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BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 Championship

Venue: Silverstone National Circuit

Date: 10 & 11 April 2010

Silverstone was the venue for the first weekend of the 2010 BRSCC Avon Tyres Formula Ford Championship in association with REIS, featuring races that counted for points in both the National and Southern Divisions. With parts of the circuit and grandstands still under construction, Silverstone looked a little different though it was the modifications to some of the corners and reference points that give the drivers some additional challenges. So the stage was set for this double header event to witness close and competitive Formula Ford racing over the two days, and it didn't disappoint.

Qualifying:

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QUALIFYING - RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	1:02.486	3	5			94.42
2	41	C	Matthew DEAN	Reynard RF88	1:03.512	7	14	1.026	1.026	92.90
3	34	C	Andrew XAVIER	Van Diemen F87	1:03.857	12	13	1.371	0.345	92.39
4	91	A	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF99	1:04.235	13	14	1.749	0.378	91.85
5	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	1:04.266	8	13	1.780	0.031	91.81
6	10	A	Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	1:04.280	11	14	1.794	0.014	91.79
7	78	A	Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	1:04.292	13	14	1.806	0.012	91.77
8	92	B	Mike DEVOY	Van Diemen RF92	1:04.424	7	14	1.938	0.132	91.58
9	44	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	1:04.840	12	14	2.354	0.416	90.99
10	37	A	Robert SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	1:05.312	14	14	2.826	0.472	90.34
11	42	C	Rebecca DEAN	Reynard 88	1:05.448	11	13	2.962	0.136	90.15
12	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	1:05.500	14	14	3.014	0.052	90.08
13	99	A	Jeff HODGSON	Van Diemen RF02	1:06.245	5	6	3.759	0.745	89.08

Race 1:

A breezy but sunny day greeted the FF1600 grid for their first race of the weekend, though the unfortunate Jeff Hodgson was missing after engine problems sidelined him during qualifying.

After dominating the qualifying session Australian newcomer Jordan Skinner started the race where he left off, in the lead. Leaving the squabbling pack behind him Skinner pulled out a gap of over a second per lap to establish an unassailable lead. The battle behind was fierce with Andrew Xavier and Matthew Dean dicing for 2nd



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place until Xavier established himself on lap 2. As these two were battling, the following group consisting of Thomas Barrow, John Murphy, Adam Quartermaine, Joe Walton and Paul Mason eased up to join the fight. For the next six laps they changed positions numerous times on each lap in classic Formula Ford style until Quartermaine finally broke through into 2nd spot, overcoming the brake balance issues that blighted him through qualifying. Dean, Barrow and Xavier continued their battle for the rest of the race enjoying themselves and entertaining the Silverstone crowd in equal measures. The midfield battles were just as fierce with Mike Devoy and Simon Davey duelling for honours, plus Rebecca Dean and Robert Smith separated by tenths until Dean finally broke the deadlock on lap 11 to create a gap.

The reprofiled circuit and lack of corner marker boards hindered some of the drivers at first, but once in the thick of the action these distractions were forgotten. After 19 laps Skinner took the chequered flag some 21 seconds ahead of Quartermaine, with Dean close behind ensuring the top three slots were filled with three different manufactures - Ray, Reynard and Van Diemen respectively. Skinner, Dean and Mason also took the victories in their respective classes and impressively all with fastest laps.



Race 1 Results:

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RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	19	20:07.366			92.85	1:02.942	18
2	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	19	20:28.668	21.313	21.313	91.24	1:03.661	6
3	41	C	Matthew DEAN	Reynard RF88	19	20:29.451	22.086	0.783	91.18	1:03.857	15
4	10	A	Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	19	20:31.471	24.116	2.020	91.03	1:03.768	6
5	34	C	Andrew XAVIER	Van Diemen F87	19	20:32.780	25.425	1.309	90.93	1:04.194	4
6	44	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	19	20:42.607	35.312	9.887	90.21	1:04.381	13
7	78	A	Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	19	20:43.009	35.714	0.402	90.18	1:04.653	11
8	92	B	Mike DEVOY	Van Diemen RF92	19	20:43.391	36.036	0.322	90.16	1:04.444	13
9	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	19	20:49.941	42.586	6.650	89.88	1:04.669	5
10	91	A	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF99	19	20:51.441	44.086	1.500	89.58	1:04.511	10
11	42	C	Rebecca DEAN	Reynard 88	19	21:04.902	57.547	13.461	88.82	1:05.635	6
12	37	A	Robert SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	19	21:10.891	1:03.536	5.989	88.21	1:05.318	6

FASTEST LAP											
9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	18	1:02.942	93.74 mph	150.86 kph				
44	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	13	1:04.381	91.64 mph	147.49 kph				
41	C	Matthew DEAN	Reynard RF88	15	1:03.857	92.39 mph	148.70 kph				



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Race 2:

With the grid for race 2 being determined by the finishing positions in race 1, it was Skinner and Quartermaine who lined up on the front row, with Skinner looking to emulate his race 1 domination and Quartermaine eager to take the top spot of the podium. As the lights went out Quartermaine and Matthew Dean got great starts and were ahead of Skinner, who then feinted a move in Quartermaine's mirrors at turn one in an attempt to distract the leader only to put a wheel on the dust and collide with Dean. Quartermaine had to take avoiding action leaving all three at the rear of the field. Xavier took full advantage of this and stormed into the lead closely followed by Walton and Barrow in what would turn out to be a glorious race long battle.

The coming together at the first corner caused the retirement of Dean who joined Devoy on the sidelines, plus there was suspension damage to Skinner's racecar which ensured he had a lonely drive at the rear of the field. Quartermaine however, was fired up and began a brilliant fightback to get himself up the order, quickly catching the pack and systematically picking off places each lap. He stormed up through the field setting fastest lap after fastest lap. Oblivious to this the leading trio were embroiled in their own private battle, Xavier in front until Barrow's brave move on lap 3 to edged him into the lead and put a couple of car lengths between him and his pursuers. On lap 6 Walton dived passed Xavier at Luffield and Mason took advantage dropping Xavier to 4th. This fighting had the effect of slowing the leading pack and by lap 7 Quartermaine was snapping at their heels. In a bold move at Brooklands on lap 9 he was into 4th, then on lap 10 after a stunning move on Xavier he was up to 3rd. He repeated the same move one lap later to despatch Walton before setting his sights on the leader. For the next 5 laps Barrow held him off but on lap 16 Quartermaine took the lead under braking at Brooklands. Behind them Xavier and Walton were running nose to tail lap after lap with Xavier right on the limit and sometimes over it in his attempts to keep Walton at bay.



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Murphy followed Mason for the full 18 laps and no matter what he did couldn't find a way past with less than a second separating them at the finish. Once again Rebecca Dean and Smith resumed their personal battle with Dean having a comfortable margin by the end of the race. Davey was disappointed to run out of fuel on lap 17, especially as he was fuelled the same as the previous day. It was Quartermaine though who was the class act in race 2 with an epic drive through the field after his lap 1 incident. Castle Combe regular Barrow took a deserved runner up spot, plus worthy mention to Xavier whose valiant defensive driving towards the latter stages of the race earned him a well deserved 3rd place at the expense of Walton.



Race 2 Results:

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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	18	19:27.565			90.96	1:03.022	10
2	10	A	Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	18	19:28.161	0.596	0.596	90.91	1:03.989	18
3	34	C	Andrew XAVIER	Van Diemen F87	18	19:32.820	5.255	4.659	90.55	1:04.117	12
4	78	A	Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	18	19:32.936	5.371	0.116	90.54	1:04.233	12
5	44	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	18	19:37.736	10.171	4.800	90.17	1:04.536	10
6	91	A	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF99	18	19:38.572	11.007	0.838	90.11	1:04.663	18
7	42	C	Rebecca DEAN	Reynard 88	18	19:54.441	26.876	15.889	88.91	1:05.385	10
8	37	A	Robert SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	18	20:03.311	35.746	8.870	88.26	1:05.679	5
9	9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	17	19:34.325	1 lap	1 lap	85.41	1:07.643	11
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	16	17:41.031	2 laps	1 lap	88.97	1:05.324	6
DNF	41	C	Matthew DEAN	Reynard RF88	1	2:05.450	17 laps	15 laps	47.03		
DNF	92	B	Mike DEVOY	Van Diemen RF92	0						
FASTEST LAP											
5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	10	1:03.022	93.62 mph	150.67 kph				
44	B	Paul MASON	Swift SC94	10	1:04.536	91.42 mph	147.13 kph				
34	C	Andrew XAVIER	Van Diemen F87	12	1:04.117	92.02 mph	148.09 kph				





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And finally:

All in all a great start to the 2010 season, with excellent racing and worthy winners. Skinner and Quartermaine both deserved their overall victories but there will be many challengers throughout the year snapping at their heels.

James Beckett and the team are working to ensure that a sizeable field of competitors will head to the next round, so if you missed this weekend, dust off your racecar and get your entry in for Rockingham to be sure you're on the grid!

Next event: 29 May 2010 @ Rockingham - Southern Division

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