

WALLACE CHALLENGE

THE Wendy Wools British Special saloon car championship begins tomorrow at Brands Hatch after a mid-season lull.

In the 14th round, the big question will be whether Pontypridd's "Buster" Wallace has enough time to close the points gap between his 1-litre Alcco Bananas car and the 850cc Isis Talbot of championship leader Barry Reece.

Last time out at Brands, the special saloon race was hit by a torrential downpour and Reece, from Caerphilly, who started on slick tyres, finished well

down although he still won his class.

Wallace found his car more controllable and was fourth overall, but with only 18 of the 21 rounds to count for the title, Wallace will have his work cut out.

Reece leads with 46 points, Wallace is second on 38 and London's Michael Law is third with 37.

Also at Brands Hatch, in the Champion of Brands Formula Ford series, Lampeter's Karl Jones will be out in the Brands Hatch Racing School Royale RP29.

Jones, who has had a patchy season in terms of results, was another driver to suffer from a torrential downpour and finished well down in the last round

last week, despite being well up in practice after spinning on the flooded track.

Meanwhile Tim Davies's work with the hitherto uncompetitive Royale RP32M continues and if the car is ready he will be racing in the Formula Ford 2000 race at Donington.

Davies and the Roger Cowman team will make a late decision depending on the state of the car which has been back to Royales for a second round of major modifications.

It will be Davies's first drive since his encouraging showing in the Formula 3 race at the British Grand Prix.

Welsh pair challenge at Brands

BARRY Reece and Buster Wallace, the Welsh saloon champions, will be at Brands Hatch on Monday for the latest round of the Wendy Wools British Special Saloon Car championship over ten laps of the Grand Prix course.

Although things have not gone well for the pair, they are looking forward to the rare chance to pit their skills against a course that is usually the preserve of people like Niki Lauda.

Reece's Isis Talbot is still in with a chance of catching the title-leader, although Wallace has not shown any of his true form in the new Alcco Metro.

Meanwhile, at Castle Combe, the usual strong entry from South Wales is expected for the Formula Ford race.

Last time out Trinant's Ken Harvey looked impressive in the Neyland

car after having had a two-year lay-off, and Tony Walsh of Cardiff was also in good form in the Mini series.

With a better practice performance, Walsh should have the Blue Bitch up with the leaders from the start.

Snetterton challenge

SOUTH Wales special saloon drivers, Viv Wallace and Barry Reece, will be at Snetterton, Norfolk, tomorrow for the ninth round of the Wendy Wools championship, both with different objectives.

Wallace would like to put his Alcco Metro up with the leaders and this weekend will be trying his third new engine and also a set of new tyres.

He said: "I just can't pinpoint the trouble but we have made a lot of changes and hopefully we will begin to improve."

Reece's problem, however, has been caused by with the leaders, an Pat Mannion in lar.

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Wallace hoping for better fortunes

VIV WALLACE and Barry Reece are at Mallory Park, Leicester, on Monday for the sixth round of the 1982 Wendy Wools British Special Saloon Championship — and Wallace will be hoping he won't have enough time to wave at the spectators this week.

Wallace spent most of the last race at Cadwell Park waving his broken gearstick at the crowds after it had snapped off and left his Alcco Banannas car jammed in second gear.

Wallace, Reece bids

AS the Wendy Wools British Saloon Car championship enters its sixth round, Caerphilly's Barry Reece and Viv Wallace, of Pontypridd, are getting set for the long trek to Cadwell Park, the Lincolnshire circuit that has a great standing among the competitors.

Both Reece and Wallace like the circuit although they had their problems during last year's visit.

Reece damaged the engine of his Isis Talbot and Wallace snapped his gearstick in half, and the Alcco car spent the race stuck in second gear.

This year Reece is making a strong bid for the title and Wallace has just opened his campaign. Of the five rounds so far run, only one man has scored two wins, so the title race is wide open.

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 Alcco 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.

Race pair outgunned

SOUTH Wales drivers Barry Reece and Viv Wallace found themselves left behind at Cadwell Park on a day when all previous lap records for the Wendy Wools British Special Car Championship were smashed.

Reece managed to land his Isis Talbot four

seconds under the old record but he still finished third.

Wallace finished fourth in the Alcco Metro but the results did not affect the title standings and Reece is still second in the championship.

The next round is at Brands Hatch on May 8.

Wallace, Reece battle

CAERPHILLY'S Barry Reece and Pontypridd's Viv "Buster" Wallace are set for a battle at Silverstone tomorrow in the fourth round of the Wendy Wools Special Saloon Car series.

The contest could set the title chase buzzing. Reece won the 1982 title and Wallace was runner-

up, a situation Wallace would like to reverse.

Reece had his morale boosted by a good performance at Castle Combe on Easter Monday after a change to softer rear springs, following a mid-week test session, had cured some of the Isis Talbot's road-holding problems.

His biggest problem may now, however, be the shortage of suitable tyres.

Meanwhile, Wallace,

who will have his impressive Alcco Metro ready for Silverstone, has made sure he has a good stock of the right tyres and his meticulous preparation should ensure that none of the standard Metro teething problems will spoil his debut.

"Although I didn't like missing the first few rounds, I'm sure I will be able to make up the ground."

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.