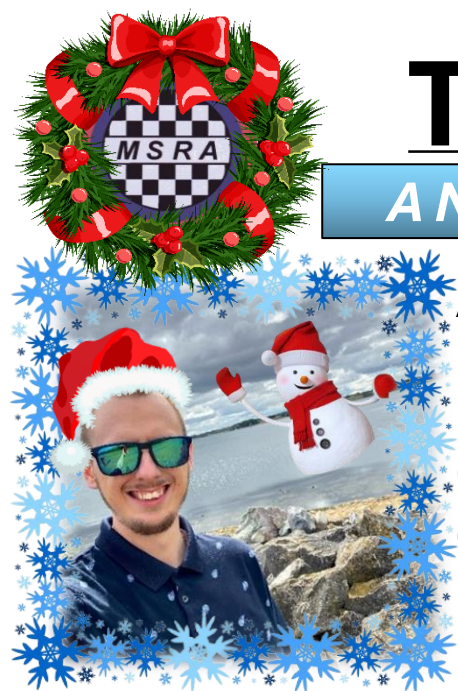


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A New Champion Crowned, More QRs & A Cracker At Xmas!



As we bid farewell to 2025 already, December has been a busy month of racing action! We've seen the first Champion of the season crowned, a couple of competitive qualifiers and a 'cracking' Xmas event to review!

#488 Elliott Shaw



The Midland Masters – New Season, New Format, New Champion?

The Midland Masters first joined the pantheon of MSRA championships in 2018 and was dubbed as a replacement for the previously complex "Grand Prix" Championship which was ran between 2010-2017.

After a good number of years, I think the Midland Masters has succeeded in being a suitable permanent replacement and has earned the right to remain as a Championship event across our fixtures.

The main premise for this title showdown is that it is to be hosted across a single weekend of racing with one track playing host to the event whilst using a varied format which is different from the norm.

Therefore, consistency across a whole weekend of racing is required to be successful and this has shown a level playing field over the years so far with multiple different champions being crowned.

However, that being said, the club and its members voted for a slight tweak to the format to be implemented from this season to add a further layer of unpredictability to proceedings.

Therefore, from this season, both race meetings will see the grid order for the 3 sets of Heat races completely randomised with any driver being able to be drawn in any lane across both days.

In theory, this should add a lot of spice to the event as nobody will know which lane they will race on or who they may end up being gridded alongside throughout the Heat races!

The added unpredictability of these Heat races should serve as a fascinating event to be part of so I can't wait to see how it plays out!



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Meeting #8, *The Midland Masters* Day 1 @ Baylis Raceway – Saturday 06/12/2025

Heats (top 12 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 228, 605, 203, 44, -, -

Heat 2: 488, 124, 3, 9, 31, -

Heat 3: 154, 391, 53, 211, -, -

Heat 4: 390, 22, 63, 107, -, -

Heat 5: 199, 260, 911, 4, -, -

Heat 6: 22, 9, 391, 107, -, -

Heat 7: 154, 213, 31, 66, -, -

Heat 8: 555, 63, 605, 175, 58, -

Heat 9: 390, 53, 333, 203, 4, -

Heat 10: 260, 488, 228, 911, 3, -

Heat 11: 53, 555, 203, -, -, -

Heat 12: 390, 333, 228, 31, -, -

Heat 13: 488, 107, 260, 199, -, -

Heat 14: 66, 391, 175, 213, 133, -

Heat 15: 9, 13, 605, 22, 3, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 53, 390, 107, 9, 228, 605

SF 2: 488, 260, 22, 391, 555, 154

FINAL:

488, 53, 390, 260, 107, 22

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 3, 175, 133, -, -, -

GN 2: 199, 44, 66, -, -

GN 3: 488, 391, 260, 555, 228, -

GN 4: 211, 53, 13, 107, 213, -

GN 5: 390, 203, 22, 605, 9, 63

WTR:

44, 131, -, -, -, -

The first Championship Event of the season saw Baylis Raceway host their first meeting of the new campaign as the first day of the Midland Masters weekend took centre stage at Brandon Club.

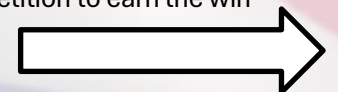
As highlighted on the previous page, this event has had a slight tweak in format for this season as we saw all Heat races gridding based on a total random draw meaning that there could be some chaos to unravel as 31 drivers prepared for on-track action!

The first set of Heats saw a real mix of grades and lanes with the most notable mentions going to #124 on Lane 1 in Heat 2 and #58 on Lane 6 in Heat 3! Such is the new random format that this first set of Heats was the norm for the rest too! The second set of races saw #154 and #390 continue their winning form from the first set as #22 took a win on his first meeting this season along with #555 who recovered from an uncharacteristic DNF in Heat 4. #260 and #488 rounded off the set of Heats with a fine battle from Lanes 1 & 5 as they took home 1st and 2nd. The final set of Heats saw some tough draws with particular mention to Heat 13 as this could have easily been a Final line-up on another day! In the end, it was #390 who topped the table winning 3 out of 3 Heats as the top 12 headed for the SFs.

After some consistent scoring, we saw two tough SFs line up with a mix of only Blues, Reds and S/S racers. SF1 was controlled well by #53 to take victory and #488 quickly followed suit in SF2 to set up an intriguing Final battle ahead.

So, the Final lined up with 1x lone Blue and 1x lone Red up against 4x fast S/Ss! #22 got the early jump from Lane 1 before #390 closed the gap to take the lead from lap 3 ahead of #53 and #488 on Lanes 5-6 who both started quickly. At just over ¼ distance, the outer two lanes made their way to the front as they battled hard through the chaotic traffic with lots of carnage coming from the inner lanes! A few scrappy laps saw both #53 and #488 come to grief but they still maintained the pace out front as the laps passed by. Eventually, with 5 laps to go, #488 made a decisive hit on #53 to snatch the lead and take home his first Final win this year! #53 valiantly fought to end in 2nd with #390 rounding off the podium. #260 was 4th ahead of #107 in 5th and #22 taking home 6th place at the flag.

The GNs were hard fought as well, and we saw two fine W&Ys wins from our top two Juniors with #3 and #199 taking the spoils. #488 continued a fine run of form to cap off the meeting with a win in GN3, and take home double points from the handicap, as #211 raced well against strong competition to earn the win in GN4 before #390 took another win from GN5!





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Meeting #9, *The Midland Masters* Day 2 @ Baylis Raceway – Sunday 07/12/2025

Heats (top 12 scorers to SFs):

Heat 1: 53, 555, 244, -, -, -

Heat 2: 142, 886, 203, 175, -, -

Heat 3: 228, 605, 4, -, -, -

Heat 4: 488, 260, 124, 154, 58, 133

Heat 5: 260, 228, 244, 213, 75, -

Heat 6: 154, 203, 605, 142, 133, 202

Heat 7: 555, 124, 53, 13, -, -

Heat 8: 488, 199, 886, 58, -, -

Heat 9: 203, 142, 175, 4, 75, -

Heat 10: 555, 488, 228, 605, 31, -

Heat 11: 154, 911, 213, 199, 3, 244

Heat 12: 260, 13, 124, 133, -, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 555, 124, 260, 203, -, -

SF 2: 488, 53, 886, 605, 142, -

FINAL:

53, 260, 488, 886, 555, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 199, 911, -, -, -, -

GN 2: 175, 133, -, -, -

GN 3: 13, 154, 53, 886, 605

GN 4: 260, 203, 555, 213

GN 5: 488, 228, -, -

WTR 1: 31, 58, -, -

WTR 2: 244, 75, 133, 202

Midland Masters SFs

(top 2 to Final):

MMSF 1: 488, 199

MMSF 2: 13, 260

MMSF 3: 124, 142

MIDLAND MASTERS FINAL:

488, 260, 199, 124, 142, -

The second day of the Midland Masters weekend saw a total of 25 drivers in attendance as the race was on to claim the first title of the new season!

With less drivers than last night, there were less races as just 4 Heat races per set were prepped using the total randomised format so more unusual line-ups gridded! The first set of Heats saw last night's top two in #53 and #488 secure wins from Lane 1 as #142 took victory from Lane 6 and #228 scored a win from Lane 5. Quickly onto the second set, we saw another two wins from Lane 1 courtesy of #260 and #488 as #154 sped around Lane 3 and #555 likewise from Lane 2 to win! The final set of Heats saw promoter #203 fend off #142 to snatch the win before #555 and #488 jostled for honours in Heat 10 from Lanes 5-6! #154 calmly took his second win of the day before #260 ensured he did the same in the final Heat race.

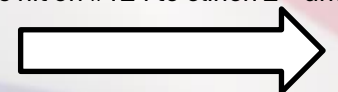
Two fast SFs were next up and massive credit to #244 for gridding in his final event at White alongside the remaining racers between the Blues, Reds and S/Ss again!

So, the Final line-up was stacked full of 2x Reds and 4x S/Ss as the race was on! After a fantastic duel for honours last night, the theme seemed to continue today but even more so as #53, #124 and #488 all headed the pack away from the start as the trio to catch! #124 unfortunately ran into gearing issues and retired just before ½ distance which left #53 out front ahead of #260 who had made the most of the outer lane issues to snatch 2nd and start the hunt. Eventually, #53 held firm out front to take a fine Final win and lead all 40 laps! #260 finished in 2nd ahead of #488 in 3rd, #886 in 4th, #555 in 5th and #124 sadly retiring with a DNF.

The GNs and WTRs came and went in a flash and we were left with the Masters SFs and Final event to round off the first Championship event of the season.

Straight from the off, #488 got the early jump in front of #124 as #13 overcooked his start and ended up on his roof! The race settled into a pacey rhythm and the early battle saw #488 fending off defending champion #124 as #260 was battling hard in 3rd. After a lot of laps navigating the carnage which eventually ensued over the outer lanes, it was #488 which led comfortably from start-to-finish to claim his 3rd Midland Masters title! #260 made a late decisive hit on #124 to clinch 2nd and #199 kept in the fight to sneak onto the podium!

A fine first Championship event of the year!





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Meeting #10 @ R.S. Promotions – Saturday 13/12/2025

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 207

Heat 2: 555

Heat 3: 107

Heat 4: 53

Heat 5: 260

Heat 6: 488

Heat 7: 13

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 390, 175, 213, 740, 391, 4

Consi 2: 372, 142, 211, 987, 203, -

Consi 3: 184, 333, 247, 63, 85, -

Consi 4: 8, 115, 199, 244, G6, -

Consi 5: 124, 9, 12, 886, 228, 58

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 247, 13, 107, 175, -, -

QF 2: 333, 488, 555, 8, 115, 142

QF 3: 211, 124, 372, 9, -

QF 4: 260, 184, 199, 213, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 13, 333, 184, 124, 247, 199

SF 2: 488, 260, 555, 211, 107, -

FINAL:

260, 488, 555, 184, -, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 63, 4, 3, -, -

GN 2: 605, 12, G6, -

GN 3: 740, 987, 211, 58

GN 4: 13, 260, 124, 244, 199

GN 5: 53, 488, 372, 207, 228

GN 6: 107, 213, 555, 115, -

GN 7: 184, 203, 142, 9, 8

GN 8: 247, 390, 85, 333, 391

WTR: 175, 75, -, -, -

R.S. Promotions took the helm of hosting the 4th QR of the season and we saw the highest turnout of the season so far with 38 drivers ready to race.

The racing action commenced with a fast and ferocious set of Heats with a family battle between #207 and #184 in Heat 1 with the more experienced Wilford taking early honours! Amazingly, the next 6 Heats were all won from Lane 6 so special credit to #207 for being the only driver to buck that trend!

The Consi's saw remarkable consistency on this unforgiving circuit layout with only 3 DNFs throughout. Some great drives from our lower graders here too as #175, #211, #333 and #12 all progressed through from White and Yellow!

Onto the QFs and the speed of the Yellow graders continued as #333 and #211 both took honours with #247 joining from Blue and #260 winning from S/S.

The SFs saw a mass of Reds and S/Ss and we eventually saw wins going the way of #13 and #488 as #333 impressed again to grid in his first Final this year!

So, the final saw 1x determined Yellow up against 1x Red and 4x S/S racers! Straight from the off, we saw speed aplenty as the Red and S/Ss battled hard off the line and the early duel was between #184 and #488. The laps went by with the gap very close so contact was of course inevitable! Both drivers spent some time out of the slot which allowed #555 to calmly take the lead from Lane 6 with #260 now chasing down the gap after dispatching #13 early on. The race carried on with #488 in 3rd now a lap up on #184 in 4th and all 4 racers were on the limit as the laps ploughed on. The gaps eventually closed right up and, heading into the last bend, #260 put a hit on #555 to sweep through for a fine Final win! #488 re-grouped to end in 2nd just 0.415s back at the flag as #555 recovered to 3rd and #184 rounded off the finishers in 4th after early exits for #13 and #333.

The GNs saw yet more consistency with just 4x DNFs across all 8 races as we saw a smattering of different winners earn the bragging rights before #175 took a popular victory in the WTR to round off the event!





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Meeting #11 @ Rocket Raceway – Sunday 14/12/2025

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 488

Heat 2: 53

Heat 3: 515

Heat 4: 886

Heat 5: 199

Heat 6: 260

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 5, 390, 75, 213, 175

Consi 2: 18, 42, 244, -, -

Consi 3: 124, 8, 987, -, -

Consi 4: 373, 555, 391, 133, -

Consi 5: 258, 13, 605, -, -

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 258, 488, 886, 18, -, -

QF 2: 124, 53, 391, 75, -

QF 3: 260, 515, -, -, -

QF 4: 390, 8, 605, 987, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 488, 258, 260, 53, 8, 515

SF 2: 124, 390, 886, 391, 605

FINAL:

124, 390, 488, 260, 258, 886

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 20, 515, 75, 605, 987, -

GN 2: 272, 19, 21, 133, -

GN 3: 5, 42, 4, -, -

GN 4: 53, 260, 124, 13, 244

GN 5: 390, 199, 886, -, -

GN 6: 8, 488, 107, 391, 213

WTR 1: 20, 75, 21, -, -

WTR 2: 515, 19, 175, -

The first trip of the new season to Sileby Club saw Rocket Raceway kick-start their campaign. After a pesky power box issue delayed the start of the event, we got underway with 32 drivers ready to battle.

The Heat races started proceedings with most winners coming from Lanes 5-6 as only #515 took victory from the inner lanes with a fine drive from Lane 2.

The Consi's saw a trio of races with only 3 finishers as the testing top corner caught a few drivers out! #5 and #373 both took cool wins on their debut race meeting this season and we also saw a superb win from #18 in Consi 2 as well!

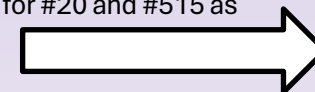
The QFs also had their fair share of drama as #555 made an uncharacteristic error to roll out of QF1 before #13 also followed suit in QF4 and both on the exit of the tricky top bend too! QF3 also only saw 2 finishers with #42, #244 and #199 all coming to grief which meant just 11 progressed through to the SFs!

An early clash in SF1 saw #488 momentarily roll out #260 before being re-slotted and setting off a fine comeback drive to secure qualification to the Final! SF2 saw #124 head to the Final on a hat-trick of wins so could he make it four?

So, the Final itself saw 1x speedy Blue, 2x Reds and 3x S/Ss gridding for the win. The race kicked off with immediate chicane action as #124 put in a quick hit on the #488 car whilst #258 set the early pace. The race settled down and #124 quickly gained positions to lead out front with #390 battling into 2nd as #258 fell back slightly. Eventually, the gap was controlled well at the front by #124 to win his first Final of the season ahead of #390 in 2nd with #488 recovering well to end in 3rd. #260 finished in 4th as #258 and #886 battled to the line to end 5th/6th.

The GNs saw more close action as #272 secured a win at his first meeting this season with #5 collecting another victory also! #53 scored a win to battle back from his SF exit as #555 ended on his roof in GN5 after a tricky meeting for him.

Two WTRs ended the day and we saw fine wins for #20 and #515 as only 3 finishers ended both races with yet more fraught racing action at Rocket Raceway!





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Meeting #12 @ MAD Raceway – Sunday 21/12/2025

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 488

Heat 2: 260

Heat 3: 13

Heat 4: 8

Heat 5: 740

Heat 6: 22

Heat 7: 124

Heat 8: 390

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 184, 203, 228, 44, 31, 75

Consi 2: 154, 333, 115, 213, 66, 175

Consi 3: 207, 47, 515, 18, -, -

Consi 4: 911, 142, 244, 133, -, -

Consi 5: 555, 53, 605, 58, -, -

Consi 6: 107, 499, 20, -, -

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 390, 228, 515, 605, -, -

QF 2: 488, 154, 203, 22, -

QF 3: 124, 107, 20, 244, -

QF 4: 740, 8, 260, -, -

QF 5: 184, 13, 53, 207, 333

Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 184, 124, 228, -, -

SF 2: 260, 53, 154, -, -

SF 3: 13, 488, 8, 740, -

FINAL:

13, 184, 124, 488, 53, 260

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 605, 44, -, -, -

GN 2: 515, 91, -, -, -

GN 3: 3, 987, 175, -, -

GN 4: 740, 333, 63, 133

GN 5: 53, 13, 142, 115, -, -

GN 6: 184, 154, 260, 390, 555, -

GN 7: 207, 47, 124, 8, 203, 9

GN 8: 488, 391, 228, 213, 107

WTR 1: 20, 75, -, -, -, -

WTR 2: 515, 18, 987, -, -

The final pre-Xmas racing action saw MAD Raceway host their second meeting of the season and also boast the highest attendance so far with 44 drivers ready to race on track!

The Heats started things off and, unsurprisingly on this track, we saw a mass of victories for Lanes 5-6 with only #740 bettering the inner lanes with a great win from Lane 3.

Onto the Consi's and the theme of the afternoon continued with all wins coming from the outer two lanes once more as #911 showed the rest how to win from Lane 2 as White!

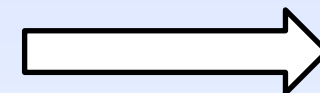
We then saw 5 QFs for the first time this season so the battle was on to reach the SFs and we instantly saw a dramatic double exit in QF1 for #555 and #47 who both ended up on their roofs! #142 then covered the shortest distance in a race all season after tipping his car over from the green light in QF4 which left only 3 cars to qualify with #115 also rolling over!

3 blockbuster SFs were next up and only the top two from each would make the Final. Massive credit to both #515 and #20 for being the only two Whites to grid in these races although they would eventually go no further after both rolling out in their respective SFs.

So, the Final saw 2x Reds and 4x S/Ss with a fast-paced race just waiting to be tamed! A lightning start saw an early lead from #13 out on Lane 6 as #124 kicked off the early chase. The race seemed to ebb and flow as the Reds and S/Ss tried to get to grips with their less familiar lane choices and there was plenty of action as #53, #488 and #260 all came to grief in various incidents. In the end, #13 held off the charge to take his 2nd Final win this season with #184 battling well to nip into 2nd spot off Lane 1 with #124 securing 3rd place. #488 finished 4th ahead of #53 in 5th with #260 having a Final to forget as the last finisher.

The W&Y GNs seemed fraught with action with only 7 out of 15 drivers finishing the first 3 races! The B&Rs races were a bit calmer with only 3 DNFs throughout as a variety of wins were taken home including a fine win from #207 in Lane 2 against a tough line-up in GN7!

Two WTRs ended proceedings with yet more chaos and non-finishers as #20 and #515 both shared wins to earn valuable points in the title chase!





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Meeting #13 @ Wreck-It Raceway – Saturday 27/12/2025

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 9

Heat 2: 13

Heat 3: 53

Heat 4: 124

Heat 5: 390

Heat 6: 515

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 107, 213, G29, 19, 3, 987

Consi 2: 391, 154, 258, 202, 21, -

Consi 3: 18, 488, G63, 372, 63, 58

Consi 4: 22, 12, 260, 203, 20, -

Consi 5: 228, 555, 199, 42, 605, 175

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 488, 107, G29, 391, 555, -

QF 2: 124, 53, 515, 258, 228

QF 3: 22, 260, 9, 12, -

QF 4: 154, 213, 390, G63, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 124, 515, 107, 9, G29, -

SF 2: 53, 22, 154, 260, 213, -

FINAL:

154, 53, 124, 22, 515, 107

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 42, 605, G64, 21, -, -

GN 2: 20, 18, 3, 175, -

GN 3: 12, 987, -, -, -

GN 4: 488, 154, 13, 213, 515, 391

GN 5: 53, 107, 228, -, -

GN 6: 124, 258, 390, 555, G29

GN 7: 22, 372, G63, 260, 203

WTR 1: 18, 20, 19, 175

WTR 2: 987, 21, 202, -

A one-off return for this season for the Wreck-It Raceway circuit saw our annual Xmas Cracker event kick-start with 37 racers raring to go for the last meeting of the 2025 calendar year at Sileby Club!

Whilst we saw an unusually cold room temp at Sileby, the heat was certainly on with the on-track action and the Heats saw a smattering of wins across the board with #515 stealing the show in Heat 6 to take victory from the tight Lane 1!

The Consi's carried on the close action, and we saw another Lane 1 Bunting win, this time from #18 in Consi 3, with #12 the only other to qualify from Lanes 1-3!

The QFs saw a couple of great duels to start proceedings as #488 fought #107 in QF1 before #124 and #53 went head-to-head in QF2! Family ties were then cut in QF3 as #9 and #12 collided late on which decided the qualifying order!

Onto the SFs and #515 had a starring role once more going up against Midland Champion #124 for the win in SF1 before yet more family drama in SF2 saw #488 collide with #260 and end up rolled over and out from a qualifying position!

So, the Final saw 1x White, 1x Blue, 3x Reds and 1x lone S/S left to battle it out! The initial running saw #154 win on track but not on the laptop as it turned out the hold-off time was set too high and was being bettered by #154 meaning his car wasn't clocking across the sensors and, being a track fault, the race was re-ran. So, the official Final running saw #515 get off to a good start before being reeled in by #53 out on Lane 5. #154 was battling through and eventually took the lead on Lap 19 which he then held for the remainder to take his first Final win this season! #53 finished just 0.562s back in 2nd with #124 completing the podium in 3rd. #22 ended in 4th ahead of #515 who dropped back slightly to 5th with #107 in 6th place.

The W&Ys GNs saw a couple of Lane 2 victors in the form of #42 and #20 before #12 snatched a win from Lane 6! The B&Rs GNs continued the theme of Lane 6 winners with the exception of #488 who just held off Final winner #154 to take the win from Lane 3 in GN 4!

Two WTRs rounded off the meeting with #18 and #987 both securing good wins and vital points in the season-long title race!





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Meeting #14 @ Rocket Raceway – Saturday 27/12/2025

Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 515
Heat 2: 555
Heat 3: 390
Heat 4: 154
Heat 5: 124
Heat 6: 8
Heat 7: 488

Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 53, 3, G63, 18, 66, 42
Consi 2: 372, 605, G29, 20, 202, -
Consi 3: G64, 228, 44, 987, -, -
Consi 4: 9, 260, 63, 391, 58, -
Consi 5: 199, 12, 213, 175, -

Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 515, 260, 199, 12, 8, G29
QF 2: 372, 555, 390, 605, G64, -
QF 3: 488, 213, 44, 3, -
QF 4: 53, 124, G63, 63, -

Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 515, 260, 488, 199, G63, 213
SF 2: 124, 555, 390, 372, 53, 44

FINAL:

488, 124, 260, 555, 515, -

Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 44, 42, 4, 66, 202, -
GN 2: 12, 605, 18, 3, 58
GN 3: 20, 63, 987, 175, -
GN 4: 199, 488, 555, 391, 13, 203
GN 5: 53, 124, 213, -, -
GN 6: 9, 260, 390, 372, 228

WTR 1: 987, 20, -, - // **WTR 2:** 18, 66, -, -

Xmas Cracker SF1: 488, 124, 260

Xmas Cracker SF2: 53, 555, 22

XMAS CRACKER FINAL:

53, 555, 488, 260, -, -

The second meeting of our annual Xmas Cracker event saw Rocket Raceway also play host to the 5th Qualifying Round with 37 drivers again in attendance.

The Heats got underway with another fine display of driving from #515 securing an instant Lane 1 win whilst all other victors, bar #8 in Heat 6, came from Lane 6!

Onto the Consi's and we saw qualifications for all 3 Guest racers with special mention to G64 who took the win in Consi 3! We also saw surprise early exits for #107 and #13 in Consi's 2 & 3 as both drivers rolled at the entry to turns 3 & 4.

The QFs saw #515 continue to impress with a win before #372 made it back-to-back wins in QF2 and was also joined as double winners by both #488 and #53!

The SFs showed no signs of #515 slowing down with yet another win from Lane 1 whilst #124 showed the way in SF2 and #53 had a surprising exit in 5th place.

So, the Final saw 1x White and 1x Red up against the might of 4x S/Ss for the win! Straight from the off, #515 shot into the early lead as the rest battled into the chicane. #390 followed closely in 2nd and closed the gap up into the top turn and the two drivers collided momentarily halting their progress. #488 swept around the outside to snatch the lead and control the pace out front as #124 started the chase in 2nd place. The laps went by in a flash with no dramas out front and it was #488 who came home 1st to take his second Final win this season and book-end this grading period with two wins! #124 finished in 2nd ahead of #260 who made it into 3rd just ahead of #555 in 4th at the end. #515 was 5th as #390 ended as a DNF.

The final races of the event saw the Xmas Cracker SFs and Final take centre stage and, in the end, it was a comfortable win for #53 to take the honours in the Final as he controlled the race well to lead from start to finish and claim the last win of the 2025 calendar year!

Happy New Year for 2026 to you all!





Talking Stox – 2025/2026 Edition No.2



Grader's Debrief...

Amazingly, we are now over a third of the way through the 2025/2026 season with 14 meetings already done and just 19 more left to go so let's see how the points are looking...

Firstly, the top of the Grading List has seen a massive switch-around this Grading Period as I have jumped from 8th to 1st after a consistent showing of 233pts scored across these last 7 meetings to turn my season completely around!

Sitting just 9pts back in 2nd is #260 Nigel Shaw with #124 Chris Radley slotting into 3rd place a further 27pts back after securing 4 Final podiums in-a-row to gain momentum! #53 Matt Trasler has had a good run at Red and now rejoins the S/Ss for the next period in 4th place with early leader #555 Richard Sleeman slipping to 5th but still within the S/Ss – a total of just 69pts now separate the entire S/S grade so it's still ever so close!

The Reds remain quite static with only #13 and #154 now joining the rest after both dropping from S/S. #22 has shot up to Red on average after a few good meetings as Blue!

Next up, we see an incredibly congested Blue grade with just 23pts separating top to bottom and a few changes throughout the grade as well! First up, #142 and #886 drop down to Blue from Red after losing ground this period. Meanwhile, #605 shoots up from Yellow after being 9th top scorer this period and is also joined there for the first time on average by #515 after his stunning performances at the Xmas Cracker event!

The Yellow grades also have plenty of change this period as #244 and #115 drop down from Blue whilst #175 and #987 both up-grade from White after some good meetings!

Plenty of new faces join the White grade also as #44, #133, #333 and #58 all drop down from Yellow so will have ample opportunity to make the most and score well in the White Top Championship across the next period!

So, the next Grading Period will see 6x Superstars, 8x Reds, 18x Blues, 15x Yellows and 15x Whites so a nice and even spread of grades as we head into the New Year of racing!

What's Next?

The first fixtures of 2026 sees a double Qualifier spearheaded by the new **LJD Raceway** on Sat 3rd Jan alongside **Baylis Racing** hosting their 3rd meeting of the campaign on Sun 4th January (don't forget the start time is slightly later at **4:30pm** for this one!).

Next up, we return to Sileby Club as **Rocket Raceway** also hosts their 3rd meeting of this season on Sat 10th Jan which is also their last until the coveted Midland Final event rolls around in February!

Following on Sun 11th Jan, we have the second Championship Event of the season to look forward to as **R.S. Promotions** host this season's **Rosebowl Final**.

We wrap up the third Grading Period of the season with a return to Barrie Gregory's **B.T.P.** on Sat 17th Jan before **Baylis Raceway** take ownership of the final Qualifying Round of the season on Sun 18th January at Brandon Club.

With the final 3 Qualifying Rounds and a Major title up for grabs, the next 3 weekends are set to be unmissable so make sure you're there to be a part of the on-track action as the MSRA rings in the New Year in style!

#488 Elliott Shaw