Coaltown Stockcar Club

Scottish Championship 2023

Sunday 18th June

The final day of the Scottish weekender was the return of the Scottish Open championship along with National Series round 5. Anthony Wyper who lost his European title to World, British and National Points champion Brandon Eccles the day before will still be going into this event full of confidence as he looks to bring back home the Scottish Open title and hopefully claw a few points back on the new European champion in his pursuit of the National Points Series title. Brandon's father Graham is the current Scottish Open holder and he will be looking at beaten both of his son's along with the rest of the competition all looking to grab their hands on the title.

Straight into the action today with little turn-around! The concourse was won by Kayla Mutch prior to the opening round of qualifying heats. I reckon James Eccles was assuming the concourse was the best dressed?? He certainly loves rocking his Hawaii T-Shirts!



Qualifying heats

Heat 1- Ryan Cattell

Heat 2 – James Eccles

Heat 3 – Brandon Eccles

Heat 4 – Emily Jacklin

Heat 5 – Lennon Cuthill

Heat 6 – Kev Falconer

Heat 7 – Anthony Wyper

Heat 8 – Ryan Cattell

Heat 9 – Gordon Mutch

Heat 10 – Graham Eccles

Heat 11 – Ryan Cattell

Heat 12 – Brandon Eccles

Heat 13 – Kev Falconer

Heat 14 – Anthony Wyper

Heat 15 – James Eccles

Heat 16 – James Eccles

Heat 17 – Ryan Cattell

Heat 18 – Anthony Wyper

Heat 19 – Adam Gilbertson

Heat 20 – Lennon Cuthill







Qualifying standings after 4 rounds

ank Laps	Race No.	Roof Grade	Name	Rd1 Laps	Rd2 Laps	Rd3 Laps	Rd4 Laps
1	532	S/S	James Eccles	115	112	111	113
2	904	S/S	Ryan Cattell	113	112	113	111
3	30	S/S	Anthony Wyper	113	112	106	112
4	1	G/S/Br/Eu	Brandon Eccles	113	110	109	113
5	619		Kev Falconer	111	108	108	111
6	530	Scottish Op	Graham Eccles	107	112	106	110
7	21	Jnr Eu/LC	Emily Jacklin	108	111	106	109
8	71		Lennon Cuthill	108	105	106	107
9	629	S/S	Alfie Jones	107	103	107	106
10	226		Gordon Mutch	107	107	100	105
11	401	S/S	Leighton Holroyd	106	106	106	106
12	3		Adam Gilbertson	105	101	107	96
12	600	S/S	Gary Riddell	106	101	95	106
14	202		Graeme Beckett	99	107	94	100
15	163		Billy Clague	101	103	101	95
15	717		Brian Cuthill	101	101	103	93
17	737		Sam Jacklin	99	103	100	99
18	26		Adam Kirkwood	100	97	100	101
18	601		Cameron Riddell	92	105	95	101
18	7		Peter Riddell	99	102	94	100
21	961		Mark McCabe	104	95	90	99
22	165		Michael Clague	99	99	97	87
23	630		Lucie Jones	88	90	96	93
24	37		Andrew Jacklin	95	97	86	86
24	137	Jnr Dutch	Chloe Mitchell	100	81	87	91
26	83		Iain Roper	94	94	80	89
27	351		Sonny Gilbertson	84	91	85	83
28	210		Kayla Mutch	88	78	73	77
29	11		Hayden Cattell	13	70	63	54
30	515		Owen Bates	0	0	78	0

Qualifying overview

James Eccles early 115 lap score really cemented his authority in this year's Scottish champion as he remained consistent throughout his remaining heats to top the qualifying list after the 4 rounds. Close in his tracks were Ryan Cattell, Anthony Wyper, Brandon Eccles, Kev Falconer and current Scottish champion Graham Eccles.

As you can see, a matter of laps was make or break as to whether or not you've made it straight through into the top 7 or not. Emily Jacklin was the final qualifier just pipping Scottish youngster Lennon Cuthill to the automatic spot. All red tops made the cut off for the final / consolation with Gordon Mutch being the highest non red top grade to make the cut in 10th.

Top 2 from the consolation will progress to form a 9 car grid for the Scottish Open so still very much all to play for if you find yourselves in the consolation race. Alfie Jones, Gary Riddell, Lennon Cuthill and Leighton Holroyd would be my choice if I was a betting man!



Consolation



Last chance time and only 2 of the 9 drivers in the consolation event will progress into the Scottish Open final.

Scottish youngster Lennon Cuthill starts pole in this one and goes into the race as favourite after some solid results throughout the day. He's mixed in with Rugby duo Alfie Jones and Leighton Holroyd who both will be hoping to make the cut and join the original 7 who are already qualified.

Gordon Mutch has put in a much more improved performance after a tough start to this year's National Series. He'll be looking at joining one of his fellow Scottish drivers in the main event. Gary Riddell and Brian Cuthill makes up the remaining Scottish entries in this one, with Urmston's Adam Gilbertson, Graeme Beckett and Billy Clague making up the remainder of the field.

Leighton Holroyd's race was pretty much over before it started! He seemed to be collected half way down the straight on the opening lap which someone managed to break his steering and it became clear this was the end of his weekend. Lennon Cuthill had a pretty bizarre start to the race too. He led away in the lead on the opening lap before suddenly what appeared to me like his throttle was wide open as his car crushed against the wall numerous times before eventually stopping after going the wrong way down the straight. He was able to somehow get going again after this unexpected beginning and was now chasing the leading pack in hope of a slip up.

Brian Cuthill also appeared to have some mechanical troubles with his car as he retired from the race at the minute mark. A disappointing ending for the Scotsman. 2 early casualties allowed a little more racing room on track for the remaining drivers to get their foot down and

gather some important laps in pursuit of a top 2 finish. Graeme Beckett's chances ended in the latter stages of the race after a clash with Gary Riddell's stranded car down the straight causing a DNF at around the 4 minute mark.

The buzzer went off to signify the end of the race and it was certainly a close one to call. 4 drivers were in real contention of just 2 places as the results were issued out. It was Rugby's Alfie Jones and Scotland's Gordon Mutch who managed to gather a couple laps extra than the chasing Adam Gilbertson and Lennon Cuthill to progress. Relief for Alfie and Gordon, disappointment for Adam, Lennon and the likes of Gary Riddell and Billy Clague who's chances of a Scottish championship have quickly faded away.

B Final (F1 Stock Cars) Results

Started 14:17 Finished 14:23

Pos	Car	Driver	Club #		Result	Speed	Best Lap
1	2	Alfie Jones	629	104/	302.58	29.70	2.56 L9
2	3	gordon mutch	T226	103/	300.58	29.61	2.59 L35
3	5	Adam Gilbertson	T19	102/	300.09	29.37	2.52 L39
4	1	lennon cuthill	71	101/	301.21	28.97	2.55 L8
5	6	gary riddell	600	94/	300.09	27.07	2.56 L92
6	8	Billy Clague	T163	94/	300.43	27.03	2.63 L50
7	7	Graeme Beckett	202	74/	235.59	27.14	2.54 L6
8	9	Brian Cuthill	717	19/	61.54	26.68	2.59 L18
9	4	Leighton Holroyd	401	3/	14.32	18.10	3.51 L3



White and yellows race

C Final (F1 Stock Cars) Results

Started 14:06 Finished 14:11

Pos	Car	Driver	Club #	Result	Speed	Best Lap
1	1	adam kirkwood	T26	95/ 300.90	27.28	2.68 L77
2	5	Chloe Mitchel	137	90/ 301.90	25.76	2.67 L79
3	2	Michael Clague	T165	89/ 302.13	25.46	2.78 L35
4	3	Lucie Jones	630	86/ 301.67	24.64	2.76 L30
5	4	Andrew Jacklin	37	82/ 300.75	23.56	2.70 L67
6	6	Sonny Gilbertson	351	79/ 300.58	22.71	2.78 L65
7	8	Hayden Cattell	11	66/ 301.89	18.89	2.46 L62
8	7	kayla mutch	T210	40/ 183.51	18.84	3.02 L14

A busy jam packed race full of crashes was dominated by Scotland's Adam Kirkwood who won by 5 laps ahead of junior driver Chloe Mitchell in 2nd and Michael Clague in 3rd. Chloe has managed to claw a couple of points back on Michael after beating him in this race, but she still needs Michael to slip up if she wants to challenge the top 3. Lucie Jones now goes joint 2nd with Andrew Jacklin after she beats him by 4 laps in this race.

The updated white and yellow championship points have been updated and as you can see the top 3 are as close as you can get!! Just the 1 point separates current leader Michael Clague ahead of Andrew Jacklin and junior Lucie Jones. Hayden Cattell who's racing his first ever national series season is joint 4th along with Chloe Mitchell who have both been improving as the year has gone on.

With just 2 rounds to go, it looks likely it'll be a 3 way battle for the championship. The top 5 all remain in the white or yellow grade with the new grading period released, therefore meaning they are all still in real contention of taking home the new championship for the formula.

Position	Name	Rd1 Total	Rd2 Total	Rd3 Total	Rd4 Total	Rd5 Total	Rd6 Total	**Total**
1	Michael Clague	19	24	30	26			**99**
2	Andrew Jacklin	22	26	28	22			**98**
2	Lucie Jones	26	28	20	24			**98**
4	Hayden Cattell	17	22	22	19			**80**
4	Chloe Mitchell	24	0	28	28			**80**
6	Sam Jacklin	30	28	0	0			**58**
6	Peter Watson	28	30	0	0			**58**
8	Steve Jacklin	0	22	26	0			**48**
9	Alan Harding	20	26	0	0			**46**
10	Sonny Gilbertson	0	0	24	20			**44**

Scottish Open Championship Juniors



Full results

1st – Emily Jacklin 104

2nd – Lennon Cuthill 99

3rd – Lucie Jones 88

4th – Chloe Mitchell 87

5th – Kayla Mutch 80

6th – Sonny Gilbertson 80

7th – Hayden Cattell 63



Urmston's Emily Jacklin once again shows the juniors why she's the one to beat at the moment after yet another dominant display in the Junior Scottish Open championship. Scotland's Lennon Cuthill was a close 2nd, but Emily had just about enough in the tank to take the victory.

Lucie Jones from Rugby made it a podium dominated by the ladies as she finished a creditable 3rd ahead of Chloe Mitchell in 4th a further lap behind. Kayla Mutch and Sonny Gilbertson were tied in 5th and 6th on 80 laps with Hayden Cattell finishing in 7th. Well done to all our juniors who have competed over the weekend. Be sure to keep an eye on them in the future!!

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A Final (F1 Stock Cars) Results

Started 14:48 Finished 14:53

Pos	Car	Driver	Club #	Result		Speed
1	4	Brandon Eccles	1	113/	302.39	32.29
2	1	James Eccles	532	112/	301.15	32.14
3	2	Ryan Cattell	904	112/	301.86	32.06
4	5	Kev Falconer	619	111/	300.73	31.89
5	6	Graham Eccles	530	107/	300.79	30.74
6	8	Alfie Jones	629	106/	300.94	30.43
7	3	Anthory Wyper	T30	105/	299.88	30.25
8	7	Emily Jacklin	21	104/	301.03	29.85
9	9	gordon mutch	T226	101/	302.51	28.85

One last race for the weekend and it's time for the Scottish Open championship. Current title holder Graham Eccles starts on the outside of row 3 with his son's both infront of him as the Eccles team aim at another title to be taking back home with them after yet another succesful weekend. James Eccles starts on pole after a fantastic display in his heats. Can he keep his cool and come home with his first victory in Scotland? Judging by yesterday's display, you'd expect him to be right up there in the mix come the end of the race.

The normal suspects of Anthony Wyper and Ryan Cattell are certainly looking at stopping the Eccles trio coming home with the win, but when you've got 'McNobby' Kev falconer in the mix, you'd have to expect full bumpers in flow and plenty of crashing. Emily Jacklin, Alfie Jones and Scotland's Gordon Mutch make up the back lines of the grid and will go into this race as the underdogs waiting on any hiccups from the pre-race favourites.

The race began and straight away a mid track pile up half way down the straight as pole sitter James Eccles was shoved out wide and was collected by a handful of drivers on the opening lap. Anthony Wyper made the early break along with Kev Falconer but both tangled coming out of the top bend allowing Brandon Eccles to take over the lead.

Immediately, bumpers flew in from numerous drivers in particular Anthony Wyper and Brandon Eccles who were hard at it trading blows in pursuit of an advantage on their opposition. Surprisingly, Kev Falconer was keeping out of the trouble and began to take up a small advantage over the chasing pack. Alfie Jones and Gordon Mutch were attempting to keep their noses clean but appeared to be lacking a little bit of pace in comparison to the front runners. Emily Jacklin and Ryan Cattell were hard at work looking at capitalising on their opponents clashes. Emily began to get involved in a few tangles which help up her chances.

As the race began to settle, Kev Falconer appeared to be holding a slight edge over the 2 Eccles brothers of James and Brandon. Ryan Cattell was also in with a shout but with a slow start after the opening clash tangle he was very much chasing the shadows of the Scotsman and the Eccles duo as the race lattered the end stages.

With a matter of 30 – 40 seconds remaining, the pressure began to grow on Kev as he came across a couple of stationary cars and was finding it difficult to get his wheels back facing the right way before another car was hitting into him. Heartbreak for Kev as this allowed the younger generation of Brandon and James Eccles to sneak through and complete a 1-2 finish in the Scottish championship. 3rd place was narrowly sealed by Ryan Cattell thanks to Kev's misfortune.

Official Statement From LMRCC

Many, many thanks to everyone who attended the f1 national Scottish weekender. 30 warriors arrived to take part in the first f1 national weekend held in Scotland for a few years. A massive thank you to everyone who travelled to support the weekend. We gambled, changed the track layout and it paid off. What a weekend…. Well done to all our winners, new and old. Hope to see you all for a bigger and better Scottish national weekender next year.

Brian and all at LMRCC.

<u>Current standings of the National Points Series after round 5 of 8.</u>

Brandon Eccles now leads the series after an explosive weekend of pure class which has blown the national series wide up with Ryan Cattell in a close 3rd. Remember, 2 rounds will be dropped from this year's series so it's very much still all to play for if Anthony can have a strong finish to the series. Can the current National Points champion Brandon Eccles hold on for back to back titles?

Position	Name	Rd1 Total	Rd2 Total	Rd3 Total	Rd4 Total	Rd5 Total	Rd6 Total	Rd7 Total	Rd8 Total	*Total*	**Total With Lowest 2 Dropped**
1	Brandon Eccles	58	58	58	60	59				*293*	**293**
2	Anthony Wyper	60	60	60	54	52				*286*	**286**
3	Ryan Cattell	55	53	56	56	56				*276*	**276**
4	Graham Eccles	56	52	48	53	51				*260*	**260**
5	James Eccles	39	50	38	57	58				*242*	**242**
6	Kev Falconer	29	51	35	52	54				*221*	**221**
7	Alfie Jones	37	37	44	47	49				*214*	**214**
8	Emily Jacklin	25	37	52	47	49				*210*	**210**
9	Gary Riddell	48	35	53	39	34				*209*	**209**
10	Leighton Holroyd	51	49	0	47	29				*176*	**176**
11	Adam Gilbertson	48	23	30	36	37				*174*	**174**
12	Lennon Cuthill	21	44	22	32	37				*156*	**156**
13	Gordon Mutch	19	29	16	31	49				*144*	**144**
14	Billy Clague	19	20	26	30	29				*124*	**124**
15	Sam Jacklin	22	20	21	33	24				*120*	**120**

Best white grade – Chloe Mitchell

Best yellow grade – Adam Kirkwood

Best blue grade – Gordon Mutch

I hope everyone had a fantastic weekend up in Scotland. The racing looked brutal, but that's what stockcar racing is all about. Nice to see the comments on social media and everyone's positive feedback surrounding the events that have taken place over the weekend.

Meeting report by Stuart Clarke.



Brandon Eccles – Your new European and Scottish Open champion for 2023

“Wow, what a weekend in Scotland! I went into the weekend hoping for a good result after some close 2nd places earlier this year. The track was perfect. Big and fast but with tight straights and corners. Enjoyed the racing all weekend, but the social was even better. Great to catch up with some many friends we have made over the year.

The finals were brutal and fast. I managed to overcome lots of his in both finals and just held off my brother James who was absolutely flying all weekend! Couldn’t be happier to win the European and Scottish for the first time! Really proud to hold all 4 majors at the same time. Can’t thank my dad and Istox enough for all the hard work that makes this happen”.