

# The P & P Supplies Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship

## Jones stays ahead in fight to the line

SKEWEN'S Nigel Jones maintained his narrow points advantage at the top of the P&P Supplies Welsh Championship with a solid points scoring performance in the ninth round at Pembrey on Sunday.

Jones, in a Ford Sierra Cosworth turbo, finished fifth in an eventful race where the result was in doubt right up to the finishing line.

On a sunny day in front of a large crowd, Mid Wales sports car expert Peter Dark started from pole position, but the incidents

### How the leadership board looks

**AFTER** nine rounds: 1. Nigel Jones, Skewen, Sierra Cosworth T, 31pts; 2. Peter Dark, Pontrhydyfendigaid, Darran T90 T, 29pts; 3. Terry Brown, Carmarthen, Darran T9, 28pts;

4. Granville Williams, Pontrhydyfendigaid, Toyota MR2, 23pts; 5. Larry Phillips, Caerphilly, Rover 416 Gti, 20pts; 6. Alvin Powell, Treorchy, Rover Gti/Ford Mondeo, 20pts.

started at the first corner when the Darrans of Mike Shaw and Gareth Davies were both eliminated after Davies hit the back of

Shaw's car, pitching it into the air.

The race was stopped to clear the wreckage, but Dark again

made the best start in his Darran and led every lap to move into second place in the championship.

But the winning was far from easy. Dark was pursued by Graham Cole, who was closely chased by Terry Brown and the Cosworth turbo of Keith Butcher.

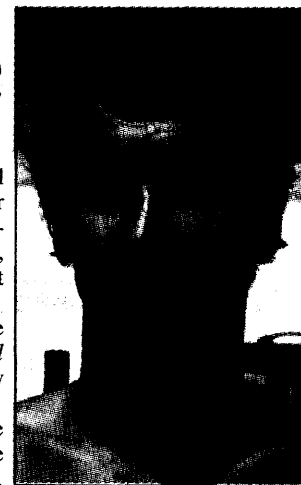
Cole eventually managed to pull away from Butcher, whose gearbox felt the strain, and he powered his way towards Dark.

Dark increased his speed, but Cole lapped ever faster, setting

the day's fastest time on the final circuit. In a final desperate bid for the lead, Cole exited the final corner right on the tail of Dark's car, but Dark held on to win by just 0.35 of a second.

As well as second place, Cole picked up *The Western Mail* Sports Personality of the Day award for his efforts.

Further down the field there were class wins for Granville Williams and Nigel Bowen. Williams leads the 1600cc class and is in fourth place overall.



**BATTLER:** Cole, personality of the day

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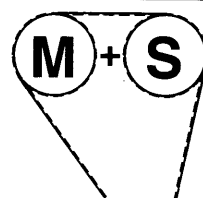
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