

**OULTON PARK BRSCC July 11**  
Jenvey pips Johnson; Malvern beats Butcher



Jenvey (10) outgunned Johnson in Sports 2000

## Jenvey and Johnson dominate epic Sports 2000 encounter

**REIGNING SPORTS 2000** Duratec champion Richard Johnson and aspiring champion Mike Jenvey dominated the fourth round of the 2009 championship at Oulton Park last weekend, with third man Miles Griffiths finishing more than 40 seconds in arrears after 25 minutes of racing.

Poleman Jenvey held

a 3s lead at the halfway stage, but Johnson never gave up and in the closing minutes was once more on the tail of Jenvey's Gunn.

Into Lodge Corner for the last time, Johnson's Van Diemen began to draw alongside, but Jenvey held his line to emerge from Deer Leap and cross the line a scant 0.003s ahead of Johnson after a superb race.

The Pinto-engined brigade were let out twice, once to make up for the washed-out Donington affair. The first race had to be stopped after six laps to disentangle some cars at Hislops. Patrick Sherrington's Tiga SC80 was ahead at the time, his nearest threat James Barclay having fallen by the wayside when a wheel fell off his Swift DB2 on lap one. The second race went the full distance and Barclay was able to bank on his wheels this time, emerging the winner from Sherrington by less than half a second.

Scott Malvern's first visit to Oulton Park was rewarded with a win as he defeated FF1600 title rival Rory Butcher in a tight finish. Both youngsters

admitted to making the occasional mistake, but both are clearly drivers to watch. The older FF1600s were surprisingly sedate, their race won convincingly by Ian Parkington's Reynard FF84.

A frenzied field of Fiastas fought out their championship round with early leader Terence Clark gradually reeled in by Nick Sanderson and David Ellesley. A mistake at Druids cost Clark his long-held lead to Sanderson, but the latter then fluffed his line at Hislops and Clark was back ahead at the flag. Sanderson and Ellesley were split by 0.002s, with the top three covered by 0.5s across the line.

Simon Robinson prevailed in the XR Challenge encounter, leading throughout but crossing the line less than one second ahead of the sole survivor of his challengers, Paul Bishop.

The hard core of Formula Jedi competitors who made the trip to the North West suffered all manner of problems. The highlight of the two races was the progress of Jack Smith from the back of the grid to a fourth and a second.

Winner of race one, Richard Gittings, broke a driveshaft at the start of a curfew-curtailed race two, leaving a delighted Stuart Abbott to just hold off Smith for the spoils.

■ By Ian Titchmarsh



Gittings (leading) won the first Jedi joust

### SPORTS 2000 DURATEC (05 LAPS)

1 Mike Jenvey (Gunn TS6) 2 Richard Johnson (Van Diemen RFO5) +0034s; 3 Miles Griffiths (Gola T88/90); 4 Robert Oldersbaw (Urac); 5 Rupert Russell (Van Diemen RPS4); 6 Mike Dodd (Gunn TS8). **Class winner** Dodd. **Fastest lap** Johnson 1m40.079s (95.87mph).

### SPORTS 2000 PINTO & HISTORIC (6 LAPS)

1 Patrick Sherrington (Tiga SC80); 2 Andy Mathew (Shrike P16) +6.197s; 3 David Houghton (Van Diemen RPO2); 4 Paul Street (Swift DB2); 5 Colin Peach (Tiga SC84); 6 Jonathan Loader (Crosbie 42S). **CW** Mathew, Street. **FL** Sherrington 1m50.658s (87.57mph).

### RACE TWO (02 LAPS)

1 James Barclay (Swift DB2); 2 Sherrington +0.460s; 3 Street; 4 Mathew; 5 Loader; 6 Peach. **CW** Street, Sherrington. **FL** Sherrington 1m47.892s (99.82mph).

### NATIONAL FF1600/NW POST-'89 (00 LAPS)

1 Scott Malvern (Ray GRS08); 2 Rory Butcher (Van Diemen RPS2) +0.970s; 3 David Grady (Van Diemen RPO2); 4 Neil Patten (Van Diemen RPS9); 5 Matthew Parr (Van Diemen RPO0); 6 Dougie Crosbie (Van Diemen RPO0). **CW** Butcher. **FL** Butcher 1m48.980s (88.52mph).

### PRE-'90 (01 LAPS)

1 Ian Parkington (Reynard FP84); 2 Nigel Thompson (Van Diemen RPS8) +3.751s; 3 John Farrell (Reynard FP89); 4 Bob Wylie (Reynard FP89); 5 Nigel Dolan (Van Diemen RPS6); 6 Andrew Xavier (Van Diemen RPS7). **CW** Thompson. **FL** Parkington 1m50.936s (87.36mph).

### FORD FIESTAS (00 LAPS)

1 Terence Clark (ST); 2 Nick Sanderson (ST) +0.420s; 3 David Ellesley (ST); 4 Steve Papworth (ST); 5 David Abbott (ST); 6 Rory Bryant (ST). **CW** David Nye

(S). Lee Brett (Zetec). **FL** Sanderson 2m03.036s (78.76mph).

### FORD XR (9 LAPS)

1 Simon Robinson (XR2); 2 Paul Bishop (XR2) +0.674s; 3 Steve Poole (XR2); 4 Steve Rowles (XR2); 5 Andy Lennie (XR3); 6 Justin Roberts (XR2). **CW** Lennie. **FL** Poole 2m06.747s (76.46mph).

### FORMULA JEDI (03 LAPS)

1 Richard Gittings (Jedi Yamaha Mx6); 2 Stuart Abbott (Jedi Suzuki Mx6) +2.094s; 3 Dan Cook (Jedi Suzuki Mx6); 4 Jack Smith (Jedi Suzuki Mx6); 5 Richard Mitcham (Jedi Suzuki Mx6); 6 Andrew Ward (Jedi Suzuki Mx6). **FL** Gittings 1m37.800s (99.09mph).

### RACE TWO (01 LAPS)

1 Abbott; 2 Smith +1.090s; 3 Cook; 4 Barry Armstrong (Jedi Suzuki Mx6); 5 Ward; 6 Adam Walker (Jedi Yamaha Mx6). **FL** Smith 1m37.775s (99.12mph).

### AUTOSPORT SAYS...

### BEN ANDERSON IN THE HOT SEAT



I LOVE Cadwell Park. The place is a miracle of modern motorsport to which a visit is like a holy pilgrimage.

But I get the impression the feeling is not mutual after last weekend's Formula Vee double header.

'To finish first, first you must finish,' or so goes the old racing driver's adage. The sage who uttered those words would no doubt tell you making the start is also quite important - something I was unable to manage on Saturday after shunting at Charlies in qualifying.

Maybe the car just understeered, possibly I just ran out of talent, the truth perhaps lies somewhere in between. The net result: my GAC interfaced with the tyre barrier, ending my day early.

Repairs effected, I started fourth for Sunday's heat, but collided with Jake Oliveira's Storm on lap one, which put him in an ambulance and us both out. Late braking, grass and the eye of a Storm do not mix well, and neither, it seems, do Cadwell and I.