53, 107, 260

Heat 2: 555, 47, 390, 211, 228, 436

Heat 3: 207, 35, 9, 213, 12

Heat 4: 391, 17, 740, 115, 605

Heat 5: 63, 987, 175, 4, -

Heat 6: 380, 107, 488, 53, 260, 643

Heat 7: 555, 47, 211, 228, 390, -

Heat 8: 207, 12, 9, 35, -

Heat 9: 740, 391, 605, 115, -

Heat 10: 125, 987, 175, -, -

Heat 11: 488, 211, 213, 63, 175, -

Heat 12: 260, 391, 9, 35, 125, -

Heat 13: 380, 47, 740, 12, 436

Heat 14: 390, 987, 17, 4, -

Heat 15: 107, 53, 555, -

Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 380, 35, 17, 987, -, -

SF 2: 555, 53, 47, 207, 12, 63

SF 3: 488, 9, 260, 211, -, -

FINAL:

380, 555, 488, 9, 35, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 12, 115, 63, 125, 175

GN 2: 605, 391, 740, 4, -

GN 3: 207, 380, 643, 9, 436

GN 4: 555, 17, 35, 228, -

GN 5: 47, 488, 211, 260, 213

WTR: 987, 125

Midland Masters SFs:

MMSF1: 47, 380, 207, 605, 35, -

MMSF2: 488, 555, 9, 125, -, -

MMSF3: 53, 12, 391, 987, -, -

MIDLAND MASTERS FINAL:

380, 47, 488, 555, 53, 12

The final day of the Midland Masters weekend kicked off at MAD Raceway with 27 drivers in attendance and, with a few different racers from Saturday, it was all up for grabs to qualify.

The first round of Heats saw impressive wins for #555 and #63 from Lane 6 as well as #391 from Lane 5 whilst #380 and #207 dominated their races from Lanes 2-3. The second set of Heats reversed the gridding order but #380, #555 and #207 all made it 2 out of 2 as #740 took a fine win against some tough opposition whilst #125 also scored a victory from Lane 6! The random ordered 3rd set of Heats saw #488 tangling with #175 on the back straight before just nipping past #211 on the final bend to win as the remaining Heats were dominated by the Reds and S/Ss.

The 3 SFs saw the outer lanes come back with a vengeance as #380 pulled a timely move on #107 to roll him out and win with 1 lap to go allowing #35 to sneak into his first Final this year. Elsewhere, #47 narrowly missed out in SF2 as #9 qualified for back-to-back Finals in SF3.

So, we were left with an identical Final line-up, in terms of grades, for the second meeting in a row which meant a fast race was inevitable. The early battle saw #488 take the lead before #380 reeled in the advantage just after ¼ distance to pull clear. #53 was recovering from an earlier off but was soon in the podium places chasing down #488 and #380 in front. The laps seemed to flash by, and it was soon down to the business end of the race and with just 1 lap left, #53 went for a decisive last bend hit and took the #488 car out of the running momentarily as #380 came through unscathed for his 2nd Final win of the season. #53 initially crossed the line in 2nd but would be later disqualified from the results for his last bend kamo which allowed #555 to claim 2nd as #488 recovered to 3rd in front of #9 in 4th and #35 in 5th place as the last classified finisher.

The GNs and WTR seemed to pass without much incident and we were onto the SF races for the Midland Masters title. A storming performance from #47 in SF1 saw him take a last-gasp win from Lane 6 whilst #488 won in SF2 and #53 claimed the win in SF3.

The Midland Masters Final saw #380 shine from his Lane 4 starting position as he went largely untroubled for the race distance to claim his 2nd Midland Masters Championship in fine style. #47 came close to finish 0.449s back at the flag as #488 ended as the last podium finisher in 3rd place.





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The Top 24 Drivers Prepare For Knockout As The 2025 Quarter-Final Grids Are Confirmed!

The 2024/2025 Qualifying Rounds have been spectacularly competitive and have now drawn to a close after 9 exciting meetings of on-track battles.

So, with only 1 week left until the first knockout stage on this year's "Road to Gold", we now know who the top 24 drivers will be heading into the Quarter-Finals at Wreck-It Raceway. Let's take a look into this season's top 24...

QF1

- Lane 1 – #380 Chris Radley – 275pts**
- Lane 2 – #390 Barrie Gregory – 182pts**
- Lane 3 – #213 James Kinton – 142pts**
- Lane 4 – #211 Yazmin Taylor-Beck – 114pts**
- Lane 5 – #35 Kyle Neale – 93pts**
- Lane 6 – #643 Oliver Holmes – 78pts**

QF2

- Lane 1 – #488 Elliott Shaw – 248pts**
- Lane 2 – #107 Evan Foster – 169pts**
- Lane 3 – #9 Scott Groves – 125pts**
- Lane 4 – #372 Robin Bater – 110pts**
- Lane 5 – #207 Tony Wilford – 91pts**
- Lane 6 – #13 Richard Hampshire – 76pts**

QF3

- Lane 1 – #53 Matt Trasler – 220pts**
- Lane 2 – #555 Richard Sleeman – 154pts**
- Lane 3 – #391 Kelly Foster – 118pts**
- Lane 4 – #203 Clive Baylis – 100pts**
- Lane 5 – #333 Duncan Bullock – 90pts**
- Lane 6 – #63 Jo Bedford – 71pts**

QF4

- Lane 1 – #260 Nigel Shaw – 206pts**
- Lane 2 – #228 Paul Taylor – 145pts**
- Lane 3 – #247 James Sleeman-Whitmore – 117pts**
- Lane 4 – #886 Pete Randall – 98pts**
- Lane 5 – #142 Rob Porter – 90pts**
- Lane 6 – #42 Geoff Radley – 66pts**

As always, the Qualifying Rounds seem to have created some interesting ties heading into the first knockout stage as the Quarter-Final grids are now confirmed.

With the Wreck-It Raceway circuit being relatively even, there are a few drivers to watch out for who may not necessarily be lining up on the inner lanes with QF1 and QF2 being particularly unpredictable to call based on the line ups!

Make sure you're at Wreck-It Raceway on Sunday 12th January as 24 drivers get whittled down to 12 as the Semi-Finalists are revealed!





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Grader's Debrief...

With 17 meetings done and dusted, we are now officially over halfway through the 2024/2025 season and the race for the Silver roof is continuing to be close...

I am still leading the way at the top, but it is now Chris Radley who has stormed into 2nd position after a mighty Grading Period averaging 32.33pts per meeting! Despite Chris' best efforts, I have also enjoyed a successful period averaging over 30pts per meeting so, amazingly, the overall gap has increased from the last list and now sits at 11pts. Matt Trasler has dropped to 3rd and is 53pts off the top after losing ground this period as Richard Sleeman returns to Superstar by just 2pts!

The Red grades have seen a switch around as Nigel Shaw reverts back after one period as Superstar whilst James Kinton reaches Red for the very first time!

After being 6th highest scorer this period, #391 shoots up 12 positions to top the Blue graders only 13pts from reaching Red! Elsewhere, #333 has secured a Blue grade for the very first time after some consistent performances from Yellow and #115 has finished just shy of Red meaning he will also be mixing it in the Blues.

The Yellow graders have stayed pretty much the same although #12 has stormed up 23 places on the Grading List to be near the top of the Yellows outright after a fine period being the 10th top overall points scorer whilst #987 has made it up to Yellow leaving her charge in the White Top Championship firmly behind.

This period has caused some headaches on the Grading List with a lot of drivers unable to be downgraded either due to lack of appearances or their average being too high – therefore, to prevent a mass of Blue grades, I have changed the average from 15.00 to 17.50 which ensures #12, #42, #22 and #5 stay as Yellow grade.

The next period will see 6 S/Ss, 15 Reds, 16 Blues, 16 Yellows and a whopping 27 Whites! Let's hope more of those drivers make it to some of next month's fixtures!

What's Next?

As we bid 2024 farewell and welcome the arrival of 2025, the halfway point of our MSRA season has been reached already! So, what's to expect across the next Grading Period in January?

First, we visit a Sileby weekend double with **Rocket Raceway** holding their second meeting of the season on Saturday 11th and **Wreck-It Raceway** following on Sunday 12th to host this year's Quarter-Finals!

Then comes a jumbled-up speed-weekend at The Gliding Centre with **Brandon** hosting their final meetings of the season already! Saturday 18th sees the 5th Alternative Format meeting of the year before the Kevin Nicholls special 'Bowl Event' comes out to play on Sunday 19th – what whacky prizes will we be racing for this season, I wonder?!

Finally, we finish the period with a double trip back to Brandon Club as **Baylis Raceway** host their 3rd meeting of this year's campaign on Saturday 25th before the top 12 qualifiers from this year's Quarter-Finals prepare to do battle in the all-important Semi-Finals at **JMR Promotions** on Sunday 26th – the **Over-60s Final** will also be up for grabs at this meeting too so plenty to compete for!

With a few key fixtures in this year's calendar fast approaching, the all-important gridding for the 2025 Midland Final will be complete by the end of this month so watch this space!

#488 Elliott Shaw