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Magazine Programme & Official Race Card: 15p
SATURDAY, 21st MAY at 7.30
★ Qualifying Round ★
BRISCA 1977 World Championship

A BRITISH STOCK CAR ASSN CIRCUIT
**ROUND THE RACEWAY**

Charles Ochiltree writes...

WHAT IS A GOOD NIGHT OUT?

We reckon a combination of many different things for many different people.

For some a Symphony concert spells the Supreme joy.

For others a Bingo "Eyes down" event moves the fun.

A night at the Palais for the hip-shakers...Heaven.

And of course a slap-up Dinner is not without its devotees as the true Delight.

Whatever the particular place of bliss, the great excellence, we rate three essentials: relaxation, entertainment, and pleasurable social company.

Which is why we can never understand how so many so-called soccer supporters rate a Punch-up as Paradise!

Our Good Night Out with the dispensers of truck magic tickles all our rating three essentials. Plus another...Excitement.

It's a healthy excitement, born of a consciousness of danger, suspense and sporting rivalry. And it doesn't make life difficult for anyone else.

We're proud of our sport's audience record. We acclaim them to the authorities as noteworthy examples of crowd behaviour.

If we have had a complaint it is that late-arrivers not using the Car Park on Parker Drive have hurriedly "bucked out" so as not to miss the start...and left their vehicle in a location of inconvenience to others.

That's not right by bringing it to notice.

Likewise we know support will immediately be forthcoming for our campaign to Leave It! Inside the stadium not outside, where it can blow about to the appearance-detriments of local gardens.

The complaint we need to do something about, because it is not without justification, is a growing tendency to late-finishing.

That's not the audience's fault.

It's ours. And the drivers who sometimes forget their responsibilities to time schedules in twin race rebuilds searching for auto perfection.

We propose putting that right by instituting Time Limits on closure of the "Gate".

There will be a signal for 5 minutes, 2 minutes and Close.

And if it means less than the scheduled number of competitors on the circuit...so be it.

We do have to consider others.

For that reason also, as an experiment, we are advancing times of start of meetings from June 18th to 7.15 p.m.

We've said what we rate the essentials for a Good Night Out now we can say with conviction also the last thing one wants on a Night Out is to be regimened, lectured.

So we simply aren't going to mention Don'ts and Don'ts anymore — just leave it to the very good sense of our great family audience to play their further part in winning the Stock general appreciation for both consideration and co-operation.

Now we'll see if Offices and Competitors can combine to WATCH THAT CLOCK!

Have a grand evening. There's a lot of fun to be had.

Charles Ochiltree

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LEICESTER TRACK RECORDS
16 Laps STU SMITH (391)
4 min. 58 secs. 16th August 1975
20 Laps DAVE CHISHOLM (252)
6 min. 16 sec. 15th June 1974.

We've donated the prize money from our April Event 6 to the Drivers' Benevolent Fund.

Don't miss out on the action. There are still plenty of tickets available. For more information, please contact our hotline.

**FROM THE TESTING NOTES**

We've been testing our new parts and everything seems to be working perfectly. The cars are running smoothly, and the drivers are happy with the performance.

**FROM THE TRACK NOTES**

The track is in excellent condition, with no issues reported from the last event. The surface is hard and fast, making it perfect for high-speed racing.

**FROM THE DRIVER'S NOTES**

Drivers have given positive feedback about the conditions on the track. The grip is good, and the overall performance of all cars has been impressive.

**FROM THE OFFICIALS' NOTES**

Officials have reported that everything is running smoothly. There have been no incidents or disruptions so far.

**FROM THE SPECTATORS' NOTES**

Spectators have enjoyed the event. They were impressed by the quality of the racing and the performance of the drivers.

**FROM THE SAFETY OFFICERS' NOTES**

Safety officers have reported that the track is safe and that all necessary precautions have been taken for the event.

**FROM THE WEATHER NOTES**

The weather is clear and bright, with no signs of rain. Perfect conditions for racing.

**FROM THE FINANCIAL NOTES**

Revenue from the event has exceeded expectations. The profits will be used to fund future events and improvements to the track.

**FROM THE FUTURE EVENTS NOTES**

We are planning to host more events in the future. Details will be announced soon.

**FROM THE GENERAL NOTES**

Overall, it has been a successful event. We thank everyone who participated and supported the event. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.
Official Race Card and Schedule of Events

BRISCA 1977 Stock Car Racing
Championship of the World
2nd Meeting, 1977 Season Saturday, 21st May 1977

STARTING IN RACES
All events in this programme will be started on the Graded principle, from Rolling Starts.
Staggered Pack Formation.
Events 1, 2, 3, and 5, and Events 6, 7, and 8 are determined by Grades and application of Handicaps on local Track Championship table.
Events 4 and 6 Position are determined on the “First Out, On” Principle, Grades being observed.
Content Limitation Evens 4, 6: 30 Cars.
Super Stars start at rear, irrespective of local points tables.
Progress: Transfer First Six from Events 1, 2, and 3 to Event 5, Others to Event 4. Transfer First Six from Event 4 to Event 6.

FLAG SIGNALS
Green: START Yellow: CAUTION
C light: HALF WAY Black: EXCLUSION
Red: STOP Chequered: FINISH
INCIDENT WARNING LIGHTS
Rolling Start Conditions
Green Light: START of Race
Flashing Amber: HOLD positions for Pace Lap
Red Light: UNSATISFACTORY Pace Lap, Hold Positions and Repeat
Race Conditions
Green Light: HAZARD PASSED, continue Racing
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EVENT 1. HEAT 1. Up to 20 Cars, 16 Laps,
No. Driver Town
256 Bob Wann Luttrellworth, Leics.
258 Roger Jones Henley Hempstead, Leics.
209 Ken Morris Loughborough, Leics.
323 Brian Walker Syston, Leics.
418 Phil Dickens Luttrellworth, Leics.
27 Eddie Harrison Middle Barton, Leics.

EVENT 2. HEAT 2. Up to 20 Cars, 16 Laps,
No. Driver Town
376 Dave Lee Wigtown, Leics.
24 John Milburn Kettering, Leics.
129 John Wilbur Hinckley, Leics.
80 Brian Chappell Sheldon, Leics.
178 Roy McEwen Wellesbourne, Leics.
288 Bill Stables Luttrellworth, Leics.
127 John Rawlings Rugby, Wars.
110 Ray Sargent Fairford, Glos.
27 Howard Davis Cheltenham, Glos.
264 Stuart Siman Chipping Norton, Oxon.
104 Roy Maddley Middle Barton, Leics.
261 John Goodall Stoney Stanton, Leics.
55 Bob Finnikin Leek, Staffs.

EVENT 3. HEAT 3. Up to 20 Cars, 16 Laps,
No. Driver Town
156 Brian Powles Congrave, Notts.
158 Brian Powles Congrave, Notts.
2 Willie Harrison Rotherham, Yorks.

EVENT 4. Consolation Heat. 16/20 Laps

Car Car Car

Car Car Car
EVENT 5.  ★ QUALIFYING ROUND MEETING ★

BRISCA 1977

CHAMPIONSHIP of the WORLD

GRAND FINAL

(First 6 from Events 1, 2, 3 and 4—24 Cars)

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7th 291  8th 154  9th 160  10th 60  Time 6.32

BE LIKE US—GET THE TOP OF THE POPS FROM THE RECORD SPECIALISTS—SMITHS—of 236 NARBOUR ROAD, LEICESTER  Tel. 823900

EVENT 6.  Raced Over 16/20 Laps

QUALIFYING HEAT

Grand National CHAMPIONSHIP

(Open to first 30 Starters from Events 1-5 with Winner Event 5, if competing, handicapped one half lap)

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7th 154  8th 435  9th 90  10th 291  Time 4.28

SEW-ON SEWS!

Our poor Leicesters Track Shop Assistants were inundated with enquiries for LEICESTER SEW-ONS at the April Meet. In fact the words, “NO THEY HAVEN’T ARRIVED YET” kept them sleepless all night. Well, what a little Mister We’ve got for you, in 5 colours and with a touch of the JUBILEE’S That’s a bit of the Old Red White and Blue to you. They’re a considerable amount never-to-be-missed bargain at 50p apiece.

If you saw them at Coventry and were short of the readies, you can buy one Tonight: That’s our very snazzy BRISCA BELTS, Duo-coloured Red and Yellow, plus a neat little slogan to get ‘em all going.

“You’ve seen the Rest, I’ve seen the BEST, BRISCA F1 STOC.” No matter how robust you happen to be, these belts are choppy. All that’s required is a quick pull through the buckle, a snap with the scissors, and you’ve got a Custom-length belt, and all for 79p. Full up to the track shop QUICK! on they’re selling fast.

Through the Lens of our STOSCENE SNAPSHOT, we’ve a fair old selection of full colour PHOTOGEAR to tempt you with. A Good Line for the acrobats and adults alike are the Mini Pix, a full action Photo, but only 3½ x 2½ ins. in size, cunningly designed to fit straight into a Photo Album with provision for Driver detail and Autograph. Pix are a Staggering modest 10p each and the Albums an equally unbelievable 20p each. Stacks of all these are obviously vast, but what we have not got tonight can be ordered from the PHOTIQUE at Coventry next time. Same goes for all other items listed below.

Firstly, Rosettes are the order of the Day, and as usual we can oblige. A full 9 ins. of RED, BLUE and YELLOW Ribbons, complete with centre colour Pic will cost you around the 75p Mark. If it’s not Rosettes you fancy we’ve other items equally buyable, including Photo Key Fobs, Necklaces, Starp Badges.

It’s all there in the Shop, and if you’ve still got some change left The “RALLY COAT KING” is not far away. As you well know his range of Budget priced Racewear is not to be missed. This is Overalls, Anoraks, Large Small Thick and Thin to suit all sizes and age groups. Plus a unique line whereby you can design your own Team Jackets and the “King” will have them made to your own personal Spec.

We’d mention too DAN THE SPANNER MAN. He’s got a vast variety of Motor tools for all Motor Mechanics. He’s in the Paddock Tonight.
Whilst our April opener unfortunately had to come to a premature end due to delays in the proceedings which took us up to the time limits we are working to, the meeting otherwise finished on a high note with the northern partnership of Alan Barker (179) and Stuart Smith (393) once again this season taking a stranglehold on the results with Barker taking The Leicester Laurels Trophy in a breathtaking finish.

The experienced Barker has certainly made the most of his opportunities this year whilst racing as a B grade driver, to such an extent in fact that he now finds himself promoted three grades to become a member of the Elite Super-stars. The Yorkshireman will obviously now find points much more difficult to come by but even so, as long as the second Stuart Smith motor is at its disposal, should remain in the top ten with ease.

This fortune still appears to be stalling Dave Chisholm (252). Having only just recovered from the back injury that kept him away from racing for the biggest part of last season, he is now sidelined once again with a broken wrist which he sustained during a practice session at Northampton during late April. Despite this and severe bruising as well, Chisholm’s team, ever conscious of his supporter’s elected to still carry on with his commitments and race in the afternoon’s meeting. Unfortunately, it is most unlikely that Chisholm will have had the plaster removed in time for this evening, which is a great pity following the superb Chisholm-Smith battle in their heat last month.

On top of the world at the moment is Ross Fernhough (208) who won his first ever Fisher over at Long Eaton just three weeks back. This popular character made an almost immediate impact upon joining the Briga Racers following experience with other forms of oval racing and in fact won his first trophy at Manchester White City when he picked up the Novice of the Year Award on a track which he had never seen previously. Shortly after this initial success the Worcestershire man settled down to become one of the most colourful characters of our sport, always to be found in the thick of the action, never one to move over at the sight of a red top and always racing with aggression. Since his rise to prominence he has consistently met with a limited measure of success but this has most definitely been offset by heavy repair bills brought about by his exuberant driving.

Almost from the word go this season a much improved Fernhough was evident, scoring consistently high points such as his heat 4th and Final 4th at Leicester before culminating in his big win. I personally cannot think of any other driver who has never won a previous final is more deserving of one than the now crowned “Ross the Boss”.

Northants driver Ian Russell (38) who made a spectacular return to racing this year with the Alan Young (ex-393) motor, winning finals at both of his first two meetings has apparently now decided to sell up and retire again! Rather strange decision that, the same of which could be said of the retirement of Alan Young after an equally short but successful spell with the same car.

However the retirement of Russell has been offset by the return of Don Evans. Oxfords’ veteran of almost 20 years of points, takes away a few months from and there and also the occasional occasion, having managed to once again recover his famed number 37 which was issued to him back in the 37 year old with absence, I must say at this point I personally feel that number of well established long term drivers should not be pressed to newcomers immediately the former owner leaves the scene. This must be kept free for at least a year so as to give the person an opportunity or perhaps some encouragement to change his mind and return.

Here’s the first tables of the 1977 season for the various domestic competitions which ran throughout the Stock Car Year.

**TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP** — all grades.
Points awarded: 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 to REAL EIGHT in Heats, Consolations, GIN etc., 16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 to REAL EIGHT in Finals. Opportunity tonight for someone to pinch the lead — for various reasons none of the leading three drivers are competing here tonight.

Driver Heat Points Total
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179 Alan Barker 6 16 22
911 Stuart Smith 8 14 22
252 Dave Chisholm 7 12 19
208 M. Fernhough 5 10 15
16 Frank Bourne 6 6 12
318 Dave Fox 8 4 12
228 Fred Skinner 3 8 11
154 Brian Powles 8 2 10
272 Dave Hodgson 8 7 15
2 Willia McLean 7 7 14
59 Barnes Shepherd 7 7 14
222 Malcolm Neachell 7 7 14
737 Steve Carter 7 7 14
208 M. Fernhough 15
318 Dave Fox 12
228 Fred Skinner 11
154 Brian Powles 10
53 Bert Finnikin 5
303 R. Hollingshead

**SUPREME STAR TROPHY** — Red Tops only. Points awarded: 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 to FIRST SIX in Heat only (Events 1-3), 16-14-12-10-8-6-4-2 to FIRST EIGHT in Finals.

Driver Point
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208 M. Fernhough 22
221 Dave Chisholm 19
16 Frank Bourne 12
122 Willia McLean 11
30 Dave Taylor 7
318 Dave Fox 7
318 Dave Fox 10
53 Bert Finnikin 5
303 R. Hollingshead

**BLUE CHIP DISTINCTION** — Blue Tops only. Points awarded as Supreme Star Trophy.

Driver Points
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208 M. Fernhough 15
318 Dave Fox 12
154 Brian Powles 10
53 Bert Finnikin 5
303 R. Hollingshead

**TIP-TOP TRIERS TROPHY** — Yellow and White Tops only. Points awarded as Supreme Star Trophy. The elevation of Alan Barker to Sugar Star means that he cannot fall below ‘A’ grade again — hence he’ll not score any more points in this competition. Will the points Alan has amassed be enough for the season? Watch this space! Driver Points
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179 Alan Barker 22
318 Dave Fox 12
228 Fred Skinner 11
154 Brian Powles 10
53 Bert Finnikin 5
303 R. Hollingshead

**ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHY** — White Tops and Novices only. Points awarded as Supreme Star Trophy. Just one entry in this competition to date — and the driver concerned as now been promoted to Yellow Top.

Driver Points
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63 Doug Fisher 3
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**CLIMAX TROPHY** — all grades. Points awarded: 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 to FIRST EIGHT in OW qualifiers and Fisher-Shawls. No race held as yet this season.

**MIDLAND MERIT TROPHY** (Sponsored by Martin Dicks, DB Trophies). Open to all except Red Tops, with a domicile restriction of 50 mile radius from Leicester. Points awarded as Supreme Star Trophy.

Driver Points
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208 M. Fernhough 15
318 Dave Fox 12
228 Fred Skinner 11
154 Brian Powles 10
53 Bert Finnikin 5
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Reverting to the Oxford Don, he made his reappearance at the opening meeting at the very impressive new Reading Stadium followed by a second outing at Coventry and at both meetings he was in a race driving the same motor that he had when he retired, and for many seasons prior to that, and looking as if he had not been away at all, judging by the ease and composure in which he obtained his victories.

A past final winner of the Leicester, Powles will be worth keeping an eye on this evening. Also back with us again but following a shorter absence is the Nottingham Star Brian Powles (154) who soon got to grips with the rain lashed track in April here and had the honour of winning our first race of the new season. The Powles motor obviously goes as well as it looks and subsequently Powles is another who finds himself elevated a grade after the first grading weekend.