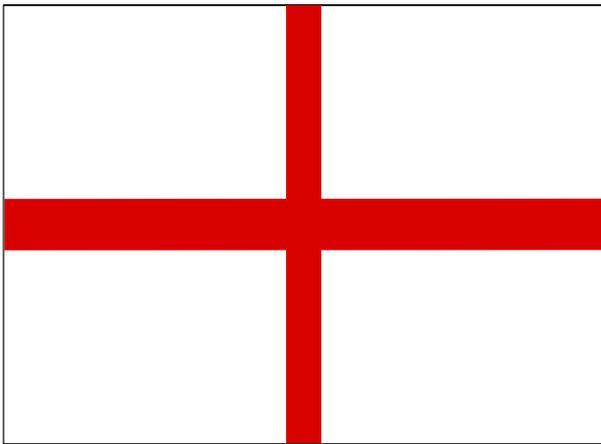
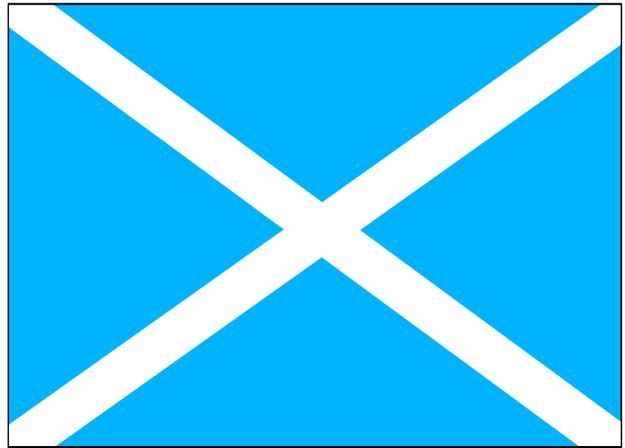


Leven Banger Challenge & National Meeting



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Saturday June 14th 2003



Fast becoming an event not to be missed, the Scottish racing weekend, today we have the Bangers England vs Scotland D/D after the BRCA national meeting for the Banger formula, and later on in the evening we have the Brisca F1 Stockcars racing at Cowdenbeath, along with their own Scottish Championship race, then tomorrow it's the turn of the 1/12 electric stockcars for their BRCA national meeting, along with support races from the Bangers, along with the famous ramp! And for those who might be having a bad meeting, then they had the choice of weather to stay and race or pack up early and travel down to Knockhill to see the Brisca F1 cars in action around the tri-oval.

Racing then to a set of provisional BRCA rules for the bangers, as this is a national meeting with national points at stake, the format of racing is four rounds of qualifying, the racers are shuffled each round, then only the top ten qualifiers from the drivers best three scores added together are through to the final, although all the racers can take part in the D/D event, the England vs Scotland D/D event is not part of the national meeting! But you're country expects!

We had a total of thirty-three racers assemble for the meeting, which is round three of the series, amazingly the same number of racers as the previous banger national meeting at Cambridge

Round one Heat 1.

The first winner of the days racing was Gary McMullen with 60 laps, followed by Neil Badger Sutherland on 58 and then it was the current championship leader Martin Pinky Cooper with 54 followed by Jnr Eoin Wee Diamond on 51. Heat 2. went to Sandy Boo Boo Bisset with a winning lap score of 54 followed by Mike Tomkinson with 49 and Brian Crusher Sutherland on 48 and fourth across the line was Anthony Wyper on 46. Heat 3 victor was Alastair Needham on 56 laps chased by Paul semi-retired Jenkinson with 54, then we had David Smith finishing with 52 and Craig Bomber Brown on 50. Heat 4 was won by Andy the Baron Cattell with 54 laps from the chasing Neil Scrapper Ritchie on 53 then it was Peter Baldie Ayriss finishing with 46 and Nicola Jones on 45.

Round two Heat 1.

Securing his first win of the day was David Smith with 56 laps chased by Mike too nice Tomkinson with 55 and just one lap behind Mike was Anthony Wyper on 54, and then it was another poor result for the championship leader Martin Pinky Cooper with 52 laps in fourth spot. Heat 2 saw Alastair Needham securing win number two with 57 laps from Paul semi-retired Jenkinson on 54, then we had Damon Smudge Atkins finishing on 47 laps as was Nicola Jones in fourth place. Heat 3 and another racer posting win number two was Gary McMullen with a winning lap score of 55, followed by Sandy Boo Boo Bisset on 54 and Neil Scraper Ritchie with 52 then it was Sean Gilfillan with 51. Heat 4 went to Neil Badger Sutherland with an excellent score of 60, finishing in second place we had Craig Bomber Brown on 50 followed by Steven Diy Duncan on 44, and previous heat winner Andy the Baron Cattell on 40.

Round three Heat 1.

Scottish racer Neil Scraper Ritchie secures a heat win with 53 laps, followed by Mike Tomkinson in second spot on 51 laps, would you believe that this is Mike's third time he has finished as the runner up in the first three rounds! then we had Iain Oval Baws Wann on 44 followed by Nichola Jones with 38. Heat 2 was win number two for David Smith with a winning race score of 59 followed by Martin Pinky Cooper on 58, then it was Neil Badger Sutherland on 56 and Sandy Boo Boo Bisset with 54. Heat 3 and win number three for Gary McMullen with 61 laps, but he was pushed all the way as Paul semi-retired Jenkinson also finished with 61 laps, then we had a big gap back to an 53 by Anthony Wyper and a 50 by Brian Crusher Sutherland. Heat 4 was won by Alastair Needham with 54 laps from the score of 52 by Craig Bomber Brown who was followed over the line by Andy the Baron Cattell on 50 laps and Debra Jackson on 48.

Round four Heat 1.

We had another Scottish racer picking up a win in the heats, this time Sandy Boo Boo Bisset is the victor on 57 laps from Anthony Wyper on 55 then we had David Smith finishing with 50 and Peter Baldie Ayriss with 44 laps. Heat 2 saw Paul semi-retired Jenkinson saving the best till last with a victory in the final round with 55 laps but only just as Neil Badger Sutherland also finished on 55 laps, third home was Neil Scraper Ritchie on 45 then we had John Davies on 43. Heat 3 was win number one for Martin Pinky Cooper with 54 laps as was Ivan Auld Git Black in second place, who was followed by Iain Oval Baws Wann with 51 as was Sean Gilfillan in fourth place. Heat 4, the last of the qualifying heat's and what a good race it was too! the eventual winner was Andy the Baron Cattell with 56 laps, then it was Craig Bomber Brown on 55 as was Alastair Needham in third, and just one lap behind Alastair was Jnr Dean Deano Ritchie on 54, again just one lap behind him was Mike Too Nice Tomkinson on 53, then it was Jnr Eoin Wee Diamond just a lap behind on 52, then incredibly we had Brian Crusher Sutherland just the one lap behind him with 51, now that's what you call close racing!

The end of the heat's, and the anxious wait begins for the racers, who had done enough to qualify for the main event-The Grand Final- as mentioned previously it is only the top ten racers, from the total of their best three lap scores added together that progress into the final, after some furious adding up the line up for the final were :

| Name | Best Scores | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Gary McMullen | 61 60 55 | 176 |
| Neil Badger Sutherland | 60 58 56 | 174 |
| Paul Jenkinson | 61 55 54 | 170 |
| Alastair Needham | 57 56 55 | 168 |
| David Smith | 59 56 52 | 167 |
| Martin Pinky Cooper | 58 54 54 | 166 |
| Sandy Boo Boo Bisset | 57 54 54 | 165 |
| Anthony Wyper | 55 54 53 | 162 |
| Mike Tomkinson | 55 53 51 | 159 |
| Neil Scraper Ritchie | 53 53 52 | 158 |

We were guaranteed plenty of action in this one, as this was the first race with a full ten car line up! also there are national points at stake, I am quite sure that it will be of the highest quality, and sure enough they did not disappoint! Well done to David Smith, a popular winner with 59 laps, which also means that we have a different final winner from the first three banger finals, Hathern – Ryan Cattell, Cambridge – Jason Geezer Bartropp, and now we have David Smith to add to the roll of honour, coming home in second place we had Gary Pudding McMullen with 58, and the final rostrum position went to Mike Too Nice Tomkinson on 56, fourth finisher and the honour of the best Scottish racer went to Neil Badger Sutherland on 55 laps with a better split time than that of Anthony Wyper who also finished on 55 in fifth place, then we had the current points leader Martin Pinky Cooper finishing in sixth place with 53 as did Sandy Boo Boo Bisset in seventh spot, eight place went to Alastair Needham with 50 laps then it was Paul semi retired Jenkinson in ninth place with 40 laps and last but not least was Neil Scrapper Ritchie with just 4 laps to his credit!

Just one more race to go the D/D, which is open to all comers from the meeting, and the winner gets the reward of one national point, just too much to comment on! as is the norm in this type of racing, with so many cars on the track together, at the finish Alastair Needham was declared the victor and he gets the additional national point added to his total from the heats and final place.

Last event to comment on then the England vs Scotland D/D

Lots of cars appeared on track, with the racers lining up in there various groups, with some lining up in different directions around the track, tactics are going to be a big part in this, can Scotland regain their pride after last years mauling by the England boys, sadly the answer was no with the English boys retaining the trophy for the second time, possibly the Scottish boys will issue the challenge for next year, and make it third time lucky.

The top points in the National series after the firs three rounds now looks like this –

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| 1. Martin Cooper | 280 |
| 2. Andy Cattell | 251 |
| 3. Derek Cayzer | 233 |
| 4. Mike Tomkinson | 226 |
| 5. Tracy Cooper | 221 |
| 6. Ryan Cattell | 203 |
| 7. Debbie Jackson | 198 |
| 8. Gary McMullen | 195 |
| 9. Damon Atkins | 191 |
| 10. Alastair Needham | 188 |

Multi champion Martin Cooper leads the way at this stage of the championship, but with the best three scores to count from five rounds, expect things to change at the top after the next round, due to the fact that some of the top racers have only raced in two rounds so far.

At this time a total of fifty-seven different racers have taken part in the series, at the three completed rounds.