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# Floersch unfazed by Thruxton for her maiden double

GERMAN YOUNGSTER SOPHIA FLOERSCH took her first car-racing wins with two commanding drives on her Thruxton debut.

HHC Motorsport racer Floersch made the better getaway from the front row in the opening affair alongside polesitter and championship scholar Stuart Middleton. She quickly extended a lead of several lengths as Dan Zelos, who began sixth, progressed quickly up the field to sit third.

The tussle between Middleton and Zelos enabled Floersch to pull further clear but her lead was cut short when a safety car was deployed after Lewis Brown, who had progressed well up the field, spun at the chicane and was then collected by the innocent Sebastian Perez.

Floersch made a great getaway from the



Floersch holds off Zelos and Monger

restart but was quickly reeled in by the chasing duo. Zelos took second with a move up the inside of Middleton at Church on the penultimate lap after an entertaining tussle. But that helped the leader advance enough to prevent a significant challenge from Zelos by the flag.

The second skirmish was highly disrupted by two safety-car interruptions with a number of cars out on the opening lap including Floersch's team-mate Patrik Matthiesen who went straight on through a congested pack at Allard.

Billy Monger vaulted the order to become Floersch's closest challenger at the restart, but the youngsters' fun was once again halted when Esmee Hawkey spun into the barriers at Noble. When racing resumed the order began to shuffle and Monger grabbed second as he caught Zelos napping at Segrave while Jamie Caroline also

made his way into third at Goodwood.

The top three came through the chicane side-by-side for the final time, but Floersch held on for a deserving double. "We've had good pace everywhere so far this year but we hadn't got it together," she said. "We did this weekend. It's been amazing."

● Russell Hayes

## RESULTS

**Race 1 (both 9 laps)** 1 Sophia Floersch 16m29.566s (77.14mph); 2 Dan Zelos +0.187s; 3 Stuart Middleton; 4 Jamie Caroline; 5 Billy Monger; 6 William Tregurtha. **FL** Matt Chapman 1m31.548s (92.65mph). **Race 2** 1 Floersch 16m32.803s (76.89mph); 2 Monger +0.525s; 3 Caroline; 4 Middleton; 5 Zelos; 6 Kyle Hornby. **FL** Monger 1m31.933s (92.26mph). **Points** 1 Senna Proctor, 148; 2 Monger, 130; 3 Zelos, 120; 4 Floersch, 119; 5 Caroline, 112; 6 Jonathan Hadfield, 108.



Floersch got to share her double joy with Steve Rider