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A Dream Come True

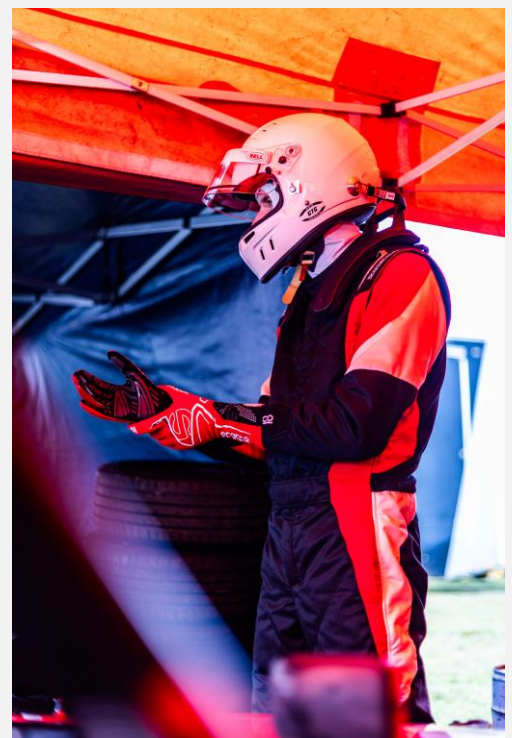


The countdown to Luke's debut season stepped up in April 2026 as the BRSCC confirmed he would compete using his favourite race number, 16. Steve Kite from Misty Racing then completed the car's visual identity package, applying Luke's race number, LJB logos and full driver name to the car.

Armed with valuable simulator experience and a couple of productive track days in the Mazda Mk1, Luke's focus soon turned to his debut race weekend at the championship opener at Snetterton Circuit.

KUMHO TYRE MAZDA MX-5 CLUBMAN CHAMPIONSHIP Season Opener at the Snetterton 300 Circuit – April 17th & 18th

Testing on Friday went extremely well, with the Misty Racing team delivering thorough and constructive video and telemetry debriefs throughout the day. Luke also benefited greatly from the support and encouragement of his fellow team drivers, who warmly welcomed him and shared valuable experience and advice over the course of the weekend. Building on Friday's progress, qualifying on Saturday morning proved another positive step forward, with Luke posting lap times comfortably inside the top 18 of the 26-car field. However, after the 15-minute session concluded, several competitors experienced issues with lap timing transponder data not registering correctly with race control. Unfortunately, Luke was among those affected, resulting in him starting his first-ever race from the back of the grid.



Racing Debut

Later that morning, Luke headed to the assembly area for the first of his two races of the weekend. In many ways, starting from the back of the grid may have worked in his favour, as it removed some of the pressure from what was his very first race start in a competition car — something impossible to truly replicate during track or test days. Luke showed no frustration about his qualifying setback and instead embraced the challenge ahead, eager to put his developing race craft into practice.

As the lights went out, the excitement of the moment led to Luke missing second gear, dropping him briefly to the very back of the field. However, he responded immediately, making up positions within the opening corners and continuing to progress throughout the race. By the chequered flag, Luke had climbed to an impressive 18th place out of a 26-car field — an excellent result in his debut race.

The second race later that afternoon would provide an even greater challenge. Championship regulations meant Luke would start where he finished Race One, placing him 18th on the grid and firmly in the heart of the fiercely competitive midfield battle. Anyone familiar with BRSCC Mazda MX-5 Championship racing will know just how intense the action can be, with constant wheel-to-wheel and bumper-to-bumper competition throughout the field.

Luke kept calm under pressure and delivered another composed drive, working patiently through traffic and steadily gaining positions to finish an outstanding 13th overall. For a debut race weekend, little more could have been asked, and both LJB Motorsport and the Misty Racing team were delighted with Luke's performance.



A huge thank you to Graham Johnson and Fin Crawford from Goodwood Road Racing Club for their fantastic pre-event track familiarisation and race craft simulator sessions, which proved invaluable heading into the weekend. We are equally grateful to Steve Kite and everyone at Misty Racing for supplying such a well-prepared car and for their tireless mechanical support throughout the event. Most importantly, thank you to Steve and Paul for their constant encouragement, humour, passion and advice, helping Luke gain confidence and improve with every lap.

If you are interested in supporting Luke on his Journey

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