



Theodore survived pressure to win Formula Renault BARC

Hale and Powell still top as team-mates triumph

FORMULA RENAULT BARC rivals Mitchell Hale and Alice Powell came out of the penultimate round of the season in pretty much the same position they started – the pair split by 16 points on overall scores ahead of next month's title decider at Thruxton.

During rounds nine and 10 at Rockingham, the two title protagonists played more of a bit-part than usual, as their respective team-mates, Joseph Reilly and James Theodore, both took their second wins of the 2010 campaign with equally impressive performances.

Theodore withstood plenty of pressure from Reilly and Luke Wright

during the second half of the first race and although he never looked likely to lose the lead, his cause was helped by a late safety-car period, following a tangle between Steven Durrant and category newcomer Tommaso Menchini at the exit of Turn 1. This eventually led to a red-flag finish a lap early.

In the second encounter, Reilly dominated from pole position to move into the championship top three, while Webster recorded his third podium finish of the year with an excellent drive to second from fifth on the grid. Theodore took third to cap a strong weekend.

Powell put one over on points leader Hale in the opener, finishing two

places ahead in fourth. In the second race, Hale finished fifth while Powell was forced to mount a fightback from 13th, due to a moment at Deene on lap one. In the end, she battled back to seventh.

The Pickup Trucks enjoyed their final 'Oval' action of 2010 with Nic Grindrod coming out on top as the new champion after taking a superb final-round win. The race was affected by an early safety-car period, following a three-truck collision involving Lee Rogers, Anthony Hawkins and Neil Tressler at Turn 1, but Grindrod sealed the deal with an impressive drive.

Pete Stevens entered his name into the record books



Whittaker (leading) dominated Kumho BMW

as an Oval winner with a tremendous maiden victory during the first race. Four and a half years on from his first attempt, Stevens finally won on Europe's fastest oval racing circuit – but only by a scant 0.091 seconds!

In the Kumho BMW races, Garrie Whittaker took two dominant wins with Tom Webb finishing runner-up on each occasion. More BMW action, albeit from a much smaller entry, came from the CSL Cup. Kevin Clarke and Wayne Gibson, taking it in turns to share an E46 M3, won their respective races, but Gibson's bid was made easier after

the premature retirement of Dan Stringfellow.

Ian Pearson overturned Tom Pope's early advantage in the sole Classic Formula Ford 2000 outing to win by three seconds, while Stuart Kestenbaum easily took the spoils in the 1600cc race.

Chris Davison was similarly dominant in the Westfield Sportscar encounters, winning both to extend his streak of victories to 12 for the year.

Mark Charteris aced the Classic Clubmans race, while in the Clubmans Cup Adrian Lester and Paul Gibson shared the spoils in their respective Mallock and Nemesis prototypes.

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FORMULA RENAULT BARC (13 LAPS)

1 James Theodore; 2 Joseph Reilly +0.923s; 3 Luke Wright; 4 Alice Powell; 5 Josh Webster; 6 Mitchell Hale. **Fastest lap** Reilly 1m18.746s (88.68mph). **RACE TWO (14 LAPS)** 1 Reilly; 2 Webster +31.38s; 3 Theodore; 4 Wright; 5 Hale; 6 Brett Parris. **FL** Webster 1m18.601s (88.85mph).

PICKUP TRUCKS (30 LAPS) 1 Pete Stevens; 2 Nic Grindrod +0.091s; 3 Michael Smith; 4 Phil White; 5 Anthony Hawkins; 6 Carl Boardley. **FL** Stevens 40.588s (131.17mph).

RACE TWO (30 LAPS) 1 Grindrod; 2 Boardley +0.186s; 3 David Longhurst; 4 Smith; 5 Stevens; 6 Steve Dance. **FL** Smith 40.868s (130.27mph).

KUMHO BMW (4 LAPS) 1 Garrie Whittaker

(BMW E36 M3); 2 Tom Webb (BMW E36) +4.770s; 3 James Webb (BMW E36); 4 Thomas Knight (BMW E36 M3); 5 David Kempton (BMW E36 M3); 6 Tom Houlbrook (BMW E36). **Class winners** Roger Card (BMW E30 M3); Mark Smith (BMW E90 M3); Stephan Lanfermeijer (BMW V181s). **FL** James Webb 1m30.295s (77.34mph). **RACE TWO (14 LAPS)** 1 Whittaker; 2 Tom Webb +3.784s; 3 Knight; 4 James Webb; 5 Kempton; 6 Houlbrook. **CW** Smith; Des Thresh (BMW E36 M3); Lanfermeijer. **FL** Whittaker 1m29.322s (78.18mph).

CSL CUP (14 LAPS) 1 Kevin Clarke (BMW E46 M3); 2 Dan Stringfellow (BMW E46 M3) +2.005s; 3 Russell Foster (BMW E46 M3); 4 Mark Smith (BMW E90 M3); 5 Mark

Radcliffe (BMW E46 M3); 6 Adam Hayes (BMW E46 M3). **CW** Stringfellow. **FL** Clarke 1m25.466s (81.71mph). **RACE TWO (14 LAPS)** 1 Wayne Gibson (BMW E46 M3); 2 Foster +14.567s; 3 Hayes; 4 Smith; 5 Jagmeet Bhamra; no other finishers. **CW** Foster. **FL** Gibson 1m25.981s (81.22mph).

CLASSIC FF2000 (13 LAPS) 1 Ian Pearson (Van Diemen RF83); 2 Tom Pope (Van Diemen RF82) +3.049s; 3 Andrew Storer (Van Diemen RF82); 4 Richard Wallington (Van Diemen RF83); 5 Andy Huxtable (Van Diemen RF83); 6 Nigel Corry (Van Diemen RF82). **FL** Pearson 1m24.576s (82.57mph).

CLASSIC FF1600 (11 LAPS) 1 Stuart Kestenbaum (Van Diemen RF79); 2 David Brise (Royale RP21) +6.210s; 3 Roger Newman

(Van Diemen RF80); 4 Andrew Smith (Van Diemen FA73); 5 Chris Porritt (Royale RP27); 6 Steve Bradley (Van Diemen RF73). **CW** Smith. **FL** Kestenbaum 1m30.667s (77.02mph).

WESTFIELDS (13 LAPS) 1 Chris Davison; 2 Jonathan MacGregor +11.255s; 3 Simon Pryke; 4 Nick Flowers; 5 Chris Gould; 6 Martin Gartside. **FL** Davison 1m32.114s (75.81mph).

RACE TWO (13 LAPS) 1 Davison; 2 MacGregor +15.195s; 3 Pryke; 4 Gartside; 5 Flowers; 6 Gould. **FL** Davison 1m31.789s (76.08mph).

CLASSIC CLUBMANS (15 LAPS) 1 Mark Charteris (Mallock Mk20/21); 2 Steven Chaplin (Phantom P79) +22.457s; 3 Peter Harper (Connaught U2 Mk20B/21); 4 Spencer

McCarthy (Mallock Mk20B); 5 Dave Facer (Mallock Mk18BW); 6 Chris Hart (Chevron GR8). **CW** McCarthy. **FL** Charteris 1m22.301s (84.85mph).

CLUBMANS CUP (15 LAPS) 1 Adrian Lester (Mallock Mk35 Proto); 2 Daniel Gibson (Nemesis K9) +48.900s; 3 Russell Munns (Mallock Mk28/30); 4 Barry Webb (Mallock Mk23B); 5 Mike Evans (Rage); 6 Marcus Bicknell (Mallock Mk26 SG). **FL** Lester 1m22.805s (84.34mph).

RACE TWO (8 LAPS) 1 Paul Gibson (Nemesis K10 Proto); 2 Lester +4.693s; 3 Munns; 4 Webb; 5 Peter Richings (Mallock Mk30 PR); 6 Tom Brown (Mallock Mk29). **FL** Lester 1m21.618s (85.56mph).