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James Gornall completes 2020 Trade Price Cars Racing line-up

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The final piece in the puzzle for the 2020 driver pairing for Wickford outfit Trade Price Cars Racing in the forthcoming Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship has now been slotted into place, as reigning MINI Challenge champion James Gornall teams up alongside Bobby Thompson in the second Audi S3.

Gornall has got extensive racing experience, having been a multi-time karting champion, raced in BARC Formula Renault and also British GT along his journey to the BTCC for 2020, and will compliment his new team mate.

Despite having had a several year hiatus from racing after winning the 2008 title with Jon Barnes in a Dodge Viper run by Brookspeed and a class win at the Silverstone 24 Hours that same year with Beechdean Motorsport, he returned back in 2014 in the BMW Compact Cup, where he would meet Dan Kirby firstly as a rival in 2015.

The 35-year-old would make an impression as a guest driver in the MINI Challenge in 2018, before winning the title the following season, which gave him the chance to drive the Motorbase Ford Focus RS at the end of last year,

“When I decided to enter the MINI Challenge last season, it was with the aim of learning the skills required to move into British Touring Cars in the future, as I’d never raced in front wheel drive before,” admitted the Bedford ace, who had the desire to really make the jump towards the BTCC.

“I felt comfortable straightaway and knew that I would be able to do myself justice. “I’ve known Dan for a few years from our time racing against each other in the Compact Cup, and we had a chat about his plans for the touring cars with the Audis twelve months ago at the Autosport Show. I’ve kept a keen interest in how things have been going since then, and it’s great that I’m now going to be part of the team for my debut season in the BTCC.”

Gornall has also stated his clear intentions for a début season – to fight for trophies, the Jack Sears Trophy and the Independents’ title:

“As a driver you always want to win races and if you don’t go into a new season feeling you can win, then you won’t do. I’m looking forward to working alongside Bobby and think we can have a lot of fun during the season ahead. A huge thanks to Dan and the team for making this deal happen, and I can’t wait to get started.”

“On the back of our 2019 season, there was a lot of interest in the Audis and a lot of speculation about who would be at the wheel, and I’m really pleased to now welcome James

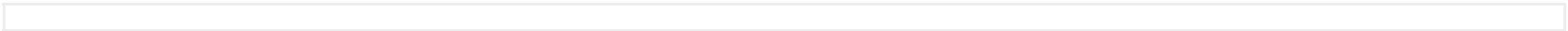
into the team,” said Trade Price Cars Racing team owner San Kirby.

“I’ve raced against him in the past, and you only have to look at the success he has enjoyed in his career to date to see what a talented driver he is.

“As a newcomer to the series, James is a driver who fans might not be too familiar with. However, I’m confident that they will soon see what James can do when the season gets underway as you don’t become a six-time British champion in a range of disciplines without being a quick driver. James has a winning mentality, and I’m looking forward to seeing him make his mark on the BTCC during his maiden season.

“With James alongside Bobby, I think we’ve put together an exciting driver pairing that will allow us to build on the success we enjoyed in our first year, and I’m confident that we’ll make a real impression again in 2020.”

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