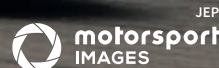


Wesemael will swap RGB Mittell (inset) for a GT4 McLaren in British GT next year



RGB CHAMPION WESEMAEL TO STEP UP TO BRITISH GT

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RGB Sports 1000 champion Chris ‘Chippy’ Wesemael will make the move into the British GT Championship next season with HHC Motorsport at the wheel of a McLaren 570S GT4.

Wesemael has spent the past two years driving a Mittell MC-53 in the 750 Motor Club’s RGB series, finishing runner-up in 2018 before dominating this season with 11 wins from 14 races. He tested the 570S GT4 at Snetterton across two days last month.

“The car was awesome – credit to the team and McLaren, it’s very good,” said Wesemael after his first test in GT machinery. “Coming from RGB they are very lightweight and, not running a slick tyre, you’re forced to work the car yourself, which I think helps moving to something like this which has a much bigger engine, traction control, ABS. I think it’s just a case of getting used to moving the weight around. I was very

comfortable with my two days and I think the team were impressed that I adapted quickly.”

HHC spent its first season with the 570S in 2019, taking a win at the opening round of the season at Oulton Park with Dean Macdonald and Callum Pointon. In 2017, its first year in British GT, it ran a Ginetta to the GT4 drivers’ and teams’ titles with Stuart Middleton and William Tregurtha. HHC has yet to assign a co-driver to Wesemael for next season.

Despite leaving the RGB series, Wesemael is keen to continue working alongside Mittell in the future.

“I wanted to move away from RGB mainly because there’s more exposure in the British GT Championship – it’s a massive series that’s much more nationally recognised,” he added. “Don’t get me wrong, the cars in RGB are incredible and I will carry on working with Scott and Ian [Mittell] potentially doing some driver work. I think it’s just a step forward and a new challenge.”

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