



2011 Northern Championship: Rounds 9 & 10

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Introduction

On July 30, the Avon Tyres BRSCC Northern Formula Ford 1600 Championship made its third visit of the season to Oulton Park; for the second double-header event of the year at the Cheshire circuit. With strong support from the local drivers, as well as the meeting counting as rounds eight and nine of the National championship, the meeting saw a very healthy entry of over fifty FF1600 competitors.

Pre-90 Qualifying

33 competitors took to the Oulton Park circuit for the Pre-90 qualifying session, on a dry track under sunny skies. Championship leader, John Loebell, immediately put himself at the top of the time sheet, with Ian Parkington, Mario Sarchet, Juiceie Bruceie and Matt Ridge also amongst the leading group in the opening minutes. Soon also in the mix was former championship runner-up, Stuart Jones, making a welcome return to FF1600 racing in the North West.

As the laps unfolded Loebell continued to dominate the times, and with the session into its second half, he broke below the 1 minute 50 second barrier – two seconds clear of his nearest rival. Parkington and Jones continued to head the challenge from the rest of the field, with Nigel Dolan and Mike Stewart now also amongst the leading group.



With six minutes of the session left, Loebell returned to the pit lane, and a couple of minutes later he was out of the car; rightly confident that no one would beat his time. As the chequered flag fell, Parkington took the second front row spot alongside Loebell, with Jones and Dolan making up row two. Stewart qualified fifth, fractionally ahead of fellow class D man, Sarchet. Seventh position went the way of visiting West Country team boss, Wayne Poole, ahead of Ryan Dignan, Ridge, and Will Alterman completing the top ten on the grid.



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Avon Tyres BRSCC FF1600 Northern Championship - Pre90 QUALIFYING - RACE 2 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	1:49.661	6	7			88.37
2	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	1:51.377	9	10	1.716	1.716	87.01
3	31	C	Stuart JONES	Reynard SF89	1:51.918	5	10	2.257	0.541	86.59
4	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:52.713	7	11	3.052	0.795	85.98
5	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	1:52.935	10	10	3.274	0.222	85.81
6	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	1:53.092	5	11	3.431	0.157	85.69
7	181	C	Wayne POOLE	Van Diemen RF89	1:53.266	8	11	3.605	0.174	85.56
8	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	1:53.443	10	10	3.782	0.177	85.42
9	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	1:53.846	10	11	4.185	0.403	85.12
10	68	C	Willi ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	1:53.862	10	10	4.201	0.016	85.11
11	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	1:54.316	4	10	4.655	0.454	84.77
12	89	D	David MURPHY	Van Diemen RF85	1:54.433	7	10	4.772	0.117	84.68
13	33	D	Julciele BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	1:54.454	5	11	4.793	0.021	84.67
14	20	D	Phillip BISGROVE	Van Diemen RF86	1:54.609	10	10	4.948	0.155	84.55
15	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:54.771	9	10	5.110	0.162	84.44
16	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	1:55.328	10	11	5.667	0.557	84.03
17	34	E	Colin WILLIAMS	PRS RH01	1:55.606	6	11	5.945	0.278	83.83
18	18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	1:55.786	6	8	6.125	0.180	83.70
19	17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	1:56.001	3	6	6.340	0.215	83.54
20	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	1:56.577	9	9	6.916	0.576	83.13
21	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	1:56.788	8	10	7.127	0.211	82.98
22	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:56.898	7	10	7.237	0.110	82.90
23	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	1:57.026	8	8	7.365	0.128	82.81
24	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:57.155	10	10	7.494	0.129	82.72
25	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:57.197	9	10	7.536	0.042	82.69
26	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	1:59.054	9	10	9.393	1.857	81.40
27	76	D	Patrick HUMPHREYS	Van Diemen RF86	2:00.511	7	8	10.850	1.457	80.41
28	51	E	Ian WOOD	Royale RP33	2:00.613	7	10	10.952	0.102	80.35
29	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	2:01.328	4	9	11.667	0.715	79.87
30	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	2:02.477	7	10	12.816	1.149	79.12
31	188	C	Don BOYACK	Van Diemen RF88	2:02.693	5	6	13.032	0.216	78.98
32	134	D	Pierre BURET	Sparton SE316	2:02.842	9	10	13.181	0.149	78.89
33	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	2:03.853	9	9	14.192	1.011	78.24

Post-89 Qualifying

For the Post-89 qualifying session there may have been less cars present than the Pre-90, but with the racing in the category having been exceptionally close throughout 2011, an interesting session was sure to follow. It was the form driver of the moment, Chris Middlehurst, who quickly put himself at the top of the timing screens, but with Martin Short, Chris Chisnall, Rob Smith and John Murphy all in close contention.





Middlehurst continued to lead the way through the first half of the session, and then at about half distance, there was a short safety car period to recover the stranded Swift of Luke Cooper. Once the safety car was back in the pit lane, Middlehurst once again held station in provisional pole position. One of the closest battles was for second spot between Short, Chisnall and Doug Crosbie, who had got himself in amongst the lead group.

Crosbie continued to improve in the latter part of the session, and with four minutes left, he managed to grab the top spot from Middlehurst. Also improving as the session unfolded was Craig Currie, who got himself up into a provisional fourth place grid slot. At the end of the session Middlehurst put in one last charge and, for the second meeting in a row, grabbed pole position on his very last lap. Crosbie qualified second, ahead of Short, Murphy, Currie, Smith and Chisnall. Abdul Ahmed, Neil Winn and Jamie Jardine completed the top ten qualifiers.

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QUALIFYING - RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	1:48.263	11	11			89.51
2	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	1:48.618	7	10	0.355	0.355	89.22
3	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	1:49.346	10	11	1.083	0.728	88.62
4	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	1:49.448	8	10	1.185	0.102	88.54
5	9	B	Craig CURRIE	Van Diemen RF91	1:49.721	6	9	1.458	0.273	88.32
6	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	1:49.733	10	11	1.470	0.012	88.31
7	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	1:49.836	6	10	1.573	0.103	88.23
8	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	1:49.852	10	10	1.589	0.016	88.22
9	86	B	Neil WINN	Van Diemen RF92	1:49.935	8	10	1.672	0.083	88.15
10	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	1:50.239	7	11	1.976	0.304	87.91
11	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	1:50.398	10	10	2.135	0.159	87.78
12	29	A	Peter OLDFIELD	Ray GRS 07	1:50.783	8	10	2.520	0.385	87.48
13	77	B	Samuel CARRINGTON YATES	Van Diemen RF93	1:51.068	8	10	2.805	0.285	87.25
14	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	1:51.491	2	2	3.228	0.423	86.92
15	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	1:53.088	7	10	4.825	1.597	85.69
16	62	A	Daniel HEADLAM	Van Diemen FF	1:53.251	5	10	4.988	0.163	85.57
17	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	1:53.997	10	10	5.734	0.746	85.01
18	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	1:54.383	7	10	6.120	0.386	84.72

Pre-90 Race 1

The start of the day's first Pre-90 race saw the glorious sight of a capacity 32 car FF1600 grid lining up in the Cheshire sunshine. There were also three reserves waiting in the wings, and while it is never desirable to have drivers in this situation, it is always very welcome to have such a strong race entry level. When the race was started, the front two rows got away in a grid order, with John Loebell leading Ian Parkington, Stuart Jones and Nigel Dolan through Old Hall corner on the opening lap.

Heading down The Avenue for first time, and a mechanical breakage on Loebell's car pitched him into a spin; that also took out the unfortunate Parkington who was right on his tail. Both drivers were sadly out of the race, while Jones dropped down the running order to eighth as a result of the avoiding action he was forced to take. Clearing away the stranded cars necessitated a short safety car period, during which Stuart Dix pulled into the pit lane for an extended visit; eventually rejoining the race eight minutes from the end.



With the safety car period over and proceedings back up to racing speed, it was Dolan who took up the race lead, closely pursued by Sarchet. The pair quickly opened up a small advantage over a chasing trio of cars made up of Matt Ridge, Mike Stewart and the recovering Jones. The next four cars – Colin Williams, David Murphy, Will Alterman and Wayne Poole – were relatively comfortably spaced out. However behind them there then followed a fantastic nose-to-tail 10 car train, headed by the class D of regular Scottish visitor, Andrew MacGregor.



Lap six and a spin for Stewart dropped him a couple of places down the running order to sixth. Meanwhile, Jones had got the better of Ridge and moved himself up into third spot. The close racing then continued on all the way through the field, including a five way battle for twenty second place being lead by a very welcome visitor all the way from Southern France, Pierre Buret. Also in the group were Roy MacGregor, David Beechey, Patrick Humphreys and Ian Wood.

As the race progressed through its second half, the leader Dolan began extending his advantage over Sarchet in second. The latter responded to start closing the gap, but then a moment on lap nine saw him drop back to fourth place, behind Jones and Ridge. Behind Sarchet, it was Williams and Stewart swapping places in the battle for fifth. At the chequered flag Dolan took a comfortable race win, some 6.8 seconds ahead of Jones finishing in a very impressive second position and first in class on his return to racing. Ridge took the third step on the podium, with Sarchet in fourth, and Williams getting the better of Stewart in the fifth place tussle. Poole finished seventh, with Murphy, Alterman and MacGregor rounding out the top ten finishers. Although he dropped a couple of places in the closing stages, Sarchet picked up a small consolation with the fastest lap bonus points.





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Avon Tyres BRSCC FF1600 Northern Championship - Pre90 RACE 2 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	10	20:44.847			77.95	1:52.533	8
2	31	C	Stuart JONES	Reynard SF89	10	20:51.636	6.789	6.789	77.42	1:52.410	8
3	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	10	20:54.422	9.575	2.786	77.25	1:53.675	5
4	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	10	20:55.386	10.539	0.964	77.19	1:52.303	8
5	34	E	Colin WILLIAMS	PRS RH01	10	20:58.296	13.449	2.910	77.01	1:54.033	4
6	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	10	20:58.444	13.597	0.148	77.01	1:53.478	4
7	181	C	Wayne POOLE	Van Diemen RF89	10	20:59.788	14.941	1.344	76.92	1:52.955	9
8	89	D	David MURPHY	Van Diemen RF85	10	21:00.105	15.258	0.317	76.90	1:53.970	7
9	68	C	Willi ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	10	21:04.406	19.559	4.301	76.64	1:54.878	9
10	17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:24.784	39.937	20.378	75.43	1:56.641	6
11	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:29.213	44.366	4.429	75.17	1:56.902	8
12	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:29.505	44.658	0.292	75.15	1:56.627	4
13	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	10	21:30.242	45.395	0.737	75.11	1:56.987	6
14	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:32.122	47.275	1.880	75.00	1:56.917	4
15	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	10	21:38.131	53.284	6.009	74.65	1:57.123	4
16	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:40.125	55.278	1.994	74.54	1:58.002	8
17	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	10	21:55.278	1:10.431	15.153	73.68	1:57.897	7
18	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	10	22:05.724	1:20.877	10.446	73.10	2:00.334	5
19	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	10	22:22.537	1:37.690	16.813	72.18	2:00.928	4
20	51	E	Ian WOOD	Royale RP33	10	22:26.803	1:41.956	4.266	71.95	1:58.723	10
21	134	D	Pierre BURET	Sparton SE316	10	22:31.562	1:46.715	4.759	71.70	2:01.743	10
22	76	D	Patrick HUMPHREYS	Van Diemen RF86	10	22:35.396	1:50.549	3.834	71.50	2:02.291	10
23	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	10	22:37.703	1:52.856	2.307	71.38	2:03.963	8
24	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	10	22:50.935	2:06.088	13.232	70.69	2:04.201	9
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	8	17:32.294	2 laps	2 laps	73.67	1:56.518	4
DNF	20	D	Phillip BISGROVE	Van Diemen RF86	8	17:32.446	2 laps	0.152	73.66	1:56.549	8
DNF	33	D	Juiceie BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	6	13:37.077	4 laps	2 laps	71.16	1:58.169	3
DNF	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	6	13:37.246	4 laps	0.169	71.15	1:58.472	5
DNC	18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	6	21:29.643	4 laps	7:52.397	45.08	1:56.092	4
DNF	188	C	Don BOYACK	Van Diemen RF88	3	8:52.353	7 laps	3 laps	54.61	3:22.914	2
DNF	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	0						
DNF	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	0						
FASTEST LAP											
8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	8	1:52.303	86.29 mph	138.87 kph				
31	C	Stuart JONES	Reynard SF89	8	1:52.410	86.21 mph	138.74 kph				
34	E	Colin WILLIAMS	PRS RH01	4	1:54.033	84.98 mph	136.77 kph				

Post-89 Race 1

At the start of the first Post-89 race, neither of the front row drivers made good attempts to get off the line. Pole sitter, Chris Middlehurst, was rather slow to get away when the red lights went out, while Doug Crosbie alongside him had a particularly poor start; finding himself almost immediately back in tenth position. John Murphy also had a problematic start to his race, pulling straight into the pit lane with a misfire in the engine of his Van Diemen. However the strongest start to the race was undoubtedly made by Abdul Ahmed, getting himself into third position round the outside of Old Hall corner, having started from eighth on the grid.

As the race developed in the opening laps, the battle for the lead became a three way affair between Middlehurst, Martin Short and Ahmed. Chris Chisnall was a little way behind the lead trio in fourth place, and ahead of another three way battle; between the recovering Crosbie, Rob Smith and Craig Currie, for fifth position. The dice for eighth was a five car train made up of Jamie Jardine, Neil Winn,



Sam Carrington Yates, Nigel Doe and Luke Cooper. After his strong qualifying performance earlier in the day, Currie's race sadly came to a premature end at the end of lap four when he retired to the pits.



Middlehurst began opening up a small lead at the head of the field as Ahmed and Short concentrated on battling with each other for second. The pair went side-by-side down the start finish straight and into Old Hall corner, and while Ahmed held the inside line, Short braved it out round the outside to hold onto second place. As the race approached half distance, Murphy rejoined from the pit lane; however it quickly became clear that he was still having problems with his engine.

In the second half of the race, Middlehurst continued to consolidate his lead, while Short and Ahmed then found themselves with Crosbie for company in the battle for second. The spectators and the teams on the pit wall held their breath as the trio went three abreast across the start finish line, with Crosbie in the middle coming out on top in second place. Having cleared Short and Ahmed, Crosbie then set about trying to close in on Middlehurst. With such a hard fought battle taking place for second, Chisnall and Smith had also managed to get themselves into contention on the back of Ahmed's car. A little further back, there was another great dice taking place between Winn, Carrington Yates, Jardine, Doe and Cooper for seventh position. Elsewhere, Pete Oldfield and Paul Mason were battling for twelfth, and Daniel Headlam and Steve Chapman for fourteenth.

With five minutes of the race left, Chisnall suffered a spin at Knickerbrook, but then quickly set about recovering. As he did so, he found himself in close quarters with Carrington Yates in the high speed approach to Lodge corner. There was contact between the pair, and both cars left the track at high speed. Chisnall was stopped rapidly in the gravel trap, while Carrington Yates was launched into a huge end-over-end rollover. Fortunately, both drivers avoided any serious injuries and walked away from the incident, however the red flags were brought out and the race result was called. Middlehurst took the win, ahead of Crosbie in second, with Short claiming third and the fastest lap honours. Ahmed finished fourth, ahead of Smith and the impressive Winn; taking a class win in only his second meeting. Jardine, Doe, Cooper and Oldfield rounded out the top ten.





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Avon Tyres BRSCC FF1600 Northern Championship - Post89 RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	7	12:59.322			87.04	1:50.035	7
2	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	7	13:02.091	2.769	2.769	86.74	1:50.066	5
3	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	7	13:03.457	4.135	1.366	86.58	1:50.028	4
4	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	7	13:03.562	4.240	0.105	86.57	1:50.233	4
5	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	7	13:04.959	5.637	1.397	86.42	1:50.144	7
6	86	B	Neil WINN	Van Diemen RF92	7	13:10.988	11.666	6.029	85.76	1:50.766	5
7	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	7	13:12.372	13.050	1.384	85.61	1:51.222	5
8	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	7	13:13.143	13.821	0.771	85.53	1:51.116	7
9	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	7	13:13.905	14.583	0.762	85.44	1:50.927	5
10	29	A	Peter OLDFIELD	Ray GRS 07	7	13:23.175	23.853	9.270	84.46	1:52.711	6
11	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	7	13:23.313	23.991	0.138	84.44	1:52.543	6
12	62	A	Daniel HEADLAM	Van Diemen FF	7	13:36.645	37.323	13.332	83.07	1:53.929	5
13	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	7	13:37.651	38.329	1.006	82.96	1:55.033	6
14	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	7	14:00.230	1:00.908	22.579	80.73	1:55.414	3
15	155	I	Gilbert CRISTINI	Van Diemen RF88	7	14:28.923	1:29.601	28.693	78.07	2:02.473	5
NOT CLASSIFIED											
RET	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	7	13:04.183	4.861		86.50	1:50.399	3
RET	77	B	Samuel CARRINGTON YATES	Van Diemen RF93	7	13:11.445	12.123	7.262	85.71	1:50.800	5
DNF	9	B	Craig CURRIE	Van Diemen RF91	4	7:41.877	3 laps		83.92	1:51.761	3
DNC	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	3	14:46.238	4 laps	1 lap	32.80	1:51.415	2
FASTEST LAP											
7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	4	1:50.028	88.08 mph	141.75 kph				
86	B	Neil WINN	Van Diemen RF92	5	1:50.766	87.49 mph	140.80 kph				
155	I	Gilbert CRISTINI	Van Diemen RF88	5	2:02.473	79.13 mph	127.34 kph				

Pre-90 Race 2

The start of the second Pre-90 race again saw the fantastic sight of a capacity grid. Although a couple of drivers had been lost after the first race, this gave Jeff Hodgson and Andrew Thomas the



opportunity to join the back of the grid. With the grid order being decided by the finishing results in race one, it was Nigel Dolan and Stuart Jones starting on the front row of the grid. Both drivers got away reasonably well at the race start, although Jones was a little more aggressive and was slowed slightly by a little too much wheel spin. The ever impressive class E PRS of Colin Williams made a great start from row three, moving straight into third position through Old Hall corner.



Also starting towards the back of the 32 car grid were John Loebell and Ian Parkington after their opening lap exit from the first race. At the end of lap one, Parkington was up to twentieth place, and Loebell was in seventeenth, having passed virtually half the field in a single lap. A lap later, and Loebell had continued his exception start, having got himself up to eleventh place. At the head of the race, Dolan opened up a small advantage over Jones, who then responded to close right back in on the leader's gearbox.

On lap three, Jones managed to take the lead from Dolan. Behind the lead pair, the battle for third was a great six car dice between Williams, Mario Sarchet, Matt Ridge, Wayne Poole, Mike Stewart and Will Alterman. The racing was very close between all six, and on lap four Sarchet had an off at Cascades, but was able to immediately rejoin albeit further down the running order. Further back there was another great multi-car battle for thirteenth place; between David Gavan, Stuart Dix, Juiceie Bruceie, Thomas, Parkington, Barry Thompson, Phil Bisgrove and John Swift.



Even before the race had reached half distance, Loebell was up to third position, and had clear track in front him to close in on second place man Dolan. Poole was running in fourth, a short way ahead of Williams, Ridge, Stewart and Alterman. Sarchet was then closing in on the group as he recovered from his earlier spin. On lap seven, Loebell caught and passed Dolan to take up second position, although it was doubtful he would have the time to catch and overtake Jones, who had a very comfortable advantage in the race lead. This seemed to be confirmed when Loebell car's developed an intermittent misfire for a short period.

By the start of the last lap, Loebell had however managed to extend his remarkable performance and was right alongside leader Jones as the passed the pit wall. Nonetheless, Jones is also a hugely experienced racer, and he managed to drive a great defensive lap to take the race win by just 0.169 seconds from Loebell. Dolan in third took the class D win, while Williams in fourth was the class E winner. Ridge finished fifth, ahead of Sarchet, Alterman, and David Murphy. Stewart finished ninth, with Thomas completing the top ten after his start from the back of the grid. It was no surprise that Loebell also took the fastest lap points to add to his tally at the top of the championship table. The day's results moved Dolan into second place in the points table, ahead of Hodgson in third and Sarchet in fourth.



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Avon Tyres BRSCC FF1600 Northern Championship - Pre90 RACE 7 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	31	C	Stuart JONES	Reynard SF89	11	20:50.987			85.21	1:52.168	8
2	6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	11	20:51.156	0.169	0.169	85.20	1:50.616	10
3	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:03.568	12.581	12.412	84.36	1:53.076	5
4	34	E	Colin WILLIAMS	PRS RH01	11	21:09.763	18.776	6.195	83.95	1:53.224	9
5	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:09.879	18.892	0.116	83.94	1:53.044	9
6	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	11	21:10.336	19.349	0.457	83.91	1:53.117	9
7	68	C	Will ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	11	21:10.857	19.870	0.521	83.88	1:53.721	6
8	89	D	David MURPHY	Van Diemen RF85	11	21:14.912	23.925	4.055	83.61	1:54.171	7
9	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:15.642	24.655	0.730	83.56	1:53.313	6
10	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	11	21:38.281	47.294	22.639	82.11	1:54.639	7
11	18	E	Stuart DIX	Cooper Chinook	11	21:39.141	48.154	0.860	82.05	1:54.555	8
12	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:39.207	48.220	0.066	82.05	1:56.932	2
13	20	D	Phillip BISGROVE	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:44.337	53.350	5.130	81.73	1:55.417	9
14	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:45.008	54.021	0.671	81.68	1:56.810	9
15	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:53.830	1:02.843	8.822	81.14	1:56.650	11
16	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	11	21:53.924	1:02.937	0.094	81.13	1:56.222	6
17	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:55.084	1:04.097	1.160	81.06	1:56.232	8
18	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	11	21:55.958	1:04.971	0.874	81.00	1:56.575	10
19	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:58.168	1:07.181	2.210	80.87	1:56.433	11
20	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	11	22:11.834	1:20.847	13.666	80.04	1:56.867	6
21	51	E	Ian WOOD	Royale RP33	11	22:35.049	1:44.062	23.215	78.67	1:59.158	6
22	76	D	Patrick HUMPHREYS	Van Diemen RF86	10	20:53.418	1 lap	1 lap	77.31	2:01.964	9
23	14	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	10	20:55.909	1 lap	2.491	77.16	2:02.841	3
24	134	D	Pierre BURET	Sparton SE316	10	21:05.886	1 lap	9.977	76.55	2:02.873	8
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	9	19:26.910	2 laps	1 lap	74.74	2:07.209	7
DNF	181	C	Wayne POOLE	Van Diemen RF89	8	15:31.230	3 laps	1 lap	83.25	1:53.352	8
DNF	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	6	12:01.075	5 laps	2 laps	80.64	1:56.845	6
DNF	33	D	Juicele BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	4	8:08.464	7 laps	2 laps	79.36	1:58.864	4
DNF	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	4	8:09.276	7 laps	0.812	79.22	1:54.543	3
DNF	17	D	Andrew MACGREGOR	Van Diemen RF86	3	6:31.599	8 laps	1 lap	74.24	2:01.932	2
DNF	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	0						
DNF	53	E	Steve COLE	Royale RP26	0						
DNF	155	C	Gilbert CRISTINI	Van Diemen RF88	0						
FASTEST LAP											
6	C	John LOEBELL	Van Diemen RF89	10	1:50.616	87.61 mph	140.99 kph				
72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	9	1:53.044	85.73 mph	137.96 kph				
34	E	Colin WILLIAMS	PRS RH01	9	1:53.224	85.59 mph	137.75 kph				

Post-89 Race 2

After the earlier accident in race one, Sam Carrington Yates's meeting was over due to the extensive damage to his car. However the student UCLAN team worked exceptionally hard to get Chris Chisnall out to start race two from the pit lane with just seconds to spare. For the second time in the day, it was Chris Middlehurst and Doug Crosbie starting on the front row of the grid. However once again it was Abdul Ahmed who made by far the best race start; repeating his earlier outside wide line through Old Hall on the opening lap, this time taking the race lead.



Ahmed's time in the lead would however be short lived, with Middlehurst retaking the position at



Knickerbrook later on in the opening lap. Behind Ahmed, it was Martin Short running in third place. At the end of lap one, John Murphy retired to the pit lane, as his engine problems once again reoccurred. As the first half of the race unfolded, the lead six places developed into three separate duels. Middlehurst and Ahmed battled for the lead, Crosbie and Short for third, and Neil Winn and Rob Smith for fifth. Jamie Jardine was running on his own in seventh, while the battle for eighth was a four car dice between Luke Cooper, Nigel Doe, Mike Gardner

and Paul Mason. Gardner was running in race two after his driver, Craig Currie had opted to withdraw after race one.

By lap three, Chisnall had made it to thirteenth place, after his race start from the pit lane. Smith had got the better of Winn to move into fourth place, leaving the latter to then come under pressure from the fast closing Jardine. At the head of the race, Middlehurst continued to lead from Ahmed, with Crosbie in third being the fastest man on the track, and quickly closing in on the lead pair. By half race distance, Crosbie had completely closed the gap, and had managed to pass Ahmed to move into second place.

In the second half of the race, Mason pulled off the circuit and out of proceedings on lap seven, while Pete Oldfield retired to the pit lane a lap later after light contact with a barrier. The hard charging Crosbie was closing in on Middlehurst; meanwhile a strong finishing Smith was rapidly eating into the gap to Short ahead of him. In the closing stages Smith tried a passing move on the inside line at Old Hall, but not for the first time in the day, Short did a great job of holding the position on the outside line. At the chequered flag, Middlehurst hung on to make it a double win



for the day, but only by a mere 0.123 seconds from Crosbie in second, who also took the fastest lap award. Ahmed finished third, with Short taking fourth by just 0.068 seconds from Smith. Winn in sixth took his second class win of the day, with Cooper, Gardner, Jardine and Chisnall completing the top ten finishers. Middlehurst's remarkable performance at the meeting lifted him four places to the head of the Post-89 points table. Short moves into second place, ahead of Murphy and Jardine.



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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	11	20:15.754			87.68	1:49.411	9
2	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:15.877	0.123	0.123	87.67	1:48.932	9
3	49	A	Abdul AHMED	Ray GRK09	11	20:21.488	5.734	5.611	87.27	1:49.748	7
4	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:27.538	11.784	6.050	86.84	1:50.135	7
5	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	11	20:27.606	11.852	0.068	86.83	1:49.967	7
6	86	B	Neil WINN	Van Diemen RF92	11	20:29.399	13.645	1.793	86.71	1:50.304	6
7	43	B	Luke COOPER	Swift SC92	11	20:35.258	19.504	5.859	86.30	1:50.341	6
8	9	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF91	11	20:35.305	19.551	0.047	86.29	1:50.011	5
9	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	11	20:38.990	23.236	3.685	86.04	1:50.808	5
10	28	A	Chris CHISNALL	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:41.811	26.057	2.821	85.84	1:50.367	9
11	30	B	Nigel DOE	Van Diemen RF90	11	20:43.240	27.486	1.429	85.74	1:51.307	9
12	62	A	Daniel HEADLAM	Van Diemen FF	11	21:07.600	51.846	24.360	84.09	1:52.193	5
13	48	A	Vincent JAY	Ray GRK09	11	21:44.448	1:28.694	36.848	81.72	1:55.746	9
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	29	A	Peter OLDFIELD	Ray GRS 07	8	15:40.340	3 laps	3 laps	82.44	1:51.889	5
DNF	24	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	6	11:27.830	5 laps	2 laps	84.53	1:52.730	3
DNF	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	4	9:19.133	7 laps	2 laps	69.33	1:54.769	3
DNF	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	1	2:36.022	10 laps	3 laps	62.11		
FASTEST LAP											
54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	9	1:48.932	88.96 mph	143.17 kph				
9	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF91	5	1:50.011	88.09 mph	141.77 kph				

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