



BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 – Northern Race Report 02: issued 18th June 2010

Northern Championship: Rounds 3 & 4
Venue: Oulton Park – International Circuit
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Introduction

The second meeting of the season for the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Northern Championship took place at Oulton Park on Saturday 15th May; the double-header event counting as rounds three and four of the championship. The races also contributed as the third and fourth rounds of the BRSCC Formula Ford National Championship. The meeting took place using the full International Circuit configuration – with lap length of 2.692 miles.

Combined Qualifying

In a repeat of the format from the opening meeting of the season, the day's events saw separate Post-89 and Pre-90 races, but with a single qualifying period seeing the grids combined. The qualifying period would provide the grid order for each of the first races for the two categories, with the grids for the second races being decided by the finishing order from race one. Hence it was the stunning site of 39 Formula Fords leaving the assembly area that greeted the spectators at the start of qualifying, with the large number of cars seeing the qualifying period being a 25 minute session.

Doug Crosbie took a very early exit from the session in his class A Van Diemen, the Cheshire driver having a heavy off at Druids on the opening lap. In the opening minutes it was the Post-89 drivers Stuart Gough, Craig Currie and visiting Irishman, Morgan Dempsey, setting the early pace. Amongst the Pre-90 field, it was class D man, Nigel Dolan, who was first to head the times. As the minutes passed, it was no surprise to see the double winner from the opening meeting, Jordan Skinner, challenging at the head of the field. Also coming into contention were Daniel Lloyd, Mike Gardner, Chris Chisnall and Neil Patten.

At around half session distance, Matt Ridge retired his Van Diemen RF86 to the pit lane with mechanical problems, while David Gavan was struggling with a misfire in his later example. Pre-90 front runner, John Farrell, had his session cut short with his Reynard stranded in a gravel trap. Meanwhile it was Lee Hannam who had taken over the Pre-90 provisional pole position. Gough's challenge for the Post-89 pole disappeared following his retirement to the pit lane, leaving Patten as Skinner's nearest challenger at the top of the time sheet.

As the chequered flag approached it was seasoned campaigner, Mike Bennett, who pulled himself up to third having been steadily improving his times as the session developed. In the closing minutes, Phil Bisgrove ran wide on to the grass at Lodge Corner in his class D Van Diemen, but was able to rejoin without too many dramas. At the close of the session, Skinner claimed the Post-89 pole, with a comfortable margin of over half a second ahead of second place man, Patten. Bennett held onto his third spot, ahead of a Dempsey, who claimed fourth with his very last lap. Chisnall and Gough would make up row three for the first race. For the day's first Pre-90 race it would be Hannam in pole position, with Dolan alongside him on the front row of the grid. Ian Parkington once again impressed in his newly built class E Royale with third on the grid, just ahead of Farrell. Row three would be class C's Dave Franklin and class D's Mike Stewart.



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Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Northern Championship QUALIFYING - CLASSIFICATION

| POS | NO | CL | NAME | ENTRY | TIME | ON | LAPS | GAP | DIFF | MPH |
|-----|----|----|------------------|-----------------|----------|----|------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 9 | A | Jordan SKINNER | Ray GRK10 | 1:48.369 | 8 | 13 | | | 89.42 |
| 2 | 0 | A | Neil PATTEN | Van Diemen RF99 | 1:48.916 | 9 | 13 | 0.547 | 0.547 | 88.97 |
| 3 | 11 | B | Mike BENNETT | Swift SC93F | 1:49.011 | 9 | 12 | 0.642 | 0.095 | 88.90 |
| 4 | 17 | A | Morgan DEMPSEY | Van Diemen LA10 | 1:49.332 | 13 | 13 | 0.963 | 0.321 | 88.64 |
| 5 | 28 | A | Chris CHISNALL | Van Diemen RF00 | 1:49.463 | 8 | 13 | 1.094 | 0.131 | 88.53 |
| 6 | 29 | A | Stuart GOUGH | Ray GRS07 | 1:49.530 | 5 | 8 | 1.161 | 0.067 | 88.48 |
| 7 | 14 | A | Daniel LLOYD | Ray GR08 | 1:49.720 | 5 | 9 | 1.351 | 0.190 | 88.32 |
| 8 | 78 | A | Joe WALTON | Ray GRS05 | 1:49.801 | 10 | 12 | 1.432 | 0.081 | 88.26 |
| 9 | 7 | A | Martin SHORT | Van Diemen RF00 | 1:49.929 | 13 | 13 | 1.560 | 0.128 | 88.15 |
| 10 | 64 | B | Craig CURRIE | Van Diemen RF91 | 1:50.295 | 6 | 13 | 1.926 | 0.366 | 87.86 |
| 11 | 62 | B | Mike GARDNER | Van Diemen RF90 | 1:50.301 | 4 | 11 | 1.932 | 0.006 | 87.86 |
| 12 | 16 | A | Neil MCARTHUR | Van Diemen RF00 | 1:50.382 | 6 | 12 | 2.013 | 0.081 | 87.79 |
| 13 | 71 | A | Craig BRUNTON | Ray GR09 | 1:50.448 | 8 | 12 | 2.079 | 0.066 | 87.74 |
| 14 | 91 | A | John MURPHY | Van Diemen RF99 | 1:50.553 | 8 | 13 | 2.184 | 0.105 | 87.66 |
| 15 | 44 | C | Lee HANNAM | Reynard RF88 | 1:51.080 | 5 | 10 | 2.711 | 0.527 | 87.24 |
| 16 | 22 | A | Jamie JARDINE | Ray 07 | 1:51.322 | 10 | 13 | 2.953 | 0.242 | 87.05 |
| 17 | 92 | B | Mike DEVOY | Van Diemen RF92 | 1:51.394 | 12 | 12 | 3.025 | 0.072 | 87.00 |
| 18 | 4 | D | Nigel DOLAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:52.349 | 9 | 12 | 3.980 | 0.955 | 86.26 |
| 19 | 50 | E | Ian PARKINGTON | Royale RP26 | 1:52.450 | 10 | 11 | 4.081 | 0.101 | 86.18 |
| 20 | 27 | C | John FARRELL | Reynard FF89 | 1:52.572 | 4 | 5 | 4.203 | 0.122 | 86.08 |
| 21 | 3 | C | David FRANKLIN | Reynard FF89 | 1:53.027 | 8 | 11 | 4.658 | 0.455 | 85.74 |
| 22 | 40 | D | Mike STEWART | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:53.195 | 6 | 12 | 4.826 | 0.168 | 85.61 |
| 23 | 99 | A | Jeff HODGSON | Van Diemen RF02 | 1:53.260 | 8 | 12 | 4.891 | 0.065 | 85.56 |
| 24 | 70 | A | Thomas BARROW | Mygale FF00 | 1:53.500 | 8 | 12 | 5.131 | 0.240 | 85.38 |
| 25 | 72 | D | Matthew RIDGE | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:53.886 | 5 | 6 | 5.517 | 0.386 | 85.09 |
| 26 | 8 | D | Mario SARCHET | Van Diemen RF85 | 1:53.990 | 5 | 9 | 5.621 | 0.104 | 85.01 |
| 27 | 20 | D | Phillip BISGROVE | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:54.031 | 9 | 12 | 5.662 | 0.041 | 84.98 |
| 28 | 2 | D | John WILKINSON | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:54.526 | 10 | 12 | 6.157 | 0.495 | 84.62 |
| 29 | 42 | C | Ian ELLIS | Reynard FF89 | 1:54.558 | 4 | 12 | 6.189 | 0.032 | 84.59 |
| 30 | 68 | C | William ALTERMAN | Reynard FF89 | 1:54.966 | 9 | 12 | 6.597 | 0.408 | 84.29 |
| 31 | 87 | C | James MITCHELL | Van Diemen RF88 | 1:55.653 | 10 | 12 | 7.284 | 0.687 | 83.79 |
| 32 | 81 | A | David GAVAN | Van Diemen RF96 | 1:56.441 | 8 | 10 | 8.072 | 0.788 | 83.22 |
| 33 | 96 | C | Robin BOOTH | Van Diemen RF89 | 1:56.622 | 11 | 11 | 8.253 | 0.181 | 83.10 |
| 34 | 21 | D | Barry THOMPSON | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:57.045 | 8 | 12 | 8.676 | 0.423 | 82.79 |
| 35 | 52 | D | Trevor MORGAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:59.317 | 9 | 11 | 10.948 | 2.272 | 81.22 |
| 36 | 26 | D | Mike MULLINS | Van Diemen RF86 | 1:59.860 | 4 | 11 | 11.491 | 0.543 | 80.85 |
| 37 | 51 | B | Ian WOOD | Swift SC94 | 2:00.306 | 9 | 11 | 11.937 | 0.446 | 80.55 |
| 38 | 55 | C | David BEECHEY | Jamun M89 | 2:09.994 | 8 | 10 | 21.625 | 9.688 | 74.55 |
| 39 | 54 | A | Douglas CROSBIE | Van Diemen RF00 | | 0 | 0 | | | |

Pre-90 Race 1

As the cars gridded up for the start of the day's first Pre-90 race, John Farrell needed a push start after from the marshals, but was fine to take his grid slot. Nigel Dolan was no doubt keen to impress on his first front row race start, and this he did as the lights went out. The Midland's driver got the jump on pole sitter, Lee Hannam, to lead the field round the opening lap. A little further back, Ian Ellis got bogged down from eleventh on the grid, and lost several places at the race start. David Beechey was an early spinner on the first lap, but was able to immediately rejoin the race.

Race leader, Dolan, found himself under plenty of pressure from Hannam, while third place man, Farrell was also closing on the lead pair. Soon Farrell found himself right on Hannam's gearbox, and with an over-take at Druids, the Warrington driver grabbed second position. A short way back from the lead trio was another three car group of Dave Franklin, Mario Sarchet and Ian Parkington. Behind them, the next three runners were John Wilkinson, Phil Bisgrove and Will Alterman. On lap four Hannam retook second spot at Lodge, however the following group were also showing good pace, with Sarchet then Franklin posting provisional fastest lap times. Nonetheless, Hannam kept up the pressure, and a lap later he took the race lead from Dolan.



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Elsewhere in the field, the recovering Ellis was having a close battle with Jim Mitchell for tenth spot, while Wilkinson in seventh position found he had Bisgrove challenging right behind him. Something of a car park was developing at Shell corner, with Trevor Morgan, Mike Stewart and Matt Ridge all out of the race there. Leader Hannam managed to open up a small advantage at the head of the field, as second place man Dolan found himself concentrating more and more on the attentions of Farrell. Farrell's pressure eventually paid off and he got the position; he then quickly set about reeling in the leader Hannam, setting the fastest lap of the race in the process.

With about three minutes of the race remaining, Bisgrove found himself stranded on the outside of Lodge corner and the red flags brought an end to the race with the result called. Hannam was delighted with his maiden win at his home circuit, with Farrell and Dolan taking the other two steps on the podium. Franklin beat Sarchet to fourth spot by just over half a second, with Ian Parkington, Wilkinson, Alterman, Ellis and Mitchell completing the top ten.

Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Northern Championship - Pre 90 RACE 2 - CLASSIFICATION

| POS | NO | CL | NAME | ENTRY | LAPS | TIME | GAP | DIFF | MPH | BEST | ON |
|----------------|----|----|------------------|-----------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|----|
| 1 | 44 | C | Lee HANNAM | Reynard RF88 | 7 | 13:21.466 | | | 84.64 | 1:52.530 | 7 |
| 2 | 27 | C | John FARRELL | Reynard FF89 | 7 | 13:21.648 | 0.182 | 0.182 | 84.62 | 1:51.680 | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | D | Nigel DOLAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 13:22.729 | 1.263 | 1.081 | 84.51 | 1:52.599 | 7 |
| 4 | 3 | C | David FRANKLIN | Reynard FF89 | 7 | 13:25.343 | 3.877 | 2.614 | 84.23 | 1:52.774 | 4 |
| 5 | 8 | D | Mario SARCHET | Van Diemen RF85 | 7 | 13:25.986 | 4.520 | 0.643 | 84.16 | 1:53.071 | 4 |
| 6 | 50 | E | Ian PARKINGTON | Royale RP26 | 7 | 13:30.327 | 8.861 | 4.341 | 83.71 | 1:54.096 | 6 |
| 7 | 2 | D | John WILKINSON | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 13:31.722 | 10.256 | 1.395 | 83.57 | 1:53.916 | 3 |
| 8 | 68 | C | William ALTERMAN | Reynard FF89 | 7 | 13:38.714 | 17.248 | 6.992 | 82.86 | 1:54.376 | 4 |
| 9 | 42 | C | Ian ELLIS | Reynard FF89 | 7 | 13:47.603 | 26.137 | 8.889 | 81.97 | 1:55.177 | 7 |
| 10 | 87 | C | James MITCHELL | Van Diemen RF88 | 7 | 13:48.428 | 26.962 | 0.825 | 81.88 | 1:55.326 | 7 |
| 11 | 21 | D | Barry THOMPSON | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 14:01.483 | 40.017 | 13.055 | 80.61 | 1:57.736 | 7 |
| 12 | 96 | C | Robin BOOTH | Van Diemen RF89 | 7 | 14:12.509 | 51.043 | 11.026 | 79.57 | 1:57.542 | 4 |
| 13 | 26 | D | Mike MULLINS | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 14:15.611 | 54.145 | 3.102 | 79.28 | 1:59.031 | 7 |
| 14 | 55 | C | David BEECHEY | Jamun M89 | 6 | 13:41.505 | 1 lap | 1 lap | 70.78 | 2:13.050 | 5 |
| NOT CLASSIFIED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DNF | 20 | D | Phillip BISGROVE | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 13:32.088 | 10.622 | 0.000 | 83.53 | 1:54.023 | 4 |
| DNF | 52 | D | Trevor MORGAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 2 | 4:14.518 | 5 laps | 5 laps | 76.15 | 2:02.543 | 2 |
| DNF | 40 | D | Mike STEWART | Van Diemen RF86 | 1 | 2:01.915 | 6 laps | 1 lap | 79.49 | | |
| DNF | 72 | D | Matthew RIDGE | Van Diemen RF86 | 1 | 2:02.907 | 6 laps | 0.992 | 78.85 | | |
| FASTEST LAP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 27 | C | John FARRELL | Reynard FF89 | 7 | 1:51.680 | | | 86.77 mph | 139.65 kph | |
| | 4 | D | Nigel DOLAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 7 | 1:52.599 | | | 86.06 mph | 138.51 kph | |
| | 50 | E | Ian PARKINGTON | Royale RP26 | 6 | 1:54.096 | | | 84.93 mph | 136.69 kph | |

Post-89 Race 1

After his crash early in qualifying, Doug Crosbie's team put in a phenomenal amount of effort to leave the circuit, fetch another chassis, put an engine in it and get the car set up for the driver start the race from the back row of the grid. Pole man, Jordan Skinner, made a clean start to lead the field down to the first corner. Neil Patten maintained his second spot, while third placed starter, Mike Bennett had to contend with the hard charging Morgan Dempsey coming on the outside line all the way round Old Hall corner. Right behind them, the early battle for fifth was proving equally close between Stuart Gough and Chris Chisnall.

Once again, Skinner showed his natural pace by quickly opening up a small advantage over the following group. The battle for second was however developing into a fantastic seven car nose-to-tail train. Dempsey led the pack, ahead of Patten, Gough, Chisnall, Bennett, Daniel Lloyd and Joe



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Walton. Lloyd was having his debut single-seater drive in the UK, but arrived with plenty of experience having competed strongly in the Renault Clio Cup and the Skip Barber National Championship in the USA. Amongst the chasing pack, it soon became clear that Gough was the man on the move. He moved ahead of Patten into third spot, and then transferred his attentions to Dempsey before grabbing second place from him.

Behind the leaders, the field was gradually becoming a little more spread out, although there were other close battles out on track. Jamie Jardine and Craig Brunton had the recovering Crosbie for company, while Martin Short was racing in close quarters with Mike Gardner. Back at the head of the field, Gough was setting a series of fastest laps as he tried to reel in Skinner. Meanwhile, a smooth move up the inside saw Patten get ahead of Dempsey for third position. Chisnall also remained in close contention behind the Irishman, with Bennett not far off the pace too.

The race proved to be an ever changing one, with new duels developing all the time. John Murphy was battling with Craig Currie for ninth, while Crosbie had now turned his attention to Thomas Barrow in thirteenth. Meanwhile, Jardine was now racing in close quarters with Mike Devoy. Gough continued to push hard, but was unable to catch race winner, Skinner, before the chequered flag. Patten took third, just a tenth of a second ahead of Chisnall. Bennett got the better of Dempsey for fifth spot, with Lloyd, Walton, Murphy and Currie rounding out the top ten finishers. Gough's charge to try and reel in Skinner also earned him the fastest lap honours.





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Avon Tyres Formulau Ford 1600 Northern Championship - Post 89
RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION

| POS | NO | CL | NAME | ENTRY | LAPS | TIME | GAP | DIFF | MPH | BEST | ON |
|----------------|----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|-------|----------|----|
| 1 | 9 | A | Jordan SKINNER | Ray GRK10 | 11 | 20:09.037 | | | 88.17 | 1:48.620 | 6 |
| 2 | 29 | A | Stuart GOUGH | Ray GRS07 | 11 | 20:10.740 | 1.703 | 1.703 | 88.04 | 1:48.431 | 6 |
| 3 | 0 | A | Neil PATTEN | Van Diemen RF99 | 11 | 20:17.381 | 8.344 | 6.641 | 87.56 | 1:49.119 | 4 |
| 4 | 28 | A | Chris CHISNALL | Van Diemen RF00 | 11 | 20:17.480 | 8.443 | 0.099 | 87.56 | 1:49.214 | 5 |
| 5 | 11 | B | Mike BENNETT | Swift SC93F | 11 | 20:18.314 | 9.277 | 0.834 | 87.50 | 1:49.376 | 5 |
| 6 | 17 | A | Morgan DEMPSEY | Van Diemen LA10 | 11 | 20:18.747 | 9.710 | 0.433 | 87.47 | 1:49.054 | 4 |
| 7 | 14 | A | Daniel LLOYD | Ray GR08 | 11 | 20:21.806 | 12.769 | 3.059 | 87.25 | 1:49.812 | 3 |
| 8 | 78 | A | Joe WALTON | Ray GRS05 | 11 | 20:28.861 | 19.824 | 7.055 | 86.75 | 1:50.293 | 4 |
| 9 | 91 | A | John MURPHY | Van Diemen RF99 | 11 | 20:34.266 | 25.229 | 5.405 | 86.37 | 1:50.284 | 5 |
| 10 | 64 | B | Craig CURRIE | Van Diemen RF91 | 11 | 20:35.443 | 26.406 | 1.177 | 86.28 | 1:50.858 | 9 |
| 11 | 16 | A | Neil MCARTHUR | Van Diemen RF00 | 11 | 20:36.242 | 27.205 | 0.799 | 86.23 | 1:51.005 | 10 |
| 12 | 71 | A | Craig BRUNTON | Ray GR09 | 11 | 20:47.892 | 38.855 | 11.650 | 85.42 | 1:51.097 | 3 |
| 13 | 70 | A | Thomas BARROW | Mygale FF00 | 11 | 20:50.111 | 41.074 | 2.219 | 85.27 | 1:52.082 | 3 |
| 14 | 62 | B | Mike GARDNER | Van Diemen RF90 | 11 | 20:50.814 | 41.777 | 0.703 | 85.22 | 1:50.467 | 7 |
| 15 | 7 | A | Martin SHORT | Van Diemen RF00 | 11 | 20:53.034 | 43.997 | 2.220 | 85.07 | 1:50.185 | 9 |
| 16 | 22 | A | Jamie JARDINE | Ray 07 | 11 | 20:54.529 | 45.492 | 1.495 | 84.97 | 1:52.706 | 9 |
| 17 | 92 | B | Mike DEVOY | Van Diemen RF92 | 11 | 20:56.054 | 47.017 | 1.525 | 84.87 | 1:51.787 | 3 |
| 18 | 99 | A | Jeff HODGSON | Van Diemen RF02 | 11 | 21:09.461 | 1:00.424 | 13.407 | 83.97 | 1:53.400 | 7 |
| 19 | 81 | A | David GAVAN | Van Diemen RF96 | 11 | 21:31.184 | 1:22.147 | 21.723 | 82.56 | 1:55.568 | 7 |
| 20 | 51 | B | Ian WOOD | Swift SC94 | 10 | 20:15.471 | 1 lap | 1 lap | 79.73 | 1:57.549 | 3 |
| NOT CLASSIFIED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DNF | 54 | B | Douglas CROSBIE | Swift SC95 | 7 | 13:19.234 | 4 laps | 3 laps | 84.88 | 1:50.827 | 5 |
| FASTEST LAP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | A | Stuart GOUGH | Ray GRS07 | 6 | 1:48.431 | 89.37 mph | 143.83 kph | | | | |
| 11 | B | Mike BENNETT | Swift SC93F | 5 | 1:49.376 | 88.60 mph | 142.59 kph | | | | |

Pre-90 Race 2

Following their one-two finish in the day's earlier Pre-90 race, it was Lee Hannam and John Farrell who lined up on the front row of the grid for race two. As the lights went out, the pair got away side-by-side down the Start/Finish straight, and then carried on wheel-to-wheel through Old Hall and down the Avenue. Eventually, Hannam just managed to keep the pole position advantage and take the race lead. In the approach to Old Hall at the start of the second lap, a suspension component failure on the Van Diemen RF86 of Matt Ridge forced him into contact with the identical car of Barry Thompson. This tipped Thompson into a spin and a resulting heavy rear-end impact with the tyre wall. The accident brought out the red flags to enable the safe and secure recovery of the driver from his car. Thompson was shaken, but fortunately not seriously injured, and chassis repairs permitting will be back out at the next round.

The restarted race was over a reduced duration of ten minutes. Nigel Dolan got away well from third on the grid, quickly putting pressure on the leaders Farrell and Hannam. Behind the lead trio, Ian Parkington led the charge, with Dave Franklin, Mario Sarchet, John Wilkinson and Will Alterman all in close attendance. Hannam kept close to gearbox of leader, Farrell, and at the start of lap three tried an unsuccessful overtake through Old Hall. The following group also continued to battle hard, with Dolan, then Parkington, then Franklin all setting provisional fastest lap times.

Elsewhere in the field, there was a close battle for tenth between Jim Mitchell, Mike Stewart and Phil Bisgrove. Meanwhile contact between Alterman and Ian Ellis at Lodge corner would see both drivers out of the race. Back at the head of the field, Farrell continued to soak up the pressure from Hannam, while Franklin got the better of teammate Parkington through the first corner to take fourth spot. And that was how it finished at the chequered flag, with Farrell taking the win from Hannam, Dolan, Franklin and Parkington. The top ten was completed by Sarchet, Stewart, Wilkinson, Bisgrove and Mitchell, with Franklin's best tour taking the fastest lap award.



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RACE 9 - CLASSIFICATION**

| POS | NO | CL | NAME | ENTRY | LAPS | TIME | GAP | DIFF | MPH | BEST | ON |
|-----|----|----|------------------|-----------------|------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----|
| 1 | 27 | C | John FARRELL | Reynard FF89 | 6 | 11:27.549 | | | 84.57 | 1:52.777 | 5 |
| 2 | 44 | C | Lee HANNAM | Reynard RF88 | 6 | 11:27.625 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 84.56 | 1:52.946 | 6 |
| 3 | 4 | D | Nigel DOLAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 11:28.027 | 0.478 | 0.402 | 84.51 | 1:53.088 | 5 |
| 4 | 3 | C | David FRANKLIN | Reynard FF89 | 6 | 11:28.681 | 1.132 | 0.654 | 84.43 | 1:52.643 | 6 |
| 5 | 50 | E | Ian PARKINGTON | Royale RP26 | 6 | 11:29.164 | 1.615 | 0.483 | 84.37 | 1:53.329 | 4 |
| 6 | 8 | D | Mario SARCHET | Van Diemen RF85 | 6 | 11:36.289 | 8.740 | 7.125 | 83.51 | 1:53.943 | 3 |
| 7 | 40 | D | Mike STEWART | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 11:46.022 | 18.473 | 9.733 | 82.35 | 1:54.696 | 6 |
| 8 | 2 | D | John WILKINSON | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 11:47.270 | 19.721 | 1.248 | 82.21 | 1:55.859 | 2 |
| 9 | 20 | D | Phillip BISGROVE | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 11:47.769 | 20.220 | 0.499 | 82.15 | 1:55.100 | 6 |
| 10 | 87 | C | James MITCHELL | Van Diemen RF88 | 6 | 11:50.070 | 22.521 | 2.301 | 81.89 | 1:56.682 | 2 |
| 11 | 26 | D | Mike MULLINS | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 12:00.217 | 32.668 | 10.147 | 80.73 | 1:57.113 | 3 |
| 12 | 52 | D | Trevor MORGAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 6 | 12:11.444 | 43.895 | 11.227 | 79.49 | 1:59.771 | 4 |
| 13 | 96 | C | Robin BOOTH | Van Diemen RF89 | 6 | 12:12.563 | 45.014 | 1.119 | 79.37 | 1:58.865 | 2 |
| 14 | 55 | C | David BEECHEY | Jamun M89 | 6 | 13:21.623 | 1:54.074 | 1:09.080 | 72.53 | 2:10.739 | 6 |

| NOT CLASSIFIED | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|---|------------------|--------------|---|----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|---|
| DNF | 68 | C | William ALTERMAN | Reynard FF89 | 4 | 7:54.496 | 2 laps | 2 laps | 81.69 | 1:56.219 | 2 |
| DNF | 42 | C | Ian ELLIS | Reynard FF89 | 4 | 7:54.984 | 2 laps | 0.488 | 81.61 | 1:56.300 | 3 |

| FASTEST LAP | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-----------------|---|----------|-----------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| 3 | C | David FRANKLIN | Reynard FF89 | 6 | 1:52.643 | 86.03 mph | 138.46 kph | | | | |
| 4 | D | Nigel DOLAN | Van Diemen RF86 | 5 | 1:53.088 | 85.69 mph | 137.91 kph | | | | |
| 50 | E | Ian PARKINGTON | Royale RP26 | 4 | 1:53.329 | 85.51 mph | 137.62 kph | | | | |





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Post-89 Race 2

Delays earlier in the day's events meant the second Post-89 race had to unfortunately be shortened to a length of ten minutes. At the race start, Jordan Skinner made an uncharacteristically slow get away from pole, his Ray GRK10 getting bogged down with a fair amount of wheel spin. This allowed Stuart Gough alongside him on the grid to seize the advantage and take the race lead, in turn leaving Skinner to fall into the grasps of Chris Chisnall and Neil Patten.

As was to be expected, Skinner quickly recovered his composure, and was soon harrying Gough for the lead. The pressure eventually led to both drivers going off the track at Lodge corner at the end of the second lap. Both were able to rejoin, but Gough certainly made a quicker job of it as he got back in the field in seventh, well ahead of Skinner in seventeenth. The incident left Chisnall to take on the race lead ahead of Patten. Behind them the battle for third was a three way affair between Morgan Dempsey, Mike Bennett and Daniel Lloyd.

As the laps unfolded, various battles developed throughout the field. John Murphy and Mike Gardner were dicing for eighth, while behind them there was a four way affair for tenth between Craig Currie, Neil McArthur, Thomas Barrow and Martin Short. Elsewhere, Jamie Jardine and Jeff Hodgson were in close company for seventeenth spot. Doug Crosbie's highly eventful day continued, as he found himself out of the race at Shell corner after just three laps had been completed. Further up the field, Bennett continued to push characteristically hard, despite reports of smoke being seen coming from his Swift.

The race approached its conclusion and Gough had been steadily recovering places after his off early in proceedings. By the final corner of the last lap he was right on the tail of second place man Patten, and with a well executed over-taking manoeuvre he managed to grab the second step on the podium by the chequered flag. Ahead of him, Chisnall took a very popular win in his UCLAN Team run Van Diemen RF00. Lloyd was best of the rest in fourth, ahead of Bennett and Joe Walton. Murphy, Gardner, Skinner and Currie completed the top ten, with the fastest lap honours rightfully going to Gough after his excellent recovery drive.





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RACE 11 - CLASSIFICATION

| POS | NO | CL | NAME | ENTRY | LAPS | TIME | GAP | DIFF | MPH | BEST | ON |
|----------------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|----|
| 1 | 28 | A | Chris CHISNALL | Van Diemen RF00 | 6 | 11:06.347 | | | 87.26 | 1:49.472 | 5 |
| 2 | 29 | A | Stuart GOUGH | Ray GRS07 | 6 | 11:11.201 | 4.854 | 4.854 | 86.63 | 1:48.469 | 4 |
| 3 | 0 | A | Neil PATTEN | Van Diemen RF99 | 6 | 11:11.305 | 4.958 | 0.104 | 86.61 | 1:49.585 | 4 |
| 4 | 14 | A | Daniel LLOYD | Ray GR08 | 6 | 11:11.457 | 5.110 | 0.152 | 86.59 | 1:48.990 | 4 |
| 5 | 11 | B | Mike BENNETT | Swift SC93F | 6 | 11:11.868 | 5.521 | 0.411 | 86.54 | 1:50.061 | 5 |
| 6 | 78 | A | Joe WALTON | Ray GRS05 | 6 | 11:11.970 | 5.623 | 0.102 | 86.53 | 1:49.944 | 6 |
| 7 | 91 | A | John MURPHY | Van Diemen RF99 | 6 | 11:15.839 | 9.492 | 3.869 | 86.03 | 1:50.959 | 4 |
| 8 | 62 | B | Mike GARDNER | Van Diemen RF90 | 6 | 11:17.038 | 10.691 | 1.199 | 85.88 | 1:50.579 | 3 |
| 9 | 9 | A | Jordan SKINNER | Ray GRK10 | 6 | 11:19.209 | 12.862 | 2.171 | 85.61 | 1:49.011 | 3 |
| 10 | 64 | B | Craig CURRIE | Van Diemen RF91 | 6 | 11:20.746 | 14.399 | 1.537 | 85.41 | 1:51.470 | 2 |
| 11 | 16 | A | Neil MCARTHUR | Van Diemen RF00 | 6 | 11:20.974 | 14.627 | 0.228 | 85.38 | 1:51.219 | 4 |
| 12 | 70 | A | Thomas BARROW | Mygale FF00 | 6 | 11:21.146 | 14.799 | 0.172 | 85.36 | 1:50.617 | 4 |
| 13 | 71 | A | Craig BRUNTON | Ray GR09 | 6 | 11:21.386 | 15.039 | 0.240 | 85.33 | 1:50.494 | 4 |
| 14 | 7 | A | Martin SHORT | Van Diemen RF00 | 6 | 11:21.858 | 15.511 | 0.472 | 85.27 | 1:50.775 | 5 |
| 15 | 92 | B | Mike DEVOY | Van Diemen RF92 | 6 | 11:33.064 | 26.717 | 11.206 | 83.89 | 1:52.569 | 5 |
| 16 | 22 | A | Jamie JARDINE | Ray 07 | 6 | 11:34.183 | 27.836 | 1.119 | 83.76 | 1:53.350 | 5 |
| 17 | 99 | A | Jeff HODGSON | Van Diemen RF02 | 6 | 11:35.429 | 29.082 | 1.246 | 83.61 | 1:53.821 | 3 |
| 18 | 81 | A | David GAVAN | Van Diemen RF96 | 6 | 11:54.289 | 47.942 | 18.860 | 81.40 | 1:56.287 | 3 |
| 19 | 51 | B | Ian WOOD | Swift SC94 | 6 | 12:14.040 | 1:07.693 | 19.751 | 79.21 | 1:58.917 | 3 |
| NOT CLASSIFIED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DNF | 17 | A | Morgan DEMPSEY | Van Diemen LA10 | 5 | 9:19.204 | 1 lap | 1 lap | 86.65 | 1:49.187 | 4 |
| DNF | 54 | B | Douglas CROSBIE | Swift SC95 | 3 | 5:47.784 | 3 laps | 2 laps | 83.59 | 1:51.555 | 3 |
| FASTEST LAP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 29 | A | Stuart GOUGH | Ray GRS07 | 4 | 1:48.469 | | | 89.34 mph | 143.78 kph | |
| | 11 | B | Mike BENNETT | Swift SC93F | 5 | 1:50.061 | | | 88.05 mph | 141.70 kph | |

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