

PRESS RELEASE

'Battle of the Sexes' Woman driver beats Wave 105 presenter Andy Jackson

Crowds gathered round the track at Thruxton race circuit in Hampshire to witness Wave 105 teatime presenter Andy Jackson go head to head with woman racing driver, Dawn Boyd, in a high speed karting race.

The challenge was set after Dawn, whose racing career began just last year when she was selected by Formula Woman to race in the prestigious championship, heard Andy criticising women drivers on air.

Dawn says; "I decided to call the station when I heard Andy talking about how bad woman drivers were. I thought it would be funny for him to put his money where his mouth was and challenged him to a race. I failed to mention however that through Formula Woman I had landed myself a place in the 2007 Dunlop Great & British Mini Challenge with the Advent Motorsport team, so Andy was in for a surprise."

It was decided that the competition would consist of three four-lap races, so all fired up Andy and Dawn set off round the track in Thruxton's high spec thunder karts which reach speeds in excess of 55mph. As the first race began both drivers were neck and neck but within seconds it was clear that Dawn had the upper hand as she crossed the finishing line first. After the second race had the same result they decided to switch karts, but Andy was still lagging behind and when Dawn crossed the finishing line this time, Andy was nowhere to be seen.

Not one to be a sore loser though, Andy says; "I have clearly let down the male population today and take back everything I said about women not being able to drive as Dawn has definitely proved me wrong. I wish her all the success in her motor racing and I'm sure she will go far."

Thruxton also treated the pair to a 4x4 challenge, which both Andy and Dawn where excellent at so the instructor concluded a draw.

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