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

21 year old Aron Smith from Rathfarnham has been selected as the Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month for April. The young Dubliner's performances during the month, which included two wins at Thruxton, combined with an earlier third place, leave him in third position in the highly

competitive Renault Clio Cup UK series.

Aron began his Motorsport career in Kart Racing at the age of 14. Since then, he has progressed through the ranks, winning both the Winter Cup and the Irish Open Kart Championship in 2006. Two years ago, he finished fourth

in the Clio UK series and last year, he tackled the Italian Clio Championship, winning races on two famous Formula 1 circuits, Monza and Imola, as well as taking a second place at Monza.

Aron's ambition is to graduate to a major Touring Car Championship next

JUNE FIXTURES

4/5	RIAC	Pioneer Run
4/5	Carlow	Hillclimb/Sprint (HC)
5	Limerick	Circuit of Munster Stages Rally
5	Northeast	Autocross (GS)
10/11/12	IVVCC	Gordon Bennett V+V Rally
12	Imokilly	Autocross (A)
12	Co Kildare	Rallycross
12	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
12	Kerry	Autosolo
12	Laois	Mini Stages Rally
12	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
15	RIAC/IVVCC	Picnic in the Park
17/18/19	Donegal	International Rally (TROA)
18/19	SKC	Kart Race Meeting (IRL Plate)
18/19	Tipperary	V+V Run (Clonmel)
22	TDC	Autotest
25	500 MRCI	Race Meeting
25/26	Castle	Autocross (A)
26	Carrick-on-Suir	Raven's Rock Stages Rally (SR)
26	MEC	Race Meeting - Mondello



year, either the British series or farther afield. He is currently a Structural Engineering student in Dublin Institute of Technology.

With backing from sponsors Smiths' Hire Centre, Smiths' Building Supplies, Brandtactics and Ashleaf Motor Centre, Aron will contest the remaining ten rounds of the Clio Cup UK during the year, running as part of the support package to the British Touring Car Championship.

Having been selected as the first Dunlop Driver of the Month for the 2011 season, Aron 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.

JULY FIXTURES

2/3	Tipperary	Hillclimb
3	Skibbereen	Autocross (LS)
3	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
3	IKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
3	TDC	Multi - Venue Autotest
9	Connacht	Stages Rally (SR)
9	Cork	Autotest
10	Leinster	Lincoln & Nolan Cup Sporting Trial
10	Galway	Autocross (A)
10	Tipperary	V+V Run (Dungarvan)
10	Imokilly	Autotest
10	Leinster	90th Anniv V+V & Classic Car Run
16/17	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (O Plate)
17	Clare	Autocross (LS)
17	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
17	ALMC	Stages Rally
23	Donegal	Forestry Rally (FR)
23	Kerry	Rallysprint
23/24	Carlow	Race Meeting - Mondello
24	Co Monaghan	Autocross (GS)
24	Skibbereen	Economy Run
24	TDC	Autotest
30	500 MRCI	Race Meeting
30/31	Killarney	Autocross (LS)
30/31	Laois	Autocross (GS)
30/31	Limerick	Hillclimb
30/31	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
31	Tipperary	V+V Run
31	Carlow	Rallysprint

Licence Statistics

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 31 May:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Renewals	2526	2204	2881	2819	2970	3227	3384	3540	3578	3233	3019	2817
First Time	623	447	532	529	484	466	460	509	528	376	325	313
Total	3149	2651	3413	3348	3454	3693	3844	4049	4106	3609	3344	3130

DATE CHANGE

Galway Sprint - Tynagh 26.6.11 cancelled.

DOPING CONTROL TEST RESULTS

Tests for the detection of prohibited substances were carried out on three drivers by the Irish Sports Council at the Meath Kart Race Meeting on 10.4.11. No prohibited substances or prohibited methods were identified.

COMPETITOR PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Clothing and Overalls

The use of FIA homologated 3 layer overalls (1986 or subsequent standard) and gloves to FIA 1986/ISO standard (or subsequent standard) has been approved for the following MI permitted events ONLY:

1. Autocross (Grass Surface & Loose Surface)
2. Hillclimbs/Sprints, for drivers of cars in the following classes ONLY: Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 (as defined in 2011 Yearbook)
3. Rallysprints.

The overalls and gloves must be in good condition; worn/damaged items will not be accepted.

All other clothing, i.e. underwear (top & bottom), socks, boots and balaclava remain as per Appendix 2, Article 23 (FIA 8856-2000).

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the Co Kildare MC Rallycross on 13.3.11 and were found, when checked, to comply with the regulations for the Junior class in respect of engine and gearbox: Toyota Starlet, driver Niall Murray; Nissan Micra, driver Joel

Richardson; Nissan Micra, driver Mark Francis.

The following competitor's car was checked by scrutineers at the Cavan Stages Rally on 29.5.11 and was found to comply with its homologation papers: Honda Civic, driver Mark Ewing. The following competitor's car

was checked by scrutineers at the Cavan Stages Rally on 29.5.11, was found not to comply with its homologation papers in respect of brakes, and was excluded from the event: Honda Integra, driver John Duffy.

HAWTHORN TROPHY

The Hawthorn Trophy calendar showing the nominated counting rounds per class and the points accumulated per competitor as at 28

May 2011 are now available on www.motorsportireland.com under Championships/Hawthorn Trophy. Note that the number of completed

rounds per class is highlighted on the points scoring document.

AMENDMENTS TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 29 – Regulations for all Stage Rallies

With immediate effect, Classes 1-4 are amended as follows: Group N, plus any cars whose FIA permission to run expired on or after 31.12.10, which are eligible for an additional four years.

With immediate effect, Classes 5-8 are amended as follows: Group A, plus any cars whose FIA permission to run expired on or after 31.12.10, which are eligible for an additional four years.

AMENDMENTS TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FORMULA VEE

Amended Technical Regulations covering Wheels and Tyres for Formula Vee are available on the MI website under Useful Information /Technical Information

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