

25<sup>th</sup> May, 2007

Dear Competitor/Team Manager

### **Croft**

Our season is now truly underway, after an excellent weekend of racing at Croft. The double-header was a fantastic start to the season, with 32 cars on the grid, which is the biggest yet in the UK.

Race 1 provided excellent entertainment for all spectators: in fact, there were 12 different leaders at various stages during the race. However, it was 190, Cuisine de France SPAR, who prevailed as the winners after the 3-hour race. A massive congratulations to the team. It was a first ever win for the family driven car of Ian Connell, Marc Connell, Richard Connell and non-family team member, Peter Cate!

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, a mere 1.5 seconds behind the winners, was car 221, Team O'BR/Perrys, which was a great accomplishment for drivers Eugene O'Brien and Neil Walker, as it was the first race in their new car.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place, was the JPR Motorsport Contitech car.

A big well done to car 110, Team Scholarship. Scholarship winner Richard Poynton, top10 finalist Carl Kropacz and Scholarship co-organiser Dan Jones, drove brilliantly in their 1<sup>st</sup> ever outing, to win the highest placed JPR Rental Team trophy.

Car 109 WASP finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place to win team of the day. Well done to Massimo Vignalli and Tim Hartland,

who drove brilliantly, with support from Paul Dobbing and Pete Shaw.

Sunday was an extremely close race. It was a photo finish that saw 131, JPR Motorsport Contitech take the victory, a mere half-second ahead of car 92, Abbey Motorsport, driven by Mark Gillam and Nick Pascoe.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place, it was another podium spot for Team O'BR/Perrys – an excellent weekend for the team.

Congratulations to car 146, JPR Motorsport. Drivers Gary Wardle, Jason Wilkinson and Ian White, drove a strong race, to win Team of the Day.

The highest placed JPR Rental Team was won by Dan Jones, his 2<sup>nd</sup> trophy of the weekend and Paul Luti, who had won 2 races the previous day, in the Drayton Manor Metro Championship. Well done to the pair!

### **T.V Coverage from Croft**

TV Coverage will be shown on Raceworld on the following dates:

Thursday 7th June - 7.00pm  
(SkySports2), 10.00pm (SS2)

Friday 8th June - 1.00am (Sky Sports Xtra), 8.00am (SS2), 1.00pm (SS2), 4.00pm (SS3)

Saturday 9th June - 6.00am (SSX)

Sunday 10th June - 5.00am (SSX)

Yes, this is the same weekend as Mondello Park! So, the sky crew will provide a DVD of the coverage, which can be viewed in the Fun Cup awning at Mondello Park.

### **Polite Reminder**

There were a number of teams at Croft that did not display the mandatory stickers. Mandatory stickers **MUST** be displayed on your car at all times during the official weekend, which starts with 2 hours official testing. Failure to do so means that unfortunately, we will not be able to put any pictures of your car on our website or photobox (from Mondello onwards). You will also be moved to the back of the grid, or start from the back of the pit lane.

If there are any new teams that are unsure where mandatory stickers should be displayed, please see the protected page of the website. Alternatively, contact Paul on 01538 306921.

Also, a reminder to all teams that use a commercial vehicle, you **MUST** display a Uniroyal flag from your vehicle. Please see regulation 6.2.13.

### **Safety Car Incidents**

There were a couple of incidents at Croft, both under the safety car.

Firstly, when the safety car is out, all drivers must make every effort to catch the safety car and not drive a speed where the safety car will catch them.

Secondly, whilst the safety car is on track, the timing of the pit window may vary slightly. If the pit window is due to open while the safety car is out, it will always be shown to the safety car, even if this results in a slight delay to the timing of the pit window.

### **Pictures from Croft**

Photographs from Croft can be viewed on the picture galleries link of our website. You can also

purchase pictures, if you click on our photogallery link. Here, you will be able to buy pictures in various sizes and finishes on our photobox site - you can even buy a mug with a picture of your team/car on it!

If there are any pictures that are not on the photobox site, but our on our website and you would like them adding onto our photobox site, please ring Roxie on 01538 306921.

Also, we have hundreds of pictures from Croft. So, if you would like any new pictures of your team/car adding to our photobox site, then please ring Roxie. If you choose to do this, we can send you various proofs to choose from and your favourites will then be added to our photobox site. However, we will have to delete the current pictures of your team/car when we place the new pictures on the photobox site, due to space restrictions.

### **Spa - Reminder**

Please note that unlike previous years, the fuel used during the race weekend will be charged separately. We will require a fuel deposit of £700.00 per car, to be paid before the 1st June. Please make your cheque payable to Fun Cup UK.

All teams competing at Spa **MUST** pre-order lamp bars, fuel tank adapters and lights to be placed over numbers and on the roof.

Further information regarding Spa will be available after Mondello.

### **Mondello Park - Timetable**

Friday 15:10 - 17:10 Exclusive Testing

Saturday 09:45 - 10:45 Qualifying

Saturday 14:15 - 17:15 Race 1

Sunday 10:35 - 13:35 Race 2

Extra testing is available on Friday for 130 euros. This cannot be pre-booked. You must simply book on the day, with the circuit.

### **Circuit Entry**

Please note that Mondello circuit will be in use on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, although, access will be allowed after 18:00 until 23:00 on Thursday. Garage access will be from 08:00 on Friday.

### **Fuel for Mondello**

98 Octane fuel is extremely rare in Southern Ireland. Ensure that you have enough 98 Octane fuel to complete testing and the race.

### **BBQ Saturday Night**

Lunch will not be provided on Saturday. Instead, your wristbands will be for a bbq on Saturday night.

The race finishes at 13.35 on Sunday and so, there will be no lunch provided, due to the fact that teams will need to pack up and leave straight away to catch a ferry.

### **Rental Drives**

If there are any drivers that wish to rent a seat/ car for Mondello, we still have two cars available. Please contact Paul on 01538 306921.

### **Tickets**

Garage allocation sheets and tickets, can be collected from Roxie, in the

Fun Cup awning on Thursday night and all day on Friday.

### **Transport**

If you require transport for your car to Mondello, or Spa, please call Paul.

### **Fun Cup Website**

This is a polite notice to all teams. We have a great deal of phone calls asking questions, which have been answered on our website. Please check the latest news and teams only protected page of the website first. If you do not know the password for the protected page, please speak to your Team Manager.

### **Test Day**

There is a test day available on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007, at Donington Park. If you would like to test a car, please contact Paul on 01538 306921.

### **End of Year Prize Giving/Party**

Many teams have requested an end of season party. So, the end of year 'do' will be a black tie event. It will be held at the Paramount Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007. To make it easy for everybody, we have chosen a centrally located hotel. This way, nobody has too far to travel.

So, gents, you will need to dig out that dusty old tux, while the ladies get straight off to Selfridges, for a slinky little number and some killer heels!

The hotel offers a gym, leisure complex with indoor pool and many more facilities, for you to take advantage of during your stay.

The special room rate is £65 for a single and £75 for a double, which includes breakfast. To book, please

ring the hotel on 01455 631122 and quote Uniroyal Fun Cup for the special rate.

The evening will commence with a champagne reception, followed by a three-course dinner and prize giving, rounded off with a disco until the early hours. If you are interested in joining in the fun, it's a great way to reward your team for all of their hard work throughout the season and treat the long suffering wives! It's also an excellent way to get everyone together for a party, without having to worry about getting up early to race (with a raging hangover!).

We now need confirmation of commitment, in order to secure our booking. The cost for the evening will be £30 per head. Seating arrangements are 10 people to a table. To secure your place we need a deposit of £10 per person. Please send cheques made payable to Fun Cup UK. Alternatively, to pay by card or arrange other methods of payment, please ring Roxie on 01538 306921.

Please be aware that we are limited to 250 people. Therefore, an early response would be to your advantage.

**Finally**

I look forward to seeing you all at Mondello for another great double-header!

Kind regards

Paul Rose  
Series Director