

● Pembrey is tops

May I congratulate your correspondent R.P.W. for a first class report on last week's 750 meeting at Pembrey. You may accuse me of bias, but I believe that following the improvements to the spectator banking, Pembrey now offers the best viewing for the spectator in the whole country, especially the raised section opposite the paddock, which can offer a superb view of almost the whole circuit.

I also enjoyed his report on the WRDA Sports & Saloon Car Championship. If I wasn't in it, I'd certainly go to watch it!

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Davies Wins His Class

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies took a class win in the second round of the W.R.D.A. Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship held at Pembrey on Bank Holiday Monday. Davies job was made easier after his main rival Blake Edwards crashed in practice, damaging his car, Davies may be joined soon by Milford's Mike Howlin, another of the West Wales Rally drivers looking to try the racing line. The next round of the Welsh Championship will be at the Llanelli track on May 16th.

Most Expensive Jaguar Blows Up!

Meanwhile Jaguar's wonder car, the XJ220 made a dramatic exit from the feature race of the day at the Jaguar Car Clubs meeting at Pembrey. The XJ220, one of the most expensive cars in the world, was being driven by owners Allen Lloyd and Robert Schirle, in the Classic Cars Magazine 100 mile car. Shortly after taking the lead after overcoming the persistent attention of a gaggle of Caterham 7s (a modern version of the Lotus 7, one of Colin Chapmans earliest designs and still made today in Caterham) the XJ220, which had been trailing smoke, blew up in spectacular fashion in just after the half distance, leaving the Caterhams to canter to victory.

WRDA Racing

Martin Davies took second place in the opening round of the WRDA Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Sunday. Davies, driving his Ford Escort RS2000 was the fastest saloon car but was unable to do anything about the monster MGB V8 driven by Bristol's Ted Williams, which is driven by an engine twice the size of his own.

Davies said afterwards "Second place was as much as I could hope for in the circumstances", but he can console himself with the thought that Williams is unlikely to do all the rounds. Next round is at Pembrey on Bank Holiday Monday.

First points for Jones

LAMPETER'S Glyne Jones, driving his Modified Ford Anglia, took his first points after a class winning drive in the 3rd round of the WRDA Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship on Sunday as torrential rain and high winds swept the Pembrey track.

Jones' fortunes had a boost as his main rival pulled off after the first lap, but the conditions played a part and Jones had to overcome a spin to take the points to stand in joint second in his class, a point behind the leader, Mike Lamplough from Trowbridge.

The next round in the 10 race season is on Sunday May 23rd at Pembrey.

Colin Pendle, albeit by a much smaller margin while Peter Cox claimed what was this time a lonely third place.

The WRDA Saloon and Sports round came to life on the penultimate lap when the Davrian of Mike Lamplough suddenly began to close on the Toyota Starlet of long-time leader Graham Miller. The pair swapped places several times during an exciting final two laps with the Davrian finally snatching the win as they accelerated away from the last corner of the race.

The opening stages of the 100 mile Classic Cars Magazine Trophy race produced a classic David and Goliath battle as the Caterham 7 of Rob Nearn headed Robert Schirle's Jaguar

XJ220. With the demise of the Big Cat on lap 27, the diminutive car looked in a strong position. Unfortunately for him his return to the race following the mandatory pit-stop was delayed as a gaggle of cars raced past the pit exit. That allowed the similar car of Mike Smith to assume the lead. Although new driver David Gooding managed to reduce the gap to Smith it was the lone driver who took the win ahead of Nearn and Gooding. The Caterham marque claimed the top four places with the third car of John Taylor followed home by Mick and Ginny Hyde.

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PEMBREY

Thrills not frills

The Midland Automobile Club's annual foray to Wales may not have produced the biggest grids of the season but it certainly came up with more than its fair share of thrills

Ted Williams quickly established a comfortable lead in the WRDA Sports and Saloon round in his MGB V8. Like the Escort of rallyman Martin Davies in second place, Williams remained unchallenged to the flag. Early third place man Blake Edwards was quickly overhauled by the Porsches of firstly Colin Gundersen and then Colin Williams. When Williams headed for the pits with flames licking around the tail of his car, the Capri was promoted to fourth again, a posi-

tion which he clung onto despite spin on the penultimate lap.

Only five cars lined up for the Formula 500 race, with Peter Wilkinson pressuring winner Daniel Stilwell in the warm up lap when poleman Christopher Wilson spun his Reynard and was forced to start the race from the pit lane. An inspire drive saw Wilson through to second spot on lap seven. Sadly for him, the laps ran out before he could take the lead as he finished just a couple of car lengths behind the Formula Vauxhall Lotus car of victor Martin O'Connell. Third place, meanwhile went to the ill-handling Trojan F5000 of John Narcisi.

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Monoposto Championship Race - 10 laps: 1, F.Phillips (Swift FB86) 10m 02.2s (87.04mph); 2, C.Stone (Reynard B6SF); 3, G.Storer (Reynard B6SF); 4, M.Stuart (Swift FB86); 5, J.Blockley (Ralt RT3); 6, K.Raeesdani (Reynard SF79). Fastest lap: Phillips 58.1s (90.21mph).

WRDA Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship Race - 10 laps: 1, T.Williams (MGB V8) 11m 31.3s (75.82mph); 2, M.Davies (Ford Escort RS); 3, C.Gundersen (Porsche 911 Carrera); 4, B.Edwards (Ford Capri Mk.3); 5, K.Davies (Porsche 924); 6, G.Evans (Rover Vitesse). Class winners: Williams and Gundersen. Fastest laps: Williams 1m 06.8s (78.46mph); Gundersen 1m 11.1s (73.72mph).

500cc Racing Cars Race - 10 laps: 1, D.Stip (Hi-Tech F500) 10m 51.0s (80.51mph); 2, P.Wilkinson (2-Spec F500SS); 3, A.Ruddle (Jedi Mk.2); 4, P.Sullivan (Jedi 2/29); 5, R.Dowden (2-Spec 500S); no other finishers. Fastest lap: Wilkinson 1m 03.5s (82.54mph).

HSCC Classic Sports Car Championship Race - 10 laps: 1, R.Eaton (Marcos GT) 11m 30.3s (75.93mph); 2, D.Methley (Marcos GT); 3, T.Thompson (Lotus Elan); 4, J.Jarvis (Lotus Elan); 5, P.Nelson (Marcos GT); 6, J.Corfield (Diva GT). Class winners: R.Fountain (Lotus Elite 92), Jarvis, R.Connel (TVR Griffith 200), Corfield and Eaton. Fastest laps: Fountain 1m

15.1s (69.79mph); Jarvis 1m 09.3s (75.63mph); Corfield 1m 08.2s (76.85mph); Eaton 1m 07.8s (77.30mph); Connel 1m 11.8s (73.00mph).

Ratrace Vegantune Mono-Kent Championship Race - 10 laps: 1, D.McVerry (Lola T644E) 10m 40.5s (81.83mph); 2, J.Timms (Lola T644E); 3, I.Temple (Guest FF86); 4, G.Worfield (Reynard B3FF); 5, K.Pashley (Van Diemen RF85); 6, B.Lemmon (Van Diemen RF84). Fastest lap: McVerry 1m 02.0s (84.54mph).

Allcomers Race for Saloons, Sports and Sports Racing Cars - 10 laps: 1, M.Coon (Mallcock Mk.24B) 10m 17.2s (84.92mph); 2, P.Nelson (Marcos GT); 3, M.Lamplough (Davrian Mk.6); 4, D.Gathercole (MG Midget); 5, D.Willoughby (VW Golf GTI); 6, P.Evans (MGB Roadster). Class winners: Willoughby, Nelson, Lamplough and Coon. Fastest laps: Willoughby 1m 14.9s (69.98mph); Nelson 1m 08.9s (76.18mph); T.Williams (MGB V8) 1m 07.2s (78.00mph); Coon 1m 00.0s (87.36mph).

Single Seater Racing Cars including the WRDA Open Single Seaters - 10 laps: 1, M.O'Connell (Formula Vauxhall Lotus) 9m 51.2s (88.66mph); 2, C.Wilson (Reynard 873); 3, J.Narcisi (Trojan F5000); 4, C.Stone (Reynard B6SF); 5, D.Cox (Ralt RT3); 6, M.Coon (Mallcock Mk.24B). Class winners: Narcisi, O'Connell, Cox and P.Wilkinson (2 Spec F500SS). Fastest laps: T.Sayles (Leyton House F3000) 58.1s (90.21mph); Wilson 56.1s (93.43mph); Cox 59.3s (88.39mph); Wilkinson 1m 03.9s (82.02mph).

Motor Racing :

Davies Storms To Victory !

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies chalked up one of the most satisfying results of his career as he dominated the 3rd round of the WRDA Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship on Sunday as torrential rain and high winds swept the track at Pembrey.

Davies, driving his Ford Escort RS 2000 was fastest in practice by almost four seconds and his fastest lap in the race was also almost three seconds quicker than his closest pursuer as he lead every lap!

More satisfaction was gained by the vanquishing of one of Davies's biggest potential threats in the shape of Andrew Wilson and his race prepared Escort. Wilson, from Dinas Powis, has won when Davies was absent but this was the first direct challenge between the two drivers. On paper Wilson's lightweight race breed car should have been quicker than Davies's more sturdy rally prepared example, but Davies's driving was of a different class on the day. Afterwards he said : "I really enjoyed it! I've always been quick in the wet and today's conditions were tailor made for me". The points gained moved him to third place in the championship, well ahead in his Class. After three rounds

Davies is in with seven points. Robert Allender, also of Haverfordwest driving a Dolomite Sprint shares ninth position.

The next round on the ten race season is on Sunday, May 23rd at Pembrey.

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Bridgestone Jaguar XK Saloon Car Challenge - 15 laps: 1, G. Page (340) 19m 01.71s (70.94mph); 2, T. Williams (Mk.2); 3, A. Ward (Mk.2); 4, J. Giret (XJ6); 5, D. Pearce (Mk.2); 6, D. Woodgate (S Type). Class winners: Page, A. Lloyd (Mk.1) and Giret. Fastest laps: Page 1m 14.27s (72.70mph); Lloyd 1m 14.40s (72.58mph); Giret 1m 16.13s (70.93mph) ALL RECORDS.

Cox & Buckles TR Register Championship - 15 laps: 1, M. Richards (TR7 V8) 17m 25.47s (77.47mph); 2, C. Pendle (TR7 V8); 3, P. Cox (TR4); 4, M. Hughes (TR5); 5, S. Hall (TR4); 6, P. Dingle (TR5). Class winners: E. Driver (TR2), Hall, Hughes, Richards and B. Payne (TR6). Fastest laps: K. Palmer (TR4) 1m 14.92s (72.07mph); Hall 1m 12.29s (74.69mph); Hughes 1m 11.39s (75.64mph); Richards 1m 07.81s (79.63mph); Payne 1m 15.52s (71.50mph).

Jaguar E Type Challenge - 15 laps: 1, A. Lloyd 18m 20.40s (73.60mph); 2, R. Schirle; 3, H. Cooke; 4, R. Seymour; 5, T. Mather; no other finishers. Class winners: Lloyd and Seymour. Fastest laps: Lloyd 1m 11.59s (75.42mph); Seymour 1m 15.36s (71.65mph) BOTH RECORDS.

Avonbar MGCC MG Metro 1300 Championship - 15 laps: 1, R. McCann 19m 41.64s (69.54mph); 2, S. Hart; 3, D. Robinson; 4, P. Mallett; 5, S. Hall; 6, R. Welch. Class winners: Robinson and McCann. Fastest laps: Mallett 1m 19.45s (67.96mph); McCann 1m 17.65s (69.54mph) BOTH RECORDS.

Standard Jaguar Challenge - 15 laps: 1, D. West (XJS) 18m 34.18s (72.60mph); 2, J. Giret (XJ6); 3, D. Woodgate (S Type); 4, R. Salisbury (Daimler XJ6); no other finishers. Class winners: Giret and West. Fastest laps: Woodgate 1m 19.60s (67.83mph); West 1m 12.89s (74.08mph) BOTH RECORDS.

Modified Jaguar Challenge - 15 laps: 1, P. Castaldini (Heritage D Type) 18m 22.45s (73.47mph); 2, J. Duffield (LR D Type); 3, J. Arnold (LR D Type); 4, G. Page (340); 5, T. Soames (Heritage C Type); 6, T. Williams (Mk.1). Class winners: Page, T. Mather (E Type), Williams and Castaldini. Fastest laps: Page 1m 15.09s (71.91mph); Mather 1m 19.20s (68.18mph); Williams 1m 12.72s (74.25mph); Castaldini 1m 10.25s (76.86mph) ALL RECORDS.

Cox & Buckles TR Register Championship - 15 laps: 1, M. Richards 17m 13.92s (78.34mph); 2, C. Pendle; 3, P. Cox; 4, L. Parkes (TR7 V8); 5, S. Hall; 6, P. Dingle. Class winners: R. Cowing (TR6), Hall, Dingle, Richards and B. Payne. Fastest laps: Cowing 1m 13.43s (73.53mph); Hall 1m 11.74s (75.27mph); Dingle 1m 12.02s (74.97mph); Richards 1m 07.37s (80.15mph); Payne 1m 16.38s (70.69mph).

Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship - 15 laps: 1, M. Lamplough (Davrian Mk.6) 17m 01.70s (79.27mph); 2, G. Miller (Toyota Starlet); 3, M. Davies (Ford Escort RS2000); 4, H. Bolle-Jones (Porsche 911RS); 5, C. Gunderson (Porsche 911 Carrera); 6, K. Davies (Porsche 924). Class winners: Miller, Bolle-Jones and Lamplough. Fastest laps: Miller 1m 06.49s (81.21mph); Bolle-Jones 1m 08.91s (78.36mph); Lamplough 1m 06.11s (81.68mph).

The Classic Cars Magazine Trophy Race - 65 laps: 1, M. Smith (Caterham 7) 1h 14m 18.11s (78.73mph); 2, D. Gooding/R. Nearn (Caterham 7); 3, J. Taylor (Caterham 7); 4, M. Hyde/G. Hyde (Caterham 7); 5, H. Bolle-Jones (Porsche 911RS); 6, C. Gunderson/M. Gunderson

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Wilson's turn to win!

Andrew Wilson, from Dinas Powys, won the 4th round of the WRDA Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Sunday, despite the close attentions of Haverfordwest's Martin Davies; in a mirror image of last weeks result. Wilson driving his Ford Escort RS2000 was fastest in practice and lead all the way in a dominant display of power driving, also setting the fastest lap; Davies hung on in the early laps but eventually Wilson began to draw away. Davies said "I was hoping it would rain again, I knew I wouldn't see Andrew for dust if it was dry. Even so I reckon I had the measure of him on some corners!" The result may stir Davies into trying to match the lighter weight of Wilson's car which is one of the top competitors in the national Vecta Performance Ford Championship.

Davies closes the gap with a second place at Pembrey

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies was narrowly beaten in the latest round of the Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Saturday.

It was the second time in seven days he had been piped at the post, but whilst he was beaten by a local driver last week, this week it was Shrewsbury's Colin Wells who took first in his BMW M3.

However, Davies has reason to smile; the result does not effect his lead in his class, and ironically it has closed the gap in the overall championship, because as he was fending off the BMWs, his main championship rival, Ken Davies of Swansea was suffering an even worse fate

in the production class.

Davies, driving his Porsche 924, got caught out at the first corner following a rocket start for Haverfordwest Insurance Manager, Robert Allender, who overtook five cars from the starting line after he had started from the back row. Allender, in his Triumph Dolomite Sprint, held the Porsche at bay for five laps.

Up at the front, Martin Davies was stung into action by last week's race and set the pace as his car performed better than ever following a midweek session on Vince Mosley's rolling road at Llandeilo.

The next round is at Pembrey on September 18/19th - the Welsh Festival of Motorsport.

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LAMPETER'S Glynne Jones took a second class

win in the 4th round of the WRDA Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Sunday despite spending almost the entire race stuck in 3rd gear!

Davies, driving his Ford Anglia, was rewarded for his persistence when the Golf GTi of class leader Mark Williams spun off the track, handing Jones the win.

Jones' points put him in joint 4th place in the Championship.

Next round in the Welsh Championship is at Pembrey on 14th August.

Rallycross meets saloon car racing

Milford Haven's Mike Howlin joins Haverfordwest's Martin Davies at Pembrey racetrack this Sunday as the Welsh Racing Drivers Association Sports and Saloon Car Championship resumes.

Howlin, a rallycross expert, is the latest member of the west Wales rally community to try the racing line, and his lightweight Ford Fiesta could be ideally suited to the demanding Pembrey track.

Howlin says: "It should

be interesting and I'm looking forward to taking on Martin, although his larger engine I expect he will have an advantage on the straights."

Davies, who currently leads his class in the RS2000, has respect for Howlin: "He is a very quick and very cool driver. I expect him to surprise a lot of people. However, rallycross events only normally last three laps or so, so he'll have to watch out or doesn't get dizzy!"

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Right formula for racing

Davies misses by a 10th

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies was the loser after a close fought race for the 5th round of the WRDA Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Sunday.

Lampeter's Nigel James took the class by the narrowest margin - one 10th of a second - on his race debut. James, driving his race prepared Escort RS 2000, was fifth fastest in practice and right from the start of the 12 lap race, became involved in a three way fight for the lead.

"That was certainly the most exciting race I have been involved in," said Martin afterwards. "I learnt a lot about race tactics today. I don't know what the spectators thought, but it certainly looked entertaining from where I was!"

Kevin... recognise it as the main stepping-stone to Formula One success. A full and varied support programme of nine over the weekend backs up the feature F3 event.

A pair of races are needed for the well-supported Pirelli Production Porsche Championship which promises to be a highlight of the meeting.

More Porsches have a round of the Modified Porsche Championship

and the German sports-cars also feature strongly in the AMOC Intermarque race along with ACs, Jaguars and Aston Martins.

Sunday's programme is completed by rounds of the URS Pre '83 Formula Ford 2000 and BMW Car Club Championships.

Saturday afternoon witnesses races for the Monoposto and Rattrace Vegantune Monoposto Kent single seaters and local competitors in the Welsh Racing Drivers Association Sports/Saloon Challenge.

Racing starts at 10.30 am on Sunday with the Formula 3 race at 2.40 pm. Qualifying is on Saturday from 9.05 am with the first of three races at 3.30 pm.

LAMPETER'S Nigel James made an immediate impact on his racing debut in the 5th round of the WRDA Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Sunday, by taking his Class by the narrowest margin after a close fought race.

James, driving his Escort RS 2000k was 5th fastest in practice

and right from the start of the 12 lap race, became involved in a three-way fight for the lead with Trowbridge's Mike Lamplough and Haverfordwest's Martin Davies, which was temporarily suspended as the race was stopped because of an accident.

After the restart, battle resumed with Lamplough winning by a small margin from James and Davies, with James setting the fastest lap of the race and taking the class from Davies by one 10th of a second.

Afterwards the quietly-spoken James expressed his pleasure at his new-found sport.

However round six to be run this Saturday, may be a different proposition with some extra opposition expected, including the MGB V8 of Dereck Stewart who set the fastest time in practice, but pulled off on the first lap.

Cellan driver Glynne Jones failed to finish after oil pressure problems and drops to second place in his class, four points behind Lamplough.

Motorsport

New recruits to saloon car circuit

LAMPETER'S Nigel James joins Cellan's Glynne Jones at Pembrey racetrack on Sunday as the WRDA Welsh Sports & Saloon Car championship resumes.

James is the latest member of the West Wales rally community to try the racing line, and his Escort RS2000 will go into Class A, where he will meet, amongst others, another rally star in Haverfordwest's Martin Davies.

Meanwhile, Jones, who leads Class C in his Ford Anglia, will face Milford Haven's Mike Howlin, an experienced rallycross driver, who like James is making his race debut this weekend.

If the two new boys make the same sort of impact that Jones & Davies have, it should certainly liven up proceedings.

Ken turns up heat with a class drive

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SWANSEA'S Ken Da consolidated his lead in the 1993 WRDA Welsh Championship after a class winning drive at Pembrey.

Davies, driving his Porsche 924, finished third overall and now has 13 points, more than his nearest rival.

The next round in the Welsh Championship is at Pembrey on August 14.

DAVIES SECOND AGAIN, BUT CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS GAP CLOSES

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies was narrowly beaten in the latest round of the Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship at Pembrey on Saturday for the second time in seven days.

Last week he was beaten by a local driver but this time it was Shrewsbury's Colin Wells with his BMW M3. However Davies had cause to smile for whilst the result has not affected his lead in his class it has closed the gap in the overall championships, for whilst Davies was was fending off the BMW his main Championship rival Ken Davies of Swansea was suffering an even worse fate in the Production Class,

Davies driving his Porche 924 got caught out at the first corner following a record start for Haverfordwest Insurance Manager Robert Allender, who overtook five cars from the starting line. Allender driving his Triumph Dolomite Sprint held the Porche at bay for five

laps and although Davies slipped by and made a break he was unable to make any impression on the rest of his class rivals and ended with no points.

Up at the front Martin Davies stung into action by last week's race was setting the pace with his car performing better than ever after a midweek session on Vince Mosleys Rolling Road at Llandeilo. However Wells in the powerful BMW was making inroads and passed Davies two laps from the end. Davies said afterwards, "That BMW was flying, he had a powerful engine and he used it well"

However the shake up down the order means that Martin has taken points out of his rivals lead for the first time in several races.

The next round of the Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship is at Pembrey on September 18/19th at the Welsh Festival of Motorsports.

Race tip

TREORCHY'S Alvin Powell, who will drive a March 812 Formula One car, is the strong favourite to win WRDA Welsh Open Championship at Pembrey this weekend.

Sports briefing

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Bad luck ruins

Davies' title aspirations

Haverfordwest driver Martin Davies said that he will just have 'settle for second for the second year running' after being prevented from racing at the weekend.

Davies can now not win the 1993 Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship, after being unable to race in the 8th round in Leicestershire.

"I went to Mallory Park as a reserve entry, but I never got to race as the grid was full," he told Telegraph Sport.

"There is now no way I can win the title outright," he added.

Until that disappointment, Davies had been the only driver capable of pipping Ken Davies to the title, but now the Swansea man's lead is unsurpassable.

Martin Davies now finds his lead in his class under threat from arch rival Andrew Wilson who is only two points behind.

"I must win at Silverstone on October 30th to be sure of my title," he stated.

NO CHAIR FOR CHAIRMAN

Also at the Cresselly game was

DALE STAGES RALLY

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies and co driver Charlie Husband chalked up another victory in the Pembroke Motor Club Rally at Dale Airfield last Sunday. Davies and Husband in the M & S Engineering Escort RS 2000 headed the 45 car field from the start and saw off several challenges including the anticipated effort of local rivals Rob Morse and Martin James. Morse was expected to provide a serious threat to Davies having fitted his car with a more powerful engine since their last meeting, but the challenge failed when he retired after 3 of the 8 stages with gearbox trouble. Richard and Nichola Hill's Eastgate car then began to threaten the M & S car but Davies put on some new tyres

and restored his Lance and Vince M put in some quick their challenge for faded on the last st damaging accident.

In the end D Husband took a ce win by one minute seconds from Ri Nichola with the Garage car of Malcc and Les Skeet 3rd o 1st in Class B.

Class A was won by Darren Mansell and Griffiths, with a fi from Llandissilio Walker and Steve their unusual Fiat.

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Davies slips up at Pembrey

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies maintained an outside chance in the contest at the top of the Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship after a rare failure to take to the penultimate round at Pembrey on Saturday.

Davies was unable to do anything about the class winning RS2000 of Andrew Wilson and dropped out after seven laps when his throttle cable snapped.

Championship leader Ken Davies, of Swansea, finished second in his class and now has a seven point lead to take to the penultimate round at Mallory Park next Sunday. However, with the winter weather closing in, Martin has cause for optimism as he seems virtually unbeatable if it rains.

Interest in Davies' campaign has earned him the support of Camrose house clearer Bernie Walsh, who is no doubt hoping Martin can clear up the remaining rounds and take the championship.

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Davies' season climax

Haverfordwest's Martin Davies faces a busy motorsport week as he bids to maintain his formidable reputation in local rally events at Talbenny on this Sunday.

On the following Saturday he heads for Silverstone for the final round of the 1993 Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship to defend his class winning position and try to hold onto the championship runners-up spot as well.

Davies has won four out of the last five local rallies and was second when he didn't win. Amongst his scalps during his four wins was English driver Peter Lloyd with his BMW M3, and as Martin re-

calls, Lloyd was not a happy man.

"Lloyd's BMW is an expensive bit of kit and the defeat didn't go down too well. I'm sure he is out for revenge this time and if the stages are set for him he will be hard to beat. But I intend to give him a real fight."

If the car is right following the event, Martin's next stop will be Silverstone's national circuit for a final round that could see any one of five drivers emerge as the runner-up to Swansea's Ken Davies.

Martin's race track form has improved substantially since his debut at Pembrey two years ago.

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AN interesting mixture of motor cycle and car races provided plenty of varied entertainment in the MacDonaldis Welsh Festival of MotorSport at Pembrey Circuit last weekend.

The motor cyclists had the busiest time with a Welsh championship series being run for solos and sidecars.

Winner of the Welsh Open Championship for Motorcycles was Derek Welch on a Yamaha 250 who had two wins, two seconds and a fourth.

Neil Higgs also on a Yamaha claimed two victories and won the Welsh Marshals Association Rider of the Weekend.

Mike Cookson and Chris Hibbard of Welshpool on a Suzuki 1186 won the Welsh Open Championship for Sidecars finishing first in all five races.

In the opening solos race there was plenty of excitement with John Bennett of Briton Ferry being the early leader but by the fifth lap Higgs had closed on the first placed man.

Higgs made an overtaking manoeuvre at Brookland to take a lead he managed to hold onto until the finish.

The second Welsh solos races provided plenty of incident and close racing.

Derek Welch moved into the lead on the second lap but as the race progressed there was a three bike battle for the lead with Higgs and Steve Ellis also in contention.

Higgs and Ellis swapped places several times but there was a premature end to the race when both collided spectacularly at Dibenni. It happened when Ellis slipped on oil on

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the track and Higgs was unable to avoid him.

Welch was declared the winner after eight laps.

There were two championship car races on Saturday with both having convincing winners.

Ron Cumming of Ardeer in Scotland dominated the Slik Moves Autumn Trophy for single seaters with an unchallenged light to flag victory in a Lola machine with a 3000 cc engine.

Jim Blockley appeared to be heading for second place but dropped down the order with a spin on the fifth lap.

Chris Wilson in a Reynard finished second and won Class B.

There were four cars contesting third place throughout. Robin Dawe in a Lotus Ford finished strongly moving up to fourth on the eighth lap and the following lap claimed third.

Frances Phillips of Kidderminster tried hard to challenge but his efforts results him spinning off at Honda Curve.

Andrew Wilson in an RS 2000 was a comfortable winner in the Welsh Racing Drivers Association Sports Saloon Championship.

It looked as if previous winner Martin Davies was going to claim second place in a similar car but the Haverfordwest driver was forced to retire on the seventh lap with engine problems.

It left Nigel James of Lampeter to claim second place.

The BARC Production Car Championship was 1 hour long with a driver change during it.

A quick change benefited Tom Segrue and Colin Blower with their Porsche 944 S2 dominating matters and taking first place with Lionel Abbott and Justin Bell, son of Derek ending in second.

Craig Davies of Loughton in a Ford Sapphire took the chequered flag in the Falken Tyres Modified Production Saloon Championship Classes A and C race.

There was a disappointing entry for the BRSCC/BARC Silhouette Championship and when pole positioned Richard Harris stalled on the grid it left the way clear for Mike Brend of Barnstable in a Suzuki SC 100 to win easily.

The results were:

Welsh Open Motorcycles Race 1: 1, N. Higgs, Yamaha 250, 10.47.49; 2, John Bennett, Kawasaki 750, 10.50.37; 3, Steve Ellis, Honda 600, 10.52.79.

Welsh Open Sidecars race 1: 1, Cookson/Hibbard, LCR Suzuki 1186, 11.8.15; 2, Reeve/Laughlin Yamaha 1000, 3, Saunders/Perry, Windle 11.22.09.

Slik Moves Welsh Open Championship for single seater cars: 1, R.Cumming, Lola T86/50, 2, C.Wilson Reynard 873; R.Dawe, Lotus Ford 10.2.63.

Welsh Open Solo Motorcycles Race 2: 1, D. Welch, Yamaha 250, 2, N.Richardson, 8.55.58; 3, J.Bennett Kawasaki. 9.2.23.

WRDA Saloon and Sports Cars: 1, A.Wilson Ford Escort, 11.15.17; 2, N.James, Ford Escort, 11.34.68. 3, L.Allen, Ford Escort.

Welsh Open Sidecars: 1, Cookson/Hibbard, 11.3.07; 2, Hannam/Leach, Suzuki 1127, 11.7.15; 3,

Reeve/Laughlin Yamaha 1000, 11.9.70.

Welsh Open Solo Motorcycles Race 4: 1, N.Higgs, Yamaha 250, 10.52.37; 2, D. Welch, Yamaha 250, 10.52.52; 3, J. Bennett Kawasaki 750.10.55.97.

BRDC/BARC Clubmans Sports 1600: 1, C. Woodward, Centaur 14x, 10.14.03; 2, I.Megson, Mallock, 10.22.61; 3, B. Webb, Mallock, 10.27.48.

Falken Tyres Mon. Prod Saloons Class B/D: 1, J.Hammersley, Vauxhall Astra GTE, 14.11.14; 2, P. Cawsey, Ford Fiesta XR2 14.19.52; 3, J.Irvine VW Sirocco, 14.26.94.

Welsh Open Solo Motorcycles-Race 5: 1, N. Higgs, Yamaha 250, 10.49.37; 2, D.Welch, Yamaha 250, 10.49.72; 3, J. Bennett, Kawasaki 750, 10.57.25

BARC Production Cars: 1, T. Segrue/C.Blower Porsche 944 S2, 1 hr 0.31.92 in 50 laps; 2, L.Abbott/J.Bell, SAAB 9000 CS, 1 hr 1.2.79; 3, A.Britnell/D.Bartrum Sierra Cosworth, 1.1.21.56.

Welsh Open Sidecars Race 4: 1, Cookson/Hibbard, Suzuki, 8.55.76; 2, Hannam/Leach, Suzuki, 9.0.85; 3, Iwanski/ Heely, Yamaha 350.

Falken Tyres Mod Prod Sallons Classes A and C: 1, C. Davies, Ford sapphire, 14.11.77; 2, R. West Opel Asconam 14.14.86 3, L. Colley Ford Escort RS2000, 14.19.68.

BARC/BRSC Silhouett Specials: 1, M. Bremd, Suzuki SC 100, 10.38.76; 2, P. Grimer, Peugeot 205, 10.56.75; 3, R. Harris, SC100, 10.57.07.

Welsh Open Solo Motorcycles Race 6: 1, N. Jennings, Yamaha 250, 11.44.59; 2, D.Welch, Yamaha, 250, Neil Higgs, Yamaha 250, 11.56.39