

## A1 DRIVERS BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE REPORT ROUND 5

750MC Race Meeting,  
DONINGTON 14<sup>TH</sup> May 2006

### Practice Session

I arrived at a very wet and greasy Donington park race circuit just as the BCV8 were heading out on the track for qualifying. They were out to get grid positions for rounds **4 & 5**.

*The one practice session determined the grids for rounds 4 and 5, each driver being given their two best times. MVB*

The wet conditions played right into the hands of professional world touring car driver Rob Huff who loves getting his Wilshire Garages MGB B class into the most spectacular power slides round all the corners. His superb car control put him on overall pole ahead of the much more powerful Class D and C cars for the first race and second overall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Most of the D class went out on slicks hoping the track may dry out. However Peter Collis took advantage of his wets and got pole for the 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Adrian Beer made a return to the BCV8 with the number 1 on his modified D class car, but struggled to learn his new car in such greasy conditions on slick tyres and with oil on his windscreen.

Also having problems with his car was Mike Breedon, after practice he was looking at everything under his bonnet, he felt something electrical was causing the problems, I'm sure he will fill in the actual problems in brackets right about now (*dead starter motor, thanks to all who helped push start the car all day MVB*)

Ian Prior had a puncture dropping him right down the grid positions for the race!

All in all though there was a great turn out of cars and a very full grid!

### RACE REPORT ROUND 5

As the lights went out the field thundered away to the first corner, Tom Stewart making the best start but Peter Collis leading down to the old hairpin, John Wilson and Adrian Beer very close behind. Adrian anxious to make up for his disappointing retirement in race 1 of the day. Piers Townsend led class C, Rob Huff class B, Tom Smith class AB and Richard Dawe in Class A.

#### **Class A**

Rob Muir was a non starter of the second race as he was helping get Ian Longhursts' trailer home. This left Richard Dawe to a strong class A win. John Wreghitt rounded up the class A field but had a great race at the start with cars from other classes.

#### **Class AB**

Class AB was dominated by Tom Smith who showed brilliant car control round the old hairpin and really deserved the class win. Marc Yates finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dawn Marie Cox finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and also improved her time from race 1, Bob Fisher finished in 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Class B**

As they came down to the old hairpin Rob Huff lead with a fast charging Russell McCarthy behind him, Barry Holmes in front of Mike Harris with Peter Samuels right on his tale in 5<sup>th</sup> Tom Jones followed closely behind them with Ian Prior right on his tale too. Tom Jones was having a fantastic battle with Mike Harris and Ian Prior after his two great qualifying positions in the wet, but unfortunately on lap 3 a mistake caused a spin moving him back down the field. On Lap 4 Barry Holmes went sideways into the gravel just before the old hairpin on the outside rolling over 2 complete times. Barry fortunately ok and the MGB showed its great strength. The race wasn't red flagged and all the battles continued. Mike Breedon and John Hutson once again had a race long dice for position. Kevin Swann and Howard Grundon also improved on there best lap times from race 1. Rob Huff won the B class but Russell proved he didn't want Rob to get away from him to much by getting fastest lap.

### ***Class C***

Piers made a great start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race and lead the first few laps of the race but Joe Parrington reeled him in and passed Piers taking class win once again. Martin Hall made another strong 3<sup>rd</sup> in class. Phil walker looked good but struggled for overall pace. Paul Audley finished 5<sup>th</sup>. With Andrew Riley finishing well down the field in 6<sup>th</sup>

### ***Class D***

As the lights went out Class D thundered away to the first corner, Tom Stewart making the best start but Peter Collis leading down to the old hairpin, John Wilson and Adrian Beer very close behind. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap John Wilson led Peter who had Tom Stewart glued to his back bumper. I think in most laps the order changed but the end result gave the win to Tom Stewart only just from John Wilson and Adrian Beer, Adrian with a very impressive podium position first weekend out in the D class. Only two seconds behind was Peter Collis. Roy McCarthy rounded up the D class field, Brian Halford didn't start.

### ***P.S.***

Make sure you read the next report for Brands Hatch because the winner of class B is a right sound geezer, I'm not going to mention any names, but its ME!!!

**JAMES WHEELER**