MALLORY PARK: Mike Shaw takes round nine of Welsh championship

## Victorious Darrian cuts it fine

MIKE SHAW driving his Darrian T90 was the big winner in the ninth round of the 1998 Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship at Mallory Park.

However Shaw was made to sweat as Keith Butcher was charging up through the field after a troubled practice.

Butcher started in 18th place but pulled through the field in impressive fashion until he came up to join Martin Davies who was having his own battle with one of the guest drivers from the Porsche series.

After a tense couple of laps Butcher began to swap lap times with Shaw, but after setting the fastest lap at 95.07mph, Butcher pulled off after the strain proved too much for his differential.

Mark Chandler now looks certain to be the first English driver to win the Welsh Championship, having scored nine class wins in nine races with his flying Mini. Chandler's only realistic challenger Jeremy Pope dropped out at half distance.

The position in Modified Cars Class remains the tightest, but Martin Davies now has a small lead over Keith Butcher, and Alvin Powell.

Overall points after nine rounds: 1 Mark Chandler 52 pts, 2 Jeremy Pope 34 pts; 3 Peter Dark 26 pts; 4 Martin Davies 20 pts; 5 Clive Hayes 19 pts; 6 Keith; Butcher 17 pts; 7 Alvin Powell 15 pts.

M&S Engineering Services Class A for Modified Cars: Martin Davies 20; Keith Butcher 15; Alvin Powell 15.

Signrite Class B for Production Cars: Jeremy Pope 34 pts; Nigel Bowen 12; Gareth Davies 3.

Brecon Motors Class C for 1600cc cars: Mark Chandler 52 pts; Clives Hayes 19; Jonathan Williams 9.

**Darrian Cars Class D:** Peter Dark 26 pts; Mike Shaw 14; Terry Brown 9.

The next round is at Pembrey on Saturday August 15 as part of the curtain raiser for the Welsh Superprix round of the British Formula 3 Championship.

## $\underline{\mathbf{D}}_{S}$ , big competition



C from left, Eynon Price, Anne Lockwood

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Tysprint," said Jukes. "Alzah I do not know the Sweet res stages, I was determined to fo the most of my local event, thially as Burgoynes my sponlewere present. Eynon and drove superbly, and I had to cliflat out all day to beat them ist glad that my car is still in rejece."

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