

# Charlton athletic

With large grids and close racing, 750 MC's two day Pembrey meeting provided an exhibition of just how good club level racing can be. One of many high spots came with a hard earned victory for the TR6 of Alan Charlton in the **Thoroughbred Sports** round.

It was Ronnie Farmer who initially led the race only to spin his TVR Griffith on the third lap. While Farmer eventually recovered to take third spot, Charlton battled with the TR4 of Chris Conoley at the head of the field. With the result in doubt until the very last lap it was Charlton who finally took the win. Every position on the track seemed to be fiercely contested with one of the best drives coming from Pete Foster, who overcame a 10 second penalty to finish fourth in his Aston Martin DB4.

Trevor Welsh put in a flying second lap in the **Formula Vee** round to pull away from a five car pack and head the field. He continued to hold a comfortable lead until the red flags came out on lap four for a car parked against the pit wall.

It was Jeremy Clark who took the chequered flag at the end of the second part of the race, but Welsh had done enough to take victory on aggregate ahead of Clark and Martin Brown.

Not to be outdone by their British counterparts, the **Irish Formula Vee** contenders produced a three way battle for the lead during the first half of the race. With Damian Doherty dropping off the pace but picking up third spot, Paul Heavey and Paraic Owens fought all the way to the flag, with Heavey finally taking the win by three tenths of a second.

Calum Lockie's run of problems continued when a 10 second penalty in practice saw him at the back of the grid for the **Formula Vee Consolation** race. But a stirring drive saw the Scotsman heading the field by the end of lap five before going on to take an easy win.

A mistake at Hatchets by John

Moore handed the lead of the **Formula Four** round to Steve Collier. While the Delta driver went on to win ahead of Moore's Ethyl Jay, third place went to the Delta of Adrian Seal.

Four cars disputed the lead in the **Mono Kent** round until the Lolos of Jonathan Newman and Alistair Timms were both struck by engine problems. That left Graham Worsfold to battle it out with Ian Temple, Worsfold's Reynard just getting the better of Temple's Van Diemen.

The **Formula 750** round provided some of the best of Saturday's racing as the first four laps saw six cars vying for the lead. Mick Harris had to set a new lap record in order to establish a lead, while behind him Chris Gough and Bob Simpson fought all the way to the flag with Gough just snatching second place.

A less eventful **Formula 1300** round saw Chris Emery produce a near perfect drive to claim victory ahead of Keith Messer and Kevin Spencer.

A spin by third placed man Jim Blockley saw the red flags waving after 10 laps of the **Monoposto** race, with Gary Storer declared winner ahead of the similar Reynard of Colin Stone.

With regular MG competitors Steve Williams and Malcolm Beer claiming the top two places in the **WRDA Sports and Saloon** round, a stirring drive by local man Graham Cole saw him claim third spot in his Darran after starting the race from the pit lane. Meanwhile, a thrilling battle for fourth place ended with the Sierra Cosworth of Martin Davies just getting the better of Nigel James's **RS2000**.

Saturday's racing was rounded off with an **Open Wheel Libre** event which saw Monoposto contenders Colin Stone, Robin Dawe and David Dudley taking the top three placings.

With the top two cars of Steve Williams and Malcolm Beer enjoying unchallenged runs in the **MG BCV8** round, the battle of the race was for third place. It wasn't until they exited

Brooklands for the final time that Warwick Banks got the better of Richard Finney to claim the place.

A retirement by early leader Gee Warner elevated the XR3 of Stuart Cooling to the head of the **Hot Hatch** field. A mature drive clinched victory and the Driver of the Day award for the Yorkshireman. Second place went to the XR2 of John Griffiths, while Barry Barnard claimed third in his Alfasud.

Mick Hyde quickly established a substantial lead in the **Roadsports** race. Although Steve Hayes managed to make inroads into that lead as Hyde encountered traffic in the closing stages of the race, he was not able to mount a challenge, settling instead for second place ahead of Patrick Havill.

While Reg Woodcock took his Westfield XI to an easy win in the **Supersports** round, the drive of the race came from David Fabian. After spinning the Pulsar at Brooklands on lap two, Fabian fought his way back to claim second place from the Westfield SEi of Lyndon Griffin as they crossed the line to start their final lap.

The **Kit Car** race produced an exciting two way battle for the lead and an equally entertaining three way fight for third place. The former was settled in favour of Paul Barker, his Dutton Phaeton just holding off the Sylva Phoenix of Martin Stewart, while Mike Topp took third place ahead of the similar Westfield of Allan Lloyd, with Tim Wells retiring his Dutton on the very last lap.

The **Closed Wheel Libre** event provided a consolation win for Paul Gascoyne after he had spun his Caterham twice in the earlier Roadsports event, while a **Formula Vee Allcomers** race rounded off the weekend with yet more close racing. This time it was the turn of Paraic Owens to just pip Paul Heavey, while Ian Jordan upheld British honour by taking third place.

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**Volkpares Formula Vee - 10 laps:** 1, T.Welsh (Scarab GAC) 10m 56.7s (79.81mph); 2, J.Clark (Predator/GAC); 3, M.Brown (Ray FV91); 4, M.Eyre (Scarab Mk2); 5, I.Jordan (Royale RP26); 6, D.Jordan (Sheane Mk2 '91). Fastest lap: Welsh 1m 03.6s (82.41mph) RECORD.

**Irish Formula Vee - 12 laps:** 1, P.Heavey (Leasstone JH002) 13m 22.6s (78.36mph); 2, P.Owens (Drogheda Hire Special); 3, D.Doherty (Sheane '93); 4, R.Moore (Heavey Sheane); 5, G.O'Reilly (Sheane '94); 6, D.Pyper (Scarab RSS2). Fastest lap: Owens 1m 05.1s (80.51mph).

**Volkpares & Irish Vee Overspill - 12 laps:** 1, S.Lockie (GB) 13m 28.0s (77.84mph); 2, S.Pyper (Scarab RSS2); 3, T.Flynn (Sheane); 4, O.Christie (Sheane); 5, C.Ryan (Sheane); 6, J.Auld (Scarab Mk2). Fastest lap: Lockie 1m 04.7s (81.01mph).

**Yokohama Formula Four - 12 laps:** 1, S.Collier (Delta) 12m 12.4s (85.88mph); 2, J.Moore (Ethyl Jay); 3, A.Seal (Delta T80R); 4, A.Beswick (Van Diemen RF87); 5, N.Tetley (Delta T80); 6, D.Bland (Reynard SF79/81). Class winners: Collier and Seal. Fastest laps: Collier 59.1s (88.69mph); Seal 1m 00.7s (86.35mph).

**Mono-Kent - 12 laps:** 1, G.Worsfold (Reynard SF83) 12m 12.9s (85.82mph); 2, I.Temple (Van Diemen RF85); 3, J.Timms (Lola T644E); 4, K.Pashley (Van Diemen RF85); 5, K.Linforth (Pacer); 6, J.Newman (Lola T644E). Fastest lap: Timms 1m 02.0s (84.54mph).

**Wesprey Castings 750 Formula - 12 laps:** 1, M.Harris (Darvi 877) 13m 20.2s (78.60mph); 2, C.Gough (CGR1); 3, B.Simpson (SS Reliant); 4, P.Knipe (DNC) 5, D.Bland (Simpson Special); 6, J.Harvey (Darvi 92J). Fastest lap: Harris 1m 04.6s (81.13mph).

**Formula 1300 - 12 laps:** 1, C.Emery (WEV Sports) 12m 12.9s (85.82mph); 2, K.Messer (Lola T492M); 3, K.Spencer (Mallock Mk21/24); 4, C.Turner (Royale RP37) 5, G.Taylor (Mallock Mk18B); 6, R.Gillmour (Mallock). Class winners: Emery, C.Feyerabend (Tiga SC79) and A.Darby (Multisports). Fastest laps: Emery 59.7s (87.79mph); Feyerabend 1m 02.4s (83.99mph); M.Turner (Multisports) 1m 05.8s (79.65mph).

**Monoposto - 10 laps:** 1, G.Storer (Reynard SF86) 9m 42.0s (90.06mph); 2, C.Stone (Reynard SF86); 3, J.Blockley (Ralt RT3/84); 4, D.Dudley (Anson SA4); 5, R.Dawe (Lotus Ford); 6, P.Dittman (Van Diemen RF88). Fastest lap: Stone 56.7s (92.44mph).

**WRDA Sports and Saloons - 12 laps:** 1, S.Williams (MGB Roadster) 13m 07.2s (79.90mph); 2, M.Beer (MGB GT V8); 3, G.Cole (Darran T9); 4, M.Davies (Ford Sierra Cosworth); 5, N.James (Ford Escort RS2000); 6, P.Dark (Darran T90E). Class winner: Williams. C.Gundersen (Porsche 911RS), K.Butcher (Ford Escort RS1600) and Cole. Fastest laps: Williams 1m 03.8s (82.15mph); Gundersen 1m 10.2s (74.66mph); T.Hidd (Darran Mk8) 1m 09.3s (75.63mph); Cole 1m 05.4s (80.14mph).

**Open Wheel/Sports Racing Libre - 12 laps:** 1, C.Stone (Reynard SF86) 11m 42.4s (89.54mph); 2, R.Dawe (Lotus Ford); 3, D.Dudley (Anson SA4); 4, P.Dittman (Van Diemen RF88); 5, D.Wood (Ralt RT3); 6, A.Seal (Delta T80R). Fastest lap: Stone and Dudley, 57.0s (91.95mph).

**Moss Europe MGCC BCV8 - 15 laps:** 1, S.Williams (B Roadster) 16m 24.8s