



The P + P Supplies

1997 Welsh Championship for Sports & Saloon Cars

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Welsh Championship enters exciting final stage

The 1997 P+P Supplies Championship enters its' final stages with 3 races in eight days, and a nail biting contest is developing between the current leader **Peter Dark from Mid Wales and Swansea saloon car driver Nigel Jones. Dark** moved to the top of the P+P Supplies Welsh championship after winning the 11th round at Pembrey last month and he holds a narrow 4 point lead from the threatening Jones. But Dark who drives a Darrian T90, and used to work at the Darrian factory which is near his home, may miss Saturdays 12th round, after damaging his knee at work. With the final 2 rounds due at Pembrey the following weekend, every point will be vital. Speaking from his home on mid Wales Dark confirmed "My knee is in plaster and I am not due to have the plaster off until Thursday. I hope to travel to Oulton Park as a spectator, but even that depends on what the doctor says." Meanwhile Jones who drives a Sierra Cosworth turbo, has been in control of the Production Saloon car class for most of the season said, "I am sorry to hear about Peters' troubles. I do hope he will be fit for the final 2 races. I'd love to win the championship, but I'd like to win it in a contest rather than because Peter has had a bit of bad luck. Even so I don't have much control over his race situation, all I can do is try to win my own class and hope I score more points than he does." Just to increase the tension, behind Jones, four other drivers have an outside chance of the title and will be looking to capitalise on any slip ups. Granville Williams who drives a Toyota MR2, and lives in the same village as Peter Dark, has been in fine form lately with a couple of victories in the 1600 c.c Class . Terry Brown has won more races than anyone over the last 2 years but a recent spate of bad luck has dropped him out of the top 3 for the first time in almost 2 years. It has been a trying time for Terry recently and he has had to overcome a big accident , followed by a nasty fire and then driveshaft failure. All of which has restricted him to 2 points in the last 4 races. However on his day Terry is quite capable of walking away with the race. In 5th place Alvin Powell scored well in Class C thanks to the generous nature of his friend Larry Phillips, who is also the series sponsor. Now driving his new Ford

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Mondeo Alvin won the 10th round at a canter after overcoming the early challenge of Peter Dark. In 6th place series sponsor Larry Phillips retains an outside chance of getting into the top three and is also Granville Williams' main rival in the 1600 c.c class. In Class A Triple champion and 5 time Class winner Martin Davies is leading the class despite taking a virtual sabbatical this year. Davies has decided not to contest the championship on a serious basis, but even so has racked up enough points to remain the class leader. Martin whose preparation firm M&S Engineering sponsors Class A, has taken his family on holiday to Blackpool for the weekend!

Class points are scored as follows.

5 - 3 - 2 - 1 (the class winner always gets 2 points more than the second place man) + one point for fastest lap. (4 or more starters)

4 - 2 - 1 + 1 for fastest lap (3 starters)

3 - 1 + 1 for fastest lap (2 starters)

2 points only for one starter

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