

A1 Drivers BCV8 Championship
RACE REPORT ROUND 12.
750 MC Race Meeting (Double header)
SNETTERTON 1st October 2006.

QUALIFYING

24 drivers took to the track in very damp conditions at 09:43 for one long practice session to determine grid positions for both Round 11 and 12. Each drivers best two times to count, quickest for round 11 and next best for round 12. Seems logical so far!

Rob Huff joined BCV8 again for rounds 11 and 12 now with his first WTCC win to his credit. After watching Rob at Snetterton previously in the wet, I had absolutely no doubt he would be much nearer the front of the grid than many Class D and C cars. This proved to be correct with Rob setting 2nd fastest overall and fastest Class B time for round 11 and round 12 behind Adrian Beer in the much faster Class D car.

As if to prove the last race report wrong where he was last in class and seen to struggle at Castle Combe, Martin Hall set about making amends by setting Pole Position for Class C for round 11 and 2nd in Class C for round 12. Much work had been done on his car since Castle Combe when it was discovered he had a significant problem with his rear suspension making the car practically un-drivable.

Paul White took both Class AB Pole positions for round 11 and 12, with a welcome return to BCV8 by Ken Deamer in his Class A MGB. Ken surprised Rob Muir by taking both Class A Pole positions in rounds 11 and 12 leaving Rob some way behind on time but still 2nd in Class A for both rounds.

Terry Savory joined BCV8 for the first time in the ex Richard Dawe MGB GT in Class A to make a cautious but enthusiastic start taking 3rd in class A on the grid.

All drivers times being much slower than normal due to track conditions which were damp to wet at different points of the circuit. No significant problems arose in practice and all 24 cars would take to the grid for round 12.

RACE REPORT

From the lights Adrian Beer took advantage of his pole position to lead the pack round the first lap to head John Wilson overall and in Class D Martin Hall headed Piers Townsend to lead Class C. Rob Huff dropped behind the Class D cars but led Class B ahead of Russell McCarthy. Paul White had a comfortable lead in Class AB with Ken Deamer leading Class A ahead of Rob Muir. Terry Savory did not make the start of this race.

Class A

Ken Deamer led Class A from lights to flag although Rob Muir set fastest lap on his way to 2nd in Class.

Class AB

Paul White took a lights top flag victory in Class AB to ensure he was crowned Class AB Champion for 2006. Dawn Marie Cox did not complete the first lap and was not classified.

Class B.

Rob Huff held a comfortable Class B lead for the first 5 laps until he retired. Russell McCarthy took over the Class lead, a position he held to the flag. Peter Samuels had a better race in round 12 in spite of a racing incident with Adrian Beer which wrenched the steering wheel from his wrist. Peter managed to recover to the flag to retain 2nd in class but has since discovered he has broken

his wrist in two places. We wish Peter a speedy recovery although it appears he will be in plaster until mid-November at least. The rest of Class B battled all the way to the flag.

Class C

Martin Hall maintained the lead of Class C for the first two laps only to be taken by Piers Townsend who led the class for the remainder of the race. Joe Parrington tried to hang on to these two but lost ground finishing fourth behind Phil Walker as the handling deteriorated towards the end, later found to be due to a slow puncture.

Class D

Adrian Beer once again led from lights to flag with a scare towards the end when he and Peter Samuels tangled. The delay gave John Wilson a chance to close the gap but Adrian held on to make it a maximum points weekend with two pole positions and two wins.

Mike Breedon