

Anderson Out in Front

Going into the event at Leuchars there was a sense of determination going about as the drivers all wanted to perform at their best, and the best they did. The event took place at Leuchars, St Andrews on the 4th of May, it was the 4th instalment of the 2019 championship and it was a cracker!

Fraser Anderson had a point to prove from last month's event as a mistake from the marshals cost Anderson time, and there was dispute if that had effect on the outcome as it was neck and neck at the time, however, this time there was zero dispute about the positioning of the table as Fraser Anderson/ Sinclair Young finished top by over 42 seconds ahead of Cameron Davidson/Ian McRae. This really showed the determination Anderson had to put right the mistake from last time out, finishing nearly a whole minute ahead proves that his drive to perform at his best paid off. Davidson has had a stunning couple of races as he has gone from not having a fully functional car hours before the Condor race to having two podiums finished within the last two events. The story last time out was the podium finish Davidson got after not having a car but this time he did one better by finishing 3 minutes ahead of Jack Hall/Robin Nicolson and finishing one place higher than last time. This shows the improvement Davidson has made and the new car is proving to be a great asset to him as it is handling well and the performances show.

Jack Hall got the last podium finish at Leuchars to finish off a good day, he has improved from event to event and showing that he is loving the championship and enjoying being out on the courses.



Hall was battling with Justin Gunning/Tom Middlemiss for that last place and Gunning didn't let him have it easy by pushing him all the way and making sure it was as tight as possible. Two of the drivers showed true ability and class throughout the day making it a battle for the last podium finish. As much as Gunning pushed Hall, Hall came out the better of the two, it could have gone either way and both drivers were exciting to watch.

The second closest time out of the day was between Thomas Johnstone/Ian Shiells and Aaron Webster/Neil Jeffrey as there was only 46 seconds between them, making an interesting spectacle for the final stages. As anything could happen it could have gone either way to, but it did take the final two stages to decide who was finishing the highest which was Johnstone. This battle summed up the kind of exciting day it was as there was individual battles all over the place making it very interesting for everyone involved thus making Webster and Johnstone the heart of the excitement which was showcased throughout the entire day from everyone.

The final two drivers of the day were Erica Winning/Elysa Gold and Dan Hurst/ Gordon Finnie. These two drivers done very well at Condor as they raced around the courses with style and elegance. Winning had a good time out as she roared around the track, trying to catch Webster in front of her. This was no easy task, but she made it look simply as she took her corners well. It was unfortunate that she didn't catch him in the end, but it was as exciting to watch as it was to be in. Hurst has had no luck recently as in the past two events he has had mechanical issues with the car and this time out he had more of the same. It was no surprise though that Hurst showed great spirit to

get back out and complete the day by setting a time. This was good character from the young man to keep going even though luck is not on his side.

There were two non-finishers at the Leuchars event as Letisha Conn and Oliver hunter both did not finish. This is unfortunate as both are very good drivers and with Conn winning the Novice prize last time out, she would have wanted to build on that. Hunter put in a good performance at Condor too and would have liked to build on that this time out, but they will both be back out in no time without a doubt and show everyone there driving ability once more.

As always, this event would not have been possible without the marshals, the people who helped set up the event and the drivers and crew who took part. I would like to thank them all for their efforts on the day and that it does not go unnoticed.

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Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge Positions – Granite Stages@Leuchars

	Driver	Driver Home Town	Co-Driver	Co-Driver Home Town	Car	Total Time
1	Fraser Anderson (16)	<i>Helensburgh</i>	Sinclair Young	<i>Lairg</i>	Citroen C1	52.00
2	Cameron Davidson (15)	<i>Lesmahagow</i>	Ian McRae	<i>Gartcosh</i>	Volkswagon Up	52.42
3	Jack Hall (16)	<i>Bannockburn</i>	Robin Nicolson	<i>Girvan</i>	Toyota Yaris	55.21
4	Justin Gunning (15)	<i>Lanark</i>	Tom Middlemiss	<i>Markinch</i>	Skoda Citigo	56.56
5	Thomas Johnstone (15)	<i>KettleBridge</i>	Ian Shiells	<i>Monikie</i>	Nissan Micra	57.13
6	Aaron Webster (15)	<i>Glenrothes</i>	Neil Jeffrey	<i>Broxburn</i>	Nissan Micra	57.59
7	Erica Winning (15)	<i>Glasgow</i>	Ellya Gold	<i>Dunfermline</i>	Nissan Micra	60.52
8	Dan Hurst (15)	<i>Hexham</i>	Gordon Finnie	<i>Kinross</i>	Peugeot 107	83.50
	Letisha Conn (14)	<i>Armagh</i>	Ian Crosbie	<i>Penpont</i>	Peugeot 107	DNF
	Oliver Hunter (16)	<i>Ayr</i>	Michael Cruickshank	<i>Crieff</i>	Peugeot 107	DNF