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NGK - SANTA POD SUCCESS

Turner Motorsport is looking forward to next season's European FIA Championship after its Funny Car won the last event of this season, held in the UK, in a record time.

The team - which is sponsored by NGK Spark Plugs (UK) Ltd - notched up five personal best times at the meeting at Santa Pod and in doing so became the first British Top Methanol Funny Car to run under six seconds.



Now it is looking forward to the challenge of competing in all six rounds of the championship in 2012.

The team's car, 'Monte', is powered by a Chrysler Hemi supercharged, fuel injected engine that delivers 3500bhp and produces a 0-100mph time of just 0.98 seconds.

Driven by Rob Turner (55), an owner/driver haulier, it is tuned by his brother Steve (44), a self employed automotive technician.

Steve said: "After finishing last season on a high we are looking forward to competing in all rounds of the championship starting next May and will be working on the car over the winter months."

Speaking of the team's successful finale this season, brother Rob said: "We only raced at two events previous to the finals as we didn't have enough money to go to Sweden and Finland, earlier in the year. All we hoped for at the finals was to try and run quicker than we had ever run before, and prayed that we would break into the 'five second club'.

"The finals started off perfectly for us; on our first qualifying run we ran the 5.98 and made British history in drag racing. We were all over the moon to see a five come up on the board."

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The team got quicker throughout the event, before Rob won the final by beating Ulf Leanders, the newly crowned European Champion, in a time of 5.80 seconds.

Rob, who is also supported by his wife, team manager Carmel, said: "What a way to finish the year, it was like a perfect dream, a win with our beautiful Funny Car, which has now given us much self-belief to go into next year, to try for the Championship.



"We would like to take this opportunity to thank NGK Spark Plugs for their support in 2011, and we hope to continue to promote NGK in 2012."

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