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DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2011

Niall Murray from Dublin has been selected as the Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month for June, for his performances during the month in the Ginetta Junior UK Championship.

The 16 year-old from Firhouse, the winner of last year's inaugural Ginetta Junior Ireland series, finished in an excellent second place in the British Championship race at Oulton Park on June 5, also setting the race's fastest lap. He followed this, two weeks later, with a fourth place finish at Croft in North Yorkshire, despite not having

tested at either circuit previously. He is racing against opposition, many of whom already have knowledge of these tracks, and of the 1.8 litre Ginetta G40, from last year.

Niall plans to complete the season in this class, and hopes to contest it again in 2012, with a



full year's experience to his credit, when he hopes to mount a strong challenge for the UK title. The Ginetta Junior UK class runs as a supporting race to the high profile, televised British Touring Car Championship.

Niall is sponsored by Staffordshire University, which has a partnership with the Beacon Racing team, providing technical knowledge and engineering skills, and by Murray Motorsport and splashIT.net.

He attends Colaiste Eanna Secondary School, where he is a fifth year student. Niall began kart racing in 2003 and won the O Plate meeting in the KF3 class in 2009.

Having been selected as the third Dunlop Driver of the Month for the 2011 season, Niall is now a contender for the prestigious €50,000 Dunlop Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Dunlop, the Irish Sports Council and Motorsport Ireland.

AUGUST FIXTURES

7	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
7	Tipperary	Stonethrowers Stages Rally
7	Donegal	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
13	Cork	Jim Walsh Cork Forestry Rally (FR)
13/14	Midland	Autocross (A – Sunday only)
14	Co Monaghan	Autocross (LS)
19/20	NIMC	Ulster International Rally (TROA)
20/21	MEC	Sprint Weekend (HC)
20/21	Skibbereen	Autotest
21	TDC	Autotest
21	Birr	Autocross (LS)
27	500 MRCI	Race Meeting
28	Carlow	Autocross (A)
28	Galway	Summer Rally (SR)
28	IKC	Kart Race Meeting
28	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
28	TDC	Multi – Venue Autotest

SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

3	Cork	Autotest (H)
3/4	Donegal	Hillclimb (HC)
4	Munster CC	Autotest (H)
4	Castle	Hellfire Stages Rally
4	Northeast	Kart Race Meeting
10/11	Wexford	Stages Rally
10/11	Laois	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
11	Connacht	Autocross (LS)
11	Kerry	Autosolo
11	Meath	Kart Race Meeting
17	MEC	Freeman Cup Sporting Trial
17/18	IMRC	Retrospective Trial
17/18	Leinster	Race Meeting (Leinster Trophy) Mondello
18	Clare	Stages Rally (SR)
18	Imokilly	Rallysprint
18	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
24	500 MRCI	Race Meeting
24	Tipperary	V+V Run
24	ALMC	Endurance Trial
25	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
25	SKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
25	Tipperary	Autocross (LS)

VOLUNTEERS AND TRADERS

Over recent years volunteer organisers have become increasingly alarmed at the demands being placed upon them by purveyors of commercial goods and services. This primarily relates to the provision of space in service areas at events for cars, vans, trucks, marquees and such like.

Many event organisers rely on the goodwill of others to provide them with the space they have for service areas

and inevitably this is strictly limited.

Equally, many events barely break even and are not in a position to pay for such facilities and rely on the goodwill of local contacts to gain access to these facilities.

Therefore, it is particularly unhelpful when commercial operators make unreasonable demands of our volunteer organisers and clubs, often at short notice, to provide space that sometimes

is simply not available, or not available without some cost to the club concerned.

We hope that this message will be read carefully by those concerned and suitable corrective action applied.

Alex Sinclair,
Chief Executive,
Motorsport Ireland

DOPING CONTROL TEST RESULTS

Tests for the detection of prohibited substances were carried out on four drivers by the Irish Sports Council at the Limerick MC Circuit of Munster Rally on 5.6.11. No prohibited substances or prohibited methods were identified.

RACE COMMITTEE

Regulations for the Formula Vee (Appendix 45), Formula Libre (Appendix 55) and Irish Touring Cars (Appendix 54) Championships are available on the MI website under Useful Information/ Yearbook Amendments since Publication.

2011 COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

Gary McElhinney is Donegal MC's nominee to the Navigation Sub-Committee for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 seasons.

STAGE RALLIES – NOTICE FOR CLUBS

As clarification of the item under this heading in the July 2011 MSB, it is

emphasised that "Pins removed from Fire Extinguisher" applies only to

plumbed-in systems and NOT to manual extinguishers.

ELIGIBILITY CHECK

The following competitor's car was sealed by scrutineers at the CKMC Race Meeting at Mondello Park on

15.5.11 and was found, when checked, to comply with the class technical regulations in respect of

engine, carburettors, gearbox, rear axle: Stryker, driver Simon Redden.

VALVOLINE NATIONAL FORESTRY RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Following the postponement of Donegal MC's Forestry Rally scheduled for July 23, it has been

decided that the Omagh MC Bushwhacker Rally on September 24 will replace it as a counting round

of the MI Valvoline National Forestry Rally Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

DUNLOP NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP: after 6 rounds (of 10):

Drivers: Tim McNulty 80 points, Robert Barrable 72, Sam Moffett 67, Kevin Barrett 58, Liam McCarthy 56, Niall Maguire 49, Colm Murphy 44, Frank Kelly 41, Shane Maguire 39, Washington James 34.

Co-drivers: Paul Kiely 80, Damien Connolly 72, James O'Reilly 68, Sean Mullally 58, Enda Sherry 48, Liam Brennan 46, Don Montgomery 45, Denis O'Mahony 45, Llinos Jones-Davies 39, Alan Smyth 35.

Class leaders: Drivers: Pauric McGee, Stephen Carey, Robert Barrable/Sam

Moffett, Shane Timony/Eamonn McCafferty, Alan Fair, Tommy Doyle, Tim McNulty, Lloyd Hutchinson, Aaron McQuaid, David Leonard, Arthur Kierans, Frank Kelly, Washington James, Liam McCarthy, Christopher Snow.

Co-drivers: Derek Heena, Alan Leonard, Damien Connolly/James O'Reilly, Patrick McCrudden, Seamus Connolly, Liam Moynihan, Paul Kiely, Kevin Flanagan, Aidan Coyle, Gareth Quinlan, Mac Kierans, Liam Brennan, Llinos Jones-Davies, Denis O'Mahony, Patrick Brides. Connaught Competition Engines Hillclimb/Sprint Championship: after 8 rounds (of 12):

1. Simon McKinley (Lant RT2 Warrior) 80

points,

2. Brendan Keane (Swallow DR14 F3) 57,

3. John Byrne (Jedi-Honda) 54,

4. Dermot Nolan (Reynard 873 Connaught) 45,

5. Rory Stephens (Radical SR3 Hayabusa Turbo) 41,

6. Trevor Cullen (Escort G3) 27.

Class leaders: Ray Cunningham (Mini), Tommy Murphy (Civic), Ian Quinn (Mini-Hayabusa), Rory Stephens, Mick O'Shea (MGB GT)/John Farrell (Escort), Brid Harpur (Sheane VW), John Mahon (DJ-ADS1-Hayabusa), Simon McKinley, Patrick Haughey (Escort).

CHANGES TO CLUB INFORMATION

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