

RACING NEWS

RACING WOMEN BACK FOR 2026

New four-strong all-female intake to race in Radical Cup from mid-season

By Graham Keillor

Four novice female drivers will make their Radical Cup UK race bow from mid-season after being selected for the Racing Women programme, founded by Formula Woman creator Graeme Glew.

Glew co-founded Racing Women last May to support female drivers entering motorsport. He established Formula Woman in 2004 as a race championship before relaunching it as an assessment competition in 2021, offering GT Cup prize seats.

Eight female racers in four Radicals raced under the Racing Women banner in last year's Radical Cup UK Donington Park season closer.

For 2026, four drivers have been selected following an ice driving shootout in Sweden, which came after assessments at Bedford and in the United Arab Emirates involving 150 candidates. Nina Hahn and Lisa Steinle from Germany, Jamie-Lea Hawley from England and Alicja Cyrek from Poland make up the race line-up, with fellow Englishwoman Kate Broadbent named as reserve.

The quartet tested Radical machinery at Brands Hatch last week. They are not due to race until Radical Cup UK's round three of four in 2026 at Silverstone's Grand Prix circuit in early August, before contesting the Donington Park season closer in September.

Further testing and technical training will take place before their race debut.

Glew told Motorsport News: "We want them to be competitive rather than throwing them into the lion's den and having lots of damage and gravel all over the place. They've got the speed, but they haven't got the racecraft knowledge yet. So we'll come in with a big splash at Silverstone."



The four Racing Women race drivers sampled Radical machinery at Brands Hatch last week

JACKES' DESPAIR AT LOST SILVERSTONE WIN

Flynn Jackes came agonisingly close to his first GB3 Championship win at Silverstone's recent season opener, after a long road to recovery following a late-2024 road traffic accident.

The Filipino suffered a broken leg in a crash near Donington Park in late 2024 and worked hard to return to fitness ever since, losing 14 kilograms in the process. Starting from pole in Silverstone's reversed-grid race, Jackes led every lap but crossed the line third after a dramatic finish.

Heading down the Wellington Straight on the final lap, Jackes was overtaken by both Hitech's

Jin Nakamura and Elite team-mate Kyuho Lee. The trio ran three-wide at Brooklands, the third-to-last corner, and Nakamura swept around the outside to take victory.

"I'm gutted," Jackes said. "I also need to look at the positive that I'm here in third. I'm just going to keep my head down."

Jackes acknowledged the magnitude of his comeback but remained focused on improvement.

"I've worked so hard," he said.

"You can look at what you've done wrong to help you improve, but you also need to remember to keep looking at what you did well."



Long road back didn't result in win



F1600 ace did well after GB4 step-up but reckons he can do better

SMYTH TARGETS IMPROVEMENT AFTER PROMISING GB4 BOW

Formula Ford graduate Jason Smyth believes he has plenty of room to improve in GB4, despite an impressive slick-and-wings debut at Silverstone and leaving the opener third in the championship.

The 19-year-old Irishman won both of last year's blue-riband Formula Ford events, the Walter Hayes Trophy and the Formula Ford Festival, and claimed a dominant United Formula Ford title.

Smyth marked his recent GB4 debut weekend with Douglas Motorsport by taking a maiden podium in race two, as well as fourth and fifth-place

finishes in the other two races. He feels, however, that there are clear areas to work on.

"After the dominant year I had last year, it's been a difficult start compared to what I'm used to," Smyth said. "We just need to keep working and getting more comfortable with the car."

"The biggest thing is getting used to the new tyres. We were really good on used tyres, but getting the best out of new tyres was where I was struggling a little bit."

"I'm happy with finishing third, but all I want is to finish first."

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The popular enduro continues

THE RACE OF REMEMBRANCE RETURNS

The Race of Remembrance will return this November with British Racing and Sports Car Club bosses confirming they will again work alongside Mission Motorsport to deliver the popular charity enduro.

The event takes place again at Anglesey Circuit, this year on November 6-8.

Race of Remembrance is the flagship occasion of armed forces motorsport charity Mission Motorsport and centres on a 12-hour endurance race that pauses on Remembrance Sunday morning for a service.

BRSCC Head of Club Operations Luke Souch said: "This event holds a unique place in the UK motorsport calendar, and it is a privilege for the BRSCC to play a role in supporting such a meaningful occasion that brings the motorsport community together to honour and remember those who have served."

HILTON ENCOURAGED BY SILVERSTONE PACE

Luke Hilton put in remarkable recovery drives during the GB4 season opener after losing his double pole position and being forced to start all three Silverstone races from the back.

The Nitrous Competitions ADM Racing driver was disqualified from qualifying for failing to reduce his speed through multiple waved yellows, leaving him 28th on the grid for every race.

He completed 37 overtakes across races one and two to finish eighth and 11th respectively, before contact with another driver restricted him to 20th in race three.

"I have to take away what I did wrong from this weekend, but not only that, also what I did well," Hilton said. "I know I can deliver a good lap, and I know I've got the team around me to go and deliver that."

"It's just my mindset that needs to shift to be a more conservative, championship-winning driver, instead of going out and making those silly moves," he added. "We have the raw pace, and we know we can overtake in the races, we just need to dial it back a bit."



Hilton was on comeback trail