

## RACE REPORT – DRS RD2 Rye House 2026

Headed down to Rye House for the 2nd Round of DRS100, and after an unimpressive result at GYG, I was hoping to get back into form, but did I?

### SATURDAY: Practices

In the morning I had to run in my engine after a rebuild, but after 2 sessions I was able to get up to speed for the last 2 practice session. Without transponders on in the morning, from what we knew we were **fast and had a good shot** to be up there in qualifying, and in the official practice with all transponders on I went quickest followed closely by Neo, only 0.02 behind.

### Qualifier: P4

After getting into some clear air for a little bit, I started to catch up to a bit of traffic as the tyres came on, and unfortunately with the small amount of time we get for qualifying, the places where i caught traffic was really **unlucky, and I only managed to get a few clear laps**, going slower on the new tyres compared to the practice tyres.

### SUNDAY: Warm up: P1

We put the old tyres back on for the warm-up, and immediately I went **faster than my qualifying time** from the day before, but nevertheless we had to get rid of the set and just put our minds to the races coming up, knowing I had great pace.

### Heat: P6 P4 (P6 after penalties)

I got a solid start and managed to hold position, then another place a few laps later, but unfortunately towards the end I got into an incident and received a 2-place penalty, sending me back down to P6.

### Pre Final: P6 P21 P9

After a great start up to P4, an unfortunate incident on lap 2 sent me to dead last, so I now had a **huge recovery job** on my hands to salvage the weekend, and bittersweetly, Eskild had also got caught up in something so we could work together to carve through the slower drivers we had got tangled in with, and managed to work our way back up to P9, right on the tail of P7.

### Final: P6 P3

After my results, I managed to start P6, and after another good start I managed to keep my position. After a few moves, I found myself in P3 with a hefty gap to P2, but after just a few laps i found myself right on their bumper. Unfortunately, after sending as many moves as I could, and even getting past at some points, a **full course yellow** came out right at the end and halted any chance I had of getting past.

Nonetheless, I had managed to bag a podium, and the **fastest lap by 3 tenths**, which was a great result contrasting the half decent performance at GYG, and was exactly what I needed to get some **good points down**.

Huge thanks as always **to my parents for making this possible**, and to Simon Mace on the spanners. Big well done to **Neo Loizou** as well on his first Grand Final win, been a long time coming!