



## Rounds 4 & 5 DONINGTON PARK

Graham Roberts and Farquini Deott took the narrowest of victories for team JPR UVio in the one hour race with only 0.800 secs covering the top three as Deott headed home Henry Dawes (Track Torque 2/Rent Dominos) and Marcus Clutton (Sherardize/Nielsen Racing).

Chris Hart/Henry Dawes were second again in the four hour feature, but it was Peter Belshaw/Marcus Clutton who secured the top step of the podium, a first win for the Nielsen Racing run car.



### RACE ONE

The 28 car grid formed up in extremely humid conditions for the first race in the only double header of the season, with DespatchBay.com on pole with John Griffiths starting.

Griffiths retained the lead initially, until Roberts took charge for JPR UVio. Hart was into second on lap five and for the next few laps traded the lead at regular intervals with Roberts.

The pitstops and first driver change came around the half hour mark, but it was the final 15 minutes when it became even closer.

Dawes (Rent Domino's) and Deott continued where their co drivers left off and continued to battle on. Clutton had taken over from Belshaw in the Sherardize car and had to fight to consolidate third over Jay Shepherd's (Holden Hawthorns).

It went right down to the wire though with Deott inching ahead out of Redgate on lap 35, before contact a lap later left them side by side. Hart was back in for Rent Dominos and led into Coppice but Deott retook into the chicane and just held on for the next five laps to take victory by 0.085 secs. "That went so well, very close and we only had a little touch," said Deott. "I thought I had it a few times but didn't, and I couldn't see Marcus catching as my mirror had broken," Hart replied.

The lead had allowed Clutton to close and he was only a length short of catching them at the flag. "One more lap and I would have got them, but had waited to see if they collided and they didn't much," Clutton added.

Hawthorns retained fourth with DespatchBay.com gaining a late fifth after Julian Thomas had to bring the Racelogic car in for a stop go penalty after a short stop and the JPR Isla car ran out of fuel with Eugene O'Brien at the wheel.

### RESULTS

1 JPR UVio (Graham Roberts/Farquini Deott 41 laps in 1h00m16.666s (80.73mph); 2 Track Torque

2 Rent Domino's (Chris Hart/Henry Dawes) +0.085s;

3 Sherardize/Nielsen Racing (Peter Belshaw/Marcus Clutton);

4 Holden hawthorn's Racing (Martin Gibson/Andy Holden/Jay Shepherd);

5 DespatchBay.com (John Griffiths/Andy Bicknell);

6 Racelogic (Nigel Greensall/Jon Tomlinson/Julian Thomas);

7 Paul Wighton (Antonio Armelin/Paul Wighton/Anthony Reid);

8 Scuderia XCat (Simon Bonham/Rob Thomas);

9 Team Lane Roofing (Nigel Griffiths/Christopher Weatherill/Dominic Jackson);

10 Eco Racing (Paul Abraham/Scott Blakeney)

**Fastest lap** Clutton (Team Sherardize/Nielsen racing) 1m24.167s (84.64mph).



### RACE TWO

With only a short turnaround for lunch and the grid walk it was a hectic pitlane as the teams prepared for the four hour race, Global racing in particular performing a quick engine change after a disastrous race one.

Team Honeywell had pole with Geoff Fawcett starting, while Ciro Carannante was alongside for CCS Media.

From the start it was more like a sprint than a four hour race with Fawcett leading the way for Honeywell from Carannante, who was soon on the slide as Anthony Reid came to the fore for the Paul Wighton Team.

The lead pair began to edge away and into the chicane for the tenth time Reid had the lead, but Fawcett continued to stay close.

Paul Abrahams had an early third for ECO Racing and had a few exchanges with Deott's JPR UVio car before a growing train built up behind.

Reid and Fawcett had a couple of swaps as the first 30 minutes was completed, but Deott and O'Brien (JPR Isla) had closed in too.

On lap 23 Fawcett was down to fourth after a sort out at the Old Hairpin, and a delay with backmarkers followed at the chicane with Deott emerging as the new leader from O'Brien and Reid.

After the first hour JPR UVio were 16 seconds up on the second placed duel between Paul Wighton and JPR Isla, while Rent Domino's were back in the frame in fourth, from Scuderia XCat, with Team Honeywell down to sixth.



Just into the second hour as they approached the chicane, third placed O'Brien was tapped and careered across the gravel, but rejoined the racing straight into second placed Wighton. Both cars were extensively damaged but limped back to the pits.

The safety car was in action while the clean-up took place, but it had little or no effect on JPR UVio's lead. While Rent Domino's had consolidated second place, Belshaw and Clutton were into third but had Scuderia XCat piling the pressure on with Rob Thomas at the wheel as the second hour was completed.

Racelogic also came into contention for the first time with Nigel Greensall looking for a podium finish again. But with rain starting to fall there were cars sliding off and safety car was out again on lap 95.



From the green flag Clutton was three seconds off Deott's lead but Hart was threatening again too from third place, while seven cars were still on the lead lap.

Having run side by side through Schwantz Curve on lap 101, Clutton led into McLeans with Hart following into second a lap later before Deott retook second again within a lap.

Three hours in Sherardize were four seconds clear of Rent Dominos, with JPR UVio in third, from Eco Racing, Team Honeywell and Geometric.

Showers played their part again during the final hour but with Belshaw having retained the lead for Sherardize, Clutton took over for the final stint and having reduced his pace over the final laps, took victory by 3.928 secs. "There was a three car battle ahead on the road and I didn't want to get involved in that, so backed off a little," Clutton explained. "It was hard to know when to push when you are at the front. To finish was the aim but to win was the icing on the cake," Belshaw added.

JPR UVio's racelong challenge came to an end at the final stop with gear selection problems, "it wouldn't change down as I came into the chicane," Roberts explained.

Rent Dominos were left clear in second, but Hart was still charging at the end and had Clutton in his sights. "He was quick and no point pushing any harder," said Hart. "A good day for us though, but now I am knackered," added co driver Dawes.

With Steve Johansen taking over the Geometric car from Zoe and Guy Wenham for the finale, he was ousted by Racelogic's Thomas for third on lap 142. But their dice had allowed Neil Plimmer to close for Team Honeywell. Plimmer went by at Redgate on lap 154, before Johansen returned the favour into the chicane.

Plimmer was ahead again at the Old Hairpin but the duel had allowed Eco's Scott Blakeney to reel them in. He took Johansen into Redgate on lap 156 and Plimmer into the chicane on the same lap.

"I couldn't do anything about Eco but really wanted a podium," said Plimmer. "I knew Neil and I were being caught, but maybe if we had worked together, but Blakeney got us both," Johansen added.

However, 2 Rent Dominoes were exluded from the results after the race due to a technical issue. Therefore, it was reigning Champions Racelogic's Greensall/Thomas/Tomlinson who took p2, whilst Eco Racing's Abraham/Blakeney took fourth. Team Honeywell (Plimmer/Fawcett/Wheeldon) had 0.199 secs in hand over Geometric (Johansen/Wenham Z & G) for fourth, while Holden Hawthorn were a lap down in six, with Chris Earp, Wave9, JPR UVio & Despatch-Bay.com completing the top ten.

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## CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS



Car No.	Team	Standing	Points
1	Team Racelogic	1 <sup>st</sup>	295
209	Eco Racing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	274
213	Holden Hawthorns Racing	3 <sup>rd</sup>	272

