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Newsletter – June Round 2 - Rissington

Another excellent grid graced the track at Rissington for round 2, in fact the biggest grid of the day! Russel Hopes was donning his red plates for the first time. Lionel Sifleet had joined to swell our ranks and was looking forward to a good race against his old sparring partner Rob Perkins. Laps were reduced on the drivers request to 3 x 8 lap heats followed by a 10 lap final. Weather was set to be hot and sticky as would be the drivers!!!

Heat 1

D. Bury made the most of his pole position and struck out in the lead followed by Fowler, Hopes, Sifleet and T. Bury. By lap 3 Sifleet was up to 3rd giving chase to Fowler with Whyte not far behind. Lap 5 saw Hancock and S. Cox (N) sidelined (query cause)! The next 2 laps saw a battle royal between Hopes, Henry, T. Bury and Green. By the last lap Sifleet had caught and passed Fowler and front runner D. Bury to claim 1st. With his victory in sight and only centimetres between the top 3 of Sifleet, Bury and Fowler disaster befell Sifleet who shot his hand into the air and immediately exited into parc ferme leaving D. Bury and Fowler swerving dramatically to avoid him. D. Bury with not far to go claimed the victory very closely followed by Fowler 2nd, Whyte had maintained a watchful position to finish 3rd Green 4th, Henry 5th and T. Bury 6th.

Heat 2

It was Sifleet that led the pack into the first corner, but within seconds there was mayhem with Karts taking avoiding action to avert a major incident as Sifleet came to a halt. D. Bury drove across the grass putting himself to the rear of the pack. It was T. Bury who emerged first with Perkins, Green, Whyte and Fowler all vying for the lead. As they crossed the line to complete the first lap Perkins now led followed by Green, T. Bury, Whyte, Fowler and Masson. On the next lap Green took over at the front demoting Perkins to 2nd. The top 5 of Green, Perkins, T. Bury, Whyte and Fowler held positions for the next 5 laps. Meanwhile 6th place Masson was doing a great job of fending off a charging Hopes, Henry and D. Bury who was making his way up the field after his off track experience! Bumper to bumper these four were the ones to watch. D. Bury managed to squeeze past Henry on lap 4 but lap 6 would see Sue Bury and myself head for the hills! As the four rounded the corner by parc ferme Hopes made a brave effort to pass Masson but caught his rear tyre on the grass, this spun him round right into the path of D. Bury who once again took to the grass as the best safety option for those drivers behind him. He headed straight for us, but expertly regained control, travelling at speed along the grass he narrowly avoided the tyres by the start line to rejoin the track. Hopes also managed to regain his composure and avoid D. Bury coming back onto the track. The last lap saw Whyte slip down the field with mechanical gremlins, Green went on to win, Perkins 2nd Fowler 3rd, T. Bury 4th, Masson 5th and Henry 6th.

Heat 3

Whyte took up the early lead but by lap 3 D. Bury was out in front and the front pair were putting some distance between themselves Hopes, Fowler and Henry. Two laps later and D. Bury left the track (of his own accord this time) to retire this promoted Whyte back into the lead. Fowler was now 2nd with Henry 3rd having demoted Hopes to 4th. Perkins lay in 5th and T. Bury 6th. The order remained the same for the rest of the heat.

Lionel Sifleet Heat Trophy Positions

Tom Whyte	110
Paul Fowler	106
Stuart Henry	90
Dan Bury	87
Rob Perkins	83
Tony Bury	81
James Green	74
Wayne Cox	68
Peter Masson	65
Russel Hopes	58
Adam Woodward	52
Neil Hancock	49
Shane Cox	48
Thomas Smith	48
Thomas Stone	48
Kevin Woolf	0
Lionel Sifleet	0
George Tomalin	0
Doug Hopes	0
Charles Morris	0

Final

After 3 very frantic heats the pits were buzzing as to whether D. Bury could possibly stay on the black stuff and not use his Villiers engine to mow the grass!!

Fowler, Whyte and Green hosted the front row and it was Green who made the best start followed by Whyte, D. Bury, Hopes, Perkins and Fowler. By lap 4 Fowler had made it to 4th and Perkins had passed Hopes for 5th. The front runners of Green, Whyte and D. Bury began to pull away, whilst a battle ensued between W. Cox (N), T. Bury, Henry and Hancock all vying for 7th position. On lap 5 Whyte was in a good position to pass Green along the Back Straight to claim the lead, as they approached the corner disaster befell Green and he seized leaving Whyte to regain his composure. This completely threw the fields order as D. Bury adeptly kept his outfit on the track to take up the lead, Fowler and Perkins followed through. Whyte was left to take up 4th position. The last lap saw D. Bury ahead by the length of the Start Straight. As the flag fell D. Bury took the win Fowler 2nd, Perkins 3rd, Whyte 4th, Hopes 5th, Henry 6th, T. Bury 7th, W. Cox (N) 8th Hancock 9th and S. Cox (N) completing the top ten.

Driver of the day D. Bury for managing to avoid everyone even the cooking and washing up!!

Kate

