



2011 Northern Championship: Rounds 1 & 2

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Introduction

The opening two rounds of the 2011 Avon Tyres BRSCC Northern Formula Ford 1600 Championship took place at Oulton Park on Saturday 2nd April. After a very positive winter break that saw excellent communication and planning between the competitors and the organisers, the championship sees a welcome return to both separate races and separate qualifying sessions for the Post-89 and Pre-90 categories for 2011. At this opening double header meeting, the qualifying sessions set the grid positions for the first races, with the grids for the second races being decided by the finishing positions in the race one.

Pre-90 Qualifying

Cloudy and dry, but undoubtedly slippery, conditions greeted the 22 Pre-90 competitors for the first qualifying period of the 2011 season. The opening minutes of the session saw the quickest times being set by the class D drivers Nigel Dolan, Mario Sarchet, Matt Ridge and Ian Parkington. The fastest class C time was initially set by Jeff Hodgson, switching from Post-89 to Pre-90 for 2011 in the ex-Lee Hannam Reynard. However, Hodgson's time was subsequently beaten by the ever improving Andrew Thomas in another class C Reynard.

By the half session distance, Dolan continued to stamp his authority on proceedings, being over half a second quicker than his closest competitors – Sarchet, Parkington, Thomas and a fast lapping Mike Stewart who was second quickest for much of the period. At the end of qualifying, Dolan claimed pole position, sharing the front row with Parkington; and ahead of Ridge and Stewart on row two. Thomas, Hodgson and Sarchet claimed the next three spots on the grid, with Dave Franklin, John Wilkinson and Ryan Dignan completing the top ten qualifiers.





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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:52.803	8	10			85.91
2	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	1:53.484	8	8	0.681	0.681	85.39
3	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	1:53.945	9	9	1.142	0.461	85.05
4	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	1:54.040	5	10	1.237	0.095	84.98
5	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	1:54.244	7	10	1.441	0.204	84.82
6	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	1:54.273	6	10	1.470	0.029	84.80
7	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	1:54.312	4	10	1.509	0.039	84.77
8	9	D	David FRANKLIN	Reynard FF84	1:54.536	5	7	1.733	0.224	84.61
9	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:55.467	4	9	2.664	0.931	83.93
10	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	1:56.303	2	4	3.500	0.836	83.32
11	68	C	Will ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	1:56.680	7	9	3.877	0.377	83.05
12	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	1:56.792	8	9	3.989	0.112	82.97
13	33	D	Juiceie BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	1:56.799	5	6	3.996	0.007	82.97
14	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:57.212	8	9	4.409	0.413	82.68
15	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	1:58.592	7	9	5.789	1.380	81.71
16	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	1:58.797	8	9	5.994	0.205	81.57
17	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	1:59.438	8	9	6.635	0.641	81.14
18	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	2:02.131	4	5	9.328	2.693	79.35
19	41	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	2:05.268	9	9	12.465	3.137	77.36
20	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	2:05.606	9	9	12.803	0.338	77.15
21	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	2:09.452	1	5	16.649	3.846	74.86
22	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86		0	2			

Post-89 Qualifying

12 cars took to the circuit for the 20 minute Post-89 qualifying session, consisting of ten class A competitors and two from class B. There was due to be a third class B entrant, but unfortunately Mike Bennett discovered engine damage during the previous day's testing and was forced to withdraw. The early laps saw the Van Diemen's of Doug Crosbie, John Murphy, Martin Short and David McArthur battling for the top spot on the timing screens.



At the half way point in the session, it was the same quartet of drivers heading the times, with Murphy holding the advantage ahead of Crosbie, followed by Short then McArthur. All four were pushing hard, as demonstrated by a wide run onto the grass out of Lodge corner by McArthur – who was also being challenged by an ever improving Jamie Jardine, as well as his Dad, Neil McArthur. At the chequered flag, class B man Murphy hung on to pole position by quarter of a second from Short, who posted his fastest time on the very last lap. Crosbie and Jardine

qualified third and fourth, with row three being an all McArthur affair. Rob Smith and Chris Middlehurst on row four also both set their fastest times on the final lap, with Simon Kinsey, Jack Drinkall, Steve Chapman and Ian Wood completing the grid.



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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	1:49.737	7	10			88.31
2	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	1:49.994	10	10	0.257	0.257	88.10
3	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	1:50.080	4	8	0.343	0.086	88.03
4	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	1:50.355	9	10	0.618	0.275	87.81
5	15	A	David MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	1:51.086	3	10	1.349	0.731	87.24
6	16	A	Neil MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	1:51.176	8	10	1.439	0.090	87.17
7	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	1:51.308	10	10	1.571	0.132	87.06
8	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	1:51.937	10	10	2.200	0.629	86.57
9	2	A	Simon KINSEY	Van Diemen RF2000	1:52.106	8	10	2.369	0.169	86.44
10	21	A	Joack DRINKALL	Ray GR09	1:54.289	7	8	4.552	2.183	84.79
11	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	1:55.760	10	10	6.023	1.471	83.71
12	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	1:59.650	4	9	9.913	3.890	80.99

Pre-90 Race 1

The earlier cloud cover had lifted to leave sunny and dry conditions for the day's first Pre-90 race. Unfortunately the grid was one car short, with Dave Franklin having suffered a broken throttle linkage; however his team were working hard to have it repaired for the second race. At the race start, both of the front row men started well, but it was Ian Parkington who just managed to edge ahead of pole sitter, Nigel Dolan. Row two starters, Mike Stewart and Jeff Hodgson, dropped in behind the lead pair to battle for third spot.

Two laps into the race and unfortunately Matt Ridge pulled into the pit lane and out of the race with brake problems. Also retiring from the race on lap three was Mike Mullins, the Cheshire driver suffering with an engine misfire in his class D Van Diemen. Parkington and Dolan began opening up an advantage over the next group of four cars - made up of Stewart, Hodgson, Mario Sarchet and Andrew Thomas. A little further back, Juiceie Bruceie and John Wilkinson were battling for seventh, while the dice for tenth was a three way affair between David Gavan, Phil Nelson and Will Alterman.

In the laps that followed, Dolan managed to grab the lead from Parkington at Lodge corner, while Hodgson took third up the inside of Stewart through Old Hall. A welcome new addition to the championship, Graham Legget in his class E Crossle, was sadly forced to retire with engine problems – putting an end to his day's racing, but he was already looking forward to being back out at the next meeting at Anglesey. Proving that there is always close racing to be had throughout the Northern FF1600 field, there was a great three way tussle for sixteenth taking place between John Swift, Roy MacGregor and David Beechey.





At the head of the race, Dolan and Parkington continued to pull away from the rest of the field, while Stewart returned the favour to Hodgson by retaking third spot at Old Hall corner. Meanwhile Thomas was dropping off from Sarchet, and finding himself coming under increasing pressure from Bruceie. There was plenty of action to be had at Lodge corner, with Thompson having a spin and continue,



and Gavan unfortunately spinning out of the race at the same spot. A little later in the race, it would also be the place that Dolan ran wide onto the grass, allowing Parkington back through into the lead.

By the closing stages, Bruceie had closed right in on Thomas to challenge for sixth spot, bringing Ryan Dignan with him. Elsewhere the battle for twelfth had turned into a three way Van Diemen dice between Robin Booth, Thompson and Nelson; the latter carrying a battered nose cone on his car. At the chequered flag, Parkington hung on to take the win by just 0.093 seconds from

Dolan, with Hodgson finally getting the better of Stewart for the third step on the podium. Sarchet finished a relatively comfortable fifth, with Bruceie a little further back in sixth, just ahead of Thomas and the fast improving Dignan. Wilkinson and Alterman completed the top ten finishers, with Parkington also claiming the fastest lap honours.

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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	11	20:51.404			85.18	1:52.127	6
2	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	11	20:51.497	0.093	0.093	85.18	1:52.211	6
3	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	11	21:00.978	9.574	9.481	84.54	1:53.037	10
4	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:01.291	9.887	0.313	84.51	1:52.824	11
5	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	11	21:05.308	13.904	4.017	84.25	1:53.123	5
6	33	D	Juiceie BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	11	21:20.455	29.051	15.147	83.25	1:54.007	8
7	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	11	21:20.753	29.349	0.298	83.23	1:54.335	4
8	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	11	21:20.880	29.476	0.127	83.22	1:53.815	9
9	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:26.680	35.276	5.800	82.85	1:55.523	7
10	68	C	Will ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	11	21:42.250	50.846	15.570	81.86	1:56.623	5
11	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	11	21:54.694	1:03.290	12.444	81.08	1:57.417	4
12	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	11	22:08.624	1:17.220	13.930	80.23	1:58.484	3
13	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	22:08.855	1:17.451	0.231	80.22	1:56.591	9
14	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	11	22:09.185	1:17.781	0.330	80.20	1:55.966	5
15	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	10	20:54.757	1 lap	1 lap	77.23	2:02.797	9
16	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jarnun M89	10	20:55.638	1 lap	0.881	77.18	2:03.401	9
17	41	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	10	20:57.032	1 lap	1.394	77.09	2:03.759	9
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	5	9:54.807	6 laps	5 laps	81.46	1:56.182	4
DNF	66	E	Graham LEGGET	Crossle 25F	3	6:32.865	8 laps	2 laps	74.00	2:04.949	2
DNF	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	2	4:15.979	9 laps	1 lap	75.71		
DNF	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	2	5:01.302	9 laps	45.323	64.32		
FASTEST LAP											
50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	6	1:52.127	86.43 mph	139.09 kph				
44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	10	1:53.037	85.73 mph	137.97 kph				
39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	9	2:02.797	78.92 mph	127.01 kph				



Post-89 Race 1

As the red lights dimmed for the start of the first Post-89 race, pole sitter, John Murphy held his grid position advantage in the run down to Old Hall corner to take up the lead ahead of second place starter, Martin Short. Jamie Jardine started well from fourth on the grid, managing to immediately grab third position from Doug Crosbie. Jardine continued his great start further round the opening lap, moving ahead of Short into second place.



In the laps that followed, Murphy began extending his lead over Jardine, while Short and Crosbie were racing wheel-to-wheel for third. Crosbie looked to be the quickest man on track, and this was reflected in the lap times, allowing the Cheshire driver to get the better of his old rival, Short. He then quickly set about closing in on, and passing, Jardine to move into second place. Behind the lead quartet, David McArthur, Neil McArthur and Simon Kinsey were battling for fifth, while Chris Middlehurst and Jack Drinkall were in close quarters for ninth.

By half race distance, Rob Smith had closed right in on the three way dice for fifth to make it a great to watch four car train. At the head of the race, the hard charging Crosbie had homed in on the gearbox of leader Murphy to put the Liverpool driver under plenty of pressure. This pressure eventually paid dividends, with a moment for Murphy on lap seven dropping him back to fourth place, and allowing Crosbie to take up the race lead. Kinsey found himself being passed by Smith, and then getting into a 360 degree spin at Knickerbrook. This in turn dropped him right into the attentions of Drinkall in ninth.

At the race finish, Crosbie took a well deserved overall win and fastest lap award. Jardine finished in second spot, less than a second ahead of Short in third. Long time race leader, Murphy, finished fourth, ahead of David McArthur in a comfortable fifth. The ever improving Smith managed to take sixth place from Neil McArthur by 0.284 seconds, with Kinsey finishing eighth, just ahead of Drinkall. Middlehurst, Steve Chapman and Ian Wood completed the overall classification, with all the race starters making it to the chequered flag.





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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:23.400			87.13	1:49.652	5
2	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	11	20:26.120	2.720	2.720	86.94	1:50.131	5
3	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:26.932	3.532	0.812	86.88	1:50.294	9
4	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	11	20:28.206	4.806	1.274	86.79	1:49.686	11
5	15	A	David MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	11	20:34.946	11.546	6.740	86.32	1:50.464	10
6	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	11	20:40.066	16.666	5.120	85.96	1:51.082	8
7	16	A	Neil MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	11	20:40.350	16.950	0.284	85.94	1:51.117	8
8	2	A	Simon KINSEY	Van Diemen RF2000	11	20:52.353	28.953	12.003	85.12	1:51.854	11
9	21	A	Joack DRINKALL	Ray GR09	11	20:53.213	29.813	0.860	85.06	1:51.732	10
10	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Dieman LA10	11	20:58.027	34.627	4.814	84.73	1:52.497	9
11	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	11	21:17.076	53.676	19.049	83.47	1:54.230	10
12	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	11	21:45.862	1:22.462	28.786	81.63	1:56.026	4

FASTEST LAP											
54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	5	1:49.652	88.38 mph	142.23 kph				
3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	11	1:49.686	88.35 mph	142.19 kph				

Pre-90 Race 2



The run down to Old Hall at the start of the second Pre-90 race saw the same four drivers leading the way as they had done earlier in the day. Ian Parkington headed the group, ahead of Nigel Dolan, Mike Stewart and Jeff Hodgson. However, by the end of the opening lap the order had been shuffled, with Dolan taking the race lead, and Hodgson getting ahead of Stewart. Behind the lead group, Juiceie Bruceie, Andrew Thomas, Mario Sarchet, Ryan Dignan and John Wilkinson were all in close contention for the next few places in the running order.

After his non-start in race one, Dave Franklin repaired his Reynard and started race two from the back of the grid. Also starting at the rear of the grid was race one non-finisher, Matt Ridge, who had also sorted his earlier braking problems. The pair were undoubtedly going to be key drivers to watch coming through the field in the second Pre-90 race - and sure enough by the second lap Franklin had made it up to fifth in the running order and Ridge was in eighth. Also on lap two, Bruceie had a spin at Cascades; dropping himself down the running order. At the end of the lap, there were two unfortunate retirements from the race in to the pit lane. Mike Mullins retired for the second time in the day with an engine misfire, and Stewart was forced to pull out from fourth spot with handling problems. An engine mount bolt that had worked loose was subsequently discovered as the cause.

At the head of the field, Dolan, Parkington and Hodgson were running relatively spread out following the departure of Stewart. However, the whole field would shortly all be closed up when contact between Bruceie and David Gavan at Lodge corner brought out the Safety Car. Gavan's car was pushed clear of the circuit by the marshals, however Bruceie's car required a suspended tow to be removed to a safe position. Following the end of the safety car period, Dolan made a perfect restart from the head of the pack; quickly establishing a comfortable lead over his rival Parkington.



In the laps that followed Dolan, Parkington and Hodgson once again found themselves running relatively spread out in the first three places, while Thomas and Franklin were battling for fourth spot. Ridge was in fifth, ahead of a slightly more noisy than normal Dignan with exhaust issues in sixth. It was great to once again see battles throughout the field, with Sarchet and Will Alterman in close contention for ninth, and the race for eleventh being a three way dice between Trevor Morgan, Barry Thompson and Phil Nelson. Class E men, John Swift and Roy MacGregor, were battling for fourteenth, while Dave Beechey and Robin Booth were racing for sixteenth.

On the final lap of the race, an intermittent gear selection problem struck race leader Dolan, and with Parkington having closed right up behind him, the unexpected slowing of Dolan's car saw contact between the two. As a result Dolan was cruelly put out of the race, however Parkington was able to recover and carry on to take the race win. This left Hodgson to finish the race in second, with Thomas taking a much deserved first podium finish in third. After his back of the grid start, Ridge took an impressive fourth spot, ahead of a strong fifth place finish for Dignan, and fellow



back row starter, Franklin, in sixth. Wilkinson beat Sarchet across the line for seventh spot by a mere 0.015 seconds, with Alterman and Morgan rounding out the top ten finishers. Parkington's near perfect point's haul for the day left him in clear top spot at the head of the points table after the first meeting, ahead of Hodgson in second after his two consistent podium finishes, and Dolan in third.

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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	9	21:24.050			67.92	1:52.623	8
2	44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	9	21:24.367	0.317	0.317	67.91	1:53.970	2
3	38	C	Andrew THOMAS	Reynard SF89	9	21:26.249	2.199	1.882	67.81	1:54.044	8
4	72	D	Matthew RIDGE	Van Diemen RF86	9	21:30.732	6.682	4.483	67.57	1:53.912	7
5	84	C	Ryan DIGNAN	Van Diemen RF89	9	21:31.111	7.061	0.379	67.55	1:54.152	8
6	9	D	David FRANKLIN	Reynard FF84	9	21:31.605	7.555	0.494	67.52	1:54.127	3
7	2	D	John WILKINSON	Van Diemen RF86	9	21:34.285	10.235	2.680	67.38	1:55.082	7
8	8	D	Mario SARCHET	Van Diemen RF85	9	21:34.300	10.250	0.015	67.38	1:54.642	8
9	68	C	Will ALTERMAN	Reynard FF89	9	21:40.479	16.429	6.179	67.06	1:57.325	9
10	52	D	Trevor MORGAN	Van Diemen RF86	9	21:45.695	21.645	5.216	66.80	1:57.740	3
11	47	D	Phil NELSON	Van Diemen RF86	9	21:50.793	26.743	5.098	66.54	1:58.462	8
12	39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	9	22:05.669	41.619	14.876	65.79	2:03.045	8
13	96	C	Robin BOOTH	Van Diemen RF89	9	22:06.263	42.213	0.594	65.76	2:01.394	3
14	41	E	Roy MACGREGOR	Hawke DL2B	9	22:07.152	43.102	0.889	65.72	2:04.144	8
15	55	C	David BEECHEY	Jamun M89	9	22:07.449	43.399	0.297	65.70	2:03.693	8
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	3	D	Nigel DOLAN	Van Diemen RF86	8	19:26.061	1 lap	1 lap	66.48	1:52.958	8
DNF	21	D	Barry THOMPSON	Van Diemen RF86	8	19:47.306	1 lap	21.245	65.29	1:58.371	8
DNF	81	C	David GAVAN	Van Diemen RF88	2	4:13.806	7 laps	6 laps	76.36	2:02.577	2
DNF	33	D	Juiceie BRUCEIE	Reynard FF84	2	4:14.320	7 laps	0.514	76.21	2:09.525	2
DNF	40	D	Mike STEWART	Van Diemen RF86	2	4:33.470	7 laps	19.150	70.87		
DNF	26	D	Mike MULLINS	Van Diemen RF86	2	4:48.565	7 laps	15.095	67.16		
FASTEST LAP											
50	D	Ian PARKINGTON	Reynard FF84	8	1:52.623	86.05 mph	138.48 kph				
44	C	Jeff HODGSON	Reynard RF88	2	1:53.970	85.03 mph	136.84 kph				
39	E	John SWIFT	Van Diemen RF80	8	2:03.045	78.76 mph	126.75 kph				



Post-89 Race 2

At the start of the day's second Post-89 event, race one winner Doug Crosbie once again was a little slow getting off the line, and again Jamie Jardine slipped past in the run down to Old Hall – on this occasion to take the race lead. Third place man on the grid, Martin Short, also started strongly and also managed to get past Crosbie into second. John Murphy was another fast starter, while Neil McArthur who started seventh on the grid, found himself at the back of the field by the end of the opening lap.



In the early exchanges, Jardine managed to quickly establish himself a very comfortable lead at the head of the race while the following six cars slowed each other up as the squabbled over second spot. In addition to Crosbie, Short and Murphy - David McArthur, Rob Smith and Simon Kinsey were also all in the mix. Meanwhile there was also a four way dice developing for ninth position between Ian Wood, Steve Chapman, Jack Drinkall and the recovering Neil McArthur.

as Crosbie and Short pulled away from the rest. But once again it was Crosbie who was the fastest man on track as he got the better of Short, and then quickly set about closing in on leader, Jardine. By just about half race distance, Crosbie was right on Jardine's gearbox, and grabbed the lead with an overtake through Lodge corner. Further back, Chris Middlehurst was having a relatively lonely race in eight, while Wood and Chapman were running together for tenth after being passed by Neil McArthur, and having dropped a misfiring Drinkall.

The six car group for second position eventually broke up a little

Having got himself into the race lead, Crosbie managed to open up a small lead over Jardine in second. One of the best spectacles on track was the battle for fifth between Murphy and Smith who traded places on a number of occasions. Late on in the race, Kinsey had a spin on the exit of Lodge corner as he began to climb Deer Leap, but managed to recover and carry on. Meanwhile, Jardine had closed right back in on leader Crosbie, and for the second time in the meeting, a Formula Ford race leader at the start of the final lap would find himself cruelly out of the event before the chequered flag. A fuel pickup problem brought Crosbie's car to a halt on the final lap, leaving Jardine to take the race win ahead of Short and David McArthur. Smith finished fourth, ahead of Kinsey in fifth and Murphy in sixth. Neil McArthur took seventh spot, with Middlehurst, Chapman, Wood and Drinkall completing the race finishers. Two points for his second fastest lap award





of the day was a small consolation for Crosbie, who left the meeting standing third in the points table, behind Short and championship leader, Jardine.

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POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	22	A	Jamie JARDINE	Ray GR07	11	20:30.083			86.66	1:50.590	8
2	7	A	Martin SHORT	Van Diemen RF00	11	20:31.010	0.927	0.927	86.59	1:50.742	10
3	15	A	David MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	11	20:33.127	3.044	2.117	86.45	1:50.657	6
4	37	A	Rob SMITH	Van Diemen RF99	11	20:34.716	4.633	1.589	86.33	1:50.806	8
5	2	A	Simon KINSEY	Van Diemen RF2000	11	20:49.862	19.779	15.146	85.29	1:50.825	7
6	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	11	20:50.553	20.470	0.691	85.24	1:49.828	7
7	16	A	Neil MCARTHUR	Van Diemen DP08	11	21:03.249	33.166	12.696	84.38	1:51.745	4
8	101	A	Chris MIDDLEHURST	Van Diemen LA10	11	21:03.693	33.610	0.444	84.35	1:53.666	4
9	45	A	Steve CHAPMAN	Van Diemen RF02	11	21:34.930	1:04.847	31.237	82.32	1:55.262	6
10	51	B	Ian WOOD	Swift SC94	11	21:46.397	1:16.314	11.467	81.60	1:57.094	5
11	21	A	Joack DRINKALL	Ray GR09	11	21:47.251	1:17.168	0.854	81.54	1:54.983	5
NOT CLASSIFIED											
DNF	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	10	18:36.766	1 lap	1 lap	86.78	1:49.803	4
FASTEST LAP											
	54	A	Douglas CROSBIE	Van Diemen RF00	4	1:49.803			88.26 mph	142.04 kph	
	3	B	John MURPHY	Van Diemen RF90	7	1:49.828			88.24 mph	142.00 kph	

Rounds three, four and five of 2011 will take place back at the championship's first ever triple header meeting at Anglesey Circuit over Good Friday and East Saturday – 22nd & 23rd April....we hope to see you there!!

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