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KILLER DRIVER 'PROLONGS FAMILY AGONY'

Exclusive by Stephanie Wareham

THE devastated family of a tragic schoolboy who was mowed down by a drunk driver while on holiday with his friends in Greece will be forced to relive the horror of his death once again after his killer appealed his sentence.

The man who ploughed into James Fifield in Zante on July 5, 2014, was finally found guilty of negligent manslaughter a year ago.

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Nicosia triumphs at iconic Thruxton track

Risborough racer delivers on the big stage



By Nicholas Tunney

PRINCES Risborough ace Geri Nicosia won at Thruxton at the weekend to keep tabs on the championship leader James Kellett.

Starting from fourth in race one, Nicosia drove round the outside of Shane Stoney and Ashley Marshall within a third of a lap, and set about chasing after Alex Toth-Jones.

Lap seven and Nicosia started the charge – he broke his own lap record set last year by 15/1000ths

and closed right up on Toth-Jones, setting himself up perfectly to take the lead on lap eight. Stoney and James Kellett followed through but Nicosia was already over a second ahead at the end of the lap, extending the lead to two seconds on lap 10, when suddenly the safety car came out again and closed up the gaps. There was just the one lap under safety car conditions, then a four-lap sprint to the finish which saw Nicosia triumph from Kellett and Toth-Jones.

Sunday afternoon saw the live

televised race, Nicosia starting from pole was ready for a repeat performance and he delivered.

However, disaster struck on lap 14, Nicosia had been gaining rapidly on a backmarker but looked like he would pass him on an open part of the track – but the backmarker seemed to panic and slow, causing Nicosia to rapidly lift off where he should have been flat out – this would cost a second of his lead to the now second placed Bird.

Sure enough, Bird simply out dragged Nicosia on the fast run to

the chicane, Nicosia had one lap left to fight back, the cars travelling flat out bumper to bumper. They came out of the chicane all but touching, Nicosia dived inside trying to repeat his earlier move but the finished line arrived too soon, Bird winning by 0.09 seconds. TV replays showed the distance to be about three feet.

Nicosia said: "I feel like I've had to win each race two or three times. I should have had the second win, but a win and a second means I am now up into second place and have closed the gap a little to Kellett."



Captain extends contract

WANDERERS

WANDERERS captain Adam El-Abd has extended his contract at Adams Park for a further year after helping the Chairboys reach League One in his first season with the club.

The defender, 33, clinched a fifth promotion of his career, playing 43 times in all competitions after signing an initial two-year deal last summer, having left Shrewsbury Town on a free transfer.

El-Abd will now remain with the Wanderers until June 2020, and boss Gareth Ainsworth says he's pleased to tie his skipper down for a longer stay with the club.

He said: "Adam made a fantastic impact on the squad from the moment he joined and his performances on the pitch, coupled with his leadership and character off the pitch, have made him a hugely important member of the whole club."

"He has played most of his career at a higher level and that experience will be invaluable for us as we look to build on the progress we've made and establish ourselves in League One."

Two more members of Ainsworth's promotion-winning squad have signed new contracts to remain at Adams Park, with defender Sido Jombati and keeper Yves Ma-Kalambay putting pen to paper this week.

Jombati, 30, is one of the club's longest-serving players having joined in 2014, making 134 appearances so far.

A two-year deal for Jombati will keep him at the club until 2020, while Ma-Kalambay has signed a one-year extension.

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