

Will has frustrating start in Ginetta juniors

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Will Palmer in action at Brands Hatch

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YOUNG Will Palmer endured a frustrating opening weekend in Rounds 1 & 2 of the Ginetta Junior Championship Season at Brands Hatch last weekend.

With a structured pre-season testing programme under his belt ahead of his first full season of racing, hopes were high for the Horsham schoolboy.

The weekend started brightly for Will, finishing in the top eight in all three free practice sessions, before qualifying a creditable sixth for both races.

Race one could hardly have started worse for Will as too much wheelspin meant he lost a couple of positions before battling hard in the ensuing few laps to recover to his original starting position.

However, his hard work was all undone when he lost control of the car coming round the last corner and beached himself in the gravel, retiring from the race.

Determined to make amends for his retirement in the earlier race, Palmer was keen to finish race two and bring some points home.

This time, Will got a good start off the line and managed to hold his own on the first lap.

A mistake on the second lap demoted him to seventh and he tried hard to grab the place back.

He explained: "I was a lot quicker than the car in front and was trying to get past, but he was being ultra-defensive so I couldn't make a move to regain the position."

Will was looking good for a sixth place finish, but a last minute moment of confusion cost him dearly and he only finished tenth.

"Finishing was an expectation really" Will added. "But nevertheless it was still good to finish after my earlier retirement in the first race."

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