

# RACING REPORTS

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## BRANDS HATCH: MSVR MASTERS BY RACHEL HARRIS-GARDINER

**AUGUST 22-23**

### FENN WINS AS SOPER ENDS IN THE TREES


**Rob Fenn won shortened race**

The Masters Historic meeting at Brands Hatch provided drama as well as speed across the board.

Saturday's big talking point was the Pre '66 Touring Car race, which was won by Rob Fenn's Ford Mustang after leader Steve Soper had a shocking accident in the Mustang he shares with Henry Mann.

Fenn witnessed the throttle on Soper's car getting stuck open, sending him off the track at Stirlings, over a tyre wall and into the bushes. Soper was not hurt, although the car was badly damaged. As Soper had caused the red flags to come out a minute before the chequered flag, he lost his lead on countback and let Fenn back in. It would be unfair to say that Fenn was given the win as he was devastatingly quick early on, eking out a considerable lead over the Lotus Cortinas of Ollie Taylor and of Geoff and Alan Letts, who were second and third, plus over polesitter Andrew Jordan's Cortina which he was sharing


**Brundle tamed the Lola**

with Michael Cullen. The Cullen/Jordan car was one of 13 that did not make it to the end.

Sunday's big event was the Gentlemen Drivers race, won by Mike Whitaker in a TVR Griffith from the Shelby Daytona Cobra of Julian Thomas and Calum Lockie. The Cobra was a little down on power but Whitaker still put in an excellent drive. The race had been expected to be a showdown between the Cobra and a Jaguar E-type shared by Alex Brundle and Gary Pearson, but Pearson was incorrectly penalised for a short pitstop and dropped to fourth, behind John Spiers and Tiff Needell in another Griffith. The E-type, which led briefly, was entitled to a shorter stop as it was a smaller 3800cc

car, but as the protest was only made after the stop-go had been served, third place stayed with Spiers and Needell.

Brundle acquitted himself in style in the Historic Sports car race, piloting Pearson's Lola T70 to a deserved win. This weekend was the first time that Brundle had started a historic race and he was delighted to win his second-ever classic event.

Jonathan Mitchell was second in a Chevron B19, over 10 seconds behind the Pearson car but still on the lead lap, unlike everyone else up to fourth place. Mitchell had begun with a strong start from pole, but Brundle and Pearson proved just too quick.

James Claridge and Goncalo Gomes were third in their Chevron B23, followed by T70 of Steve Brooks and Robert Beebe. Gary Culver could have joined them in his T70, having been as high as third, but the stewards ruled he had jumped the start. He was then disqualified for not taking his penalty in time.

#### RACE WINNERS

##### Equipe Classic Racing

**Race 1:** Tom Smith (MG B)  
**Race 2:** Mark Ashworth (TVR Grantura)

##### Gentleman Drivers

Mike Whitaker (TVR Griffith)

##### Historic Grand Prix Car Association

**Race 1:** Jon Fairley (Brabham BT11/19)  
**Race 2:** Fairley

##### Masters Historic F1

**Race 1:** Martin O'Connell

(Tyrrell 011B)

**Race 2:** Greg Thornton (Lotus 91/5)

##### Historic Sports car Championship

Cary Pearson/Alex Brundle (Lola T70)

##### Pre '66 Minis

**Race 1:** Jeff Smith  
**Race 2:** Jon Ferguson

##### Pre '66 Touring Cars

Rob Fenn (Ford Mustang)

## THRUXTON: BRSCC BY PETER SCHERER

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### SHEPHERD HEADS THE FLOCK FOR LAST-GASP VICTORY IN FUN CUP SHOWDOWN

In the Fun Cup's first visit to Thruxton, a late safety car put Axiometrics' Riley Phillips under pressure. As the green flag was waved he had UVio's Fabio Randaccio, Team 7 WASPP's Jay Shepherd and 2Rent Dominos Henry Dawes chasing in line astern. Shepherd managed to split the lead pair, before moving ahead

with two laps remaining. It was a first win for Shepherd's co-driver Ed Worthington and the Team 7 crew, while Phillips and Randaccio completed the podium.

Steven Dailly won the first BMW Compact Cup race, leading throughout, but was chased by David May. After Jordan Stilp took his first win

in the championship in a shortened second race, Tom Griffiths triumphed race three.

Harry Cook was declared the winner in the first Caterham 270R & Roadsports race, after first-on-the-road Andrew Murgatroyd was given a driving-standards penalty. Lars Hoffman outgunned early leader Angelos Alvanos to win

the second race but had Ben Lopez-Appleton closing at the end.

Although John Byrne won both Caterham Seven UK and 310R races, the second one proved much harder. He was never headed in the first while Henry Heaton was a clear second. But Byrne duelled with Stephen Nuttall in race

two, before it was settled in his favour on the last lap.

Bruce Winfield headed home Max Lewis in the first Civic Cup race, before roles were reversed in the second. Stuart Waite's BMW M3 won both Racing Saloon races at a canter, while in the Caterham Academy Tom Cockerill and Simon Shaw took the spoils.

#### RACE WINNERS

**Fun Cup**  
Jay Shepherd/Ed Worthington (Team 7 WASPP)

**BMW Compact Cup**  
**Race 1:** Steven Dailly  
**Race 2:** Jordan Stilp  
**Race 3:** Tom Griffiths

**Caterham 270R & Roadsports**  
**Race 1:** Harry Cook  
**Race 2:** Lars Alexander Hoffman

**Caterham Seven UK & 310R**  
**Race 1 & 2:** John Byrne

**Civic Cup**

**Race 1:** Bruce Winfield  
**Race 2:** Max Lewis

**Racing Saloons**  
**Races 1 & 2:** Stuart Waite (BMW E46 M3)

**Caterham Academy**  
**Green:** Tom Cockerill  
**White:** Simon Shaw

## DONINGTON PARK: BARC BY KIERAN RENNIE

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### MILLS TAKES A TRIPLE VICTORY AMONG THE LEGENDS BATTLERS

The British Truck Racing Championship were the headliners at a blustery Donington Park but, with a number of competitive series on the bill, the heavyweights weren't guaranteed the spotlight.

Six heats of the Legends Racing series provided three different winners. Connor Mills proved most impressive over the two days with a trio of victories.

In the Max5's opening act, Andrew Pretorius took the

win while Paul Roddison claimed the spoils in the second clash.

The CNC Heads Championship served up some of the weekend's most impressive machines. Race 1 went to Ric Wood in his unusual Kia with Luke Armiger topping the second event in his Vauxhall Tigra.

The MX-5 Championship was hit by Saturday's sporadic rain with Will Blackwell-Chambers managed to tame the conditions. Joe Wiggin

dominated the later two races.

Reigning champion Luke Herbert survived a huge dogfight for the win in the Mazda MX-5 Supercup opener but had an easier outing for the win in race two. Jack Harding claimed the finale. Abbie Eaton guested and scored two fourth places and an eighth.

The Citroen C1 Challenge's three-hour endurance race delivered pint-sized drama and massive tactical battles. Stop-go

penalties proved decisive as the winners were penalised post-race, gifting Howard Hayens/Dave Ward's Progressive Motorsport car the win.

In the British Truck Racing series, Division 1 wins wavered between Ryan Smith, Martin Gibson, Dave Jenkins and John Newell with Smith taking two wins and the bragging rights. Division 2 honours went to Steve Powell with four wins, while Luke Garrett also took a victory.

#### RACE WINNERS

**Legends Cars: Saturday**  
**Race 1:** Daniel Clark  
**Race 2:** Will Gibson  
**Race 3:** Connor Mills

**Legends Cars: Sunday**  
**Race 1:** Mills  
**Race 2:** Gibson  
**Race 3:** Mills

**MX-5 Championship**  
**Race 1:** Will Blackwell-Chambers  
**Race 2:** Joe Wiggin  
**Race 3:** Wiggin

**Max5 Championship**  
**Race 1:** Andrew Pretorius  
**Race 2:** Paul Roddison

**CNC Heads Championship**  
**Race 1:** Ric Wood (Kia Optima)  
**Race 2:** Luke Armiger (Vauxhall Tigra)

**Citroen C1 Challenge**  
Howard Hayens/Dave Ward

**MX-5 Supercup**  
**Race 1 & 2:** Luke Herbert  
**Race 3:** Jack Harding

**British Trucks, Division 1**  
**Race 1 & 4:** Ryan Smith (MAN TGA)  
**Race 2:** Martin Gibson (MAN TGX)

**Race 3:** Dave Jenkins (MAN TGX)  
**Race 5:** John Newell (MAN TGS)

## SILVERSTONE: 750MC BY MARCUS PYE

### ONE-MAKE EXPERTS LEAD THE WAY ON GP OUTING

Frenetic, fast and clean capacity-grid Mazda MX-5 and Toyota MR2 racing proved the 750MC's budget sportscar series' value on Silverstone's International Circuit.

Of four leaders in the 5Club MX-5 Cup opener, Welshman Jason Greatrex prevailed, denying defending champion Ben Hancy and Courtney Milnes by a whisker. Richard Baxter had it slightly easier in the second.

Roadster convert Shaun Traynor broke the MR2 lap record in completing a 3-2-1 seasonal sequence in beating Nick Williamson and Alastair Topley.

Later he circulated quicker still to topple Topley and Aaron Cooke.

Motorcycle-engined cars comprised a fifth of the 350-strong entry. Martin Brooks and Joe Stables (Radical PR6s) edged clear of Saturday's record Bikesports field to win once each. Charles Hall (Spire) and Scott Mittell (Mittell) bagged third and second respectively.

The F1000 Championship kicked off with a superb triple-header, 2019 runner-up Dan Clowes emerging unbeaten. From P8 on the partially-reversed second grid he deposed Paul

Butcher last time round. Jack Tomalin, 16, impressed with second and third on his car debut.

Ryan Yarrow and Richard Morris shared Sports 1000 honours, Morris shooting from the back to second in the opener. Michael Roots and Frenchman Victor Neumann (Mittells) led the subsequent chase.

Four 750 Formula combatants squabbled over victory. Peter Bove remains unbeaten, but Chris Gough (CGR) and reigning champ Mark Glover (Racekits Falcon) were within 1.25s initially. Glover

and Andrew Kemp (Falcon) kept him honest later.

Area Motorsport's hot Seat won its fourth-successive Club Enduro. Rob Baker took over late from Carl Swift to deny Owen Fitzgerald/Rory Hinde (BMW E36 M3) by six seconds after 69 busy laps.

Bradley Philpot won Roadsports, his Lotus's mirrors filled with David Vincent's Honda Civic. In Sports Specials Andy Hiley repelled Paul Collingwood's Eclipse while Matt Cherrington aced Ma7da Seven. Gary Prebble was invincible in Hot Hatch.



Photo: Steve Jones

**Jason Greatrex took the Mazda MX-5 Cup opener**

#### RACE WINNERS

**Mazda MX-5 CUP**  
**Race 1:** Jason Greatrex  
**Race 2:** Richard Baxter

**Toyota MR2**  
**Races 1&2:** Shaun Traynor (Roadster)

**Bikesports**  
**Race 1:** Martin Brooks (Radical PR6)

**Race 2:** Joe Stables (Radical PR6)

**F1000**  
**Races 1,2 & 3:** Dan Clowes

**Sports 1000**  
**Race 1:** Ryan Yarrow (Spire GT35)  
**Race 2:** Richard Morris (Spire GT320S)

**750 Formula**  
**Races 1&2:** Peter Bove (Darvi 88P)

**Club Enduro**  
Carl Swift/Rob Baker (Seat Leon Eurocup)

**Roadsports**  
Bradley Philpot (Lotus Elise)

**Sports Specials**  
**Races 1&2:** Andy Hiley (Chronos HR15)

**Ma7da Series**  
**Races 1&2:** Matt Cherrington

**Hot Hatch**  
**Races 1&2:** Gary Prebble (Honda Civic Type-R)