



Post Race Newsletter

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Declan Lee Motorsport

Welsh Dressing Down

Race Report Anglesey Circuit 10-11th July 2021

Coming off promising results from Silverstone in June, expectations ran a bit higher with the hope of a repeat performance. The driver struggles with Silverstone National circuit a bit and goes better at Anglesey. Such as with the way, with this sport, unfortunately that unravelled immediately. Declan struggled with the circuit (which he likes as a circuit) in practice. That ran through to Qualifying.

Qualified 10th for Race 1 and 21st for Race 2!

Thus, the aim was to try and get a solid drive into the top 5 for Race 1 and then for Races 2 & 3 see if he could improve as close to the top 5 as possible and do so without incident, over the two races, a different type of challenge.

Race 1 on pre-race practice pace was going to be very difficult but overnight the driver had made some mental adjustments which kicked in Race 1. This bought success with a good 7th place. On to Sunday and Race 2 & 3. The first saw 10 position changes to P11. Starting P11 for the final race saw Declan move to P5. A success of sorts but it also involved an incident and a penalty to be carried over to the next event at Snetterton.

Low Pressure Racing

Race Report Snetterton 31st July 2021

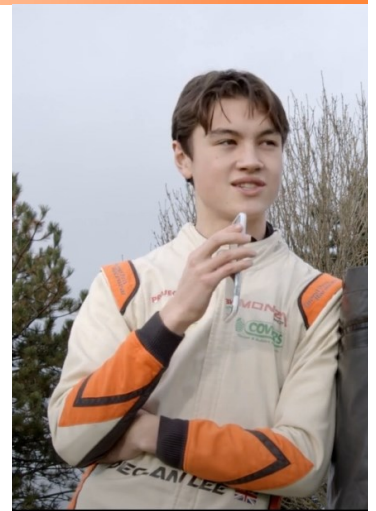
Taking the Anglesey penalty into the grid for Race 1 necessitated a good pace to be established in the Friday pre-race practice, to maximise the potential for a high grid place in Qualifying. That was not to be. Hydraulic pressure problems ruled out any running until the end of the day. 1* That was in very monsoon wet conditions. This was more a shake down test on the car's reliability rather than a focused effort on the driving and set up. The key aspect is a compromised start to the race event which tends to carry forward and have consequences...

So, into Qualification and that was P10 and with penalties that became 19th. That is always a riskier area to start a race and so it proved. Another competitor moved sharply across Declan's line at the start, clobbered the front wheel 2* and he was out of the running.

Race 2 was a P11 start, a much better place to be. Declan finished 7th, which might set him up well on the reverse grid order that applies to the first 7 finishers of Race 2. That gave us a major bonus because number 7 was drawn and so it was Pole position for the driver for Race 3. Now firmly back on track after Friday's problems. Or so we hoped.....

Race 3 was never likely to be a case of Pole to Flag victory. Defending from corner 1, lap 1 is just going to annoy people. The driver was giving away some pace compared to the front running cars. The first 3 laps were pretty good, and the driver raised his speed game. Then the braking bias function failed, and Declan struggled to adapt to a car with too much rear brake pressure. Falling back into 7th. Then a counterattack, as the driver got his game around his compromised braking set up. For the remainder of the race Declan had an epic battle with 4 cars trying to take 7th. Slower than all of these cars on a clear lap meant that several times this place swapped hands. However, Dec could be quicker on parts of the circuit but had to defend in the areas where the car was weak. Declan led into the final lap all the way until 3 corners from the end. When a schoolboy error cost him dear. P11 it was but great fun which had entertained the crowd rather more than rather more settled race higher up the order.

Off to Cadwell Park at the end of the month. Before then some investigation is needed into to our hydraulics pressure.



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