

**A1 DRIVERS BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP
RACE REPORT ROUND 3**

**MGCC Race Meeting,
Cadwell Park, Saturday 22nd April 2006.**

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Unfortunately a lack of a regular enthusiastic race reporter means that full race reports for the A1 Drivers BCV8 Championship are likely to be a rare occurrence in 2006 as I have taken to the track again. Fortunately David Stewart gave some information for Cadwell which I have tried to put together as a race report below.

Although others were asked to provide notes, hand written or computer generated information, David was the only one who sent anything at all, so thanks to David Stewart.

Practice session,

The A1 Drivers BCV8 Championship supported at Cadwell by Hall's Garage had the practice session cut short when Brian Cakebread had a massive off after he left Clark Curve. Brian was seen to be walking away from his very badly damaged car before being taken to the medical centre for a thorough check up before being released. His accident brought out the red flag and by the time the circuit was cleared and Brian's car removed practice was closed after just 4 laps.

In addition to Brian's car, there was damage to the front of Tom Jones's Class B V8, but tape and some work would ensure he started the race later in the day. Peter Samuels had terminal engine problems and would not take part in the race. Mike Breedon had a misfire which was later fixed ready for the race.

James Wheeler was not allowed out in this practice session as his car failed scrutineering for the noise test. After working on his car, James was allowed out in another session and would start BCV8 from the back of the grid.

Rob Huff made a welcome return to BCV8 from his professional race duties and promptly set fastest Class B time.

Race

As the lights changed the whole field charged towards the first corner with, Tom Stewart Steve Williams, so close together and the rest of the field just as close behind them. Joe Parrington led C class round the first corner with all the B class and AB class nibbling at each others tails behind him, Russell McCarthy Leading B class, Oliver Bryant leading class AB, and Rob Muir leading Class A.

From the start it was Tom Stewart who got a fantastic start to have 3-4 car lengths lead into the first corner. Steve Williams second with Roy McCarthy 3rd, Joe Parrington Class C, 4th and Rob Huff Class B 5th. Paul White had the lead of Class AB with Rob Muir heading Class A. The rest of the field in close formation not too far behind.

Class D

Lap 2 saw a dramatic change to the race when Steve Williams pulling off with suspect engine failure at the end of the start finish straight. Steve duly gutted as he coasted to a halt! This left Tom Stewart to race to the flag a lonely leader but still determined to push hard, wowing the crowd with superb car control, and lifting the nearside from wheel on the charge towards the Mountain! Once backmarkers appeared, Tom dropped his pace so as not to get in the way of anybody else's race, passing mainly on the straights, and happy to bring the car home in one piece!!

For 2nd overall Roy McCarthy had Joe Parrington (Class C). looming large in his mirrors as the last lap board was shown. As they came around the Gooseneck, Joe challenged Roy who went slightly wide onto the grass, and with both braking in avoidance of each other, they were almost at a standstill when both were back on the black stuff, Joe just managed to drop down the hill first, and as he entered the mountain section looked determined to hold onto his 2nd place, which he did, with Roy just behind in 3rd overall but 2nd in Class D.

Class C.

Joe Parrington held the Class C lead from lights to flag, being content to have a battle with Roy McCarthy from Class D. Joe just taking Roy in a sliding grassy moment on the last lap for 2nd overall and Class C honours. Piers Townsend took 2nd in Class C after having to fight for track position with Rob Huff from Class B.

Class B

Rob Huff made a welcome return to BCV8 from his professional driving duties to recommence the long term battle with Russell McCarthy. Rob once again getting the result ahead of Russell at the flag but not before a long battle with Piers Townsend (Class C MGB V8 roadster) . Rob leading Piers for many laps with Piers challenging Rob hard for 4th overall, Rob was making his B class roadster extremely wide until half distance when Piers got his car ahead for 4th overall!! Ian Prior held 3rd in Class B from Mike Harris who is now enjoying his return to BCV8 and challenging for the higher Class places. Starting from the back of the grid after failing scrutineering and practicing out of order, James Wheeler was on a charge having passed several cars in the early laps, James doing well to make up to 5th in Class B at the flag. Tom Jones continued to impress with his V8 roadster taking 6th in Class B ahead of yours truly. Russell McCarthy tried as hard as he could to keep with Rob Huff actually setting fastest lap in the process.

Class AB

Paul White had a lonely race for Class AB honours but kept it on the black stuff to take the flag. Steve Hall of Hall's Garage, supporting this round at Cadwell took 2nd in Class AB ahead of Ian Longhurst who was learning car and circuit for this round.

Class A

Rob Muir Drove another lonely but safe race to take Class A honours, leading from the lights to the flag.. Steve Okines brought his car home 2nd in class ahead of Brian Smethurst.

David Stewart