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## BACK TO THE FRONT!

The Airwaves Racing team are now where they belong, at the sharp end of the BTCC grid...

fter the summer break, the Airwaves Racing team really sorted themselves out for Round 6 at Snetterton, coming away from the Norfolk circuit with five trophies, three podiums, and bundles of points for the Championship.

The progress the team had made was immediately apparent, even in the opening race of the weekend. The Focus was instantly more competitive than it had been so far in the season, and the first race saw both drivers comfortably in the mix and showing good pace, finishing P6 and P8.

The team were forced to replace Aron Smith's clutch in the short break between races one and two, getting him onto the grid with moments to spare. Their efforts were rewarded though, with a sterling drive from the





Irishman. Smith held second place for the majority of the race, until Championship leader Matt Neal passed him on the closing laps. Nonetheless, the podium finish was the perfect way to reward the team's hard work. Mat Jackson followed him home in fourth.

The final race saw both cars finish on the podium, securing the team's best finish this year with Mat claiming second and Aron finishing third. The race was incident filled, but both Airwaves drivers managed to avoid the carnage going on around them, and drive a great race.

Smith claims: "The car was perfect all weekend," and Jackson agrees: "To come here and be able to challenge for wins is mega." Both drivers are full of confidence as they head off to Knockhill for Round 7, and with the car's revived performance you wouldn't bet against one of the *Fast Ford*-sponsored Focuses taking a race win in Scotland.

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