



Kestenbaum was in the mix for FF1600 honours

DONINGTON IN BRIEF



Johnston took 458 to two Open wins

FERRARI OPEN

Derek Johnston claimed his first Ferrari Open victory during the opening race of the weekend at a very hot, yet overcast, Donington Park and duly added a second on Sunday, winning each time ahead of fellow Ferrari 458 Challenge driver Gary Eastwood.

NGOC

Sam Smith took both wins at the wheel of his MGF – Saturday’s race was shortened due to the MG Midget of Gary Puxty going off at the Craner Curves. On Sunday, circuit debutant Smith won after early leaders Mark Baker and Simon Kendrick went off in separate incidents.

PORSCHE GT3 CUP

Justin Sherwood took two emphatic wins in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge, finishing 7.6 seconds clear of points leader James Birch – who was hampered by gearbox woes in qualifying – in race one and four seconds to the good over Steven Liquorish in race two.

PRE-1990 FF1600

Stuart Kestenbaum took his fifth win of the year in the sole Pre-’90 FF1600 race, easing to a 5.4s victory in his Reynard 89FF. Steve Hare was second in his Van Diemen RF81, with Scott Mansell’s Crossle third.

CLASSIC FF2000

Ian Pearson dominated both races in Classic Formula Ford 2000 to increase his points advantage in Class A. Having finished 16 seconds clear of Tom Pope in race one, Pearson shook off early pressure to win race two by 11 seconds from Scott Temple.

Pearson was again the star of FF2000



FORMULA RENAULT BARC DONINGTON PARK, AUGUST 18-19

Malvern closes in as Wagner wins

ONE WIN AND TWO second places from last weekend’s triple-header Formula Renault BARC event at Donington Park have given Cullen Motorsport’s Scott Malvern an increased 23-point lead in the championship – with just two races remaining.

Malvern’s chief rival for the title is still Josh Webster, although the MGR driver endured a mixed weekend in the East Midlands. Victory in race one, from lights-to-flag, started things off perfectly for Webster, but problems with a fuel pump in race two and a

bemusing lack of power in the third encounter have badly impacted his hopes. On dropped scores, though, Webster is closer, just 14 points adrift of Malvern.

The weekend’s other winner was MGR’s David Wagner, the Scot claiming his maiden success with a controlled drive in race three. Despite coming under pressure from first Fortec’s Seb Morris and then Malvern, Wagner didn’t put a wheel wrong.

Chris Middlehurst was the other standout performer, the series rookie claiming his first category podium with third on Saturday. He



Malvern (4) continued charge towards the title

backed that up with a second top-three finish in race two. Morris was the other driver to climb the podium, finally ending his barren run from Thruxton and Croft in the finale.

● Marc Orme

RESULTS (14 LAPS) 1 Josh Webster; 2 Scott Malvern +1.930s; 3 Chris Middlehurst; 4 Macaulay Walsh; 5 Jake Dalton; 6 Kieran Vernon.

Fastest lap Webster 1m08.262s (104.37mph). **RACE 2 (12 LAPS)** 1 Malvern; 2 David Wagner +3.793s; 3 Middlehurst; 4 Webster; 5 Seb Morris; 6 James Fletcher. **FL** Malvern 1m08.343s (104.24mph). **RACE 3 (14 LAPS)** 1 Wagner; 2 Malvern +0.348s; 3 Morris; 4 Walsh; 5 Middlehurst; 6 Webster. **FL** Morris 1m08.393s (104.17mph). **POINTS** 1 Malvern, 324; 2 Webster, 301; 3 Wagner, 223; 4 Morris, 208; 5 Walsh, 202; 6 Vernon, 193.

James Cartwright took Ferrari double



FERRARI FORMULA CLASSIC DONINGTON PARK, AUGUST 18-19

Two victories to Cartwright

RACING SIBLINGS

James and Ben Cartwright finished first and second in the opening Ferrari Formula Classic encounter on Sunday morning but dad Nick wasn’t able to make it an all-Cartwright podium, finishing a distant fourth behind Nigel Jenkins.

Tim Summers, at the wheel of his glorious Daytona 365 GTB/4, starred to win class two in eighth overall from 16th on the grid.

In the second outing, James again tasted the winner’s champagne, this time 10 seconds clear of Jenkins, with Ben Cartwright third. Summers

once again cut his way through the order to ninth overall from 19th on the grid. ● Marc Orme

RESULTS (BOTH 15 LAPS)

1 James Cartwright (328 GTB); **2** Ben Cartwright (328 GTB) +9.321s; **3** Nigel Jenkins (328 GTB); **4** Nick Cartwright (328 GTB); **5** Wayne Marrs (328 GTB); **6** Tim Walker (328 GTB). **Class winners** Walker; Tim Summers (365 GTB/4); Jack Dwane (Mondial QV). **FL** J Cartwright 1m21.424s (87.50mph). **RACE 2** 1 J Cartwright; 2 Jenkins +10.003s; 3 B Cartwright; 4 Marrs; 5 N Cartwright; 6 Chris Butler (328 GTB). **CW** B Cartwright; Summers; Dwane. **FL** J Cartwright 1m21.047s (87.90mph).

CLASSIC FF1600 DONINGTON PARK, AUGUST 18-19

Kestenbaum and Hare share dramatic races

GREAT RACING AND high drama were both features of the Classic FF1600s, in particular race two in which the action was red flagged on lap seven due to fluid at the Old Hairpin.

Steve Hare made a sensational start from eighth in his Van Diemen RF81 to move into the top three before taking second at McLeans and the lead into the chicane. Initially able to pull clear of the battling Mike Gardner, Stuart Kestenbaum and Steve Bell, Hare started to fade by the end of lap six.

However, the aforementioned fluid, which had already caught out a few drivers lower down the order, caused chaos up at the front.

Gardner and Bell both ended up off the road, as did several others, triggering the red flags. At the restart, Hare launched well from pole

and led for the first three laps before Kestenbaum made his way past. On the final lap, Hare got the lead back with a great move at McLeans.

On Saturday afternoon, Kestenbaum had steered his Van Diemen RF79 to a 2.5s victory over Hare, all after early challenger Gardner’s hopes of the win went awry with an excursion while leading. He fought back well to take fourth. ● Marc Orme

RESULTS (16 LAPS) 1 Stuart Kestenbaum (Van Diemen RF79); 2 Steve Hare (RF81) +2.567s; 3 Steve Bell (Royale RP29); 4 Mike Gardner (RF80); 5 Colin Williams (PRS RW01); 6 Steve Bradley (Crossle 25F). **CW** Andrew Smith (Van Diemen FA73). **FL** Gardner 1m17.583s (91.83mph). **RACE 2 (7 LAPS)** 1 Hare; 2 Kestenbaum +0.238s; 3 Smith; 4 Gardner; 5 Bradley; 6 Williams. **CW** Smith. **FL** Gardner 1m17.780s (91.59mph).