

**Strata 21 BCV8 Championship
RACE REPORT ROUND 4.
CSCC Brands Hatch Race Meeting
5th May 2007**

Double Header Rounds 4 and 5

A dry but cold and cloudy day greeted us for our fourth and fifth rounds at the Classic Sports Car Club meeting on the Saturday of a two day event. A good turn out of 25 had entered but only 24 started practice on Saturday morning after Chairman Brian Halford had been involved in an incident at the previous days practice and had withdrawn his extensively damaged car. The twenty four remaining drivers were contained in four classes for the afternoon races slotted into the programme of ten races as Race 1 and Race 8 with five A class entries, ten B class entries, five C class entries and four D class entries eagerly waiting practice for the first of the two 15 minute races.

Practice

Practice at 9.22 was initially to be for both the afternoon grids with the drivers first and second fastest laps setting the grid positions of both races but an incident on the second lap of practice soon put that idea in the bin. Adrian Beer would have started from the back of the grid on both races and it was felt by the organisers that it would be more prudent to have him up front and not charging through the field twice. When the results were issued the second race had been gridded to the finishing order of race one. Terry Savory in his ex Richard Dawe's MGB GT lost control on some "wet stuff" on the entrance to Paddock Hill bend and he went off into the kitty litter. Adrian Beer cautiously warming up his tyres followed Terry through into the bend and seeing him disappearing into the litter tried to avoid his return to the track and got himself caught up in the same incident, Terry rolling the car and Adrian damaging his newly refurbished front end. Approximately three seconds later Paul White pirouetted near the same spot and continued. The practice was red flagged both drivers were fine and the cars were towed back to the pits looking worse for wear but on four undamaged wheels. Brian Cakebread pulled over with a hose off and was also towed back to the pits. The practice was restarted and the remaining twenty one drivers completed a faultless session with grid positions for race One as follows:

Overall and class D pole went to John Wilson with 52.339 with Paul Sibley alongside on 53.426. On Row two class C Pole Joe Parrington on 54.409 alongside Roy McCarthy on 54.416 and behind on row three Piers Townsend on 54.920 and Paul White on 55.259. Row four Phil Walker on 56.064 alongside B class Pole Tom Jones on 56.479 and behind on row five Russell McCarthy on 56.756 alongside James Wheeler in the borrowed Ian Prior car on 57.162. Row six Mike Harris on 57.579 alongside John Hutson with a 57.824 and behind on row seven Peter Samuels on 57.848 next to Andrew Riley with a 58.942. On row eight Barry Holmes on a 59.001 alongside Paul Atkinson on a 59.911. On row nine Howard Grundon on a 1.00.658 alongside Class A Pole Ken Deamer on a 1.01.657 with row ten Rob Muir on a 1.02.544 alongside Ian Longhurst with a 1.04.027 and finishing the timed field on row eleven Richard McKeon with a 1.05.102. Lastly on row twelve Brian Cakebread with a new hose alongside Adrian Beer whose team had done wonders to rebuild the front end of his car with a hammer, a new spoiler a lot of orange tank tape

ROUND 4 - Race Overall

Red lights went out and the grid pulled away with John Wilson taking the lead and Paul Sibley, Piers Townsend, Joe Parrington, Paul White and Roy McCarthy leading the field up into Druids for the first time. On exiting Druids Roy had pulled past Paul who had Phil Walker on his tail and next leading B class Tom Jones with James Wheeler in the red Ian Prior car followed by Russell McCarthy and John Hutson. Up through Graham Hill and round Clearways the order remained the same with Mike Harris, Barry Holmes and Peter Samuels and a charging Adrian Beer now up into sixth position from the back of the grid, Howard Grunden, Brian Cakebread, Andrew Riley and Paul Atkinson Finishing the order on lap two A class Ken Deamer, Rob Muir, Richard McKeon and Ian Longhurst. John Wilson maintained his overall lead from lights to flag with Paul Sibley in second until lap seven when Adrian Beer who had come up through the field of twenty three from the back of the grid gaining seventeen places by lap three, dived past him to chase after John but had to be contented with second overall after a valiant effort. Class C Piers Townsend maintained his lights to flag win as did B class Tom Jones and A class Ken Deamer.

Summary

Class D

John Wilson took a powerful lead to pull out an immediate gap on Paul Sibley who maintained his second overall until a flying Adrian Beer passed him on lap seven to chase after John. Roy McCarthy came home fourth in class after a battle with Piers Townsend.

Class C

Joe Parrington tried to dive through at the lights but was soon passed by Piers Townsend who took the C class lead with Joe slipping into second then Paul White and Phil Walker and Andrew Riley further down the field mixing with the B class. Joe Parrington losing contention with engine problems and pulled off on lap ten. Paul White and Phil Walker having a great race long dice with only a second between them at the flag.

Class B

Tom Jones on B pole took immediate class lead followed by James Wheeler and Russell McCarthy this order remaining until lap five when James had a moment and dropped back. Hard racing between Tom and Russell but Tom held off Russell to the flag. James Wheeler rejoining to have a fantastic dice with John Hutson until he lost out on lap six to Mike Harris, both Mike and James coming home within four hundredth at the flag. Peter Samuels and Barry Holmes were both fighting hard until lap five when they were joined by Brian Cakebread up from the back of the grid and a three way dice commenced, Peter Samuels pulling away leaving Holmes and Cakebread to fight it out to the line Barry just holding Brian off. At the back of the B class field Paul Atkinson and Howard Grundon, Paul passing Howard on lap two to hold him off to the flag.

Class A

Ken Deamer from A class pole took the lead to remain to the flag with Rob Muir coming home second and a gap to Richard McKeon and Ian Longhurst

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See MST Timings for Practice and Race results under Results