

PEMBREY

Champion Davies extends his lead

REIGNING champion Martin Davies, of Haverfordwest, and Martin Williams, of Llantwit Major, were the stars of Pembrey last weekend as Davies continued the defence of his title in fine style with an unchallenged win, setting a new lap record on the way.

In a race that saw a battle of the sponsors, Davies, driving a Ford Cosworth sponsored by Pembrokeshire Kart Tracks, was on his own once his main rival Mike Schmidt, backed by the Swansea Kart Racing Centre, overdid it and spun off. Schmidt tried to make a recovery but could manage only sixth place at the end.

There was more good news for Davies as he extended an early points cushion over Keith Butcher, who lost second place to Treorchy's Alvin Powell at half distance and then came under pressure from Cardiff's Ian Robertson and his Lotus sports car.

After the race Davies said, "I hoped to get the record; it's been around since 1992 and that's a long time."

In the production class Martin Williams, of Llantwit Major, made his return to racing after a break of four years and broke an even older record on his way to a class win and sev-

Synchro entry

A SPECIAL Civic will be appearing at Pembrey this season.

Technicians at the Swindon plant where the Honda Civic is made have created a private racing team, Synchro Motorsport, for the BARC Production Car Championship. Their Civic Domani uses a 1.8-litre engine as sold in Japan.

Williams was a noted racer in the British Touring Car Championship in the 1970s and took several national club championships in the 1980s.

After three rounds Davies now has a five-point lead over Butcher.

In the first round of the 1996 Welsh Formula Ford Championship visiting driver Mike Oxley won a keenly contested race and was another driver to set a lap record.

Mike Hopkins, of Swansea, soldiered on to win his class despite gearbox trouble which prevented him from challenging Mary Elliott, from Avon, who was making her debut in the Welsh series. She also won her class on her way to sixth place.

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MOTORSPORT

Winning times for Welsh cars

WELSH-MADE Darrian sports cars dominated the results of the P and P Supplies Sports and Saloon Car Championship rounds at Pembrey over the holiday.

Carmarthen's Terry Brown swept to victory in the first race in his Kawasaki powered model after overtaking Peter Dark, of Pontrhydfendigaid, in his Cosworth-engined version. But, in the next

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race, it was a hard-charging Dark who snatched the lead from the Sierra Cosworth of Swansea's Mike Schmidt and led to the flag.

The meeting also saw Larry Phillips of Caerphilly - championship sponsor - pick up two class wins at the weekend in his Rover GTi.

Under's Andrew Cooper and Matthew Rees, the Welsh strokeplay champion, continued their prolific county partnership with a two-

lost to S. Davies 5-4; R. Peet bt Burley 2 holes; K. Davies lost to Mutch 6-5; Cooper bt Phillips 3-2.
Final score: Glamorgan 10, Wiltshire 5.

Davies keeps his crown

REIGNING champion Martin Davies of Haverfordwest began his defence of his P & P Supplies Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship title at Pembrey on Sunday in fine style with an unchallenged win.

Having been eclipsed during practice by a bevy of Welsh-made Darrian sports cars, headed by Roger Dowden and the Swansea Institute car which took pole position, Davies started from a lowly grid position.

But as rain began to sweep the track he totally eclipsed the opposition. Displaying faultless car control on slick tyres in the treacherous conditions, Davies passed all the leaders in the first two laps and then drove on to win at a canter.

Bristol's Keith Butcher finished in a fine second place after starting behind Davies. Driving a four-wheel-drive Escort Cosworth turbo, Butcher ran in fourth place initially but moved up by overtaking Mid Wales ace Peter Dark in a daring manoeuvre around the outside of Hatchets hairpin.

Dark, however, seemed more interested in winning the sports car class and held off a determined challenge from Matthew Manderson, whilst Dowden recovered from his bad start to steal a point from Dark by setting the fastest lap in the class.

Swansea's Mike Schmidt suffered a disappointment when a blown turbo put him out on the third lap, but his protégé Philip Shepherd scored a win in the production class in his first race.

Andrew Morris also made his debut, deputising for Loughor's Alun Rees who had damaged his car.

In Class C, P+P supremo Larry Phillips played the Good Samaritan by lending his car to Treorchy's Alvin Powell who repaid him with a class win and fastest lap.

The next round of the championship takes place this Sunday (April 28), also at Pembrey.

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After an early stoppage, Mike Waite and Peter Jollands vied for the Pre '90 FF1600 and it was the former who claimed the win after a daring move around the outside at Hatchets. Despite a car "handling very badly" due to first lap contact with Simon Davey, Waite held off a determined Jollands to win.

Gary Till was able to dominate the Polaris Telemetry Rover GTi race as everyone else squabbled behind. Gee Warner just held off Steven Cartwright and Nick Reynolds for second place, while championship leader Alfonso Emanuele was excluded because of his aggressive driving which had put paid to Spencer Baker's race.

Howard Brearley's TVR led home the small field of Thoroughbred Sports Cars after John Goldsmith spun his Aston Martin out of second place half way

Brian Chatfield's brand new Jaguar XJ220 was a special guest in the Welsh Sports and Saloons and surprised nobody by dominating the race. With the Darrians all staying away, the rest of the placings were left to saloons. Martin Davies' Sapphire Cosworth finished in a comfortable second place.

The last race of the day also proved to be the best. The first round of the Welsh FF1600 championship saw another guest driver come to Pembrey and take the spoils as Mike Oxley pipped Richard Carter to the flag. The pair fought tooth and nail throughout before Oxley slipped by into Spitfires and put up a stout defence for the final two laps, taking victory by less than a second.

Damien Smith