



Summer 2026 Edition

A Look Ahead As The 2026/2027 Season Approaches...



Summer Greetings! Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of "Talking Stox"! As always, it only seems minutes since we wrapped up our last season but we're 4 months down the line with only 4 more left to go until the next one! Join me as I preview what we can all expect heading into the 2026/2027 MSRA season!

Enjoy!

#488 Elliott Shaw

New Promotions, New Venues, New Prices!

Continuing the theme of last season, we will again have the opportunity to race across an impressive **9 different tracks** with a slightly increased meeting count of **34 events**! However, some of the circuits and promoters hosting the fixtures have changed slightly (but more on that later as you'll see!).

With new promotions also comes new venues and we have three brand new ones to visit this season so make a note of them before you forget!

- **The Lounge Kitchen & Bar, Clifton Wharf, Rugby, CV23 0EY**
- **Woodford Community & Sports Complex, 76 Highfield, Kettering, NN14 4HD**
- **Barrow-On-Soar Conservative Club, 14 North Street, Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8QA**

Finally, the BOC have taken the decision to implement a modest increase to the race fees for this season after a good few years since the last change – therefore, your 2026/2027 race fees will be **£4.00 for adults** and **£2.00 for children** so don't forget when you book in at your first race event of the season!

Fixture List – Key Dates & Events...

Our official pre-season test meeting will be hosted at Sileby Club on **Saturday 10th October** with a start time scheduled at **6:00pm**.

5 weeks later, we kick off our season proper as **MAD Raceway** hosts our 2026/2027 curtain raiser on **Saturday 14th November**!

Next up, we have our annual "Xmas Cracker" event in Sileby, as **Rocket Raceway** and the new-for-2027 **964 Promotions** join up for hosting duties on **Sunday 27th December**.

Following swiftly, we take a trip to Woodford for the **Rosebowl Final** on **Sunday 3rd January** before **Baylis Raceway** (now the "D" shaped circuit this season!) plays host to this year's **Midland Masters** on the weekend of **23rd/24th January**!

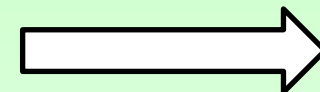
Our showpiece event on the fixtures sees the **2027 Midland Final**, hosted by the BOC this season at Bedworth on **Saturday 13th February**, with the big race held on the ex-Baylis Raceway track!

We then head over to **MAD Raceway** for this year's **Ladies' Final** on **Saturday 20th February** before the younger racers get let loose across the weekend of **27th/28th February** with the **Junior Final** at **Rocket Raceway** and the **Minors Final** at **R.S. Promotions**!

Our season then ends back with a traditional Sunday meeting slot on **7th March** with a final trip of the year to Barrow-upon-Soar!



Bring it on!





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Getting to Know Our 2026/2027 Promotions...



Back on the fixtures for another year, the 555 Promotions circuit has proven to be a leveller since Richard Sleeman completed the refurb on it two years ago and it has shown that any driver can get a result on this circuit so watch out for more of the same this year!



The most uniquely-designed track in the MSRA, the infamous “D”-shaped circuit is back with Clive Baylis for this season at his new venue in Rugby. The chaotic nature of this track should prove fascinating as host for this year’s Midland Masters weekend so keep your eyes peeled for that one!



After purchasing the ex-Amethyst circuit last year, Chris Radley brings us ‘964 Promotions’ as he debuts his new promotion for this season. With his meetings scheduled at Sileby, and hosting this year’s Semi-Finals, Chris and his team will have their eyes on a successful maiden campaign ahead!



Under new management for the 2026/2027 campaign, DT Raceway sees Matt Trasler take the helm of Clive’s ex-Baylis Raceway track and will see his meetings held at Barrow-upon-Soar. Playing host to this year’s Midland Final, it will be all to play for come February!



Returning for a 2nd season back as a promoter, Barrie Gregory’s B.T.P. layout is also a much more even circuit than it used to be so plenty of surprises could lie in wait this season! This track will also be playing host to this season’s all-important Quarter-Finals on the ‘Road to Gold’!





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Heading into his 7th season with the biggest track in the club, Matt Trasler also continues to promote under the MAD Raceway banner at Bedworth Liberal Club and will have the honour of hosting this year's Ladies' Final event scheduled for the weekend after the Midland Final!



A fresh face to welcome onto the promoter's roster is Rich Hampshire as he brings us his 'Unlucky 13' promotion for this season! In doing so, Rich brings back the former Steve Young built 'Coventry' layout which debuted in 2007 so hopefully we see a fitting 20th anniversary return for it!



The OG 'big track' retains its place on the fixtures for this season as the JMR Promotions circuit continues to sit on the sidelines. With chicanes on either straight, and fast action at every turn, the R.S. Promotions layout is sure to provide more thrills and spills across the 2027 season!



Sadly, after just one season, LJD Raceway departs our fixtures for the 26/27 season. However, there are talks of potential plans being readied for them to make a return with another brand-new circuit for the 27/28 season so watch this space for updates from the Mulliss camp!

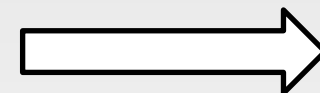


Going into their 6th campaign, Rocket Raceway are back for more out-of-this-world action at Sileby Club! Possibly one of the most even track layouts in the MSRA, there is always close racing wherever you look, and this season sees the Junior Final up for grabs on this circuit!

With 9 tracks spread across the fixtures for this season, along with three brand new promotions and three new permanent venues, this season is shaping up to be one of the most highly anticipated ones I can recall for a long while!

I wish every single one of our promoters all the best heading into the 2026/2027 MSRA season!

Let's make it a season to remember!





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Grader's Picks To Watch Out For In 2027...

Ending last season top of the points table for the fifth season running, **#488 Elliott Shaw** will feature in his 25th year in the MSRA this season after joining as a novice in 2002! With his consistency playing a starring role across the most recent seasons, Elliott will aim to be the leading contender for the Silver roof once more.

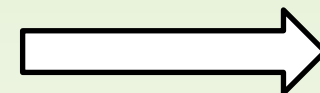
Another driver celebrating 25 years in the MSRA this season is **#124 Chris Radley**, and he will be looking to cap off the milestone in fine style! Finishing runner-up in the last two points titles has shown Chris' pace and I'm sure he will also be focussed on reclaiming his Gold roof after losing it in dramatic fashion last year!

Coming off the back of one of his most consistent seasons last year, **#53 Matt Trasler** will have trophies and titles in his sights as he looks ahead to 2027! Matt captured a podium in the Gold and Silver last year for the second season running but I'm sure he will be aiming to go a couple of places better this season!

After a lightning start to last season, **#260 Nigel Shaw** saw his year unravel with a variety of car and throttle issues which hampered his progress in the Points. That being said, Nigel can never be ruled out of a result and will be making sure that the bad luck from last season is fully in the past as he aims for a better overall year!

The battle for the final Superstar spot across last year was fascinating and it was eventually just a single point separating **#555 Richard Sleeman** and **#13 Richard Hampshire**! This duo also got out of the blocks quicker than anyone else last season so could be early-season contenders to spoil the party for everyone else again!

Another racer who enjoyed a consistent run of results last season was **#390 Barrie Gregory** as he collected 4 Final wins and ended just 6pts back from Superstar at the end of the year! Barrie will be hoping his form can continue into the new season!





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One of the most impressive all-round drivers last time out was **#199 Jamie Campbell** as his meteoric rise from Yellow grade to Red grade stole the spotlight. Adding to that, Jamie also picked up a podium in the Rosebowl Final and Midland Masters Final as well as gridding in his maiden Midland Final underlying his ability to perform in the big events. Surely a Superstar grade is on the horizon for him this season?

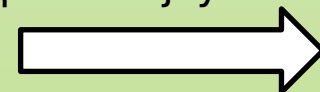
Ending last season winning 4 out of the last 9 Finals, and scoring more points than anyone else in the last grading period too, **#8 Jack Ratcliffe** will be hoping to continue his sparkling form when the new season kicks off and he should be right in the hunt to do so!

Another vastly improved racer last season was **#213 James Kinton** after he secured his maiden Final win and swiftly added a second just a couple of weeks on. Ending top of the Blue graders, James must have his sights set on becoming a regular Red grade this year.

Starting his comeback year as a Superstar, dropping to Blue and ending as a Midland Champion, **#154 Jack Reynolds** had a complete rollercoaster year in 2026! I'm really looking forward to seeing how he performs as our Gold roof this season and I hope he does well!

Leaving it until the final meeting of last season, **#515 Ethan Bunting** brilliantly took home his first ever Final win in fine style after coming close earlier in the year. After flirting with the Blue grade and retreating to Yellow, Ethan will be heading into the new season full of confidence that he can kick on from his fantastic finish to last season and climb back up the grades!

After a few close calls, **#47 Sam Nicholls** eventually seized his opportunity to win his first MSRA title with a phenomenal Rosebowl Final win last season. Always threatening with his pace, Sam will hope to ruffle a few feathers across this season and I hope he enjoys racing as our Rosebowl Champion!





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And Finally...

Well, here we are again! Midway through the summer break between the end of last season and the start of the next but it'll soon be here before we all know it and there is a lot to look forward to for the upcoming season!

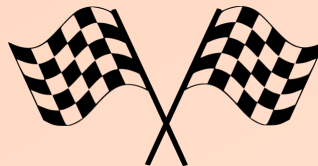
First off, I'd like to welcome our three new promotions for the new season as Chris Radley brings us his first foray into the promoting stable and is joined there by Richard Hampshire as a first-time promoter. Adding in Matt Trasler taking over ownership of the ex-Baylis Raceway circuit and we have three fascinating layouts to race on!

Not only do we have those three new promotions this season, but we also have three new venues to grace our fixtures, and they all appear to offer something new and exciting for us here at the MSRA so I'm looking forward to visiting all of them throughout the course of the season to see what they can bring.

On a more personal note, I am heading into my 25th year of racing this season which is a milestone that has well and truly crept up on me! It doesn't seem five minutes since I was attending the MSRA fixtures as a spectator with my Dad before I even dared to start racing as a 9-year-old boy so I can't believe I've been here for so long!

With a full set of 34 meetings across our fixtures, it is guaranteed to be non-stop thrills and spills all the way to the season finale in March 2027! I hope you all enjoy what's left of your summer before we meet on the track!

See you in November!



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