

# 2 Seas take British GT podium

Flick Haigh-Jonny Adam pairing finish third overall and second in Pro-Am class in race two of Snetterton round in Intelligent Money British GT Championship 2022

● **Flick-Adam duo narrowly miss out on race one victory with late puncture, teammates Cottingham-Williamson third in Pro-Am class**

● **2 Seas now sixth on GT3 Teams Championship standings, Cottingham-Williamson tied-seventh in GT3 Drivers Championship and Pro-Am class**

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport climbed onto the podium yesterday in the Snetterton round of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship 2022, being held in the UK. The pairing of lady driver Flick Haigh and Jonny Adam,

behind the wheel of 2 Seas' #75 Mercedes-AMG GT3 car, took third overall in the day's second of two races while also clinching second place in the Pro-Am class.

Meanwhile, teammates James Cottingham and Lewis Williamson in the team's #4 Mercedes-AMG GT3 claimed a Pro-Am podium in the first race, after finishing third in class.

The results wrapped up a strong showing for the team in Snetterton, which was one of just two meetings this British GT season to feature two races. 2 Seas is co-owned by talented Bahraini racer His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

In yesterday's opening event, a strong opening stint and great pitstop saw Flick and Adam leading until the final few minutes of the race. Then, disaster struck as a late puncture robbed them of a potential win as they eventually did not finish.

Cottingham and Williamson were able to power to the



The #75 car of 2 Seas' Flick Haigh and Jonny Adam at Snetterton

chequered flag in fourth place overall, but they were also able to classify in third amongst the Pro-Am class runners.

They completed the 33-lap distance 13.033 seconds behind

winners RAM Racing, featuring Ian Loggie and Callum Macleod, also driving a Mercedes AMG-GT3.

WPI Motorsport were the runners-up just 0.549s back while

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Team Abba Racing were third 11.864s off the winning pace.

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In the day's second race, Flick and Adam were determined to make up for their earlier misfortunes and had a superb performance over 32 laps, finishing 22.463s behind RAM Racing's

John Ferguson and Ulysse De Pauw to finish on the overall podium in third. They had also claimed the runner-up spot amongst the Pro-Am competitors at the chequered flag.

Crossing the finish line ahead of them were Barwell Motorsport, 0.340s from the victors.

2 Seas' other pairing of Cottingham and Williamson were seventh overall on the final classification. They were 50.763s behind first.

A total of 30 GT3 and GT4 cars took part in yesterday's races.

Following the meeting, 2 Seas are sixth overall on the GT3 Teams Championship standings with 57 points. Cottingham and Williamson are tied-seventh in the GT3 Drivers Championship with 57 points, and are also tied-seventh in the Pro-Am standings but with 64 points.

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## Fit-again Murray full of belief ahead of Wimbledon

Reuters | London

Andy Murray has shaken off the abdominal injury which threatened his participation at Wimbledon, the former world number one said on Saturday before declaring that there was still a lot of "good tennis" left in him.

Murray, who won the grass-court Grand Slam in 2013 and 2016, sustained the injury during his Stuttgart Open final defeat by Italian Matteo Berrettini earlier this month, after impressive wins over Stefanos Tsitsipas and Nick Kyrgios.

The problem forced Murray, ranked 51st, to skip the Queen's Club event with doubts over his participation at Wimbledon but the Scot said things had improved since.

"It's gone well," Murray, 35, told reporters. "I've been able to gradually progress my training this week and got to play a few sets, a lot of points. The last few days have been good."



Britain's Andy Murray during practice

Murray secured his first victory over a top-five opponent in six years with a 7-6(4) 6-3 victory over Tsitsipas in Stuttgart, showing fans glimpses of the form that marked his rise to the top of the rankings before multiple hip surgeries.

He reached the 70th final of his career and second of the year after a runner-up finish in

Sydney.

"I think I showed a couple weeks ago that there was still good tennis left in me," Murray said. "I beat a guy in the top five, I was neck-and-neck with Berrettini, who is one of the best grasscourt players in the world before the injury."

"I played well against Kyrgios, as well. The first set was a

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good level. And I've been doing pretty well in practices. I know the tennis is in there; I just need to bring it out during the event now.

"Having Ivan (Lendl) on my team helps. We've had a lot of success in the past. We know each other well. He still believes in me. There's not loads of coaches, people out there that have done over this last period, and he has. That definitely helps."

Wimbledon begins today, with Murray facing Australia's James Duckworth in the first round.

## Bale set to join MLS side Los Angeles FC

Reuters | London

Wales forward Gareth Bale yesterday appeared to confirm his move to Major League Soccer (MLS) side Los Angeles FC (LAFC) following his departure from LaLiga champions Real Madrid.

The 32-year-old, who signed for Spanish giants Real from Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur in 2013 for a then-record transfer fee of 100 million euros (\$105.54 million), is set to join as a free agent with his contract due to end this summer.

"See you soon, Los Angeles," Bale wrote in a post on Twitter, following reports of the transfer on Saturday. The post, which was retweeted on LAFC's official Twitter account, was accompanied by a video of Bale wearing an LAFC jersey and cap.

Bale enjoyed a trophy-laden spell with Real, winning three LaLiga titles, five Champions League crowns, three Club World Cups and the Spanish Cup, although his time at the club was marred by injuries.

The Welshman will likely be best remembered for scoring twice, including a stunning overhead kick, in the 2018 Champions League final against Liverpool and also netting a superb winner against Barcelona in the 2014 Copa del Rey final.

But he was also often targeted by the Spanish media, who labelled him a "parasite" after he missed Real's 4-0 home loss to Barcelona in March immediately before appearing



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for Wales, and he was jeered by some fans during a league game in April.

Bale led Wales to a first World Cup finals since 1958 as they beat Ukraine 1-0 in their playoff in Cardiff earlier this month.

## India captain Sharma has Covid ahead of deciding England Test

AFP | London

India Test captain Rohit Sharma tested positive for Covid-19 just days before the rescheduled fifth Test against England, the country's cricket board said yesterday.

"Rohit Sharma has tested positive for Covid-19 following a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) conducted on Saturday," the BCCI tweeted.

"He is currently in isolation at the team hotel and is under the care of the BCCI Medical Team."

The right-handed batsman



Rohit Sharma

**The match was originally due to have been played last September at Old Trafford in Manchester, but a coronavirus outbreak in the India camp forced the Test to be postponed**

had been playing in a four-day warm-up match against Leicestershire but did not bat in their second innings on Saturday's

third day. He scored 25 in the first innings on Thursday.

The rescheduled fifth Test of last year's series begins on Friday at Edgbaston, Birmingham, giving little time for the 35-year-old to recover.

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India lead 2-1 after four matches and can win their first Test series in England since 2007 should they avoid defeat.