

NSCC RTR Speed Championship – First 3 Rounds of 2015  
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What a difference a year makes – to the start of a sprinting season. It was the first round of the NSCC Speed Championship and it was the middle of March again, but only the date bore any resemblance to this time last year. The snow at a failing Leicestershire circuit (thankfully now reborn) was a distant memory after a few minutes of blue skies at the very impressive Rockingham Circuit, complete with garages, electricity and running water!

NSCC's first ever visit to Rockingham was a real treat. The weather always helps but the event was well organised with an excellent team of marshalls and 3 timed runs. Plenty of members turned out for the 20 point round and their first taste of the International Super Sports car circuit. Emma Bennison, Paul Woolfitt and myself were the 20 point winners but plenty of scorers in the mid to high teens and good reports from all involved.

This year the Riverside Truck Rental sponsored Championship offers 20 rounds to choose from with 8 to count so plenty of choice.

A typically windy Harewood was the location for round 2. It's always a popular venue with plenty of decent times and the majority braved the chill to stay for the full 3 runs. The battle in Class 2A between Emma B and Richard Abraham stepped up a notch, with just 0.25s separating the two. A stand out run from Ian Butcher in his Renault 5 GT Turbo left him just 0.55s shy of his target, gaining 19.45 points while NSCC newcomer Chris Smith also hit a very good time in SA with his MGZR.

Only a dedicated few made the journey North to Round 3 at Croft on Easter Monday, where Emma collected some valuable points to put her in a clear lead at this early stage.

Aintree and MIRA to look forward to next, with plenty more great venues after that.

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