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Colin Williams leads the field

As the P&P Supplies WRDA series got underway, the season marking the first venture into motorsporting support for the Cardiff based steel stockholders, Treorchy driver Alvin Powell took on 1994 WRDA Champion Martin Davies of

Haverfordwest, with mid Wales sports car specialist Peter Dark making it a three way battle for supremacy over the Pembrey tarmac. The former men were both Sierra Cosworth runners, whilst Dark entered his Darrian T9, the driver having a vast

experience with the Lampeter constructed composite sportscar. After 10 frenetic race laps Davies scorched across the line, a scant 0.25 of a second covering all three cars, with the lead changing no less than six times!

The Dark Darrian lost his early lead with a spin at

Hatchets Hairpin, Powell rocketing the Sierra through, but a lap later the leader slid wide at the self same hairpin, and Martin Davies took the M&S Engineering Cosworth through the gap, though a fast recovering Powell retook the first place before the lap was over. The pace strained both brakes and tyres, and the Davies car made the most of a Powell grass cutting diversion to again get ahead, whilst the furious Dark was pushing hard, now recovered from the time consuming spin, and with a superb fastest lap, forced the Darrian past the second Ford to close desperately with the Davies

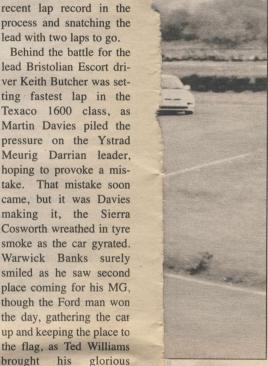
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version, coming alongside as both cars flew across the finishing line. So close had it been that the M&S Engineering Cosworth bore the imprint of the Darrian tyre along its

Powell had a fraught race with braking problems, perhaps helping with his fastest class lap, and thus he and Davies shared the Texaco Class A lead, Dark Ford Darrian taking the honours in Class D, Bristolian Keith Butcher taking his Ford Escort RS2000 to the 1600 chequered flag, whilst Swansea insurance manager- and WRDA organiser-Robert Allender took his Triumph Dolomite Sprint to the Production Car lead.

The WRDA Formula Ford opener was the usual FF1600 frenzy, with several potential winners eliminated by collisions, helping Gloucester driver Kevin Mills to take an early season lead in his Swift FC92F, Caerleon driver Andrew Harris taking he runner - up place- and he class win.

The" 750 Motor Club " 29th April meeting at BARC Pembrev hosted round 2 of the P & P Supplies Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship, the Cardiff based company's support ensuring a hotly contested Championship.

1994 Champion Martin Davies had opened the '95 series with a win at the first Pembrey round a few earlier. weeks the Haverfordwest Ford Sierra Cosworth driver showing dominant style at the West Wales circuit that he knows so well from race and rallying competition, adding to his points tally to share the '95 series lead at the chequered flag.

Round two took place leaden skies, and Bourne driver Warwick Banks rocketed his MGB sports car into an early lead his front row position, the V8 powered car growling round as leader for two laps before Davies forced the M&S Engineering Ford alongside and away into the lead. Martin held sway for the next 12 laps,

process and snatching the lead with two laps to go. Behind the battle for the lead Bristolian Escort driver Keith Butcher was setting fastest lap in the Texaco 1600 class, as Martin Davies piled the pressure on the Ystrad Meurig Darrian leader, hoping to provoke a mistake. That mistake soon came, but it was Davies making it, the Sierra Cosworth wreathed in tyre smoke as the car gyrated. Warwick Banks surely smiled as he saw second place coming for his MG, though the Ford man won the day, gathering the car up and keeping the place to the flag, as Ted Williams

sounding 5.7 litre Ford

Mustang to a slightly dis-

tant fourth place, with the

remarkable Butcher Escort

nine seconds down despite

giving away more than

as battle raged in his wake,

poleman Peter Dark slid-

ing his nimble Darrian T90

through the corners to

make up for his surprising-

ly slow start, equalling his



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4,000 cc to the US sports car.

Lampeter Anglia driver Glynne Jones and Rhondda Sierra Cosworth man Alvin Powell set their best times around mid distance in the race, but neither car made the chequered flag, a puncture spoiling the latter drivers early pace.

The P&P Supplies Welsh Championship lead was shared by Butcher and Davies with nine points apiece, whilst Peter Dark came next on seven, the third round at the BARC Pembrey circuit on May 20/21st featuring two races.

WRDA drivers also featured prominently in the final race of the day, the "Libre" event for all-comers, with Banks MGB taking a well judged third, and Dinas Powys Turbocharged Sierra driver Colin Williams and Nick Olson Lotus Esprit enjoyed a race long wheel to wheel dice, the Lotus having the edge on cornering ability but the Cosworth powered Sierra pulling away on the straights to take the result. Llanelli Darrian T90 driver Roger Dowden brought his 1400 cc car home ahead of more powerful machinery, with Dinas Powys Mini 7 man Hayman next up. The Darrian driver - a Lecturer

in Automotive Engineering at Swansea Institute - has succeeded in getting backing from the college for the car, the Institute now the official entrant for the Duffee Engineering sportscar, and the machine is providing students with the opportunity to experience their subject in race pressure environments!

Haverfordwest Ford Sierra Cosworth driver Martin Davies positively blitzed his rivals at the Pembrey third round, winning both races of the P&P Supplies WRDA Championship with consummate ease. Treorchy man ALvin Powell started race 1 from pole, his RS Cosworth 0.33 seconds ahead of Davies, but by lap 3 the Griffin Windows/New Road Garage backed Ford peeled off into the paddock, head gasket blown, and the Haverfordwest ace roared away to an unchallenged win, the M&S Engineering/Signspeed Graphics/West Wales Rallyspares Sierra almost half a lap ahead of Cardiff Cosworth driver Colin Williams by the chequered flag. A lap earlier the Escort RS Cosworth of Bastolian Keith Butcher silently retired with transmission failure, after a fraught week-end, suffer-

ing brake failure in the morning practice session. In Martins wake Glynne Jones went grass cutting exiting Dibieni on lap 3, later pressurised by the Swansea Institute 1400 Darrian of I lanelli's Roger Dowden, the latter losing out as the pair lapped slower cars, but taking the class win and third place as the Anglia retired on the last lap, as Davies collected an extra point for his second tour fastest lap.

Race 2 brought more points for the West Walian Sierra driver and a massive P&P Supplies Championship lead, the M&S Engineering car leading off the line, though Colin Williams often closed up under braking into Spitfires hair pin, and Dowden and Peter Dark battled it out in the Darrians, the latter mans Hendra Quarries 2 litre car unsurprisingly pulling away by lap 3. Circuit Doctor - Swansea's Alan Stevenson - Zennith Motorsport backed Austin 1800 battled with Peter Evans, out in Allenders Dolomite Spint, and ahead at the flag, compensation for the regular drivers retirement in the car in the earlier race.

The Darrian battle was resolved on lap 5, as dark spun wildly onto the grass

and into retirement at Dibieni, Roger Dowden snatching another third place through a lap down, the order repeating race 1; Colin Williams eight seconds in arrears of the leader. Championship Sponsor Larry Phillips of P&P took two well driven fourth places in his Rover 216 Gti, the Rover challenge car battling in close formation throughout with four car pack of Stevens Mitsubishi Turbo, the Honda CRX of Nicholas Kern, and Jones' multicoloured Anglia 1600.

The WRDA FF1600 race went to Salisbury's Robin Parsons, his van Diemen RF90 snatching the lead from Oldham driver Sanders on lap 2, as the Sanders Tyres car slid wide at Hatchets hairpin, and failed to retake the place despite several tyre smoking late braking heroics. Falmouth Van Diemen man Richard Carter inherited second place as Sanders spun on his last lap, the series lead going to Parsons courtesy of the fastest lap extra point.

The series resumes at the West Wales Circuit on July 30th, the Jaguar Car Club organising the meeting.

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PEMBREY MOTORSPORTS CENTRE

The Pembrey Motorsports Centre has been the focal point for local race enthusiasts recently, with several top teams testing at the circuit. British Touring Car Championship contenders Nissan have been testing their new car at the Llanelli venue, as have the Madgwick Formula 3000 team, though most spectacular action was provided by the Gulf Oil McLaren Team, testing their dream machine, the GTR F1 sportscar undergoing suspension and tyre tests in preparation for the imminent Le-Mans 24 Hour Race at the Sarthe circuit. Drivers of the McLaren at the West Wales racetrack were Formula 1 man Mark Brundell now joining the McLaren F1 Team at the top level given the current McLaren decision to dispense with the services of Nigel Mansell - and Maurizio Sala, the third driver for the 24 hour race, Ray Bellm, not running in the number 24 GTC Gulf Racing backed car at Pembrey.

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