



BRCA National Meeting Round 1

1/12 StockCars

2003

1/12 Bangers

February 23rd

Here we go again another year and another title to win, or should I say titles with the inclusion of the four cell bangers with their own separate National Championship for the first time. It was unfortunate that this meeting was on the same date that the Dutch Open meeting at Lobith, also there was a clashing 1/8 Stockcar meeting as well which explains why a few of the regular Hathern racers were not at this meeting, as most race both types of stock cars at this club i.e. 1/12 & 1/8.

We also have a new committee in charge this year, our new Chairman Mr. Andy Nash Will be paying us a visit during the day, also we have a new scrutineer in the shape of Stuart Preston, who hails from the Stoney Stanton club, as does the new numbers secretary Andy Cattell. In charge of the Bangers was Mike (asleep) Tomkinson. During the course of the winter months, the club based at Liskeard closed, which will be sadly missed by a lot of racers in our section. I believe we will see one or two racers from this club out and about racing, later on in the series of National meetings; we also welcome a new club to our section, based in the Cambridge area, and called The March Club.

New type 1/12 cars appearing for the first time in National meetings are 1) a revolutionary new type of racer from the Ian Johnson stable, this evolution of car is called the Bandit Pro, 2) we also had a new type of car being debuted by Roy Calver and Jason Bartropp, very like the Pinky and Lecatt types of car but raced with the V12 type of wheels, which increases ground clearance and also alters the gear ratio, also with a strong top chassis, this type of car is being called the Diamond.

Looking back to 2001's meeting at Hathern we had 41 racers, in 2002 there were 42, so considering the clashing meetings this year we had an excellent 43 booked in to race, although two did not appear it left us with the same number as the entry in 2001.

Once again we have six cars to a race, as the track is a small one, and we also have Simon Farrer on race control as in previous years, wish he could do this at every national meeting !!!!! He does a good job.

So we now move onto the meeting, with the Stockcars first.

Round 1. Heat 1.

Hathern racer Jonathan Goodacre took the honours of the first race win on 79 laps from Jason Bartropp on 78 (good start for the new car!) then it was Rugby junior Rob Teuke with 74. Heat 2. A good win for Urmston blue grader Anthony Wyper with 82 followed by Pete Clarke with 75 and an out of sorts Martin Cooper third with 69. Heat 3. No surprise here as Ian Johnson takes the honours with 83 laps from Roy Calver in second on 76 just on in front of Arron Eaglen in third place. Heat 4. Saw Mark Cooper opening his account with 84 just in front of Phil Chadbourne on 83 then we had Chris Blount with 81 and Joe Brown with 80. Heat 5. Hathern racer Steven Farrer takes the win with 80 laps from Pete Ayriss on 77 who was just in front of Paul Shearwood who finished on 76 then we had Jason Reed with 75 and Alan Crossland on 74. Heat 6. Andrew Cox races to a good win on 85, from Rugby promoter Jon Cutts on 83 then we had Derek (grumpy) Cayzer with 80. Heat 7. A win for Karl Spencer with 84 then it was Andy Cattell and Ryan Cattell both on 81 laps but Andy with the better split time just!

Round 2. Heat 1. Ian Johnson sets the F.Q.T with an impressive 91 laps, and Anthony Wyper gets another good score of 86 some way in front of the Hathern Yellow grade racer Malc Davis on 70. Heat 2. Rob Teuke races away to record a win on 79 from Martin Cooper on 74 and Arron Eaglen with 72. Heat 3. Jonathan Goodacre sees off the challenge of Mark Cooper to win with 82 laps to Mark's 81 then we had a good result for yellow top grade Alan Greig finishing in third place with 72 beating Mike Tomkinson on split time. Heat 4. Ryan Cattell takes the win with 85 from Phil Chadbourne on 78 then it was Roy Calver with 76. Heat 5. Saw Steven Farrer record another win, on 83 with Joe Brown on 81 then it was Chris Blount on 79. Heat 6. Win number two for Karl Spencer with 84 then it was Andy Cattell on 82, Pete Ayriss on 79 and Rugby racer Ade Eaglen on 78. Heat 7. Was won by Jon Cutts gaining revenge over Andrew Cox by taking the win this time around with 86 to Andrews 85, with Yellow grader Arthur Garlick finishing third on 76.

Round 3. Martin Cooper gets it right to record a win on 80 laps, from Jonathan Goodacre on 79 as was Mike Tomkinson. Heat 2. Phil Chadbourne finally records a win with 86, then it was 84 from Anthony Wyper and Paul Shearwood on 83, and another good score by Pete Clarke with 80 laps. Heat 3. Ian Johnson out in front again with 88 from Jason (geezer) Bartropp on 85 and Rob Teuke with 80. Heat 4. Win number two for Mark Cooper with 85 then we had Chris Blount and Roy Calver on 82's. Heat 5. Ryan Cattell wins with 87 and gains revenge at the same time over Cattell senior Andy in third on 81, second place went to Jon Cutts with 85. Heat 6. Karl Spencer makes it three wins out of three races with 86 in race six, then came Andrew Cox on 79 and Yellow grade Jason Reed with 78. Heat 7. Steven Farrer also makes it three out of three with the win, but on a low score of 75 then it was both Ade Eaglen and Pete Ayriss on 73 chased by Joe Brown on 72.

Round 4. Heat 1. And Pete Clarke keeps his head to record a heat win with 81 laps from Phil Chadbourne on 77 then it was Arron Eaglen on 76 and Paul Shearwood on 75 then we had a good score by Yellow grader Allan Inness with 73. Heat 2. Another win for Ian Johnson with 84 from Anthony Wyper on 79 and Rob Teuke on 77. Heat 3. Ryan Cattell wins another with 84 laps, then it was Jonathan Goodacre on 79 and

Jason Bartropp on 77 then Mike Tomkinson with 74. Heat 4. Andy Cattell keeps up with Ryan by winning again, this time on 84 Martin Cooper records 82 and Blue grade Doug Giles gets 76 and young Joe Huxley gets 75. Heat 5. Karl Spencer makes it four wins winning with 87 laps to Mark Coopers 83, then it was Andrew Cox on 82 and Yellow grade Jason Reed on 81. Heat 6. Jon Cutts takes the win with 86 from Steven Farrer on 79 and Chris Blount on 78 and Ade Eaglen with 77. Heat 7. Last heat of racing for the stock cars, and a different winner, in the shape of Joe Brown finishing with 78 then came Pete Ayriss with 73.

We had an amazing fifteen different heat winners from the twenty-eight heats, by my reckoning this means each heat had more than a 50% chance of a different winner!

National Bangers

We had sixteen cars, divided into two races with eight cars in each heat, and then they were shuffled - each round. And for the first time, racing was to a provincial set of National rules.

Round 1.

The distinction of first official race winner for the Banger class goes to Derek Cayzer winning on 68 laps then it was Ryan Cattell with 65 then it was Andy Cattell with 54 as was Tracy Cooper beaten on split time. Heat 2. Claiming the second race win was Alastair Needham with 66 beating Martin Cooper by a split time, third was Mike Tomkinson on 56 and Arron Eaglen with 56 beaten on split time also.

Round 2.

Heat 1. Alastair Needham wins his second heat with a score of 74! (hot rod) second was Martin Cooper with 73, third was Steven Mansell on 60, then it was Ian Kiteley on 56 one lap in front of Tracy Cooper on 55. Heat 2. Another win for Derek Cayzer with 67, from Mike (just dozing) Tomkinson on 57, Ian Johnson finished with 56 and Andy Cattell 53.

Round 3.

Heat 1. Alastair Needham records a hat-trick of wins with another win with 66 laps, from Andy Cattell on 58, Ian Johnson on 57 and Mike Tomkinson with 56. Heat 2. Derek Cayzer matches Alastair with three wins this time with 65 laps from Martin Cooper on 58, third was Ian Kiteley on 56 then we had three racers finishing on 51 laps, in finishing order they were Steven Mansell, Gary Mansell and Ryan Cattell.

Round 4. Alastair Needham wins again! With 65 from Arron Eaglen on 57 then it was Damon (smudge) Atkins with 55 and Martin Cooper on 53. Heat 2. At last a different heat winner in the shape of Ian Johnson with 57 laps from Mike (I'm awake) Tomkinson on 56 who was closely followed by Andy Cattell on 54 and the previously unbeaten Derek Cayzer on 53.

Stockcar Consolation

The unlucky drivers not to qualify straight to the final, in qualifying order were

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| 1. Phil Chadbourne | 247 laps |
| 2. Andy Cattell | 247 |
| 3. Steven Farrer | 242 |

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| 4. Chris Blount | 242 |
| 5. Jason Bartropp | 240 |
| 6. Jonathan Goodacre | 240 |
| 7. Joe Brown | 239 |
| 8. Martin Cooper | 236 |

Both Pete Clarke and Rob Teuke missed out on the count back rule, after they had also finished on 236.

The winner of the consolation was Andy (kept my head) Cattell who progresses to the final, second was Phil Chadbourne on 75, third went to Joe Brown on 73, fourth was Jonathan Goodacre with 72, fifth place went to Chris Blount, sixth was Steven Farrer on 69, seventh place went to Martin Cooper on 63 and the unlucky Jason Bartropp who suffered a break down finished with 22 laps.

Banger Final

Unlike the stockcars, the Bangers final is made up of the top ten qualifiers from their three best scores, from the four rounds of racing. With an extra point on offer for the winner of the last race of the day which is the D/D (winner is the last car moving on the track) The ten to make the final were

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| 1. Alastair Needham | 206 | 6. Steven Mansell | 166 |
| 2. Derek Cayzer | 200 | 7. Andy Cattell | 166 |
| 3. Martin Cooper | 197 | 8. Ryan Cattell | 163 |
| 4. Ian Johnson | 170 | 9. Arron Eaglen | 163 |
| 5. Mike Tomkinson | 169 | 10. Tracy Cooper | 161 |

Ten cars on this small track was unbelievable, amazingly nine lasted the distance, and after the five minutes of racing Ryan Cattell emerged the winner on 67 laps, second was Derek Cayzer with 66 in third it was Martin Cooper on 64, fourth place went to Andy Cattell on 57, fifth was Alastair Needham on 56, sixth place went to Arron Eaglen with 53, seventh was Tracy Cooper on 52, eighth was Steven Mansell on 50, finishing ninth we had Ian Johnson on 49, and the unlucky Mike Tomkinson, who was bunted from the track (and the rules do not allow him to rejoin the race) at the tenth lap point of the final, now that's what you call unlucky.

The D/D consists of all the cars that are still in a fit state to race, mayhem is guaranteed as anything goes in this wreckers delight, amazingly we had a winner or survivor, in the form of Ryan Cattell, I wonder what odds you would get on that result, Final winner and D/D survivor.

Stock Car Final

The racers to make it into the first final of 2003 were,

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| 1. Ian Johnson | 263 laps |
| 2. Karl Spencer | 257 |
| 3. Jon Cutts | 257 |
| 4. Ryan Cattell | 256 |
| 5. Anthony Wyper | 252 |
| 6. Andrew Cox | 252 |
| 7. Mark Cooper | 252 |
| 8. Andy Cattell | Consolation Winner |

Another very high quality race around this small tricky oval, with each driver racing flat out, but with plenty of respect for the other drivers, at the finish the result and his first National win went to Andy Cattell (yes I did say Andy and not Ryan) with 84 laps, second place went to Karl Spencer on 83, third was Jon Cutts with 82 and a split time of 5:00.330, fourth place also on 82 was Mark Cooper, with a split of 5:02.730, fifth was Andrew Cox on 81 as was Ian Johnson in sixth beaten on the split time, seventh was Anthony Wyper on 79, and just for a change Ryan Cattell in eighth place with 59 (sack the mechanic Ryan) one interesting point here is the drivers best individual lap time, of the final, they were Andy 3.210, Karl 3.080, Jon 3.210, Mark 3.140, Andrew 3.100, Ian 3.210, Anthony 3.180, Ryan 3.160.

Grade awards went to best white – Damon Atkins, best yellow – Jason Reed, best blue – Chris Blount, Concourse – Arron Eaglen, best junior – Rob Teuke, best Hathern driver not in the final – Phil Chadbourne.

Banger awards went to demolition derby victor – Ryan Cattell, concourse – Ade Eaglen.

The race for the national points titles looks like this,

Stockcars

1. Karl Spencer	98
2. Andy Cattell	97
3. Jon Cutts	96
4. Mark Cooper	95
5. Ian Johnson	95

Bangers

1. Derek Cayzer	98
2. Alastair Needham	95
3. Martin Cooper	94
4. Ryan Cattell	92
5. Andy Cattell	91