



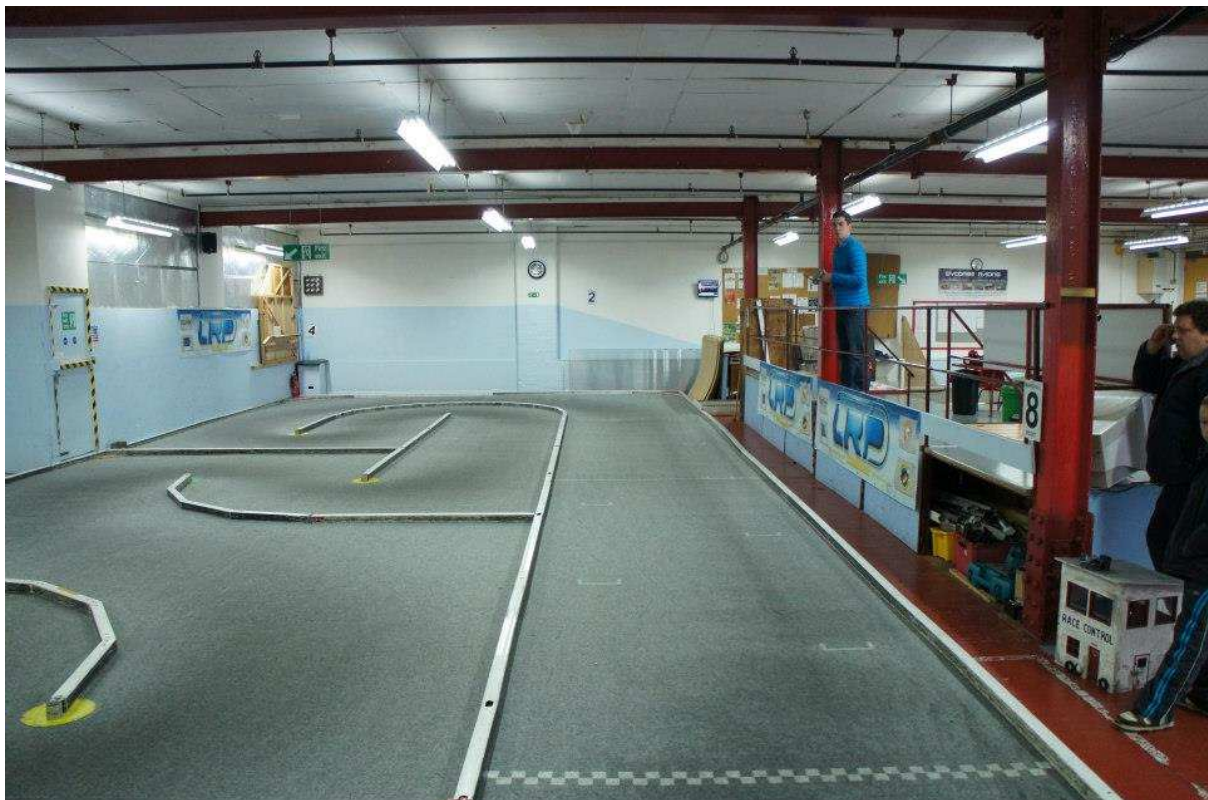
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## WRCCGP 13: GT12 Open Meeting – 23rd March 2013

Saturday the 23rd of March saw the second running of the WRCCGP 13 open meeting at Wycombe Radio Car Club. Last year's meeting was a great success and this year we were to concentrate on the GT12 class.

This meeting was postponed from January 20th due to snow so we were not pleased to see snow on the Saturday morning of the 23rd!

We were expecting over 30 racers from the world of GT12 for the meeting but this was reduced to around 25 racers due to the unseasonal conditions. Despite the reduced entry the field was full of quality drivers with National A finalists and club champions.



Wycombe's permanent venue – various circuit layouts can be made

GT12 are 1/12th pan cars of simple design from Mardave and Schumacher. This is a big growth class in the UK with racers attracted to the low budgets, fast cars and close racing. Schumacher offer the

Superstox car and Mardave the CEC and both are capable of winning races at National level. The cars are powered by blinky speed controls, 1S Lipo and 13.5 brushless motors.



#### **The new Ginetta GT12 shell**

So to the racing, qualifying would be fastest time of the day format with your best time taken from the 3 qualifying runs. In round 1 it was Marcus Askeff leading the way with a time of 34 laps in 304.8 seconds. Marcus's Schumacher Superstox looking very hooked up on the Wycombe circuit. Jon Dixey was in second place a little less than a lap down with 33 laps in 310.5. Jon was very much on form having made the A final at the GT12 national meeting the week before. Third at this stage was local club racer Andy Tietjen with a respectable 31 laps in 307.3. The top three drivers were all using the Superstox chassis. Top Mardave driver at this stage was Mark Goodchild down in 8<sup>th</sup> making a first outing with a GT12, Mark normally seen on the ovals with his Hot Rod.



### **Shaun "Show" Taylor's smart Schumacher Superstox**

Round 2 and Jon Dixey led the way improving his time to 33 laps in 302.9 beating Marcus into second in his heat. Andy Tietjen also improved to 32 laps in 302.9. Another big improver in round 2 was Scott Booth posting a time of 32 laps in 305.3 and moving up to fourth.

To the final round many drivers were hoping to improve to make it into the top 7 and the A final. Marcus Aspell was again the quickest in round 3 managing 34 laps in 301.9. Jon Dixey was still close to Marcus only 3 seconds behind in second. Andy Tietjen also moved up to 33 laps in 308. The top 5 completed by Scott Booth and Russell Tietjen.

Onto the finals and first up was the D final. This was won by Ian Copham who dominated both legs to take the win from Manny Virdee. The C final was also dominated by one driver this time it was Ian Southey taking both leg wins. Second place was a tougher competition with Dave Turner taking second from Mike Haswell in third; both drivers taking a second and a fourth place in each of the legs.

The B final was to be a competitive race with many fast drivers in the final and close on times. In the first leg the top 4 drivers swapped positions as they dived for the lead. Simon Cleaver the eventual winner of leg 1 and local drivers Luke Muldoon second and Sarah Tietjen third.

Sarah Tietjen made a great start in leg 2 avoiding a first corner crash to lead from start to finish. Luke Muldoon was second just 3 tenths behind. Steve Jones drove well to take a good third place with his Mardave car. Steve was using the new AC circuit chassis from Mardave.

Luke Muldoon did well enough to take the B Final with his two second places in each leg, Sarah Tietjen took second place with Simon Cleaver third.





A-final grid



#### **Marcus Askeff's SuperStox on pole**

So the A final; Marcus Askeff was on pole position for this one and made a reasonable start but a slight mistake going into the first chicane allowed Jon Dixey through. Marcus though clearly had the quicker car at this stage and on lap 2 challenged Jon and passed him in a robust pass. Meanwhile Andy Tietjen and Scott Booth were holding solid third and fourth positions. Shaun Taylor had moved up from his starting position of 7<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Marcus meanwhile was stretching his lead and getting away from Jon. Marcus ran out a comfortable winner of leg 1 leading by a little less than one lap.

Onto leg 2 and in this race Jon seemed more competitive with Marcus. The race again started with some great dicing between Marcus and Jon. The drivers swapped positions three times on the opening laps with clean passes. In a comfortable third position was Scott Booth followed by Andy Tietjen. This was how it was to remain with Jon tracking Marcus only 2 seconds behind. Late on in the race Andy lost fourth place to Russell Tietjen.





**Jon Dixey ran Marcus close in leg 2 with his SuperStox**

Once the dust had settled we looked at the overall results. The winner being Marcus with two final victories and Jon second. Scott Booth took an excellent third place with a third and a fourth position. WRCCGP 12 winner Andy Tietjen pushed down to fourth.

That ended a very competitive but fun race meeting for the GT12 cars at High Wycombe. The club race GT12 on Saturday evenings for more information visit [www.wycomberacing.co.uk](http://www.wycomberacing.co.uk). For a video of the A final visit here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDNzkpl1F4U>.



**Schumacher driver Marcus Askeel took the overall win with a dominant performance**