

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP

OULTON PARK: BRSCC BY IAN TITCHMARSH

INSIDE LINE

On a day of close finishes, none was nearer to a dead heat than that in the **Durtec Sports 2000** race. Mike Jenvey led throughout in the Gunn which he and his father Richard have developed into a very effective device. But alongside him at the flag was reigning champion Ric Johnson's Van Diemen RFOSS after a mighty effort in the closing laps. Third man Miles Griffiths was more than 40 seconds adrift at the end.

James Barclay's Swift DB2 shed a wheel on lap one of the first **Pinto and Historic Sports 2000** race which dejected Patrick Sherrington and his immaculate Tiga SC80 of their only serious opposition.

A midfield tangle at Hislop's stopped this one short. The second race went to the Swift driver but by less than 0.5 seconds from Sherrington.

Scott Malvern and Rory Butcher are emerging as the two young talents to watch in this year's **Post '89 Club FF1600** races and duly provided a superb scrap, a little ragged at the edges at times but a testimony to their talent. After several lead changes less than one second covered them at the finish with rookie Malvern ahead of Butcher.

The **Pre '90** event was rather less enthralling, with Ian Parkinson's impressively driven Reynard FF84 leading throughout.

The **Ford Fleets** frolics were thoroughly entertaining throughout a large grid.

Terence Clark's super start from the front row gave him a healthy lead for most of the race until a mistake at Druids allowed Nick Sanderson to sneak ahead. David taking poleman Clark Elmsley through with him, Sanderson then ran too deep into Hislop's, handing the lead back to Clark who held on to win by mere feet from Sanderson and Elmsley who crossed the line just 0.024s apart. Former Seat Cupra Championship racer David Wye brought his Si home an impressive ninth well in among the more potent Si's.

Oulton Park is the spiritual home of the **Ford XR Challenge** and it was good to have them back. After pole-sitter Chris Jones had retired his XR3i at half distance while lying second to the XR2 of Simon Robinson, and series leader Mike Blackburn's XR2 had also failed, Robinson secured his fourth win in a row h by less than one second from Paul Bishop.

Abbott takes advantage of Mitcham's woes

For its annual visit to Oulton Park the BRSCC Formula Jodi Championship mustered a modest 14 entrants, several of whom were beset by mechanical misfortune from qualifying onwards.

Championship leader Richard Mitcham arrived with a 37 point advantage over 2008 champion Jack Smith and pole position for both races suggested that he was heading for another good day.

But stalling at the start of race one dropped him far down the field and, although he clambered back to fifth at the flag, it was not a particularly rewarding experience. Worse was to come in race two when his engine expired in a cloud of smoke on the third lap.

Fellow front row occupant Richard Gittings was thus able to control race one from the front to take his first win of the year.

Unhappily it all went wrong for Gittings at the start of race two when a driveshaft snapped as he tried to leave the grid.

Stuart Abbott, second in the championship to Gittings last year, had taken second to Smith in the first encounter and, with both Mitcham and Gittings falling by the wayside

second time around, he had a clear road ahead of him for his first win of the year. In the process, he became the seventh different winner from third lap.

Another lap might have made all the difference. Frazer Corbyrn was another victim of clutch maladies in qualifying, necessitating a start from the back alongside Smith instead of fifth as he should have been.

The problem recurred so that Corbyrn retired before the end of race one and failed to reappear. Title contender Scott Stevens had a woeful weekend and failed to finish either race after a multitude of problems.

The net result of the weekend is that, at the halfway point in the championship, Abbott now leads Mitcham and Smith by single point.



Photo: Rachel Bourne

RESULTS

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Durtec Sports 2000: 1 Mike Jenvey (Van Diemen RFOSS); 2 Ric Johnson (Van Diemen RFOSS); 3 Miles Griffiths (Lola T88/007); 4 Robert Olenchew (Lola); 5 Stuart Russell (Van Diemen RFOSS); 6 Mike Dodd (Van Diemen RFOSS); 7 Donnie Lanewood (Ray BR05SCD); 8 Mick Bates (Lola R07/90); 9 Mark Negan (Van Diemen RFOSS); 10 Patrick Sherrington (Tiga SC80). Pole position: Jenvey in 40.01s (95.6mph).
Class winners: Jenvey, Dodd
Fastest lap: Johnson in 41.07s (95.6mph).
Starters: 22

Pinto and Historic Sports 2000: 1 Patrick Sherrington (Tiga SC80) 8 laps in 10m 10.07s (85.83mph); 2 Andy Mathew (Seatbe 780) 4:191s; 3 David Houghton (Van Diemen RFOSS); 4 Paul Street (Swift DB2); 5 Colin Pugh (Tiga SC80); 6 Jonathan Lester (Conrod 420); 7 Charles Fogg (Tiga SC78/80); 8 Mike Johns (Royal SC000M); 9 Richard Coole (Lola T87/89); 10 Colin Forrester (Lola T80/79). Pole position: 10 Sidney (Tiga SC90) in 42.03s (89.75mph).
Class winners: Mathew, Street, Sherrington
Fastest lap: Sherrington in 50.55s (87.57mph).
Starters: 26

Race Two: 1 James Barclay (Swift DB2) 12 laps in 21m 55.71s (88.38mph); 2 Stuart Abbott (Lola SC81) 11 laps in 21m 31.41s (91.55mph); 3 Stuart Abbott (Lola SC81) 10 laps in 21m 20.94s (92.94mph); 4 Adam Walker (Lola SC81) 9 laps in 21m 14.10s (94.10mph); 5 Andrew Ward (Lola SC81) 8 laps in 21m 11.41s (94.55mph); 6 Adam Walker (Lola SC81) 7 laps in 21m 11.41s (94.55mph); 7 Adam Walker (Lola SC81) 6 laps in 21m 11.41s (94.55mph); 8 Craig Harris (Lola SC81) 5 laps in 21m 11.41s (94.55mph); 9 Rob Soged (Lola SC81) 4 laps in 21m 11.41s (94.55mph); 10 other finishers: Pole position: Mitcham in 38.50s (98.38mph).
Class winner: Harris. Fastest lap: Gittings in 37.91s (99.59mph).
Starters: 13

Club Formula Ford 1600 National/North West Pre: 1 Scott Malvern (Ray BR050); 2 Paul Boleyn (Ray BR050); 3 Steve Pate (Ray BR050); 4 Steve Pate (Ray BR050); 5 Andy Larner (Ray BR050); 6 Justin Robert (Ray BR050); 7 Chris Pym (Ray BR050); 8 Danny Leigh (Ray BR050); 9 David Bennett (Ray BR050); 10 Marcus Bay (Ray BR050). Pole position: Chris Jones



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