



BROWN BROTHERS® Distribution interview BTCC driver Aiden Moffat, on current racing pressures, training regimes and sponsorship.

Laser Tools Racing was a new team to the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) back in 2014, set up to support driver Aiden Moffat. Aiden made history in 2013 as the youngest driver ever to start in a BTCC race. We spoke to him about racing pressures, favourite tracks and sponsorship support.

What are your main achievements to date?

One of my biggest achievements so far would have to be the maiden podium in the BTCC. Looking behind you to see Jason Plato and Matt Neal, who have been in this championship since before I was born, was pretty amazing.

And of course I can't leave out becoming the youngest ever competitor in the BTCC, that's a pretty cool title to have.

So you made history being the youngest driver to start the BTCC, do you think this created pressure on you to be up against experienced drivers?

Slightly yes. Obviously when I started there was a lot of pressure seeing the big names around you on track. Knowing how quick and experienced they are was quite daunting but now I think, that as a team, we have shown we are capable and have a right to be fighting for the title.

Each season, each race weekend and each round is different, the pressures aren't as existent to me now as they used to be. It's something I try to ignore and focus more on the individual race.

Which is your favorite track to drive and why?

In the UK it has to be Donington Park as the track is a fast flowing circuit. However the best circuit I have driven would have to be the Algarve Portimão Race Circuit in Portugal. I really enjoy that track because of how fast some of the corners are, the way the circuit rises and falls away from you and with such a difference in gradient, it's just exhilarating to drive on.



As well as access to your car simulator, what else do you do in terms of driver training?

In the past I have used the iZone Driver Performance simulator, but mostly I tend to watch footage of previous races and on-board videos from other drivers.

Then of course of we can physically go to the track for practise sessions in the race car, this I find is always the best option, you don't get a true feel for the track unless you drive it.

Is there anything you do to prepare for a race?

Sometimes I skip and use a reaction ball before I get in the car to get warmed up. Apart from that, I like to spend time going over the data before getting into the car.

Whilst waiting on the grid, I normally do a lap of the circuit in my head, just to get focused on the reference points before the race starts and I find it helps me to concentrate.

How do you find juggling work with the busy race schedule?

Obviously it can be tricky but luckily both work and university have been very understanding of my racing commitments. Due to the high level of racing dates that the touring cars have, it's difficult to juggle but with the time I get off from both it is easy enough and catching up in my spare time isn't too challenging.

What made you chose Brown Brothers as a partner?

Brown Brothers is a very professional, but also an extremely friendly, company. Working alongside them is easy and stress-free. I think that having a good working relationship makes the partnership even more successful. The team at Brown Brothers are very active on social media, and are really supportive before and after a race. This level of support on social media really helps to boost awareness of the Laser Tools Racing team and BTCC in general.

Why do you think the Brown Brothers and PPG brand go hand in hand with the Laser Tools Racing brand?

I think that both are professional friendly outfits and both have a great approach to the partnerships. At the end of the day it is a business deal, but it wonderful that we get on so well. Both Brown Brothers and PPG obviously want to see myself and the team succeed, shown by the sheer support they give us. And of course both are heavily involved the motor industry, without any feeling of competition.

And finally give us a round up of the season so far.

It's been a very good start. Brands Hatch has never been a strong circuit for us, so to get a top 10 position was a great start. Donington Park was frustrating to say the least, we could have been p2 in qualifying if only the red flag came out 3 seconds later, but ended up starting p23 due to it. Getting two top 10's and in Independent win is a great achievement for us as a team and gives us lots of confidence for the rest of the season.

