



## National Racing Championship 2003



# 6th JK Tyre National Racing Championship - Chennai enthralled to witness the Speed -

## RESOUNDING PERFORMANCE BY J.D MADAN AT THE PENULTIMATE LEG OF THE JK TYRE NATIONAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP GAURAV DALAL AND HARI K WIN THE RESPECTIVE RACES OF THE FORMULA MARUTI CATEGORY & SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF FORMULA LGB CARS

New Delhi: The silence was broken by the roar of machines being raced at the Sriperumbudur track this Sunday, December 07, 2003, as the third and penultimate leg of the JK Tyre National Racing Championship kicked off. This Sunday experienced for the first time the new Formula LGB cars being raced at Sriperumbudur although they did not form any part of the championship. Prepared by LG Sports and Akbar Ebrahim these cars sounded loud and added more zoom power to the afternoon. In the Championship however, it was J.D. Madan all the way in the Saloon class and in the Formula Maruti category, it was Gaurav Dalal dominating in the first race with Hari K sharing top honors in the second race for the day.

### **RACE REPORT – Formula Maruti** **Race I (10 Laps)**

With 19 cars lining up the grid for the first race of the afternoon, it was pole position man and fastest in qualifying – Gaurav Dalal who had a great start to lead into the first corner. By lap 1, he had built up a sizeable lead of over 2 seconds over second place man Gaurav Gill who was to retire on lap 8. Sarosh Hataria the Championship leader moved into second place but was being chased by a charging bunch comprising of K Hari, Gurunath and Jigar Muni. While Gaurav Dalal ran away with a victory of over 9.6 seconds, the race for second place was a closely fought one. Sarosh lost second place to K Hari on lap 6 and Jigar Muni moved into third place on lap 8 by overtaking Sarosh. Gautam Maini and Gurunath were amongst the prominent racers to drop out and Sarosh ended up in fifth. Aman Preet Ahluwalia from Delhi was declared as the winner for the Novice award and the fastest lap of this race went to the flying Gaurav Dalal.

### **Race II (15 Laps)**

The final race for the day saw a false start by Naren Shankar, reducing the race to 14 laps thereafter. At the restart Gaurav Dalal drove into a strong lead ahead of K Hari and Sarosh Hataria. Running in a strong fourth position was Aman Preet Ahluwalia. Sarosh was chasing K Hari and on lap 7 he made his move, but Hari had shut the door. Lap by lap the battle for second place between four cars went on as Gaurav Dalal driving a hard paced race was running comfortably ahead by 6 seconds. Disaster struck on lap 11, when he suddenly dropped out of the race with a broken rear suspension. With 2 laps to

go it was Hari K in the lead, followed by Jigar Muni, Sarosh Hataria and Aman Preet Ahluwalia. For this race the novice award went to Amol Patel.

### **RACE REPORT – Saloon Class**

#### **Race I (10 Laps)**

J D Madan had a wonderful start to lead into the first corner of lap1 over championship leader Ayub Khan who was second followed by Radha Selvarajan. The race for the first six positions was a closely fought one and there was hardly anything between them. Radha driving a stupendous race overtook Ayub on lap 8 and opened up a gap between the train following behind him. Lap by lap he moved to catch J D Madan literally coming to stick to his bumper volleying for position. Ayub ran into a strong third place ahead o K Hari. However, it was J D Madan who drove a well controlled race to take the chequered flag to keep his championship hopes alive. Rajiv Lal won the novice award while the storming Radha Selvarajan took the honor for the fastest lap of the race.

#### **Race II (15 Laps)**

The 15-lap race had a lot of excitement from the word go. Ayub Khan the championship leader wa unlucky at the start as he was stranded on the track with the other cars having to make their way around him. It was found that he had a leaking engine spilling oil at the start of the grid. However, it was the high speed of J D Madan getting the better of everybody in the opening laps. Gurunath and K Hari had an accident but K Hari continued with his race inspite of a dented front end. In the latter field, Anil Wadhwa went off in the last corner giving a huge advantage to novice driver and the only lady driver in the field – Sarika Sehwat and Sundar to fight it out for the novice award. J D Madan kept his cool and finished ahead of Radha with Vikram Moorthy finishing a credible third place. The novice award went to Sundar and J D Madan clocked the fastest lap.

### **RACE REPORT – Formula LGB**

#### **Race I (10 Laps)**

Sarosh Hataria in pole position lost the lead to Gaurav Dalal on lap 1. But Gaurav's lead before it could last long, On lao 3 it was Sarosh who stormed into the lead. Raymand Banajee who was running in a strong third overtook Gaurav Dalal on lap 6. Sarosh Hataria took the chequered flag in the inagural Formula LGB race. This will be exciting category to watch in the years to come.

#### **Race II (10 Laps)**

Pole position Sarosh Hataria had a wonderful start once again. The bunch behind had a collision on the first corner. Eventually the field spread out with Sarosh Hataria leading and Raymand Banajee following him. On lap 5, Rayomand overtook Sarosh and the race to the chequered flag began in the right earnest. Ameya Walavalkar was running in a strong 3rd place. Sarosh in a very quick lap went pedal to metal and took the lead once again on lap 8. He won the race just 0.235 seconds ahead.

The next and the final round of the JK Tyre National Racing Championship 2003 is scheduled for Sunday, 21st December 2003.

**CONSOLIDATED RACE RESULTS**

**Formula Maruti Race 1 (10 Laps)**

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	Gaurav Dalal	13:43.728
2	K. Hari	13:53.422
3.	Jigar Muni	13:54.411
<b>NOVICE AWARD</b>		
Aman Preet Ahluwalia		13:54.629
<b>BEST TUNER AWARD</b>		Bhaskar & Kumaravel

**Formula Maruti Race 2 (15 Laps)**

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	K. Hari	17:28.446
2	Jigar Muni	17:28.987
3.	Sarosh Hataria	17:29.731
<b>NOVICE AWARD</b>		
Amol Patel		17:29.731
<b>BEST TUNER AWARD</b>		Arumugham

**Saloon Class - Race 1 (10 Laps)**

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	J.D. Madan	13:55.480
2	Radha Selvaraj	13:55.973
3.	Ayub Khan	14:06.968
<b>NOVICE AWARD</b>		
Rajiv Lal		14:20.460
<b>BEST TUNER AWARD</b>		Karthik

**Saloon Class - Race 2 (15 Laps)**

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	J.D. Madan	19:33.103
2	Radha Selvaraj	19:33.329
3.	Vikram Murthy	19:47.669
<b>NOVICE AWARD</b>		
Sundar		20:43.228
<b>BEST TUNER AWARD</b>		Roopesh

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