



20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 – Newsletter

Dear All,

**Anglesey International, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

It was Anglesey International circuit that played host to the Fun Cup for round four of the series last weekend. Fun Cup UK took a fleet of twenty eight cars to compete at one of the UK's most picturesque circuits, in glorious sunshine.

After spending the whole of Friday's testing working on the horrendous understeer on car 131, it was JPR Frenchstone who eventually snatched victory.

The trio of Steve Harris, Franck Pelle and Paul Rose were drawn 8<sup>th</sup> on the grid from the random ballot. Franck Pelle took the start and forced his way into the lead by the end of lap two. Although the car's handling was far from ideal, it seemed to be better than most, working great in fast corners, but suffering massive understeer in many of the slow ones.

The race was fairly trouble free for the trio, who maintained a place at the front for the majority of the five hour race, although several safety cars removed their comfortable

lead on more than one occasion. Their first place did come under threat momentarily during the final two laps, when Steve Harris was forced to deal with a throttle sticking wide open. However, he managed to reach the chequered flag in one piece to take the victory.



*210, Trucks 2 Go, Driver Change*

The number 1 car of Neil Plimmer and Geoff Fawcett were back on form for Team Honeywell in Saturday's race. The duo ran at the front for the first two hours, trading places with JPR Frenchstone, until a rogue misfire throughout the third stint pushed them back. Neil Plimmer maintained 2<sup>nd</sup> position on track

and handed over to Geoff for the final hour, with a twenty-five second deficit.

As the misfire problem had cured itself, Geoff drove a storming final stint to slash JPR Frenchstone's advantage to six tenths of a second at the flag. A fantastic team effort saw Honeywell back on a regular podium position after their disasters at Croft three weeks previously.



*Team Honeywell*

Andrew Martindale replaced brother Phil in Trucks 2 Go, car 210, to pair up with Chris Hart for the race. Phil, who was nursing a broken shoulder, had to endure the race as a spectator. The pair ran a fairly trouble free race and mixed with the front runners for the duration. A bad placing behind the safety car lost them some valuable time, but it didn't deter them and after double stinting for the two final sessions, Chris Hart brought the car home in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



*The top three on the podium*



*Chris Hart*

Car 103, Credit Crunch Racing, finished 9<sup>th</sup> in what was only their fourth Fun Cup race. Tim Wheeldon and Nigel Griffiths were delighted with their result, considering their lack of experience and were awarded the 'Team of the Day' Trophy.

Tim took the first stint, having being drawn 5<sup>th</sup> on the grid and settled into the race with a respectable middle placing. Nigel's first time out saw him having a great battle with car 221, Team O'BR/Perrys and car 14, Matrix.

During their third and fourth stints some great pit stops helped them to move towards the top ten and when Nigel took over for the final fifty minute stint, the team had battled their way to seventh place and eventually crossed the line in 9<sup>th</sup>.



*Nigel Griffiths and Tim Wheeldon*

Dan Jones, Alex Ashby and Lance Robson finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and took home the 'Highest Placed JPR Rental Team' trophy, once again, for Team Wintun. The trio is proving to be extremely consistent for 2008, in what is their first year as team mates.



*Dan Jones, Alex Ashby, Lance Robson*

The fastest lap was set by Team RAM in car 245, with an impressive 1:46.805.

### **Motors TV 1-Hour Special**

Please find below the Motors TV UK schedule for our first 1-hour special of the year. This will feature coverage from Mondello Park, Croft and Anglesey International:

Saturday 5th July: 1pm

Sunday 6th July: 2am

Monday 7th July: 3am

Tuesday 8th July: 1pm & 7pm

Wednesday 9th July: 11pm

In addition to being broadcast to 6.6 million households in the UK, the programme will also be given coverage on the Motors TV European network, available to a further 22 million households, across 40 countries.

The dates for the Anglesey coverage on 'Raceworld' will be posted on the latest news of [www.funcup.co.uk](http://www.funcup.co.uk) in due course.

### **Anglesey International Photographs**

Photographs from Anglesey International can be viewed by clicking on the following link [http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jema\\_dams](http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jema_dams)

### **Spa 25 hours**

The next race in the Fun Cup calendar is the awesome Spa 25 hour race. Can all Team Managers please be aware that **important information** regarding this event will be sent via email in due course.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Spa!

Kind regards

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