

A1 DRIVERS BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE REPORT ROUND 2

**750MC Race Meeting,
Brands Hatch, 1st April 2006**

The grid positions for Round two were based on each driver's second best time in the one extended practice session for the double header BCV8 races with the 750MC.

Round 2 Brands Hatch

Once again the tyre choice was an issue as the drivers made their way to the assembly area with dark clouds above.

As the lights changed Joe Parrington had the best start flying past Tom Stewart and Steve Williams, but their big V8's kicked in and Steve Williams and Tom Stewart found themselves back in front and side by side by the first corner. Behind them Ian Prior had a fantastic start in front of Russell McCarthy by a few car lengths. The rest of the field also stormed to the first corner, two and three wide throughout.

Class A

Rob Muir once again had a great race leading from the lights to the flag. Steve Okines also had an enjoyable race, improving his fastest lap from the first race.

Class AB

Class AB saw fantastic action between the front runners Tom Smith and Oliver Bryant, they had a race long battle, with side by side action throughout the race. Paul White had a superb race finishing in a strong 3rd position. Marc Yates, Steve Hall, Dawn-Marie Cox and Ian Longhurst also had good races rounding up the AB Class.

Class B

As the lights changed Class B was the race to watch as Ian Prior got to the first corner in front of last year's B class champion Russell McCarthy. By the end of the first lap, Ian had stretched out a good lead from Russell. Russell then reeled the fast starter in and managed to get along side him down Cooper straight overtaking Ian into the next corner, Ian kept Russell honest for the rest of the race. Peter Samuels had a good race finishing 3rd by the end. Behind Peter the battles continued between Mike Harris, Jonnie Wheeler, Tom Jones and Brian Cakebread. Near the end of the race the battles got too close as Brian Cakebread took an over optimistic move down the inside of Jonnie Wheeler at Paddock, they tangled putting them both in the gravel. Mike Breedon had a much better race than his first, finishing higher than before. Paul Atkinson and Howard Grundon rounded up the B class field. Barry Sidery-Smith had a miserable race having to pull off with car troubles before even completing one lap.

Class C

Joe Parrington once again dominated this class, having a fantastic start and then leading from start to finish. Piers Townsend and Phil Walker rounded up the C class field. For Piers the drama started for him on the warm up lap as his boot lid went flying off round Paddock. (Your boot lids certainly have some stories to tell don't they Piers!)

Class D

Class D was brilliant with Steve Williams side by side with Tom at the first corner. In the early part of the race it could have been anyone of the two that could win, Tom Stewart showed that he could handle the pressure given to him by Steve throughout the race, winning by a small margin by the end. John Wilson came in 3rd with Roy McCarthy in his great looking V8 rounding up the field of D class.

James Wheeler