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The Jamaica Millennium Motoring Club/Hilton Kingston Hotel Sprint #2 will take place on Sunday, May 18, starting at 9.30 a.m. at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica. The event is being organized by Team Xpress Racing with chief organizer Rosie Jadusingh. The speed bumps are being removed and paved over to make the racing surface more acceptable...lessons learnt from the first event. There is also a new track design being considered..more on this later, but a layout quite similar to the Ironshore track with a lane change is being considered. Circuit drivers are encouraged to make use of this event as a final shakedown test for the 1st leg of the Caribbean Circuit Racing championships to be held on May 25 at Dover Raceway.

Sprint #1 winner Tarik Minott's giant killing Suzuki Ignis is in Barbados along with the Ford Focus World rally car of Gary Gregg, so Minott has to make do this time around with his former ride, the Miphone Toyota Starlet with a 20 valve "blacktop" version of Toyotas venerable 4a-ge engine running its power to the ground through a close ratio gearbox. It seems that if left unchecked, Toyota's will rule the roost, as 2nd place finisher at the last meet and JA4 class winner, Thomas Hall, driving a turbo-charged Toyota Starlet, though his day job is as a Mercedes salesman at the Issa Transport Group's Camp Road compound, will no doubt again challenge for top honors after a great showing in the recent Volkswagen Tarmac rally #2 held in Mile Gully, Manchester.



Minott, Hall & McDowell in action.

A bevy Hondas will try to unseat the fancied Toyotas at the meet, led by Lisa Bowman-Lee in her Integra and ably supported by husband Paul who shares the car, Peter Jaggon in a CRX, Wayne Wallace and Christopher Wright sharing a Civic coupe and Brian Foster in a Civic hatchback.

The Team Xpress camp will themselves field Julian Gordon sharing his VW Golf with Freddy Chin, Andy Williams in a Mitsubishi Mirage RS and Rohan Clarke in his Pulsar, while Team Autosource will have Dion Gardner and Rhonda Nichols in a Mirage RS. Two time 2008 rally winner Richard Rerrie will challenge for the top spot in his Puma/Leroy's Auto Glass/KIG/1-888-Wrecker Subaru Impreza WRX, fresh from a scintillating performance at the recently held Red Bull Formula 1 Urban Run & Auto Fair held in Jamaica's capital on May 4.

Team Mack Attack will once again bring out its big gun, the Hyundai Coupe F2 kit car, which was driven progressively harder as the day went on at the first sprint event. With another tarmac rally under his belt, pilot Gordon McDowell is gradually getting used to the performance capabilities of this beast, as team mates Michael & Michelle Delfosse work feverishly to effect repairs to their Mirage and Gemini respectively to make the meet.



Rerrie on the road, Wallace & Lee.

The event is shaping up to be a manufacturer's battle between Toyota, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Volkswagen, Honda, Nissan and Hyundai all being well represented. Which one will leave the stadium complex with bragging rights and new found fans, or satisfied loyalists, is left to be seen.

Admission is \$300 for adults, with food and drink on sale.

