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## **Fox Motorsport in High Spirits Following a Challenging Start to British GT**

Thousands of motorsport fans ignored pessimistic weather warnings and arrived at Cheshire's Oulton Park this Bank Holiday Weekend to watch the opening round of the Avon Tyres British GT Championship. They were rewarded with beautiful sunshine, great entertainment, celebrity spotting and lots of exciting track action as 32 GT3 and GT4 cars competed in two races!

The Aston Martins dominated Race 1 with #5 Oman Racing's Ahmad Al Harthy and Michael Caine taking first place in the GT3 class having qualified on pole on Saturday. While 22 year old Ross Wylie marked his series debut by taking first place for GT4 in #407 for Beechdean AMR with teammate Jake Giddings.

The second race saw two safety car periods, the first as a result of #42 Century Motorsport spearing in to the tyre wall outside of turn one. And an unfortunate collision between race leaders Gary Eastwood in the FF Corse Ferrari and Mark Patterson's Audi R8 for United Autosport allowed Marco Attard in the #79 Ecurie Ecosse BMW Z4 to take first place for the GT3. Aston Martin proved tough to beat again in the GT4 class with TF Sport's #49 taking the top spot with drivers Andrew Jarman and Devon Modell.

CKT favourites Fox Motorsport started on a high, being the top qualifying Ginetta on the grid, a spectacular achievement for the series' newest Ginetta team. However, they were forced to retire from race 1, despite a great start to the race from driver Paul McNeilly, due to some electrical gremlins in their Ginetta G55 GT4 which surfaced during the pit stop. The team worked tirelessly to ensure the car was ready for the second race, and Jamie Stanley battled hard from their P5 start, however, the safety car's appearance during their pit stop meant they were not able to make up time and finished the race P8.

In spite of the first round challenges the team are optimistic about the next round which will take place on 4-5 May at Rockingham, Northants. Driver Jamie Stanley said "Considering this is the first race, I'm delighted with how far the team have come and how professionally they managed last minute changes and technical challenges. The team work and enthusiasm demonstrated was incredible and I'm certain we will be a strong contender in the next race."

You can join Fox Motorsport and the rest of the British GT competitors for Round 2 on 4-5<sup>th</sup> May at Rockingham International Speedway in Northamptonshire.