



The Airwaves Racing boys gave it their all at Knockhill to add to their points tally

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TRIO OF TOP TENS

The Airwaves Racing team secures three hard-fought top-ten finishes at Knockhill.

After a hugely successful outing at Snetterton in the previous round, the Airwaves Racing team were hoping for good things for Round 7 at Knockhill.

Qualifying wasn't great though, and didn't reflect the true pace and performance of the Focus. Despite being less than half-a-second behind the pole setter, the two cars started Race 1 in P11 (Aron Smith) and P16 (Mat Jackson).

The first race proved just how hard it is to pass around Knockhill, as both drivers bounced off the kerbs as they fought hard to work their way through the pack. Smith finished 10th earning the first top-ten finish of the day, while Jackson made his way up to 12th.

Smith then suffered electrical failure while on the grid ready for the start of



Aron Smith showing us the fastest way around Knockhill is over the kerb... literally

Race 2, forcing him to sit it out and watch from the pitlane. Team mate Jackson was on a charge however, and hunted down and passed Nick Foster's BMW, Tom Onslow-Cole's VW Passat, and Dave Newsham's Toyota Avensis, before being pipped at the post in a final straight drag race with Sam Tordoff's MG, eventually finishing 9th.

The third and final race of the day was just as frantic. Jackson was showing early promise, but after taking evasive action to avoid damage from an over-zealous move by Foster, Jackson

re-joined down the field. With reigning champion, Gordon Shedden's Honda forcing him out with a dramatic fire, and Colin Turkington later excluded for a technical infringement, Jackson's final position was boosted to 7th – earning the team and driver valuable Championship points.

Aron Smith had an equally eventful final race, but kept his nose clean and fought his way through from the back of the grid to eventually finish 16th.

Next up, the team head to Rockingham for Round 8...

