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## Look out Nico, Lewis is right behind you...

## LEWIS HAMILTON HAD ONE OF THOSE WEEKENDS

 at Monza. Not one of those weekends, where he gets flustered, then stroppy and feels the rest of the world is conspiring against him, but one of those where any setback is taken in his stride.His Merc in pieces in free practice? No worries, he just chills at the back of the garage and chats to his brother. Car back together, a few gripes about understeer and traffic aside, he laps within 0.061s of an untroubled Nico Rosberg on his 'raw-performance' run in a massively rushed, ad-hoc session. Impressive stuff.

Even after that terrible start to the race, when his car's dashboard lied to him about what mode it was in, he quickly got a grip and unleashed some fabulous laptimes in clear air. So much so that he scared Rosberg off down the Rettifilo escape road.
Jenson Button came up with an interesting comment at Monza: "Lewis seems to be very comfortable... I don't know if that's a front, because he wasn't like that when we were team-mates."

A new, improved Hamilton? His post-Spa reaction was superb, and I feel that the public is really warming to him again.

Even the Tifosi cheered him!


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# This week in F1 



## McLAREN SET TO RETAIN BUTTON AND MAGNUSSEN

McLaren is set to retain Jenson Button and Kevin Magnussen for next season, after Fernando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel both reaffirmed commitment to their current teams for 2015.

McLaren has been pursuing Vettel and Alonso as it seeks a top driver to lead its forthcoming engine partnership with Honda.

But Alonso, who is under contract with Ferrari until the end of 2016, suggested ahead of last weekend's Italian Grand Prix that he will remain with the Scuderia for next season at least, while Vettel (under contract with Red Bull for one more season) said he was "happy where I am"

Further instability at Mercedes may
put either Lewis Hamilton or Nico Rosberg on the market, but Ferrari's alternative options are almost non-existent unless there is meltdown at Mercedes or Vettel can be prised away from Red Bull a year early.

McLaren is therefore likely to retain 2009 champion Jenson Button and his rookie team-mate Kevin Magnussen for
at least one more season.
Rival squad Williams announced on the morning of last weekend's Monza race that it will retain Valtteri Bottas alongside Felipe Massa for 2015. This takes Bottas, another potential McLaren target, off the market and removes any possibility of Button rejoining his former team.


## Albers quits Caterham role

Ex-F1 driver Christijan Albers resigned as Caterham team principal at last weekend's Italian Grand Prix. Albers took the helm of the squad in July following its sale to a group of investors advised by Colin Kolles, a former team boss of Albers.
Albers said his sudden departure was for "private reasons" Manfredi Ravetto, previously Albers's deputy, will replace him.

## KOBAYASHI MAKES RETURN

Kamui Kobayashi was recalled to race for Caterham at the Italian Grand Prix after Formula Renault 3.5 racer Roberto Merhi was unable to secure a superlicence

Caterham attempted to recall Audi sportscar ace Andre Lotterer, who raced in last month's Belgian Grand Prix, when Merhi's race opportunity fell through. But the three-time Le Mans winner turned down the drive because the team was committed to running the Spaniard in the first practice session.

Kobayashi received a late call on Wednesday to return to Caterham for the Monza event. The Japanese expressed unhappiness at his current situation ahead of the event, but went on to outqualify the rival Marussias and finish the race in 17th place.

Merhi hopes to secure a race seat for the next round in Singapore.


## Schumacher returns home

Michael Schumacher has returned home for the first time since suffering head injuries in a skiing accident last December. "Henceforth, Michael's rehabilitation will take place at his home," said a statement released by his management. "Considering the severe injuries he suffered, progress has been made in the past weeks and months. There is still, however, a long and difficult road ahead."



## Haas confirms Ferrari engine

Ferrari has confirmed it will supply engines for Gene Haas's new American Formula 1 team when it joins the grid in 2016. Haas, who has rebadged his 'Haas Formula' squad as 'Haas F1', is hopeful of expanding the deal into a full-blown technical partnership.


## 2015 DRAFT CALENDAR REVEALED

Formula 1 is set to return to a 20 -race schedule next season, according to a draft calendar circulated to teams at last weekend's Italian Grand Prix. An October date in Mexico (1989 race pictured above) sits alongside the races that made up this year's calendar.

## DRAFT 2015 CALENDAR

DATE
LOCATION
March 15 Australia (Melbourne)
March 29 Malaysia (Sepang)
April 5 Bahrain (Sakhir)
April 19
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May 10 $\qquad$ Spa
May $24 \quad$ Monaco (Monte Carlo)
June 7 Ca (M (M Calol)
une $21 \quad$ Austria (Red Bull Ring)
July 5

- A uly 19 Germany (Nurburging)
$\qquad$ Hungary (Hungaroring) August 23 Belgium (Spa-Francorchamps) September 6 $\qquad$ Italy (Monza) September 20 Singapore (Marina Bay) September 27
or October 4 Japan (Suzuka)
October 11 Russia (Sochi)
October 25 Mexico (Mexico City)
November 1 United States (Austin)
November 15 Brazil (Interlagos)
November 22
or November 29 Abu Dhabi (Yas Marina)



## Lotus stops development of E22

Romain Grosjean has admitted Lotus has given up developing its troublesome 2014 car, which started this season unreliably and has suffered aerodynamic problems compounded by the mid-season ban on FRIC
suspension. "It's a problem we have had since day one and it's something we cannot 100 per cent solve for this year," Grosjean said. "We are on next year's car. There is no more development for this year's car."

## REMSED REAR END

> Although Lotus is no longer working on developments for its current car, several parts that were signed off in recent weeks are still appearing. Lotus dropped its off-centre exhaust, movingitto the centre of the car at Monza, as well as introducing a single, central support pillar. It also often runs with greater cooling on the left side because of the location of the water cooler for the turbo's charge air cooler.


## Mercedes open to lifting of engine freeze

Mercedes could be open to lifting Formula 1's current engine freeze to help rival marques close the gap. The possibility of relaxing the freeze was on the agenda in a meeting of F1's strategy group in the Italian GP paddock last Friday, during which the popularity of F1, rules on superlicences, cost control and long-term technical changes were also discussed. Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said: "Is it the time to change the rules? Maybe. The discussions we've had so far were pretty open."


Last weekend's Italian Grand Prix marked the first time since Argentina 1980 that cars powered by the same engine locked out the top six places on the starting grid. Mercedespowered cars filled the top six at Monza last weekend; Ford engines took the first seven places for the opening round of 1980 .


BIG NUMBER


The loss, in millions of pounds, made by the Williams F1 team over the first six months of 2014. CEO Mike O'Driscoll put the deficit down to increased engine costs and the loss of former Williams driver Pastor Maldonado's PDVSA sponsorship.

## Honda hints at customer deals

Honda is open to supplying customer teams from 2016, after confirming that its partnership with McLaren is exclusive for just one season. McLaren racing director Eric Boullier said Honda may still bring the debut of its new engine forward to November's post-season Abu Dhabi test, despite suggestions by the Japanese marque that its V6 would not run in a car until 2015.


EOIN YOUNG 1939-2014

## EOIN YOUNG, RENOWNED

motorsport journalist who travelled from his native New Zealand to Europe in 1961, a year before starting work as close friend Bruce McLaren's secretary, has died at the age of 75 .
Young, who ghosted McLaren's AUTOSPORT column and was a founder director of the McLaren racing team, also wrote a weekly column for Autocar for 31 years.

AUTOSPORT offers its condolences to his family and friends.


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There is no better place for the silly-season driver merry-go-round rumours to ramp up a notch than the paddock at Monza. The final throes of summer, the end of the European season and the amphitheatre of Formula 1's most atmospheric track never disappoint.
Even Bernie Ecclestone, responding to the rumblings surrounding the potentially imminent departure of Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo, conceded that what emerges in the famous Royal Park is always something special. "At this time of year in Monza it is a lovely time for lots of rumours," he smiled.
While on the surface the driver market appears to be settling down - with the Mercedes, Ferrari, Williams and Red Bull line-ups all supposedly sorted for next year - that has done little to dampen feelings the paddock that there could yet be a twist in the tale. We all know the saying that contracts are there to be broken, which is why it's important to dig beyond the headlines and look deeper into people's intentions.
Take Fernando Alonso, for example. What he says and how he says it is accomplished with the same precision as his driving on track, so claims that recent comments mean he has rejected overtures from rival teams are wrong.
"I want to stay at Ferrari and extend my contract," he said ahead of the Italian Grand Prix. "That's my wish, I repeat it every two weeks, at the end of every race, yet it's never said. Talk of other teams has never come

nothing to dismiss the squad as a serious option.
"I think it is normal that you have a lot of talks. But it doesn't change what you do on a regular day-to-day basis," he said.
That might sound like a dismissal of the McLaren speculation, but in fact it says nothing of the sort.

## "Vettel half-joked that if there was a big-money <br> McLaren offer out there, he would be up for it"

from my lips; in fact it's always been the opposite." Is that confirmation he will be at Ferrari for the rest of his career? Not at all. All he is saying is that he wants to stay at Ferrari. He would like nothing more than to be dominant with the team. But with that first Ferrari title still eluding him, he knows that if he wants success after his contract expires in 2016 he may have to look elsewhere. That's why it's a 'want to' rather than a 'will'.
If Alonso is so eager to stay at Ferrari for as long as he can, why is McLaren holding on so long for him? Why did he talk to team chiefs Eric Boullier and Ron Dennis? Why too does Romain Grosjean a man eager to get himself into a truly competitive car - still think his Spanish rival holds the key to the driver market?
Sometimes what appears on the surface to be a denial is no such thing. Sebastian Vettel is McLaren's other target for 2016, and he did

It's simply that on a GP Thursday his only thought is on that race weekend, not what's happening in 2016.
In fact he even half-joked that if there was a bigmoney McLaren offer out there, he would be more than up for it...
"There was talk that I had signed for $\$ 150$ million for three years. I was asking where the pen was but nobody came back!"
And then, of course, beyond the Alonso/Vettel rumours, there's the big question-mark surrounding the Mercedes drivers. Toto Wolff's admission that if the season tumbles out of control it may have to look at losing either Lewis Hamilton or Nico Rosberg pushed both of them on to the potential list for some teams - and as early as 2015.

What's going on off track is as thrilling as on it right now. The first rolls of the dice for drivers in 2015, '16 and '17 are already underway - and we haven't even got to those hot, hot nights of Singapore yet. $\mathbf{w}$

## This week in motorsport



## SEETHING OGIER WRITES TO TODT

Reigning World Rally champion Sebastien Ogier has written to FIA president Jean Todt in a lastminute attempt to stave off a rule change for next season.
The letter, signed by Ogier and Volkswagen team-mates Jari-Matti Latvala and Andreas Mikkelsen, was discussed at last month's WRC Commission meeting amid a wider debate on changes to the running order. The FIA is expected to announce that the championship leader will run first on the road on days one and two next season, a move that 2014 points leader Ogier opposes.

He told AUTOSPORT: "As a driver, I am thinking about the future of my sport and I discussed it with my team-mates. Afterwards we communicated our opinion to the FIA.
"The idea behind this new rule is clear: the best drivers in the championship are disadvantaged in order to reduce the gap between all the drivers and create greater excitement in the championship. In my opinion, this new regulation goes too far and is unfair."

Todt is reported to have replied, and to be keen to maintain open channels of discussion with the drivers.


## Ocon makes FR3.5 debut

Formula 3 European Championship leader Esteban Ocon is to make his Formula Renault 3.5 debut this weekend at the Hungaroring.

The Lotus F1 junior (below) will drive for British team Comtec Racing at the Hungarian track and in the following round at Paul Ricard.

The French teenager's management explained that it is to give him experience in a powerful car before a full-time move in 2015 to FR3.5, GP2 or even F1.

Canadian Nicholas Latifi, Ocon's team-mate in the Prema F3 squad, will contest the same FR3.5 races, in his case with Tech 1 Racing.



## M6 set to replace Z4 for BMW

BMW is working on a replacement for its Z4 GT3 racer based around the M6 coupe that could become the basis of its next contender in the United SportsCar Championship.

The German manufacturer is known to be designing the new GT3 car and is expected to begin testing early next year ahead of deliveries to customers
in time for the 2016 season. It appears likely that this will then become the basis of its attack on the USC's GT Le Mans (formerly GTE) class with the Rahal team in the same season.

BMW has confirmed that there are plans for a new GT3 car, but a spokesman said it "needs to see how we solve the GTE issue".


## Derani in ELMS switch

Macau Grand Prix podium finisher Pipo Derani makes his prototype debut in this weekend's European Le Mans Series round at Paul Ricard.

The Brazilian, who curtailed a Pro Mazda programme in the US earlier this year, has joined the Murphy Prototypes line-up after testing its LMP2 ORECA-Nissan at Snetterton.

Derani, 20, is eyeing a future in endurance racing. He will join Nathanael Berthon and one undecided driver for Ricard.

Reigning ELMS GTE champion Johnny Mowlem also joins the LMP2 field in a Greaves Zytek-Nissan.


## After numerous

 accidents and contrasts [sic] with other cars, the race directors considered him guilty several times and therefore in the last part of the Sprint Race, the black flag was put out which means immediate retirement of the driverNo, we wouldn't want to be Trident's press officer either... This is how the team described race two at Monza for GP2 arch-offender Sergio Canamasas


## RoC is going to Barbados

This year's Race of Champions will take place in Barbados.

The Caribbean nation's Bushy Park venue, which will stage the event on December 13-14, proved popular in a fan vote. Event organiser Fredrik Johnsson described it as a throwback to the event's long-time home on Gran Canaria. Bushy Park hosted a round of the Global Rallycross Championship earlier this season (below).


## Pro reshuffle for Porsche

Porsche has reshuffled its GTE Pro class line-up for the remainder of the World Endurance Championship.

It is bringing in Richard Lietz from its United SportsCar squad to share the \#91 Manthey 911 RSR with Jorg Bergmeister from the Austin round on September 20.

Patrick Pilet, who contested the first three races with Bergmeister, will move across to share the second car with Frederic Makowiecki in place of Marco Holzer, who will now concentrate on test and development duties.

USC driver Nick Tandy has been listed in the \#91 car for Austin as a precaution in case Lietz does not recover in time from the arm injuries he sustained in the USC event in Virginia last month.

## Buller back in F3 with Signature

Top team Signature will return to the Formula 3 European Championship next month at Imola with Northern Irishman Will Buller.

The French squad, which dropped its plan to run the new Renault engine on the eve of this season, has switched to Volkswagen power. Formula Renault 3.5 racer Buller (pictured) returns to F3 and will compete at Imola before racing in the Macau Grand Prix.


The Renault engine project continues with German team Ma-Con Motorsport conducting further tests on the powerplant, led by New Zealander Nick Cassidy. Meanwhile, top German F3 team Motopark Academy will join the Euro F3 fray in the Hockenheim finale, probably with GP3 ace Marvin Kirchhofer driving. The team plans to take German points leader Markus Pommer to Macau.

In brief


## HAWKSWORTH PRIZE

British IndyCar rookie Jack Hawksworth (above) has been awarded the series' Tony Renna Rising Star Award. IndyCar competitions boss Derrick Walker said: "Jack demonstrated not only his skill and determination, but also his sportsmanlike attitude toward the sport and his fellow drivers."

## SERVIA, SATO FOR FE

IndyCar racers Oriol Servia and Takuma Sato are last-minute additions to the grid for the inaugural Formula E round in Beijing this Saturday. Spaniard Servia joins Dragon Racing to replace Mike Conway, who has elected to concentrate on his Toyota WEC programme. Sato stands in at Amlin Aguri for Antonio Felix da Costa, who has a clashing DTM race.

DALY BREAD RUNS OUT
American Conor Daly lost his GP2 seat with the Italian Lazarus team before last weekend's Monza round due to lack of budget. Daly was replaced by Italian Auto GP and Formula Acceleration 1 contender Sergio Campana.

## MAHY IN UK HOSPITAL

British amateur driver Marcus Mahy has returned home to the UK more than a month after sustaining life-threatening head and neck injuries during the Spa 24 Hours in July. The 53-year-old Kessel Ferrari driver was transferred by air ambulance to a hospital in Salisbury to continue his rehabilitation and is expected to make a full recovery.

## Dixon rates new Lights racer

Scott Dixon believes that international interest in the Indy Lights series will increase with the introduction of the new IL-15 car, which he tested at Indianapolis Motor Speedway last Friday.

Dixon, who won the Indy Lights title in 2000, and rival James Hinchcliffe
completed a combined 80 laps.
"I think the biggest thing for us - for Indy Lights and for IndyCar - is that it is updated tenfold over the last spec," said Dixon (in action, right). "It will definitely attract a lot of Europeans and more Americans to the series."



# The racer's eye 

This old-school driver is all in favour of safety but believes that, in the name of 'the show', asphalt run-off areas need a bit of a rethink

Talking about Monza is hard without getting emotional about it. The history, the Italian passion, the sight of cars darting around at the highest speeds of the season, and the fantastic racing that it normally serves up, all make us feel emotionally attached to it like you do to your favourite pub or coffee shop.
Now, if the owners replace our special comfy chair or take our favourite dish off the menu at said favourite pub or coffee shop, we get upset. We begrudgingly go back of course but every time we do, we moan and we groan about what's missing. This is why I think we have had so much noise and chat about the asphalt run-off on the outside of the iconic Parabolica.
"How could anyone think of putting down dark, black, hard asphalt where our beautiful, natural green grass and gravel has been?" we all tweeted and facebooked.
I've been fortunate to spend a reasonable amount of time with various people from the FIA, as well as circuit designers, over the years and I'm the first to acknowledge that their job is a very complex one. Through my position on the FIA Drivers' Commission I've also learned a great deal about the research that goes into the safety standards of the circuits and it is indeed very impressive. Their priority is always safety and I would always applaud their work in this area rather than criticise. However, personally, I don't think the way we are seeing asphalt run-offs appear everywhere is the best solution.
I'm an old-school racer and I believe that if a driver makes


Having driven at a lot of circuits around the world, I'm in no doubt that the asphalt run-offs have psychologically made the circuits easier for drivers. This automatically gives the weaker drivers a chance to close up. I remember going to Spa in Formula 3 in 2003, when Eau Rouge and Pouhon still had gravel on the outside and they were such a satisfying challenge to get right. If you consider the GP2 grid (it's unfair to look at F1 with the car-performance disparities) from this year at Spa with its acres of asphalt, just 1.2 seconds covered the top 21 in qualifying. At an unforgiving circuit like Monaco, which you should bear in mind is only half the length, that time only covered 11 drivers!

## "We need to consider the trade-off between

## the spectacle and things being too sanitised

a mistake, he should be punished for it. I know I've been punished a few times in my career! Replacing grass and gravel with asphalt is a bit like covering up the bunkers and water bodies on a golf course with concrete; it just lets the ball bounce back onto the fairway with no real penalty. On the flip side, I do see the benefits of these run-offs, not just from a safety angle, but because it often means a car can continue in the race where it would otherwise have been out, robbing sponsors and fans of a part of the show.

We've seen a number of instances in recent years, across all categories, of people arguing the issue of track limits. In F1 now, it's being policed very well in qualifying but it's harder in the races and, more importantly, in other series. Stewards have a tough job to determine when someone has gained an advantage and when they haven't. The race directors have an equally tough job to justify why in some places they turn a blind eye and in others they don't. Circuit designers are forced to look into all sorts of solutions for these run-offs so the drivers don't gain an advantage.

Looking at the safety element though, once again, I have a slightly left-field view, which is that fans want to see drivers being gladiators and living on the edge. While a few people would've tuned in to see Felix Baumgartner jump off the Shard, everyone on the planet has seen him jump down from space because of the element of danger. Now, of course I don't want to see drivers get seriously hurt or worse, but I think we need to consider the trade-off between putting on a spectacle and making things too sanitised.
I'm not just ranting without suggestions. My compromise, which I have discussed with a few other drivers who agreed, would be to have four or five metres of real grass or gravel on the edge of the track and then as much asphalt as is needed after that. This could be a good balance of maintaining the driving challenge of staying within the white lines of the racetrack and still keeping in mind the safety issues. I'm not a circuit designer or safety expert, but I would love to see if this option could be explored to try to maintain this crucial balance. $\$$

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# How Hamilton took the initiative 

There have been times in his F1 career when Lewis Hamilton has had to be told
what to do. At Monza, he was the master of his own destiny. EDD STRAW reports

## RACE REPORT

## AT A CLANCE

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> "Clearly today I had the pace on everyone and on Nico, and I felt that way all weekend"
> LEWIS HAMILTON

## ITALIAN GP <br> Monza

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WINNER
Lewis Hamilton
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## Italian gp



## QUALIFYING 14:00, 06.09.2014

©Evenbefore agearboxrelated electronic problem ruined Nico Rosberg's Saturday morning practice session,Lewis Hamilton was favourite for pole position at Monza. A day earlier,Hamilton had lappedjust 61-thousandths of a second slower than his team-mate even though he lost an hour of running to a similar problem. He was simply quicker, and so it proved on Saturday afternoon.

While Rosberg was consistently faster in the short first sector, comprising the first chicane and the flat-out Curva Grande and ending on the run to the Roggia chicane, Hamilton had the edge over the balance of the lap, his ability to carry speed through the two Lesmorighthanders impressing many.

Having breezed through to Q3, topping the first two segments of qualifying, Hamilton banged in alap
almost four-and-a-half tenths quicker than his team-mate could manage on the first runs in the top 10 shoot-out. He didn't know it at the time, but he'd done enough to guarantee his first pole position since May's Spanish GP.

Rosberg went back out again and improved, ending up 0.274s off Hamilton. But although he was quicker in the first sector, by o.156s on his best lap compared to Hamilton's first run, he was not quick enough elsewhere. But had missing Saturday morning practice, and therefore his qualifying simulation, cost him?
"It's very hypothetical, so it's not really worth going into that," said Rosberg."What I can say is that I felt comfortable with the car in qualifying, which is very positive because I didn't really know what to expect. We made the right changes from yesterday."
Hamilton didn't improve on his secondlap, but didn't need to.

He already had a pretty good idea that Rosberg was not going to outpace him by halfway round the attempt, so it proved to be one of the more comfortable pole positions of his career, even though the gap was small.

The two Williamses, as expected, locked out the second row. Valtteri Bottas looked mighty and was a couple of tenths quicker than Felipe Massa. But with few improving on their second Q3 runs, the real star turn was KevinMagnussen, who leapt from eighth to fifth with a big improvement, again puttinghim ahead of McLaren team-mate Jenson Button.

With Kimi Raikkonen falling in Q2 after mistakes at the second chicane on both of his quick laps, the Tifosi's hopes rested on Fernando Alonso. His commitment was breathtaking and he did well to beat both Red Bulls, later observing that even with 100 sets of tyres he would have gone no quicker.


THE GRID



## RACE 14:00, 07.09.2014

( 2The Lewis Hamilton of old might have failed to converthis Monza supremacy into Italian Grand Prix victory.

There have been occasions when Hamilton has not seized control of his own destiny on track, as exemplified in the infamous 2007 Chinese GP, when McLaren left him out too long on shot wet rubber and the world championship was effectively lost as he buried himself in the gravel in the pit-entry. Sometimes, it's too easy to let the pitwall do all the thinking.

But at Monza he usedhis most potent weapons - sheer speed and a razor-sharp racer's instinct - to strike a vital blow in the title race.
The bare facts suggest that he lucked in, his victory the consequence of ablunder by Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg. But it was a mistake Hamilton drew out of the German by
knowing exactly when to attack. This was more a race won by Hamilton than lost by Rosberg.

The four laps after both had completed their one and only pitstop were decisive. And it was all thanks to Hamilton choosing his own strategy, as opposed to the one the pitwall suggested, that gave his best chance.
Hamilton knew Rosberg was vulnerable. Hamilton knew he was the faster Mercedes driver.Hamilton knew Rosberghad already made one mistake and gone off at the first chicane. Hamilton knew when to strike,
"I reckon the race will be at the end," race engineer Pete 'Bono'Bonnington told him over the radio."So suggestion is we sit 2-2.5s [behind] so we get the benefit of the tow without losing downforce. So we are going to need the tyres at the end."

The advice was perfectly sound, certainly not analogous to McLaren's


## Hamilton: 'My team

## gives me advice.

## It doesn't mean

## you have to take it'

terrible call at Shanghai. But during the second half of the first stint, Hamilton had been unable to get within DRS range of Rosberg.

That was on older mediumcompound Pirellis, but Hamilton - now on hards like his team-mate knew that if he didn't press home his advantage now, he would probably end up in the same position.
"My team of people are working just to guide me to the end of the race as fast as possible and I want them to give me advice," said Hamilton. "It doesn't mean you have to take it every time. It's not an order.
"It's'you might want to do this because that might be your best chance'.I felt differently and it worked out. You know whether the tyres are going to be the optimum now to overtake, or later on. Iknew I had the pace, so I wanted to utilise it."
After his stop at the end of lap 25, one later than his team-mate, the deficit to Rosberg was 1.8 s. On lap 27 the gap was down to 1.384s. At this point the advice from the pitwall changed in recognition of what Hamilton had already realised was the best time to attack.

The gap came down again, to 0.764 s , on lap 28 . For the first time, Hamilton had the advantage of the DRS to attack his team-mate. Rosbergknew he had to break the DRS somehow and pushed hard. Too hard, as it turned out. He went straight on at the chicane and, by the time he had snaked his way through the slalom in the run-off area, he was behind.

Afterwards, Mercedes motorsport boss Toto Wolff suggested Rosberg's offs at the first chicane were a consequence of having to wind the brake bias forward to protect the rear brakes. But Rosberg admitted that they were simply a combination of his mistakes and the knowledge that a big flatspot could cost him far more than just one position.
"No," said Rosberg when asked about the brake-bias theory."They [the two offs at the first chicane] might look abit strange because when you start locking up there, I could make the corner no problem. But there is an extremely high probability that my tyre will be square afterwards.
"So what I do is release the brake, especially when the lock-up comes so early. If it's a late lock-up, it's not a problem, but when it comes early you are still at high load with a long way to go. Then, the probability is massive that it's going to be square and then I need to do two pitstops and lose a lot of time. So at that point, I just decided to go straight on.
"Maybe with Lewis I should have tried and see how it goes. But -

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- anyway, Ijust messedup. He was quick from behind so I had to up my game, I had to find a bit of pace and I messed up."

Rosberg had no chance of making it through the escape road and back out onto the circuit ahead of Hamilton. He was now just over two seconds behind and, while the pitwall suggested he sit there and bide his time for an attack late on, he never had the pace to do so.

Hamilton's only slight error came near the end, when his brakes were overheating and he locked the frontleft wheel at the first chicane. But he controlled the car beautifully, made the corner and had enough of a cushion to have taken the escape road and re-emerged ahead anyway. This washis race.

In the circumstances, it was a brilliant weekend for Hamilton. After a disastrous Belgian GP and amid the fallout over the clash with Rosberg in that race, Hamilton had reflected on the uphill struggle he faced to close a 29-point gap in the championship. This was a race he had to win, doubly so given his supremacy, but the circumstances of the weekend might have broken a lesser man.

On Friday he lost an hour of afternoon practice with an electronic problem. Once fixed, he served notice
of his intent by going out and banging in a lap just 61 thousandths of a second slower than his team-mate on his medium-tyre run.

Having bounced back from that, he was tested again when his car would not allow him to go into the correct engine mode for the race start. The power delivery was savage and he dropped to fourth. Under those conditions, it was actually a remarkable getaway.
"At the start, there's a button that you press which engages the launch sequence and for the formation lap, it didn't work," explained Hamilton."I thought,'No problem, I'll just put it on for the race, and when I got to the grid I put it on and again it didn't work.
"It was very strange, I’ve never really had that happen before. There was a different sequence of lights that were on [on the dash] that weren't ever on before! Anyway, Itried to pull away as fast as possible. The rpm was all over the place and fortunately I managed not to lose too many places.
"We never did a practice start like that where you don't have the launch sequence. I had no idea what I was supposed to do, so Ijust floored it and hoped for the best."

So before he had the chance to pressure Rosberg into his error,


Hamilton had some work to do. With Valtteri Bottas having dropped from third to 11th on the first lap thanks to what appears to be problems with the engine mode at the start, the two cars separating Hamilton from Rosberg were Kevin Magnussen's McLaren and the Williams of Felipe Massa.

Initially he made little impression on Massa, but on lap five he saw his opportunity to move up to third. The Brazilian attacked second-placed Magnussen, who had made a great start from fifth on the grid after a superb qualifying performance, into the first chicane. The Dane defended,
which compromised his exit and allowed Massa to get a run on the McLaren and pass him around the outside into the second chicane.

Again, Magnussen's line was compromised and Hamilton used his superior exit speed to blast ahead of him on the short run to the Lesmos. Five laps later - one lap after seeing Rosberg go off at the first chicane for the first time, cutting the gap between them from just over four seconds to around $2.4 \mathrm{~s}-$ Hamilton got alongside Massa on the run to the first chicane.

This was no easy DRS-assisted pass, for it was completed in the

corner, not on the straight. Hamilton's outstanding feel for braking allowed him to stay alongside Massa on the turn-in, the Williams driver quite rightly giving enough room for both to get through safely. That was the last Hamilton saw of Massa, who spent the rest of the race cruising to a lonely, but very well-deserved, third place.

The gap to Rosberg was still 2.4 s and Hamilton set about closing the gap. In the 15 laps that followed, he never got closer than 1.4s, with Rosberghaving an advantage of almost 1.8 s when he dived into the pits. That was the period of the race
that showed Hamilton the attack needed to come early in the second stint, not late.

This was a weekend that showed Hamilton at his best.If he's going to win this world championship and it's abig if, because Rosberg is a formidable competitor who has driven superbly all season - he will do it by playing to his own strengths.

His sheer speed, brilliant racing brain, virtuoso overtaking and the experience of title battles won and lost carried him to a victory that could well prove to be a turning point after a tumultuous mid-season. And, of

course, he showed that he really is his own man and capable of taking matters into his own hands.

And don't underestimate that mental strength it took to bounce back with pole position, his first since May's Spanish GP, and what was only his second victory in eight races. Fortune gave him every chance to crack. But it was Rosberg, not Hamilton, who choked.

Rosberg described it as "horrible" to lose the lead to his own mistake. But he knew that this was a weekend during which Hamilton had a potentially decisive advantage. Had he not made the error, it's possible that he could have stayed ahead. But the figures from the speed trap located on the run to the first chicane reveal just how difficult it would have been.

Thanks to leading and then immediately dropping two seconds behind Hamilton when he went off, Rosberg never picked up the DRS from following Hamilton. Despite backmarkers also offering a DRS assist, the way the race panned out he never had the chance to use it on the start-finish straight.

Hamilton's advantage in the speed-trap rankings over Rosberg was a massive 17.1mph (222.8mph to $205.7 \mathrm{mph})$. He had the momentum,
he was on a charge and, in all probability, would have been able to pass Rosberg anyway. Perhaps to the relief of Mercedes' top brass, we never had the chance to find out for certain. But what is beyond doubt is that Hamilton had a clear edge. Stunningly fast through the two rapid Lesmo right-handers, this conferred a compound advantage thanks to the complexity of the 2014 engines, as extra exit speed allows drivers to save alittle of the ERS power they would otherwise use for deployment elsewhere. The same was often true of his precision through the Ascari chicane, which allowed him to carry consistently high speed onto the straight to Parabolica.

Realistically, Monza was always going to play to the advantages Hamilton has had for much of the season, notably the fact that his braking style allows him to very efficiently harvest energy using the MGU-K. It was no coincidence that, once again, Rosberg was using his fuel at a greater rate.
The whole weekend was a reminder that, if Hamilton is to win the world championship, he must keep playing to his strengths and not get distracted by an increasingly acrimonious battle with his team-mate. $\mathbf{W}$

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## HOW THE RACE WAS WON



## HOW THE GRAPH WORKS

This graph plots the positions of the key players in the race, relative both to each other and the average racewinning pace ( 0 seconds).


## BOTTAS SURGES TO FOURTH

After his pitstop, it took Bottas just 16 laps to climb from ninth to fourth. He overtook Perez, Magnussen and Vettel on track


## RICCIARDO STARS AGAIN

Ricciardo ran 12th in the early stages after a poor start from ninth on the grid, but by running long - to lap 26 - before stopping he gained a tyre advantage over the field. He was still 12 th after his stop, 10.127 s behind Vettel, who

## TRACKSIDE VIEW

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Saturday morning, Variante Ascari. The Tifosi are expectant. All is quiet. Silent engines? Not a bit of it. Before you see him, you hear him. Fernando Alonso, their Spanish hero, more samurai than torero, blasts into view. His prancing horse gallops towards the left/right/leftsweep.
The 100-metre board, over 200mph. The samurai stands on the brakes. The fresh, medium Pirellis bite. The Ferrari squirms. The line between maximum deceleration and locking up is danced. The Ferrari bucks. Countless tiny adjustments to the steering. The gravel trap beckons.
Butno. The samurai is in control. Four downshifts in 50 metres. He has the grip. He turns in. The speedbumps inside the first kerb lie in wait. He gets close, so close, but brushes safely past. The line is perfect.
Left turns to right. The rear breaks away. The samurai corrects. The horse can't keep up with him. He's always ahead of it. Right turns to left. His steed is beautifully settled and gathering speed. The rear again tries to break away, but
'The Ferrari squirms
and bucks, with
countless steering
adjustments' he won'tallow it. He's gone.
The Tifosi know they have witnessed greatness,
But there is another hero. An ice-cool Finn, not the old legend in red, the other one. The samurai is a fighter, bending the car to his will. The Finn is an artist. Under braking, Valtteri Bottas' brilliance is in rotating the rear. It's perfectly poised in the first left-hander.
The Williams is on a knife-edge. Its connection with the track seems insubstantial. But the artist's tiny, imperceptible brush strokes are enough. He makes the car dance. Only the best can do that. One day, will he be back at Monza in red?
But the silver machines were faster. The Samurai and the Finn were brothers in arms in an uneven fight.


## Itallan gp

## STORIES OF THE RACE

Rounding up the action from the Italian GP

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himself to cut back inside Vettel, who thought any chance of Ricciardo attacking had been covered off. It was the most spectacular pass of an exciting race.
"The battle with Seb was good," said Ricciardo. "Coming into the first chicane, he covered the inside and I knew it was going to be tricky around the outside, so I tried to set him up. Again, he covered for the second chicane, but I did a bit of a dummy and managed to slip through on the inside."

Vettel, whose pace was around two seconds slower than Ricciardo's in the closing stages, was able to hold onto sixth.

## RICCIARDO V VETTEL

In the nine races in which both Red Bulls have finished, Ricciardo has beaten Vettel eight times.

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| Hungary | 1 | 7 |
| Belgium | 1 | 5 |
| Italy | 5 | 6 |

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## Ricciardo stars with late charge to fifth

DANIEL RICCIARDO'S DRAMATIC CHARGE TO FIFTH lit up the second half of the Italian Grand Prix, culminating in a superb pass on Red Bull team-mate Sebastian Vettel. While the Australian did not demonstrate quite the same raw pace as Vettel during the weekend, qualifying just under three-tenths slower, the team decided to leave him out until lap 26 before pitting to change to hard-compound Pirellis.

This allowed him to attack in the second half of the race. With Ferrari struggling, the crowd appeared to co-opt Ricciardo, whose family hails originally from Sicily, cheering his every pass as he climbed from 12th to fifth.

Helped by prodigious straightline speed, topping out at a race-best 225 mph with DRS in the speed trap on the start/finish straight, Ricciardo passed Kimi Raikkonen, Jenson Button, Sergio Perez and Kevin Magnussen before finally closing on Vettel.

As Red Bull had opted to bring Vettel into the pits early - on lap 18 - to gain track position relative to Magnussen and to stay ahead of Button and Perez, he was struggling with tyre performance in the closing stages. Ricciardo's decisive attack on his team-mate started at the Rettifilo chicane on lap 47.

He attacked around the outside into the chicane, Vettel locking up as he defended on the inside. This allowed Ricciardo to get a stronger exit and have a run on Vettel through Curva Grande. But instead of keeping his foot in, as they approached the Roggia chicane, he lifted to allow

## Ericsson punished for flag blunder

CATERHAM DRIVER MARCUS ERICSSON WAS condemned to start from the pits after ignoring yellow flags during practice.

The Swede was deemed not to have slowed for double waved yellows at the flat-out Curva Grande. These were deployed because of the need to recover Sergio Perez's Force India from the track, with marshals having to push the car to safety after it stopped on circuit.

Stewards analysed the telemetry, which showed that Ericsson did not slow. He was also hit with three superlicence penalty points for the error, taking his tally to the season for five. He was previously given penalty points for hitting Felipe Massa's Williams during qualifying in Monaco.

Ericsson finished last on the road in the race after his pitlane start, but moved up to 19th after Esteban Gutierrez was given a time penalty.



## Start disaster costs Bottas

VALTTERI BOTTAS RECOVERED
to finish fourth in the Italian Grand Prix after a problem at the start dropped him to 10th.

The Finn, who was struggling to get temperature into his tyres early on, then slipped to 11th behind Kimi Raikkonen before starting to climb the order, eventually passing Vettel for fourth on lap 40. Bottas's poor start was initially attributed to Hamilton's slow getaway ahead. But the Finn suffered from huge amounts of wheelspin that made him a sitting duck on the run to the first corner.
"At the moment, it's not 100 per
cent clear," said performance chief Rob Smedley of the reason for the poor start. "Initially, we thought it was a clutch problem but then, looking at the clutch delivery and the torque delivery on both cars, they seem to have worked OK.
"He just seemed to have an awful lot of wheelspin. I think the grip was low and he couldn't feel the peak of grip and struggled getting the tyres up to temperature. We have to look to see how Felipe [Massa] was able to start better."

Bottas eventually finished 10s clear of fifth-placed Daniel Ricciardo, and 15 s behind Massa.


## Massa bags first Williams podium

FELIPE MASSA CLAIMED HIS FIRST PODIUM FOR Williams, and his first in F1 since the Spanish Grand Prix in May 2013, at Monza.

The Brazilian qualified fourth, climbing to third at the start ahead of slow-starting team-mate Valteri Bottas. He then overtook Kevin Magnussen for second on lap five on the outside of the second chicane before dropping back behind the recovering Lewis Hamilton on lap 10. From there, he had a lonely run to third.
"He needed to get the car up there and fighting at the front and to finish at the front because it's psychologically good for him," said Williams performance chief Rob Smedley. "It's a great team result because we finished third and fourth. Felipe got a podium out of it. We need him to be positive and to get his mojo back and start scoring the big points again."

Despite a pole position in Austria, Massa's best 2014 result prior to Monza was fourth.

## [18 FELPE MRSSA <br> "IT'S SO SPECIAL ON THE PODIUM HERE"

It's an important podium for you? It's a great day for us. It was a great race and a great start. Also the pace was very good. It was not enough to fight with Mercedes but we had very good pace. It's so special to be on the podium here in front of these amazing people. It's a very positive result in that we passed Ferrari [in the constructors' championship] as well.

How do you feel being on the podium at Monza without Ferrari?
Ferrari will always be in my heart because I had an incredible time there but now I am in another team and we need to fight with everybody. It's a message that we are competitive, that we are fighting. But it's not that I'm not in red anymore so I don't have the same pleasure and happiness to be in front of these incredible people.

How were the tyres for a one-stop strategy? The tyres worked pretty well, maybe a bit more degradation on the medium so I was suffering a little bit more at the end of the stint. But no problem with the hard tyres.

Is it possible to beat Mercedes at a different track like Singapore?
It's very difficult. Singapore is maybe the track that is going to be more negative than the others for us. But in Singapore, you never know, many things can happen. I hope we can do a good job there as well.


## Italian gp

## STORIES OF THE RACE

## Ferrari has disastrous home race

FERRARI ENDURED A
disastrous Italian Grand Prix, scoring just two points thanks to Kimi Raikkonen's ninth place.
While the Finn had an
underwhelming weekend, Alonso posted his first retirement since last April's Malaysian Grand Prix. This was the first time a mechanical failure had put him out of a race since an engine problem in Malaysia 2010.
Alonso ran seventh early on, but fell to 11 th behind Raikkonen thanks to an ERS problem that could not be fixed, which forced him to retire.
"The battery was not working for some laps and I lost a little bit of distance with the group of cars in front," said Alonso. "And then, the car switched off completely.
"Obviously, we are not happy with the results in front of our people. To have a mechanical failure is never nice because the team is working hard to give us the best car possible."


Everybody had reliability issues this year [except] Ferrari, so we joined a group But it's not any kind of comfort



## Chilton ends up in gravel after error

MAX CHILTON RETIRED FROM A GRAND prix for only the second time in 32 starts after an error at the Roggia chicane.

Chilton was running 20th, under pressure from Romain Grosjean, on lap six when he outbraked himself into the second chicane. He cut across the inside kerb and hit the two speed bumps, launching his Marussia across the track and into the gravel.
"I made a mistake," he admitted. "I was braking there on Friday on the heavy fuel, but it was probably too late for this early on in the race. I hit both sleeping policemen, which launched me. I've never had it like that before. When you're off the ground, you can't turn the car."

Initial radio communications indicated he was winded, with Chilton later describing the impact with the ground as painful. But checks indicated no problems as a result of the off.

## Magnussen loses seventh spot to penalty

MCLAREN DRIVER KEVIN MAGNUSSEN WAS HIT with a post-race penalty, relegating him from an on-the-road seventh to 10th place.

Magnussen had qualified superbly in fifth and ran second in the early laps before becoming embroiled in a dramatic battle that raged behind the top three. On lap 31, he was in fifth place when Valteri Bottas, recovering after a poor start, attempted to pass him around the outside into the first chicane.

Magnussen, who was defending, used the full width of the track in the middle of the corner, making Bottas cut across the chicane and drop behind him. Stewards deemed him to have forced Bottas off the

track, issuing a five-second penalty. As Magnussen had already made his pitstop, the time was added after the race.
"I don't want to comment because it doesn't matter what I think, those are the rules," said Magnussen. "If they [the stewards] give me that penalty, it means that I broke the rules, simple as that."

McLaren racing director Eric Boullier described the penalty as "unfortunate" and the defence "legitimate", while Bottas was unsure whether or not it was worth a penalty even though he said he had nowhere to go. It is understood that the stewards did not take Magnussen's previous incidents into account

## MAGNUSSEN'S PENALTIES

Magnussen has been hit with several penalties during his rookie season.


20-second penalty for forcing Fernando Alonso onto the grass


Five-second penalty for forcing Valtteri Bottas off track


## Gutierrez punished for hitting Grosjean

ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ WAS HANDED A
20-second penalty for hitting Romain Grosjean's Lotus.
The incident happened with five laps of the race left, with the Sauber driver overtaking Grosjean for 16th place on the run to the first chicane. But he moved across on Grosjean before he was clear, clipping the front wing of the Lotus.
"We were under braking and he turned a little bit to the right," said Grosjean. "He moved a little bit too much to the right."

Gutierrez complained about inconsistency of the car under braking and insisted that the clash - which team principal Monisha Kaltenborn branded "unnecessary" was not a deliberate weave.
"It was not on purpose to move my line, but this is how it was," he said. "It's an unfortunate moment." Gutierrez finished 19th on the road, but the penalty dropped him to 20th behind Marcus Ericsson's Caterham. Grosjean sustained minor wing damage and finished 16th.


## Brake problem costs Kvyat a point

DANIIL KVYAT WAS ROBBED OF A POINT BY A front-left brake problem that led to him going off at the first chicane on the penultimate lap.

The Russian Toro Rosso driver became the first driver to get a 10-place grid penalty for using a sixth power unit after his Renault engine was changed. He started 21st, but a long first stint on hard rubber lifted him into contention.

With Kevin Magnussen facing a five-second penalty post-race, Kvyat moved up into 'virtual' 10th place on lap 51, only to fly up the escape road at Rettifilo a lap later and drop to 11 th.
"Everything was under the limit and our brake temperature looked pretty good," said Toro Rosso technical director James Key. "Everything looked healthy and there was nothing reported from the drivers about being strange. It was completely out of the blue."

Kvyat was also catching Kimi Raikkonen at the time, meaning he could also have taken ninth.

## DRAWING BOARD



## Force India plays shorter chords

- Force India shortened the chord of the main plane of its rear wing to suit the low-downforce demands of Monza.
The yellow section and the dotted line indicate where the normal-specification wing is.
Ifyou have a very long-chord main plane and a short flap, the centre of pressure isn't that far rearward on the wing. You are trying to get leverage from the rear onto the wheels and the centre of pressure dictates that leverage. So by shortening the main plane, you push the centre of pressure back a bit. Itreduces the amount of downforce you are creating, and therefore the drag, but because you are increasing the leverage to the wheels, you don't get the same reduction in force on them.

Force India also tried to run without the louvres, which are there to minimise the draggy vortex created by the pressure differentials. But the team eventually opted to run them in the race.


## Ferrari wing wins beauty contest

If you look at this front wing, or that of the Red Bull, they look beautifully clean. It's a shame nobody takes a walk down the pitlane and writes a regulation to make them the norm, rather than just for low-downforce circuits. By removing the cascades and shortening the upper lip, it trims out the downforce withouthurting the airflow to the back of the car. This makes sense because it cuts the drag without changing the airflow characteristics that the car is conceived around.
Ferrari did stick with the two turning vanes, which help turn the airflow around the front wheels.


## Mercedes tweaks wings and floors

Mercedes ran a modified version of its
arched rear wing, going from three arches to two, with a straight section leading to the endplates.

The arches are there because the splitters, which separate the main plane and the flap of the rear wing, affect the airflow on the surface of the wing as the airflow on the two surfaces doesn't travel at the same speed. The arches reduce the risk of airflowseparation. The low-drag wing
means the team could drop from three to two arches as the interaction with the endplate doesn't create a vortex so easily.
There was also a modification to the floor, with a slotnow a similar shape to that on the Red Bull. There is low pressure underneath the floor and low pressure on the top. The airflow dispersed by the tyre wants to take that airflow under the floor, which hurts the diffuser, so this slotreduces the amount of air going underneath the car.

## RED BULL



SEBASTIAN VETTEL
Start 8th Finish 6th
Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

DANIEL RICCIARDO
Start 9th Finish 5th
Strategy 1 stop
(medium/hard)

## MERCEDES



NICO ROSBERG
Start 2nd Finish 2nd
Strategy 1 stop
(medium/hard)


## Lewis hamilion

Start 1st Finish 1st
Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

This was harder work, with no rain to do Red Bull a favour as it had done in qualifying at Spa, but the team did a decent job to emerge as the strongest non-Mercedespowered team at Monza with fifth and sixth.

Once again, the decision was made to trim back the aero to improve the top speed, with Daniel Ricciardo clocking a mighty 225 mph in the main speed trap in the race. That certainly paid off, with the Australian able to climb from 12th in the early going to a superb fifth place after some great passing moves.

Vettel paid the price for a strategic gamble that left him
struggling badly for grip late on. But overall it didn't cost the team much as it likely could do no better than fifth.

The Silver Arrows again dominated after a tricky run through practice, seemingly able to get away without trimming as much downforce from its package as others thanks to how well the team has harnessed the engine. Realistically, Hamilton always looked to be the faster of the two drivers and he proved that with pole position and a superb recovery from fourth, after an engine-mode problem at the start, to win.

As for Rosberg, he made an error while trying to make up for his pace disadvantage. This wasn't, however, the consequence of a conspiracy to give Hamilton back a win as some of the more imaginative suggested, merely that his team-mate was the better driver on the day.

## FERRARI



KIMI RAIKKONEN
Start 11th Finish 9th
Strategy 1 stop
(medium/hard)



This was always the weekend that the Scuderia was dreading. Not only did the long straights of Monza highlight the weaknesses of its engine package but, with the extreme scrutiny of the home press and rumours surrounding Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo's future, it was always going to be a weekend to be endured.
Alonso, as always, looked absolutely stunning on track and would have picked up a decent result, potentially in among the Red Bulls in the vicinity of sixth place, had he not suffered an ERS failure. As for Raikkonen, he was lacklustre even though he looked pretty happy with the characteristics of the car, but he struggled badly for grip in qualifying and the race.

## SAUBER




ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ
Start 15th Finish 20th Strategy 3 stops (hard/ medium/medium/medium)

ADRIAN SUTIL
Start 14th Finish 15th Strategy 1 stop (hard/medium)

The Swiss team continues to make steady progress but, after some improved showings in recent races, was once again further from the points in Monza. This was largely down to the Ferrari engine, which appeared to be weaker than the Renault on the long straights of the Milanese track.

Sutil did his usual tidy job, while Gutierrez looked to have good pace in fits and starts only to squander it with a disappointing Q2 performance. He struggled with grip from the tyres, switching to a two-stopper that was always going to leave him close to the back, but there was no excuse for hitting Grosjean while passing the Lotus late in the race. His 20-second penalty cost him only one place.

## TORO ROSSO



JEAN-ERIC VERGNE
Start 12th Finish 13th Strategy 1 stop

DANIIL KVYat
Start 21st Finish 11th Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

The ex-Minardi team, which won at Monza with Sebastian Vettel back in 2008, was again a borderline top-10 team. Kvyat always looked the man most likely, with team-mate Vergne performing solidly but unspectacularly, but an engine change meant the Russian took a 10-place grid penalty. Fortunately, he mitigated his losses by qualifying 11th, ensuring the penalty did not carry over to Singapore. After a long first stint on hards, Kvyat had got close enough to Magnussen to take 10th once the Dane's five-second penalty was factored in, only for a front-left brake problem to cause him to go off at the first chicane and cruise home at heavily reduced pace. Another weekend where points went begging.

## WILLIAMS



FELIPE MASSA
Start 4th Finish 3rd Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

## VALTEEII BOTTAS

Start 3rd Finish 4th Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

This was always going to be a strong circuit for Williams and Bottas's startling long-run pace on Friday suggested that it might be possible for a run at victory. That proved to be asking too much, but it was certainly best of the rest. To the team's credit, it delivered its potential with Massa taking third ahead of the recovering Bottas, who'd slumped from third on the grid to 11th at the start.

Bottas's poor start was not fully understood by Williams after the race. He picked up a huge amount of wheelspin, potentially compounded by the tyres not being up to temperature. Even so, a good weekend for Williams while Bottas would have liked the chance to attack the Mercs, he would have been hard pressed to beat them.

## LOTUS



ROMAIN GROSJEAN
Start 17th Finish 16th
Strategy 1 stop
(hard/medium)


PASTOR MALDONADO
Start 16th Finish 14th
Strategy 1 stop
(medium/hard)

Watching the Lotus trackside on Friday at the Ascari chicane, AUTOSPORT technical expert Gary Anderson declared it to be "without a shadow of a doubt, the worst racing car l've seen in my life". Ascari certainly showed up its shortcomings, with the diffuser stalling as it hit the bump in the braking zone, sending Maldonado and, in particular, Grosjean, on a lurid battle to keep the car on track and pointing vaguely in the right direction.

An intercooler problem on Saturday compromised Grosjean's qualifying, with a downshift problem blighting his race, but Maldonado drove an outstanding grand prix. That 'outstanding' meant 14th place tells you everything you need to know about the Lotus E22 at Monza.

McLAREN

kevin magnussen
Start 5th Finish 10th
Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

## FORCE INDIA



SERGIO PEREZ
Start 10th Finish 7th
Strategy 1 stop
(medium/hard)
Jenson Button
Start 6th Finish 8th
Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

It was no surprise to see the McLaren weaker in the speed traps than some of its fellow Mercedes-powered teams, although an upgraded Mobil fuel specification helped to squeeze a but more power out of the engine. In qualifying Magnussen was the star, leaping to fifth on his final lap, and a great start meant he was able to run second in the early going.

Inevitably he slipped back, but on his way to finishing seventh on the road he forced Bottas off the track at the first chicane. The result was a five-second penalty from which he was fortunate to escape with a point. As for Button, his peaks of performance weren't as impressive as the Dane's, but he drove solidly.

The Silverstone squad's single-lap pace continues to fall short of its race form, but Perez produced a great effort on his first Q2 run to secure a place in the top-10 shoot-out that didn't look on. By contrast, Hulkenberg struggled, lacking grip and being compromised by traffic in Q2, condemning him to a lowly grid position that he didn't recover from.

Perez had a tough time in the race but acquitted himself well, keeping himself in the thick of the battle on the periphery of the top six. Particularly impressive was his racecraft when battling with Jenson Button, spectacularly going wheel to wheel with him through the first Lesmo and beating him to seventh.

MARUSSIA


## MAX CHIITON

Start 20th Finish DNF Strategy retired (medium/retired)


JULES BIANCHI
Start 19th Finish 18th Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

Monza was always going to be a difficult weekend for Marussia in its eternal battle with Caterham, as the green squad has generally been stronger on the straights this season. Even so, it was a surprise to see Bianchi outqualified by Kobayashi and finishing 12 seconds behind the Japanese in the race. Only in the second sector, including the two Lesmo right-handers, did the Marussia seem to have the edge.

It was a disappointing weekend for Chilton, who was half a second off Bianchi in qualifying. Then, after doing well to repass Grosjean, he overcooked it into the second chicane and, instead of taking to the escape road, he clattered over the speed bumps and dumped himself in the gravel.


MARCUS ERICSSON
Start 22nd/pits Finish 19th Strategy 1 stop
(hard/medium)
KAMUIKOBAYASHI
Start 18th Finish 17th Strategy 1 stop (medium/hard)

Kobayashi did a superb job for Caterham, which was not entirely expected given that he only arrived from Japan at the eleventh hour, having expected to sit out the weekend in favour of 2011 F3 Euro Series champion Roberto Merhi. But with Merhi granted only a provisional superlicence to allow him to run in free practice, and Andre Lotterer turning down the chance to return because he didn't want to race with the handicap of missing FP1 at a track he doesn't know as well as Spa, Kobayashi was in. He did all that could be asked, beating Bianchi's Marussia, while team-mate Marcus Ericsson started from the pits after ignoring yellow flags in practice. He was promoted from last thanks to Gutierrez's post-race penalty.


## Lewis Hamilton

Had the speed and racecraft to know when to attack and to force Rosberg into a mistake. And, after the setback of Spa, showed he was mentally strong enough to overcome further problems by recovering from lost practice mileage and a poor start. Probably his most complete performance of the season, rivalled only by his dominance in April's Malaysian GP.
"I came here with a positive attitude hoping for no issues. The cool thing about today is that I had another serious one and managed to pull through it."

## ITALIAN GP

RESULTS


| PRACTICE $1:$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| POS | DRIVER | TIME |
| 1 | HAMILTON | 1 m 26.187 s |
| 2 | BUTTON | 1 m 26.810 s |
| 3 | ROSBERG | 1 m 26.995 s |
| 4 | ALONSO | 1 m 27.169 s |
| 5 | MAGNUSSEN | 1 m 27.228 s |
| 6 | VETTEL | 1 m 27.271 s |
| 7 | RAIKKONEN | 1 m 27.493 s |
| 8 | PEREZ | 1 m 27.687 s |
| 9 | KVYAT | 1 m 27.741 s |
| 10 | HULKENBERG | 1 m 28.112 s |
| 11 | GUTIERREZ | 1 m 28.114 s |
| 12 | BOTTAS | 1 m 28.148 s |
| 13 | MASSA | 1 m 28.150 s |
| 14 | VERGNE | 1 m 28.300 s |
| 15 | VAN DER GARDE | 1 m 28.429 s |
| 16 | RICCIARDO | 1 m 28.487 s |
| 17 | JUNCADELLA | 1 m 29.192 s |
| 18 | MALDONADO | 1 m 29.512 s |
| 19 | CHILTON | 1 m 30.017 s |
| 20 | BIANCHI | 1 m 30.081 s |
| 21 | PIC | 1 m 30.125 s |
| 22 | MERHI | 1 m 30.704 s |
| 23 | ERICSSON | 1 m 30.948 s |
| Weather: $19 C, \mathrm{cloudy}$ |  |  |


| PRACTICE 2: Friday |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| POS DRIVER | TIME |
| 1 ROSBERG | 1 m 26.225 s |
| 2 HaMILTON | 1 m 26.286 s |
| 3 RAIKKONEN | 1 m 26.331 s |
| 4 ALONSO | 1 m 26.565 s |
| 5 BOTTAS | 1 m 26.758 s |
| 6 BUTTON | 1 m 26.762 s |
| 7 VETTEL | 1 m 26.762 s |
| 8 MAGNUSSEN | 1 m 26.881 s |
| 9 MASSA | 1 m 26.935 s |
| 10 RICCIARDO | 1 m 26.992 s |
| 11 PEREZ | 1 m 27.079 s |
| 12 HULKENBERG | 1 m 27.227 s |
| 13 KVYAT | 1 m 27.476 s |
| 14 GUTIERREZ | 1 m 27.840 s |
| 15 VERGNE | 1 m 27.929 s |
| 16 SUTIL | 1 m 28.029 s |
| 17 BIANCHI | 1 m 28.659 s |
| 18 MALDONADO | 1 m 28.700 s |
| 19 CHILTON | 1 m 28.786 s |
| 20 GROSJEAN | 1 m 29.085 s |
| 21 KOBAYASHI | 1 m 29.178 s |
| 22 ERICSSON | 1 m 29.275 s |
| Weather: 24C, cloudy |  |


| PRACTICE 3: Saturday |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| POS | DRIVER | TIME |
| 1 | HAMILTON | 1 m 25.519 s |
| 2 | ALONSO | 1 m 25.931 s |
| 3 | BOTTAS | 1 m 26.090 s |
| 4 | MASSA | 1 m 26.114 s |
| 5 | BUTTON | 1 m 26.242 s |
| 6 | VETTEL | 1 m 26.290 s |
| 7 | RAIKKONEN | 1 m 26.327 s |
| 8 | KVYAT | 1 m 26.437 s |
| 9 | RICCIARDO | 1 m 26.482 s |
| 10 | HULKENBERG | 1 m 26.608 s |
| 11 | MAGNUSSEN | 1 m 26.829 s |
| 12 | GUTIERREZ | 1 m 27.207 s |
| 13 | PEREZ | 1 m 27.312 s |
| 14 | VERGNE | 1 m 27.479 s |
| 15 | SUTIL | 1 m 27.498 s |
| 16 | BIANCHI | 1 m 28.025 s |
| 17 | MALDONADO | 1 m 28.137 s |
| 18 | KOBAYASHI | 1 m 28.265 s |
| 19 | GROSJEAN | 1 m 28.459 s |
| 20 | CHILTON | 1 m 28.579 s |
| 21 | ERICSSON | 1 m 29.251 s |
| 22 | ROSBERG | no time |



## QUALIFYING TIMES

| POS | DRIVER | QUALIFYYNG 1 | QUALIFYYNG 2 | QUALIFYING 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | HAMILTON | 1 m 25.363 s (1) | 1 m 24.560 s (1) | $1 \mathrm{m24.109s}$ |
| 2 | ROSBERG | 1 m 25.493 s (2) | 1 m 24.600 s (2) | 1 m 24.383 s |
| 3 | BOTTAS | 1 m 26.012 s (4) | 1m24.858s (3) | 1 m 24.697 s |
| 4 | MASSA | 1 m 25.528 s (3) | 1 m 25.046 s (4) | 1 m 24.865 s |
| 5 | MAGNUSSEN | 1 m 26.337 s (8) | 1 m 25.973 s ( 10 ) | 1 m 25.314 s |
| 6 | BUTTON | 1 m 26.328 s ( 7 ) | 1 m 25.630 s (6) | 1 m 25.379 s |
| 7 | ALONSO | 1 m 26.514 s (10) | 1 m 25.525 s (5) | 1 m 25.430 s |
| 8 | VETTEL | 1 m 26.631 s (12) | 1 m 25.769 s (7) | 1 m 25.436 s |
| 9 | RICCIARDO | 1 m 26.721 s (14) | 1 m 25.946 s (9) | 1m25.709s |
| 10 | PEREZ | 1 m 26.569 s (11) | 1 m 25.863 s (8) | 1 m 25.944 s |
| 11 | KVYAT | 1 m 26.261 s (6) | 1 m 26.070 s | - |
| 12 | RAIKKONEN | 1 m 26.689 s (13) | 1 m 26.110 s | - |



Weather: 25C, sunny

| RACE: 53 LAPS - 190.596 MILES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| POS | DRIVER | team | LAPS | TOTAL TIME | FASTEST LAP | PITSTOPS | TIME In PITS | GRID |
| 1 | LEWIS HAMILTON | MERCEDES | 53 | 1h19m10.236s | 1 m 28.004 s | 1 | 24.453s | 1 |
| 2 | NICO ROSBERG | MERCEDES | 53 | +3.175s | 1 m 28.206 s | 1 | 24.583s | 2 |
| 3 | FELIPE MASSA | WILLIAMS-MERCEDES | 53 | +25.026s | 1 m 28.342 s | 1 | 24.323s | 4 |
| 4 | VALTTERI BOTTAS | WILLIAMS-MERCEDES | 53 | +40.786s | 1 m 28.559 s | 1 | 24.991s | 3 |
| 5 | DANIEL RICCIARDO | RED BULL-RENAULT | 53 | +50.309s | 1 m 28.588 s | 1 | 24.388s | 9 |
| 6 | SEBASTIAN VETTEL | RED BULL-RENAULT | 53 | +59.965s | 1 m 29.141 s | 1 | 25.176 s | 8 |
| 7 | SERGIO PEREZ | FORCE INDIA-MERCEDES | 53 | +1m02.518s | 1 m 29.107 s | 1 | 24.938s | 10 |
| 8 | JENSON BUTTON | McLAREN-MERCEDES | 53 | +1m03.063s | 1 m 29.245 s | 1 | 24.669s | 6 |
| 9 | KIMI RAIKKONEN | FERRARI | 53 | +1m03.535s | 1 m 28.942 s | 1 | 24.547s | 11 |
| 10 | KEVIN MAGNUSSEN | McLAREN-MERCEDES | 53 | +1m06.171s | 1 m 29.283 s | 1 | 24.214s | 5 |
| 11 | DANIIL KVYat | TORO ROSSO-RENAULT | 53 | +1m11.184s | 1 m 28.486 s | 1 | 24.651 s | 21 |
| 12 | NICO HULKENBERG | FORCE INDIA-MERCEDES | 53 | +1m12.606s | 1 m 29.366 s | 1 | 25.547s | 13 |
| 13 | JEAN-ERIC VERGNE | TORO ROSSO-RENAULT | 53 | +1m13.093s | 1 m 29.121 s | 1 | 25.046s | 12 |
| 14 | PASTOR MALDONADO | LOTUS-RENAULT | 52 | -1 lap | 1 m 29.856 s | 1 | 24.223s | 16 |
| 15 | ADRIAN SUTIL | SAUBER-FERRARI | 52 | -1 lap | 1 m 29.375 s | 1 | 26.864s | 14 |
| 16 | ROMAIN GROSJEAN | LOTUS-RENAULT | 52 | -1 lap | 1 m 30.083 s | 1 | 25.098 s | 17 |
| 17 | Kamui Kobayashi | CATERHAM-RENAULT | 52 | -1 lap | 1 m 30.758 s | 1 | 25.277s | 18 |
| 18 | JULES BIANCHI | MARUSSIA-FERRARI | 52 | -1 lap | 1 m 30.521 s | 1 | 26.641 s | 19 |
| 19 | MARCUS ERICSSON | CATERHAM-RENAULT | 51 | -2 laps | 1 m 30.280 s | 1 | 28.685 s | 22 |
| 20 | ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ | SAUBER-FERRARI | 51 | -2 laps | 1 m 29.449 s | 3 | 1 ml 18.918 s | 15 |
| R | FERNANDO ALONSO | FERRARI | 28 | ERS failure | 1 m 29.680 s | 1 | 24.913s | 7 |
| R | MAX CHILTON | MARUSSIA-FERRARI | 5 | accident | 1 m 32.569 s | - | - | 20 |

Weather: 25C, sunny. Winner's average speed: 144.444mph. Fastest lap: Hamilton 1 m 28.004 s (147.256mph) on lap 29 . Lap leaders: 1-23 Rosberg, $24-25$ Hamilton, 26-28 Rosberg, 29-53 Hamilton. Kvyat dropped 10 grid places for engine change; Ericsson started from pitlane for yellow-flag infringement; Magnussen finished 26-28 Rosberg, $29-53$ Hami lton. Kvyat dropped 10 grid places for engine change; Ericsson started from pitlane for yellow-flag infringement; Magnussen finished
P7, but 5 s added to race time for forcing another driver off track; Gutierrez finished P19, but 5 s added to race time for causing collision

## DRIVERS' STANDINGS




23 LOTTERER


CONSTRUCTORS' STANDINGS


## POS DRIVER



| TYRE CHOICE |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STINT 1 | STINT 2 | STINT 3 | STINT 4 |
| Medium | Hard |  |  |
| Medium | Hard |  |  |
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Option tyre in bold; new set in red; used set in black.



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## PIT-TO-GAR GLAMPDOWN

# Will radio silence make drivers the stars again? 

## Amid much communication between engineers and drivers, F1 is considering

a radio restriction. JONATHAN NOBLE looks at why and what it could mean


Formula 1 pit-to-car radio communication is set for a dramatic clampdown as part of a push by the sport's chiefs to make drivers work harder. Amid ongoing discussions related to winning back audiences, there is a growing consensus that the way F1 is evolving is hurting the image of drivers. A common complaint this year has been that increased radio instructions from the pitwall to those behind the wheel - relating to driving advice, engine mapping modes, fuel saving and tyre conservation - have gone too far. Of special concern is that some drivers are relying more and more on their engineers on the pitwall to give them information about where they are losing performance - or where their team-mate is doing better. It is giving the impression that drivers are simply following
instructions and have little influence over their own performance.
During a meeting of F1's Strategy Group at Monza last weekend, team chiefs agreed that the explosion of radio instructions in 2014 had turned off fans. The FIA has now been tasked with finding a way to sort the matter out - and changes could be in place as early as the Singapore Grand Prix next week.

## THE CRITICISMS

It has been common, especially among the intense title battle between Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg, to hear both drivers demanding help from the pitwall to find out where their rival is quicker During second free practice at Monza last weekend, Rosberg came on the radio to his team and asked: "Driving style advice?"
It is conversations like this that

have angered fans and media, because they give the perception that drivers are no longer masters of their own destiny.
Four-time world champion Alain Prost joined in with those criticisms last weekend. "If I have something negative to say about the modern

## IIf modem F1 has a

 negative it is the radio communication. It sends very bad messages to the spectators AIANVPROSTFormula 1 it is really the radio messages," he told AUTOSPORT.
"The messages for the public, the spectators, the people watching TV, these messages are very negative Even if it's not completely true, people can think Formula 1 has become something too assisted,

easy and controlled by somebody else than the driver. That is the worst you can have."

## CLAMPDOWN RATHER THAN BAN

Although a total ban on pit-to-car radio would completely sort out the issue, such a dramatic move would have two negative consequences. First, the use of radio does have safety benefits: drivers are often advised on potential danger zones if a car or debris is in the middle of the track, or of an imminent car problem that could pose a threat. Secondly, the broadcasting of in-car radio - especially when drivers get emotional about rivals or incidents on track - does provide great drama. A compromise needs to be found. One idea being looked at is to make it clear that teams cannot provide straight assistance to drivers from the pitwall. This would end
immediately the tips about where drivers need to be quicker but still allow the more entertaining calls.
Such a change could be achieved through a strict enforcement of Article 20.1 of F1's Sporting Regulations which states: "The driver must drive the car alone and unaided."

Talks between the teams and the FIA are expected to take place ahead of the Singapore Grand Prix where, if there is agreement, a change could take place.

McLaren racing director Eric Boullier believes a tweak to radio chatter, either through rules or in better filtering by television broadcasters, would not be a bad thing for teams or F1. "Radio messages and instructions, they have always been done since the radio was first in place," he says. "It is something new now because it

has only been broadcast for the past three years.
"FOM could switch it off, or filter it. But why not go with another rule that is going to make it simpler and let the driver express himself a bit more on track? That would be better, of course." $\mathbb{W}$


## Man Pemane TRACISIDE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, LOTUS

Is there more radio chatter this year than in the past? Yes, because there is so much more for the driver to do in terms of energy management and things like that. With these cars - the way they and the power units are designed - you need to be either charging more or charging less, and keeping it in the right position.

Some drivers say if you stop radio instructions then the cars will break down because faults will not get rectified. Is that true?
I suspect in very extreme cases it could be, but it is more the way that the regulations and power units are designed, because they need constant management.
We need to tell the driver what to do and what switches to change. It is affecting the performance in the end, because you want things in the right position, but it isn't a huge amount. And it lets the driver get on with the driving while the housekeeping and maintenance is all done here in the pits.

How much harder will it be to maximise performance if there are radio limits? The driver will just have to read information from a display. I know there is talk of things like driver coaching over the radio, that you are missing out on this corner and that corner - and I can see the merits of the view that it goes against the article [20.1]. I think we are expecting some sort of clarification on that - but how far Charlie [Whiting, F1 race director] will go I don't know. Whatever we have to do, we will have to adapt to it.

Would banning radio completely be an option?
There has been some talk of removing radios altogether, and I think that would be a bad move for safety. Primarily for telling them there is a yellow flag, or a car in the middle of the track, or oil, or debris. Teams are not getting big advantages from it. If and when it is limited, we will adapt to it.

FORMULA E IN BRITAIN

# Why London's Formula E venue could chenge 

The finale of Formula E's inaugural season is set to take place somewhere in London, but exactly where is open to question. AUTOSPORT investigates

TThe ExCeL exhibition centre in East London has emerged as a credible alternative to Battersea Park as the venue for London's round of the Formula E Championship after putting forward plans for a circuit that would include an indoor section.
AUTOSPORT has learnt that ExCeL London, which is located between Canary Wharf and London City Airport, has made an approach to host the final round of the inaugural season of the one-make electric-vehicle championship next summer. It is understood to have suggested running the event on a circuit that combines external sections with a loop through one of the facility's multiple exhibition halls.

The plan is at an advanced stage and appears to be regarded as a genuine alternative to Battersea by the Formula E organisation, even though boss Alejandro Agag's preference is for the race to be held in Battersea. AUTOSPORT's sources have revealed that a delegation, which included FIA head of safety Jacques Berger and MSA technical director John Symes, visited ExCeL to give a verdict on the alternative venue's proposed layout on the same
day as they inspected Battersea. A spokesman for the MSA stated that the governing body of British motorsport had "assisted the FIA with inspecting a number of potential sites for the UK round of the new Formula E championship, including Battersea Park", without expressly naming ExCeL as one of those alternatives.

ExCeL executive director Jeremy Rees would only confirm the facility's interest in hosting a Formula E race without going into detail of its plans. "We have been carefully tracking the progress of this exciting project since the public launch and believe that London will be a fabulous host city for the final race of the 2014/15 series, and we would obviously welcome the opportunity to host it," he said.
"ExCeL London has a proven track record of delivering complex world leading events, including Olympic and Paralympic events in 2012."

A spokesman for Formula E would not comment on the ExCeL plans. "We have a back-up plan but it is not something we can divulge," he said. "There is a plan B because a London race is important given the UK is such a motorsport stronghold."

"Formula E clearly wants to come to Battersea Pak and we sill have to see if thatis possible, depending on the interested parties" Wandsworth Council spokesman

It has also emerged that a Formula E Spark-Renault SRT_o1E one-make racer has run on the proposed layout at Battersea, the test run to assess its suitability taking place at 5 am in the morning sometime last month. But plans for the Battersea Park race, scheduled for June 27 next year, have not moved on substantially since Formula E announced at the end of June that the venue in the Borough of Wandsworth was its "chosen

location" for the London round. The Conservative-controlled council is still undertaking what a spokesman described as "an informal consultation process" with local residents, the Friends of Battersea Park pressure group and English Heritage, which lists Battersea as a park of special historic interest.
"Formula E clearly wants to come to Battersea Park and we still have to see if that is possible," the spokesman

continued. "Our decision will largely be based on the responses from interested parties."

The next stage would be for the council to move onto more formal consultation. If successful, the plan would then be voted on by the local authority's Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and go to Wandsworth's executive committee to be rubber stamped.
The spokesman said this was unlikely to happen until "much later in the year". He suggested that the decision would likely be made at a meeting scheduled for November 27 rather than when the committee convenes at the end of this month.
Only at this stage could the formal application for the planning consent for the circuit and the infrastructure necessary for the race be made. That process would normally take between two and three months, which would take Formula E into 2015 before it could officially confirm the London round.

What is not known is whether ExCeL would still be in a position at that stage to put on the race at short notice, should the application for planning permission prove unsuccessful or be delayed. $\mathbb{W}$

## AUIOSPORI SAYE.

The idea of a motor race taking place in Battersea sounds brilliant. It would put Formula E right in the heart of the city in a Thameside setting that would give the event a real taste of London. But the question remains: Is it viable?

The obstacles needing to be cleared before the event can take place in a public park are not insignificant, and more could be thrown in front of the Formula E freight train by a group or individuals looking to derail the event.

Should Formula E decide to switch its focus to ExCeL, the route to the first motor race in London since the Crystal Palace circuit closed its doors in 1972 would be much more straightforward, simplistic even. ExCeL exists to put on major events, so there would be no public consultation process - Formula E doesn't have to worry about noise, remember - and the route to planning consent much more direct.

There is another factor. Formula $E$ is acting as the promoter of the London event, which means it is shouldering
the financial risk. A race at ExCeL would be cheaper to put on because much of the infrastructure (grandstand seating and amenities such as toilets) is already in place. It would also be able to accommodate more paying spectators, which must be a significant consideration if Formula E wants to see any return on its investment.

ExCeL might be further from the centre of London, but it would be easier to get to. The 100-acre complex is served by three Docklands Light Railway stations, has 3700 car parking spaces and, from 2018, will have a 40-minute connection with Heathrow Airport once Crossrail is complete.

The fact that the Formula E race would be taking place in what is an anodyne exhibition complex could be regarded as a drawback. On the other hand, the there would be a visually stunning backdrop afforded by the proximity of Canary Wharf, the Millennium Dome, Victoria Dock and the Emirates Air Line cable car.
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$\rightarrow$ Pg4 formula e guide and season preview


RESULTS
RACE 1: 30 LAPS, 107.796 MILES

| 1 STOFFEL VANDOORNE (B) | 48m02.203s |
| :---: | :---: |
| ART Grand Prix; Grid: 1st-1m31.707s |  |
| 2 ARTHUR PIC (F) | +0.673s |
| Campos Racing; Grid: 2nd-1m31.926s |  |
| 3 MITCH EVANS (NZ) | +4.102s |
| Russian Time; Grid: 3rd-1m31.934s |  |
| 4 STEPHANE RICHELMI (MC) | +9.502s |
| DAMS; Grid: 6th-1m32.150s |  |
| 5 ANDRE NEGRAO (BR) | +11.140s |
| Arden International; Grid: 9th-1m32.354s |  |

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Arden International; Grid: 9th-1m32.354s } & \\ \mathbf{6} \text { FELIPE NASR (BR) } & \mathbf{+ 1 1 . 6 0 5 s}\end{array}$
Carlin; Grid: 7th-1m32 310s
$\begin{array}{lll}\mathbf{7} & \begin{array}{l}\text { MARCO SORENSEN (DK) } \\ \\ \text { MP Motorsport; Grid: 14th-1m32.419s }\end{array} & \mathbf{+ 1 4 . 4 5 8 s} \\ \mathbf{8} \text { JOLYON PALMER (GB) } & \mathbf{+ 1 5 . 0 4 9 s}\end{array}$

| 8 JOLYON PALMER (GB) | +15.049s |
| :--- | :--- |
| DAMS; Grid: 26th ${ }^{\star}$-1m32.010s |  |

9 STEFANO COLETTI (MC) $\quad \mathbf{+ 1 6 . 7 0 4 s}$
Racing Engineering; Grid: 12th-1m32.412s
10 JOHNNY CECOTTO JR (YV) $+17.164 s$ Trident; Grid: 23rd**-1m32.533s Winner's average speed: 134.612mph. Fastest lap: Julian Leal, Carlin, 1m33.473s, 138.634 mph . ${ }^{*}$ - qualifying time disallowed. ** - three-place grid penalty for impeding.

## RACE 2: 21 LAPS, 75.370 MILES

36m38.991s

| $\mathbf{1}$ PALMER | $\mathbf{3 6 m 3 8 . 9 9 1 s}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Grid: 1st |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ COLETTI | $\mathbf{+ 1 . 5 0 1 s}$ |

Grid: 9th $+3.024 \mathrm{~s}$
3 RICHELM $+4.881 \mathrm{~s}$
$\left.\begin{array}{lc}\hline \mathbf{4} \text { SORENSEN } & +4.881 \mathrm{~s} \\ \quad \text { Grid: 2nd }\end{array}\right]$
5 NEGRAO +7.980 s

GASR
$+10.602 \mathrm{~s}$
Grid: 3rd
7 PIC
$+11.238 \mathrm{~s}$
Grid: 7th
$+12.453 \mathrm{~s}$
8 ADRIAN QUAIFE-HOBBS (GB)
$+16.157 s$
9 DANIEL DE JONG (NL)
$+20.311 \mathrm{~s}$
MP Motorsport; Grid: 25th
+20.311s
Hilmer Motorsport; Grid: 22nd
Winner's average speed: 123.458 mph . Fastest lap: Coletti, $1 \mathrm{~m} 33.258 \mathrm{~s}, 138.954 \mathrm{mph}$.
All drivers in Dallara-Mecachrome GP2/11.

## DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

| 1 | PALMER | 231 |  | 6 | COLETTI | 114 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | NASR | 190 |  | 7 | PIC | 90 |
| 3 | VANDOORNE | 164 |  | 8 | LEAL | 66 |
| 4 | CECOTTO | 128 |  | 9 | RICHELMI | 63 |
| 5 | EVANS | 125 |  | 10 MARCIELLO | 57 |  |

## TEAMS

| 1 | DAMS | 294 |  | RACING ENGINEERING | 171 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | CARLIN | 256 |  | TRIDENT | 150 |
| 3 | ART GRAND PRIX | 190 |  | RUSSIAN TIME | 131 |

## POINTS SYSTEM EXPLAINED

Race 1: 25-18-15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1 to top 10 finishers. Race 2: 15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1 to top eight. Pole for race one: 4. Fastest lap of top 10 finishers in each race: 2.


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## After being banished to the rear of the grid, points

 leader Jolyon Palmer had it all to do. And the manner in which he did it was emphatic. By CHARLES BRADLEYCHAMPIONSHIP LEADER JOLYON PALMER TURNED a 32-point GP2 Series lead into 41 at Monza, but how he managed that after being slung to the back of the grid after qualifying was a turnaround of epic proportions. His sprint race victory on Sunday, his third win of the season, was the icing on his comeback cake following a charging drive from the back to eighth on Saturday.
The DAMS driver had qualified fourth but, when his car returned to parc ferme with less than the requisite one litre of fuel to satisfy the scrutineers, he went to bed seething. "More motivated than ever," he tweeted. "Head down, move on." And how.
Despite starting on the slightly slower hard-compound tyre, he gained six places on the opening lap of Saturday's feature race, then another five on the second tour. By lap seven he was up to 12 th, and then outbraked Rio Haryanto with ease for 11th at Rettifilo on lap 10, as those who'd started on the medium tyre began the mandatory pitstop sequence.
Running a long first stint, Palmer pitted on lap 20 , at the same time as the top hard-to-medium runner Marco Sorensen, who was 3.7 s ahead at the time. Palmer rejoined 1oth with 10 laps to go, but was now on the quicker tyre; this was his moment and eighth place was the clear target.
Palmer passed Julian Leal around the outside at Rettifilo, just before the Colombian served a drivethrough for punting Daniel Abt at Lesmo 2. Amid a sequence of fastest laps, Palmer passed Stefano Coletti's battered Racing Engineering car at Roggia with five laps remaining to obtain the prized reversed-grid pole spot for Sunday.
"The race went nearly perfectly" he reported. "The car was good, the strategy was good." On his
in-lap he told his team: "It feels better than a win." Palmer got to compare those feelings directly on Sunday. Although he didn't make the best of starts to the sprint race ("They don't tend to be at the moment," he rued) he went deep under braking at the first corner to fend off the attacking Sorensen. With Palmer having compromised his exit, the Dane came back at him into the Roggia, only to lock up and go straight on.

That promoted Palmer's team-mate Stephane Richelmi to second, and Palmer pulled away with ease after a five-lap safety car period following a 18 omph crash (that could have been so much worse) between series debutant Pierre Gasly and Artem Markelov on the back straight. That was sparked by Sergio Canamasas (who was later black-flagged) straightlining Ascari and rejoining, in video-game style, by hitting Adrian QuaifeHobbs and causing a logjam behind.

Palmer was now out in front, team-mate riding tailgunner and all the chaos was going on behind him. This was going to be simple now. Or was it? Having been thwarted by Palmer in his quest for reversed-grid pole, a fired-up Coletti emerged


as his closest challenger. From ninth on the grid he rocketed up to sixth at the start, and pulled off some remarkable outbraking moves at Rettifilo, passing Mitch Evans, Andre Negrao, Sorensen and Richelmi there with consummate ease.

Coletti clawed back the deficit of 2.1 s to Palmer to 0.7 s with three laps to go, but couldn't get close enough to launch one of those amazing lunges. "I almost went off a few times trying to catch him," admitted Coletti, who settled for second after a sensational drive that echoed that Monzameister of old in GP2, Giorgio Pantano.
Rewind to Saturday's race, and it was all about ART's Stoffel Vandoorne and Arthur Pic of Campos Racing. After taking his second pole position on the trot, McLaren protege Vandoorne controlled the feature race like a veteran especially when Pic slashed into his advantage in the closing stages.
"I upped my game and pushed really hard in the end, and finally managed to hold him off," said Vandoorne. Pic, who bemoaned a much slower pitstop, added: "It was really hard to find a place to overtake him. The only way was if he did a mistake, but he did not."

Evans rounded out the podium for Russian Time, and reckoned he'd have been more of a threat if he'd pitted earlier, but his radio connection wasn't working. He just managed to fend off Richelmi after his stop, while the much-improved Negrao of Arden International finished a best-ever fifth.

It wasn't such a great weekend for Palmer's title rival Felipe Nasr, who must've thought all his Christmases had come at once when Palmer was disqualified from qualifying. That promoted the Carlin driver to seventh on the grid, and Nasr

finished sixth, right on the tail of Negrao, after a hectic opening race for him packed with wheel-to-wheel dices.

With Palmer finishing just two places behind, it was imperative for Nasr to finish ahead of the Briton again on Sunday. But he made a terrible start from $\mathrm{P}_{3}$ and was swamped down to ninth place.

Nasr picked up a place when Pic made a porridge of Roggia, and gained another when Evans's attempt to pass Negrao around the outside of Rettifilo damaged his suspension, forcing the Kiwi out. Nasr finished seventh, but the stewards did him a favour by penalising Jon Lancaster for passing Pic over the white line on the start-finish straight, so he was classified sixth again. But that's simply not good enough form if he's to overcome the points deficit.
So Palmer had the last laugh on a weekend that served only to tighten his grip on the title with only two race weekends remaining: "It's been a weekend of massive lows but it ended in a perfect way." $\$$


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## Muller's magic Monza mastery

PORSCHE JUNIOR SVEN MULLER SCORED AN
immaculate maiden Supercup victory at Monza on Sunday, his lights-to-flag performance from pole position making up for his throwing away a certain win with a spin while leading at the Red Bull Ring earlier in the season.
While 22-year-old Muller was unchallenged up front and made no such mistakes this time, it was another youngster, 23-year-old Klaus Bachler, who surged up from fifth on the grid to third at the first corner. Points leader Earl Bamber had also made a fine getaway from third on the grid to run second behind Muller, but Bachler attacked Bamber at Rettifilo at the start of lap two.

After making contact, Bamber straightlined the corner and was forced to cede the position to Bachler as they ran through Curva Grande. That meant he slipped back into the clutches of title rival Kuba Giermaziak, and the pair fought out an intense duel to the finish.
Bachler had pulled clear of Bamber and Giermaziak until he ran through the gravel on the exit of Ascari at half distance. Bamber challenged into Roggia on the following lap, but outbraked himself and took the run-off again. He rejoined aggressively in front of Giermaziak, for which he received a black-and-white warning flag, but this allowed Bachler to escape clear in second.

Giermaziak was stronger through Ascari, and that set him up with strong runs into Parabolica, and latterly Rettifilo. The Pole attacked Bamber into Rettifilo twice in the last five laps, but both times the Kiwi was able to repel him and clung to third, which extends his slender points lead with just two races to go.
Behind Giermaziak, Michael Ammermuller held off the early challenge of Clemens Schmid. But when Ammermuller ran wide at Rettifilo, it was Nicki Thiim (who started down in 11th) who took advantage to jump past Schmid for sixth. Schmid's attempts to fight back ended when he ran wide at Ascari on the penultimate lap.
Britain's Ben Barker finished ninth, despite overshooting Rettifilo, but he has lost significant ground in the points standings.

- Charles Bradley


## RESULTS

1 Sven Muller (Team Project 1), 14 laps in 26 m 35.255 s ; 2 Klaus Bachler (Konrad Motorsport), +1.399 s ; 3 Earl Bamber (Fach Auto Tech); 4 Kuba Giermaziak (Lechner Racing Team); 5 Michael Ammermuller (Lechner); 6 Nicki Thiim (Lechner); 7 Clemens Schmid (Lechner); 8 Philipp Eng (Team Project 1); 9 Ben Barker (Lechner); 10 Matteo Cairoli (Antonelli Motorsport). Points 1 Bamber, 123; 2 Giermaziak, 118; 3 Bachler, 84; 4 Muller, 81; 5 Ammermuller, 76; 6 Barker, 73.


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# Stoneman defies title favourite Lynn 

NO WINS FOR ALEX LYNN AT MONZA, but the Red Bull junior left Italy with his championship hopes stronger than ever. Jimmy Eriksson kept his faint title dream alive with victory on Saturday, while Dean Stoneman kept Lynn off the top step of the podium in race two with a resolutely stubborn defence of his lead.

Eriksson had suffered a barren run of results in recent times: in the past seven races, he'd scored just seven points and slipped from second (four points behind Lynn) to fifth in the points ( 68 in arrears).

He took pole position by three tenths of a second, as Lynn's final lap - which was 0.27 s quicker at the second sector - had to be aborted due to Alex Fontana's Parabolica crash. That restricted Lynn to sixth, and he compounded that by going straight on at the first corner and completing the opening lap eighth.

Although Eriksson led, it wasn't all bad for Lynn, as his closest points rival, Richie Stanaway, flirted with the gravel at Roggia on lap one and then clipped Pal Varhaug at


Lesmo 1, plunging him to 13th. Eriksson's Koiranen car led from start to finish, ahead of ART's Dino Zamparelli, who scored his fourth runner-up finish in seven races. Despite his win Eriksson admitted, "To be honest I'm not looking at the standings anymore," and his poor start to Sunday's race only yielded a single point after a dreadful start.

Marvin Kirchhofer finished the opener in third, after Robert Visoiu, with whom he was battling, was judged to have overtaken him under yellows on the approach to the Roggia. Kirchhofer started down in eighth, but had Stoneman to thank for shoving him, NASCAR-style, up to fourth at the first corner.

Emil Bernstorff finished fourth, ahead of Stoneman and Lynn. Stanaway recovered to ninth, missing out on reversed-grid pole, which went to Matheo Tuscher. On Sunday morning Stoneman "nailed" his start from P3 to lead, with Lynn right on his tail. Frontrow men Tuscher and Patrick Kujala fell back, and would later take each other out at Roggia.
The battle for victory was a cracker, as Lynn - running less wing - towed past the Manor car of Stoneman on the pit straight. But Stoneman regained the lead with a super move at Roggia, which opened the door for Bernstorff to pass team-mate Lynn at the Lesmos.

Lynn grabbed second back around the outside of Bernstorff at Parabolica, and kept Stoneman

right in his sights until the finish.
"I knew Dean had nothing to lose and I had everything to lose," said Lynn, who takes a 50 -point lead to the penultimate round at Sochi. "It was better to be safe than sorry." Kirchhofer finished third again, getting the better of Bernstorff when the Brit went off briefly at Lesmo 2. Behind Bernstorff, Nick Yelloly bounced back to finish fifth after a poor race one, but Status GP team-mate Stanaway failed to score due to an engine failure.

- Charles Bradley


## RESULTS

Race 11 Jimmy Eriksson (Koiranen GP), 17 laps in 28m35.462s; 2 Dino Zamparelli (ART Grand Prix), $+0.674 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Marvin Kirchhofer (ART); 4 Emil Bernstorff (Carlin); 5 Dean Stoneman (Marussia Manor Racing); 6 Alex Lynn (Carlin); 7 Patrick Kujala (Manor); 8 Matheo Tuscher (Jenzer Motorsport); 9 Richie Stanaway (Status Grand Prix); 10 Nick Yelloly (Status). Race 21 Stoneman, 17 laps in 28m27.813s; 2 Lynn, $+0.908 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Kirchhofer; 4 Bernstorff; 5 Yelloly; 6 Kevin Ceccon (Jenzer); 7 Luis Sa Silva (Carlin); 8 Eriksson; 9 Zamparelli; 10 Alex Fontana (ART). Points 1 Lynn, 173; 2 Stanaway, 123; 3 Eriksson, 115; 4 Bernstorff, 111; 5 Kirchhofer, 107; 6 Yelloly, 102.

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## FORMULA RENAULT 2.0 ALPS 2014 // ROUND 11+12 // N



Formula Renault 2.0 ALPS has crowned its new champion at Mugello: Nyck de Vries. The young Dutchman, by winning Race One, lived up to the expectation everyone held for him before the start of the season. By winning the title with three races still to go, the Koiranen GP driver ended the championship hopes of Charles Leclerc (Fortec Motorsports), who was aiming to continue the winning streak he started at Monza in July, and which carried him to Mugello as the runner-up in the standings. On the bottom step of the podium in Race One was Prema wild card Bruno Bonifacio. Points for third place were thus awarded to another Brazilian, Pietro Fittipaldi (MGR Competition), who can be named as another surprise of the season. He joined the series only halfway through, at Spa, but has improved race by race.



Mugello Race 2 proved once more that de Vries is the man to beat in the series, as he led from flag to flag. Leclerc was once again second but, rather than trying to catch up the leader, he had to keep an eye on his mirrors for JD Motorsport's young Russian driver Matevos Isaakyan (third). These two will also duel for second overall in the Championship in the last round at Jerez at the beginning of October. There were also some impressive performances from the Prema wild cards at Mugello: Brazilian Bruno Bonifacio and Norwegian Dennis Olsen were respectively fourth and fifth. Right behind them were Russian Egor Orudzhev (Tech 1 Racing) and Briton George Russell, driving a Koiranen GP car.



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# FORMULA RENAULT ALPS 

Nyck de Vries is the 2014 Formula Renault 2.0 ALPS champion. At Mugello the Dutchman, who races with Koiranen GP, joined the series' Roll of Honour along with Javier Tarancon (2011), Daniil Kvyat (2012) and Antonio Fuoco (2013). De Vries, the rising talent of the McLaren Young Driver Programme, therefore follows in the footsteps of a Red Bull Junior driver (Kvyat) and a Ferrari Driver Academy member (Fuoco). The 19-yearold de Vries contested six races in the two-litre singleseater series in 2013, with two second places at Mugello as his best results. The Dutch driver seized the 2014 title with one round still to go after taking so far four pole positions, seven wins, two thirds and eight fastest laps out of 12. It's an impressive streak that put him ahead of Charles Leclerc and Matevos Isaakyan for a thrilling finale.

After winning the title in 2012 with Kvyat (now in F1 with Toro Rosso), the Finnish Koiranen team led by Afa Heikkinen is back on top. The goal now is to also win the last round, to be held on the $4 / 5$ October at Jerez (Spain).

| DRIVER | TEAM | PTS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nyck de Vries | Koiranen GP | 250 |
| Charles Leclerc | Fortec Motorsports | 166 |
| Matevos Isaakyan | JD Motorsport | 147 |
| George Russell | Koiranen GP | 101 |
| Simon Gachet | Arta Engineering | 68 |
| Alessio Rovera | Cram Motorsport | 65 |
| Dario Capitanio | BVM Racing | 58 |
| Luke Chudleigh | Tech 1 Racing | 36 |
| Pietro Fittipaldi | MGR Motorsport | 35 |
| Akash Nandy | Tech 1 Racing | 33 |

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## RESULTS

RACE 1: 18 LAPS, 34.92 MILES
1 COLIN TURKINGTON (GB) WSR BMW 125i M Sport $\quad \mathbf{2 7 m 0 7 . 9 2 6 s}$ 2 SAM TORDOFF (GB) MG (Triple Eight) MG6 +3.334s 3 JASON PLATO (GB) MG (Triple Eight) MG6 $\quad+6.832 \mathrm{~s}$ 4 ALAIN MENU (CH) BMR Volkswagen CC (S) $\quad+9.390 \mathrm{~s}$ 5 ADAM MORGAN (GB) Ciceley Mercedes A-class +11.481s 6 ANDREW JORDAN (GB) Eurotech Honda Civic $\quad$ +13.724s 7 FABRIZIO GIOVANARDI (I) Motorbase Ford Focus ST +13.925s 8 GORDON SHEDDEN (GB) Honda (Dynamics) Honda Civic Tourer $\mathbf{+ 1 8 . 9 1 6 s}$ 9 MAT JACKSON (GB) Motorbase Ford Focus ST $\quad+19.011 \mathrm{~s}$ 10 JACK GOFF (GB) BMR Volkswagen CC (S) +23.100s 11 ROB COLLARD (GB) WSR BMW 125 M M Sport +23.461s 12 ROB AUSTIN (GB) Rob Austin Racing Audi A4 +23.773s 13 TOM INGRAM (GB) Speedworks Toyota Avensis +24.334s 14 HUNTER ABBOTT (GB) Rob Austin Racing Audi A4 $\mathbf{+ 2 4 . 6 6 9 s}$ 15 NICK FOSTER (GB) WSR BMW 125 M M Sport +24.996s Winner's average speed: 77.22mph. Fastest lap: Turkington, $1 \mathrm{~m} 23.508 \mathrm{~s}, 83.63 \mathrm{mph}$. Pole: Tordoff, $1 \mathrm{~m} 22.471 \mathrm{~s}, 84.68 \mathrm{mph}$. ( $($ ) $)=$ soft tyres used in this race.

RACE 2: 16 LAPS, 31.04 MILES
1 TURKINGTON BMW
22m47.650s
2 PLATOMG
$+8.081 \mathrm{~s}$
3 TORDOFFMG
$+8.389 \mathrm{~s}$
4 JORDAN Honda (S)
+8.944s
5 AUSTIN Audi
+14.530 s
6 MENUVW
+14.921s
7 M JACKSON Ford
+16.413s
8 SHEDDEN Honda
$+19.368 \mathrm{~s}$
9 COLLARD BMW
$+19.368 \mathrm{~s}$
10 ABBOTT Audi
$+21.431 \mathrm{~s}$
11 GIOVANARDI Ford
+25.016s
12 MARTIN DEPPER (GB) Eurotech Honda Civic (S) +32.037s
13 GOFFVW
+33.566s
14 MATT NEAL (GB) Honda (Dynamics) Honda Civic Tourer $\quad \mathbf{+ 3 6 . 0 7 2 s}$ 15 JACK CLARKE (GB) Motorbase Ford Focus ST +36.959s Winner's average speed: 81.70mph. Fastest lap: Turkington, 1m23.873s, 83.26mph. Pole: Turkington.

RACE 3: 16 LAPS, 31.04 MILES

| 1 | AUSTIN Audi (S) | 22m47.734s |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MENUVW | +2.720s |
| 3 | JORDAN Honda | +5.862s |
| 4 | TURKINGTON BMW ( $($ ) | +7.382s |
| 5 | M JACKSON Ford (S) | +8.245s |
| 6 | COLLARD BMW (\$) | +8.440s |
| 7 | PLATO MG (S) | +11.173s |
| 8 | TORDOFF MG (S) | +13.547s |
| 9 | NEAL Honda (S) | +15.977s |
| 10 | DAVE NEWSHAM (GB) AmD Tuning Ford Focus ST (S) | +25.037s |
| 11 | INGRAM Toyota | +25.103s |
| 12 | ARON SMITH (IRL) BMR Volkswagen CC (s) | +25.651s |
| 13 | GIOVANARDI Ford (S) | +28.680s |
| 14 | CLARKE Ford | +30.980s |
|  | ROBB HOLLAND (USA) Rotek Audi A3 | +40.394s |

Winner's average speed: 81.70mph. FL: Smith, 1m23.945s, 83.19mph. Pole: Menu.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

| 1 | turkington | 366 | 6 | M JaCKSON | 234 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | PLATO | 311 | 7 | NEAL | 199 |
| 3 | SHEDDEN | 302 | 8 | TORDOFF | 184 |
| 4 | JORDAN | 255 | 9 | AUSTIN | 139 |
| 5 | COLLARD | 242 | 10 | SMITH | 138 |



Turkington's sucker ping

Rockingham was not viewed as a favourite for the championship leader's BMW, but he won twice anyway and took a huge step to the title. By SCOTT MITCHELL


SEVENTEEN YEARS. THAT'S HOW LONG IT'S BEEN since the British Touring Car Championship leader had an advantage greater than Colin Turkington's right now.

Matt Neal held a 53-point lead with two rounds to go in 2006 over Jason Plato, and went on to win by 48, but you have to go back to Alain Menu's all-conquering 1997 season to find a bigger gap than the 55 points separating Turkington and Plato heading to Silverstone.
We're arguably quibbling over semantics here, but the point is that the Turkington is ripping up the BTCC form book. It is usually much, much closer than this.

Turkington and his West Surrey Racing-run BMW 125i M Sport seems to have become the proverbial unstoppable force. That he lined up on the front row despite a mistake on his fastest
qualifying lap, on a circuit that was not expected to be one of the car's strongest and in a session that ended with barely a second covering him in second and team-mate Rob Collard in 16th is as convincing a testimony to that as any.

It will - indeed, it already has - further stoke the rear-wheel drive debate that has overshadowed the job done by Turkington and WSR this season. But you need only look at the team's qualifying performance overall to see this was a performance that had its roots in Turkington's class as much as it did with the strengths of the BMW.

With Nick Foster 15th and Collard 16th (albeit a few places lower than the team had hoped), Dick Bennetts said on Sunday morning that to earn second in qualifying - with maximum ballast and a lock-up at Tarzan on his flying lap - was arguably two rows higher


than Turkington's BMW should have been.
"Even last night I didn't think we had that type of performance," admitted Turkington on Sunday afternoon. "We didn't have the car we've had at other races this year. We worked hard last night and that set up my weekend."

The 2009 champion duly made the most of his front-row starting position as he easily blasted past poleman Sam Tordoff's MG before they reached the Turn 1 banking for the first time.

From there, it was a case of easing clear and managing a brief attack from Tordoff following a safety car period to clear Warren Scott's BMR Volkswagen CC, after it was collected in crushing fashion at Deene by an out-of-control Lea Wood, whose Toyota Avensis had been pitched into a spin under braking following slight contact with Aiden Moffat's Chevrolet Cruze.

Another victory in race two - by an even more
commanding margin this time - and a fourth in race three with Plato behind him again means Turkington can wrap up the title if he can pull another 12 points on the MG driver over the Silverstone weekend - but the BMW ace is still refusing to get carried away.
"We're working hard and getting the merits," he admitted. "But I've been about long enough to know how quickly things can turn. Silverstone is probably the track that we would see as being a bit more hard work."

As Turkington clinched win number eight of 2014 in race two, again it was an MG6 that gradually shrank in his mirrors. This time, though, it was Plato heading the chase, having passed Tordoff on the opening lap.

The MGs proved the strongest of the frontwheel drive contingent over the weekend as a whole, though they came under attack from


Andrew Jordan's soft-tyre shod Eurotech Honda Civic by the end of race two. On soft tyres they could only manage seventh and eighth in the finale, Plato leading Tordoff home again.
"We've had the best weekend we could," said Plato. "We're the best of the rest [and] leave Rockingham as leaders of the BTCC front-wheeldrive championship.
"Credit to the team, they have been brilliant this weekend and the results show that; it's been a big effort. We're doing a better job than anyone else that is in the same boat as us."

Finishing third, second and seventh means Plato does at least head into the final two rounds with a monopoly on second in the championship, a twisted kind of solace for the 2001 and 2010 champ.
"It's great to be ahead of Gordon [Shedden], but it isn't what it seems," he said. "There are two championships here; there's a championship for one car and a championship for the rest.
"We can't fight them the way it stands, and you may as well give Colin the championship now. My aim as the season has progressed has been to become the best of the rest. Realistically I can't do any more than that."
Holding off Tordoff and Jordan for second in race two drew Plato level on points with Shedden in the title race as the Honda driver struggled to a pair of eighths in his Civic Tourer, courtesy of a grassy excursion on the opening lap of race one and a general lack of straightline speed.

Plato then made second in the standings his own despite falling from fifth to seventh in the final race, in which Shedden retired after the first lap.

To say the Scot cut a disconsolate figure would be an understatement. He damaged the steering on his Dynamics-run Civic Tourer after hitting the rear of Hunter Abbott's Audi A4 at Pif Paf, and was in mood to debrief a troubled weekend.

That non-finish marked Shedden's first point-less race of the season, and leaves him 64 points adrift of Turkington with 67 on offer at each of the remaining rounds. In two visits to Silverstone with the hatchback NGTC Civic he has not qualified in the top 10, and on several occasions this season he and Matt Neal have laid the estate version's struggles firmly at the feet of perceived disparity between its Neil Brown Engineering engine and the TOCA powerplant (see page 43).

Top speed is not the Tourer's friend, and Shedden will do well to even mathematically remain in the title fight after Silverstone. But at least he fared better at Rockingham than team-mate Matt Neal.

After qualifying ninth, a sideways moment through Turn 1 dropped him to 13th on the opening lap and a fuel pick-up issue stymied his progress thereafter, leaving him 17th at the flag.

He managed to sneak into the points in the second encounter with a laboured drive to 14th, and made better progress in the third race on the soft tyre to round off a difficult weekend with $>$

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- ninth - and is now mathematically out of the title race he himself had forfeited long ago.

By contrast, Jordan and his hatchback Civic ended Sunday back on the podium for the first time since his race-three victory at Croft in June, and the 2013 champion was quick to point out he had not "lost his mojo" after trying trips to Snetterton and Knockhill.
"I haven't forgotten how to drive," he said after a superb defensive drive kept him ahead of Turkington, who shot from sixth to fourth at the start, for the entirety of the race despite a tyre disadvantage. "And that was one of my best. It was hard work.
"If you'd have said before that I'd keep Colin behind me with him on soft tyres and me on hards I'd probably have told you to sod off. When I saw him behind me I thought 'bloody hell'..."

Turkington soon had Mat Jackson's Motorbase Ford Focus to keep an eye on though. Jackson, though disappointed not to follow up his Knockhill victory with more than a trio of top 10 finishes at Rockingham, had survived the aggressions of team-mate Fabrizio Giovanardi in the first two races and harried Turkington for all his worth, though fifth was his limit.

That ongoing scrap meant the train fell away from the leading duo of Rob Austin and Alain Menu, allowing both to claim their best results of the season.

That duo had played starring roles behind the leaders in the first two races, with Menu charging from 1oth on the opening lap of the first encounter to fourth by the finish as one of only a few to opt for the soft-compound Dunlops.
He dropped back slightly in race two with regular rubber on his BMR Volkswagen CC, and was passed by Austin on the final lap as the Audi ace continued his recovery from a difficult qualifying session to move from 12th on the grid to fifth.
That put those two on the front row for the reversed-grid finale, and Austin used his RWD advantage to convert second into the lead almost immediately. Holding off Menu in the first few laps was key, and once his soft tyres were up to temperature Austin was able to creep clear to record a second BTCC win, 12 months on from the scene of his maiden triumph.
"I'm chuffed," he said. "You've got to play the long game if you don't qualify well. In the first few laps I was trying to manage the gap to Menu and also look after the tyres, but by the end I was absolutely flat out, there was nothing left."
Menu kept no company on his way to second, his first podium of a sometimes tumultuous comeback season, and the ' 97 and 'oo champion was pleased to finally put a full weekend together.
"It's the first weekend without any issues so I'm very happy," he said. "A win would have been the icing on the cake but second is very good." \$


(1) ANDREW JORDAN

Qualifying: 5 Race: 6/4/3 Comfortably the strongest Civic in the races and returned to the podium with superb defence in the finale.

## Cebay (o)

(5) COLIN TURKINGTON

Qualifying: 2 Race: 1/1/4 Insisted wins were not on the agenda but doubled up anyway. Could have won the third too if not for Jordan.


## (9) ALAIN MENU

Qualifying: 8 Race: 4/6/2
Excellent drive on softs in the first
race and solid race two set him up for a deserved R3 podium.

(80) TOMINGRAM

Qualifying: 12 Race: 13/R/11 Starred in practice then had brake issues in qualifying. Charged from 24th to 11th in R3 after R2 retirement.

(30) MARTIN DEPPER

Qualifying: 26 Race: 19/12/19 Off in qualifying put him near the back of the field but had the pace to be higher. Race two was a highlight.

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(10) ROB COLLARD

Qualifying: 16 Race: 11/9/6
Moved forward in R1 and R2 after a
difficult qualifying and finished with a flourish after soft-tyre run to sixth.


## (40) ARON SMITH

Qualifying: 14 Race: 20/17/12 Had to pit in R1 to check for damage after a clash. Fought hard thereafter but largely anonymous.

(11) SIMON BELCHER

Qualifying: 27 Race: 28/20/18 Quicker than his usual rivals in the bottom half of the field and came the closest he's been to a points finish.

## IN THE PADDOCK



IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH TO STOKE A debate about rear-wheel drive versus the alternative in this year's BTCC paddock.
So you can imagine the atmosphere in some quarters on Sunday afternoon after Colin Turkington swept to a dominant brace and put himself in with a chance of wrapping up the title with a round to spare.
It's that time of year when 2015 plans become more of a pressing concern. So if you're pushing for investment into a FWD product when the RWD BMW 125i M Sport is looking increasingly in a class of its own, it's not difficult to imagine the frustration.
As well as not wishing the job being done by Turkington and WSR to be punished instead of rewarded, I'm also unsure what TOCA officials could have done halfway through the year.
I've never been a fan of tweaking the rules during the season and I don't agree that the BMW should have been reined in already. That package has been the best this year and its title march is the reward. Going forward, 'ld be amazed if the situation remained the same, but what will be done will be the interesting bit. Can you apply a Balance of Performance to the BTCC? I wouldn't want to see it.

## Honda duo blames engine regs

Honda drivers Matt Neal and Gordon Shedden blamed engine disparities for their struggles at Rockingham.

Neal scored a best of ninth and Shedden bagged two eighths. It means Neal is mathematically out of the title fight while 2012 champion Shedden has fallen to third, 64 points behind leader Colin Turkington.
"The car's great but it's not got a TOCA engine," said Neal. "The first speed trap is fine because it's halfway through a corner but there's not a single Honda in the top 20 in the middle speed trap."

Neal claimed the lack of action from organisers could force Honda's hand as the Japanese marque continues negotiations over whether to continue in 2015. "Honda will pull out of the championship," he warned.
"So they [TOCA officials] have done their job because what they want is Honda out of the championship."

However, a Honda spokesperson said: "We haven't finished our deal for 2015, but it is absolutely our intention to run in the BTCC again next year, especially with the launch of the new Civic Type R."

On the subject of engine disparity, series boss Alan Gow said: "We've heard those two drivers moaning for the last three seasons about their engine power. And in that time the Honda Civic has won every drivers', teams' and manufacturers' title.
"Clearly they need to direct their frustration elsewhere, but if they think l'm going to sit back and accept their comments, then they need to think again."



## Plato escapes third strike

JASON PLATO WAS ABLE TO TAKE
his third place on the grid for the first Rockingham race after avoiding a penalty for a race-three clash with Rob Austin at Knockhill's previous round.

The MG driver had received a verbal warning from TOCA officials on Saturday morning for the clash two weeks previously, which triggered the series' automatic three-strike rule.

Plato, who had already been penalised for clashes with Colin Turkington at Oulton Park and Alain Menu at Croft, appealed the decision, which a panel of MSA stewards overturned.
"You're never confident with these things because it's people's opinions but I was disappointed and surprised they apportioned any blame to me," said Plato, who finished the races third, second and seventh to move into second in the points.
"What happened is Rob didn't know I was there. So why are we even discussing it?"

4) MATT NEAL

Qualifying: 9 Race: 17/14/9 Fuel pick-up issue hurt him in R1 but was not happy with speed figures. Rise to ninth in R3 scant consolation.

(18) NICK FOSTER

Qualifying: 15 Race: 15/R/NS Was in the thick of the R1 action but contact with Ingram in R2 damaged the front subframe and he missed R 3 .

(31) JACK GOFF

Qualifying: 17 Race: 10/13/R Set-up issue hampered qualifying, but charged to 10th on softs in R1. Car failure forced R 3 retirement.

(28) CHRIS STOCKTON

Qualifying: 28 Race: 25/NC/20 Thinks the engine problems are behind his team now but not happy with the car. Hit Cole in R1 after error.

(52) GORDON SHEDDEN Qualifying: 4 Race: $8 / 8 /$ R Superb qualifying effort rewarded with an off on the opening lap in R1, two eighths and retirement in the finale.

(6) MAT JACKSON

Qualifying: 10 Race: 9/7/5 Wasn't happy with Gio's aggression at times but led Motorbase's charge again with fine R2 and R3 drives.

(39) WARREN SCOTT

Qualifying: 18 Race: R/NS/R Only 0.001 s behind Goff in qualifying but wiped out by Wood in R1. Missed R2 with damage, which curtailed R3.


## (16) AIDEN MOFFAT

Qualifying: 21 Race: 23/R/R Played a part in Wood spinning off and clouting Scott in R1 and failed to finish the next two races.

(99) JASON PLATO Qualifying: 3 Race: $3 / 2 / 7$ Didn't get the speed out of his MG his team-mate could in qualifying but edged him overall on Sunday.

(7) FABRIZIO GIOVANARDI Qualifying: 11 Race: 7/11/13 Felt Knockhill masked progress made at Snetterton and looked that way in R1 but was shuffled back later on.

(101) ROB AUSTIN

Qualifying: 13 Race: 12/5/1 "Played the long game" to avoid midffield angst in race one before R2 charge set up popular R3 win.

(48) OLLIEJACKSON

Qualifying: 30 Race: 27/22/17 Engine failure in qualifying continued a season of misery for Jackson, who lagged a bit behind his team-mate.

(88) SAM TORDOFF

Qualifying: 1 Race: 2/3/8 Pole lap was flawless and gamely chased Turkington in R1. Held Jordan at bay in R2 and fought well in R3.

(44) JACK CLARKE

Qualifying: 19 Race: 18/15/14 In the points again after surviving the intense midfield fight and looked much happier on the softs in R3.

(54) HUNTER ABBOTT

Qualifying: 31 Race: 14/10/R Clutch failure left him last in qualifying but drove superbly to net points before Shedden whack forced R3 retirement.

(12) DAN WELCH

Qualifying: 29 Race: 24/21/16 Had the edge on Jackson throughout and came very close to dragging the underpowered Proton to a point.

(88) MARC HYNES

Qualifying: 7 Race: 22/16/R Best Saturday of his debut season was followed by a torid Sunday that ended in a DNF after someone else's accident.

(17) DAVE NEWSHAM

Qualifying: 20 Race: 16/18/10 Quiet weekend for the most part after Knockhill flourish but came to life with charge to 10th in the last race.

(20) JAMES COLE

Qualifying: 23 Race: R/23/R
Furious after being wiped out by
Stockton in R1, had a drive-through
in the sequel and contact in R3.

(67) ROBB HOLLAND

Qualifying: 24 Race: 21/19/15 Didn't seem to have the pace of those around him but did enough to claim a point in the attritional finale.

(33) ADAM MORGAN

Qualifying: 6 Race: $5 /$ R/R The Merc looked as good as any of the FWD cars out there but engine issues prevented a first podium.

(43) LEA WOOD

Qualifying: 22 Race: R/NS/NS Frightening shunt at Deene in R1 ended his day early but thankfully the Toyota driver avoided serious injury.

(21) GLYNN GEDDIE Qualifying: 25 Race: 26/R/R Running was limited in qualifying and had a driveshaft failure in R2. Lost points thanks to contact in finale.



## BRITISHFORMULAFORD ROCKINGHAM(GB), SEPTEMBER 6-7 RD 8/10

## Kruger and Marshall clean up for JTR

CONSISTENCY HAS bEEN THE KEY FOR HARRISON
Scott this year and the Falcon Motorsport driver extended his points lead with three more podiums.

Scott was thrice third at Rockingham and while Jayde Kruger won twice, the South African lost ground in the title race thanks to a race-two retirement caused by a fuel-pump failure.

Kruger just maintained his lead at the start of the opener from Ashley Sutton while the fast-starting Ricky Collard attempted to progress forward. He tried to make a move at Brook but clipped the back of Sutton's MBM Motorsport car leaving his Falcon machine with a damaged front wing.

This cost Collard dear as he was passed first by Scott and then by JTR's Max Marshall, while at the front Kruger maintained a steady gap ahead of Sutton and Scott. Four cars were running very close for fifth and on the final lap Michael O'Brien and debutant Clay Mitchell made contact at Deene when fighting with Collard.

The son of BTCC racer Rob had a much better
start from the reversed-grid race-two pole, with Marshall giving chase as Kruger pulled off early on. Marshall passed Collard for the lead at Deene just before the safety car came out, with O'Brien stuck in the Yentwood gravel.
A good restart gave Marshall a massive lead and he went on to win from Sutton and Scott as Collard was caught napping and lost two places.
Sutton's joy was short-lived though, as he had been forced to manage an overheating engine that ultimately forced him to miss the final race.
"Following the safety car a stone was flicked up and that punctured the radiator," he said. "It did more damage than we thought."
In Sutton's absence, the final race was a tame affair with Kruger dominating from Marshall to make it three wins from three for JTR, and Scott third yet again. Despite extending his lead Scott admitted the weekend had been "frustrating", and said: "I got another three podiums and have been consistent all year which has been a highlight.
"I just didn’t quite have the pace of Kruger
and that's something we need to work on."
Further back Collard's day ended in disappointment as he retired towards the end when there was an electrical fire in his cockpit. He had been having a good fight with Louise Richardson for fourth but his issues meant she took the place ahead of O'Brien.

- Stephen Lickorish


## RESULTS

Race 1 ( $\mathbf{1 5}$ laps) 1 Jayde Kruger (Mygale M12-SJ) 19m50.387s (88.00mph); 2 Ashley Sutton (M12) +0.998s; 3 Harrison Scott (M13); 4 Max Marshall (M12); 5 Ricky Collard (M12); 6 Louise Richardson (M12). Fastest lap Sutton 1m18.434s (89.04mph). Race $\mathbf{2}$ ( $\mathbf{1 4}$ laps) 1 Marshall 20m34.894s ( $\mathbf{7 9 . 1 7 \mathrm { mph } \text { ); } 2 \text { Sutton } , ~}$ +3.346s; 3 Scott; 4 Collard; 5 Richardson; 6 Clay Mitchell (M12). FL Marshall 1m18.470s ( 89.00 mph ).
Race 3 (16 laps) 1 Kruger 21m13.906s (87.71mph); 2 Marshall +1.679s; 3 Scott; 4 Richardson; 5 Michael O'Brien (M12); 6 Mitchell. FL Kruger 1m18.752s (88.68mph).
Points 1 Scott, 582; 2 Kruger, 565; 3 Marshall, 491; 4 Juan Rosso (M13), 459; 5 James Abbott (M13), 437; 6 Sutton, 435.

IT WAS A CONTROVERSIAL WEEKEND AS FUEL-
pump problems plagued the Porsches and title contender Michael Meadows was one to lose out.

The weekend started well enough for Meadows as he claimed pole from European Formula 3 racer and series debutant Nicholas Latifi.

The Canadian made a poor start to the opener and his race didn't last much longer as he spun into retirement at Yentwood, which brought out the safety car.

Paul Rees had jumped Latifi at the start but was given a drive-through penalty for getting away too hastily, a punishment he would have to serve twice after initially taking it illegally while under the safety car. He eventually finished eighth.

At the front Meadows was in control as he won from points leader Josh Webster with Victor

Jimenez rounding out the podium. Pepe Massot was a distant fourth, clear of Justin Sherwood.
There was an early caution period in race two as Sherwood and Jordan Witt collided at Tarzan, leaving the latter's car beached in the gravel.
Before that incident Rees (legally) passed Meadows off the line, and was in control even before Meadows began suffering from the fuel problem, which dropped him to a lapped 11th.
Rees thus claimed his first win in the championship, comfortably clear of Webster behind while Massot just edged Latifif for fourth. Latifi had passed Jimenez at Deene when the Spaniard ran wide under braking. He then hit the guesting David Walley on returning to the circuit, forcing himself into retirement.

- Stephen Lickorish



## RESULTS (both 18 laps)

Race 11 Michael Meadows 26m04.300s (80.36mph); 2 Josh Webster +3.298 s ; 3 Victor Jimenez; 4 Pepe Massot; 5 Justin Sherwood; 6 Jordan Witt. FL Meadows 1 m 21.335 s ( 85.86 mph ). Race 21 Paul Rees 26 m 17.962 s ( 79.66 mph ); 2 Webster +4.916s; 3 Massot; 4 Nicolas Latif; 5 David Walley; 6 Will Goff. FL Meadows 1m21.820s ( 85.35 mph ).
Points 1 Webster, 282; 2 Meadows, 268; 3 Rees, 199; 4 Jimenez, 187; 5 Massot, 113; 6 Peter Kyle-Henney, 108.

# Bushell brace compounds Cook's woe 

## MIKE BUSHELL TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF A

horrendous weekend for Josh Cook to claim the championship lead with just two races of the season left.

Cook was on the backfoot from the very start as he served a 10-place penalty for contact with Paul Rivett at Knockhill, and his race was properly wrecked when he was punted off at Brook by James Colburn on the opening lap, dropping him to the rear of the field.
At the front Bushell and Ant Whorton-Eales went side-by-side into the first corner and Whorton-Eales was the one to lose out as he got sideways and dropped a handful of places.
The order at the front remained unchanged until the flag with Bushell comfortably winning from Jordan Stilp and Ash Hand.
Colburn was initially classified sixth but was handed a five-second time penalty for his contact with Cook that dropped him one place behind the KX Akademy ace, who could only manage ninth.
Any chance Cook had of bouncing back from his misfortune went awry pretty quickly in race two. He lost out from pole almost instantly as both Bushell and Stilp passed him off the line, while Rivett got through at Deene.

There was more misery for Cook when he - along with Hand, Alex Morgan and Simon Horrobin - were handed drive-through penalties for jumping the start, and a truly miserable weekend for the erstwhile points leader was capped off when he went straight on at Tarzan and was stuck in the gravel.


Back at the front Bushell was unstoppable and comfortably claimed his fourth win of the year, while Rivett passed Stilp at Chapman mid-race to seal second. Behind the top three Whorton-Eales won a tight battle with Colburn for fourth, while Hand, Morgan and Horrobin recovered to ninth, 10th and 12th respectively.

- Stephen Lickorish


## RESULTS (Both 14 laps)

Race 11 Mike Bushell 21m34.648s ( 75.52 mph ); 2 Jordan Stilp +4.144 s ; 3 Ash Hand; 4 Paul Rivett; 5 Alex Morgan; 6 Ant WhortonEales. FL Bushell 1m31.167s ( 76.60 mph ). Race $\mathbf{2} 1$ Bushell 21m34.908s ( 75.50 mph ); 2 Rivett $+3.143 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Stilp; 4 Whorton-Eales; 5 James Colburn; 6 Charles Ladell. FL Josh Cook 1m31.276s (76.51mph). Points 1 Bushell, 376; 2 Stilp, 342; 3 Cook, 340; 4 Colburn, 327; 5 Whorton-Eales, 325; 6 Morgan, 277.


## GINETIA GT4 SUPERCUP ROCKINGHAM(CB),SEPTEMBER 6-7RD8/10

## Robertson, Watson take GT4 victories

CHARLIE ROBERTSON TOOK A WIN AND A SECOND at Rockingham to increase his points lead to nearly 50 as Andrew Watson won for the first time since Thruxton in May.

Robertson, the 2012 Ginetta Junior champion, was in control throughout race one as he took a lights-to-flag victory ahead of David Pittard, while his chief title rival Carl Breeze claimed third despite a last-lap Deene lunge from Watson.

Robertson shot into an early lead in the second race too as Pittard made a poor getaway and fell to fourth. The order stayed that way until the safety car was deployed on lap five to recover Dennis Strandberg's stricken car at Yentwood.

Despite getting a good restart, Robertson started to struggle with tyre wear and ceded the place when Watson attacked at Deene. As the Douglas Motorsport youngster took his third win of the
season ahead of Robertson, a last-corner move on Breeze gave Tom Oliphant third by o.o3s.

Jamie Orton was the victim of contact in the opener and made the smart move to retire and save his tyres for the second race. This paid dividends as he stormed up through the order from last to take sixth, just behind Pittard.

- Stephen Lickorish

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## GINETTA JUNIOR ROCKINGHAM(GB), SEPTEMBER 6-7 RD 8/10 <br> Mitchell extends lead after clash

DESPITE ANOTHER WINLESS WEEKEND FOR JACK Mitchell, the JHR driver still extended his championship lead.

The opening race was a thriller with James Caroline and Lando Norris continuously switching places at the head of a very close top six. That battle ended in tears though when on the final lap Norris punted Caroline off at Brook, costing both a handful of places and giving HHC rookie Norris a five-place grid penalty for the second thrash and a nine-point deduction.

JHR's Dan Zelos was the man to profit, winning from Mitchell. Jamie Chadwick rounded out the podium having benefited from a spin for Ryan Hadfield at Deene towards the end.

The second race was dull in comparison as Norris's HHC team-mate James Kellett led throughout from Norris, despite his grid penalty for his move in race one. Mitchell finished seventh, his worst result of the season.

- Stephen Lickorish


## RESULTS

Race 1 ( 10 laps) 1 Dan Zelos 16 m 47.981 s ( 69.28 mph ); 2 Jack Mitchell +0.252s; 3 Jamie Chadwick; 4 Jamie Caroline; 5 Jack Rawles; 6 Ben Pearson. FL James Kellett 1m38.473s ( 70.92 mph ). Race 2 ( 8 laps) 1 Kellett 13m14.052s ( 70.36 mph ); 2 Lando Norris +2.987s; 3 Zelos; 4 Caroline; 5 Ryan Hadfield; 6 Chadwick. FL Norris 1m37.967s (71.28mph). Points 1 Mitchell, 434; 2 Kellett, 354; 3 Norris, 344; 4 Zelos, 308; 5 Hadfield, 304; 6 Pearson, 256.


BLANCPAIN SPRINT SERIES ALGARVE(P),SEPTEMBER6-7 RD5/7

# Buhk turns page to help Gotz to win 

## IT’S DIFFICULT NOT TO SYMPATHISE

 with Maxi Buhk. No matter how well he performs in the remainder of the Blancpain Sprint Series, he will not be able to win the title.Algarve saw the young German return to the series after missing the previous round in Slovakia, when the DMSB suspended his licence pending an investigation into potential misconduct with marshals at an ADAC GT Masters round. It emerged in the build-up to the Portuguese event that the case had been dismissed and Buhk was able to return, now 16 points behind the man he shares a car with, Maxi Gotz.

As a result, Buhk was a much more subdued presence in the paddock. He continued to drive outstandingly, but when he and Gotz dominated the main race in their HTP
Mercedes to move Gotz 23 points clear at the top of the championship, it was the satisfaction of a job well done - rather than the elation of
taking a step closer to the title that emanated from the reigning Blancpain Endurance champion.
It was Gotz's performance in the first half of the race that brought victory to HTP. The Grasser Lamborghini had won the previous day's qualifying race, but Gotz fought his way past Hari Proczyk into the lead and left Buhk with a 13 -second advantage after the pitstops. That was a margin that even Jeroen Bleekemolen couldn't reduce, once he took over from Proczyk, and the Dutchman would provide the main talking point of the race.

Cesar Ramos had started the \#1 WRT Audi, but his R8 engaged neutral after an early safety car caused by a collision between WRT's Vincent Abril and the Fortec Mercedes of Armaan Ebrahim - and that dropped the Brazilian to eighth. Laurens Vanthoor took over the car and made his way back up the order, to the point where he was on the
tail of Bleekemolen for second place in the final laps.

Vanthoor made the pass on the penultimate lap, outbraking the Lamborghini into the Turn 5 hairpin, and looked to have sealed second position. But on returning to parc ferme Bleekemolen was furious. "I hate it when we come to circuits like this, where track limits are always an issue," he raged. "Laurens is maybe the best driver in this field, but he ran wide the corner before, which gave him more speed down the straight to pass me."
The race officials agreed and handed Vanthoor a 30 -second penalty, promoting Bleekemolen and Proczyk back to second position. But, on a weekend where policing seemed inconsistent, it's debatable whether the decision would have been made had Bleekemolen not been so irate.

In the Pro-Am category, it was another victory for the Phoenix


Audi of Marc Basseng and Alessandro Latif in eighth overall, while David Fumanelli and Stefano Colombo took Silver Cup honours, despite only finishing 15th overall, thanks to high attrition in the class.

The three points the Grasser pair recovered after being reinstated to second place may be crucial come the end of the season. Their deficit to Gotz is 23 points and, with Lamborghini stronghold Zolder up next, followed by the unpredictability of the Baku streets, the title fight is far from over. But the domination of the HTP Mercedes in Portugal sends a clear warning signal to its pursuers. And it does seem a shame that Buhk, one of the stars of the series, will not be champion. - Jack Nicholls

## RESULTS

1 Maximilian Gotz/Maximilian Buhk (Mercedes SLS AMG GT3), 33 laps in 1h00m19.617s; 2 Jeroen Bleekemolen/Hari Proczyk (Lamborghini Gallardo FLII), +11.576s; 3 Stephane Ortelli/ Fabian Hamprecht (Audi R8 LMS ultra); 4 Tomas Enge/Roman Rusinov (Lamborghini); 5 Rene Rast/Enzo Ide (Audi); 6 Markus Winkelhock/Niki Mayr-Melnhof (Audi); 7 Marc Basseng/ Alessandro Latif (Audi); 8 Laurens Vanthoor/ Cesar Ramos (Audi); 9 Alex Zanardi (BMW Z4 GT3); 10 Giorgio Pantano/Fabio Onidi (McLaren MP4-12C GT3). Qualifying race 1 Bleekemolen/ Proczyk, 32 laps in 1h01m29.099s; 2 Gotz/ Buhk, +0.819s; 3 Rast/Ide; 4 Vanthoor/Ramos; 5 Stef Dusseldorp/Sergey Afanasiev (Mercedes); 6 Enge/Rusinov. Points 1 Gotz, 116; 2 Buhk, 100; 3 Bleekemolen/Proczyk, 93; 4 Rast/Ide, 65; 5 Sergio Jimenez/Caca Bueno, 51; 6 Dominik Baumann/Thomas Jager, 45.

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# Keselowski lays down marker for Chase 

## BRAD KESELOWSKI DOMINATED

Saturday night's Sprint Cup race at Richmond to secure the number-one-seed position for the Chase.

Keselowski started from pole and was in command all the way through the evening, leading 383 of the 400 laps to become the only four-time winner so far this season. In doing so, the 2012 champion delivered the 40oth major win across all series for team owner Roger Penske.
"What a night," he said. "I pulled into Victory Lane and pinched myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. As a driver, these are
the nights you live for."
Jeff Gordon capitalised on slow stops from Kevin Harvick, who led a handful of laps early on, and Chase aspirant Clint Bowyer to finish 0.797 s behind Keselowski in second place with his Hendrick Chevrolet.
Bowyer aside, it was a quiet night for most of the drivers who were facing their final opportunity to qualify for the 'final 16' run-off, which starts this weekend. Ryan Newman's ninth place was enough to do the job, while Greg Biffle managed to squeak over the line by just seven points - narrowly
denying Bowyer - despite finishing two laps down in 19th place.
The race was interrupted by a handful of cautions, the most bizarre coming just after threequarter distance when a fan managed to climb to the top of the catchfencing at Turn 4.
There was additional drama after the chequered flag when Jimmie Johnson, who finished eighth, had to be rushed to the infield medical centre to be treated for severe dehydration. He was released and cleared an hour and a half later.

- Mark Glendenning


## RESULTS

1 Brad Keselowski (Ford Fusion), 400 laps in 2h51m55s; 2 Jeff Gordon (Chevrolet SS), +0.797s; 3 Clint Bowyer (Toyota Camry); 4 Jamie McMurray (Chevy); 5 Kevin Harvick (Chevy); 6 Joey Logano (Ford); 7 Kurt Busch (Chevy); 8 Jimmie Johnson (Chevy); 9 Ryan Newman (Chevy); 10 Aric Almirola (Ford). Points 1 Keselowski, 2012; 2 Gordon, 2009; 3 Dale Earnhardt Jr, 2009; 4 Johnson, 2009; 5 Logano, 2009; 6 Harvick, 2006; 7 Carl Edwards, 2006; 8 Kyle Busch, 2003; 9 Denny Hamlin, 2003; 10 Kurt Busch, 2003; 11 Kasey Kahne, 2003; 12 Almirola, 2003; 13 AJ Allmendinger, 2003; 14 Matt Kenseth, 2000; 15 Greg Biffle, 2000; 16 Newman, 2000.

## De Vries scales ALPS

## DIMINUTIVE DUTCHMAN NYCK DE

Vries secured his first title since graduating to cars by winning Saturday's race at Mugello.

From pole position, McLaren junior de Vries led all the way to win quite comfortably in his Koiranen GP machine.

Fortec-run rookie Charles Leclerc continued his recent strong form, holding off Bruno


Bonifacio for second. Behind
them, series latecomer Pietro Fittipaldi was able to keep George Russell at bay for fourth, the Brit having passed Matevos Isaakyan on the second lap.
De Vries doubled up by winning again on Sunday, once more leading Monegasque Leclerc from start to finish.

Isaakyan was leading Bonifacio in the fight for third when rain a few minutes before the end resulted in the Russian and Brazilian skating off the track. Luckily for them, immediate red flags left them off the hook and still in the results.

- Jurgen Stiftschraube


## RESULTS

Race 11 Nyck de Vries, 16 laps in 28m28.931s; 2 Charles Leclerc, +4.835 s ; 3 Bruno Bonifacio; 4 Pietro Fittipaldi; 5 George Russell;
6 Anthoine Hubert. Race 21 de Vries, 12 laps in $21 \mathrm{~m} 27.530 \mathrm{~s} ; 2$ Leclerc, $+4.809 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Matevos Isaakyan; 4 Bonifacio; 5 Dennis Olsen; 6 Egor Orudzhev. Points 1 de Vries, 250; 2 Leclerc, 166; 3 Isaakyan, 147; 4 Russell, 101; 5 Simon Gachet, 68; 6 Alessio Rovera, 65.

## SCANDINAVIANTOURING CARS SOLVALLA(S), SEPTEMBER6 RD5/6

## Bjork leads to final furlong

## TWO MAXIMUM SCORES FROM THE

 adapted trotting track enabled Thed Bjork to extend his series lead.Qualifying carries the same points as the weekend's two races in the STCC, and Bjork emerged on top in his Volvo. He played a tactical waiting game in the opening race - featuring a top-10 reversed grid - and stayed out of trouble for fifth. Up front, young Andreas
Wernersson kept his Kia ahead of the Dacia of veteran Mattias Andersson by half a second. Linus Ohlsson claimed third after close contact

with title contender Fredrik Larsson.
There was trouble for triple champion Fredrik Ekblom, whose Volvo hit the spinning Saab of four-time title winner Richard Goransson and damaged its radiator.

Bjork led all the way in the second race from pole. Goransson was a close second until he briefly got stuck in first gear, allowing the BMW of Philip Forsman up into second. Goransson managed to keep ahead of a charging Ekblom by o.1s.

Larsson was a distant fifth to strengthen his series runner-up spot. - Tege Tornvall

## RESULTS

Race 11 Andreas Wernersson (Kia Optima), 26 laps in 21m48.301s; 2 Mattias Andersson (Dacia), $+0.558 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Linus Ohlsson (Kia); 4 Fredrik Larsson (BMW SR); 5 Thed Bjork (Volvo S60); 6 Mattias Lindberg (Kia). Race 21 Bjork, 26 laps in 19m09.777s; 2 Philip Forsman (BMW), +5.291s; 3 Richard Goransson (Saab 9-3); 4 Fredrik Ekblom (Volvo); 5 Larsson; 6 Wernersson. Points 1 Bjork, 231; 2 Larsson, 200; 3 Ekblom, 170; 4 Andersson, 140; 5 Goransson, 135; 6 Forsman, 132.


INTERNATIONAL GT OPEN SPA(B), SEPTEMBER6-7 RD6/8

# Hamilton bounces back from Spa drama 

AN UNPREDICTABLE WEEKEND OF
twists and turns ended with Archie Hamilton claiming his maiden GT Open victory alongside Isaac Tutumlu after a fine drive in the Selleslagh Racing Team's Corvette.
Hamilton and Tutumlu claimed a pole apiece, but a power-steering issue on Saturday caused the Briton to slide down the order, with Maxime Soulet in the V8 Racing Corvette making the early running.

As he left the pits after the mandatory driver change, Tutumlu was caught out by the recalcitrant steering and was pitched into the barriers at Eau Rouge. This prompted a safety car right in the middle of the
pit window, and resulted in a lottery.
Once it had all shaken out the other V8 Racing Corvette of Nicky Pastorelli (sharing with Miguel Ramos) was clear out front from Pasin Lathouras (in for Richard Lyons) and AF Corse Ferrari team-mate Duncan Cameron (who replaced Matt Griffin). With those three cars essentially a lap up on the opposition the order held to the flag.

An all-nighter from SRT saw Tutumlu leading off from pole position. With Pastorelli retiring early, Tutumlu and then Hamilton led throughout. Their closest pursuer, the SMP/Russian Bears Ferrari of Daniel Zampieri and

Roman Mavlanov, was hamstrung by ailing tyres. Third went to Andrea Montermini and Niccolo Schiro. Added to their sixth position from Saturday, the result was enough to give the Villorba Corse Ferrari pairing the series lead by a solitary point from Pastorelli and Ramos.

GTS honours went the way of Griffin and Cameron after an inspired drive from Irishman Griffin, the pairing's race strategy aided by a safety car just before the pit window opened. It was a more frustrating day for Saturday GTS winners Lyons and Lathouras, who were forced out by mechanical issues.

- Ben Evans


## RESULTS <br> Race 11 Nicky Pastorelli/Miguel Ramos

(Chevrolet Corvette C6.R), 27 laps in 1h11m11.192s; 2 Richard Lyons/Pasin Lathouras (Ferrari 458 Italia GT3), +5.200s; 3 Matt Griffin/ Duncan Cameron (Ferrari); 4 Stefano Gattuso/ Stefano Costantini (Ferrari); 5 Paolo Ruberti/ Giorgio Roda (Ferrari); 6 Andrea Montermini/ Niccolo Schiro (Ferrari). Race 21 Isaac Tutumlu/ Archie Hamilton (Corvette), 24 laps in 1h02m06.922s; 2 Daniel Zampieri/Roman Mavlanov (Ferrari), +8.060s; 3 Montermini/ Schiro; 4 Griffin/Cameron; 5 Cesar Campanico/ Aditya Patel (Audi R8 LMS ultra); 6 Joel Camathias/Matteo Beretta (Porsche 911 GT3-R). Points 1 Montermini/Schiro, 158; 2 Pastorelli/ Ramos, 157; 3 Zampieri/Mavlanov, 147; 4 Maxime Soulet, 125; 5 Tutumlu, 102; 6 Roda, 96.

FRENCHGT MAGNY-COURS(F), SEPTEMBER6-7 RD5/7

## Ayari wins Police chase

EX-FORMULA 3000 RACE WINNER Soheil Ayari took his second win of the season with Jean-Claude Police in their Team Duqueine Ferrari.

Ayari was part of a frantic five-car scrap early in the race, in which he took turns to lead with the Audis of Gregory Guilvert (Sainteloc) and Mike Parisy (Sebastien Loeb Racing).

Police emerged from the driver changes with David Hallyday (who replaced Guilvert) on his tail, but a spin for Hallyday dropped him to ninth, and allowed the Sofrev ASP Ferrari of Philippe Giauque (and started by Morgan Moullin Traffort) to take second place.


Their Sofrev ASP team-mates had won on Saturday. Ludovic Badey, driving the Ferrari started by Jean-Luc Beaubelique, leapt to the head of the field during the pitstops. Raymond Narac was the early leader in the Imsa Porsche, and co-driver Nicolas Armindo chased Badey home. Parisy passed Ayari for third.

- Julian Carax


## RESULTS

Race 11 Ludovic Badey/Jean-Luc Beaubelique (Ferrari 458 Italia GT3), 34 laps in 59m59.098s; 2 Nicolas Armindo/Raymond Narac (Porsche 911 GT3-R, +3.210s; 3 Mike Parisy/Henry Hassid (Audi R8 LMS ultra); 4 Soheil Ayari/Jean-Claude Police (Ferrari); 5 Anthony Beltoise/Roland Berville (Audi); 6 Arno Santamato/Eric Cayrolle (Ferrari). Race 21 Ayari/Police, 35 laps in 1h00m27.952s; 2 Morgan Moullin Traffort/Philippe Giauque (Ferrari), $+0.825 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Armindo/Narac; 4 Olivier Panis/Eric Debard (Ferrari); 5 Parisy/Hassid; 6 Badey/Beaubelique. Points 1 Armindo/Narac, 132; 2 Parisy/Hassid, 124; 3 Gregory Guilvert/ David Hallyday, 120; 4 Moullin Traffort/Giauque, 119; 5 Ayari/Police, 106; 6 Panis/Debard, 87.

## BARCELONA 24 HOURS <br> BARCELONA(E),

SEPTEMBER6-7

## Bohemian rhapsody

## CZECH TEAM SCUDERIA PRAHA

enjoyed a perfect weekend with its Ferrari, rebuilt after its big crash at Zandvoort in May.
Matteo Malucelli was the team's quick man, putting the car on pole and setting the fastest race lap as he combined with Peter Kox, Jiri Pisarik and Jaromir Jirik to trounce the 65 -car field and take victory by seven laps.
Kessel Racing's Ferrari took second from last year's race winner, the Hofor Racing Mercedes featuring father-and-daughter drivers Michael and Chantal Kroll.

Top Brit was BTCC veteran James Kaye, who was part of the line-up in the Aussie V8-powered Marc Cars Ford Focus lookalike that won the silhouette class and took

seventh overall. Ginettas finished one-two in GT4, with Henry Fletcher in the second-placed team and both in the top 10 overall.

- Rene de Boer


## RESULTS

1 Matteo Malucelli/Peter Kox//iri Pisarik/ Jaromir Jirik (Ferrari 458 Italia GT3, 653 laps in 24h01m16.458s; 2 Niki Cadei/ Giacomo Piccini/Dimitri Enjalbert/Jonathan Sicart/Frederic Delpit (Ferrari), 7 laps; 3 Kenneth Heyer/Christiaan Frankenhout/ Michael Kroll/Roland Eggimann/Chantal Kroll (Mercedes SLS AMG GT3); 4 Gustav Edelhoff/ Johannes Kirchhoff/Elmar Grimm/Ingo Vogler/ Wiggo Dalma (Mercedes); 5 Ralf Oeverhaus/ Jens Richter/Stefan Aust/Peter Posavac (BMW Z4 GT3); 6 Matteo Cressoni/Luca Magnoni/ Luis Scarpaccio/Fabio Ghizzi/Salvador Tineo Arroyo (Ginetta G50).


## WORLD RALIYCROSS LOHEAC(F),SEPTEMBER6-7 RD 8/12

## Solberg supreme to extend series lead

PETTER SOLBERG LED THE FINAL throughout to take his third win of the season and extend his championship lead.
The Norwegian former rally king trailed single-seater graduate Timmy Hansen at the intermediate classification. But, while Solberg's Citroen led its semi-final from start to finish, Hansen made a poor start

to his and had to recover to second. The OlsbergsMSE Fiesta of Reinis Nitiss jumped from fourth to second at the start of the final, and the Latvian trailed Solberg throughout, with Hansen's Peugeot third.

Gymkhana star Ken Block made the cardinal rallycross sin of forgetting to take his joker lap in the first heat, but recovered to make the final and finished fourth in his Ford.
Front-row starter Pontus Tidemand looked on for the first podium of his short rallycross career, but a puncture in the final thwarted the efforts of the EKS Audi driver. At least he got further than reigning European champion Timur Timerzyanov, whose Peugeot got squeezed into the barrier on the outside of Turn 3 on the first lap and suffered broken steering.

Of the Britons, Andy Scott made the semi-finals for the fifth time in six starts, taking fifth in his race behind Andreas Bakkerud. Jacques Villeneuve's stand-in David Binks finished in 21st place.

Blancpain Endurance Audi racer Edward Sandstrom made his second appearance, and wound up 14th in Mattias Ekstrom's Audi after having troubles getting it off the line. - Hal Ridge

## RESULTS

1 Petter Solberg (Citroen DS3), 6 laps in 3m48.241s; 2 Reinis Nitiss (Ford Fiesta), +1.447 s ; 3 Timmy Hansen (Peugeot 208); 4 Ken Block (Ford); 5 Pontus Tidemand (Audi S1); 6 Timur Timerzyanov (Peugeot). Points 1 Solberg, 185; 2 Nitiss, 157; 3 Toomas Heikkinen, 147; 4 Andreas Bakkerud, 126; 5 Anton Marklund, 124; 6 Hansen, 118.

## Peugeot's man stars for Santa Fe double

## NESTOR GIROLAMI DROVE HIS

Peugeot 408 to two wins at the series' only double-header of the season to wrest the points lead from Norberto Fontana.

Girolami led Saturday's night race from pole on the unforgiving street circuit. He kept his cool through a two-lap safety car period and constant pressure from the Toyota Corolla of Matias Rossi to claim his second win of the year.

Rossi in turn was stalked firstly by Christian Ledesma's Fiat, and then
the Renault of Leonel Pernia. Rising engine temperatures spelt the end for Ledesma, while Pernia ran out of steam and settled for third.

Girolami sprinted away again in Sunday's race from pole. Rossi was again second, only for a misfire to strike and curtail his race just after an early safety car.

The safety car came out once again when a brakeless Emiliano Spataro violently barged into the Fiat of Mariano Werner.

Any hopes that second-placed

Agustin Canapino might have had of chasing after team-mate Girolami were swiftly dispelled as the leader raced clear, while Canapino instead was forced to fend off Ledesma, who nearly edged him out of second, before two badly parked cars brought the safety car out once more and the race finished under caution.

The brake pads of Ledesma's Fiat have been taken away for checks, so the results remain provisional. - Tony Watson


## RESULTS

Race 11 Nestor Girolami (Peugeot 408), 24 laps in 43m18.563s; 2 Matias Rossi (Toyota Corolla), +3.807s; 3 Leonel Pernia (Renault Fluence); 4 Julian Santero (Peugeot); 5 Norberto Fontana (Chevrolet Cruze); 6 Franco Vivian (Chevy). Race 21 Girolami, 23 laps in 52m30.673s; 2 Agustin Canapino (Peugeot), +2.637s; 3 Christian Ledesma (Fiat Linea); 4 Pernia; 5 Vivian; 6 Facundo Ardusso (Fiat). Points 1 Girolami, 141; 2 Fontana, 129; 3 Ardusso, 114; 4 Mariano Werner, 114; 5 Canapino, 109; 6 Emiliano Spataro, 98.


## NASCAR NATIONWIDE

Kyle Busch (above) led everyone one of the 250 laps at Richmond. Busch's Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota finished 1.3 s ahead of the JR Motorsports Chevy of Chase Elliott, who extends his series lead. Title rival Regan Smith was sixth, behind Kevin Harvick, Ryan Blaney and Brian Scott.

## EUROFORMULA OPEN

Two victories at Spa extended Sandy Stuvik's championship lead. The RP Motorsport driver dominated the weekend, although he was challenged by Alex Palou during a damp first race. John Simonyan was a distant third. On Sunday Stuvik was dominant, as a super scrap behind rewarded Artur Janosz and Yu Kanamaru with podiums.

## BRAZILIAN F3

An eighth win in 12 races and a fourth place gave Pedro Piquet the title with four races remaining. The 16 -year-old son of three-time world champion Nelson Piquet led the first race at Velopark all the way from pole position. He was followed home by Lukas Moraes and Class B winner Matheus Leist. Sixth on the reversed grid, Piquet had the lead of race two in eight laps, but lost it to a drive-through for passing under yellow flag. Team-mate Vitor Baptista inherited the lead and became Class B champion.

## BRAZILIAN TOURING

Alceu Feldmann came home second at Velopark, but got his first win of the season after fellow Honda racer Ricardo Mauricio suffered a 40-second penalty for jumping the start, dropping him to fourth. Denis Navarro made a spectacular recovery from last to first in the second race, his Toyota beating Mauricio in the final metres. With four races to go, reigning champion Mauricio is 41 points ahead of Feldmann.

## FRENCH CARRERA CUP

Ex-Formula BMW/Renault racer Come Ledogar had a dominant weekend at Magny-Cours, winning both races to extend his championship lead. A great battle for second between Maxime Jousse and Vincent Beltoise in race one ended in Jousse's favour, with Gael Castelli also passing Beltoise. In race two, a superb manoeuvre by Tom Dillmann on Alexandre Cougnaud gave the GP2 veteran second place.

## FRENCH FORMULA 4

Anglo-Swiss Felix Hirsiger took two wins at Magny-Cours, the first from Danish series leader Lasse Sorensen and the second from Australian Joseph Mawson. Denis Bulatov won the reversed-grid race.

## Aston Martin took a dramatic RAC TT win last year with DP212 - in the firm's centenary year. Which

## TRACK TEST

ASTON MARTIN PROJEGT 212
CHRCUIT Goodwood
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DRIVEN BY Darren Turner
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made factory Aston racer Darren Turner want to try the famous car. KEVIN TURNER went along to watch

ime was when the legends of Aston Martin and the RAC Tourist Trophy were inextricably entwined. During the 1950s the iconic British marque won the famous award three times, and its celebrated 1959 success at Goodwood secured the World Sports Car Championship. Yet, when it comes to the recent
two-driver TT Celebration races at the Goodwood Revival, Aston Martin has been outshone by Jaguar, Shelby and Ferrari.

That was until last year when, on Aston's 1ooth birthday, Project 212 won a remarkable rain-hit event thanks to the efforts of Simon Hadfield and Wolfgang Friedrichs (see page 59).

Ahead of this year's extravaganza, it therefore seemed right to take the 1962 car back to
Goodwood for a track test. And who better to

drive it than modern-day Aston Martin works driver Darren Turner?
Not only has the former McLaren AUTOSPORT BRDC Award winner been one of Aston's stars over the past decade - he's twice won the GT1 class at Le Mans - but he also has experience of a range of historic machines. That includes the AC Cobra owned by Gavin Henderson, which Turner drove against 212 in the TT last year and will do so again this weekend.
Project 212, or DP212, is something of an unsung hero. A one-off, it led Le Mans in 1962 (see panel, right) and has racked up scores of wins and podiums in more than 40 years of historic racing. Technically a prototype, with some DB4GT DNA, it runs in the highly competitive pre-1966 or pre-1963 GT packs.
"I know more about 212 from last year because of the TT win," says Turner after arriving in West Sussex for the run. "I know how special the event is, and it won on Aston's centenary, so it's fantastic to get the chance to drive it."
Historic ace Hadfield is on hand to give some pointers despite the fact "it's a bit weird me telling him things!", the main one being that the Aston runs narrower rear tyres than its rivals due to the suspension geometry. "You can't attack as


hard as you can in the Cobra because you melt the rubber," warns Hadfield.

Beyond a more modern seat and seatbelts, 212 is in remarkably original condition for a car that has been campaigned as much as it has.
"It's one of the few cars that hasn't been hot-rodded," confirms Hadfield. "It's still got the original chassis and largely the original bodywork. It's a special car and we aim to do it justice."

Climbing into the cockpit, Turner soon starts to find things he prefers over the GTE Pro-class Aston Martin Vantage he races in the World Endurance Championship: "It's such a different machine and some aspects are better, like the visibility. The modern cars have big rollcages and padding that get in the way, 212 has a spacious cockpit. I can see more of the circuit than I have done for years!
"The seat position is nice and comfy, too. It's not as supportive as we have now, it feels more like a road car or your sofa at home."

Turner does, however, have to get used to a different order of doing things, like firing up the 4.2 -litre six-cylinder engine before getting fully strapped in. The Aston is from

## GOODWOOD REVIVAL PREVIEW



# Ill's got the original chassis and largely the original bodywork. We aim to do it justice" summenau 

## AN ACTIVE RACER

DP212/1 has been pretty active over its 52-year life. After Aston Martin's 1959 Le Mans and world championship successes, the factory withdrew from sportscar racing, but returned to the French endurance classic in 1962.
A GT prototype, 212 was driven by Graham Hill and Richie Ginther, and briefly held the lead in the early stages. "The presence of [Aston owner] David Brown's newest machine was certainly adding spice to the contest and was the only car capable of dealing with the Ferraris and Maseratis," wrote AUTOSPORT's Gregor Grant. Sadly, dynamo issues
dropped it back before piston failure - caused by a fractured oil pipe - put it out.

The car never raced again as a works entry, though it did do the 1963 Le Mans test while Project 215 was readied. Thanks to substantial aerodynamic lift, 212 had by then undergone rear-end changes, with a chopped Kamm tail and spoiler.

The future Viscount Downe acquired the car, entering himself and Mike Salmon in speed and sprint events before Salmon

## 'The car has been

a regular at the
Goodwood Revival,
winning in 2013' started racing it in
1973. It was in Salmon's hands that 212 won the 1974 Classic Car Championship, and took a fine second in the wet at Brands Hatch in 1977 against more modern machines, including Ford GT40s.

The car has been a regular at the Goodwood Revival and other events, with Wolfgang Friedrichs acquiring 212 in 2002. Sharing with Simon Hadfield or David Clark, Friedrichs has scored a number of podiums, with the highlight being last year's RAC $T T$ win at Goodwood.



## Grand Prix diendurance Vingt Quatre Fleures du Mans 1957

The D type Jaguar finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th
The Mintex Le Mans record up to 1957 was eleven victories. Famous Marques such as Aston Martin, Bentley, Bugatti, Maserati, Ferrari and of course Jaguar have all used Mintex for motorsport. 1953 saw the innovation of Disc brakes and Mintex Pads producing an advantage for the winning Jaguar C Types. This technology was further developed with the D Types not just winning Le Mans but also other endurance races like Sebring and Rheims. This heritage has led to TMD Friction having many more racing success in the intervening years in all aspects of motorsport through BT Bremsen Technik GmbH with Pagid RS and Mintex Racing brands.

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# "It moves around under braking, butitis very stable compared to other cars from the period" wean wasa 

- an era before seatbelts, so not all the controls are within reach once the driver is strapped in with the modern belts. Nevertheless, the only thing he's not really enthused about in the Aston cockpit is the lack of headroom.
"It's one of the few cars I've driven where I've had my helmet touching the rollcage and I'm not as tall as Simon or Wolfgang," he says. "It's probably the only negative inside the car."

That negative melts away after Turner closes the door and drives away. It doesn't take him many laps of the high-speed Goodwood circuit to see where the strengths of the car are.
"It's very easy to drive from the word go and the
balance is nice", he says after his runs. "As you'd expect with that type of car it moves around a bit under braking, but it's still very stable compared to others I've driven from the period.
"Quite often with the Cobra you hustle it and it can surprise you. The Cobra's more brute force and angrily goes along the racetrack. This car does it with some grandeur and serenity. It needs to be delicately pointed in the right direction.
"The pull all the way through the rev range was very good too. We were limited to 6ooorpm to make sure it's in good condition for the Revival, but that's still enough."
There was one thing Turner found
disconcerting, however: "It's got a vibration, from the rear axle and differential. You get used to it pretty quickly, but it's a bit strange to have that sort of vibration."

Given its power disadvantage up against the more developed Jaguar E-types, bigger Cobra V8s, and Ferrari V12s, perhaps the biggest surprise is how swiftly 212 eats up the straights, helped by its slippery shape. Indeed, all the Project cars - 212, 214 and 215 - were remarkable for their straightline speed down the Mulsanne Straight at Le Mans. The last win of the David Brown era was at pre-chicane Monza, when Roy Salvadori used 214 to beat

## HADFFILD ON HIS 2013 RAC TT VICTORY

"If you'd said we'd be in the top 10, l'd have said that was a good, competent job. The number of things that had to happen to make a win possible was unbelievable. "At the first safety car we didn't bring [co-driver] Wolfgang [Friedrichs] in - it's his car! Then I took over and had a spin. But I was fortunate because Tom Kristensen spun in front of me. I saw him start to go and got out of the throttle. If Tom hadn't been in front l'd have been in the gravel - I have no idea
"The rain got harder what was making the track slippery.
and harder. The car
then came alive sol thought, 'Go for it'"'
"Because they couldn't move Tom's Jaguar E-type we had the second safety car and that allowed me to close up. And then it started to rain.
"It got harder and harder and the car then came alive. We quickly got up to sixth and I was just passing cars everywhere. My pitboard said P4 and then I passed Tom Coronel, Romain Dumas and Oliver Bryant, but the next lap it said P2 and I was quite pissed off!
"Then I saw the Lister of Anthony Reid was leading on the big screen and I thought 'Let's go for it'. He came back to me so quickly.
"It was a very special moment to win, especially for Wolfgang, who has been taking proper cars to Goodwood for years. We were incredibly fortunate."


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## MADGWICK

Darren Turner "lt's not a heavy brake, it's just to get the car into the corner and to get the rear to take a set. You can then steer it on the throttle. It's a good, challenging, corner."
Simon Hadfield "I stay in top gear here in 212 - it saves the rear tyres."

## FORDWATER

DT "Some cars like the Minis are easy flat, but in this I had a lift. The corner falls away on the exit and you have to judge exactly what you can get away with - you don't want to be on the grass at 120 mph ."

SH lt can be just flat in 212, but
often I'll have lift. The important thing is to be on the throttle through the corner."

## NO NAME

DT "You could carry more speed but you'd compromise your entry to St Mary's."
SH "It's a brake, but I stay in fifth through 'no name', then go down to fourth gear for St Mary's."

## ST MARY'S

DT "You get the car turned in, up against the kerb, and then it falls away. It's a lovely little complex."

## LAVANT CORNER

DT "One of those corners you feel you could do more, but the important thing is to get to the

apex. Coming out, the rear is moving around and you've got to change gear - it's a challenge."
SH It's terribly easy to overdrive Lavant. You're trying to balance forward motion with going sideways."

## LAVANT STBAIGHT

DT "The straight winds its way down to Woodcote. You go from one side of the track to the other, with hardly any moving of the steering wheel. In the Aston you are virtually at top speed when you arrive at Woodcote."

## WOODCOTE

DT "Because of the speed you approach, you have to have a bit of respect, as there is very little space."
SH "You go through the kink and then hit the brakes and take fourth gear in 212, which is really well-balanced through there."

## THE CHICANE

DT "It's so tight and very easy to get too close to the walls, but once you've got past the second apex, you can get on the power. Hopefully the back kicks out, you run out to the kerb, and you're away - ready for another lap."


- the Ferraris on home turf in 1963.
"What was surprising was how quickly it accelerated," adds Turner. "There is no drag and it's quite a small car. You can't push one of our GTE cars around - you need three or four people because of the wide tyres - but a couple of people can easily push 212 . Its rolling resistance and aerodynamic resistance are a lot less."

Turner lapped at a competitive pace, enough to see one of the key differences between racing past and present:"Our cars now are designed to be driven flat-out from start to finish and hopefully make it through 24 hours. Even after my second run in 212 I can understand why drivers from that era say they had to drive at 60 or 70 per cent. The cars wouldn't be able to cope with continuous driving on the edge. You've got to have respect and look after them.
"It's small things, like the feel of the gearbox. It's a lovely 'box, but it doesn't feel like you can take liberties with it. Same with the brakes."

Considering the car has no downforce, Turner also found 212 more tiring to drive than he anticipated. "It's fairly warm and physically it's more demanding than I expected," he says. "With the new cars the movements are fairly small - in the wrists and arms - but in the older cars they dance more underneath you. You're doing more behind the wheel.
"It's interesting to see what the equivalent of my racing was like and how great the guys were back in the day. It's a different world. It's great to get that experience."

Beyond the Revival this weekend, chances to see 212's aggressive-looking stance on racetracks may reduce over the next few years. "It's getting old and Wolfgang wants to use it sparingly," admits Hadfield.

Turner knows this has been a rare opportunity. And even though five decades separate 212 from the Vantage and DBR9s he has driven in modern GT events, he can see the family traits.
"All the Aston GT cars have similar DNA in the way they handle," he says. "Project 212 certainly feels like an Aston in terms of how easy it is to find the limit and how easy it is on the limit. It felt special.
"I've been lucky enough to drive some great cars over the years and this, partly through what it did in the day and partly thanks to the TT win last year, is one of them." $\$$ AUTOSPORT would like to thank Wolfgang Friedrichs, Simon Hadfield, Aston Engineering, Goodwood Motor Circuit and Darren Turner.

# Worshipping 

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## This weekend's Revival

 celebrates 100 years of an Italian marque among many other highlights. MARCUS PYE
aserati's centenary and an exclusive race for Jaguar D-types set the tone for Lord March's 17th Goodwood Revival Meeting as motor sporting icons from around the world make the annual pilgrimage to West Sussex's cathedral of speed to take on the world's top historic racers and current stars of tomorrow.

Sixteen 250Fs - including Juan Fangio's '57 German Grand Prix winner, two V12-engined versions, the mighty Eldorado Special (which Stirling Moss crashed, following steering failure, in the '58 Race of Two Worlds at Monza) and Valerio Colotti's ultimate Tec-Mec evolution - are set for daily demonstrations. Twelve are currently due to race, too.

## TRIBUTE TO STEWART

When Goodwood Motor Circuit closed on July 2, 1966, its period lap record stood indelibly to Scotland's finest racing drivers at 1 m 20.4 s (107.46mph). Jimmy Clark (Lotus 25) and Jackie Stewart (BRM P261) were competing in the '65 Sunday Mirror Trophy event, the circuit's last Formula 1 race. Clark won that Easter Monday; Stewart's engine failed.

Having won two sportscar races in a day for Ecurie Ecosse at Goodwood in September '63, Jackie's first shot in a single-seater - an F3 Cooper-BMC test - was there in early '64. He famously outpaced Bruce McLaren and signed for Ken Tyrrell's team. The rest - three F1 world championships, 27 grand prix wins (from 99

The Maserati trident was a fixture at Goodwood throughout its first heyday. Reg Parnell raced a $4 \mathrm{CLT} / 48$ to victory in the opening meeting's Daily Graphic Trophy feature on September 18, 1948 - where 4CL, 4CM and 6CM models also competed - while Richard Bergel raced the Hon. Patrick Lindsay's 250 ' 2527 ' to fourth place in an historic race in May '66.

A seven-strong Modenese contingent faces ERAs, Alfa Romeos and a Ferrari in Saturday's Goodwood Trophy race this time. Indeed, svelte Maserati sportscars bookend the racecard, with 250Si, 300 S and Tipo 61 'birdcage' models in Friday evening's Sussex Trophy enduro and three A6GCSs in Sunday's Freddie March Memorial race.

The finned Jaguars will be under the Lavant Cup spotlight. While D-types won the '55-'57 Le Mans 24 Hour races, the best of four entered for the third and final Goodwood Nine Hour race in ' 55 - Ninian Sanderson/Desmond Titterington's Ecurie Ecosse entry - curiously


## starts) and so much more - is history.

This weekend's homage to Sir Jackie Stewart, 75 , is a daily cavalcade of cars spanning his career, from AC Ace to March 701, via Matra MS80, Tyrrell 002 and Tyrrell 006 from his F1 title-winning seasons of ' 69, ' 71 and '73.

failed to prevent rival Aston Martin from completing its domestic hat-trick.

With 16 races for magnificent (many priceless) cars, which only outstanding skill will tame on the super-fast 2.4 -mile former airfield perimeter track, sportsmanship and decorum of a bygone era on both sides of the spectator fences, it's no wonder the Revival is the world's ultimate motor racing theatre.

## LOOKING THE PART

Turning the clock back to the 1950s and '60s by dressing in period style has been a Revival tradition since its inaugural running in 1998. Whether you opt for military uniform or natty civilian clobber you will be part of the Goodwood set.
A pre-1966 vehicle code (for all bar emergency vehicles) on site - with a dedicated car park near Lavant corner for spectators arriving in style increases the pathos and ensures period-accurate backdrops for stunning photos.

There is even a High Street, with period Tesco 'supermarket' and Haymarket Newsagent to visit before you relax at the Delonghi Coffee Bar or Kenwood Corner House. Top-quality catering round the campus ensures that you won't go hungry.

## VINTAGE VOITURETTES

Founded by Raymond Mays and Peter Berthon - who later collaborated to start BRM - the fabled English Racing Automobiles marque from Bourne, Lincolnshire, first appeared at Brooklands in 1934 and its voiturettes with blown Riley-based engines and pre-selector 'boxes were the mainstay of early single-seater races.

Chassis R1A (David Hampshire), R2A (George Nixon), R7B (Peter Walker), R8C (Cuth Harrison), R9B (Geoffrey Ansell), R10B (Graham Whitehead), R11B (John Bolster) and R14B (Bob Gerard) raced at the first Goodwood meeting on September 18, 1948, but R5B 'Remus' broke under Bolster in practice.

Four of those wonderful old warhorses are back for Saturday's Goodwood Trophy event, R5B (Charles


McCabe), R9B (Heinz Bachmann), R10B (Paddins Dowling) and R11B (David Morris) joined by R1B (Michael Gans/John Ure), R3A (Dick Skipworth/Mark Gillies), R4A (Nick Topliss), R4D (Mac Hulbert/James Baxter) and R12C (Terry Crabb). Duncan Ricketts joins them with GP1, the sole-running E-type ERA.

## THE GOODWOOD GRID

## LAVANT CUP

Jaguar D-types
No sports-racer is more iconic than Jaguar's D-type, winner of three Le Mans 24 Hours in 1955-'57, extending the marque's tally to five in seven years. Andy Wallace, one of TWR Jaguar's ' 88 heroes at La Sarthe, five-time victor Derek Bell, Gary Pearson, Christian Glaesel and Gregor Fisken head the 20-strong entry.

## RICHMOND TROPHY 2.5-litre front-engined GP cars 1954-'60 <br> Twelve Maserati 250Fs (nine factorybuilt, including Max Werner's V12) and the Tec-Mec star in the marque's centenary, but most will be outgrunted by three Scarabs - Julian Bronson's fresh from victory at Zandvoort Michael Steele's Connaught and Roger Wills's Lotus 16. Expect Andy Newall to be a factor in a Lancia-Ferrari D50.

## SUSSEX TROPHY World Championship Sportscars, 1955-'60 <br> A Friday-evening, two-driver dash to dusk pits Aston Martin DBR1 (Simon Hadfield), Ferraris (Danny Sullivan, Bobby Verdon-Roe), Maseratis (Frank Stippler, Marino Franchitti), Listers (Emanuele Pirro, Gary Pearson, Sam and Ollie Hancock, Chris Ward) and Lotus 15s (Rob Hall, Ewan McIntyre)

 against Julian Mazub's Sadler-Chevy.
## RAC TT CELEBRATION

Closed-cockpit GT cars, 1960-'64 Sunday's high-octane showpiece looks wide open this year. Rob Huff, Giedo van der Garde, Jason Plato, Darren Turner and several Le Mans winners plus bold Japanese debutant Katsu Kubota - are in the power struggle embracing AC Cobras, Aston Martins, Chevrolet Corvettes, Iso Bizzarrini A3Cs, Ferrari GTOs, Maserati 151s and Sunbeam Lister Tiger.

## WHITSUN TROPHY

Unlimited sports-prototypes to 1966
McLaren ace Chris Goodwin
(ex-works M1B) has the ability to win the V8 slugfest, but outright lap-record holder Andrew Smith's Lola T70 is stiffer and more powerful, with Canadian Jay Esterer's rampant Chinook, winner in 2011, perhaps quicker still. Six Ford GT40s and Italian Piero Tonetti's Huffaker Genie Mk8 should be in the mix too.

## GOODWOOD TROPHY

GP, F1, F2 \& Formule Libre, 1948-'55 A fascinating confrontation between James Baxter (in Mac Hulbert's R4D) and John Ure (in Michael Gans's R1B) among 10 ERAs is talk of the paddock, thus Mark Gillies (R3A) won't have it easy. Rob Huff saddles the Parnell-MG and Andy Wolfe Gans's Maserati V8RI in this awesome field, redolent of early Goodwood Libre clashes.

## SHELBY CUP

Small-block V8 saloons to 1966 BTCC champions Andrew Jordan (sharing Oliver Bryant's Plymouth Barracuda), Gordon Shedden (Ford Mustang) and Matt Neal (Studebaker Lark), past masters Steve Soper and Anthony Reid, Le Mans winners Jackie Oliver, Henri Pescarolo, Jochen Mass and Emanuele Pirro, plus Marussia F1 racer Max Chilton saddle Americana, but Leo Voyazides' Falcon missed out.

## GLOVER TROPHY

1.5-litre GP \& 1-litre F2 cars, 1961-'65 Two-dozen shrieking 1500 cc V8s and a Ferrari V12 is a Revival record and many more top-line F1 machines than graced period Glover Trophy races. Andy Middlehurst (Lotus 25) has won the past three, but American star Duncan Dayton (in Sid Hoole's Cooper T66), Martin Stretton (Lotus 24) and Mark Piercy (Lola Mk4) may end the Classic Team Lotus racer's monopoly.

## ST MARY'S TROPHY

Production Saloons 1950-59
Where else can you see Andrew Jordan and Darren Turner (Austin A40s) go head-to-head with Gordon Shedden (A35), Rob Huff (A95), Jason Plato (Ford Prefect), Sam Tordoff (Standard Pennant), Tom Chilton (Gaz Volga) and Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo Giulietta Ti)? The Jaguar Mk1s start hot favourites in the two-parter, with owners racing on Sunday.

## CHICHESTER CUP

Formula Junior, rear-engined
disc-braked, 1960-'63
The youngest - and quickest - set in FJ's three-crop rotation should feature a mighty dust-up between Jon Milicevic
(Cooper T59), Sam Wilson (Lotus 20),
Dave Methley and Jonathon Hughes
(Brabham BT6s). The Hibberds and
Manfredo Rossi (Lotuses), James
Murray (Lola) and Westie Mitchell
(de Tomaso) are capable of joining in.

## BARRY SHEENE TROPHY

Motorcycles, 1951-'54
Twenty years after defending 500cc champion Kevin Schwantz won the British GP at Silverstone with Suzuki, Troy Corser, Mick Grant, James Haydon, Jeremy McWilliams, Steve Parrish, Michael Rutter, Charlie Williams and Tommy Hill are gunning to beat the Manx Norton-mounted Texan. Duncan Fitchett (teamed with McWilliams ) is the top classic racer.

## FORDWATER TROPHY

Production-based Sports \& GT cars, 1960-'66
From sublime Ferrari 275 GTB/C to obscure Gilbern 1800GT, Ogle SX1000 and Tornado Talisman, via rorty Iso Rivolta, zippy Ginetta G4s and Lotus Elites, 16 marques will do battle. Podium tips include Bill Wykeham (Porsche 911), Darren Turner (Turner), Tony Sinclair (TVR Grantura) and the evergreen Murray Smith (Morgan +4).

## FREDDIE MARCH TROPHY

Goodwood 9 Hour cars, 1952-'55 Reverting to sprint format this year, the entry stars Martin Melling's Aston Martin DB3, the inaugural Nine Hours winner with Peter Collins/Pat Grififith. It won't keep up with the Jaguar C-types - which it outlasted 62 years ago - Rob Newall's Cooper-Jaguar, Adrian Willmott's Austin-Healey 100S or Ben Shuckburgh's Cunningham C4R rep, but is a joy to behold.

## STUNNING SIDESHOWS

First run in 2012, the Settrington Cup event for youngsters in lavishly restored Austin J40 pedal cars is now a 'must-see' Revival feature. If emotions run high among the lads and lasses jostling furiously down the start straight on Saturday and Sunday, just watch their parents! It will end in tears..

Breathtaking aviation displays are synonymous with Goodwood. As befits its former life as RAF Westhampnett, warbirds are a major draw. Watch for Spitfire, Mustang and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. On the ground, the Freddie March Spirit of Aviation competition features the Hiller UH-12E4 helicopter from Goldfinger.


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| 0825 | Opening ceremony |
| 0900-1750 Official practice \& parades |  |
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| FREDDIE MARCH MEMORIAL TROPHY |  |
| 1815 | Prize-giving |
| 1930 | Gates close |

## TCKES

Admission is by pre-ordered tickets only and general admissions are now sold out. Hospitality packages remain available for each of the three days. Contact the Goodwood Hospitality team on 01243 755054 for late availability.

## Formula E has attracted a quality field as it kicks off in Beijing this weekend. MARCUS SIMMONS plugs in to rate likely form



Like it or not, electric racing is here. And, like it or not, you've got to admit to being interested in how it pans out. Ten teams, featuring a host of top professional drivers - plus leading engineers and management from across the highest
levels of the sport - set out on their adventure in Beijing this weekend. OK, we're purists, and we can't get our heads around FanBoost. But here's the crucial thing: there may be no sound, but it'll be proper racing. This is your guide to the contenders..

## ANDREII FORMULAE



FIGUREHEAD Michael Andretti
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
It's a British-assembled cast, many of whom orbit team manager Rob Arnott (who with Status GP won A1GP as Team Ireland) and Nick Wirth (whose firm designed the HPD LMP cars). Plenty of links to the US and there is full info-sharing with the Andretti IndyCar team.


Long-time Andretti associate who's been sadly underused in recent years


Trying to get back on the radar after a year in Formula 1 with Caterham

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

A fairly decent one. Montagny has been reasonably rapid and the team has been getting quietly on with its programme. Pic is easily good enough to slot in effectively despite only one test day. His seat may be a revolving one though - Scott Speed occupied it in early tests.

## AUDI SPORI ABI



FIGUREHEAD Hans-Jurgen Abt
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
No film stars or rich, bearded entrepreneurs here: it's a down-to-earth, hugely successful German race team best known for masterminding Audi's DTM success, and also runs the whole VW Scirocco R-Cup series. Team manager is ex-KMS F3 chief, Swiss Gianni Bianchi.


## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

Look no further than di Grassi for a winner. Not only is he an ace driver, but Audi is in the background, likely with plenty of useful simulation software. Reports suggest that the Brazilian is the one whose race pace has everyone worried.

AMIIN AGURI


FIGUREHEAD Aguri Suzuki
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
Plenty of DNA from the old Super Aguri Formula 1 team, including team principal Mark Preston and tech director Peter McCool (plus their old pal Sato). Don't be shocked to hear that Mercedes F1 have nicked their aero ideas (as happened in Honda days in 2007)!


TAKUMA SATO
Japanese folk hero who's been battling it out in IndyCar in recent years


KATHERINE LEGGE
Plenty of Indycar experience; racing DeltaWing in United SportsCar in 2014

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

The driver line-up all seems a bit last-minute. Initially Fabio Leimer was stepping in for Beijing in place of Antonio Felix da Costa, who's on DTM BMW duty, but just as we went to press we heard it's old Aguri favourite Sato. Legge isn't sure to do all of them either.

## CHINA RACING



FIGUREHEAD Steven Lu
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
The ownership is the same people who masterminded the Chinese attacks on those other left-field singleseater series, A1GP and Superleague. But team operation is in the hands of GP2 and WTCC squad Campos Racing, led by Adrian Campos himself.


NELSON PIQUET JR
Maverick who now leaps around American stadia for his day job in rallycross cars


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## TUNG

Dutch-born racer mainly races sportscars now, but has decent single-seater pedigree

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

You're not going to look at this team first as a likely winner, but a good result wouldn't be a complete shock. Piquet joined the party quite late, Tung is handy and reserve driver Antonio Garcia may do some races - the GT star was pretty quick in single-seaters in his youth.

## DRAGON RACING



## FIGUREHEAD Jay Penske

## WHO ARE THE TEAM?

Dragon is the squad set up by Roger Penske's son Jay in 2006 - under the Luczo Dragon banner - to compete in IndyCar, but which has not raced since last year. The Formula E team is being run by ex-Tyrrell/Penske engineer Nigel Beresford.


Ex-F1 driver has been racing house-sized Bentley in Blancpain Endurance this year


SERVIA
Handy IndyCar racer who these days does partprogrammes in the States

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

It's been a bit turbulent behind the scenes, with a late split with Mike Conway meaning that Servia - who owns a stake in the team - gets a late call-up for the opening round in Beijing. Luckily he's done a fair bit of testing. D'Ambrosio should be quick - and has been.

## EDAMS-RENAULT



FIGUREHEADS Jean-Paul Driot/Alain Prost WHO ARE THE TEAM?
Quite simply, one of the leading motorsport operations in the world outside F1. Drivers run by DAMS are leading the way in GP2 and Formula Renault 3.5, so there's tons of expertise here under the leadership of technical chief Francois Sicard.


## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

An excellent one. The team seems to have an advantage in qualifying spec of up to half a second, so expect Buemi to take pole. The team's backing from series technical partner Renault and excellent relationship (via Prost Sr ) with tyre supplier Michelin won't hurt either.

## MAHINDRA RACING



FIGUREHEAD Anand Mahindra
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
Enormously enthusiastic backing from India, with Dilbagh Gill as team principal, but appropriately run by Carlin, the team that brought the nation's Narain Karthikeyan to prominence at the turn of the millennium. A fair smattering of Carlin FR3.5 and F3 staff are involved.


## KARUN Hate CHANDHOK

Also ex-HRT victim, latter-day sportscar racer, great ambassador for the sport

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

You'd count on strong points from both drivers. Both Senna and Chandhok have been in the top-six mix behind the dominant Buemi in testing. There's enough expertise at Carlin and tactical nous from the drivers to do a very good job.

## TRULI



FIGUREHEAD Jarno Trulli

## WHO ARE THE TEAM?

It was pretty late in the day when Trulli took over this entry from Lord Drayson, and the team was only just scrambled together in time for the first test. It's 100 per cent Norfolk's finest in the form of Super Nova, ex-A1GP leading light and these days active in Auto GP.


F1 veteran is sufficien by Formula E for this to be his first race in three years


Auto GP race winner and Blancpain Endurance pro-am class contender

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

Difficult to say. The brilliant Trulli was at the old-schoolartistry end of the spectrum as far as F1 drivers are concerned, which doesn't seem to tie in with point-andsquirt FE tracks. Cerruti has done well in Auto GP, but now faces higher class of opposition.

## VENIURI



FIGUREHEAD Leonardo DiCaprio
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
As you might have guessed, there's no one who's snogged Kate Winslet on the silver screen actually involved in running the cars. Instead it's French team Signature, which has had titanic success in F3 and had a crew ready to roll after its 2014 season capsized.


Underrated F1 veteran who scored 13 podiums, and still races on in the WEC


## STEPHANE

## SARRAZIN

What hasn't he done? Sarraz is one of the most versatile drivers in the world

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

Definitely contenders. One of the more stable line-ups in the paddock, with one of the most evenly matched driver line-ups too. Heidfeld has always been good on street circuits since his junior days (he scored F3 race wins in Monaco and Macau), and Sarrazin will shine too.

## VRCIN RACING



FIGUREHEAD Alex Tai
WHO ARE THE TEAM?
Tai is Richard Branson's space-travel guru initially put in charge of the F1 team that is now Marussia. The squad he has now has a smattering of Oxfordshire-based blokes with F1 team kit in their wardrobes, plus the inevitable Oxon/Norfolk GP2 axis.


ALGUERSUARI
Another Red Bull refugee. This year's he's been racing a GT Mercedes in Germany


Wore his knuckles out knocking on F1 door. Now in sportscars, most notably as GT Ferrari ace

## WHAT CHANCE HAVE THEY GOT?

For Venturi, read Virgin really. Both Alguersuari and Bird have good reputations and the potential to do well. It's the Briton who's had the edge in the intra-team battle as far as quick testing times are concerned, and he also has fantastic street-circuit form in his career to date.

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1Drivers are allowed to use 20okW (270bhp) from the McLaren powertrain/Williams battery in qualifying trim, but a maximum of only 150 kW (202.5bhp) in races.

2Even then, a driver will struggle to go above 12 okW (162bhp) for the bulk of a race, meaning it could turn into a tactical battle. Do you go flat-out at the start if you're on pole and then throttle back? Or if you qualify badly, do you play it cool until gunning it when others pit?

3FanBoost, voted for on social media, will allow three drivers five seconds each at 180 kW ( 243 bhp ) - 30kW more than the regular race maximum - for overtaking. A driver can use this for either of their two cars, or across both.

4Want to know what the laptime difference is between those alternative levels of power? Based on Donington tests, it's reckoned to be about 0.1 seconds per $\mathbf{1 k W}$. So your difference between 200 kW qualifying and 120 kW race average will be around eight seconds.

5Speeds at the end of the start-finish straight at Donington in testing using the 150 kW maximum race power were only around 105 mph . In qualifying mode, laptimes just pip a Formula Ford EcoBoost: the quickest test time was 1m31.083s, while the FFord pole from 2012 was 1 m 31.589 s.


6But don't forget that the cars run on Michelin treaded tyres and the batteries weigh a hefty 320 kg , so performance isn't that bad considering...

7The smooth track surface and flowing corners of Donington did not allow much regenerating via the MGU, and the stop-start street circuits on which Formula E will race should produce more 'regen'. Then again, this will be more rapidly consumed by the harder acceleration from tight chicanes and hairpins.




8A driver must spend a minimum of 50 seconds in their pit awning while changing cars mid-race. In testing, teams have got car-change times down to $37 / 38$ seconds, meaning they should have breathing space to deal with any glitches. There will also be a minimum time in the pitlane, which will vary from circuit to circuit.

9Drivers reckon the biggest difference between qualifying and race trim comes from brake balance. This needs to be moved 16 to 18 per cent towards the front to prevent the rears locking, thanks to the regenerating and the heavy weight at the rear.

10As if Formula E wasn't enough of a step into the unknown, the FIA is holding its World Motor Sport Council in Beijing on Friday (tomorrow). That means that a thousand blazers will be watching the action on Saturday. No pressure then... W

## CALENDAR

| DATE | LOCATION |
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| September 13 | Beijing (PRC) |
| November 22 | Putrajaya (MAL) |
| December 13 | Punta del Este (ROU) |
| January 10 | Buenos Aires (RA) |
| March 14 | Miami (USA) |
| April 4 | Long Beach (USA) |
| May 9 | Monte Carlo (MC) |
| May 30 | Berlin (D) |
| June 27 | London (GB) |
| Plus one other race to be decided |  |
| Watch the opening round from live on ITV4 <br> at 0800-1030 on Saturday, with highlights at <br> 1800-1900, and at 2100-2200 on BT Sport 2. |  |

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## Welsh track nears construction

## Circuit of Wales project reaches final stage of planning permission

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£315 million Circuit of Wales could start as early as this December after developers began the final process for securing planning permission.

Delays over securing the right to build on common land has substantially set back the beginning of building work on the Blaenau Gwent project, but that legal process is set to come to an end next month.

Last month project bosses announced a five-year deal to host the British MotoGP round from 2015, and agreed a deal for Donington Park to host next year's race while the Welsh track is built.

Developers last week submitted an application to the planning inspectorate to commence the process for deregistration of common land in Rassau near Ebbw Vale, which should allow construction to begin.


## AIMING FOR RACES IN 2016

The confirmation of the MotoGP deal had previously been labelled make-or-break for the project by Michael Carrick (pictured below), the CEO of the Heads of the Valleys Development Company behind the plans.

Carrick's HotVDC co-director Chris Herring said the focus was now on clearing the final hurdle for the planning process, and claimed that a winter start date for construction would mean the circuit would be completed by autumn 2016.
"It's quite a complex process really," he said. "That's where we are at now. It's a maximum of 28 days but that's without allowing for any objections. It's the last process but not the last hurdle by any means.
"There'll be 101 things to deal with in the coming months but it means we can start closing things down. We're looking at December or January to begin construction work, and for a fully operational circuit we're looking at 18 months. That's the sort of time that's in the back of everyone's mind.
"We just want to get on with it to be honest. We originally envisaged it being operational this summer. We didn't ever think it was unachieveable.
"Now we're looking at 2016. It's amazing how you can lose that time. We've got hurdle after hurdle to get over but now we are definitely looking at hosting racing in 2016."

Several concerns have been raised over the project in recent months, including criticism for a lack of transparency over its funding sources and links to a Welsh government minister whose involvement with the project led to him breaching the ministerial code and ongoing delays.

There have also been calls from environmental groups to reassess the impact the venue would have on the area's biodiversity.

## SCEPTICS DISMISSED

Herring said the negative publicity this had generated for the project was "frustrating", but claimed there was no requirement on the part of either the officials or the Welsh Government to disclose confidential information on its investors.
"I don't think there's any easy way to approach big projects like this so we have gone along quietly," he added. "Criticism is unavoidable but the people it hurts the most are the people in the area who then start to doubt the project and their own futures. There are confidentiality issues with private funding but it's not an issue with the Welsh Government, so why should people ask that question? What business is it to anyone else?
"We would not have come this far if we didn't have the plans in place for construction and investment. The project would have died, undoubtedly."

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CHRIS HERRING DESCRIBES
himself as a glass-half-full character, which is probably essential given some of the concerns raised in recent months surrounding the Circuit of Wales project.
l've heard less-than-savoury things from some quarters and, in addition to the concerns from existing circuit bosses and environmental agencies, there was the concerning link to the Welsh Government minister who lost his position due to a breach of ministerial code directly related to the Ebbw Vale project.

Given that construction's not even begun on the circuit, that's not the best start. But last month's announcement that it had landed a five-year deal to host the British MotoGP round was a welcome bit of positive PR for those concerned.

Will it happen? That's the question I keep being asked. And, lacking a crystal ball, I can't give a proper answer. l've had my concerns - outside the walls of meeting rooms at HotVDC HQ, who hasn't? - and yet it keeps trucking along, with this step forward in the planning process the latest announcement in its favour.
l've been taken in at times by the positives the Circuit of Wales would bring to a poverty-stricken area but I'm not the kind of glass-half-full person Herring professes himself to be, so l've not jumped on the bandwagon as some might have.

That's not to say l'm dismissing the project; nobody should all the while it remains in motion and positive steps are being taken. It's just that this is a huge undertaking that has had many hurdles to deal with already. It's moving forward, certainly, but until I hear of brickwork being laid in Rassau, I will have to reserve judgement.



# Factory Ginetta makes British GT return 

THE FACTORY GINETTA SQUAD will return to the British GT grid for this weekend's Donington Park finale, at which Ollie Hancock will also rejoin the championship.

Steve Tandy will partner Ginetta works driver Mike Simpson in the Team LNT G55 GT3 at Donington after the Generation Bentley team with which he was previously
competing withdrew before Brands. Tandy, who raced a G5o in the inaugural season of the series' GT4 sub-class, is evaluating a 2015 schedule with the Yorkshire marque. Podium finisher Ollie Hancock will also compete in the series for the first time since claiming pole and finishing third on the debut of Fortec Motorsport's Mercedes SLS

AMG GT3 at Oulton Park last year. The ex-Formula Renault BARC champion will join Gary Eastwood at FF Corse - which is expanding to two Ferrari 458 Italias with Ron and Piers Johnson - in place of ex-GP2 race winner Adam Carroll, who has a clashing ELMS commitment.

Wolfgang Reip will partner Sir Chris Hoy in Nissan's GTR-NISMO
and Mark Patterson is set to rejoin Matt Bell in the United Autosports Audi R8 LMS ultra.
The Brands Hatch-winning pair of Porsche factory driver Nick Tandy and David Ashburn will continue in Trackspeed's Porsche 997 GT3-R. The GT4 Porsche of James May and Alex Osborne also returns to the grid.

## Clio Cup Series

## Club Clio champions to get prize test in latest model

RENAULT CLIO CUP ROAD SERIES
champion Anton Spires will test the
French marque's turbocharged Clio used in the main UK series next month.

Spires will get to drive the fourthgeneration Clio at Brands Hatch on October 10 as a prize for being the inaugural champion of the new club championship's sub-class for converted road cars. The champion of the main Race class, currently led by Mike Robinson, will also test the car.
"To now have the opportunity to test a fourth-gen Clio is amazing," said Spires. "I'll take the experience as a major learning curve first of all, but hopefully use the day to prove myself.
"The Race class is the short-term goal, then hopefully Renault UK Clio

Cup after that with touring cars and GT racing as a goal for the future."

Robinson raced in the main series from 2008-10 and said the opportunity to test the new car would be unmissable. "I've wanted to drive the fourth-gen Clio since it was launched," he said. "l've kept an eye on the TOCA guys to see how the new car compares."


## Willhire Revival

## Willhire Revival race canned but could be run next year

PLANS FOR A WILLHIRE REVIVAL meeting are still alive despite the 2014 race being cancelled.
Organiser Julius Thurgood had planned to run a two-hour event at Donington Park for production cars that competed in the Willhire 24 Hours at Snetterton between 1980 and '94.
The hope was to build the event so that longer races could take place in future years, but Thurgood has been forced to postpone the project due to a lack of firm entries.

"We were getting a lot of interest with people wanting to build cars, but I think a lot of people were holding back, saying 'you first',' said Thurgood, who still plans to try again in the future and is open to the possibility of holding the race at its original venue.
"I couldn't get enough cars out there to commit and the costs for us were pretty high. l'd like to keep the thing going. Maybe we came out with it too soon. It might just be better to revive it at a later date, perhaps at Snetterton."

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# SR8 drivers boycott second Spa race over safety fears 

RADICAL SR8 DRIVERS REFUSED to take part in the second European Masters race at Spa-Francorchamps on safety grounds after Marcello Marateotto crashed heavily when he suffered a rear-tyre failure.
The Swiss driver was in fourth place when a suspected Dunlop failure at Eau Rouge left him with broken ribs and heavy bruising after a 120 mph crash.

Marateotto briefly lost consciousness

and was kept in overnight at Liege hospital before returning to the circuit the following morning.

Concerns had been raised prior to the Spa races over the suitability of the tyres after other teams had problems during pre-race testing on Wednesday, while Marateotto - who claimed he was "lucky to survive with a few broken bones and bruises" - had already had a rear tyre explode during free practice on Friday.

A Dunlop spokeperson said: "lt's still under discussion and we can't say anything yet."
In the race, Bradley Smith was closing on championship leader Tristan Viidas when the red flags came out, but no points were awarded. Roger Bromiley just lost out to Fabrizio Fassitelli in the SR3-class battle but dominated race two, which was run without the SR8s.

## Barcelona 24 Hours

## Hughes takes 24H podium

BRDC FORMULA 4 CHAMPION and BMW junior Jake Hughes made his night-race debut last weekend in the Barcelona 24 Hours.

Hughes finished second in the A5 class and 11th overall at the Spanish venue driving a BMW M235i alongside Jesse Krohn, Emin Akata and Michael Schrey.

A brake-pad problem dropped the quartet out of the class lead, but the Formula Renault racer lauded the result and said it made him eager to sample
bigger endurance racing events. "It was tiring, but l've got a bit of a bug for 24-hour races straight away," said Hughes. "Second was a massive overachievement for the class we were in. Some of the other cars were about three seconds a lap quicker than us so to finish second was unbelievable.
"That was the first time I had driven at night and it was really, really cool - I wish every race was at night. I would love to do Le Mans now."


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## A SUMMER OF

success in Legends has pushed Dean Brace to the top of our table of winners in the British Isles so far in 2014. The 28-year-old Berkshire racer has moved ahead of ex-leader Matthew Palmer, with James Blake-Baldwin's Croft treble last weekend in MX5s lifting him to third.

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| 4 | Mark Charteris (Mallock U2 Mk20/21) | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| 5 | Mike Gardner (Crossle 30F) | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| 6 | Shane Stoney (Mini Cooper) | 0 | 12 | 12 |
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## Back to Brighton for one of Britain's best clubbies

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Saturday's 76th running was a resounding triumph for organiser Brighton \& Hove Motor Club, under chairman Tony Johnstone. Following a sidecar passenger's death in 2012 there was enormous political pressure to stop permanently. Buoyed by overwhelming public support 12,500 people e-petitioned the council - and backed by the Motor Sports Association, BHMC was given the green light to continue this year.

I first attended in the 1970s, when competitors raced over a standingstart kilometre. The '78 event, in which Dave Harris (Formula 5000 McRae GM1) and Terry Smith (March-Repco 761) shared BTD on 17.48s with Dutchman Henk Vink on his triple Kawasaki-engined drag bike Big Spender, remains fresh in my memory.

Back then Brighton was an RAC British Sprint Championship round but, having been shortened to half a mile, then a quarter in the wake of experienced driver Simon Law's death, it was dropped after 1993 when Scot John Gray (SPA-Judd V10) set the car record, which still stands at 8.90 s . Since then it has been hailed as one of Britain's most enjoyable clubbie events.

This time three road cars, two Sports Libre contenders and a
racing car qualified for the Top Six Shootout. Justin Nicholson's Porsche 996 and indefatigable veteran Jim Tiller's fearsome Allard J2 'dragster' (the 2004 and ' 06 winner) did not run, but the Nissan Skyline GT-Rs of Paul Kenney and Tony Bunker cut identical 11.41s runs.
They were eclipsed by lan Catt's Wealdstone Empire single-seater (11.35s) before 2012 victor Rob

## "12,500 people <br> e-petitioned the

council to save
the Speed Trials"
Stevens posted a fine 9.87s in his supercharged Suzuki Hayabusaengined Force SR4, the first sub-10s BTD since Mike Endean's (Gould X-Trac Puma) in '09.

Of the five hairy bikers who ran, four went faster still in their shootout. Craig 'Mad Dog' Mallabone's 9.07s on a 1300cc Suzuki Hayabusa turbo - with 168 mph terminal velocity, compared to Stevens's 144 mph - won the day! Mallabone qualified on a mighty 8.94 s , close to Roger Simmons's 2009 outright record of 8.73 s .

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Leinster Trophy

## Leinster Trophy returns to FFord

## MONDELLO PARK'S FAMOUS

Leinster Trophy will be fought out by Formula Ford 1600 competitors for the first time since 2008.

Organisers have confirmed that the September 21 event on Mondello's International circuit will revert back to the FF1600 category after five years as a race for Formula Sheane machinery.

Double Irish FFord champion Niall
Murray is set to compete, as is Champion of Mondello leader Stephen Daly.

European Rally Championship driver Robert Barrable, who won the last Ford-based Leinster Trophy in 2008 and also triumphed in the inaugural Vivion Daly Trophy at Mondello earlier this year, will also take part.

Previous winners of the trophy include world champions Ayrton Senna (when it was for Formula Ford 2000) and Mika Hakkinen (Opel Lotus). Organiser Bernard Dolan, who hopes to have a grid of 20-plus, said: "There's a huge history
there. There are very few trophies young drivers can try and get their hands on that have Senna's name on them.
"The history of the trophy has always been that it's for up-and-coming drivers. While we haven't be attracting the international drivers we have in the past, it's now for our own market.
"FF1600 has been up and down over the years but it's the class to compete in if drivers want to establish themselves. The plan is to try and build for next year."


Walter Hayes Trophy

## Geva eyes Buri WHT entry

LEADING DUTCH FORMULA
Ford team Geva Racing could run ex-British champion Antti Buri in this year's Walter Hayes Trophy. Geva has converted one of its three Mygale Duratec chassis to 1600cc Kent-engined specification, using its own wishbones and body modifications, in a bid to land a Formula Ford Festival and WHT
double in England this autumn Geva principal Gert Valkenburg, a leading FFord figure since the 1970s, revealed that Buri is keen to chase another crown.
The Finn, who won the inaugural EcoBoost FFord crown and the 2012 Duratec race at the Festival, would race a GV14K that the team may also field in more British events in 2015.

## Spa 6 Hours

## Latif to make historic debut

## UP-AND-COMING BRITISH

 sportscar driver Alessandro Latif will make his historic debut at the wheel of a Jaguar D-type in one of this month's Spa 6 Hours support races.The 18-year-old, who leads the Pro-Am points with Phoenix Racing Audi team-mate Marc Basseng in the Blancpain Sprint Series, will race the Valentine Lindsay-owned car with Harry Wyndham.

Latif, who was at school with Lindsay's son Patrick, and Wyndham will bid for honours in the Royal Automobile Club's Woodcote Trophy for pre-1956 machinery at the Belgian event, which takes place on September 20.

Latif, who has already tested the car at Silverstone, said: "It's an amazing piece of machinery. It's 60 years old, but the braking and power are amazing."

## CLUB AUTOSPORT



## In brief

Graham joins Strakka
BRDC Formula 4 winter champion Matthew Graham will switch to the Strakka Racing squad as the team makes its Formula Renault Eurocup debut in Hungary this weekend. Graham (above), who will join Jake Hughes at the Hungaroring, has already made two appearances in the series this year for AV Formula.

## Team USA shortlist

The shortlist for this year's Team USA scholarship has been announced. The drivers fighting for Formula Ford Festival and Walter Hayes Trophy entries are: Canadian F1600 Championship top two Tristan DeGrand (18) and Garth Rickards (21); Skip Barber Summer Series race winners Ben Auriemma (16) and Michai Stephens (22); USF2000 rookie of the year Aaron Telitz (22); and SCCA Mazda MX-5 Cup points leader Kenton Koch.

## Porsche boss to leave

Porsche Great Britain motorsport manager Marion Barnaby will leave her post at the end of the season. Barnaby, who has held the post for almost 14 years, has headed the marque's UK Carrera Cup series since its launch in 2003.

## Supercup grid boost

Carl Boardley made his Ginetta GT4 Supercup return at Rockingham after surgery sidelined him for some rounds. Several drivers made their debuts in the series, including GT5 ace Dennis Strandberg and ex-Ginetta Junior race winner Tom Howard.

## Academy plots return

Ginetta squad Academy Motorsport is planning to return to British GT next year. The team did not compete in the Brands Hatch round two weeks ago after engine issues curtailed its 2013 season. Team boss Matt Nicoll-Jones said the team should be on the grid with a "one or two-car" team in 2015.


> Combe infield
> will be utilised

## Castle Combe

# Proposal for solar farm at Castle Combe 

## PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

for a solar wind farm to be built on the infield at Castle Combe.

A proposal from solar companies Solafields and Vogt Solar would use part of the land at the Wiltshire circuit to create the 55-acre site.

It is hoped that the venture, which would take four months to complete, could enable the circuit to host all-electric car racing in the future by installing power hubs around the track.

New crash barriers would be put in place to protect the panels, which would
be 45 metres inside the track.
The local council is expected to make a decision on the proposal - which claimed the farm would produce enough renewable energy to power 4000 homes, and would include a $£ 50,000$ community benefit fund - by the end of this year.

## MGTROPHY OULTONPARK,SEPTIEMBER6MGCC

# Wins shared between Luti and Maker 

PAUL LUTI AND ROSS MAKAR STOLE the spoils in the MG Trophy, as Fergus Campbell took a win and a second in Class C to further his championship push with only one round remaining.
The meeting was dominated by unfortunate circumstances with a big crash in race one. Jack Roberts was airlifted to hospital for precautionary tests after hitting the stationary car of Paul Savage at the exit of Old Hall and bouncing off into the tyre barriers.

The resulting safety car meant the field reformed on the grid, and Luti mirrored the fantastic start he had made first time around, but this time he didn't run wide at Old Hall and plummet down the order as he had done previously.

Luti led a tight four-car duel, his closest challenger being Colin Robertson, who muscled his way past polesitter Ross Makar for second on the last lap. He reduced the lead margin to 0.421 seconds at the end, but Luti held on to
take a brilliant victory.
In race two, Makar and Robertson battled it out early on, with Luti just behind. Midway through the race, Chris Bray joined the fray in fourth and the quartet went nose to tail for the remaining four laps.

Luti took the lead briefly, but after some rubbing and shoving he was booted down to fourth.

Bray made the most of a brilliant slingshot off Lodge on the last lap to take second at the line, ahead of Robertson and Luti but behind

Makar, who drove an excellent race to score a fine win.

- Jack Benyon

RESULTS (6 LAPS) (all in ZR 190 unless stated) 1 Paul Luti 12m01.780s ( 80.56 mph ); 2 Colin Robertson +0.421s; 3 Ross Makar; 4 Chris Bray; 5 Graham Ross; 6 Robin Walker. Class winners Andrew Ashton (ZR 170); Ian Boulton (ZR 160). Fastest lap Bray 1m57.989s ( 82.13 mph ). RACE 2 (10 LAPS) 1 Makar 19m52.630s ( 81.25 mph ); 2 Bray $+0.250 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Robertson; 4 Luti; 5 Doug Cole; 6 Jake Fraser-Burns. CW Fergus Campbell (ZR170); Boulton. FL Bray 1 m 57.368 s ( 82.57 mph ).

## COCKSHOOT CUP OULTON PARK, SEPTEMBER6MGCC

## Simm cards win and title

IT WAS A FANTASTIC DAY FOR THE Cockshoot Cup, with Silver Trophy winner Jason Simm claiming the title along with the race victory. Going into the nine-lap encounter, Simm, Jeremy Toes (from the Class A ranks) and Ian Winstanley (from Class B) all had a mathematical chance of winning the trophy. But Winstanley could only manage eighth on the grid and required a disaster to befall his rivals, whereas Simm knew a class victory would suffice. He duly qualified on pole, two places ahead of his nearest class rival Paul Clackett.

A perfect getaway aided Simm's
bid, and he set about building an
early lead ahead of Sean Peters's MG Midget. On lap four Simm shattered the Class C lap record in his ZS and extended his margin to eight seconds, which he maintained until the finish.

Peters maintained second, with Clackett's ZS crossing the line third. Toes claimed a class win in his Midget, but it was not enough. - Jack Benyon

RESULTS (9 LAPS) 1 Jason Simm (MG ZS) 18m18.995s ( 79.36 mph ); 2 Sean Peters (Midget) $+8.789 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Paul Clackett (ZS); 4 David Morrison (Midget); 5 Simon Lowery (ZS 180); 6 Howard Hunt (ZS). CW Peters; Jeremy Toes (Midget); Volker Eickmeyer (F VVC). FL Simm 1m59.937s ( 80.80 mph ).



MEIRO CUP OULTONPARK, SEPTEMBER6MCCC

## Sanderson jumps the gun

TOM SANDERSON WAS LEFT
licking his wounds at Oulton Park, as a 10 -second penalty cost him a certain victory.

Sanderson was an incredible 1.7 s ahead of his nearest rival in qualifying, but points leader Jonathan Woodcock was also comfortably top of his class, in seventh place overall.

Sanderson made a good start, but the stewards deemed he jumped the gun and this meant Mike Williams was the net leader. Despite pumping in some fastest laps, Sanderson could not extend his lead to the 1os needed
to overturn the penalty, and it was Williams who won despite finishing second on the road.

Woodcock took a clear class win in seventh overall to maintain his march to the title. - Jack Benyon

## RESULTS (10 LAPS) 1 Mike Williams

 (Rover Metro) 21m07.090s ( 76.48 mph ); 2 Tom Sanderson (Rover Metro GTi) +2.657 s ; 3 Ben Rushworth (Rover 100); 4 Jack Ashton (Rover Metro GTi); 5 Philip Gough (Rover 114 GTi); 6 Simon White (MG Metro). CW Jonathan Woodcock (Rover Metro GTi); John Gould (MG ZR 105). FL Sanderson 2m04.483s ( 77.85 mph ).

## PORSCHECLUBCHAMPIONSHIP OULTONPARK, SEPTIEMBERGMCCC

## Another two wins for in-form Bradshaw

TOM BRADSHAW EARNED HIS SECOND successive double victory, after his hugely successful Donington Park meeting three weeks ago.

Bradshaw started in style with two pole positions and pulled out a healthy lead in the first race, but trouble was brewing in the stewards room as they deemed Bradshaw to be out of position at the start and handed him a 10 -second penalty.
"I had no idea. I backed off to manage the gap," said Bradshaw. "The lads put it on the pit board, but the board is right on the braking point for Old Hall so I couldn't really read any of it," he added.

Luckily for Bradshaw the penalty was overturned after the race before
any appeal was necessary, and he was allowed to keep the win. "It's pretty frustrating but I'm glad I got it back," he mused.

Mark Sumpter was second, ahead of championship leader Peter Morris, who still hasn't finished off the podium this season.
The second race was a more relaxed affair, and perhaps Bradshaw was sending a message that if he had known about the penalty in the first instalment, he could have built up a greater advantage, as his lead by the end of race two was an outrageous 14.8 s .

The real battle in this race was between Sumpter and Morris, as Morris used the intriguing strategy
of starting on fresh tyres for the second race, but he struggled to pass Sumpter.

He made the move stick with two laps to go, but it was too late to reduce the gap to Bradshaw, whose lead continued to increase. - Jack Benyon

RESULTS (BOTH 13 LAPS) 1 Tom Bradshaw ( 996 C2) 26m36.926s ( 78.89 mph ); 2 Mark Sumpter ( 964 C2) +4.658 s ; 3 Peter Morris ( 996 C2); 4 Adrian Slater ( 964 C2) 5 John McCullagh (Boxster S); 6 Richard Ellis ( 993 C2). CW Stuart Ings (Boxster 2.7). FL Bradshaw 1m50.512s ( 87.69 mph ). RACE 21 Bradshaw 24m07.703s (87.02mph); 2 Morris +14.801 s ; 3 Sumpter; 4 McCullagh; 5 Slater; 6 Ellis. CW Ings. FL Bradshaw 1 m 50.417 s ( 87.77 mph ).

CLUB AUTOSPORT
Oulton in brief


MGBCV8s
Russell McCarthy converted pole position into another race victory. The two yellow MGB V8s of Russell and brother Spencer broke away from the rest of the pack, with Russell winning by just 0.208 seconds after a late safety car. Simon Cripps took third.

## Midget/Sprite Challenge

It took all of a few seconds for the drama to ignite at Oulton, as Stephen Pegram's bright-orange Midget speared off into the barriers a few hundred yards from the start line after a fraught beginning. After a brief safety-car period, poleman Paul Sibley took a lights-to-flag win, with the top six finishers all Midgets

## Ecurie GTS

The Ecurie GTS Challenge provided a thrilling encounter in its penultimate round, with a last-lap pass for the win in the 40-minute race. Andrew Bentley's MGB led by eight seconds after the pitstops but the Triumph TR4 of Pete Foster hunted it down to take the victory by less than three tenths. Will Limley's MGB rounded out the podium.

# Great Hall triumphs before Goodyear smashes record 

PRESCOTT'S ROUND OF THE BRITISH
championship was a display of real quality, with the hill record lowered on four occasions and bonus points awarded to four drivers.

Jos Goodyear was at his unpredictable best. He crashed in the morning and then took his class record mid-afternoon, before fixing the hill record in place on the last run of the weekend only four hours after he had hit the barriers heavily.

In the opening run-off, Trevor

[^1]Willis, holder of the old record, was first to reset the mark, but two starts later Will Hall went into the 35 s for the first time ever.

In the second run-off Scott Moran went under the old record and another two starts later Goodyear took four tenths out of Hall's time, with more than seven tenths shaved from the old record.

Goodyear said: "After this morning's failure I needed to do something and we always felt there

[^2]
was a 35 s in the Raptor," but he was unable to explain exactly how he had achieved it.
After the record-breaking success of Goodyear and Hall, Moran still pulled a further two points ahead of Willis, his long-term closest rival, who was only fifth in round 30.

Moran is cruising towards his fifth title but mathematically Willis can still nick it. The outlandish scenario is no score from Moran in the last four rounds, with Willis having to take four victories inside
the hill records to win by a point, with Hall only 11 points back.

Amid all the record-breaking Alex Summers had an unspectacular weekend and scored two more points than Goodyear to maintain his fourth place overall.

Wallace Menzies was also steady ahead of Tom New, who failed to qualify for round 30 with an excursion in his second class run but maintained seventh in the points ahead of John Bradburn. - Eddie Walder

PRE-93 TOURINGCARS BRANDS
HATCH, SEPTEMBERG-7 BARC

## Marvellous McLoughlin doubles up

JIM McLOUGHLIN FOUGHT BACK
from two slow starts to defeat Roger Stanford and score a superb Pre-'93 Touring Car double victory in his Ford Sierra Cosworth.
In Saturday's first race Stanford's son Jack turned pole into an immediate lead, while second-ongrid McLoughlin slipped back to fourth behind Stanford Sr's BMW $\mathrm{E}_{3} \mathrm{O}$ M3 and Richard Millar's Sierra.

McLoughlin was promoted to third on lap two when Millar ran wide into the Clearways gravel. Two laps later Stanford Jr made a similar mistake at Paddock, handing the advantage to his father.
McLoughlin took the lead at Druids a lap later and fended off Stanford Sr for the remainder, as Stanford Jr recovered to claim third ahead of Brian Lilley's Ford Escort.

Stanford Sr got the jump on poleman McLoughlin at the start of the second event on Sunday, but they had switched places again by Druids on the first lap.
David Hickton's M3 was up to third by lap eight, with Millar having climbed to fifth from the back row.


A sideways moment at Paddock for the M3 of fourth-placed Andy Davies helped Millar move ahead and chase after Hickton.

Despite Hickton's best efforts, Millar snatched third at Surtees in the closing laps and took the last podium spot behind Stanford Sr and the victorious McLoughlin, as Hickton held onto fourth. Behind

Davies, Malcolm Wise's Sapphire Cosworth again took sixth.

- Mark Libbeter

RESULTS (BOTH 17 LAPS) 1 Jim McLoughlin (Ford Sierra Cosworth) 15m43.758s
( 78.33 mph ); 2 Roger Stanford (BMW E3O M3) +3.909 s ; 3 Jack Stanford (M3); 4 Brian Lilley (Ford Escort); 5 Andy Davies (M3); 6 Malcolm Wise (Ford Sapphire Cosworth). Class winners

R Stanford; Lilley; Simon Ward (Vauxhall Astra GTE); Stephen Turner (Honda Civic); Allan Weyman (Chevrolet Camaro IROC-Z). Fastest lap J Stanford 54.041 s ( 80.46 mph ). RACE 21 McLoughlin 15m38.965s (78.73mph); 2 R Stanford $+2.1355 ; 3$ Richard Millar (Sierra Cosworth); 4 David Hickton (M3); 5 Davies; 6 Wise. CW R Stanford; Lilley; Alexander Owen (Sierra Cosworth); Turner; Weyman. FL R Stanford 54.308 s ( 80.07 mph ).

MGOC(CLASSB) BRANDSHATCH, SEPTEMBER6-7 BARC

## Smith spins then wins

BEN PALMER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A spin by early pacesetter Gary Smith to win the opening race after soaking up intense pressure from Lee Sullivan, before Smith bounced back to claim the spoils in race two.

After grabbing the lead at the start, Smith lost his advantage when he spun at Surtees and was collected by Andrew Rogerson, forcing both out of contention. Palmer inherited first place but had Sullivan and Vince Pain in close company. Palmer held on to the finish, with the trio covered by just over 0.5 seconds.

Eager to make up for the
frustration of race one, Smith
immediately grabbed the lead again in the second race, chased by Palmer. Engine issues hampered Palmer's hopes, enabling Smith to take the victory after holding off the close attentions of Rogerson and Sullivan. - Mark Libbeter

RESULTS (BOTH 16 LAPS) 1 Ben Palmer (ZR 160) 15m43.277s ( 73.76 mph ); 2 Lee Sullivan (ZR) +0.204s; 3 Vince Pain (ZR 160); 4 Ian Evans (ZR); 5 Harjinder Bhambra (ZS); 6 Mick Weidner (ZR). FL Sullivan 57.145 s ( 76.09 mph ). RACE 21 Gary Smith (ZR 160) 15m34.111s (74.48mph); 2 Andrew Rogerson (ZR 160) +0.866s; 3 Sullivan; 4 Pain; 5 Stephen Williams (ZR 160); 6 Bhambra. FL Rogerson 57.400s ( 75.75 mph ).



## CLASSICFORMULAFORD 1600 BRANDSHATCH, SEPTEMBER6-7 BARC

## Gardner sweeps to crown

MIKE GARDNER PRODUCED
another faultless performance at Brands last weekend, dominating both races and securing the Class A championship.
In both races, poleman Gardner blasted into leads he didn't surrender, leaving Leandro Guedes and Stuart Kestenbaum to battle for second both times.
In race one, Brazilian Guedes made the decisive move on lap 14 of 23 , having initially been passed by Kestenbaum at Paddock on the second tour. As the two tussled, fourth-placed Ted Pearson closed up, but the order didn't change. Kestenbaum made amends in
the second race, wrestling the position from Guedes with a fine overtaking move on the outside of Druids on lap eight.

- Mark Libbeter

RESULTS (BOTH 23 LAPS) 1 Mike Gardner (Crossle 30F) 20m07.030s ( 82.86 mph ); 2 Leandro Guedes (Van Diemen RF80) +18.167s; 3 Stuart Kestenbaum (Van Diemen RF79); 4 Ted Pearson (Crossle 32F); 5 Andrew Smith (Van Diemen FA73); 6 Chris Stuart (RF80). CW Smith. FL Gardner 51.811s (83.93mph).
RACE 21 Gardner 20m09.314s ( 82.70 mph ); 2 Kestenbaum +20.730s; 3 Smith; 4 Pearson; 5 Stuart; 6 Matt Wrigley (Merlyn Mk20). CW Smith. FL Gardner 51.879s (83.82mph).


PRE-'83TOURINGCARS BRANDSHATCH,SEPTEMBER6-7 BARC

## Howard withstands high tin-top pressure

he was Kept honest throughout by the Ford Escort of Stephen Primett, but David Howard held his nerve to power his Jaguar XJ12 to a pair of hard-fought wins in the Pre-'83 Touring Car contests.

Howard led race one from pole, chased by Primett, the XJS of Andrew Harrison and Mark Fowler's Ford Capri. The quartet embarked on a thrilling battle in the early laps, swapping positions on a number of occasions as each driver exploited the strengths of their cars.

Harrison used the brute force of his XJS to take second at Paddock by the second lap, but Primett's ability to brake late in his Escort helped him retake the position on lap four.
Fowler retired with mechanical
problems a lap later, before Harrison made an even more dramatic exit from the contest. On lap 10 of 16, his left-rear wheel fell off and he spun into the Clearways gravel.

This left Primett alone to hound Howard to the flag, with David Osborne inheriting third in his Triumph Dolomite Sprint.
Howard led Primett again as race two got underway, while Osborne just held third. Further back, Harrison and Fowler were charging through from the back of the field.
By lap six Harrison had worked his way up to fourth, with Fowler not far behind. Harrison relieved Osborne of third on the approach to Paddock a lap later, and Fowler followed through shortly after.

Back at the front, Primett continued to apply relentless pressure to Howard, staying within two seconds of him throughout the race. Once again though, Howard withstood the pressure and claimed his second win of the weekend. - Mark Libbeter

RESULTS (BOTH 16 LAPS) 1 David Howard (Jaguar XJ12) 15m16.906s ( 75.88 mph ); 2 Stephen Primett (Ford Escort) +1.052 s; 3 David Osborne (Triumph Dolomite Sprint); 4 Nic Strong (Ford Capri); 5 Ian Clark (Capri); 6 Alan Roper (Rover SD1 Vitesse). CW Primett; Strong. FL Howard 55.976 s ( 77.68 mph ). RACE 21 Howard 15m14.142s (76.11mph); 2 Primett +1.332 s; 3 Andrew Harrison (Jaguar XIS); 4 Mark Fowler (Capri); 5 Osborne; 6 Strong. CW Primett; Fowler. FL Howard 55.745s ( 78.00 mph ).

## Lloyd wins but Sowery takes the title

TOBY SOWERY TOOK HIS WIN TALLY into double figures with a brace of championship victories that earned him the F3 Cup title, although guest racer Hywel Lloyd took the chequered flag first in both races.

British F3 veteran Lloyd, competing in the Invitation Class in a newer Dallara F308, had Sowery in proximity for much of the opener, before Sowery's F305 faded.

Henry Chart had the best getaway as he and Louis Hamilton-Smith swamped Tristan Cliffe to squabble over third. Chart slowed, leaving Hamilton-Smith and Cliffe to fight alone. The recovering Chart's day got worse when he spun, but he managed to battle up to sixth.

Cliffe made the pass on Hamilton-Smith for third at Woodcote, but it wasn't enough to deny Sowery his maiden title.

Sowery suffered a wretched start to the wet race two, which allowed


Lloyd to cruise away for an untroubled double. Sowery got away in fifth and made short work of passing Hamilton-Smith. Cliffe then handed him third when he pirouetted out of second.

Chart spun out of the 'lead' for the second time this year to giftwrap the class win for Sowery, only for Sowery to have an off-track excursion of his own. Having passed Chart at Luffield, the new champion ran wide at Becketts to hand the poisoned chalice of the lead back to Chart. When Sowery regained the lead, he avoided further issues to pick up a 10 th win of 2014.

Cliffe and Hamilton-Smith were right together for second in class but, when Cliffe tried to pass, he
spun into retirement at Brooklands. He almost collected HamiltonSmith, who was forced off the road to avoid a collision. He nursed the car home, but Chart managed to catch and pass him to steal second in class to cap his eventful day. - Tom Carter

RESULTS (23 LAPS) 1 Hywel Lloyd (DallaraMugen F308) 20m51.908s ( 108.49 mph ); 2 Toby Sowery (D-VW F305) +7.4585 ; 3 Tristan Cliffe (D-Mugen F307); 4 Louis Hamilton-Smith (D-VW F307); 5 Tony Bishop (D-Mercedes F307); 6 Henry Chart (D-Opel F305). FL Lloyd 53.860s ( 109.64 mph$)$. RACE 2 ( 20 LAPS) 1 Lloyd 20m33.312s ( 95.76 mph ); 2 Sowery $+18.455 \mathrm{~s} ;$ 3 Chart; 4 Hamilton-Smith; 5 Stuart Wiltshire (D-Mugen F307); 6 Bishop. FL Lloyd 1m00.870s ( 97.02 mph ).


## In brief

Thunder Saloons

Dale Gent's hopes of victory in the first Brands race literally went up in smoke as his engine blew on the penultimate lap, handing victory to the SEAT Leon of Lee Allen (above). Adie Hawkins, who had taken second in the opening race in his Alfa Romeo 33, led throughout race two before suffering his own engine problems, handing victory to Andy Robinson's monstrous Ford Falcon.

## MGOC A\&F

Matt Baker recorded a fine win in race one at Brands, taking full advantage of a spin by fellow championship contender Simon Kendrick at Paddock. Kendrick recovered to finish third behind Peter Higton in the opening encounter, before coming out on top in a race-long battle for the lead with Baker in the second race, which was stopped prematurely.

## Allcomers

Missing qualifying and having to start at the back didn't stop Peter Cook's monster Mitsubishi Evo IX from tearing through to win the first race at Silverstone, denying Simon Deaton's Porsche 911 GT3 at Copse on the final lap. Cook led every lap of race two, again ahead of Deaton and Bennett.

## Atom Cup

Martin James broke his win duck in a thriling race one at Silverstone, crossing the line just ahead of Andrew Smith after a hectic final lap. The fight for third was just as fraught but Nick Whitehead prevailed from Marc Mercer. Heavy rain caught out just about everyone in the second but Smith eased clear of the battling James and Whitehead.

## Trackday Trophy

Latest GT Academy winner Gaetan Paletou built a substantial lead, but Ricardo Sanchez in the second Nissan $370 Z$ (below) swallowed up the asphalt to pass Ahmed Bin-Khanen, who'd taken over the lead car. A couple of moments at Becketts in as many laps dropped the erstwhile leaders to sixth, promoting the Renault Clios of Paul Ivens/Darren Langeveld and Aaron Harding/David Slater to the podium.



## Croft in brief

## Caterham Roadsport

Jack Sales looked to be on his way to the opening honours in a closely fought affair, but dropped down the order with three laps to go. This left William Smith (leading above) to take the victory, closely followed by Henry Heaton and Lee Bristow. In race two Smith just held off Chris Hutchinson, Heaton and Dan Gore in a typically close encounter.

## Caterham Tracksport

Stephen Nuttall claimed his sixth victory of the year after starting eighth on the grid, although he was never allowed to relax once in the lead as Andres Sinclair applied constant pressure. The following day Nuttall was on form again, adding a dominant lights-to-flag victory from pole position and leaving Christian Szaruta to hold off Pete Fortune, who was third in race one, for second.

## Caterham Supersport

The first encounter was dominated by a classic race-long battle for the lead between Mike Hart and James Robinson, with the pair exchanging places multiple times. It finished in Hart's favour, with Clive Richards completing the podium trio. Hart looked to be heading to a comfortable victory in race two before having to resist the threat of the pursuing Richards in the closing stages. Jonathan Mortimer finished third with Steve Day fourth.

## Academy Group 1

Olly Wigg looked set to take the Group 1 laurels until the chasing Alistair Calvert and Benjamin Wigg swept by at the Jim Clark Esses on the final lap. Olly Wigg was excluded post-race for a track-limits offence, which also resulted in four penalty points being added to his licence. This meant Nick Cozzi completed the top three.

## Academy Group 2

Points leader David Webber (below) didn't have it all his own way as, although he claimed the victory, he was tracked throughout by Paul Aram. Robert Ryder was the best of the rest, ahead of Joe Draper.



## MAZDAMX-5 CROFT, SEPTEMBER 6-7 BRSCC

## Blake-Baldwin triumphant in trio of races

JAMES BLAKE-BALDWIN CONTINUED his 2014 winning spree by emerging on top of all three championshipcounting races.

The Farnham-based driver had to work for his victory in the first race. Brian Chandler had started on pole, but Blake-Baldwin was soon ahead on the first lap and remained so to the chequered flag.

Right in his wheeltracks were Chandler and Alan Henderson, and on the seventh tour Henderson swept into second at Tower before the duo harried the victor to the finish.

The second event was dominated
by Blake-Baldwin, who led from start to finish. The real excitement occurred just behind him as Simon Baldwin and Henderson battled for second. Henderson applied the pressure throughout but he was never able to find a way past.

Baldwin led at the start of race three with Blake-Baldwin just behind. The winner of the two previous races hit the front at mid-distance as Baldwin tumbled to sixth, promoting Chandler and Henderson onto the podium.

Stephen Craggs was the winner of the handicapped Trophy race. - Graham Read

RESULTS (ALL 12 LAPS) 1 James Blake-Baldwin 20m30.522s ( 74.60 mph ); 2 Alan Henderson $+0.269 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Brian Chandler; 4 Johnathan Clements; 5 Sam Smith; 6 Simon Baldwin. Fastest lap Henderson 1 m 41.485 s ( 75.38 mph ). RACE 21 Blake-Baldwin 20m36.110s ( 74.26 mph ); 2 Baldwin $+5.069 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Henderson; 4 Chandler; 5 Clements; 6 Charlie Charman. FL Henderson 1m42.082s (74.94mph). RACE 31 Blake-Baldwin 20m41.500s ( 73.94 mph ); 2 Chandler $+6.356 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Henderson; 4 Simon Goddard; 5 Smith; 6 Baldwin. FL Chandler 1 m 42.175 s ( 74.87 mph ). TROPHY RACE 1 Stephen Craggs 21m31.499s (71.08mph); 2 James Harris $+0.327 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Clive Powles; 4 Jake Simpson; 5 Bruce Carter; 6 Henderson. FL Henderson 1m42.256s ( 74.81 mph ).

## CAIERHAMR300s CROFT, SEPTEMBER6-7 BRSCC

## Head and shoulders above his rivals

CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER AARON
Head claimed victory in both races by comfortable winning margins, but he hard to work hard for his success.

In the wet qualifying session Head claimed pole for the first race ahead of closest rival David Robinson by o. 6 seconds, but conditions had improved come the start of the opening encounter and the track was almost dry. When the lights went out it was Robinson who gained an early advantage, with Head dropping to fourth behind Lee Wiggins and Andrew McMillan.

By the third lap Head had recovered to second. He then applied pressure to the leading Robinson before slipping ahead on lap five. Head consolidated his lead thereafter and cruised to victory, commenting afterwards: "I had to be cautious early on, but once ahead I never looked back."
Behind the victor there was tremendous action as Robinson, McMillan and a charging Danny Winstanley fought for the runner-up spoils.

McMillan swept into second at


Tower just after half distance, and two laps later Winstanley claimed third at the same corner. From this point to the flag the pair traded places before Winstanley finished second, repassing McMillan on the final tour, with Robinson completing the top quartet.

The following day Winstanley

made the early pace before Head hit the front at Tower on lap 12 of 20. Thereafter he extended his lead, but in his wake there was a superb battle for runner-up honours, from which Jon Barnes emerged on top ahead of Robinson and Winstanley.

- Graham Read


## RESULTS (19 LAPS) 1 Aaron Head

30m43.140s ( 78.86 mph ); 2 Danny Winstanley +5.527 s ; 3 Andrew McMillan; 4 David Robinson; 5 Jon Barnes; 6 Lee Wiggins. FL Head 1m34.375s ( 81.06 mph ). RACE 2 (20 LAPS) 1 Head 30m14.956s ( 84.30 mph ); 2 Barnes +4.574 s ; 3 Robinson; 4 Winstanley; 5 Sean Byrne; 6 Terry Langley. FL McMillan 1m29.254s ( 85.71 mph ).

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## OULTONPARK

SEPTEMBER6,MGCC


MGBCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP (all GTV8s unless stated) (9 LAPS) 1 Russell McCarthy 20m28.433s ( 71.00 mph ) 2 Spencer McCarthy $+0.208 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Simon Cripps; 4 Rob Spencer; 5 Ian Prior; 6 Neil Fowler. Class winners Ken Deamer; Benjamin Tovey (B); Richard Wilson (Roadster) Fastest lap S McCarthy 1m54.277s ( 84.90 mph ). ECURIE GTS (19 LAPS) 1 Pete Foster (Triumph TR4) 42m00.180s ( 73.06 mph ); 2 Andrew Bentley (MGB Roadster) +0.283 s ; 3 Will Linley (B Roadster); 4 Steve Naish (B Roadster); 5 Alex Quattlebaum (Elva Courier); 6 Allan Cameron (Austin Healey Ashley GT). CW Bentley Cameron. FL Foster $2 \mathrm{m07.120s}$ ( 76.23 mph ). MG MIDGET AND SPRITE CHALLENGE (9 LAPS) 1 Pau Sibley (Midget) 18m59.175s ( 76.56 mph ); 2 David Weston (Midget) +6.040 s ; 3 Martin Morris (Midget) 4 Andy Southcott (Midget); 5 Nigel Pratt (Midget); 6 Richard Wildman (Midget). CW Southcott; Richard Homer (Midget); Neil Cameron (Austin Healey Arkley Sprite); Paul Campfield (Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite). FL Sibley 1 m 55.208 s ( 84.12 mph )
THOROUGHBRED SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP (10 LAPS) 1 S McCarthy 19m12.158s (84.11mph) 2 R McCarthy +0.248s; 3 Cripps; 4 Ian Prior (GT V8); 5 Neil Fowler (GT V8); 6 Ken Deamer (GT V8). CW Deamer Babak Farsian (B Roadster); Martyn Clews (Midget) FL R McCarthy 1 m 53.592 s ( 85.31 mph ).

## BRANDSHATCH

SEPTEMBER6-7,BARC


BLUE OVAL SALOONS (BOTH 17 LAPS) 1 Craig Raine (Ford Escort Mk2) 15m28.745s ( $\mathbf{7 9 . 5 9 m p h}$ ); 2 Ashley Bird (Sierra XR4i) $+7.843 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Olly Allen (Fiesta); 4 Andrew Williams (Sierra Sapphire); 5 Simon Beament (Escort); 6 Demetris Neophytou (Fiesta). CW Allen; Neophytou; Brian Long (Fiesta). FL Rainer 53.131s ( 81.84 mph ). RACE 21 Bird 15m34.016s ( 79.14 mph ); 2 Allen +4.170 3 Jason Davies (Sierra Cosworth); 4 Beament; 5 Williams; 6 Matt Edwards (Escort Mk2). CW Allen; Edwards; Long. FL Davies 53.273 s ( 81.62 mph )
PRE-2005 TOURING CARS/VTEC CHALLENGE (BOTH 17 LAPS) 1 Robert Burkinshaw (Honda Integra Type-R) 15m46.888s ( 78.07 mph ); 2 Stewart Hutchinson (Integr Type-R) $+3.442 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Marc Kemp (Honda Civic Type-R); 4 Simon Jessop (Integra Type-R); 5 Chris Boon (Civic Type-R); 6 Dawn Boyd (Civic Type-R). CW Hutchinson; Kemp; Jessop; Phil Jose (Renault Clio Sport); Steve Rowles (Proton Satria GTi); Mario Neopthytou (Peugeot 106 GTi ). FL Hutchinson 54.540s ( 79.73 mph ). RACE 21 Burkinshaw 15 m 44.997 s ( 78.22 mph ); 2 Hutchinson +12.792 s ; 3 Boon; 4 Jessop; 5 Boyd; 6 Darren Smee (Integra). CW Hutchinson; Jessop; Boyd; Jose; Rowles; Neophytou. FL Burkinshaw 54.730s (79.45mph).
CLASSIC FF2000 (25 LAPS) 1 Ian Pearson (Van Diemen


RF83) 20m43.998s (87.39mph); 2 Paul Wighton (Van Diemen RF82) +7.636 s ; 3 Chris Lord (RF82); 4 Anthony Hancock (RF82); 5 Jon Finch (RF82); 6 Paul Burt (RF82). FL Pearson 49.179 s ( 88.42 mph ). RACE 2 (24 LAPS) 1 Pearson 19m58.947s ( 87.04 mph ); 2 Wighton $+14.457 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Lord; 4 Richard Wallington (RF83); 5 Gavin Smith (RF82); 6 Philip Hart (RF82). FL Pearson 49.472s (87.90mph).
THUNDER SALOONS (BOTH 18 LAPS) 1 Lee Allen (SEAT Leon) 15m28.474s (84.30mph); 2 Adie Hawkins (Alfa Romeo 33) +8.814 s ; 3 Arthur Thurtle (Chevrolet Camaro); 4 Andy Robinson (Ford Falcon V8 Supercar); 5 Vaughan Fletcher (Subaru Impreza); 6 Ilsa Cox (SEAT Cupra). CW Hawkins; Thurtle Fletcher; Paul Bellamy (BMW M3). FL Hawkins 50.222s (86.58mph). RACE 21 Robinson 15m39.141s (83.34mph); 2 Fletcher +8.591 s ; 3 Alex Sidwell (Holden Commodore VZ); 4 Cox; 5 Bradley Gelman (Ford Sierra Cosworth); 6 Tom Knight (BMW E36 M3). CW Fletcher; Cox; Mike Chittenden (E36 M3); Bellamy. FL Hawkins 50.737s (85.70mph)
CLASSIC SALOON \& HISTORIC TOURING CARS (BOTH 15 LAPS) 1 Steven Sprigg (Ford Lotus Cortina Mk1) 15m10.060s ( 71.67 mph ); 2 Jason Brooks (Austin Mini Cooper) $+4.105 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Roger Ebdon (Cooper S); 4 Roger Stanford (Cortina); 5 Ken Lark (Alfa Romeo GT Junior); 6 David Hall (Cortina). CW Brooks; Pietro Caccamo (Lancia Fulvia); Gary Fletcher (Hillman Imp); Tony Preston (Morris Minor); Robert Strutt (Jaguar S-type). FL Sprigg 58.670 s ( 74.11 mph ). RACE 21 Sprigg 15m00.495s ( 72.43 mph ); 2 Ebdon $+1.722 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Brooks; 4 Stanford; 5 Hall; 6 Lark CW Ebdon; Preston; Fletcher; Caccamo; Strutt. FL Ebdon 58.758s ( 74.00 mph ). MGOC CLASSES A \& F (15 LAPS) 1 Mark Baker (MGF VVC)

14m52.800s ( 73.06 mph ); 2 Peter Higton ( FVVC ) +2.634 3 Simon Kendrick (F VVC); 4 Paul Wisbey (F VVC); 5 Philip Espinasse (F VVC); 6 Brian Butler (F VVC). CW Jim Baynam (B Roadster). FL Kendrick 58.215 s ( 74.69 mph ). RACE 2 ( 11 LAPS) 1 Kendrick 10 m 55.819 s ( 72.93 mph ); 2 Baker +0.313s; 3 Higton; 4 Wisbey; 5 Baynam; 6 Espinass CW Baynam. FL Kendrick 58.587 s ( 74.22 mph ). MN SALOONS/CANNONS TIN-TOPS (18 LAPS) 1 Rod Birley (Ford Escort WRC) 15m52.215s ( 82.20 mph ); 2 Alex Sidwell (Holden Commodore VZ) +6.319 s ; 3 Jack Tetley (Opel Manta); 4 Tom Knight (BMW E36 M3); 5 Mike Chittenden (E36 M3); 6 Tony Skelton (Renault Clio). CW Chittenden; Skelton; Tom Bridger (Rover 220 Turbo); Kenny Coleman (Honda Civic Type-R); James Ross (Ford Fiesta); Cliff Pellin (Fiesta) Peter Osborne (Clio); Neal Gardiner (MG Metro). FL Birley 51.326 s ( 84.72 mph ).

## SILVERSTONE <br> SEPTEMBER6.MSVR



ATOM CUP (19 LAPS) 1 Martin James 20 m 25.228 s (91.58mph); 2 Andrew Smith $+0.093 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Nick Whitehead; 4 Marc Mercer; 5 Lee Cunningham; 6 Richard Marler. FL James $1 \mathrm{m03.753s}$ ( 92.63 mph ). RACE 2 ( 18 LAPS) 1 Smith 21 m 13.720 s $(83.45 \mathrm{mph}) ; 2$ Whitehead +5.202 3 James; 4 Mercer; 5 Paul Donkin; 6 Cunningham. FL Smith 1 m 04.904 s ( 90.99 mph ). SILVERSTONE ALLCOMERS ( 15 LAPS) 1 Peter Cook (Mitsubishi Evo IX) 15m35.191s ( 94.72 mph ); 2 Simo
(Caterham R300); 4 Philip Ledger (Crossle 9S); 5 Mark Hobbs (9S); 6 Rick de Blaby (9S). CW Ledger; Mark Flower (BMW E46 M3); Ed Fuller (Tiger Super 6). FL Cook 59.967 ( 98.48 mph ). RACE 2 (13 LAPS) 1 Cook 15m12.452s ( 84.13 mph ); 2 Deaton $+6.280 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Bennett; 4 Gwyn Pollard (9S); 5 Peter Kennerley (9S); 6 de Blaby. CW Pollard; Fuller: Ian Smythe (Ford Fiesta). FL Cook 1m07.994s ( 86.85 mph ). MSVT TEAM TROPHY ( 52 LAPS) 1 Mark Flower (BMW M3) 1h00m31.676s ( 84.56 mph ); 2 Ben U'Ren/Adam U'Ren (SEAT Leon Cupra Cup) +56.301 s; 3 Rick Bromley/ Andy Montgomery (E36 M3); 4 Simon Hogg/George Wright (Porsche 944S2); 5 Chris Oakman (Mini Cooper S JCW); 6 Jason Mann/Cliff Mann (Renault Clio). CW Hogg/Wright; Ahmed Bin-Khanen/Gaetan Paletou (Nissan 370Z); Mark Calder/Perry Tubb (Proton Satria GTi); Colin Brackley/Phil Vere (Porsche 924 S). FL Flower 1m06.235s ( 89.16 mph ). MSVT TRACKDAY TROPHY (30 LAPS) 1 Ricardo Sanchez/Paul Brown (Nissan 370Z) 46m00.465s (64.18mph); 2 Paul Ivens/Adam Langeveld (Renault Clio) +26.482s; 3 Aaron Harding/David Slater (Clio); 4 Gordon Cooper (Clio 197); 5 Charles Angrave/Mark Witherington (Ford Mondeo ST220); 6 Ahmed Bin-Khanen/Gaetan Paletou (Nissan 370Z). CW Ivens/Langeveld; Nick De-Jesus (BMW 318ti Compact); Gary Johnson (SEAT Ibiza R); Mark Tranter (Citroen Saxo). FL Sanchez 1m18.299s (75.42mph)

## CROFT

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SEPTEMBER6-7,BRSCC
CATERHAM ROADSPORT (BOTH 13 LAPS) 1 William Smith 21m37.948s ( 76.62 mph ); 2 Henry Heaton +0.469s; 3 Lee Bristow; 4 Dan Gore; 5 Chris Hutchinson; 6 Timothy Dickens. FL Smith 1m38.064s (78.01mph). RACE 21 Smith 21m32.376s (76.95mph); 2 Hutchinson +0.521s; 3 Heaton; 4 Gore; 5 Jack Sales; 6 Dickens. FL Heaton $1 \mathrm{~m} 37.764 \mathrm{~s}(78.25 \mathrm{mph})$.
CATERHAM TRACKSPORT (BOTH 19 LAPS) 1 Stephen Nuttall $30 \mathrm{~m} 44.705 \mathrm{~s}(78.79 \mathrm{mph}) ; 2$ Andres Sinclair $+1.014 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Pete Fortune; 4 Tony Mingoia; 5 David Russell 6 Alistair Weaver. FL Fortune 1 m 35.677 s ( 79.95 mph ). RACE 21 Nuttall 30m49.249s ( 78.60 mph ); 2 Christian Szaruta +4.571s; 3 Fortune; 4 Mingoia; 5 Weave CATERHAM SUPERSPORT (20 LAPS) 1 Mike Hart 31 m 33.861 s ( 80.78 mph ); 2 James Robinson +0.272 s ; 3 Clive Richards; 4 Jonathan Mortimer; 5 Martin Amison; 6 Steve Day. FL Hart 1 m 33.700 s ( 81.64 mph ). RACE 2 (19 LAPS) 1 Hart $30 \mathrm{m08.548s}$ ( 80.36 mph ); 2 Richards +0.194s; 3 Mortimer; 4 Day; 5 Oscar Rovelli; 6 Amison. FL Mortimer 1m33.831s (81.53mph). CATERHAM ACADEMY GROUP 1 (9 LAPS) 1 Alistai Calvert 15m27.234s ( 74.25 mph ); 2 Benjamin Wigg +3.689s; 3 Nick Cozzi; 4 Duncan Higgins; 5 Kevin Tarrant 6 Anthony Barnes. FL Cozzi 1m41.012s ( 75.73 mph ) GROUP 2 ( 8 LAPS) 1 David Webber 15 m 58.619 s ( 63.84 mph ); 2 Paul Aram +0.341 s ; 3 Robert Ryder 4 Joe Draper; 5 Matthew Bird; 6 Tim Gascoyne-Day FL Aram 1m40.073s (76.44mph)


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\section*{What a cracker Monza served} up for us. Greatfightback by Lewis, and a crucial psychological victory over his championship rival. Brilliant dicing further down the pack, too.

And it's great to see him listening to his own racer's instinctrather than his team's cautious advice. Letthat be the template for the rest of the season. Frances Stewart
London SE13

\section*{I have to agree with Craig}

Jardine (Letters, August28). It appears I'm the only person in the North Eastwho thinks Spa was also a racing incidentand notentirely Nico Rosberg's fault.

I can'timagine Toto and Niki publicly lambasting Lewis Hamilton if the roles were reversed and feel Nico has been
treated unfairly and used as a scapegoat for the fact that they clearly aren'tas skilled as Ross Brawn was atkeeping the team's employees in check!
I would like to see Nico win the drivers' championship this season. Jessica Kelly
By email

\section*{Formula 1 is not only too slow}
(September 4), buttoo quiet. The strange thing is thatF1 cars use 1.6 -litre V6 turbo engines whereas GP2 cars use 4-litre V8 normally a spirated engines. Surely it should be the other way round?
Wouldn'tithave been better to try outeco-friendly formulas in the lower categories of the sportfirst, in order to iron out any controversial issues, before inflicting the damage that has been done
to the top echelon of motor racing?
Anyone still wondering why viewers are switching off? Nicholas Bateman
Guildford, Surrey

\section*{Re closed-road motorsport}
(September 4), Iremember a few years ago an April fool story with Alain Prostsitting on Nelson Piquet's Williams coming out of a Croydon underpass. We have acircuitreadyto go! Chris Adams

\section*{By email}

\section*{We're still holding outfor} AUTOSPORT's own design using the twists and turns (and tunne!!) of the Kingston one-way system. Monaco by the Thames -ed

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\section*{Images around the globe, from Italy to Australia via Northamptonshire}


FORCE INDIA REMEMBERS ONE OFITS OWN The Force India cars ran at Monza with a tribute to long-time team member Gary 'Gadget' North, who recently died of cancer


WRC ACES PLAY GAME OF SNAP Kris Meeke (I) and Jari-Matti Latvala met a few locals ahead of Rally Australia, while Mads Ostberg and Andreas Mikkelsen opted to just watch them


\section*{In the shops}

Desirable new releases

\section*{MARQUEZ BALANCE BIKE}
£129.99-autosport.com/shop
The latest addition to Kiddimoto's 'Heroes' range of wooden balance bikes is this Marc Marquez \#93 Honda replica. Suitable for children aged two to six, balance bikes are great for practicising balancing before moving onto pedal bikes. We mustn'tencourage any junior Marquez wannabes to get their knees and elbows down butwe can'tstop you.


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Fortwo seasons - 1979 and 1980 -the BMWM1 Procar series pitted Formula 1 drivers againststars from sportscars and touring cars in a horde of identical M1 supercars. Now, thanks to plastic model firm Revell, you can recreate a little bit of the world's greatest-ever one-make series, with this 1:24-scale Nelson Piquet replicain BMWMotorsport colours.


\section*{MEMORY LANES RALLY BOOK}
£55-photohistoric.com
There are niche books, and then there's this: Peter Robinson's latesttome on the Motoring News Rally Championship of 1966-1969. It's an exhaustive, 460page black-and-white account of an amazing era when rallies were a huge test of endurance and adventure. For diehard fans of Minis, Escorts, Anglias, Cortina GTs only.


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\section*{WHAT'S ON}

\section*{ON TRACK IN THE UK}

\section*{GOODWOOD REVIVAL}


\section*{CADWELL PARK}

750MC
September 13-14 cadwellpark.co.uk
The 750MC's eclectic range of well-supported championships head to Lincolnshire with many titles still up for grabs. Among the regular range of tin-top and single-seater categories there will also be some 500 cc Formula 3 action.

BRANDS HATCH
MSVR
September 13-14
brandshatch.co.uk

Overseas drivers will be making an appearance at Brands Hatch this weekend as the Dutch Supercar Challenge visits the UK. Among the regular MSVR series in action are the Mini Challenge and Monoposto.

RALLY ISLE OF MAN
British Rally Championship
September 11-13 rallybrc.co.uk

SILVERSTONE
Ferrari Racing Days September 13-14 silverstone.co.uk Ifyou're a fan of Prancing Horses then Silverstone is the place to be this weekend as hundreds of Ferraris descend on the venue. There will be races for Ferrari championships such as the Open and Trofeo, as well as a parade of \(F 1\) cars.


\section*{KNOCKHILL}

\section*{SMRC}

September 14
knockhill.com
A range of Scottish series will be racing atKnockhill on Sunday, including Legends, Minis, and Sports and Saloons.

\section*{SNEITERTON}

\section*{BARC}

September 13-14 snetterton.co.uk Trucks top the bill at Snetterton this weekend, with races also scheduled for their smaller Pickup cousins, Legends and Caterham Graduates.

\section*{ON TRACK AROUND THE WORLD}


\section*{RALIY AUSTRALIA}

World Rally Championship
Rd 10/13
Coffs Harbour, New South
Wales, Australia
September 11-14 wrc.com
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V8 SUPERCARS
Rd 10/14
Sandown, Victoria,
Australia
September 14
v8supercar.com.au
NASCAR SPRINT CUP
Rd 27/36
Chicagoland, Illinois, USA
September 14
nascar.com
SUPER FORMULA

\section*{Rd 5/7}

Autopolis, Japan
September 14
superformula.net

V8 STOCK CARS
Rd 8/12
Velopark, Brazil
September 14
stockcar.com.br


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\section*{ONLINE}

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2100-2200 Sky Sports F1
F1 Classics: 1986 Spanish GP
2300-0000 Sky Sports F1
Tales from the Vault: Underdogs
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12
1310-1340 Motors TV
WRC: Australia day 1 highlights
1700-1730 BT Sport 2
WRC: Australia day 1 highlights
2100-2300 Sky Sports F1
F1 Classics: 1999 Austrian GP
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13
0100-0200 BT Sport 1 LIVE
WRC: Australia SS10
0735-0800 Channel 4
Mobil 1: The Grid
0800-1030 ITV4 LIVE
Formula E: Beijing
1245-1400 Eurosport 2 LIVE
FRenault 3.5: Hungaroring Race 1
1255-1330 Motors TV
WRC: Australia day 2 highlights
1345-1500 ESPN
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Goodwood Revival
1545-1645 BT Sport 2 LIVE
DTM: Lausitzring qualifying
1625-1800 ITV4
BTCC: Rockingham highlights 1645-1715 BT Sport 2
WRC: Australia day 2 highlights 1800-1900 ITV4
Formula E: Beijing highlights 2030-2305 Motors TV LIVE NASCAR Nationwide: Chicagoland

2100-2200 BT Sport 2 Formula E: Beijing highlights 2145-0000 Sky Sports F1 F1 Classics: Canadian GP 2007

\section*{SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14}

0030-0100 Eurosport 2
FRenault Eurocup: Hungaroring Race 1
0100-0200 BT Sport 2 LIVE
WRC: Australia SS17
0430-0815 BT Sport 1 LIVE
V8 Supercars: Sandown 500
0600-0700 BT Sport 2 LIVE
WRC: Australia Powerstage
0830-1230 Motors TV V8 Supercars: Sandown 500
0845-1130 Sky Sports F1
GP2: Monza replay
1000-1430 ESPN LIVE
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\section*{Revved up over what's on the box}

When you watch a grand prix, sometimes the racers look like they're on a Sunday cruise - or taxi drivers, as some megalomaniacs might say making the task of driving a 220 mph racing car look oh so simple.
Our window into their world is the onboard TV camera, but even this spy in the cab looks less than dramatic for much of the time, like when you drive a racing video game as opposed to going on a trackday. All the seat-of-the-pants experience is lost; your eyes alone cannot tell your central nervous system what the sensation actually feels like.
At least one extra sense comes from the car-to-pit radio transmissions, when you can hear the true levels of stress in
the driver's voice as he's flat-out.
"Do not tell me the gap, do not tell me the gap," snarled Nico Rosberg at Monza on Sunday, sounding for all the world like someone who was about to

crack under pressure from his faster team-mate. Earlier we'd heard Lewis Hamilton verbalise his difficulties after his car's start procedure failed him: "My RS mode's not ****ing working!" he cried, then: "My RS mode lights are still on!"

Like a father soothing a child who's just taken the skin off his knee by falling off a pushbike, his engineer 'Bono' (we assume not the lead singer of U2) replied: "OK, looks like everything's in a muddle, just leave it where everything is for a minute." There, there son, never mind, everything will be all right soon.
His oppo on the pitwall, Tony Ross (we assume not the illustrator of the Horrid Henry books), was also in this 'gentle touch' mode, telling Rosberg
after his first Rettifilo cock-up: "Looks like locked front and rears together."

However, my spies tell me that the FIA is about to put its hands over our ears, and inflict some kind of audio censorship on these messages. Apparently it's bad for the sport to hear driving advice from the engineers such as "earlier apex in Parabolica to avoid tyre scrubbing" or "Nico is taking more speed, entry and apex Turn 11".
In my book, any form of censorship should be frowned upon. If you must, eliminate the boring engineer-speak from the world feed, but leave our pitlane channel radio messages alone. The drivers need to be heard as well as seen. Revved Up

\section*{RACE OF MY LIFE}

\section*{Kenneth Acheson}

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"I passed 'Schless' but soon got the call to let him past. It was fair game"
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Suzuka 480km ■ April 9, 1989 ■ Sauber-Mercedes C9/88 ■ Second place on Silver Arrows debut
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\section*{I WAS DELIGHTED TO GET}
the call from Sauber-Mercedes to do the World Sports-Prototype Championship in '89. And the first round was at Suzuka. This was the first race that the cars had run in silver since the 1950s, so to be part of the Silver Arrows was great.

I'd been racing in Japan for a number of years - in the domestic Formula 2, F3000 and sportsprototype series - so I knew, and loved, the culture. And I knew my way round Suzuka pretty well, too.
I'd done one race for the team in '88, at Fuji, so I was excited to be back in the squad, especially as I hadn't got to race at Le Mans because the cars were withdrawn after tyre problems in practice.
Group C was big then, with loads of manufacturers: Mercedes, Porsche, Jaguar, Toyota, Nissan and Aston Martin. There were huge grids and the cars were mega to drive - very fast and with good downforce.
Qualifying on the Saturday was rained off, so it took place on raceday
morning. I was shuffled around into the \#62 car with Jochen Mass, while Mauro Baldi was moved alongside Jean-Louis Schlesser in the sister car. Jochen had crashed on the Saturday. He was suffering with menigitis, so only managed one lap in the repaired car on Sunday morning. As a result I had to start 30th as Jochen's laptime had been about 15 seconds off the pace.

I'd been doing pre-season training with famed fitness guru Willi Dungl, who looked after Niki Lauda at Ferrari in the 1970s. He leaned over to me on the grid and said, 'This will be the best race of your life'. We'd done a 24 -hour test at Paul Ricard and I'd done 17 of the 24 hours so three hours around Suzuka, Willi assured me, wouldn't be a problem. My expectations were low, so I

\section*{PROF|LE}


\section*{IRISHMAN ACHESON WAS}
a star of Formula Ford in the late '70s, progressing through F3 and F2 and reaching F 1 , with RAM, in ' 83 Sporadic outings in F1 didn't lead anywhere, so he returned to F2 and F30oo in Japan, dovetailed with sportscar racing. He competed for Mercedes, Jaguar, Toyota and Nissan in Group C before retiring after a big crash at Daytona in ' 96 to focus on his beauty-products business.
just got my head down and relaxed. I soon got up to about fifth or sixth, then had a bit of trouble passing Oscar Larrauri's Porsche that he was running on high boost, but other than that it was OK.
The pitstops came and went Jochen telling me I was doing a great job. The cockpit was full of carbon dust as it was the first time we'd run carbon brakes, but I battled on.

Mauro had a spin in the leading car, so by the time he'd got going and handed over to 'Schless', I was right there. I passed 'Schless' at one point but soon got the call to let him back past. I was happy with that - he was the main guy going for the championship so it was fair game.
I was delighted to finish second - I was 30 years of age, my best days were behind me but it was such a fun year, with wins on the Brands Hatch GP circuit and at Spa. There are worse ways to earn money than racing Group C cars around there! Kenneth Acheson was talking to Henry Hope-Frost


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[^0]:    RESULTS
    Race 1 (18 laps) 1 Charlie Robertson $25 \mathrm{m06.436s}$ ( 83.44 mph ); 2 David Pittard $+3.206 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Carl Breeze; 4 Andrew Watson; 5 Will Burns; 6 Tom Oliphant. FL Robertson 1m22.710s ( 84.43 mph ). Race 2 ( $\mathbf{1 7}$ laps) 1 Watson $\mathbf{2 5 m 2 3 . 6 2 8 \mathrm { s } ( 7 7 . 9 2 \mathrm { mph } ) ; 2 \text { Robertson } , ~}$ +5.749s; 3 Oliphant; 4 Breeze; 5 Pittard; 6 Jamie Orton. FL Orton 1m23.790s (83.35mph). Points 1 Robertson, 593; 2 Breeze, 545; 3 Watson, 482; 4 Pittard, 475; 5 Oliphant, 436; 6 Luke Davenport, 373.

[^1]:    ROUND 29
    1 Will Hall (3.5 Force-Nissan WH) 35.95s; 2 Trevor Willis (3.2 OMS-RPE 28) 36.045; 3 Scott Moran (3.5 Gould-NME (3.2 OMS-RPE 28) 36.04s; 3 scott Moran (3.5 Gould-NME
    GR61X) 36.26s; 4 Tom New (4.0 Gould-udd GR55) 37.06s; GR61X) 36.26s; 4 Tom New (4.0 Gould-Judd GR55) 37.06s; 5 Alex Summers ( 1.3 s DJ-Suzuki Firehawk) 37.18s; 6 Roger Moran (3.5 Gould-NME GR61X) 37.255 ; 7 John Bradburn (3.5 Gould-Cosworth GR55) 37.49s; 8 Oliver Tomlin ( 4.0 Pilbeam-Judd MP97) 38.00s; 9 Wallace Menzies ( 3.2 DJ-Cosworth Firestorm) 38.01s; 10 Alastair Crawford ( 2.8 Gould-NME GR55) 38.48s; 11 David Uren ( 1.3 t Force-Suzuki PC) 38.78s; 12 Paul Haimes (1.3s Gould-Suzuki GR59) 38.99s.

    ## ROUND 30

    1 Jos Goodyear (1.3s GWR-Suzuki Raptor 2) 35.51s Record; 2 S Moran $36.03 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ Hall $36.48 \mathrm{~s} ; 4$ Summers 36.98s; 5 Willis $37.035 ; 6$ R Moran 37.4 s $5 ; 7$ Menzies 37.71s; 8 Tomlin 37.87s; 9 Uren 37.99s; 10 Crawford

[^2]:    38.39s; 11 Bradburn 38.44s; 12 Steve Owen (1.6 OMS-Suzuki 28) 38.475.
    CW Ken Williamson (1.8 Lotus Elise) 53.045; Roy Standley (2.0t Mitsubishi Evo 5) 46.42s Record; Simon Jenks (1.6 (2.0tMitsubishí Evo 5) 46.42 Record; Simon Jenks (1.) 49.11s; Keith Murray (1.4t Audi 80 Quattro) 45.69s; Mike 49.11s; Keith Murray (1.4t Audi 80 Quattro) 45.69s; Mike
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    Crossle-Ford 95) 49.87s; Graham Wynn (1.4t Force-Suzuki LMO1) 39.42s; Harry Pick (0.6 OMS-Yamaha Hornet) 42.00s; Chris Aspinall (1.0 Empire-Suzuki Wraith) 39.86s; Owen 38.98s; Goodyear 36.39s Record; Hall 36.39s Record.

    ## POINTS

    1 S Moran 251; 2 Willis 230; 3 Hall 219; 4 Summers 170; 5 Goodyear 151; 6 Menzies 112; 7 New 109; 8 Bradburn 100; 9 R Moran 95; 10 Richard Spedding 60.

