

BRCA Saloon National Round 1: Wycombe Radio Car Club – 25th March 2012

Hot Rods, Saloon Stox and Ministox

The 25th of March saw the start to the 2012 BRCA Saloon National Series at Wycombe Radio Car Club's permanent race venue. The classes being run in 2012 were to be the Hot Rods, Saloon Stox and Ministox. In 2012 the rules were largely unchanged from 2011 so could anyone beat the 2011 champions?

A healthy entry of 40 cars were booked in, 20 Hot Rods, 13 Saloons and 7 Ministox. Some new faces and some of the old regulars! Allan O'Brien and Alan Williams need to be given extra credit, travelling down from Scotland.

Lots of fresh cars were prepared as you would expect from the first National of the year. Concours was won by Allan O'Brien in the Hot Rods class, Joseph Leeke in the Saloon Stox class and Martin Watts in the Ministox class.





So to the racing and round 1, first up were the Hot Rods. In round 1, heat 1 2011 National Champion Keith Smith posted an 82 lapper beating Sam Campbell into second on a 79 lap score. Heat 2 and Scottish visitor Allan O'Brien showed good form going close to Keith's time with a fast 81 lap score. The fastest time of round 1 though went to local driver Mark Goodchild in heat 4 with a quicker time to 82 laps.

Then onto the Ministox, only 1 heat for them today. Round 1 honours going to Dale Goodchild on 73 laps just beating Martin Watts on the same score. Jaik Golloghy was third on 72.

The Saloon Stox class looked ultra competitive today with at least 6 drivers looking capable of winning the round. The first heat went to Allan O'Brien driving the new Mardave VRXss on a 76 lap score followed by James Blower on 72 laps. The second heat was also a close race with Stephen Blower taking the win on 71 laps followed by WRCC regular visitors James Burling on 71 laps and 2011 National Champion Miklos Szabados third on 70 laps.



Round 2 started with the Hot Rods and a win for Keith Smith improving his time and setting the fastest time of the day so far with another 82 lap score. Second place this time going to Tony Wade on a 77 lap score. Jaik Golloghy put in a fine run in heat 3 to post an 81 lapper and put himself into contention, beating Russell Payne into second place on a 79 lap score. The final race of the round saw a closely fought race between Mark Goodchild and Dale Goodchild, Mark winning on 79 to Dales 78 laps.

Dale Goodchild again won the Ministox heat with a 72 lapper. Second this time was Jaik Golloghy on a 71 from Martin Watts in 3rd.

Heat 1, Saloon Stox and James Blower again showed some good form winning the heat with a 73 lapper from Miklos Szabados on 72 laps. Heat 2 saw a fantastic race between Allan O'Brien and Stephen Blower both these drivers showing form making them favourites for the win today. This time Stephen took the win with a 77 lap score from Allan on 76, Allan lapping very quickly with a 3.56 second best lap.

Round 3 saw Miklos Szabados getting into the groove with a fast 79 lap score, second place going to Russell Payne on 78 laps. In the next heat Sam Campbell took the win on 79 laps from Dale Goodchild

on 78 laps. In heat 3 Keith Smith beat Sam Gray's 2012 European Championship meeting lap record with the first ever 83 laps, Jaik Golloghy came in second with a quick 80 lapper. Heat 4 saw a great race between Mark Goodchild, Allan O'Brien and Tony Wade. Mark managed an 82 lapper from Allan on 81 and Tony on 80 laps.

In the Ministox Dale Goodchild was getting faster and faster on a 75 lap score followed by Jaik Golloghy on 73 laps and Southampton driver Matt Jordan on 71 laps. Dale Goodchild was getting closer to the 2011 lap record set by Simon Cleaver on 77 laps.

The Saloon Stox was becoming very interesting with different drivers looking competitive. Heat 1 was a great race with James Blower taking the win on 76 laps, Miklos Szabados on 75 and local driver Ben Sandling on 75 laps in third. The final race in round 3 saw another close race between Stephen Blower and Allan O'Brien with Stephen again taking the win on 77 laps only a second ahead of Allan.

Now to the final round and there were plenty of drivers still needing good runs to ensure a place in the A finals. Heat one and Allan O'Brien took the win on a 79 lap score from Jaik Golloghy on 78 laps in a very close race. In heat 2, Dale Goodchild took the win on 79 laps. Heat 3 saw a close race between Sam Campbell and Russell Payne both on 79 laps but Sam taking the win. The final heat saw a very close race between Keith Smith and Mark Goodchild. Keith improving his lap record on a faster 83 lapper, Mark just missing out on 83 laps. Both drivers recording lap times around 3.4 seconds.

The final round of Ministox saw Jaik Golloghy choosing a great time to put in his best time of 74 laps this time beating Dale into second place.

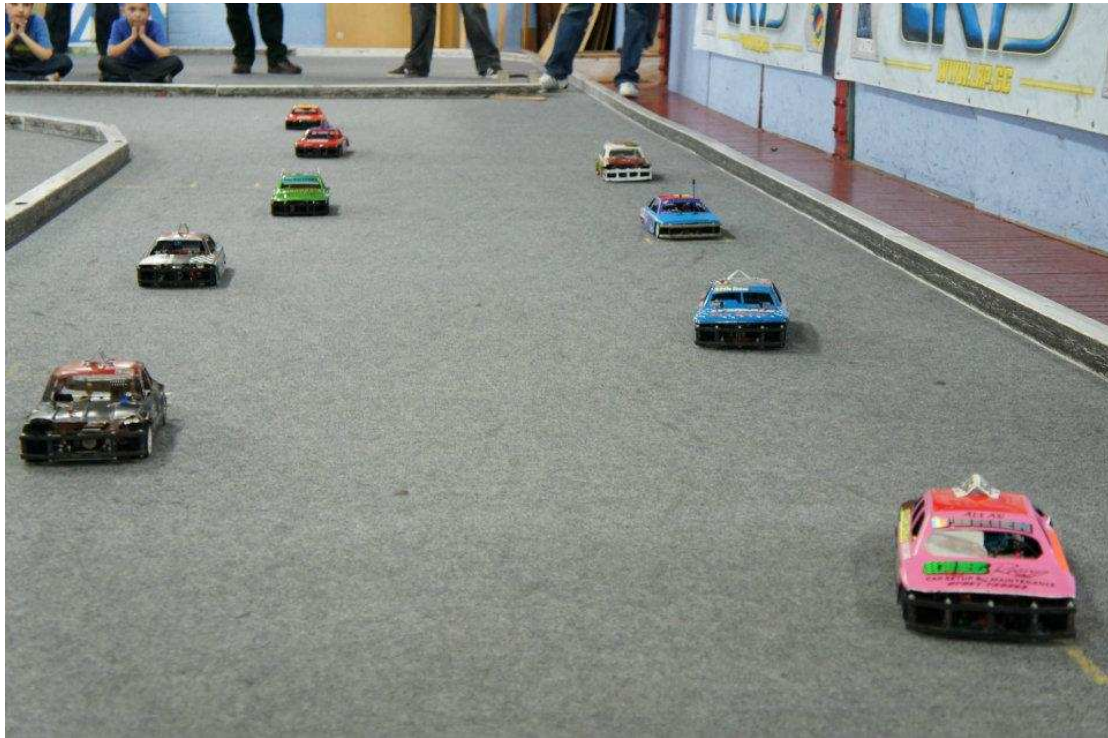
In the final round of Saloon Stox Allan O'Brien improved his best time and beat the Wycombe lap record with a very fast 78 lap score. Second place went to Miklos Szabados on 77 with Stephen Blower also on 77 laps in third. In the final race of qualifying James Blower took the win on 74 laps from Ben Sandling.

From qualifying to the serious business of the finals, the Hot Rod C final was first up. Lee Bishop took the honours in this race with a quick 70 lapper. The Hot Rod B final had many fast drivers lining up, who may have expected to be racing in the A final. This time though it was Miklos Szabados taking the win with 75 laps from Neil Genders in second also on 75 laps. Miklos only took the lead in the final moments of the race to take the win, local driver Allan Priddle took 3rd.

The Hot Rod A final looked like it would be a closely contested affair with Keith Smith, Mark Goodchild and Allan O'Brien all looking closely matched. Keith started well and pulled out a half lap lead from Mark early on but some contact dropped Keith back and Mark took the lead. Keith however did not give up easily and closed the gap passing Allan along the way. Keith continued his fine form from qualifying to take the win on 82 laps from Mark in second also on 82 laps and Allan third with a fast 81. Sam Campbell also drove a fine race to take 4th place.

The Ministox A final looked like a battle between Jaik Golloghy and Dale Goodchild based on the qualifying form. Dale led from the start but some early contact dropped him back to 3rd with Jaik taking the lead, in second place at this stage was Martin Watts. Dale however was the fastest car on the track and soon moved back into 2nd and set about chasing down Jaik. This continued to the latter part of the race where Dale eventually got past Jaik to take the win on 74 laps. Jaik finished 2nd with 73 laps and Martin Watts on 71 laps.

The Saloon Stox B Final was won by Allan Priddle beating Jacob Leeke into second both on 73 laps.



The Saloon Stox A Final looked a great race on paper with six drivers in with a good chance of victory. Allan O'Brien did not make the best of starts and was spun with Stephen Blower taking advantage and leading the field away. Ben Sandling made a great start avoiding the crashes and moved into 2nd place. Allan O'Brien was using his speed and quickly passed Joseph Leeke and set about chasing Stephen and Ben. Allan was soon up to second and closing on Stephen as contact slowed him down at the front. Allan caught and passed Stephen on lap 65 and then went on to take a great win on 76 laps, 3 seconds ahead of Stephen. Miklos Szabados just edged ahead of Joseph Leeke to take 3rd place both on 71 laps.



Keith Smith – 2012 Hot Rod – WRCC National Round Winner



Dale Goodchild – 2012 Ministox – WRCC National Round Winner



Allan O'Brien – 2012 Saloon Stox – WRCC National Round Winner

That concluded a great days racing at Wycombe's permanent facility. Wycombe race Hot Rods and Saloon Stox on their permanent oval every Tuesday evening, for more information visit <http://www.wycomberacing.co.uk>.

Results:**A. Final (Saloon Stox)**

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Allan O'Brien | 76/ 300.173 | 3.949 | 3.511 (30) |
| 2 | 2 | Stephen Blower | 76/ 303.212 | 3.989 | 3.593 (34) |
| 3 | 3 | Miklos Szabados | 71/ 302.034 | 4.254 | 3.630 (18) |
| 4 | 6 | Joseph Leeke | 71/ 302.705 | 4.263 | 3.740 (23) |
| 5 | 5 | Ben Sandling | 68/ 300.519 | 4.419 | 3.744 (19) |
| 6 | 9 | Jim Harrington | 66/ 302.844 | 4.588 | 3.681 (14) |
| 7 | 8 | James Burling | 65/ 301.075 | 4.631 | 3.898 (29) |
| 8 | 4 | James Blower | 28/ 300.350 | 10.726 | 3.704 (18) |
| 9 | 10 | Philip Dancer | DNS | | 0.000 (0) |
| 9 | 7 | Alan Williams | DNS | | 0.000 (0) |

B. Final (Saloon Stox)

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|---------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | Allan Priddle | 73/ 301.020 | 4.123 | 3.684 (19) |
| 2 | 1 | Jacob Leeke | 73/ 303.743 | 4.160 | 3.755 (15) |
| 3 | 3 | Sam Campbell | DNS | | 0.000 (0) |

A. Final (Minis)

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Dale Goodchild | 74/ 303.460 | 4.100 | 3.669 (62) |
| 2 | 2 | Jaik Golloghly | 73/ 301.794 | 4.134 | 3.789 (45) |
| 3 | 3 | Martin Watts | 71/ 303.397 | 4.273 | 3.846 (15) |
| 4 | 4 | Matthew Jordan | 69/ 302.630 | 4.385 | 3.725 (40) |
| 5 | 5 | Keith Schooling | 57/ 300.141 | 5.265 | 3.980 (45) |

A. Final (Hot Rods)

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Keith Smith | 82/ 301.082 | 3.671 | 3.444 (21) |
| 2 | 2 | Mark Goodchild | 82/ 302.960 | 3.694 | 3.529 (53) |
| 3 | 3 | Allan O'Brien | 81/ 300.042 | 3.704 | 3.466 (6) |
| 4 | 5 | Sam Campbell | 79/ 302.416 | 3.828 | 3.515 (16) |
| 5 | 4 | Jaik Golloghly | 78/ 300.459 | 3.852 | 3.619 (14) |
| 6 | 7 | Russell Payne | 77/ 300.282 | 3.899 | 3.527 (21) |
| 7 | 6 | Tony Wade | 76/ 302.877 | 3.985 | 3.521 (23) |
| 8 | 8 | Dale Goodchild | 11/ 49.983 | 4.543 | 3.473 (6) |

B. Final (Hot Rods)

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Miklos Szabados | 75/ 301.999 | 4.026 | 3.552 (63) |
| 2 | 3 | Neil Genders | 75/ 303.406 | 4.045 | 3.651 (14) |
| 3 | 5 | Allan Priddle | 70/ 301.033 | 4.300 | 3.704 (30) |
| 4 | 2 | James Swann | 70/ 303.848 | 4.340 | 3.617 (5) |

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| 5 | 6 | Jon Dixey | 68/ 300.596 | 4.420 | 3.703 (4) |
| 6 | 7 | Martin Watts | 68/ 303.932 | 4.469 | 3.826 (47) |
| 7 | 8 | Alan Williams | 67/ 302.465 | 4.514 | 3.737 (14) |
| 8 | 4 | Martin Llewelyn-Jones | 66/ 302.770 | 4.587 | 3.690 (22) |

C. Final (Hot Rods)

| Pos | Car | Name | Result | Avg Lap | Best Lap |
|-----|-----|----------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Lee Bishop | 70/ 301.058 | 4.300 | 3.927 (18) |
| 2 | 3 | Kevin Brand | 59/ 300.720 | 5.096 | 3.939 (45) |
| 3 | 2 | Trevan Cocking | 54/ 280.622 | 5.196 | 3.907 (16) |