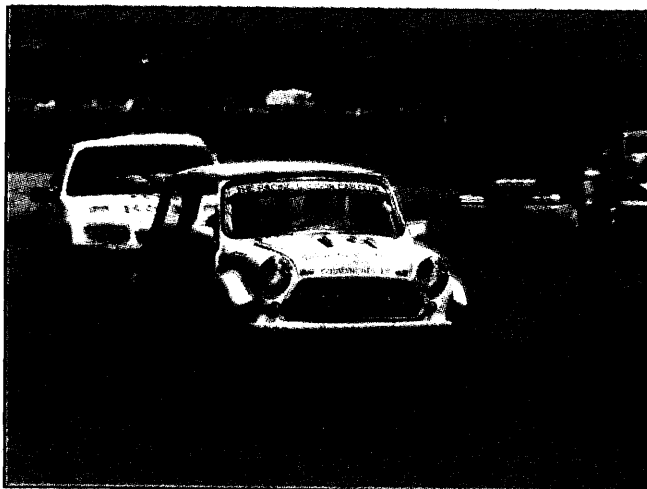


The P & P Supplies Welsh Sports and Saloon Car Championship

Only two points cover the top three contenders



CONTENDERS: Mark Chandler and Nigel Jones

THE P&P Supplies Welsh Championship is just past its halfway stage and tops the bill at the Jaguar Car Club's Pembrey meeting on Sunday.

With only two points covering the top three places in the championship and a £2 admission fee for spectators, this will be a bargain day out with excellent racing in prospect.

Nigel Jones from Skewen, driving a Sierra Cosworth, leads the championship by two points from the Darrian sportscars of Terry Brown and Peter Dark.

Jones, Brown and Dark all suffered ups and downs in the previous double race meeting in June.

In the first race, Jones pushed too hard early on and spun, but

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he got going again at the back of the field and powered through the field to eventually win his class after a stirring drive. Brown and Dark, meanwhile, put on an entertaining battle for the lead.

In the second race whilst Jones scored maximum points again, Brown and Dark failed to score.

There will be plenty of interest further down the field, too.

In the 1600cc class only two points separate championship sponsor Larry Phillips from his main rival Granville Williams. Mark Chandler in fourth place could also be in with a chance after some impressive perfor-

mances in his Mini.

Alvin Powell, who is third in the class and fifth overall, has moved up into the M&S Engineering Modified Cars Class with his new world championship-winning Ford Mondeo.

Powell will be hoping the car's world championship winning potential will help him into contention for the title, but he may find himself with some stiff opposition from Brian Chatfield.

Chatfield, one of Britain's top racers, is expected to bring the powerful new Mercedes 190, following its illustrious performance in the German Saloon Car Championship.

Practice starts on Sunday at 9am, with racing starting at 2pm.

● A new award from *The Western Mail* Motoring section will be awarded to contenders in the P&P Welsh Championship.

The first recipient of the new 'Sports Personality of the Day' award was Peter Dark who, in the two-race special in June, showed tenacity in the first race by resisting Terry Brown's challenge while struggling with clutch and gearbox problems.

Later Dark was eliminated from the second race in a start-line incident but refused to share the blame.

"It was my own fault - I tried to anticipate the start and get past Terry Brown, but someone else also had the same idea and we just ran out of space," he said.

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