



2011 Avon Tyres BRSCC Northern Championship: Rounds 6 & 7

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Introduction

Rounds six and seven of the 2011 Avon Tyres BRSCC Northern FF1600 Championship saw the competitors taking a trip away from the usual “home” circuits of Oulton Park and Anglesey; for a visit to Donington Park in the East Midlands. The meeting also counted as rounds of both the BRSCC’s FF1600 National and Triple Crown Championships. The format for the double header was a qualifying session and a race for each of Post-89 and Pre-90 on Saturday, followed by a second race for each category on Sunday. Grids for the second races were decided by the race one finishing positions.

Pre-90 Qualifying

A strong field of 22 cars left the pit lane for the Pre-90 qualifying session in windy and dry conditions, but with some very threatening rain clouds looming. Early pace in the session was set by championship front runners, John Loebell and Nigel Dolan; however teammates Mike Stewart and Ryan Dignan, along with Mario Sarchet and Chris Stones, were also amongst the early names towards the top of the timing screens.



Although the session was for a longer than normal 30 minute duration, the strong likelihood of rain at some point ensured all the drivers were keen to post quick times early on. It soon became clear that Loebell was going to be the man dominating the session, posting an incredible 2.5 second advantage over Stones, who was now second quickest on the track. Also challenging for second on the grid was another 2011 Pre-90 front-runner, Jeff Hodgson. Meanwhile, class C's Andrew Thomas was also steadily moving up the order into the lead group in his 1989

Reynard. Other Reynard drivers also performing well were previous champion, Ian Parkington, and long time Welsh competitor, Juiceie Bruceie.

With seven lap times posted for most of the field, Loebell continued to dominate with the only sub 1 minute 17 second lap time. He was a hugely impressive 1.8 seconds quicker than the experienced Stones, who in turn was two thirds of a second ahead of Parkington. As the session entered its second half the inevitable rain began to fall; getting heavier as the laps unfolded. There was a mixed response from the drivers, with some returning to the pit lane as the times dropped off, while others stayed out for some wet weather track experience, given that a wet race later in the day was a distinct possibility. At the end of the session, Loebell took pole, with Stones alongside him on the front row of



the grid. Parkington and Bruceie were on row two, with Thomas and Hodgson occupying row three. Dolan qualified seventh, with Andrew MacGregor, Stuart Dix and Mario Sarchet completing the top ten qualifiers.

Avon Tyres BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 - Pre 90 QUALIFYING - RACE 1 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	1:16.846	6	16			92.71
2	42	C	Christopher STONES	Van Diemen RF88	1:18.676	7	11	1.830	1.830	90.55
3	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	1:19.313	7	17	2.467	0.637	89.82
4	33	D	Julciele BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	1:19.365	6	14	2.519	0.052	89.77
5	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	1:19.560	5	13	2.714	0.195	89.55
6	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	1:19.652	7	9	2.806	0.092	89.44
7	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:20.146	5	15	3.300	0.494	88.89
8	17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	1:20.998	5	18	4.152	0.852	87.96
9	18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	1:21.188	6	8	4.342	0.190	87.75
10	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	1:21.276	4	15	4.430	0.088	87.65
11	20	D	Phillip BISGROVE	Van Diemen RF86	1:22.060	6	18	5.214	0.784	86.82
12	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	1:22.097	6	11	5.251	0.037	86.78
13	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	1:22.332	6	18	5.486	0.235	86.53
14	97	D	John STEWART	Reynard FF84	1:23.049	5	9	6.203	0.717	85.78
15	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	1:23.848	5	13	7.002	0.799	84.97
16	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:24.728	4	17	7.882	0.880	84.08
17	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	1:24.808	5	17	7.962	0.080	84.00
18	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	1:24.927	5	8	8.081	0.119	83.89
19	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:27.244	6	15	10.398	2.317	81.66
20	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	1:27.501	6	17	10.655	0.257	81.42
21	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	1:30.121	5	17	13.275	2.620	79.05
22	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	1:33.459	4	6	16.613	3.338	76.23

Post-89 Qualifying

The rain had stopped in plenty of time for the start of the 20 car, 30 minute Post-89 qualifying session, but track conditions remained tricky, and there were still plenty of clouds in the sky. The early battle for pole was a two way affair between Rob Smith and Martin Short, the two Van Diemen drivers trading the top spot a number of times in the opening laps. Also towards the top of the timing screens were Oliver White, Chris Chisnall, Mike Bennett and John Murphy.

As the session progressed, it quickly became clear that we were on course for a weekend of very close Post-89 FF1600 racing. As well as Smith and Short, the provisional top spot was also occupied at various times by White, Chisnall and Bennett. There were only fractions of a second differences in the times being posted by the leading group of drivers. Also performing well amongst the ever changing top ten order were class A's Chris Middlehurst, Andrew Jones and



Gaius Ghinn, as well as Oliver Bull, Nigel Doe and Luke Cooper in their class B machinery.



By the time the chequered flag was waived, it was Short who had won a hard fought battle for pole to take his first ever start at the front of the grid in the championship. Apart from Short, the only other driver to break below the 1 minute 16 second barrier was Smith alongside him on the grid. Bennett and Murphy qualified on row two, with Middlehurst and Jones taking up the grid slots on row three. Chisnall, White, Ghinn and Bull rounded out the top ten, with unbelievably just 0.98 seconds covering the top twelve drivers on the grid.

Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Championship - Post 89 QUALIFYING - RACE 3 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	1:15.870	17	19			93.90
2	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	1:15.980	16	19	0.110	0.110	93.76
3	5	B	Mike BENNETT	Swift SC93F	1:16.324	10	18	0.454	0.344	93.34
4	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	1:16.348	20	22	0.478	0.024	93.31
5	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	1:16.370	18	18	0.500	0.022	93.29
6	12	A	Andrew JONES	Ray GR507	1:16.382	19	22	0.512	0.012	93.27
7	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	1:16.411	16	17	0.541	0.029	93.24
8	88	A	Oliver WHITE	Van Diemen RF01	1:16.428	10	18	0.558	0.017	93.22
9	0	A	Gaius GHINN	Van Diemen RF99	1:16.634	20	20	0.764	0.206	92.96
10	14	B	Oliver BULL	Swift SC92F	1:16.733	13	17	0.863	0.099	92.84
11	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	1:16.827	19	20	0.957	0.094	92.73
12	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	1:16.846	18	18	0.976	0.019	92.71
13	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	1:16.989	5	7	1.119	0.143	92.54
14	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	1:17.063	15	22	1.193	0.074	92.45
15	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	1:17.408	16	17	1.538	0.345	92.04
16	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	1:18.378	16	16	2.508	0.970	90.90
17	19	B	Jay WHEALS	Marrick FF	1:18.569	4	7	2.699	0.191	90.68
18	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	1:18.969	17	19	3.099	0.400	90.22
19	57	A	Austin KIMBERLY	Van Diemen RF03	1:20.022	5	5	4.152	1.053	89.03
20	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	1:22.064	17	20	6.194	2.042	86.81

Pre-90 Race 1

After the rain during the second part of the qualifying period earlier in the day, the first Pre-90 race got underway in dry, but cloudy, conditions. The first two rows of the grid got away down towards Redgate in the order in which they qualified, with John Loebell ahead of Chris Stones, Ian Parkington



and Juiceie Bruceie. As the field poured round the first corner, there was contact in the pack between Andrew Thomas and Andrew MacGregor. Both cars spun and managed to get going again, however Thomas pulled into the pits and out of the race at the end of lap two, with damage to the right rear corner. MacGregor managed to carry on a little further, but unfortunately he was also out of the race, out on the circuit, after five laps.

Mike Stewart was forced to start the race from the pit lane after an unfortunate problem during the pre-race noise testing.

However the Bramhall driver is a regular top ten finisher and class D trophy winner, and so was sure to be one to watch coming through the field. As the early laps unfolded, Loebell continued to show the exceptional pace he had displayed in qualifying, by quickly establishing a comfortable four second



lead over second place man, Stones. Jeff Hodgson had got himself into third position; meanwhile Bruceie's strong start would come to a premature end, with him out of the race after seven laps.

Behind the relatively well spaced lead trio, the battle for third was a three way affair between Nigel Dolan, Parkington and Ryan Dignan. Relative newcomer, Dignan, is making great progress at the moment; as highlighted by his sixth place in the running order, from twelfth on the grid at the start. Elsewhere the battle for twelfth place was between Graham Legget, John Wilkinson and John Stewart, while Trevor Morgan and David Gavan were dicing for fifteenth spot.



With the race into its second half, Stones was clearly using all of the track and trying hard to catch Loebell. However, the race leader was in fine form, and continued to gradually extend his advantage. Stewart had made good progress through the field, but had clearly been held up somewhat behind Bruceie. However the Welshman's early exit from the race released Stewart, who quickly closed in on, and then passed, Stuart Dix running in eighth place. Although having originally started further down the grid than he would have liked, Dolan had been battling hard all race long. By lap 12 he had made it right onto the gearbox of third place man, Hodgson. Dolan kept the pressure on, and by the end of the lap he had gained the third place position.

At the chequered flag, Loebell took an impressive maximum points' haul, with a clean sweep of pole position, race win and fastest lap. Stones took second place, with Dolan claiming the final podium position. Hodgson finished fourth, with Parkington taking fifth spot after an eventful second half of the race that saw him down in eighth at one stage. Sarchet took sixth place, with Dignan finishing in a credible seventh, ahead of teammate Stewart in eighth. Dix and Phil Bisgrove completed the top ten finishers.

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	16	20:47.407			91.38	1:16.815	11
2	42	C	Christopher STONES	Van Diemen RF88	16	21:00.450	13.043	13.043	90.43	1:17.457	16
3	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	16	21:17.465	30.058	17.015	89.23	1:17.983	12
4	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	16	21:19.558	32.151	2.093	89.08	1:18.573	14
5	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	16	21:22.626	35.219	3.068	88.87	1:17.834	15
6	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	16	21:24.734	37.327	2.108	88.72	1:18.232	14
7	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	16	21:25.166	37.759	0.432	88.70	1:18.545	12
8	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	16	21:43.934	56.527	18.768	87.42	1:19.234	14
9	18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	16	21:55.683	1:08.276	11.749	86.64	1:20.408	4
10	20	D	Phillip BISGROVE	Van Diemen RF86	16	21:59.384	1:11.977	3.701	86.39	1:20.642	14
11	97	D	John STEWART	Reynard FF84	15	20:47.835	1 lap	1 lap	85.64	1:20.870	15
12	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	15	20:48.251	1 lap	0.416	85.61	1:20.882	15
13	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	15	20:51.886	1 lap	3.635	85.36	1:20.770	12
14	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	15	20:52.717	1 lap	0.831	85.31	1:21.470	12
15	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	15	20:59.960	1 lap	7.243	84.81	1:21.986	11
16	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	15	21:23.618	1 lap	23.658	83.25	1:23.824	10
17	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL28	15	21:59.958	1 lap	36.340	80.96	1:24.104	13
18	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	15	22:01.360	1 lap	1.402	80.87	1:24.684	15
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	33	D	Juicele BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	7	9:40.426	9 laps	8 laps	85.92	1:19.377	7
DNF	17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	5	13:07.780	11 laps	2 laps	45.21	1:23.541	3
DNF	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	1	3:06.222	15 laps	4 laps	38.25		
FASTEST LAP											
6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	11	1:16.815			92.75 mph		149.26 kph	
50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	15	1:17.834			91.53 mph		147.31 kph	
18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	4	1:20.408			88.60 mph		142.59 kph	



Post-89 Race 1

After earning an incredibly hard fought pole position, Martin Short experienced some terrible luck at the start of the first Post-89 race. The Medina Sport driver pulled away strongly when the red lights went out, however with the change into second gear he suffered a major engine failure. He managed to pull safely off the circuit at Redgate corner, and the following pack all avoided colliding with him. Short's demise left Mike Bennett to take up the early race lead, with John Murphy following in a close second place.



By the end of the second lap, Murphy had managed to take the race lead, leaving Bennett to now battle with Rob Smith for second place. The action then continued thick and fast, and a lap later it was Bennett back in the race lead, with Smith grabbing second spot from Murphy with a great move up the inside of Redgate corner. Not far behind, eighth place starter, Oliver White, was also on the move having got himself up into fifth position. The entertainment was however certainly not restricted to the front of field, with seventeenth place runner, Abdul Ahmed, setting a provisional fastest lap time on lap four of the race.

As the race progressed, the front of the field developed into two, three-way battles, with Murphy, Bennett and Smith going for the lead, and White, Chris Chisnall and Gaius Ghinn fighting over fourth position. Further back in the order, Vincent Jay's race came to an early end with a trip into the gravel trap at McLeans. The close racing amongst the front pack remained relentless, with Bennett and Murphy running side-by-side down the start/finish straight for the lead, but now being followed by Ghinn who had worked his way into third spot. Amongst all the action, Ghinn obviously had a small excursion somewhere out on the circuit, and at the end of lap eight he came into the pits with a cone stuck under his car, and unfortunately his race proved to be over.



By the time the race was into its second half, lead group had grown again. The ever improving Chris Middlehurst, son of former British Touring Car driver Andy, had got himself right into the mix at the front of the race, while both Oliver Bull and Jamie Jardine were also well in the hunt for a top six finish. With Bennett in the lead, Smith moved up the inside of Murphy at Redgate, meanwhile Middlehurst got up the inside of both them at the same time to take up second place. Middlehurst continued to push hard and then managed to go one better into the race lead with an overtaking move at the Old Hairpin.



The dicing continued all the way to chequered flag, and in the end it was White who crossed the line first to win one of the best Post-89 races seen for many seasons. A delighted Murphy took second place, ahead of Middlehurst in third, with just two thirds of a second covering the podium finishers. Bennett took fourth, with Smith in fifth and Bull in sixth place. Jardine and Chisnall took seventh and eighth respectively, with Nigel Doe and Luke Cooper completing the top ten. After posting a provisional fastest lap early on in the race, Ahmed managed to hold on to take the award with a sub 1 minute 16 second time on his penultimate lap.

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	88	A	Oliver WHITE	Van Diemen RF01	16	20:43.336			91.68	1:15.903	11
2	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	16	20:43.751	0.415	0.415	91.65	1:16.034	11
3	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	16	20:44.010	0.674	0.259	91.63	1:16.355	11
4	5	B	Mike BENNETT	Swift SC93F	16	20:44.379	1.043	0.369	91.60	1:16.703	14
5	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	16	20:44.584	1.248	0.205	91.59	1:16.353	11
6	14	B	Oliver BULL	Swift SC92F	16	20:44.816	1.480	0.232	91.57	1:16.376	13
7	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	16	20:46.437	3.101	1.621	91.45	1:16.579	11
8	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	16	20:46.811	3.475	0.374	91.42	1:16.388	16
9	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	16	20:54.174	10.838	7.363	90.89	1:17.179	11
10	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	16	20:54.395	11.059	0.221	90.87	1:16.588	14
11	12	A	Andrew JONES	Ray GRS07	16	20:55.155	11.819	0.760	90.82	1:16.698	15
12	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	16	20:55.282	11.946	0.127	90.81	1:15.865	15
13	57	A	Austin KIMBERLY	Van Diemen RF03	16	21:02.950	19.614	7.668	90.26	1:17.081	9
14	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	16	21:07.664	24.328	4.714	89.92	1:17.618	4
15	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	15	21:34.901	1 lap	1 lap	82.53	1:23.018	4
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	12	15:44.924	4 laps	3 laps	90.47	1:16.977	12
DNF	0	A	Gaius GHINN	Van Diemen RF99	8	10:37.347	8 laps	4 laps	89.42	1:16.608	7
DNF	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	4	5:31.425	12 laps	4 laps	85.98	1:20.457	4
DNF	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	0						
FASTEST LAP											
49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	15	1:15.865		93.91 mph		151.13 kph		
3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	11	1:16.034		93.70 mph		150.80 kph		

Pre-90 Race 2

The start of Sunday's 20 minute Pre-90 race saw the competitors facing a track that was wet in places, and there was some light drizzle falling. Pole position man, John Loebell, made a clean start to the race, moving straight into the lead. Chris Stones alongside him on the grid had a less successful start, finding himself back down in forth position behind Nigel Dolan and Ian Parkington as the field made its way through the first corner. Class D's Mike Stewart had the most unfortunate start; running off the circuit at Starkeys Bridge on the opening lap, and sadly out of the race.



In the opening laps, Loebell and Dolan pulled out a small advantage over Parkington running in third. Class C man Stones in fourth found himself coming under a lot of pressure from the Class E Crossle of Graham Legget, the older chassis always performing well in damp conditions. The battle for sixth was developing into a four way affair between Jeff Hodgson, Mario Sarchet, Stuart Dix and Ryan Dignan. The close racing then continued all the way through the field, with Trevor Morgan and John



Wilkinson in close quarters for twelfth, and a six car train for fifteenth place made up of Juiceie Bruceie, David Gavan, Mike Mullins, Roy MacGregor, David Beechey and Steve Cole.

Dolan was challenging Loebell very hard for the race lead, setting a provisional fastest lap time in the process, and forcing Loebell to drive a very defensive race. Legget continued to challenge Stones for fourth, and the in the process, the pair managed to get themselves onto the back of third place man Parkington. Behind them it was now Sarchet and Dignan battling for sixth, who had now pulled away from Dix and Hodgson, but had been joined by Andrew MacGregor. In the laps that followed, Parkington responded to the pressure from Stones and Legget by upping his pace and pulling out an advantage once again. After a very impressive drive in the tricky conditions, Legget was unfortunately forced pull out of the race at the Fogarty Esses Chicane after seven laps.

With the race into its final five minutes, there was still plenty of entertainment throughout the field. Dix and Andrew MacGregor were in close quarters for seventh position, while tenth was now a four way affair between Andrew Thomas, John Stewart, Trevor Morgan and John Wilkinson. After his non-finish the previous day, Thomas started the race at the back of the grid and had been making consistent progress up the order throughout, and was well on course for a top ten finish. Back at the front of the race, the decisive moment came



on lap eleven when Dolan's pressure finally paid off and he grabbed the race lead at Starkeys Bridge as the lead pair were passing back markers. Two laps later, the unfortunate Parkington was out of the race in the McLeans gravel trap, with just one lap of the race left to run.

Dolan hung onto the lead until the end of the race to take a very well deserved win. Loebell finished second with Stones in third place, to ensure the same three drivers were on the podium as the previous day. Dignan once again impressed, and finished in a very strong fourth spot, ahead of Sarchet, Hodgson and Thomas. Morgan, John Stewart and Wilkinson completed the top ten, with the fastest lap points going to Loebell for his penultimate lap time. The weekend's results meant Loebell left Donington Park as the Northern Championship leader, ahead of Hodgson and Dolan in the table.

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	14	21:12.615			78.37	1:24.681	13
2	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	14	21:21.906	9.291	9.291	77.80	1:24.536	13
3	42	C	Christopher STONES	Van Diemen RF88	14	21:25.761	13.146	3.855	77.57	1:26.150	13
4	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	14	21:49.154	36.539	23.393	76.19	1:27.650	14
5	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	14	21:53.689	41.074	4.535	75.92	1:29.106	12
6	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	14	21:57.888	45.273	4.199	75.68	1:28.239	12
7	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	14	22:25.452	1:12.837	27.564	74.13	1:29.949	13
8	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	14	22:32.987	1:20.372	7.535	73.72	1:31.215	14
9	97	D	John STEWART	Reynard FF84	14	22:33.067	1:20.452	0.080	73.71	1:30.151	13
10	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	14	22:34.853	1:22.238	1.786	73.62	1:31.936	14
11	33	D	Juiceie BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	13	21:31.811	1 lap	1 lap	71.69	1:31.110	12
12	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	13	21:32.241	1 lap	0.430	71.67	1:31.928	12
13	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	13	21:39.403	1 lap	7.162	71.27	1:30.564	13
14	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	13	22:04.133	1 lap	24.730	69.94	1:35.693	11
15	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	13	22:08.301	1 lap	4.168	69.72	1:37.030	13
16	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	13	22:26.331	1 lap	18.030	68.79	1:37.879	12



NOT CLASSIFIED									
DNF 50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	12	18:25.230	2 laps	1 lap	77.35	1:25.722 12
DNF 18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	10	16:25.905	4 laps	2 laps	72.26	1:31.557 9
DNF 17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	9	14:25.394	5 laps	1 lap	74.09	1:32.395 7
DNF 66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	7	11:06.662	7 laps	2 laps	74.80	1:32.751 5
DNF 40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	0					

FASTEST LAP									
6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	13	1:24.536	84.27 mph		135.63 kph	
3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	13	1:24.681	84.13 mph		135.40 kph	
18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	9	1:31.557	77.81 mph		125.23 kph	

Post-89 Race 2



For Sunday's Post-89 race, the grid also included Doug Crosbie; the Cheshire student having missed the previous day's race because of sitting a University exam. Crosbie would be starting at the back of the grid along with his regular sparring partner, Martin Short. The pair would undoubtedly be ones to watch as they worked their way through the field. When the red lights went out the front row starters, Oliver White and John Murphy, both made clean starts. They then quickly established a small advantage over the chasing pack.

In the laps that followed, White and Murphy were racing very hard, but very fair, with the pair side-by-side at several points around the circuit. Their battling did however have the inevitable consequence of allowing the following group, headed by Chris Middlehurst, to close right back in on them. The spectators were then treated to the truly wonderful site of a nine car train for the race lead. Behind White, Murphy and Middlehurst, were Mike Bennett, Rob Smith, Oliver Bull, Andrew Jones, Chris Chisnall and Jamie Jardine.

Middlehurst was looking particularly quick, and the youngster grabbed the opportunity to take second spot from Murphy at Redgate corner. Murphy was however not going to relinquish the place easily, and later the same lap, moved back ahead of Middlehurst. The following pack inevitably began to separate a little in the following laps. Jardine was unfortunately out of the race after six laps, leaving Chisnall and Jones to be joined by Luke Cooper in the battle for eighth. Behind them Gaius Ghinn was fighting with the recovering





Short over eleventh place, while Nigel Doe, Austin Kimberly and Crosbie were in a three way tussle for thirteenth.

The action continued as the race progressed, with spins for Chisnall and Cooper at the Old Hairpin, the latter sadly being forced to retire from the race. Murphy eventually managed to break away from the attentions of Middlehurst, and closed back in on the leader, White. However on lap ten Murphy also had a spin at the Old Hairpin, dropping him down to fourteenth in the order and ending any chance of a podium finish. Short continued to put in a very impressive drive, and was now up to sixth.

In the closing stages it was Abdul Ahmed, who had been making very consistent progress up the top ten during much of the race, who really began to show some pace. He managed to close right in on the gearbox of Middlehurst, pushing him all the way to the chequered flag. The race win went the way of White, to make it a very impressive double win for the weekend amidst some exceptionally close and hard fought racing. Middlehurst was second, with Ahmed finishing in third. Bull took fourth place, ahead of Bennett, Short and Jones. Ghinn, Crosbie and Chisnall completed the top ten, with Murphy claiming a small consolation in the form of the fastest lap points. Nonetheless, Murphy left Donington Park still in the lead of the Northern Championship, with Jardine in second, and Short and Chisnall tied on points in third.

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	88	A	Oliver WHITE	Van Diemen RF01	16	20:30.960			92.60	1:15.702	9
2	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	16	20:34.416	3.456	3.456	92.34	1:16.192	9
3	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	16	20:34.472	3.512	0.056	92.34	1:15.639	15
4	14	B	Oliver BULL	Swift SC92F	16	20:36.850	5.890	2.378	92.16	1:15.749	15
5	5	B	Mike BENNETT	Swift SC93F	16	20:36.851	5.891	0.001	92.16	1:15.944	14
6	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	16	20:37.117	6.157	0.266	92.14	1:15.529	15
7	12	A	Andrew JONES	Ray GRS07	16	20:40.142	9.182	3.025	91.92	1:15.966	12
8	0	A	Gaius GHINN	Van Diemen RF99	16	20:41.071	10.111	0.929	91.95	1:16.002	12
9	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	16	20:42.338	11.378	1.267	91.75	1:15.936	12
10	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	16	20:49.663	18.703	7.325	91.22	1:16.323	9
11	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	16	20:50.531	19.571	0.868	91.15	1:16.731	12
12	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	16	20:50.646	19.686	0.115	91.14	1:15.348	9
13	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	16	20:52.907	21.947	2.261	90.98	1:16.274	16
14	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	16	21:14.132	43.172	21.225	89.46	1:18.179	11
15	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	16	21:21.775	50.815	7.643	88.93	1:17.805	15
16	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	16	21:28.066	57.106	6.291	88.50	1:18.540	15
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	57	A	Austin KIMBERLY	Van Diemen RF03	12	15:39.861	4 laps	4 laps	90.96	1:16.431	9
DNF	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	8	10:34.125	8 laps	4 laps	89.88	1:16.331	7
DNF	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	6	8:03.469	10 laps	2 laps	88.41	1:18.036	3
FASTEST LAP											
3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	9	1:15.348			94.55 mph		152.17 kph	
7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	15	1:15.529			94.32 mph		151.80 kph	

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