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harles () chiltree writes...

THE Mighty Stox came back to Blackbird Road in a meeting that did more than justice to our proud claim of the great advancements in skills and "specials", since the previous era of speed kings of Brisca's Formula I sped around this slick, smooth circuit.

But the racing was not all that pleased us personally; we were tremendously gratified at the considerate co-operation of the drivers who responded to a man to our request to defer their motor "warm ups" until near-race time.

Who parked their auto transports intelligently and in recognising our space problems gave Paddock potentate Ken Field a chance to provide a smooth car flow down to the raceway throughout events.

Who so obviously came to win the hearts of a new audience and who did so, magnificently, with flair and in masterful manner.

Their's was a performance at once enthralling and exhilarating, underlining the acknowledged entertainment value of this exciting short circuit motor racing sport.

They may never bless us again with such discipline, such earnest track endeavour, such superlative racing skills.....but for 20th April without doubt they are to be

ENTHUSIASM among the auto associates of the city is high with the return of the Stox, and there are many folk delighted that the city can now boast a major car racing presentation.

One of them is the Grosvenor Tyre Service who have provided, quite freely, a superb mobile tyre-changing station.... to our belief the first track in the country to be so up-to-the-minute equipped in the matter of tyre fitting.

A competitor in tyre trouble now has the ready assistance of experts in preparing his vehicle for his next track outing.....all the difference to beating the clock and making the start grid before the dexterous Da Costa disciples Shut that Gate!

As with Martin Dilks of DB Motors, whose interest and support extends not only to sponsorship of the Leicester Merit Trophy but also provides cash bonuses for Consolation commandos sporting the DB emblem, we're highly appreciative of Grosvenor's good work and we hope more local businesses will come forward to further elevate the standards of the Stox at Blackbird Road.

Few will be able perhaps to match the magnificent contribution of Unity Garage's John Rogers, but none the less few, infected with Rogers size enthusiasm, will want to miss the supremely satisfying rewards of being part of a grand Support Team Leicester.

TONIGHT the Area Championship of the sport - a title win for a titan among track

And for many on the terraces, first sight of the almost legendary Wildcat Smith, rugged Rochdale racer whose early days in the sport were so epoch making in their impact as to have Stewards taking to sedatives and concernedly clutching the Rule Book whenever he appeared.

The story of Stu Smith is the saga of a chap who simply loves to race; who triumphed over the troubles of impetuosity, developed superlative skills in a dedicated ambition to mature to star class and by sheer effort and unparalleled artistry emerged to become King.

The story of Stuart Smith is truly Wandering Wildcat to Wheelhandling Wizard.

His is a driving magic to set pulses racing: His a success story in itself an

We're glad to welcome him and this brilliant three-score speedmasters of Brisca to Leicester tonight

Charles Ochiltree

Smith's of 236 Narborough Road, the Record Specialists, have kindly provided tonight's discs from their extensive stocks. Leicester 823960 is the number to ring with any Record enquiries.



After the spectacular and exciting first meeting of 1974 at this Blackbird Road circuit the points tables start to show form, but no driver in stock car racing can afford to sit back thinking he is at the top of the table — if he tries, he very soon won't be! LEICESTER TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

All things must start at the beginning—and the Track Championship table starts with two drivers who last month drove under a blue roof, but this month we see them following their promotion to 'star' status.

Car	Driver	H	F	Tota
8	Pete Webb	. 8	16	24
134	Brian Maynard	5	14	19
30	Dave Taylor	5	12	17
252	Dave Chisholm	7	10	17
229	John Hillam	8	8	. 16
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154	Brian Powles	8	6	14
266	Gordon Perrin	6	4	10
34	Tony Leicester	7		7
306	Mick Noden	7		7
267	Ian Ireland	6	_	6

STADIUM TROPHY

After one meeting, just two contenders for the Stadium Trophy, which is open to all drivers who, prior to the start of this current season, have never been graded above '8' grade. Points are scored as for the Track Championship.

795 Jim Tomson 5 5 5
308 Frank Handyside 4 4 4

DB Motors American Cars

Leicester Merit Trophy (Sponsored by DB Motors of Leicester and carrying a £25 Bonus Award).

For a place in this table a driver must have started 1974 with either a yellow or white roof, and reside within 40 miles of the Blackbird Road Circuit. Two drivers fill the bill following April, but many more will be trying to join them tonight.

295 Fred Tomson 5 — 5

146 Jim Potter 4 — 4

King of Overtake Trophy

Mo Masters may be surprised to find himself at the top of this table, and no

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ALL THE FURY of the chase is depicted in this great shot of a spun out speedman—already locking on to the right route line for race-rejoining. Stox is spectacular, suspenseful and one motor sport where the winner simply isn't a winner until the Flag truly has dropped.



After just one meeting it seems as though Blackbird Road has been accepted as one of the classic circuits for stock car racing. A bold statement to make after only five races? Yes! But one based on the opinions of some of the most experienced drivers, mechanics, officials and indeed, spectators of the sport.

So what goes to make a classic stock car racing circuit? First and foremost is the track itself. The length of the circuit here at Blackbird Road is identical with its siterack—Income regarded as the Midlands' mecca of stock car racing—at Coventry. Leicester provides the driver with 380 yards of smooth fast shale with plenty of room in the bends. The track is completed by the safety fence erected and maintained under the expert eye of Blondie Da Costa. A good combination by anyone's standards.

The second ingredient for success is the competition available. In terms of drivers and cars and their support-teams most of the cream of BRISCA racing was present and faced with such a superb track the competitive spirit was exceedingly high with the will-to-win obviously foremost in the minds of all drivers.

Thirdly, the other most important ingredient to any successful meeting — you — the spectators. The enthusiasm of the spectators for their sport is infectious. It breeds enthusiasm in those around them whether they be other spectators, competitors, support crews or officials, and it is this enthusiasm that generates what's known as "atmosphere". For my money, the atmosphere at Leicester was tip top.

It's difficult to please all people in all ways at all times, but it seems the initial Leicester meeting did. Of those who were present at the meeting a month ago not a word of dissatisfaction or complaint has

Having had such a magnificent start, now is *not* the time to rest on the laurels, for there is much to be done to maintain the

standards achieved. From the moment the chequered flag dropped on the final last month the review of performance in all quarters began, from competitors to catering and patrons to programme. The entire evening's operation was scrutinised. And tonight there will be changes, many of which you may not notice for they will in the main improve the administration of the meeting, but there are others more obvious to the spectator: the 'Kings of Crash' Trophy was a five race meeting, with a schedule of 54 cars, tonight's meeting is a six race meeting with an increased schedule of sixty cars.

This is an important step forward for the first Championship meeting at Leicester. Tonight the competitors race for the Midland Drivers' Championship, long regarded a prestige trophy in the BRISCA stock car racing world.

Last year's Midland Drivers' Championship was won at Stoke by Rochdale star, and then reigning World and National Points Champion, Stuart Smith (391). In 1972 the trophy was won at Coventry by Mick Noden (306). The man who came second on that occasion was Wakefield's Tony Leicester (34) who was within a couple of laps off a second place of our Grand Final here last month, when disaster (and the fence!) struck his front off-side wheel. Such are the fortunes of stock car racing!

Those of you who were here last month will have realised that even when things appear to be going well and a driver is reasonably secure in his position in the race, the totally unexpected so often occurs to upset the results of what may be an apparently foregone conclusion. Who would have guessed for example that in the very first heat just four weeks ago Cleckheaton's Allan Barker (179) (one of the master carbuilders of today) would find trouble whilst safely in the lead, with his nearest competitor far enough behind for him not to Cont. on Page 9

Official Race Card & Schedule of Events

MIDLAND DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd Meeting 1974

Saturday, 18th May, 1974 randamentarian and the continue of the continu

STARTING IN RACES

All events in this programme will be Started on the Graded principle, from Rolling Starts.

Events 1, 2, 3 and 5 are determined by Grades and application of Handicaps on local Track Championship table.

Event 4* and 6 Position is determined on the "First Out, On" Principle, Grades being observed.

*Staggered Starts in excess of 24 Cars.

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 5.

RACE SIGNALS

Repeated Flashing of Red Lights: DANGER, SLOW DOWN Red Lights and Red Flag: STOP. Yellow Flag: CAUTION. Black Flag: EXCLUSION. Chequered Flag: FINISH.

DISTANCES

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EVENT 2. HEAT 2. Up to 20 Cars. 16 Laps EVENT 1. HEAT 1. Up to 20 Cars. 16 Laps Car Driver Town Driver 141 Bill Hopkinson 316 Ron Skinner 320 John Heath Shipston-on-Stour Pershore, Worcs. 46 John Bennett Leicester 269 John Rogers Finedon, Northnts. 294 George Howlett Stamford, Lines. 203 Danny Clarke Kettering, Northnts. 81 Pat Driscoll S. Ockenden, Essex 261 Johnny Goodhall Stoney Stn., Leics. 304 Sugar Shergold 45 Alan Scothern Welwyn Gdn. City 136 Dave Taylor Warrington, Lancs. Daventry, Northts. Cowley, Oxford Derby 149 Mo Masters 113 Pete Hill Birmingham 37 Don Evans 38 Ian Russell Higham Ferrers 55 Bert Finnikin Leek, Staffs. 16 Frank Bourne Mkt. Drayton, Slp. 9 Mike Lewis Binley Woods, Cov. Leamington Spa 295 Jim Tomson 258 Pete Guinchard Edgware, Middx. Chick Woodroffe Horndon-on-Hill 139 Stuart Smith Chesterfield, Derbys. 228 Fred Skinner Studley, Warwicks. 238 Les Mitchell Chalgrove, Oxford 283 Cyril Knowles 51 Mo Smith Bulphan, Essex 20 Earl Boot 134 Brian Maynard Carlton, Notts. Aveley, Essex Fyfield, Essex 365 Graham Spring Evesham, Worcs. 'Star' 272 Dave Hodgson 155 Brian Tuplin Mirfield, Yorks. 391 Stuart Smith Rochdale, Lancs. Lincoln 150 Dick Sworder Stevenage, Herts. 318 Dave Fox Draycott, Derby Rugby, Warwicks. 266 Gordon Perrin Welwyn, Herts. Cleckheaton, Yorks. 306 Mick Noden 229 John Hillam 252 Dave Chisholm Wheathampstead 8 Pete Webb Slough, Bucks. 1st. 252. 2nd. 318 3rd. 306 4th. 3.7. 5th. 9. 6th. 203 4th. 35 5th. 391 6th. 45 7th. 15.5. 8th..... Time. 5.04 7th. 266 EVENT 3. HEAT 3. Up to 20 Cars. 16 Laps EVENT 4. Consolation Heat. 16/20 Laps Car Driver Car Car Car Car 261. 209 Brian Bedford 269 155 Hemel Hempstead, 139 343 Pete Bromage Borrowash, Derbys. 8 20 291 81 104 Alan Casserley Stevenage, Herts. 259 Dunc. Farrington Bulkington, Warks. 228 320 113 154 274 Denis Driscoll 327 Howard Davis London, E.16 46 308 141 Cheltenham, Glos. 17 Melvin Bassey London, SE17 149 225 53 Ian Barker 141 267 Toton, Notts. 308 Frank Handyside London, SW9 259 327 283 179 146 Jim Potter Coventry 51 17 48 G. Silverwood Mirfield, Yorks. 6 Rod Smith London, SW9 55 258 Darkie Wright London, SE17 267 Ian Ireland Nazeing, Essex 285 30 Dave Taylor Nazeing, Essex 274 179 Allan Barker Cleckheaton, Yorks 375 George Ansell 348 Tony Allen Knebworth, Herts. Luton, Beds. Wakefield, Yorks. 34 Tony Leicester 154 Brian Powles Cotgrave, Notts. 4th. 266 5th. 269. 6th. 5/ 6th...4.8... 7th. 17 8th. 258 Time 5.20 7th. \$1 8th. 259 Time 7.51

RACED OVER 25 LAPS

MIDLAND DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Final

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

Car No.	Car No.	Car No.	Car No.	Car No.	Car No.	
252	9	365	30	7	155	
318	203	28	375	48	266	
306	16	391	348	229	269	
37	150	45	14-6	154	51	
1st 252 2nd 30		3rd -	30 4th	229	5th 154	
6th 266, 7th 51		8th	318 Tin	Time 7.47		

EVENT SIX

RACED OVER 16/20 LAPS

(Open to all Starters Events 1-5 with Winner Event 5, if competing, starting at the front and handicapped 1 full lap).

1	Car No.	Car No.	Car	No.	Car N	o.	Car No.	Car No.
	259	139	46		150		236	
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	267	295	3	06	37	5	38	
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KEGWORTH'S BARRY JOHNSON (347) barrel bounces away his chances of ousting Stoney Stanton speedster JOHN GOODHALL (261) from the leader board. He'll have a chance tonight if they qualify for the Grand Final.

Behind the Scenes - cont.

be clearly in his rear-view mirror? Allan and his car took off on what can only be described as one of the most acrobatic displays ever performed by a wingless vehicle! Up, up and up, and over he went. So badly damaged was his car that he could not race it for the remainder of the

There can be little doubt that the Midlands Championship will be hotly defended

by the current holder of the trophy, but competition from Mick Noden will not be all that he has to contend with. With a total of sixteen star grade drivers in the meeting, and many up and coming stars starting just ahead of them it looks as though our first major trophy meeting is already half-way towards maintaining the standards of the re-opening event. All other things being equal, tonight could be even

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Worcestershire's Genial Giant, Ron Skinner, is a familiar sight to regular race goors. A back injury has kept him away from the driver's seat for most of this season, and he makes his first appearance with us tonight. For those of you who don't know Ron, if you see him off the track you will recognise him by his size and his hat (not to mention his beard) and if you see him on the track the chances are you will recognise him by his nick-name — Welcome Back Ron "Skid" Skinner (316).

Elsewhere in this programme Stuart Smith (391) is reported to be the current holder of the Midland Drivers' Championship. Tonight, he has competition from Stuart Smith (139). The second Stuart (from Chesterfield) made his mark in the early season meetings to such affect that he now lines up amongst the 'A' graders. Behind 139 on the grid will be another newcomer to the 'A' grade ranks, Nottingham's Earl Boot (20), a former Bomber Champion now dicing around the BRISCA circuits—

A rare visitor to the Midlands is Dave Hodgson (272) from Mirfield in Yorkshire. But to celebrate his new star grade status Dave has accepted the invitation to compete for tonight's trophy. If he is as successful down here as he is on the more northerly circuits may be he will be tempted to drive more often.

In the second heat tonight Leicester's first truly local driver appears in the shape of John Bennett (46). John is no newcomer to stock car racing, having been in and out of the sport for a number of years. We understand that he will be appearing in his existing car.

We have come to an agreement with Frank Bourne (16) — we are not going to mention him! It seems that every time a photograph of him appears in Stock Car Magazine he has problems and if something is written in our programmes the prop shaft breaks on his lorry, as happened last month. Frank, we promise — not another word about you!

The operation of the grades within grades system means that top drivers with the highest number of points scored at Leizester start at the back of their respective grades. This produces an unusual situation for the Stuart Smith in heat two. Normally amongst the highest points scorers when the grades within grades is operating he tends to start most races at the back of the stars. For once he finds himself on the front row. He will certainly need to keep his eyes peeled in all directions with Leicester April track aces Pete Webb and John Hillam behind him.

First season driver, George Silverwood (48) from Mirfield in Yorkshire (home of star grader Dave Hodgson) makes his first trip to the Midlands this evening in search of a trophy. George has leapt to fame in the northern circuits so much so that he appears with a blue roof amongst the 'A' graders.

Travelling with World Champion, Dave Chisholm, is Essex driver/promoter, Chick Woodroffe. Chick has been doing more promoting than driving in recent years, but still enjoys the competitive atmosphere and can be found behind the wheel of his Number 1 car whenever business commitments allow him to race. In spite of his infrequent racing appearances his blue roof proves that he has lost little if any of the skill and experience he has gained in his racing only years. It was in fact Chick's interest and support of the former formula two World Champion that brought Dave Chisholm into the unlimited capacity formula one cars.

Hot footing it to Leicester tonight are three drivers who have allowed their cars to be displayed in this year's Long Eaton town carnival on the stand run by the Notts & Derby Stock Car Club. Apart from the cars, many other interesting aspects of stock car racing were on show, as well as posters advertising tonight's meeting, and to any fans joining the boys on the journey to Blackbird Road, we welcome you to Leicester.



ALAN CASSERLEY (104) was soon in the thick of it, chucking barrels about — and being barrel-bounced about in his Jaguar too as DAVE TALYOR (30) of Nazeing became the first of the Red Tops to break through from the back. Pole position Casserley didn't stay out in the fresh air up front very long, the pacemakers at the back of the pack held too much pressure for the White roofed racer.

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meeting. To gain his four points he passed four similar graded drivers on his way to eighth place in his heat and was the first 'C' grader home.

149	Mo Masters	4
295	Jim Tomson	3
7	Darkie Wright	3
306	Mick Noden	3
134	Brian Maynard	3

Super Star Trophy
After the meeting last month, the man to appear at the top of this table was Dave Taylor (30), but unfortunately this month he has had to repaint his roof blue, and is therefore no longer eligible. However don't worry Dave, when you once more repaint your roof red your 13 points will be awaiting you!

ing you!

The first star grade driver home in heat and final gains points equal to the number of stars starting in that race, second home one less, and so on to the first eight placings.

252	Dave Chisholm	3	10	13
229	John Hillam	4	9	13
154	Brian Powles	4	8	12
305	Mick Noden	4	_	4
34	Tony Leicester	3	_	3
Blac	kbird Bowl Trophy			

Points for this trophy are awarded on the same basis as for the Super Star Trophy, but to 'A' graders. As with the Super Star Trophy, four drivers in the points table are no longer eligible having been regraded; but their points will remain in cold storage until they return to the Blue Roof Brigade.

7 Darkie Wright 5 — 5
228 Fred Skinner 4 — 4
Leicester Grand National Heat Trophy

Being raced for the first time tonight, this trophy is designed to reward the drivers who come out, having already taken part in a full race meeting, for this the last race of the evening. Points will be awarded on an 8-7-6-etc. basis to the first eight home, and an end of season trophy and £25 will be awarded the man at the top.

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