

Stoke October 5th 2019-North Versus South

An amazing 26 cars turned up but unfortunately it will be our last meeting here, as like many others, it has fallen to developers. Johnny Painter (689) finally brought out his Johnny Marquand 689 replica, and the Roy Goodman 163 1963 World Final winning replica driven by Charlie Mustow. The track surface was superb as the cars lined up for Heat 1. Alan Humphrey (253) led them and Nigel Finnegan(59) half spun. Returnee Peter Fenton (7) led followed by Matt Harch (320) in the spare Humphreys car. There followed yellow flag period as Alan H and Phil Hiles (218) tangled and hit turn 1 fence very hard causing both damage that ended their night's racing. Giles Carter (47) was flying and soon took the lead followed by Wayne Helliwell(271) and Pete Fenton and it was Giles who took the flag.

Results 47,271,7,251,763,198,773,320,517,886

Heat two had 21 cars, as Ross Taylor(342) had blown his engine in the first heat, and Matt H (320) led them away. Both Alan Nicholson and Nigel F retired as bit was young Daniel Cooper in the lead, as Wayne Pritchard(22), Ashleigh Wareham(401) and Peter Fenton spun, the leader being hit causing much chassis damage. Cornwall's Andy Bateman (763) just got by long time leader James Humphrey (251) on the last lap to take the flag

Results 763,251,47,676,773,886,128,320,728,23

By this time the South was leading by quite a margin from the North, and come final time there was still reasonable 19 cars led away by Matt Hatch (320). Peter F and Mark Fotser (676) tangled, and soon James (251) took over the lead as Andy Kaye(533) spun. Flying Wayne (271) was going well and took the lead, but Andy (763) and Giles (47) were catching, but try as they might it was Wayne who held them off to take the flag.

Results 271,763,47,251,128,728,773,23,7,533

The Final score was South 122 points, and North 44 points, so a resounding victory for the South. Brian Owen (886) being nominated as keeper of the trophy for the year. Ben Taylor presented a special award to the highest points scorer for each region. Nice touch Ben!

Thanks must go to Paul Nicholson who runs about like a racehorse all year to keep the grids in order. Well done Paul!

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