



Press Release - Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge

Everything is looking on the up!

Third round of the Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge took place at Crail airfield in Fife. Oliver Hunter & Michael Cruikshank led the crews into Stage 1, but it was Cameron Davidson & Ian McRae who stopped the clocks 6 seconds faster, giving a lead which they would not concede all day. The anticipated battle between these two crews came to an end in stage 2, when Hunter's Peugeot 107 broke a driveshaft.

Jack Hall & Robin Nicolson had a rather worrying start to their day when their car was damaged on the senior event which took place earlier in the day, but a quick journey to Cumbernauld for a spare part had the car running again in time for the start. Hall then produced some good times throughout the day in a steady run to second place.

Justin Gunning, who is new to the championship, managed to finish an impressive third in only his second event. Gunning, with Stuart McBride navigating, was expected to settle in and get a feel for the championship, but this didn't seem to be the case as Gunning took the event in his stride by competing with Hall throughout the day, going on to take his second Novice trophy.

Letisha Conn & Ian Crosbie have been impressive in the championship to date, but struggled on stage 3 when their intercom failed,

Thomas Johnstone & Ian Sheils had another impressive drive in their Micra, and also came first in the Micra Challenge. Johnstone is improving with every event, and had a good day despite losing some time hitting a tyre, to finish 5th just behind Conn.

Aaron Webster & Neil Jeffrey had a spin on stage 3 but didn't lose much time and finished 6th

Irish visitors, Marcus McElwee & John Henderson had a hectic start to the event as they missed the ferry to come to Scotland, and only managed to get to Crail late on Friday night. They got off to a good start, but unfortunately did a lap short on stage 3 and got a stage maximum, knocking them down the order to finish in 7th place.

Erica Winning & Elya Gold were going well but a slight off on stage 2 caused some minor damage to the car, however, after some TLC and a good check, the car was back in action.

Daniel Hurst has had a run of bad luck in the season so far, and this didn't improve at Crail, when Hurst & Gordon Finnie ran out of fuel in stage 2.

Cameron Davidson had finished 3rd at Condor, 2nd at Leuchars, and had his eyes on going one step better at Crail, and going into the last couple of stages, Davidson had a healthy 2 minute lead and could afford to back off a bit to ensure victory.

With a repaired car, Hunter set off over the last two stages and set fastest times on both, but nothing could stop Cameron Davidson taking his first win in the J1000 Ecosse Challenge.

1	Cameron Davidson Ian McRae	65:32
2	Jack Hall Robin Nicolson	67:52
3	Justin Gunning Stuart McBride	68:14
4	Letisha Conn Ian Crosbie	68:48
5	Thomas Johnstone Ian Shiells	69:53
6	Aaron Webster Neil Jeffrey	73:22
7	Marcus McElwee John Henderson	74:35
8	Erica Winning Ellya Gold	82:57
9	Oliver Hunter Michael Cruickshank	Retired
10	Daniel Hurst Gordon Finnie	Retired