



BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 – Southern Race Report: issued 20th September 2010

Edwina Overend Memorial Trophy, Southern Championship & Star of Mallory

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Introduction

The final two rounds of the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Southern Championship and the Star of Mallory series were held at Mallory Park at a race meeting organised by the British Racing and Sports Car Club. The first FF1600 race of weekend also incorporated the 7th annual running of the Edwina Overend Memorial Trophy race for FF1600's. This was the headline event of the weekend and it commemorates the work done by the late Managing Director of the Mallory Park circuit in bringing motorsport back to the circuit in the early 80's. The trophy for this annual event was to be presented by Ron Overend's granddaughters, and has previously been awarded to Gavin Wills, Ed Moore, Peter Daly & David Grady.

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

It was a bright and breezy day with some light rain, but not enough to wet the track and it was gone by the time FF1600 qualifying got underway.

Early frontrunners were Jordan Skinner and Mike Gardner who were quickly into the 1:49s with Simon Davey and Stuart Kestenbaum less than a tenth of a second behind them. Right on their tails were Joey Foster, Adam Quartermaine, Peter Daly and Robert Smith who were all in the low 1:50s. Unfortunately on lap 4 of his qualifying session Davey had an engine problem and dropped oil on the circuit. For most drivers this effectively curtailed going any faster, and in fact only 3 drivers managed this for the rest of the session. Quartermaine had a 'moment' on the spilt oil and Richard Hall spun but managed to recover to continue. The big loser was Smith who was about to start his qualifying runs when the oil went down.

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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	48.841	4	8			99.50
2	62	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF90	49.587	12	15	0.746	0.746	98.00
3	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	50.010	3	3	1.169	0.423	97.17
4	69	C	Stuart KESTENBAUM	Reynard FF89	50.064	3	23	1.223	0.054	97.07
5	64	B	Craig CURRIE	Van Diemen RF91	50.134	21	22	1.293	0.070	96.93
6	58	C	Joey FOSTER	Van Diemen RF98	50.274	3	9	1.433	0.140	96.66
7	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	50.308	7	14	1.467	0.034	96.60
8	89	A	Peter DALY	Van Diemen RF89	50.369	3	15	1.528	0.061	96.48
9	37	A	Robert SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	50.486	2	14	1.645	0.117	96.26
10	19	A	Richard HODSON	Ray GRK09	51.052	3	22	2.211	0.566	95.19
11	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	52.551	3	21	3.710	1.499	92.48
12	23	B	Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	53.532	3	20	4.691	0.981	90.78




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Race 1

ROW 6	52.551 51 Ian WOOD	53.532 23 Richard HALL
ROW 5	50.486 37 Robert SMITH	51.052 19 Richard HODSON
ROW 4	50.308 5 Adam QUARTERMAINE	50.369 89 Peter DALY
ROW 3	50.134 64 Craig CURRIE	50.274 58 Joey FOSTER
ROW 2	50.010 25 Simon DAVEY	50.064 69 Stuart KESTENBAUM
ROW 1	48.841 9 Jordan SKINNER	49.587 62 Mike GARDNER

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Pole



Mallory Park
Circuit Length = 1.3500 miles

This year's Edwina Overend race ran as part of the Star of Mallory series and the Southern Division of the Avon Tyres BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 Championship in association with REIS. The race is exclusively for Formula Ford 1600cc cars and the race winner was awarded the annual trophy and there were also be trophies for second and third place.

All competitors who start the Edwina Trophy race were entered into a prize draw to win the following prizes:

- Free entry to the Formula Ford Festival 2010
- A pair of Tickets for the BRSCC Awards Dinner 2010
- £50 coupon redeemable against a set of ACB10 Tyres courtesy of BMTR
- Test session voucher for Mallory Park
- 2 prizes of 1 set of FF1600 Mintex brake pads thanks to Medina Sport
- 10 Litres of Millers engine oils from Shaws Motorsport

The cars streamed out onto the circuit for the start of race 1 and as the red lights went out it was Skinner and Gardner who made the best start. They quickly established a gap with the chasing pack squabbling for the remaining places. Kestenbaum unfortunately was out before the start with a broken gear linkage. Meanwhile Quartermaine was charging up through the pack and was soon into 3rd place leaving behind a ferocious battle for 4th between Craig Currie, Davey, Smith and Daly. Currie had the slight edge and broke free from this battle, and with Quartermaine in his sights he put in lap after lap of personal best times. By lap 10 he was right up with Quartermaine and only 0.159 seconds separated them, with Currie was using slipstreaming to great effect in his challenge for 3rd place. Richard Hall, Ian Wood and Richard Hodson were involved in their own race a little down the order. By lap 12 the field had split into a number of duels, Quartermaine v Currie, Daly v Smith, Foster v Davey and each battle was a fierce as the next. Unfortunately Quartermaine retired on lap



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17 giving Currie some breathing space, but Daly wasn't giving Smith a second to relax. The young ex-karter was being harried by Daly until a driveshaft let go and it spelled the end of the race and meeting for Smith. A shame as this had been one of his best drives in 2010 and marked him out as a serious competitor for 2011.



Once again Skinner was victorious at Mallory and this latest victory confirmed him as the champion of the FF1600 Southern Division and the Star of Mallory plus the winner of the 2010 Edwina Overend trophy. Gardner and Currie rounded out the other podium places after a breathless and exciting race.

**Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Southern Championship for the Edwina Overend Trophy
RACE 4 - CLASSIFICATION**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	25	20:36.217			98.28	48.900	4
2	62	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF90	25	20:42.852	6.635	6.635	97.75	49.042	3
3	64	B	Craig CURRIE	Van Diemen RF91	25	21:02.659	26.442	19.807	96.22	49.548	9
4	89	A	Peter DALY	Van Diemen RF89	25	21:05.578	29.361	2.919	96.00	49.949	21
5	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	25	21:16.316	40.099	10.738	95.19	50.054	6
6	58	C	Joey FOSTER	Van Diemen RF98	25	21:16.489	40.272	0.173	95.18	50.127	3
7	19	A	Richard HODSON	Ray GRK09	24	20:37.368	1 lap	1 lap	94.26	50.607	22
8	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	24	21:13.992	1 lap	36.624	91.55	51.272	6
9	23	B	Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	24	21:15.909	1 lap	1.917	91.41	51.831	23
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	37	A	Robert SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	21	17:43.982	4 laps	3 laps	95.92	49.884	6
DNF	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	16	13:32.838	9 laps	5 laps	95.66	49.540	14
FASTEST LAP											
9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10		4	48.900		99.38 mph		159.94 kph	
62	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF90		3	49.042		99.09 mph		159.48 kph	
58	C	Joey FOSTER	Van Diemen RF98		3	50.127		96.95 mph		156.03 kph	

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Race 2

ROW 5	5 Adam QUARTERMAINE	37 Robert SMITH
ROW 4	23 Richard HALL	51 Ian WOOD
ROW 3	19 Richard HODSON	25 Simon DAVEY
ROW 2	64 Craig CURRIE	62 Mike GARDNER
ROW 1	9 Jordan SKINNER	
Pole		

Mallory Park
Circuit Length = 1.3500 miles

Race 2 had a somewhat depleted field as Smith was out with a broken driveshaft, plus Foster and Daly had only entered the Edwina Overend Trophy in race 1. If there were trophies for effort being awarded, then the teams of Davey, Quartermaine and Kestenbaum would get them as they worked against the clock to get their cars ready for the second race, they all made it, though a couple had only minutes to spare before the start!

As the drivers waited for race to start, the revs rose and then they were off. Gardner took the lead after an electric start, with Currie diving up the inside of Skinner to take second. Skinner was not phased by this and retook Currie at the hairpin and set his sights on Gardner. Gardner was not going to be taken that easily and drove brilliantly, just holding him off and backing Skinner into Currie's grasp. Currie had a couple of serious attempts to pass Skinner but just couldn't find the momentum to make the move stick. Meanwhile Quartermaine was battling hard with Davey and Kestenbaum, and by lap 5 he had established enough of a gap to break the slipstream tow and set off after Currie.

On lap 7 the timing screens flashed up a message that car #62 of Gardner had been penalised for jumping the start and this sent race commentator Andrew Wilkins into a frenzy. The pit signal was sent out to Gardner but if he saw it the message only served to make him try harder to resist the onslaught of the young Aussie. In the end it was to no avail as Skinner took him after some dicing that had the crowd holding their breath. Skinner kept Gardner at bay for the rest of the race – but only just. With his 10 second penalty Gardner was placed 5th, so it was Quartermaine and Currie who took 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

This was a great way to sign off another fantastic season of FF1600 racing. Skinner has only the Northern championship left to win to complete a series lock out of the BRSCC FF1600 championships. On his current form I certainly wouldn't bet against him!!



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**Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Southern Championship
RACE 9 - CLASSIFICATION**

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	24	19:59.798			97.21	48.965	21
2	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	24	20:02.257	2.459	2.459	97.01	49.096	10
3	64	B	Craig CURRIE	Van Diemen RF91	24	20:08.447	8.649	6.190	96.51	49.430	14
4	69	C	Stuart KESTENBAUM	Reynard FF89	24	20:08.640	8.842	0.193	96.50	49.306	11
5	62	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF90	24	20:10.031	10.233	1.391	96.39	49.144	21
6	19	A	Richard HODSON	Ray GRK09	24	20:17.504	17.706	7.473	95.80	49.773	18
7	25	B	Simon DAVEY	Swift SC92	24	20:18.978	19.180	1.474	95.68	50.072	7
8	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	23	20:11.744	1 lap	1 lap	92.24	51.168	4
9	23	B	Richard HALL	Van Diemen RF92	23	20:28.714	1 lap	16.970	90.97	52.110	3

FASTEST LAP							
9	A	Jordan SKINNER	Ray GRK10	21	48.965	99.25 mph	159.73 kph
62	B	Mike GARDNER	Van Diemen RF90	21	49.144	98.89 mph	159.15 kph
69	C	Stuart KESTENBAUM	Reynard FF89	11	49.306	98.56 mph	158.62 kph



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