

24th August, 2007

Dear Team Manager/Competitor,

With the penultimate round of the series at Brands Hatch soon upon us, here is some news...

Snetterton

The Fun Cup moved to Snetterton on August 4th, for the 5th round of the series. It was a 4 hour race, which saw Eugene O'Brien take the victory, with new team mate for the race, Joachim Ritter, in car 221 – Team O'BR/Perrys. The win was even more impressive for the team, as it was Ritter's 1st ever race in any series.

It was the massively experienced O'Brien, who took the start and immediately pulled away, whilst the competition of Abbey Motorsport, JPR Motorsport, Prestige Wheels, Trucks 2 Go and Random Racing all scrapped for 2nd place, swapping positions at every corner.

The 1st pit window arrived after 40 minutes and by this time, O'Brien was a massive 40 seconds ahead of the 2nd placed Abbey Motorsport, who had managed to pull away from the chasing pack.

O'Brien handed over to Ritter, who rejoined the group, still with a big lead. Impressively, he did not falter under the pressure of his 1st ever race stint and continued to push hard in first place.

Behind Ritter, Adrian Mardlin and Rob Croyden were driving a superb race, having started from near the back of the grid, the pair had flown through the 26 car pack and were now in 2nd place, catching Ritter by 2 seconds per lap.

After the 2nd pit window, O'Brien held the lead, but was still being chased by the super quick 227 car of Mardlin and Croyden. However, a safety car was deployed, which heated up the race, as it closed the gap between the front-

runners and by the end of the 3rd pit window, it had been reduced to 7 seconds between the top 4 teams, after 2 hours of racing.

However, O'Brien was given a stop and go penalty, which cut his lead from the new 2nd placed 210 car of Trucks 2 Go, as car 227 of Mardlin and Croyden had to make an unscheduled pit stop, which had cost them their 2nd place.

The penultimate pit stop came and O'Brien pitted and Ritter took over. However, the pairs victory was challenged, when the 3rd placed, car 131, JPR Motorsport Contitech, pitted at the same time and carried out a fast stop, to rejoin the track in the lead, with Ritter in 2nd. It was Rose who took over from Harris and he was pulling away from Ritter at an average of 2 seconds per lap. Car 210, Trucks 2 Go, were also pushing hard in 3rd place and driver Chris Hart caught and overtook Ritter, pushing the 221 car into 3rd spot.

However, the JPR Motorsport Contitech car retired from the race during the final pit window, with a loss of oil pressure. This meant that Phil Martindale took the lead for car 210, Trucks 2 Go.

Meanwhile, O'Brien was in the 221 car for the final stint and was hungry for the win. He put in some storming laps and managed to catch and overtake Martindale to take the lead, as Martindale was suffering from a loss of engine power, due to a blocked carburettor.

The chequered flag was waved 4 hours after the start and it was O'Brien and Ritter that eventually took the win. In 2nd place, it was Team Honeywell's Plimmer and Fawcett. In 3rd position, Martindale and Hart took the final podium spot for team Trucks 2 Go, having lost 2nd place on the last lap, as they were still suffering severely from their loss of engine power.

Congratulations to the highest placed JPR Rental team. Drivers Garry Wardle, Ian White and Dominic O' Donnell finished 12th. Well done also to Pete Griffin, John Dormer and Michael Holloway, who took home the Team of the Day trophy, after finishing 7th.

Brands Hatch – Provisional Timetable

Friday 31st August

Exclusive Testing: 17.00 – 18.00

There will also be extra general testing available from 09.00 – 17.00. You must book this direct with the circuit.

Saturday 1st September

Sign On – 07.25

Scrutineering 07.30 – 8.00

Qualifying: 09.00 - 10.00

Race: 12.35 - 15.45

Please note that the race has been extended by 10 minutes and is now 3 hours and 10 minutes duration.

This timetable is provisional and may change. Please check the latest news regularly for any updates.

Food

There will be lunch provided on Saturday for all yellow wristband holders.

Spa TV Coverage

Raceworld episode 36, featuring Spa part 1:

Thursday 6th September: 6.30pm (Sky Sports 3), 10 pm (Sky Sports 2).

Friday 7th September: 8am (Sky Sports 2), 2pm (Sky Sports 1).

Raceworld episode 37, featuring Spa part 2:

Wednesday 12th September: 6pm (Sky Sports Xtra), 10pm (Sky Sports 3).

Thursday 13th September: 2am (Sky Sports 2), 8am (Sky Sports 3).

Please note that as usual, this will be split across two back-to-back shows (half an hour in each show).

Also, this year, all Fun Cup rounds will receive extra coverage on Motors TV, in three special one-hour programmes:

Prog 1 - Croft and Mondello Park.

Prog 2 - Spa 25 hours.

Prog 3 - Snetterton, Brands Hatch and Oulton Park.

Once the air dates for these are available, they will be issued on the latest news section of our website.

Snetterton Pictures

To check out the pictures from Snetterton please click on the following link <http://www.funcup.co.uk/gallery01.asp>. If there are any pictures on our photogalleries, which are not on the photobox and you would like them added, please ring Roxie.

We do not normally send photos out from our office. However, if you need a picture for a specific promotion, please contact Roxie.

World Cup Round – Val de Vienne

This years World Cup round has now been changed to Val de Vienne, in France. The date is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be in November.

End of Season Party/Prize-Giving

If you have not yet ordered your tickets for the end of season party and you want to join in the fun and celebrations, please ring Roxie on 01538 306921, to reserve your spaces.

Technical Bulletin

Through no fault of their own, two teams have been supplied with rear bodywork that has been weak in the area where the rear wing-mounting bracket attaches. Therefore, please ensure that you and



every member of your team read and understand the technical bulletin attached. This can also be found on the teams protected page of the website, where all technical bulletins will be displayed.

Finally...

We will be welcoming a French team, who won the World Cup round at Jarama in 2006, to Brands Hatch – I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kindest regards

Paul Rose
Series Director

