

## Slippery Slope

Dawn Boyd headed west last weekend for the latest rounds of the Dunlop Great & British Mini Challenge at the challenging and fast circuit of Castle Combe.

After taking extra practise at the circuit Dawn was looking forward to a successful weekends racing... but it was not to be..

Going out on track for Qualifying on Saturday morning Dawn's car was hard to control in the corners, the rear of the car was sliding out of control, which caused a partial spin on the first corner, going relatively slowly. Dawn had to struggle on as there was no time to check or repair anything. Qualifying in 10<sup>th</sup> Dawn was disappointed. The car was checked and serviced, however in Race 1, that afternoon, there was still something wrong, Dawn managed to bring the car home safely in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Again the car was checked and serviced, so Dawn went out for Race 2 on Sunday morning hoping for better results. Dawn had a flying start making up 3 places on the starting grid and by overtaking an incident on the first corner Dawn was in 4<sup>th</sup> place! but the car was now more slippery than ever and slowly but surely all the overtaken cars caught up and regained their places... very unhappy, Dawn finished 9<sup>th</sup> again.

At service, this time, the problem came clear. The cars fuel tank was leaking, a problem only ever seen once before by the team boss in years of racing. The fuel was dribbling down through the car shell and onto the back wheel!!

So, Race 3 on Sunday afternoon was going to be the big one, time to show everyone and prove that Dawn could get the faster laps with a car that worked. It was a rolling start and Dawn was caught out a little while she was ensuring the tyres were warmed and primed, but she still managed to get with the pack in time for the first corner. A couple of incidents happened in front when suddenly her team mate lost control of her car at speed and smashed straight into the drivers side of Dawns car - the car was smashed and disabled and she limped to a halt at the side of the track.

Another disappointing weekend, Dawn is down hearted and bruised but refuses to give up, she will be back on track in a weeks time this time at Donington Park with everything crossed that her luck has to change sooner or later!