

Reece wins saloon car trophy

CAERPHILLY racing driver Barry Reece booked himself into the Dorchester Hotel in London by winning a race in Cheshire on Sunday.

Reece's date in London will be on November 12 when he will be present at the presentation night to

pick up the trophy for the 1982 Wendy Wools British special SA saloon car championship.

Although there is one round left to be run Reece was assured of the title when his main rival Viv Wallace of Pontypridd could finish only second in his class in his one-litre Aalco Bananas car.

With Reece again virtually unchallenged in his class the scores mean that nothing that happens on the track at the final round can prevent Reece from picking up the trophy.

Although Reece took it relatively easy in his 850cc Isis Talbot he still managed to finish seventh overall on his last visit to Oulton Park for the year.

The final round is at Thruxton on October 24.

Reece on course for title

BARRY Reece, of Caerphilly, took another step towards the 1982 Wendy Wools Special Saloon Car Championship with another perfect score in the 14th round at Brands Hatch.

Reece, went to the front of his class and set the fastest lap in the 850cc category to finish an easy eighth place.

With his closest rivals, Londoner Michael Law and Pontypridd's Viv Wallace, finishing second and third respectively in their class, Reece extended his lead to 10 points. With six rounds left, his Isis Talbot looks on course for the championship.

Buster Wallace and Michael Law are tied in second place, both on 40 points, but with the next round due at Mallory Park on August 30, Wallace and the Aalco Bananas car have time to consolidate their position.

In the last event of the day, Lampeter's Karl Jones, who was fifth fastest in practice, took a quiet sixth place in the Champion of Brands Formula Ford race.

Meanwhile, at Donnington, Lampeter's Tim Davies took fourth place in the Radio Trent Formula Ford 2000 race. Davies, who was sixth in practice, was seven seconds behind the third place man.

Wallace, Reece battle

BARRY Reece and Viv Wallace will be at Thruxton on Monday for the latest round of the Wendy Wools British Championship.

This will be only the second visit of the year to the Andover circuit that both drivers have different reasons to remember.

Reece scored his only win of the season at Thruxton and holds the 850cc lap record set in his old car last year.

Wallace's experience of the course includes breaking his leg three years ago, but he relishes the challenge of the ultra-fast two-mile circuit.

Having spent 60 hours testing his revised Aalco Metro, he is looking forward to getting up with the leaders.

Lampeter's Tim Davies will also be there looking to build on his lead in the British FF 2000 championship.

Meanwhile, at Castle Combe, Welsh interest will be with Tony Walsh in the Mini race.

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Blow for Reece's title bid

CAERPHILLY'S Barry Reece suffered a setback in his bid to win the Wendy Wools British special saloon championship when he was forced to withdraw from the 12th round, at Snetterton, Norfolk.

Reece's 850cc Isis Talbot car limped from the track on the third lap with a broken rotor arm.

"If it had happened in the practice run then it would only have taken 30 seconds to change it," said Reece, "but the practice was short, only two laps."

Fastest lap

However, he did complete the fastest lap in his class, though no track records were broken in the severe weather conditions, and Reece still has a reasonable lead in the championship.

Pontypridd's Viv "Buster" Wallace, in the one litre Aalco Banannas car, was also at Snetterton.

He was looking to improve his class lead and strengthen his second position in the overall championship, but he was plagued with ignition problems and had to settle for fourth position in the race, though he was second in his class.

The problems of the Welsh drivers are not serious and they will be back in fighting form for the rest of the season.

First past the chequered flag at Snetterton was London's Steve Minton.

Fastest lap—Reece clear

CAERPHILLY'S Barry Reece reaffirmed his position at the top of the Wendy Wools Special Saloon Car Championship with a class win at Silverstone.

His Isis Talbot also clocked the fastest lap and he moved 10 points clear of Viv Wallace of Pontypridd. "The status quo has been restored," said Reece.

Wallace, in the Aalco Bananas car, came second behind Ginger Marshall's Reliant Kitten in the 1000cc class.

The Kitten has been given Wallace problems but he still has the championship in his sights.

"Reece has to drop about six points and if I can get two wins, by the last round we should be equal," he said.

Martin Williams, of Llan-twit Major, competed in the Monroe production saloon championship in wet conditions. He won his class and came fourth overall in a Toyota Celica to maintain a championship challenge.

'Cool' Reece keeps lead

Caerphilly's Barry Reece heads for Snetterton tomorrow for the 12th round of the 1982 British Special Saloon Championship after keeping his series lead with a cool drive in atrocious conditions at Brands Hatch last Sunday.

Reece experienced problems in his Isis Talbot following a torrential downpour of rain during the second lap of the race.

Reece was in fourth place at the time and with the race starting in brilliant sunshine was running on slick tyres.

With the race of only ten laps, a pit stop to change tyres was out of the question, so Reece hung on to eventually finish eleventh. But he still won his class although the Isis car was almost uncontrollable, especially when changing gear.