



Brentwood Karting ace Robert Crawford wins Fox Motorsport prize Ginetta Junior test

Fox Motorsport are pleased to announce that teenager Robert Crawford will test a **Ginetta Junior** race car with the team as his prize for winning the Driver of the Year award at Brentwood Karting.

17-year-old Robert received the award recently following a superb season that featured several podium finishes in the club's Super League and numerous eye-catching drives.

The Southend driver, who only began karting in 2023, will test the 100bhp Ginetta G40 Junior at Blyton Park, Lincolnshire, in February as he climbs behind the wheel of a racing car for the first time.

Robert's test will place him in a machine similar to that which Formula 1 ace Lando Norris raced in his first year in cars in 2014, and in which Fox Motorsport's Liam McNeilly – a star of the US single-seater ladder – finished as series runner-up in 2021.

The test is awarded due to the partnership established between Maldon-based Fox Motorsport and Brentwood Karting in 2022, which aims to strengthen the links between karting and car racing for talented competitors in Essex.

Paul McNeilly, Fox Motorsport Team Principal, said: “We are delighted to welcome Robert to the team to test the Ginetta Junior race car at Blyton. As a team operating on the motor racing career ladder, it's important that we keep an eye on the top young drivers emerging from the karting world. Brentwood Karting consistently produces talented youngsters with the potential to climb the career ladder quickly, as we've seen in the past. By maintaining a close association with Brentwood Karting we hope to pave the way for many more talented individuals like Robert to take their first step into circuit racing.”

Daniel Lee, Brentwood Karting Motorsport Development Manager, said: “It is with great pride that we present this exceptional opportunity to Robert, whose remarkable dedication, progression, and professionalism throughout 2024 have set him apart as a standout talent. Robert's passion for motorsport, combined with his determined work ethic, makes him the ideal recipient of this awesome reward. We are excited to follow his journey and are confident that this marks the beginning of a bright chapter in his development. Together with Fox Motorsport, we are committed to supporting the next generation of motorsport talent and look forward to seeing all that Robert will accomplish in the years ahead.”

Robert Crawford said: "This is so exciting for me. I've wanted to drive a racing car forever and now, thanks to Fox Motorsport and Brentwood Karting, I have the chance soon. I've had a fantastic year at Brentwood Karting and am really pleased with the progress I've made against some much more experienced drivers. As I'm 17 I know I'm too old to race Ginetta Juniors in 2025, but I hope I can use the test as a first step to getting my racing licence and possibly a route towards a programme in another series with Fox Motorsport. They're just coming off the back of their most successful year ever and have a great track record of working with young drivers so it would be a great place to be in 2025."
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