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The Airwaves Racing Focuses enjoyed mixed results at Donington, including three top 10 finishes...

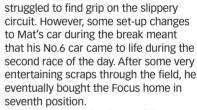
he BTCC circus headed to
Donington Park for the latest
rounds of the championship,
where the weather was less
than inviting! But despite the torrential
conditions, the Airwaves Racing
Focuses put on a strong display in all
three races.

The first race saw all cars struggle to find grip in the challenging conditions. The Airwaves cars looked set for a weekend of mixed results, with Mat Jackson battling hard in the middle of the field to earn a hard-fought 14th place, and Fabrizio Giovanardi managing to climb four places to bring the No.7



car home in P7.

The second race was just as wet, and unsurprisingly, saw the safety car called upon for several laps. Fabrizio's performance mirrored that of the first race, finishing P12 as he



The track then dried out a fair amount before the third and final race of the day, meaning the entire grid opted for the softer compound Dunlop tyre. An opening lap melee gave Mat the opportunity to sneak through, while those in front were busy crashing into each other – something he took full advantage of – stealing fourth place prior to the first safety car period. Fabrizio also made good use of the situation sliding his way through to P8.

Mat went on to challenge the MG and Hondas for a spot on the podium, but finally finished a respectable fourth. Unfortunately, Fabrizio didn't enjoy the same success and struggled with stability issues, causing him to drop back through the field – a post-race 30-second time penalty for exceeding track limits added to the Italian's woes during the weekend's final moments.

Jack Clarke also had some close battles and continues to show promise in the third Motorbase Focus.

With all cars showing potential, but a few issues still to address, the team have their work cut out, but are quietly confident the next round at Thruxton will reap greater rewards.



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