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## Tordoff clinches first BTCC win at Snetterton



Yorkshire touring car driver Sam Tordoff picked up his debut win in the British Touring Car Championship last weekend at Snetterton, and continued to pick up points as he enjoys a scorching first season in the top flight of closed wheel racing.

The 23-year-old Leeds racer led from his very first pole position and made it a double celebration with a first win in the same race, crossing the line less than a quarter of a second ahead of MG teammate and TV presenter Jason Plato.

"I'm thrilled with my first win, and a one-two for the team was the icing on the cake. We knew we had the pace, we showed it in the test during the summer break, but you never know how the weekend is going to pan out.

"It was my first pole, and I knew that if I got away well I'd have a great chance of winning, and thankfully the start went according to plan. We're sitting in second overall and it feels like I have ticked an important box with this maiden win, and now I am looking forward to more."

Sam missed out on a points finish in the second race, but came back to finish in fifth place in the final race of the weekend. With a total of 182 points in the driver's championship, Sam sits just behind teammate and former champion Plato on 206 points.



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Tordoff has already impressed with three podiums since he made his debut for the MG KX Momentum Team in March this year, and he remains in sixth place out of 31 drivers after gaining another two points finishes.

Together with team mate and TV presenter Jason Plato, the MG team currently sits in second place in the championship with a total of 372 points.

Tordoff splits his time between racing and working at his family's Bradford based JCT600 car retail business. He is following in the footsteps of his grandfather Jack Tordoff who competed in professional rallying in the 1960s and 1970s.

The next meeting of the 2013 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship takes place at Knockhill on 24 and 25 August with the races televised on ITV1.

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**Photography:** Sam Tordoff racing in the BTCC in his 2013 car

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