

DONINGTON PARK BRSCC June 6-7
Brit GT champ wins on Caterham return

Barnes storms to victory on R300 debut

DONINGTON PARK'S huge 22-race BRSCC programme may have been cut short due to the dreadful conditions, but nothing could stop Jon Barnes from making a successful return to Caterham racing. The reigning British GT champion drove the guest R300 through thunder and lightning to win race two after James Sharrock had triumphed earlier.

Coping brilliantly in worsening conditions, Barnes won by three seconds from Sharrock. He moved into the lead at half-distance when the polesitter got out of shape at Schwantz Curve and dropped to second.

Sharrock had previously won Saturday's hugely entertaining encounter, which ended with a tremendous three-way battle on the final lap. Jonathan Walker led at the start of the final tour, but Matthew Draper moved ahead into McLeans. As the trio headed out of Coppice, Sharrock sized up his move and grabbed the lead into Goddards to win by just 0.249s. Barnes came home fifth on his first outing in Caterham's newest model.

In the Super Mighty Minis, another three-way dice for the win had an unfortunate ending on the final lap at Coppice when siblings David and Neven Kirkpatrick came together



Hogg (4) battles Sinclair (3) and Griffiths in Open Sportscars

while battling with Gary Patterson. The clash allowed Patterson to win by just over a second from Ben Seyfried. Neven recovered to fourth, David to fifth, once free of the gravel.

Chris Morgan largely had things his own way in the Mighty Mini encounter,

taking victory, by a healthy five-second margin, ahead of Ian Slark. James Lyford was third and former Ford Fiesta multiple race winner Matt Pinny fourth.

Pinny had challenged Morgan hardest early on, with the pair running side-by-side through Redgate and Hollywood on lap two. The ex-Ford man did manage to move ahead at McLeans, while Morgan was shown the black-and-orange flag due to a dislodged front bumper. Thankfully for him, the stray piece of bodywork became detached. On the fifth lap of 12, Morgan retook the lead as Pinny fell back to third. From that point on Morgan was unchallenged and the real battle was for second, which Slark secured on the penultimate lap.

Van Diemen racer Rupert Russell scythed his way through the order in the Sports 2000 Duratec race, climbing from 18th on the grid to a superb podium finish. Mike Jenvey's Gunn won from the Lola of Harry Chapman, but one of the biggest stories came from the brand new Steve Mole Motorsport-run Ray BR09SC, which took sixth in Chris Snowdon's hands on an excellent debut.

In the Open Sportscars, a fairly tight battle ensued between the Jades of Steve Griffiths, Alan Hogg and Tony Sinclair. As soon as Hogg took the lead in the closing stages there was no stopping him, and he opened up a massive 13s winning margin.

Mazda MX5 leading light Jonathan Greensmith won the first of the weekend's scheduled races by holding off a determined challenge from arch rival Tom Roche during the closing stages.

At the start Matt Robinson had taken the lead from second on the grid but, after a shake-up down the Craner Curves, Greensmith appeared in the lead and started to build an advantage.

Paul Sheard ran second until lap four of 12 when Roche - who had started



Jenvey's Gunn shot to Sports 2000 win

CATERHAM SUPERLIGHT R300

(23 LAPS) 1 James Sharrock
2 Matthew Draper +0.249s
3 Jonathan Walker, 4 Jonny Leroux,
5 Jon Barnes, 6 Peter Young. **Fastest lap** Draper 1m18.672s (89.56mph)

RACE TWO (09 LAPS) 1 Barnes
2 Sharrock +3.149s, 3 Odie Taylor,
4 Walker, 5 Paul Wilson, 6 Dean Wilkin. **FL** Sharrock 1m33.167s
(75.63mph)

SUPER MIGHTY MINI (13 LAPS)

1 Gary Patterson, 2 Ben Seyfried
+1.168s, 3 Scott Kendall, 4 Neven Kirkpatrick, 5 David Kirkpatrick,
6 James Young. **FL** Seyfried
1m31.601s (76.92mph)

MIGHTY MINI (02 LAPS)

1 Chris Morgan, 2 Ian Slark +5.687s

3 James Lyford, 4 Matt Pinny,

5 Stuart Coombe, 6 Adrian Tuckley
FL Lyford 1m39.699s (70.67mph)

SPORTS 2000 DURATEC (25 LAPS)

1 Mike Jenvey (Gunn TSG)
2 Harry Chapman (Lola 9004)
+12.909s, 3 Rupert Russell (Van Diemen RP98), 4 Robert Oldershaw (Cuzco S2000), 5 Chris Yarwood (MCR Sports Car), 6 Chris Snowdon (Ray BR09SC). **Class winners** Mike Turner (Lola T98/90), Kevin Clifford (Strike P16). **FL** Russell 1m11.047s (99.77mph)

OPEN SPORTSCAR (08 LAPS)

1 Alan Hogg (Jade Z), 2 Tony Sinclair (Clade 3) +13.070s, 3 Steve Griffiths (Chrysler Jade), 4 Richard Evans (Chevron BR), 5 Mike Jenvey (Gunn

TSG), 6 Simon Tate (Nemes 997)

CW Evans, Alek Bornebusch (Radical Pro6). **FL** Hogg 1m06.654s (80.67mph)

MASDA MX5 (02 LAPS)

1 Jonathan Greensmith, 2 Tom Roche +1.154s, 3 Paul Sheard, 4 Rob Boston, 5 Matt Robinson, 6 Wayne le Montais. **FL** Roche 1m40.126s (70.37mph)

LMA EURO SALOON AND SPORTSCARS (13 LAPS)

1 Simon Deaton (Mitsubishi Evo VIII), 2 Andy Harvey (Subaru Impreza) +1.608s, 3 Angus Dawe (BMW E36 M3), 4 Peter Challis (Nissan Primera ST), 5 Simon Blenkinsley (SEAT Leon Cupra), 6 Dave Cocklell (Ford Escort

Cosworth). **CW** Daws, Challis, Andy

Neal (Honda Integra), Lee Reynolds (Citroen Saxo VTS). **FL** Cocklell 1m25.576s (82.34mph)

RACE TWO (06 LAPS)

1 Harvey, 2 Challis +0.249s, 3 Josh Ronchetti (Talbot Sunbeam Lotus), 4 Blenkinsley, 5 Cocklell, 6 Martin Davies (Ford Sierra Cosworth). **CW** Challis, Ronchetti, Brett Walter (Renault Clio Cup 3), Reynolds. **FL** Challis 1m25.434s (83.41mph)

CATERHAM ROADSPORT B (09 LAPS)

1 Trevor Powell, 2 Gordon Sawyer +0.059s, 3 Paul Brannan, 4 Andrew Harrison-Sleap, 5 Kai Lo, 6 Rodney Arnold. **FL** Brannan 1m25.443s (82.46mph)

CATERHAM ROADSPORT A

GROUPS A & B (03 LAPS)

1 Mike Steadman, 2 Antony Sidney-Woodlett +7.218s, 3 Magd Mohaffel, 4 Andy Thomas, 5 Amit Patel, 6 Raphael Fiorentino. **FL** Patel 1m35.654s (73.66mph)

GROUPS B & C (02 LAPS)

1 Graham Johnson, 2 Fiorentino +15.894s, 3 Stephen Tucker, 4 Roslani de Ward, 5 Toby Dicker, 6 JJ O'Malley. **FL** O'Malley 1m22.317s (85.60mph)

GROUPS C & A (01 LAPS)

1 Adam Perenczi, 2 Johnson +5.461s, 3 Sidney-Woodlett, 4 Steadman, 5 Dicker, 6 O'Malley. **FL** Steadman 1m37.234s (72.46mph)