

Oulton Park race Saturday 10 June 2017

A good and varied turnout of 17 cars assembled at the interesting and undulating Cheshire circuit. The meeting was being held over the long 2.7 mile International Circuit layout and was to be for the Lewis-Evans Trophy. For two drivers, Andy Raynor and Jim May, this was to be their first 500 race.

The weather was warm and overcast but fortunately dry for practice, although there were some damp patches on parts of the track. It soon became clear who the front runners would be and after something like six laps Richard de la Roche had pole with a margin approaching three seconds. Next up covered by less than a second were Mike Fowler, Darrell Woods and Xavier Kingsland.

At the end of the session there were only nine cars running and five had to be recovered with the remaining three pulling in early. Fettleing was therefore much in evidence as even some of those running had issues. For poor Kerry, the meeting was over as he had a holed piston. Otherwise the most serious were Stuart Wright whose magneto had dismantled itself, leading to an engine change, and Andy Turner whose gearbox had lost all its oil and become stuck in gear. Miss-fires were the most common cause for attention.

Ours was to be race 10 on the programme giving plenty of time for repairs so it was no surprise that 15 cars left the assembly area, only Andy Turner being missing. Unfortunately there had been a light steady rain for the past hour so the track was very wet and slippery, catching out both debutants before the end of lap one.

The race soon settled into its rhythm with Richard de la Roche closely followed by Mike Fowler and Darrell Woods for the duration. These three were the only ones to circulate under 2:45. Stuart Wright had had a terrific start and was up to fourth from the back of the grid by the end of lap one, followed by Xavier and an improving John Turner. JB had a moment at Knickebrook chicane on lap 3, doing a fair impression of a motorboat, but recovering over the following laps. By lap four the front of the field had not changed but John had passed Xavier. A few seconds back JB, Martin Sheppard, Steve Jeffords and Nick Powell were all quite close together.

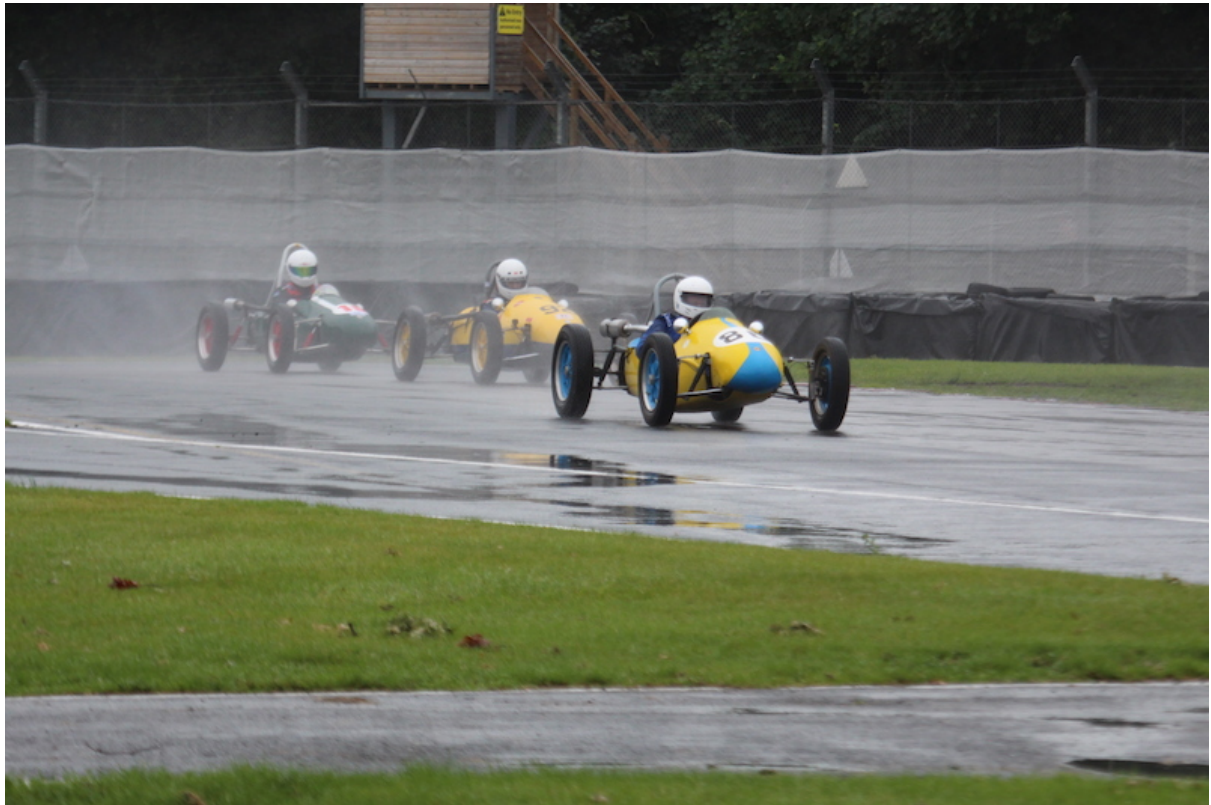


At the chequered flag there were 11 still running. Nick Powell was very lucky as his engine sprocket fell off just after the line and Roy Hunt, who had been running with a gearbox problem arrived back in the paddock to find a rear chassis cross-member had broken.

Mike Fowler in the Cooper Mk V Norton

A fuller report will appear in the next edition of ***The 500.***











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FORMULA 3 (500) CARS

RESULT - RACE 10

Pl	No	Cl	Name	Car	Laps	Time	Behind	MPH	Best Lap on	MPH
1	17	P2	Richard DE LA ROCHE	Cooper Mk5	6	16:28.13		58.85	2:43.48	5 59.28
2	31	P2	Mike FOWLER	Cooper Mk5	6	16:28.54	0.41	58.82	2:43.21	5 59.38
3	6	P3	Darrell WOODS	Cooper Mk12	6	16:29.25	1.12	58.78	2:43.12	5 59.41
4	16	P3	Stuart WRIGHT	Cooper Mk11	6	17:07.54	39.41	56.59	2:47.96	5 57.70
5	86	P3	John TURNER	Cooper Mk9	6	17:08.47	40.34	56.54	2:44.05	4 59.07
6	59	P2	Xavier KINGSLAND	Staride Mk3	6	17:33.50	1:05.37	55.19	2:53.96	4 55.71
7	19	P1	JB JONES	JLR	6	17:59.83	1:31.70	53.85	2:54.89	5 55.41
8	37	P3	Martin SHEPPARD	Effyh Bryfan Tyddyn speci	6	18:00.21	1:32.08	53.83	2:52.99	6 56.02
9	92	P3	Steven JEFFORD	Cooper Mk8	6	18:03.96	1:35.83	53.64	2:54.96	6 55.39
10	22	P3	Nicholas POWELL	Cooper Mk8	6	18:07.74	1:39.61	53.46	2:56.94	6 54.77
11	8	P3	Roy HUNT	Martin	6	18:27.32	1:59.19	52.51	2:56.15	2 55.02
Not-Classified										
	30	P2	Charles REYNOLDS	Kieft CK53	3	9:24.85	DNF	51.47	3:01.46	3 53.41
	4	P3	Roy WRIGHT	Flash Special	0		Starter			
	55	P3	Jim MAY	Petty	0		Starter			
Fastest Lap										
	19	P1	JB JONES	JLR				2:54.89	5	55.41
	31	P2	Mike FOWLER	Cooper Mk5				2:43.21	5	59.38
	6	P3	Darrell WOODS	Cooper Mk12				2:43.12	5	59.41

Weather / Track : Rain / Wet

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Clerk of Course:

Time Issued:

Chief Timekeeper:

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LAP TIMES - RACE 10

6	Darrell WOODS										
	Lap 1	1 2:49.46	2 2:44.94	3 2:43.37	4 2:43.64	5 2:43.12	6 2:43.60	7	8	9	10
8	Roy HUNT										
	Lap 1	1 3:09.65	2 2:56.15	3 2:57.27	4 3:00.24	5 3:07.70	6 3:11.03	7	8	9	10
16	Stuart WRIGHT										
	Lap 1	1 2:54.61	2 2:52.46	3 2:49.22	4 2:49.49	5 2:47.96	6 2:49.48	7	8	9	10
17	Richard DE LA ROCHE										
	Lap 1	1 2:47.42	2 2:44.74	3 2:43.97	4 2:43.95	5 2:43.48	6 2:44.12	7	8	9	10
19	JB JONES										
	Lap 1	1 3:01.48	2 3:03.06	3 3:05.36	4 2:55.04	5 2:54.89	6 2:55.80	7	8	9	10
22	Nicholas POWELL										
	Lap 1	1 3:12.46	2 2:59.69	3 2:57.10	4 2:58.64	5 2:59.12	6 2:56.94	7	8	9	10
30	Charles REYNOLDS										
	Lap 1	1 3:11.94	2 3:05.48	3 3:01.46	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
31	Mike FOWLER										
	Lap 1	1 2:48.75	2 2:44.32	3 2:44.92	4 2:43.49	5 2:43.21	6 2:43.24	7	8	9	10
37	Martin SHEPPARD										
	Lap 1	1 3:08.61	2 3:01.73	3 2:58.36	4 2:57.85	5 2:57.63	6 2:52.99	7	8	9	10
59	Xavier KINGSLAND										
	Lap 1	1 2:58.47	2 2:54.97	3 2:54.62	4 2:53.96	5 2:54.31	6 2:55.84	7	8	9	10
86	John TURNER										
	Lap 1	1 3:01.00	2 2:52.45	3 2:52.30	4 2:44.05	5 2:47.38	6 2:49.14	7	8	9	10
92	Steven JEFFORD										
	Lap 1	1 3:03.17	2 2:59.56	3 2:59.27	4 2:59.76	5 2:54.96	6	7	8	9	10

Lap Chart

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Lap 1		Lap 2		Lap 3		Lap 4		Lap 5		Lap 6		Lap 7		Lap 8		Lap 9		Lap 10	
No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time
17	2:47.87	17	5:32.61	17	8:16.58	17	11:00.53	17	13:44.01	17	16:28.13								
31	2:49.36	31	5:33.68	31	8:18.60	31	11:02.09	31	13:45.30	31	16:28.54								
6	2:50.58	6	5:35.52	6	8:18.89	6	11:02.53	6	13:45.65	6	16:29.25								
16	2:58.93	16	5:51.39	16	8:40.61	16	11:30.10	16	14:18.06	16	17:07.54								
59	2:59.80	59	5:54.77	86	8:47.90	86	11:31.95	86	14:19.33	86	17:08.47								
86	3:03.15	86	5:55.60	59	8:49.39	59	11:43.35	59	14:37.66	59	17:33.50								
19	3:05.68	19	6:08.74	8	9:08.35	8	12:08.59	19	15:04.03	19	17:59.83								
37	3:11.65	92	6:10.41	92	9:09.97	19	12:09.14	37	15:07.22	37	18:00.21								
8	3:14.93	8	6:11.08	37	9:11.74	92	12:09.24	92	15:09.00	92	18:03.96								
22	3:16.25	37	6:13.38	22	9:13.04	37	12:09.59	22	15:10.80	22	18:07.74								
30	3:17.91	22	6:15.94	19	9:14.10	22	12:11.68	8	15:16.29	8	18:27.32								
		30	6:23.39	30	9:24.85														