

High Wycombe National 1/12th Stockcars & Bangers

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Stockcars Round 6 & Round 4 of the Banger's BRCA National Championship

As this report goes to print it is still unsure as to weather or not this will be the last National meeting to be held at this venue, the club that was started by Mike Swadling and now run by Michaela Webster his daughter and now called High Wycombe International could be about to close as the lease on the venue is now up for renewal, and due to the major commitment and spiralling costs the club could be forced to close!

The racing today will be on a smaller version of the High Wycombe track, and I have been assured that this will be the first time that it has been used, so no home advantage for Roy and the rest of the Wycombe club members, at last years meeting we had 26 racers for the Stockcars and just 15 for the Bangers, the good news is that we have an increase in numbers this year up to 32 for the Stockcars and an incredible 36 for the Bangers, all the usual refinements are in place as you would expect at a permanent venue including the Frog & Duck café which serves us racers with some excellent tucker, if this club is about to close then it will be a great loss to the 1/12th Oval section.

Stockcars Round 1



As we are racing on a new size track there will be a lot of new track records set during the meeting, so just for comparison to the ones that will be set today here is the best lap score from last years national set by Alastair Needham using one of Gary McMullen's cars, which was also the new track record of 60 laps.

And from this winning lap score you can roughly work out how much smaller this track is, for heat one winner and a rare one at that for Cambridge racer Martin Cooper with 72 laps from local racer Roy Calver with 66 laps, also on 66 laps we had Ryan Cattell followed by another local racer in the shape of Paul Sherwood with his score of 64 followed by Mark Cooper with 60. Heat two was won by Mark Stiles, another racer from the High Wycombe Club with 71 laps from Karl Spencer who was just one lap behind Mark, finishing

the race in third spot we had Alan Harding with 68 followed by another Wycombe racer in the shape of Rob Hewitt with a creditable 67 laps, Rob was followed by Paul Riddell with 66 laps. Heat three saw the track record pushed up from the 72 laps which was set by Martin Cooper in the first race, to a new high of 75 by Ben Harding, followed by a very happy Derek Cayzer in second place with 71 a very good result for Derek using a Lecatt 2 type of racing machine, he was chased by Mike Tomkinson with his score of 70 followed by John Jennings with 66 and Bryan Lee with 65. Heat four was won by Ian Johnson from the Hathern club on one of his now rare outings with 72 laps on a split time from Jason Bartropp after he had also crossed the finish line with 72 laps, third place went to Steve Brown with 70 he was followed by Andy Cattell with 67 and Alan Crossland with 66.

Bangers Round 1

Once again here is the best score from the Bangers from last years national to give you some idea on how much the track change has made a difference, the best lap score was by Jason Bartropp with 53 laps which was the winning score from the final. So the heat one winner was also the new track record holder and this honour went to Alastair Needham with 61 laps, he was chased by Martin Cooper with 58 also on 58 laps but in a slower split time was Rob Hewitt followed by Mark Cooper with 55 and Kyle Bounton with his score of 54. Heat two winner was Derek Cayzer with 59 laps from Tracey Cooper with 52 and John Wiggins with 48, finishing the race in fourth place we had young Nicholas Cooper with 37 and just to show that the best do not always get it right we had Jason Bartropp finishing the race in fifth place with 33 laps.

Heat three was won by Urmston racer and the Banger scrutineer Mike Tomkinson with 58 from local boy Roy Calver on 48 and Robin Green with 44, finishing in fourth place we had Daniel Martin with 43 followed by Martin Llewelyn-Jones with his score of 39, then we had a very young Kayleigh Cooper with 28 laps in sixth place.

Stockcars Round 2

Heat one. Ben Harding pushes the track record even higher with his winning laps score from heat one, the new record now stands at 77 laps and pushing him all the way to the flag in second place was Karl Spencer with his score of 74 he was followed by Mark Cooper on 70 and Alan Crossland with 65. Heat two should have been a high scoring race with just six racer's which soon dropped down to just five, at the finish Peter Ayriss showed his liking for the big fast tracks with a win on 70 laps and a welcome ten national points, following Peter in second place on a split time we had Shayne Moorcroft with 64 laps as was Paul Shearwood in third place, fourth was Rugby Blue grader Dave Forrest with 62 followed by Nicholas Cooper on 61 and Daniel Martin with just 17 laps after an early retirement from the race. Heat three was a more frantic affair with a full heat of eight cars which was won by Urmston club member David Smith with 74 from John Jennings with 70 they were chased by Martin Cooper with his score of 69, then not far behind we had Mike Tomkinson with 68 as was Tom Forrest in a slower time than Mike, and finishing in sixth place we had Wycombe club member Jason Bartropp with 67 laps to his credit. Heat four was won by home club racer Mark Stiles with 75 from Andy Cattell with 70, in third place and going well we had Derek Cayzer with 68 laps from Alan Harding on 66.

Bangers Round 2

We had a new name up in the bright lights as a heat winner in heat one, this honour went to Robert Llewelyn-Jones with his race lap score of 55, in second place we had Robin Green with 48 from Sam Cook on 44 followed by Roy Calver with 34 and Derek Cayzer with 31. Heat two. Alastair Needham sets a new track record for the Banger class with his winning race score of 62 laps from Mark Cooper on 59 laps in second place, they were followed by John Wiggins with 50 and Martin Llewelyn-Jones on 47, the fifth finisher in this heat was Nick Billett with 43. Heat three winner was Martin Cooper from the Cambridge club with his score of 60 laps from Rob Hewitt on 59, then we find Hathern club racer Allan Inness in third place with 52 followed by Mark Pallister with 47, last years national winner Jason Bartropp recorded a low score of 31 laps in sixth place in this heat, just shows that the best sometimes have an off day!



Stockcars Round 3

Would you believe it Martin Cooper collects another rare win away from his home club, this time out his winning race score was 70 laps from Derek Cayzer in second place with 69 and Mark Cooper finishing with 67 laps, coming home in fourth spot we had Rugby club member Zoe Spencer with 61 laps to her credit. Heat two winner was Tom Forrest the Lecatt sponsored racer from the Stoney Stanton club with 66 laps on a split time from Shayne Moorcroft who also finished with 66 laps but was 0.16 of a second behind Tom, third place went to Jason Bartropp with his score of 65 followed by Alan Crossland the Urmston club maestro with 59 followed by another lady racer, this time it was Ronnie Faulkner with 58 laps. The heat three winner was Ben Harding with 76 laps and makes it three wins from three races so far for Ben, second place in this heat went to Mike Tomkinson with a split time after both he and Roy Calver had finished the race with 74, the margin between them was almost one second, fourth was Peter Ayriss with 71 laps followed by John Jennings on 69, then we had another good result by a lady racer, this time it was Urmston member Debbie Jackson with 66 laps. Heat three. Just one lap from the track record in this heat was Ian Johnson with his race score of 76 laps in first place, he was chased by Karl Spencer with 74 and Andy Cattell with 71, the fourth finisher in this heat was Paul Riddell with 65 followed by young Nicholas Cooper in fifth place on 59 and claiming the scalp of David Smith by one lap in the process too after David had finished the race with 58 laps.

Bangers Round 3

Heat one in this round was won by Mike Tomkinson with 59 laps, followed by an improving Jason Bartropp with 56 and Daniel Martin on 55, also finishing with 55 laps in this heat was Robert Llewelyn-Jones he was just 0.48 of a second behind Daniel, they were followed by Cambridge lady racer Tracey Cooper with her lap score of 49. Heat two. The track record gets re-set once again with 65 laps by Martin Cooper from Rob Hewitt on 62, he was followed by Kyle Bounton with 60 and Roy Calver on 59, fifth place in this heat went to John Wiggins with his lap score of 50. Heat three went to Alastair Needham with 62 from Allan Inness who was some ten laps behind Alastair in second place, Allan was chased by Derek Cayzer in third with his score of 50 followed by Mark Cooper on 49 then we had a score of 46 by Mark Pallister.

Stockcars Round 4

The last of the qualifying rounds, and making it four wins from four races was the heat one winner Ben Harding with another good score of 76 laps, he was followed to the finish line by David Smith with his lap score of 72 just one in front of Jason Bartropp, not far behind Jason was Mark Cooper with 68 laps followed by Rob Hewitt on 65. Heat two saw a heat winner from the home club, with the winning lap score of 73 it was by Roy Calver, finishing just one lap behind Roy we had Daniel Martin followed by both Derek Cayzer and Ian Johnson with 71 laps separated by a split time of 2.15 seconds, next across the finish line was Ryan Cattell in fifth place with 67. Heat three went to the flying Karl Spencer with 74 laps from Martin Cooper who finished with 71 laps as did Paul Riddell but in a slower time, the fourth finisher in this heat was Mike Tomkinson with 68. Heat four and the last of the stockcar heats was won once again by a home club racer, this time it was Mark Stiles collecting the ten national points for the win with 76 laps he was chased by Peter Ayriss with 74 laps to his credit and Andy Cattell on 72, fourth place finisher was Alan Harding from the club based at Rugby with 67.

Bangers Round 4

Heat one winner was Alastair Needham with 62 laps, just one lap in front of Kyle Bounton in second place with 61 followed by Robert Llewelyn-Jones on 59 and Rob Hewitt with 57 and then the last of the high lap scorers from this heat was Mark Cooper with 53. Collecting a very very rare race win in heat two was Derek Cayzer with 56 laps from Jason Bartropp in second place with 47 and it was a real surprise to see Jason go through the heats without a win after his hot for of last year! third place in this heat went to Christopher Wilks with 45 laps. Then just to keep the home flag flying Roy Calver recorded a race win for the Wycombe club with 58 laps from Martin Llewelyn-Jones on 53 and Mike Tomkinson with 52, they were followed by Allan Inness on 49 and the last mention in the heats goes to Mark Pallister with his lap score of 48.

Qualifiers - Consolation & Finals

This is where you find out just how successful your heats of qualifying has been, in the stockcars we have the usual seven racers straight through to the final, the top seven racers with the best three lap scores that is, the next eight make up the consolation race with the winner of this race going into the final, and the Banger final is made up of the top ten qualifiers only, no consolation for this type of formula, so here are the qualifiers –

<i>Stockcar Consolation Final</i>		<i>Stockcar Final</i>		<i>Banger</i>	
1. Andy Cattell	213	1. Ben Harding	229	1. Alastair Needham	186
2. Mike Tomkinson	212	2. Mark Stiles	222	2. Martin Cooper	183
3. Derek Cayzer	211	3. Karl Spencer	222	3. Rob Hewitt	179
4. Jason Bartropp	210	4. Ian Johnson	219	4. Kyle Bounton	175
5. David Smith	209	5. Peter Ayriss	215	5. R. Llewelyn-Jones	169
6. John Jennings	205	6. Roy Calver	213	6. Mike Tomkinson	169
7. Mark Cooper	205	7. Martin Cooper	213	7. Mark Cooper	167
8. Paul Riddell	202			8. Roy Calver	165
				9. Derek Cayzer	165
				10. Allan Inness	153

The Stockcar Consolation.

A quick glance at the totals in the charts above shows you how close things are when it is time to decide who goes into what race at this stage of the meeting, as you can see we had three racers finish with the same totals but only two were in the final and one went into the consolation race, the reason for this can be explained within our rules, for part of rule 2. in the stockcar racing rules states that :- in the event of a tie at any national meeting, it will be decided by the highest lap of any round followed by the next highest etc., then if still a tie, it will be decided on split times of the highest lap. So under this rule Roy Calver's highest lap score was a 74 so he qualified into the final as the sixth qualifier, the seventh place was decided after Martin Cooper and Andy Cattell had both qualified with lap scores of 72, 71, and 70 which gave them the same total of 213, then their throw away scores were taken into account and this is where the difference came between who went where, because Martins throw away lap score was 69 laps compared to Andy's score of 67, thus Martin qualified as the seventh qualifier for the final and Andy was the first in the consolation.

The consolation race was a very good one and at the finish the racers were unsure as to had won it, and in a funny way justice was done as it was Andy Cattell that took the win with 73 laps along with the final qualification place in the final, just behind Andy was Mark Cooper with 72, followed by John Jennings with 70 laps in third place fourth went to Mike Tomkinson with 69, in fifth place we had David Smith with 68 laps from Derek Cayzer on 67 laps in sixth followed by Paul Riddell with his lap score of 65 in seventh, and the last place was filled by Jason Bartropp with 60 laps.

Stockcar Final

The final consisted of two racers from the club at Rugby, we also had two from the home club of High Wycombe, then we had one from Urmston, one from the Hathern club, one from the Cambridge club and one from the Stoney Stanton club, a very good selection of clubs which shows the strength of the racers taking part in the national series, with no one club dominating the national meetings, at the finish it was Ian Johnson from the Hathern club that took the win with 78 laps, and it is this lap score that will be the - small oval – track record, then we had a close result for second place between Mark Stiles and Ben Harding after both racers had finished with 76 laps the result going in Ben's favour by a better split time of one second, fourth place went to Roy Calver at his home club, the fifth place went to Martin Cooper with his lap score of 74 followed by Andy Cattell with 73 laps in sixth, Karl Spencer claimed the seventh place with 72 and eighth place went to Pete Ayriss with 52 laps after he had retired from the final.

The finalist's tec chart

Name	F/Tyre In	F/Tyre Out	R/Tyre In	R/Tyre Out	Gear Ratio	Speedo Type	Charger	Car Type	Chassi Type	Cells	Club	Grade	Qualif	Final
Mark Stiles	Pink	Jap Med	Pink	Pink	12/50	STD Mardave	Pro Trak	Diamond	Diamond	Corally 2000	High Wycombe	Red	2	3
Ben Harding	Jap Med	812	Pink	Pink	12/50	Mk1 Mardave	Apex	Skint	Anderton	Corally 2000	Rugby	Silver	1	2
Karl Spencer	Pink	LM	Pink	Pink	12/51	Mardave	Apex	Elite	Anderton	3300	Rugby	S/S	3	7
Ian Johnson	Jap Soft	Orange	SE	Pink	11/51	Mardave	Schumacher	Bandit Pro 2	Mardave	2000	Hathern	S/S	4	1
Pete Ayriss	SE	812	SE	Pink	12/50	Associated	Pro Trak	Pinky	Anderton	2400	Urmston	Red	5	8
Roy Calver	Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink	12/49	Mardave	Pro Trak	Diamond	Diamond	3300	TVSCC / High Wycombe	Red	6	4
Martin Cooper	Jap Med	812	SE	Pink	13/52	Mardave	Apex	Pinky	Anderton	1700	Cambridge	S/S	7	5
Andy Cattell	Pink	812	SE	Pink	12/49	2 speed	Apex	Lecatt 2	Lecatt	Corally 1700	Stoney Stanton	Red	8	6

The Banger Final



The big news was the failure of last year's High Wycombe national winner Jason Bartropp, not showing his form of last year and he had failed to qualify for today's final at his home track. Alastair Needham raced a superb race to take the win with 65 laps and a surprised Robert Llewelyn-Jones came home in second place ahead of some more fancied racers with his lap score of 61 he was followed by Mike Tomkinson with 60 laps and Roy Calver on 59 in fourth place, next across the finish line was Mark Cooper with 58 and Kyle Bounton with 56 laps in sixth place at the finish, seventh place was taken by Rob Hewitt with 53 and eight place went to Martin Cooper with his lap score of 38 laps followed by Allan Inness with 24 and finally and not least we have Derek Cayzer in eighth place with 14 laps.

Congratulations to all of the race winners and especially the final winners, also in the stockcars grade awards went to best white :- Daniel Martin, best yellow :- Rob Hewitt, best blue :- Jason Bartropp.

