



Peter holds Terry at bay in the early laps at Pembrey.
Rhodri collects his Class C trophy
Starting young! Jason Davies – looks the part already



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The Welsh Sports & Saloon Championship 2001

Round 10, Pembrey Circuit, Saturday 1st Sept

Entry & practice

The on track action in the Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship got going again after a break since the last round on June 24th. Having lost 4 races (one in tragic circumstances at Silverstone), everyone was keen to get out there and put on a show. Making a show was Terry Brown who took pole in his startling new pillarbox red Prosport LM3000 with a time of 58.73 secs! The proverbial handkerchief (i.e 1.6 secs) covered the next 4 cars starting with Chris Crockett at 61.08, followed closely by Peter Dark, Fabio (who was making his debut in his Hot-rod Corrado) and Keith White (62.67 sec). Fabio had a long journey from Camelford in Cornwall, for although you can see Devon (the neighbouring county) from Wales, the road journey takes you via Bristol, which makes it a long way around. However it was nice to see him and we hope we can look forward to seeing him and many more hot rodders in the future. Elir Morris was 6th in the unfamiliar surroundings of Terrys' 5 litre Chevvy Skoda. It was Elirs 2nd outing this year and his 2nd different car. You can't get much different than switching from a front wheel drive production turbo saloon car, to a mid engine V8 GT, but Elir was going to be one to watch once he got a handle on the car. 7th and 8th were unfamiliar places to find Alvin Powell and Martin Davies. With neither cars producing the times expected of them, tyres, springs and shockers all came under scrutiny during the long period between the 9.00 practice and the 4.00 race start. Martin Jones, Rhodri Jenkins, Peter Salter & Sean Jones completed the grid. Jonesy installed

some optional air conditioning on the blue Cossy for the race, after his rear window blew out! That'll teach him to turn the boost up so high! Some familiar faces were seen around the paddock before the race, and it was nice to see Larry Phillips, Keith Butcher and Nigel Bowen again (although it would have been nicer to have seen them on the track). Larry is looking to make a comeback next season, whilst Keith could be out for one or other of the last races, possibly at Mallory Park. Nigel is having a few car problems at the moment, but hopes to be back on track asap.

The Race – 12 laps

Terry Brown won the 10th round of the Welsh Sports & Saloon Championship, but he was made to fight for it after a slow start. As the lights changed Terry may have been taking it easy; but he could be forgiven knowing the problems of getting a powerful car off the line without breaking the transmission. (Terry snapped a drive shaft at the start in his last race at Pembrey in the Skoda, and having also snapped a drive shaft in his first run out in the LM at the BARC Wales sprint at the newly re fettled Llandow). With Chris Crockett also slow away, Peter Dark made a rocket start, blasting into the lead from row 2. Fabio was also on the rise and at the exit to Hatchets it was Peter Dark, Terry, Fabio, Chris Crockett, Martin Davies and Alvin. Lap 2 saw Peter holding Terry at bay, with Fabio and Chris Crockett, closely followed by Elir Morris & Keith White who were both on the rise. However Chris made a quick pit stop to check for damage after running over one of the kerbs, and this promoted Elir and Keith in his hot rod Corrado to join the fray at the front. Now Terry was putting Peter under extreme pressure, including a manoeuvre at Honda curve that had Sue Davies wide eyed. "Terry went for the outside but got it so sideways when he put on the power I didn't know which he was going to end up pointing!" However whilst all this was going on Rhodri, Sean and Peter Salter were having their own little battle at the back of the field. Rhodri had the upper hand and