Hello and welcome to Aycliffe Stadium. This afternoon we expect to see some of the fastest racing ever on this circuit. Mind, as I type that, I do have my fingers crossed. You see we have had the back straight tarmacadamed as promised, but owing to the fantastic weather that we have been having, as yet (almost a week late) it hasn’t set hard. So for once we are hoping for some poor weather before the meeting, or it could just turn out to be like something from Whacky Races instead of Formula One Stocks. At the moment I think it would be a bit like driving through sticky toffee, so we hope that even if the sunny spells keep on during the day that we get a few cold nights.

Wild Wolf struck a blow for Lancashire in the current battle of the Roses here at Aycliffe. Determined not to let those Yorkshire Tykes take another grand slam of victories here he romped home in his Heat and then, to show it wasn’t a fluke, he roared to victory in the Grand National. The honour of the white rose upheld by Willie in Heat one; Andy Stott showed us all just how he had earned his new Superstar status when he roared to victory in the Consolation, whilst another Yorkshireman, Mike Close, was the winner in the Final making it two in a row here at Aycliffe. No doubt he will be going all out for his hat-trick this afternoon, and judging from the way he performed on the 11th it seems more than possible that he could make it. On the 11th we saw the surprise, but very welcome, return to racing of Gordon Smith. Gordon’s rugged style of driving has always been a joy to watch and it was great to see him back in action. Whilst on the subject of Action two local drivers, who are always in the thick of it this season, the 138 Trevor Todd and 294 John Dawson. Although they are both yellow graded at the moment, I have a feeling that both of them will be needing to get busy with a paint brush shortly, possibly even within the next few days.

After last meeting we had a letter of complaint from a long time Aycliffe fan about the use of the yellow lights and waving flags. Now, while I agree that occasionally they are used when what looks like a potentially dangerous situation sorts itself out relatively quickly, but the flag marshals have to take split second decisions in these situations—remember many of these cars lap the circuit in under 18 seconds—which doesn’t leave much margin for error. Stock Car Racing has come a long way since it first operated in this country, it now comes under stringent rules, and we at Aycliffe do our very best to uphold them. Anyone who has ever watched motor sports abroad or on Television will know that the practice with the waving yellows is widespread. Why, only a few weeks ago on Grandstand, it happened several times during the Championship races between top American Stox Drivers and International World Formula One stars—this on an unfenced circuit where an escape route was always available. Do we really want to put drivers lives in jeopardy, risk them being maimed, just to avoid a few moments delay? I know that I don’t, and I don’t think that many other fans do. I do know one thing though, before the new rule was in operation, and the flashing lights installed, on one occasion, after an accident, it took almost a whole lap to stop a race and get help to a driver injured on the in-field. On that occasion we were inundated with letters complaining about the delay in getting help to the driver—the delay on that occasion about 25 seconds. So it looks as though once again it has been proved that you can’t please all the people all of the time. He also pointed out that we could hardly be said to live up to our Aycliffe for Action Slogan as long as the yellow flag system was still in operation.

Well, cheerio for now folks. Enjoy the racing, and we hope that we will see you all again in two weeks time when once more Aycliffe will roar into action with another afternoon of all that is best in short circuit racing. So see you then. Blast off will be at 3 p.m. as usual.
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Sunday 8 Formula One and Formula Two
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Supercar Stox North Eastern Drivers Championship
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OCTOBER
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