



BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 – Southern Race Report: issued 30th July 2010

Southern Championship & Star of Mallory

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Introduction

These rounds of the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Southern Championship were part of the Peter Morgan Memorial Race Meeting at Mallory Park organised by the Morgan Sports Car Club. The FF1600 races were combined with the FF Academy sessions and these were all run on the tight and deceptively quick 1.35 mile circuit. The qualifying session decided grid slots for the first race of the afternoon, with the race two grid being the finishing order from race one.

Qualifying

Bright sunshine and clear skies greeted the competitors as they got ready for qualifying. The packed timetable meant that the FF1600 and FF Academy racers shared qualifying with the Monoposto drivers which meant that the circuit was very busy and clear laps were tough to achieve.

As expected, Jordan Skinner, Joe Walton and Thomas Barrow quickly established themselves at the head of the timing screens. Simon Davey, Rob Smith, Perry Mobbs, Kevan McLurg were also well up in the top ten in the opening laps. Walton was running well after his recent Knockhill adventure but couldn't quite match Skinner's pace. A brilliant performance from Richard Hall saw him line up 3rd on the grid, a career best and great for his first time out this year apart from a few Ginetta races. Barrow and Davey rounded out the top 5 FF1600 grid positions.

Formula Ford Star of Mallory & Monoposto RC Challenge

QUALIFYING - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	8	D	Ray ROWAN	Dallara	45.369	11	12			107.12
2	12	D	Jeremy GOODMAN	Ralt	45.930	14	17	0.561	0.561	105.81
3	6	A	Stuart DIGBY	Jedi	46.924	13	17	1.555	0.994	103.57
4	46	A	Tim CAMERON	Jedi	47.849	5	6	2.480	0.925	101.56
5	16	D	Anthony BISHOP	Renault	48.091	14	16	2.722	0.242	101.05
6	32	D	Terry CLARKE	Vauxhall Lotus 2000	48.228	11	16	2.859	0.137	100.77
7	19	D	Nick CATANZARO	Reynard	48.413	15	16	3.044	0.185	100.38
8	9		Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	48.919	8	13	3.550	0.506	99.34
9	78		Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	49.191	8	16	3.822	0.272	98.79
10	23		Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	49.614	8	13	4.245	0.423	97.95
11	15	A	Len TURNER	Jedi	49.778	11	16	4.409	0.164	97.63
12	3	A	Cavan CORCORAN	Van Diemen RF97	49.979	6	14	4.610	0.201	97.24
13	70		Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	50.146	6	16	4.777	0.167	96.91
14	1	A	Jack DRINKALL	Van Diemen RF97	50.338	7	15	4.969	0.192	96.54
15	25		Simon DAVEY	Swift	50.375	9	16	5.006	0.037	96.47
16	4	A	Jake JACKSON	Van Diemen RF97	50.376	11	15	5.007	0.001	96.47
17	14	A	James HAMMOND	Van Diemen RF97	50.544	7	13	5.175	0.168	96.15
18	37		Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	50.577	9	16	5.208	0.033	96.09
19	7	A	Rafael HIDALGO	Van Diemen RF97	50.643	15	15	5.274	0.066	95.96
20	66		Kevan McLURG	Van Diemen	51.577	14	15	6.208	0.934	94.22
21	27	B	Joe VENNER	Lola	53.125	6	10	7.756	1.548	91.48
22	20		Perry MOBBS	Vector SC95	54.143	9	11	8.774	1.018	89.76
23	57	B	Edward GUEST	Lola	54.382	14	14	9.013	0.239	89.36



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Race 1

ROW 7	54.143 20 Perry MOBBS		
ROW 6		50.643 7 Rafael HIDALGO	51.577 66 Kevan McLURG
ROW 5	50.544 14 James HAMMOND		50.577 37 Rob SMITH
ROW 4		50.375 25 Simon DAVEY	50.376 4 Jake JACKSON
ROW 3	50.146 70 Thomas BARROW		50.338 1 Jack DRINKALL
ROW 2		49.614 23 Richard HALL	49.979 3 Cavan CORCORAN
ROW 1	48.919 9 Jordan SKINNER		49.191 78 Joe WALTON
Pole			

Mallory Park
Circuit Length = 1.3500 miles

As the cars formed on the grid for the first race the circuit was bathed in glorious sunshine, but all was not well with Hall's car. The winter layoff had taken its toll on the clutch which meant he had to start the race from the pitlane, which was a shame after his terrific qualifying performance.

As the red lights went out, Walton out-dragged Skinner down the main straight and led as they dived into the first corner only to lose the place to Skinner's late braking manoeuvre down the inside. Skinner then romped away from the pack pulling out nearly a second a lap on his pursuers. Walton gave chase putting in personal bests each lap but he wasn't able to reel in the leader. Meanwhile behind these two, Barrow was embroiled in a serious battle with a couple of the quick FF Academy drivers and this ensured he couldn't give chase to Walton and Skinner. It also meant that Davey started to catch them up but he just couldn't get onto their tails.

After his great qualifying session, Hall's clutch issues meant that he couldn't match his earlier pace though the car improved each lap of the race. McLurg and Mobbs both couldn't make up the initial lost ground on the leaders but they both finished. Smith and Hidalgo were involved in a ferocious tussle for the last four laps of the race with only a tenth of a second between them at most. As the chequered flag fell it was Skinner again who was victorious and he also claimed fastest lap, Walton and Barrow claimed 2nd and 3rd spots on the podium.

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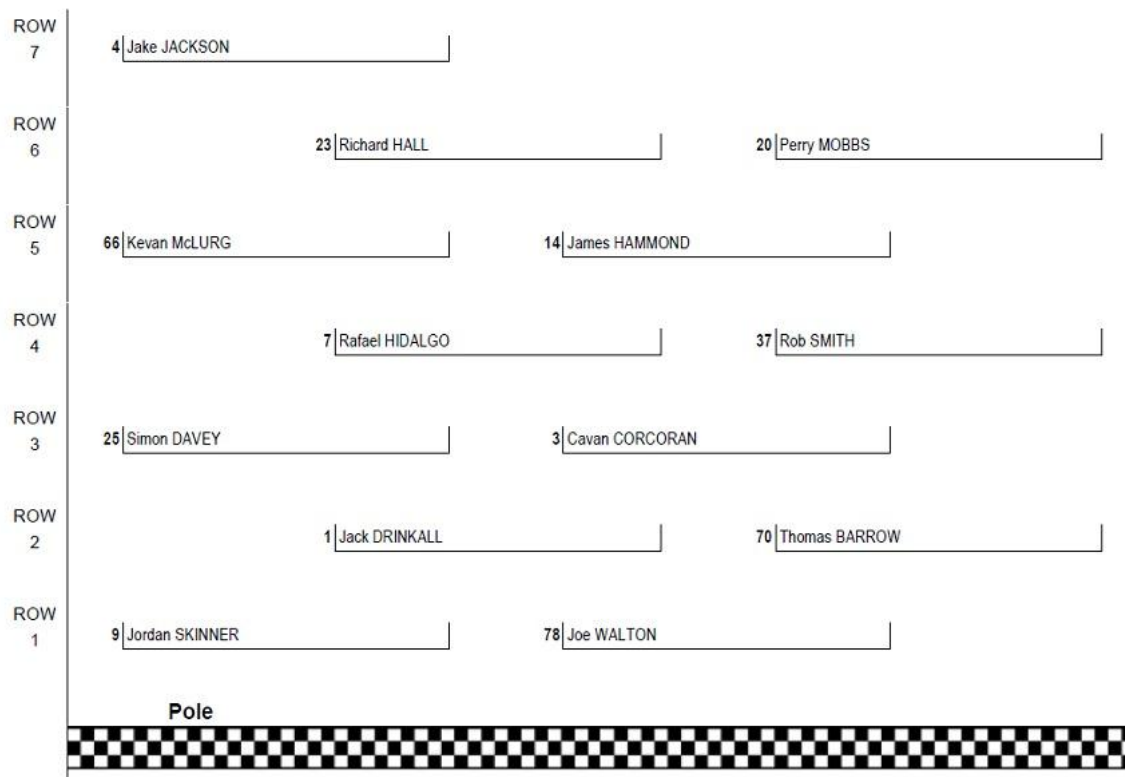


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**Formula Ford Star of Mallory
RACE 3 - CLASSIFICATION**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	9		Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	18	14:59.655			97.23	49.342	6
2	78		Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	18	15:11.144	11.489	11.489	96.01	49.914	7
3	1	A	Jack DRINKALL	Van Diemen RF97	18	15:18.655	19.000	7.511	95.22	50.333	12
4	70		Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	18	15:19.737	20.082	1.082	95.11	50.371	12
5	25		Simon DAVEY	Swift	18	15:23.096	23.441	3.359	94.76	50.618	9
6	3	A	Cavan CORCORAN	Van Diemen RF97	18	15:24.920	25.265	1.824	94.58	50.329	17
7	7	A	Rafael HIDALGO	Van Diemen RF97	18	15:31.356	31.701	6.436	93.92	50.507	4
8	37		Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	18	15:31.545	31.890	0.189	93.90	50.930	9
9	66		Kevan McLURG	Van Diemen	18	15:45.887	46.232	14.342	92.48	51.880	4
10	14	A	James HAMMOND	Van Diemen RF97	17	15:00.622	1 lap	1 lap	91.73	51.146	11
11	23		Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	17	15:32.894	1 lap	32.272	88.56	52.887	16
12	20		Perry MOBBS	Vector SC95	17	15:35.285	1 lap	2.391	88.33	53.779	15
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	4	A	Jake JACKSON	Van Diemen RF97	1	58.701	17 laps	16 laps	82.79		
FASTEST LAP											
	9		Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	6	49.342			98.49 mph	158.51 kph	
	3	A	Cavan CORCORAN	Van Diemen RF97	17	50.329			96.56 mph	155.40 kph	

Race 2



Mallory Park
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The start of the second FF1600 race of the day was delayed due to an accident in the previous Morgan race and the Morgan Aero 8 course car breaking down! After a dominant win in race one



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Skinner was looking for more of the same in race two, but Walton and Barrow had other ideas. Hall once again started from the pitlane, but at least he would be able to compete and get in amongst the action. The red lights went out and the cars left the line and were bunched up much more tightly than in race one. With hardly anything between the leaders something had to give, and unfortunately it was Walton who ended up off the circuit at the John Cooper Esses. A racing incident maybe, but it was enough to put him out of the race and all the mayhem gave Skinner the breathing space he needed to set off into the distance. With one of the main protagonists out Barrow capitalised on this and set off after Skinner but the young Australian maintained his lead with ease.

Because of the delayed start the race was shortened from 15 to 12 laps which condensed the action and made each driver push a little harder to maintain or gain positions. Smith and Davey were the star battle of the race with nothing between them and they finished 0.055 seconds apart. Smith came out on top as he made easier work of getting through the backmarkers.

Another fine drive from Skinner saw him take the chequered flag and victor's spoils, with Barrow and Smith in 2nd and 3rd place respectively.





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RACE 9 - CLASSIFICATION**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	9		Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	14	11:40.432			97.13	49.248	7
2	70		Thomas BARROW	Mygale FF00	14	11:55.404	14.972	14.972	95.10	50.121	2
3	1	A	Jack DRINKALL	Van Diemen RF97	14	11:55.824	15.392	0.420	95.05	50.141	3
4	7	A	Rafael HIDALGO	Van Diemen RF97	14	11:56.364	15.932	0.540	94.97	50.009	10
5	37		Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	14	12:04.175	23.743	7.811	93.95	50.804	7
6	25		Simon DAVEY	Swift	14	12:04.230	23.798	0.055	93.94	50.752	14
7	14	A	James HAMMOND	Van Diemen RF97	14	12:10.732	30.300	6.502	93.11	50.940	3
8	66		Kevan McLURG	Van Diemen	14	12:14.678	34.246	3.946	92.61	51.364	13
9	3	A	Cavan CORCORAN	Van Diemen RF97	14	12:15.622	35.190	0.944	92.49	50.222	3
10	20		Perry MOBBS	Vector SC95	13	11:58.902	1 lap	1 lap	87.88	53.814	10
11	23		Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	13	12:00.372	1 lap	1.470	87.70	53.378	6
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	78		Joe WALTON	Ray GRS05	0						
FASTEST LAP											
	9		Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	7	49.248			98.68 mph	158.81 kph	
	7	A	Rafael HIDALGO	Van Diemen RF97	10	50.009			97.18 mph	156.39 kph	

The next rounds of the 2010 Avon Tyres Southern Formula 1600 Championship will take place at Brands Hatch on the 21st and 22nd of August.

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