

Shell Oils



BRITISH GRAND PRIX SILVERSTONE 10TH 11TH 12TH JULY 1987



32 Carmarthen Journal, Friday, August 21, 1987

Tim Davies fights on

Tim Davies of Lampeter and the Bob Salisbury team took the Swallow F.3 car to another finish at Oulton Park on Saturday in the 15th round of the 1987 Lucas British F.3 Championship and although they missed the points places they did score a notable moral victory.

Davies went well in testing on Friday but explained: "We could not break through to repeat the performance in official practice."

Even so Davies qualified faster than the Swallow teams other cars driven by Schonstrom and King and for once his luck was in when he avoided a four car pile up at the first corner on the opening lap of the 20 lap race.

"I could see cars everywhere and I braked several times to avoid them. I expected to be hit myself but no one touched me. It was close!"

After the race settled down Davies found himself on his own some way behind the leading bunch but well clear of the rest and profited from some more retirements to take a strong 11th place despite having his attention diverted when the fire extinguisher came loose.

Even so he was well clear of Schonstrom and King's

Swallow Reynards, proving himself and the "own brand" car a better prospect than those they bought.

In the race Martin Donnelly, a former Swallow driver, won at a canter from title leader Johnny Herbert who extended his lead with a hard fought second place.

Afterwards Davies revealed an almost unique problem that will keep him out of the Birmingham Super Prix. "I have the budget but we cannot find a suitable car. Even so I will be talking to the teams to try and make it plain that I intend to break into Formula 3000 next year." In the meantime Davies will take the Swallow for further racing and testing at Silverstone on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Also at Oulton Park, Karl Jones took the lead in the Uniroyal Production Saloon Car Championship with another class win in the Duckhams Ford Escort Turbos.

Published by the Journal Co, Ltd, 18 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BN, and printed by C. I. Thomas and Sons, Ltd, Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

SELF-DRIVE

CA IS

ord (Worcestershire) eight for 55 v Not-minster on July 2.

possible in this case. Each received a severe reprimand.

Tim aims for better luck

THE Shell Oils British Grand Prix at Silverstone tomorrow gives Tim Davies, Swallow Racing Cars, and the Bob Salisbury Formula 3 team a chance to make up for their disappointments after an unhappy time at Donington Park last Sunday.

After missing a good deal of midweek testing after an accident and an engine blow up, the new Swallow would not start and missed the first practice session and then died during the race.

Tomorrow's race, the 11th round of the 1987 Lucas British Formula 3 Championship will be held after the Grand Prix has ended and the track condition and the highly charged atmosphere has been known to affect some drivers more than others.

One person known to have a cool head under pressure is Tim Davies. His experience more than anything will be the teams' greatest asset.

Lucas British Formula 3 Championship after 10 rounds: 1. Johnny Herbert (UK) Reynard V.W. 59 points. 2. Bertrand Gachot (Belgium) Ralt RT 31 40 pts. 3. Thomas Danielson (Sweden) Reynard 32 pts.

Bargoed's David Llewellyn, who has set his heart on keeping the Castle Combe Formula Ford title in Wales, has built up a commanding lead after half the rounds, and he is hoping for further success this weekend when he goes in the action packed Metro Turbo Championship race at Silverstone.

Llewellyn has become the most versatile Welsh

driver around but admits that the Castle Combe Formula Ford title is his most important goal. "I want to win it and follow Robert Davies," he said.

He holds a 14 point lead at the halfway stage and looks a good bet after his closest rival, John Packham crashed.

In the Metro Challenge Llewellyn has put in some fine performances with little reward.

1987 Castle Combe Formula Ford Championship (After four rounds).

1. David Llewellyn (Bargoed) 34 points. 2. John Packham (Yateby) 21 points. 3. Mark Wright (Bristol) 20 points.

QPR back gridiron

QUEEN'S Park Rangers chairman, David Bulstrode, is ready to champion the cause of American Football in Britain and make Loftus Road the sport's home on this side of the Atlantic.

QPR will stage the Budweiser Bowl, the British championship final, on September 20 with unbeaten London side Richmond Ravens ready to take on all-comers.

Foreman win

FORMER world heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman showed more power and less fat in the second fight of his comeback bid, knocking down Charlie Hostetter in the first round and knocking him out in the third.

Foreman, 38, immediately said he was ready for a title fight if he can get one.