

Gearbox News

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Series, p72



Bas Lammers waits on the grid at Portimao
Chris Walker

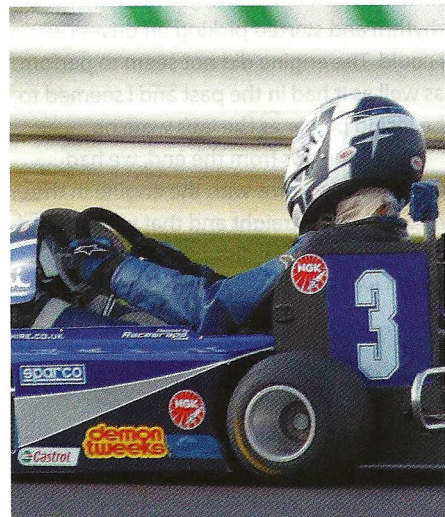
International Short Circuit

Factory Intrepid driver Bas Lammers has become the official test driver for MP Motorsport, who compete in the North East European Formula Renault Championship, and he is hoping to do some guest races with them or even a full season if sponsorship can be found.

Gary Catt is still out of action after his crash at the first WSK Euro Series round at Sarno, but he plans to be back for the European Championship at Wackersdorf. This month the *International Insight* column is written by American driver Gary Carlton from Chiesa Corse.

British Short Circuit

The 125s have a new tyre compound this year as a response to requests from the competitors, and the selected compound was the CIK one used on the continent.



This is a bit softer than last year's tyre and had led to some complaints over wear from competitors and one track in Scotland. Mike Coombs from the ABkC was on hand to collate comments ready to pass back to the gearbox steering group and a survey was circulated among the registered drivers. There were some isolated problems with punctures in 125 and one 250 driver suffered a major blistering problem, but, overall, once the tyres are run in properly, there seems little wrong in terms of grip and durability.

British Long Circuit

Ben Willshire of RG Racing recently broke the 125cc Superkart lap record for the Silverstone National Circuit with a time of 1:02.976s. The former record of 1:03.254s was set nine years ago by successful kart racer Nathan Freke, who went on to win the British Formula Ford Championship and the Ginetta G50 Championship. Willshire had placed his Superkart on pole position and finished 2nd position during the race weekend. A big thanks to RG Racing, Apex Circuit Design Ltd, Phil Featherstone of PFP Services and Gavin Gough of Alphasport Psychology.

Various drivers have had a change of chassis over the winter break. Louis Wall switched from Jade to Anderson, Dan Clark switched from Anderson to F1, Adam

Left: Ben Willshire
Nick Purdie

Underhill changed from Anderson to Raider and Sam Moss moved from Anderson to SGH.

The 450cc four-stroke class was represented by five karts at Snetterton. Not eligible for the MSA Championship, they took part in the 250 Challenge. Multiple British Champion John Riley was having his first outing on a TM and shocked a few people in free practice by setting 8th quickest time overall. Unfortunately he had an ignition problem later in the day which curtailed his racing for the weekend. Andrew Gulliford took over the mantle of top four-stroke and qualified in 8th. During Race 1 he led the singles for a lap before being passed by Louis Wall. Unfortunately while trying to fend off O'Reilly he locked the front brakes and went off at Oggies but recovered to finish 5th on the road in the singles. In Race 2 he was lying 4th until an off at Hamilton's dropped him back to 7th.

There were a number of Honda engine seizures during the Snetterton British Championship weekend, possibly caused by the amount of dust thrown up when drivers went off circuit plus the cement dust laid by the marshals for Race 2.

Ben Davis, whom we interviewed in the March 2011 issue, has become the youngest driver to secure pole position for an MSA Championship round, having turned 18 at the end of March. Unfortunately, being so young he has to miss the two rounds at Donington Park in June as he will be taking exams.

Frank Williams

We regret to inform all drivers, mechanics and supporters that Mr Frank Williams has passed away. Frank was a Villiers man from the start of his racing career and went on to prepare engines for many 210 Champions, both on Long and Short circuits. The Quantum name has been synonymous with exhaust systems, reverse barrels and reed valve castings for nearly 40 years and has always been at the cutting edge of 210 National. Throughout Frank's years within the Villiers paddock he had time to talk to anyone who needed help and was always cheerful and quick witted. Frank's passing is a sad loss to the 210 world and our sympathies and deepest thoughts go out to his wife Joan at this sad time. ●