



# Talking Stox – 2025/2026 Edition No.4

## Season Finale On The Horizon And Lots Of Titles Up For Grabs...



Our 25/26 MSRA season is nearly at an end, and we still have an incredible 6 championship finals to come in the final Grading Period ahead! Join me as I preview the upcoming events where all the drivers get ready to do battle!

*#488 Elliott Shaw*

### Meeting #21 @ MAD Raceway – Saturday 24/01/2026

The penultimate meeting this season for MAD Raceway saw a strong attendance of 42 racers. Amazingly, all Heats and Consis were won from the outer 3 lanes as the inner lanes proved tricky for some to score good results; however, both #44 and #31 qualified from Lane 1 in their Consi races!

5 QFs were the order of the day once more and all 5 saw a Red graded driver take the spoils as the outer lanes continued to show their dominance as the meeting progressed.

To the SFs, and a “top two only” set of races saw some close battles with #260 and #124 just missing out from their respective SFs as #13 and #107 both headed to the Final unbeaten so far.

So, the Final lined up with an even split of 3x Reds and 3x S/Ss. From the get-go, it was a question of who could defeat #13 as he stormed away from the grid leading with a comfortable pace out front. After a few skirmishes across the grid, it was #13 who went untroubled out front to secure his 3<sup>rd</sup> Final win this season and go back-to-back at MAD Raceway! #555 ended over a lap behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> with #488 completing the podium from Lane 6. #53 finished 4<sup>th</sup> with #107 in 5<sup>th</sup> and #154 a DNF.

The W&Ys GNs saw a couple of good wins for #211 and #3 before GN3 ended with just 2 finishers at the end as #12 and #63 both stayed out of the carnage! #107 continued his good meeting form to win GN4 before #207 bounced back from a tricky Consi to win GN6 in fine style!

#### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 228

Heat 2: 555

Heat 3: 124

Heat 4: 488

Heat 5: 8

Heat 6: 107

Heat 7: 13

#### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 199, 391, 9, 12, -, -

Consi 2: 154, 44, 203, 207, -, -

Consi 3: 213, 3, 515, 66, 131, -

Consi 4: 53, 31, 51, 605, 115, -

Consi 5: 390, 142, 260, 211, 175, -

Consi 6: 643, 17, 244, -, -

#### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 154, 555, 8, 17, -

QF 2: 107, 53, 9, 44, 515

QF 3: 199, 142, 260, 391, 244

QF 4: 13, 124, 3, 228, 213

QF 5: 643, 488, 203, -, -

#### Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 13, 154, 260, 3, -

SF 2: 107, 555, 124, 142, 203

SF 3: 53, 488, 8, 199, 643

#### FINAL:

13, 555, 488, 53, 107, -

#### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 211, 115, 44, 175, 66, -

GN 2: 3, 244, 75, 58, 4, 31

GN 3: 12, 63, -, -, -, -

GN 4: 107, 643, 124, 13, 17, 51

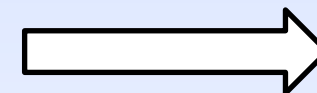
GN 5: 555, 154, 391, 142, 22, 228

GN 6: 207, 488, 8, 199, 9, 203

GN 7: 390, 53, 260, 213, 605, -

**WTR 1:** 31, 20, 19, 131, 133

**WTR 2:** 58, 44, 66, 75





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### Meeting #22 @ 555 Promotions – Sunday 25/01/2026

#### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 154  
Heat 2: 555  
Heat 3: 207  
Heat 4: 42  
Heat 5: 51  
Heat 6: 213  
Heat 7: 372

#### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 488, 203, 58, 75, -, -  
Consi 2: 20, 22, 53, 175, 605, -  
Consi 3: 107, 142, 124, 31, 211, -  
Consi 4: 3, 333, 13, 260, 17, -  
Consi 5: 199, 228, 391, 4, -  
Consi 6: 390, 12, 133, -, -

#### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 207, 22, 12, 133, -  
QF 2: 154, 555, 213, 3, 58  
QF 3: 107, 51, 53, 20, -  
QF 4: 199, 333, 124, 142, -  
QF 5: 13, 391, 228, 488, -

#### Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 207, 107, 228, 555, 333

SF 2: 391, 53, 22, 12, -

SF 3: 213, 154, 51, -, -

#### FINAL:

213, 391, 207, 107, 53, 154

#### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 3, 63, 244, 4, 75, -  
GN 2: 211, 31, -, -, -  
GN 3: 12, 333, 133, -, -  
GN 4: 124, 372, 53, 260, 213, 22  
GN 5: 199, 13, 203, -, -, -  
GN 6: 228, 207, 605, 142, -, -  
GN 7: 488, 555, 107, 8, 17

#### WTR:

31, 58, 75, 133, 131, -

#### Midland Quarter-Finals

MQF 1: 13, 260, 488, 605, 9, 391  
MQF 2: 124, 53, 207, 142, 228, -  
MQF 3: 154, 555, 8, 372, 12, 203  
MQF 4: 199, 213, 211, 31, -, -

After a long wait since the first meeting of the season, we returned to 555 Promotions as 41 drivers waited in anticipation for the event – first up was the Midland Quarter-Final races...

MQF1 saw #488 get off to an early lead before being reeled in by #13 where the two collided at the top turn with #488 coming off worse. #13 held strong to win ahead of #260 in 2<sup>nd</sup> and #488 in 3<sup>rd</sup>. MQF2 was a close duel between defending champ #124 and #53 in the early stages as #107 had a race to forget. #124 ended with the win in front of #53 and #207 who drove well from Lane 5. MQF3 saw an early collision between #8 and #154 at the driver's bend so the comeback was on! #154 eventually stormed through to secure the victory ahead of #555 in 2<sup>nd</sup> and #8 recovering to 3<sup>rd</sup>. MQF4 saw #390 start well but finally caught by #199 who continued to lead until the end. #213 secured 2<sup>nd</sup> with #211 in 3<sup>rd</sup> as #390 had an unfortunate marshalling moment and ended as a DNF.

Onto the meeting itself, we saw a mix of grades earn the wins from the Heats before more of the same followed in the Consi's with #20 and #3 particularly stand-out wins from White and Yellow!

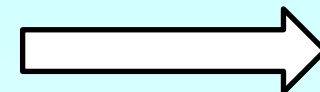
It was a tale of 5 QFs and a few surprising qualification drives from the lower-graded racers! #207 dominated QF1 before #51 made it through to his first ever SF stage in QF3! #12 also progressed through from Yellow and #333 put together a composed race in QF4 to qualify from White!

3 SFs and another tough set of races saw all wins shared between the Blue graders and all from Lane 3 surprisingly as well! #207 headed to the Final on a maximum so could he go all the way?

So, the Final lined up with the 3x SF-winning Blues up against 2x Reds and 1x lone S/S for the win. The race got underway and, amazingly, no contact or de-slotting occurred for the first half of the race! Eventually, it came down to a 3-way showdown between the Blues, and it was #213 who took the victory to secure his 2<sup>nd</sup> Final win this season! Nipping at his heels in 2<sup>nd</sup> was #391 just 0.902s back as #207 earned a podium in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just behind in 4<sup>th</sup> was #107 ahead of #53 and #154 in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.

The GNs saw action aplenty as #3, #211 and #12 all won their respective W&Ys races to mirror last night's results! #124 battled back after a DNF in his SF to win GN4 as #488 did likewise in GN7 after bowing out of the meeting at the QF stage earlier on.

#31 rounded off the meeting with a fine WTR victory!





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## Meeting #23 @ LJD Raceway – Saturday 31/01/2026

### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 555

Heat 2: 3

Heat 3: 390

Heat 4: 488

Heat 5: 199

Heat 6: 213

### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 107, 31, 203, 175, 131, 133

Consi 2: 22, 13, 44, -, -, -

Consi 3: 53, 605, 4, 52, 21, -

Consi 4: 42, 124, 211, -, -, -

Consi 5: 51, 391, 260, 244, -, -

### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 107, 390, 488, 211, 31, 605

QF 2: 199, 203, 3, -, -

QF 3: 13, 51, 391, 260, -

QF 4: 22, 213, 124, 4, -

### Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 107, 22, 13, 391, 124, 3

SF 2: 390, 213, 488, 51, 203, -

### FINAL:

107, 390, 22, 488, 13, -

### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 66, 4, 52, 987

GN 2: 44, 75, 131, G15, -

GN 3: 3, 211, 753, 715, -

GN 4: 244, 21, 133, -, -

GN 5: 53, 488, 555, 107, 391, 228

GN 6: 124, 199, 390, 203, -

GN 7: 260, 213, 51, 605, 22

**WTR 1:** 911, 75, 987, 550, 21, -

**WTR 2:** 66, 753, 52, 133, 131

A rescheduled venue from Brandon Club to Sileby Club saw the second meeting for LJD Raceway and a respectable 36 drivers ready to tackle the event!

With 36 racers in attendance, it was 6 Heats of 6 cars and the results started quick with a trio of Lane 6 winners as #555, #390 and #488 all took home the spoils as #199 scored a win from Lane 5 with #3 and #213 following suit from Lane 4.

The Consi's proved to be a battle to stay in the slot as only 3 finishers greeted the flag in Consi's 2 & 4! #31, #44, #4, #42 and #211 all impressed to qualify through from their White and Yellow grades respectively as we moved ahead to the QFs.

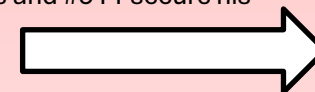
A rare foray into the standard 4 QF format and we saw an epic duel to the line in QF1 as #390 bested #488 for 2<sup>nd</sup> by a mere 0.018s! We then saw a couple of shock results as #53 rolled out of QF2 before #260 failed to progress from QF3.

Onto the SFs and it was over to #107 to head to the Final on a hat-trick of wins with #390 nipping at his heels by winning SF2 to set up a fascinating race ahead!

So, the Final saw a grid of 2x Blues, 2x Reds and 2x S/Ss for the 40-lapper. To start, #213 got the early jump with #22 and #107 close behind before a pile-up occurred on the back straight causing chaos! #213 and #13 exited early as #22 snatched the advantage. #107 got held up in the earlier incident but started a fine comeback drive to eventually pull level with #22 and pressurise him into an error with 2 laps left to run! #107 calmly saw out the last two laps to earn back-to-back Finals at LJD Raceway! #390 slotted into 2<sup>nd</sup> as #22 lost ground to end in 3<sup>rd</sup>. #488 managed to keep out of the carnage to score a solid 4<sup>th</sup> with #13 in 5<sup>th</sup> and #213 sadly a DNF.

The W&Y GNs saw a couple of 'Peel' wins courtesy of #66 and #44 before #3 took his 4<sup>th</sup> win in-a-row to extend his title lead! The big hitters came out in force for the B&Rs races with wins going the way of #53, #124 and #260 respectively.

To end the meeting, we saw two competitive WTRs and #911 secure his 3<sup>rd</sup> successive WTR win before #66 took home his first WTR win of the campaign!





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### Meeting #24 @ LJD Raceway – Sunday 01/02/2026

#### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 207

Heat 2: 203

Heat 3: 124

Heat 4: 154

Heat 5: 488

Heat 6: 213

#### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 391, 211, 13, 228, -, -

Consi 2: 911, 142, 372, 175, -, -

Consi 3: 555, 390, 3, 9, 42, 58

Consi 4: 8, 260, 17, 131, -, -

Consi 5: 31, 107, 53, -, -, -

#### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 154, 390, 488, -, -, -

QF 2: 31, 53, 17, -, -

QF 3: 13, 211, 372, 260, -

QF 4: 207, 203, 213, 555, -

#### Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 13, 207, 372, 31, -, -

SF 2: 390, 488, 203, 213, 17, -

#### FINAL:

390, 13, 488, 203, -, -

#### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 63, 42, 75, 175, 58

GN 2: 31, 4, 987, 244, 133

GN 3: 211, 911, 131, -

GN 4: 53, 260, 372, 390, 17, 391

GN 5: 154, 13, 207, -, -, -

GN 6: 199, 488, 213, 142, 228

GN 7: 124, 22, 555, 605, -

WTR: 987, 58, 133, 131, -, -

#### Midland Semi-Finals:

MSF1: 13, 154, 488, 260, 555, 8

MSF2: 124, 53, 199, 211, -, -

Back to Sileby Club for the 2<sup>nd</sup> LJD Raceway event of the weekend and it was Semi-Final day as 36 drivers were anticipating the on-track action – first up, we saw the two Midland SFs...

MSF1 saw #154 lead the first 15 laps before #13 led for the remainder of the race. #488 and #260 battled hard for 3<sup>rd</sup> with a decisive hit coming just 5 laps to go which saw #488 snatch it. MSF2 was a comfortable lights-to-flag victory for defending champ #124 leading all 40 laps. #53 fought hard to catch #199 and swept him aside in the dying moments to sneak into 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Onto the meeting proper, we saw a mix of grades secure the early Heat wins and an epic last lap duel between #488 and #8 in Heat 5 which saw victory earned with a bullish last bend hit!

The Consi's carried on the close action from the Heats and two amazing wins went to #911 and #31 who both drove faultlessly from White to beat some tough opposition along the way!

The QFs saw a couple of surprising results with a hard-hitting moment between #3 and #107 left them out in QF1 before #260 just fell short in QF3 and #124 surprisingly rolled out of QF4! Two quick SFs came and went with no real chaos or surprises, and we were left with the Final.

So, the Final gridded with 1x Yellow, 2x Blues, 1x Red and 2x S/S so an even spread of grades. #207 shot off the line to accelerate away at the front but ended on his roof after just 7 laps. That paved the way for #390 to pick up the pace to lead ahead of #13 with #488 and #203 scrapping for the final podium place with #372 also an early rollover. The two duels ultimately stayed static, and it was #390 who took the win and his first back as S/S too! #13 fought to the line in 2<sup>nd</sup> as #488 grabbed 3<sup>rd</sup> place just ahead of #203 in 4<sup>th</sup> as the last classified finisher.

The W&Ys GNs saw a couple of great wins for #63 and #211 as well as #31 grab his 3<sup>rd</sup> win of the day! Carnage took over GN5 as we witnessed flying lessons courtesy of both #107 and #8 who ended up over the fence and out in separate incidents! With a win in GN6, #199 now takes over at the top of the GN points table, after #3 failed to finish in GN3, so an interesting battle is brewing between our top two Juniors for this title!

#987 rounded off the day with her 3<sup>rd</sup> WTR win of the season!





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**Season Finale On The Horizon And Lots Of Titles Up For Grabs...**

## Meeting #25 @ Baylis Raceway – Saturday 07/02/2026

### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 124

Heat 2: 154

Heat 3: 53

Heat 4: 488

Heat 5: 390

Heat 6: 228

Heat 7: 13

### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 8, 886, 51, 987, 175, -

Consi 2: 107, 203, 207, 333, -, -

Consi 3: 260, 117, 133, -, -, -

Consi 4: 211, 142, 3, 391, -

Consi 5: 213, 555, 9, 63, G264

Consi 6: 22, 199, 17, 44, G326

### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 8, 390, 203, 51, -

QF 2: 53, 107, 211, 9, -

QF 3: 154, 199, 22, 260, 207

QF 4: 142, 886, 124, 3, -

QF 5: 213, 488, 555, 117, -

### Semi-Finals (top 2 to Final):

SF 1: 211, 53, 203, 199, -

SF 2: 555, 8, 124, 154, 22

SF 3: 107, 488, 390, 886, -

### FINAL:

53, 488, 555, 107, -, -

### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 44, 333, G264, 987, -, -

GN 2: 207, 63, 133, 58, -

GN 3: 244, 115, -, -, -

GN 4: 213, 8, 53, 22, 17

GN 5: 488, 142, 117, 203, 85

GN 6: 555, 390, 228, 9, 260

GN 7: 124, 886, 107, 605, 391

GN 8: 154, 211, 13, 199, 51

WTR 1: 133, 131, G326, -

WTR 2: 58, 987, G264

We returned to Brandon Club as Baylis Raceway hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> and final meeting of the season and a fantastic attendance of 41 drivers lined up incl. BriSCA F1 star Mark Sargeant as guest!

The Heats kicked off proceedings and a clean sweep of victories across Lanes 5-6 was the order of the day although, within those results, we did see fine wins from #154 and #228 both as Blue!

Onto the Consi's and the theme continued with the outer lanes dominating the results charts but credit to #211 winning Consi 4 as Yellow and #207, #133 and #3 who all qualified through too!

5 QFs were next up and the outer lanes were the place to be once more although the set of races rounded off with a hat-trick of Blue grade wins from Lane 4 in the form of #154, #142 and #213!

Next up, we saw 3 tough SFs grid and action aplenty kick-starting with a sublime win for #211 who bested the inner lanes to claim the first non-outer lane win of the meeting from Lane 2! #555 and #107 then rounded off the remaining SFs with good wins and we headed to the Final.

So, the Final saw 1x speedy Yellow up against the might of 3x Reds and 2x S/Ss for the victory. #211 got the early jump to lead before a bit of carnage unfolded with multiple racers involved at the top turn which allowed #53 and #488 to sneak through from Lanes 5-6. What followed was a fantastic race long cat-and-mouse chase between them both as they navigated the chaos well. An unfortunate collision for #488 in the dying moments halted the duel to the line and #53 held on to claim his 3<sup>rd</sup> successive Final win at Baylis Raceway! #488 finished just 0.416s back in 2<sup>nd</sup> with #555 completing the podium places. #107 was 4<sup>th</sup> as both #211 and #8 exited early on.

The GNs saw a mix of chaos and control with the W&Ys races being a task of surviving whereas the B&Rs GNs all remarkably saw no DNFs across the board as all drivers behaved themselves!

Two WTRs completed the meeting and we saw a first WTR of the season for #133 before #58 collected another win to close the gap towards the top of the points table!





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### Meeting #26 @ MAD Raceway – Sunday 08/02/2026

#### Heats (only winners required):

Heat 1: 555  
Heat 2: 107  
Heat 3: 260  
Heat 4: 13  
Heat 5: 499  
Heat 6: 488  
Heat 7: 154

#### Consolations (top 3 to QFs):

Consi 1: 213, 211, 8, 142, 207, -  
Consi 2: 515, 199, 51, 605, 4, -  
Consi 3: 124, 203, 228, 244, -, -  
Consi 4: 42, 53, 9, 17, -, -  
Consi 5: 22, 391, 390, 3, 175, -

#### Quarter-Finals (top 3 to SFs):

QF 1: 124, 555, 8, 42, 51, 9  
QF 2: 107, 390, 154, 488, 22, 211  
QF 3: 199, 391, 53, 228, -  
QF 4: 213, 499, 13, 203, 260

#### Semi-Finals (top 3 to Final):

SF 1: 499, 555, 8, 391, 199, 53  
SF 2: 154, 13, 124, 390, 107, 213

#### FINAL:

8, 13, 124, 154, 499, 555

#### Grand Nationals:

GN 1: 515, 211, 42, 987, 133  
GN 2: 20, 244, 4, 21, -  
GN 3: 207, 63, 3, 175, 131  
GN 4: 555, 488, 391, -, -  
GN 5: 22, 9, 142, 13, 203  
GN 6: 107, 53, 199, 124, 228  
GN 7: 154, 390, 51, 213, 260

#### WTR: 58, 21, -, -, -

For one last time this season, we headed to MAD Raceway, and a fantastic showing of 38 drivers were in attendance as the final opportunity to race for the inaugural “Dan Trasler Memorial” trophy lay ahead.

Like last night’s meeting, the Heats were dominated by the outer lane drivers with all wins going the way of Lanes 5-6 with the exception of #154 from Lane 4.

The Consi’s switched up the results slightly and we saw two Yellow wins from #515 and #42 as they both got the best of Lane 3 to secure their victories.

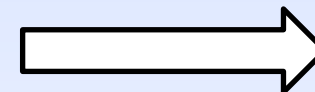
Onto the QFs and we saw a few tough grids as #488 exited from QF2 before #260 followed suit in QF4 with all qualifiers coming from the Blues/Reds/SSs.

Two tough SFs then lay in wait, and we saw a duo of surprising Lane 1 victories courtesy of #499 and #154 respectively with both races also without a DNF!

So, the Final grid saw 2x Blues, 3x Reds and 1x S/S so a fast race was certain! From the off, the racing was clean throughout the field with no contact or de-slotting for the first ¼ of the race and it was #154 who took up the early lead. Slowly but surely, #13 and #8 crept up behind and eventually made their way through as a bit of carnage ensued on the back straight with #124 clipping the rolled-over #555 car and causing mayhem! In the end, #8 came through it all to secure his first Final win of the season! It was a drag race to the line between #13 and #124 for 2<sup>nd</sup> with the pair separated by just 0.002s at the end! #154 ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place with #499 in 5<sup>th</sup> and #555 recovering to 6<sup>th</sup> at the flag.

The W&Ys GNs saw #515 pick up his 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the day as #20 and #207 both recovered from their earlier Consi results. In the B&Rs races, #22 and #107 put together a couple of good wins which were book-ended by two finalists as #555 and #154 both secured wins from Lanes 5 & 6 respectively.

#58 then took the spoils in the WTR, as most of the others fell by the wayside, and the gap at the top of the points chart is now closer than ever!





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## *The 2026 Midland Final Preview*



The “Road to Gold” has led us once more to the MSRA Midland Final and we now know the identity of each qualifier for the big finale to be hosted at Rocket Raceway on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

We’ve seen a fantastic selection of eight Qualifying Rounds, four competitive Quarter-Finals and two speedy Semi-Finals all come and go and are now left with just 6 drivers to grid in the biggest battle of the season for the right to wear the coveted Gold roof.

We have the current Gold and Silver roofs gridding together 20 years after their debut Midland Final, a former Gold and Silver roof racer, a former triple Junior Champion and two debutants making their first appearance in the MSRA’s showpiece event so it is all to play for!

Join me as I preview the biggest race of the season with the 2026 Midland Final now on the horizon...





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## *The 2026 Midland Final Preview*



### **LANE 1 – #124 Chris Radley**

A remarkable 20 years since making his Midland Final debut, current champion Chris is in prime position to make it a hat-trick of Gold roofs and lines up in Lane 1 for the very first time in order to try and achieve it. A constant threat in every race, Chris will be battling hard to ensure the Midland Championship trophy remains firmly in his possession for another year and must start the race as favourite to defend his title.

### **LANE 2 – #13 Richard Hampshire**

Lining up in his maiden MSRA Midland Final, Richard will be aiming to emulate his successes at other slot racing clubs and claim a first MSRA Gold roof. After a storming start to the season, Richard's form has dipped slightly but he has still scored a deserving three Final wins this year and brilliantly took the fight to win his Quarter and Semi to be right in the mix for the win.

### **LANE 3 – #53 Matt Trasler**

After a battling drive in his Semi-Final to sweep aside Jamie and grab 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt has now put himself in a very desirable position to secure his second Gold roof and can have a big influence on the race from Lane 3. Always quick in every racing situation, Matt has the big race experience to cause his rivals a headache and will not be shying away from making his presence known in his pursuit of the Gold roof.

### **LANE 4 – #154 Jack Reynolds**

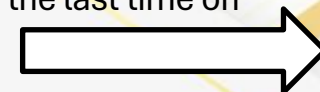
Potentially ruing his costly error in the Semi-Final, Jack will have his work cut out for the win but he is certainly not out of contention at all. Jack is one of the fastest and trickiest racers to compete against as he is blisteringly quick on every track. He will be up for the fight in this race and can certainly worry the other racers with his sheer speed.

### **LANE 5 – #199 Jamie Campbell**

Another MSRA Midland Final debutant, Jamie is the current Junior Champion after securing his first title last season. Throughout this season, Jamie has improved significantly and has rightly earned his place in the Midland Final and, but for a brilliant move from Matt in the Semi, could have been in Lane 3. Jamie will hope to build on his already amazing season and finish well in his first ever Midland Final.

### **LANE 6 – #488 Elliott Shaw**

Also gridding 20 years since his first Midland Final, Elliott topped this year's qualifiers before facing a tough QF against Richard who took the win. Lining up in Lane 5 for the Semi, it was a race of attrition which culminated in a decisive last-gasp hit on his Dad Nigel to qualify into his 9<sup>th</sup> successive Midland Final. Out on Lane 6, it will be a tough task to win but Elliott did get the Gold from Lane 5 the last time on this track in 2019 so anything could happen!





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## *The 2026 Ladies' Final Preview*

### **Lane 1 – #391 Kelly Foster**

Lining up in Pole Position for the second successive season, Kelly Foster will be out to right the wrongs of last year's Final and clinch her 5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Championship title.

### **Lane 2 – #605 Stefanie Woodward**

After falling just short in last year's Final, Stefanie Woodward must be aiming to go one step better and secure her first Ladies' title this time around!

### **Lane 3 – #12 Lexie Groves**

Securing her first Final appearance of the season last grading period, Lexie Groves may well be hitting form at the right time to put the pressure on for this title!

### **Lane 4 – #63 Jo Bedford**

One of the most likeable personalities off-track, Jo Bedford will need to put her fierce racer's hat on in this Final and make sure she takes no prisoners in the middle of the pack! Just pretend you're on the mic asking for marshals, Jo!

### **Lane 5 – #211 Yazmin Taylor-Beck**

Defending Ladies' Champion, Yazmin Taylor-Beck has appeared less frequently this season so is further out than she may have expected or wanted as she hopes to defend her title. Nothing is impossible on this track though, so the others beware!

### **Lane 6 – #4 Maia Woodward**

Rounding off the finalists for this event, Maia Woodward will have a challenge to win from Lane 6, but the outer lanes can sometimes be favourable on this circuit so a sneaky podium position might not be out of the question if there is carnage!

## *The 2026 Novice of the Year Final Preview*

### **Lane 1 – #75 Liam Bench**

Gridding as our top Novice racer for the 2026 season is Liam Bench. Liam has joined the MSRA ranks this season following in his brother Gary's footsteps who arrived at our club in 2024. Liam will start the race as favourite and will be hoping to secure his first Championship title in style!

### **Lane 2 – #202 Eveline Bacelar**

Eveline has put together a few consistent meetings at the events she has appeared at so may put a spanner in the plan of Liam as she aims to thwart his progress!

### **Lane 3 – #131 Jaxon Hampshire**

The MSRA's youngest member, Jaxon is also one of the most characterful with his antics on and off track! If he can keep his focus across the race distance, he may well be in with a real shot at some silverware, so fingers crossed it goes smoothly!

### **Lane 4 – #550 Millie Walmsley**

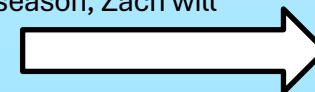
Another one of our younger members, Millie has entered the MSRA this season alongside her parents Pete and Amy and has seemed to enjoy her moments on track so far! Hopefully, there will be more of the same as she grids in her first final!

### **Lane 5 – #212 Danny Wainman**

BriSCA F1 icon, Danny made a surprise appearance at Rocket Raceway's last meeting and seemed comfortable acclimatising to racing on a smaller scale! If he makes it to the meeting, it will be a fantastic moment for us all to witness!

### **Lane 6 – #512 Zach Wainman**

Also only making just the one appearance so far this season, Zach will hopefully be able to put together a fine drive should he attend the race!





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## Grader's Debrief...

Here we are again, another grading period down and just one more left to run until the end of the season in 4 weeks' time! Let's have a look at the points standings...

After another period as top points' scorer, I continue to show the way at the top and have extended my overall gap to 112pts with only 7 meetings left to run as I head towards my 10<sup>th</sup> Silver roof and, amazingly, my 5<sup>th</sup> in-a-row to create more history.

Still in 2<sup>nd</sup> is #124 Chris Radley but the remaining Superstars have shaken up a bit! #53 Matt Trasler is just 10pts back and up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place with #390 Barrie Gregory also progressing up into 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of #555 Richard Sleeman who returns to Superstar!

Missing out on retaining Superstar by a single point, #260 Nigel Shaw now heads the Red grade with #213 James Kinton returning there after a stellar period as Blue!

The Blue grade has stayed fairly static, but we now see #8 return there after his stint at Red as #3 has secured his first Blue roof after a consistent run of scoring! #207 has also rejoined as Blue on average as the grades are now more even than before.

Onto the Yellows, we see #605 and #22 both drop down after a few inconsistent meetings whilst #31 makes it up to Yellow on merit after scoring well from White!

The only change to the White grade sees #20 downgrade from Yellow which could prove an important boost in his bid to win the White Top Championship as he has kept his lead from the last period despite being Yellow and can now score again!

That leaves us with 6x Superstars, 8x Reds, 20x Blues, 19x Yellows and 20x Whites for the final grading period of our 2025/2026 MSRA season!

## What's Next?

As the 2025/2026 MSRA season nears its climax, it is full throttle all the way to the season finale in just 4 weeks' time!

First up, we have the biggest event on the fixtures as **Rocket Raceway** prepare for a Valentine's Day double as hosts of the **2026 Midland Final** and **2026 Novice of the Year Final** on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> February! The following day, we see **B.T.P.** host their final meeting of the season with the **2026 Ladies' Final** taking centre stage to see another Champion crowned on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb!

The following weekend, we see a final trip of the year to **Baylis Racing** on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb where the **2026 Junior Final** is up for grabs before we head for the AGM at **555 Promotions** on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

Next up, we have the final meeting for **555 Promotions** this year as host of the **2026 Minors Final** on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb before we round off **LJD Raceway's** debut campaign on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Finally, we close our 2025/2026 season at **R.S. Promotions** on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March as the last Championship final will be competed for with this year's **Supreme Championship** to round off the on-track action for another season!

*#488 Elliott Shaw*