

# Club Formula Ford

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## Richard Egger Insurance Club Formula Ford MS Rounds: 2 & 3

## Webcon UK Club Formula Ford National Rounds 3 & 4

Venue: Snetterton

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## Introduction



A full days racing took place at Snetterton with a good grid for this fast circuit leading to two exciting races, albeit with some incidents and dnfs depleting the grid.

The Bank Holiday Sunday saw some lap record breaking racing in the Club Formula Ford (Midlands South) in association with Richard Egger Insurance pair of championship races, and some fair but tense battles throughout the field. The championship is now starting to warm up both in National and Midlands/South elements.

## Qualifying

### BRSCC Club Formula Ford i.a.w. Richard Egger Insurance QUALIFYING - RACE 5 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	6	B	Rory BUTCHER	Van Diemen RF92	1:13.747	14	18			95.28
2	22	A	Scott MALVERN	Ray GRS08	1:14.063	15	18	0.316	0.316	94.88
3	2	A	David GRADY	Van Diemen RF02	1:14.506	11	15	0.759	0.443	94.31
4	29	A	Ian GOUGH	Ray GRS07	1:15.017	13	17	1.270	0.511	93.67
5	12	B	Matt SHAWYER	Van Diemen RF90	1:15.088	10	12	1.341	0.071	93.58
6	66	B	Martin GALPIN	Swift SC94	1:15.206	15	17	1.459	0.118	93.43
7	9	A	Cormac O NEILL	Ray GRS08	1:15.255	13	18	1.508	0.049	93.37
8	20	A	Benji HETHERINGTON	Ray GRS08	1:15.579	10	20	1.832	0.324	92.97
9	3	A	Matthew PARR	Van Diemen RF01	1:15.579	16	16	1.832	0.000	92.97
10	5	A	Adam QUARTERMAINE	Van Diemen RF99	1:16.312	9	14	2.565	0.733	92.08
11	95	A	Dave CONNOR	Van Diemen RF03	1:16.471	11	13	2.724	0.159	91.89
12	34	C	Andrew XAVIER	Van Diemen RF87	1:16.607	10	16	2.860	0.136	91.72
13	25	B	Keith DAVEY	Swift SC92	1:17.178	15	18	3.431	0.571	91.05
14	90	C	Joshua BARNETT	Van Diemen RF88	1:17.404	14	15	3.657	0.226	90.78

### CARS 34 & 90 - TRANSPONDERS INCORRECTLY MOUNTED

Snetterton Circuit Length = 1.9520 miles. Weather / Track : Bright / Dry. Start: 09:00 End: 09:26

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## Race 1



As the field lined up for the first of the two races, Grady was missing, having encountered engine problems on the Green Flag lap. An engine change would see him back out for the second race. From the start, Butcher and Malvern pulled out a lead from the squabbling pack behind. Having officially broken the lap record on lap five, it all went wrong for Rory on lap seven when second gear disintegrated in his gear box and he had to watch from the sidelines at the Esses as Scott made the season score two to one in his favour. Behind this demonstration of performance the fights behind were as entertaining as any Formula Ford race. Through the midfield battles a plenty with Matthew Parr with his car now under Unitec management battling with Benji Hetherington, Dave Connor in the Team West Tec car and Matt Shawyer as he battled through from a 5<sup>th</sup> place grid slot. As these cars slowed each other up through their attempts to lead the pack, Adam Quartermaine and Cormac O'Neill joined the battle so by the tenth lap six cars were split by only a couple of seconds. As Martin Galpin

joined the race after trouble and starting 5 laps down, he finished last classified runner four laps down. He fared better, however than Simon Davey who unfortunately encountered clutch slip into retirement after just 7 laps. As the midfield battle drew to the close, Andrew Xavier drew on his experience to draw ahead of Dave Connor but not enough to join the battle ahead, won by Matt Shawyer at the flag, leading home Quartermaine, Parr, Hetherington and O'Neill. Overall Malvern lead home Ian Gough by 12 seconds after Butcher's retirement, with Ian Gough in his Gough Racing / Oldfields Autos of Southport Ray GRS07 and Matt Shawyer, in his Gulf liveried Century Motorsport Van Diemen RF90 in the final podium spot. The top six was rounded out by Adam Quartermaine, Team West Tec Van Diemen RF99, Matthew Parr, Unitec Motorsport / Future Webs Van Diemen RF01 and Benji Hetherington EOS Productions / Century Motorsport Ray GSR08.

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## BRSCC Club Formula Ford RACE 5 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	22	A	<b>Scott MALVERN</b>	Ray GRS08	20	25:15.568			92.73	1:14.770	6
2	29	A	<b>Ian GOUGH</b>	Ray GRS07	20	25:28.301	12.733	12.733	91.95	1:15.453	5
3	12	B	<b>Matt SHAWYER</b>	Van Diemen RF90	20	25:34.015	18.447	5.714	91.61	1:15.864	3
4	5	A	<b>Adam QUARTERMAINE</b>	Van Diemen RF99	20	25:36.733	21.165	2.718	91.45	1:15.347	11
5	3	A	<b>Matthew PARR</b>	Van Diemen RF01	20	25:39.604	24.036	2.871	91.28	1:15.352	4
6	20	A	<b>Benji HETHERINGTON</b>	Ray GRS08	20	25:40.517	24.949	0.913	91.23	1:15.693	3
7	9	A	<b>Cormac O NEILL</b>	Ray GRS08	20	25:40.793	25.225	0.276	91.21	1:15.658	4
8	34	C	<b>Andrew XAVIER</b>	Van Diemen RF87	20	25:52.021	36.453	11.228	90.55	1:16.630	9
9	95	A	<b>Dave CONNOR</b>	Van Diemen RF03	20	25:52.749	37.181	0.728	90.51	1:16.070	6
10	90	C	<b>Joshua BARNETT</b>	Van Diemen RF88	20	25:56.222	40.654	3.473	90.30	1:16.746	12
11	66	B	<b>Martin GALPIN</b>	Swift SC94	16	25:50.599	4 laps	4 laps	72.50	1:15.570	5

### NOT CLASSIFIED

<i>DNF</i>	25	B	<b>Keith DAVEY</b>	Swift SC92	7	9:17.722	13 laps	9 laps	88.19	1:17.558	3
<i>DNF</i>	6	B	<b>Rory BUTCHER</b>	Van Diemen RF92	6	7:34.431	14 laps	1 lap	92.78	1:14.579	5
<i>DNF</i>	2	A	<b>David GRADY</b>	Van Diemen RF02	0						

### FASTEST LAP

6	B	<b>Rory BUTCHER</b>	Van Diemen RF92	5	1:14.579	94.22 mph	151.63 kph
22	A	<b>Scott MALVERN</b>	Ray GRS08	6	1:14.770	93.98 mph	151.25 kph
34	C	<b>Andrew XAVIER</b>	Van Diemen RF87	9	1:16.630	91.70 mph	147.57 kph

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## Race 2

For the second race, Grady with his replacement engine and Butcher with a Century Motorsport sportingly loaned and Medina Sport fitted gearbox would line up at the rear of the grid. A great start from the front gave Ian Gough the opening lead into Riches and Sears, although by the end of the lap Malvern was right on his tail, and took the position next time though in Sears. After just one lap, Butcher had carved through the field to run 8th, with Grady 10th. These positions had improved to 3rd and 6th, when the Safety Car was called out on lap six. A half spin by Martin Galpin's AK Plant Hire / number66.net Swift SC94 caused an avoidance collision at Riches between Cormac O'Neill's Cliff Dempsey Racing / Moston Ray GSR08 and Dave Connor's Team West Tec Van Diemen RF03. Meanwhile just ahead of this accident Benji Hetherington in his Ray came to a stop on the entrance of Sears, not to restart. When the race resumed after three laps and sterling service by the rescue marshals Butcher was on a charge and quickly saw of Gough to take 2nd, a move repeated by Grady three laps later, demoting Merseysider Gough to fourth. Over the closing laps, Rory was all over Scott like a rash harrying for three laps as he sought to achieve the first position; eventually taking the lead on the penultimate lap to score a very popular win. Butcher further lowered his lap record to 1m 14.210 sec. Behind Malvern, David Grady took a satisfying podium spot after his earlier problems. Gough, Parr and a smokey Shawyer [he pulled off after the flag] completed the top six. Behind the lead battle battles throughout the field ensured close but fair battles and a second finish with fastest lap for racing debutant Josh Barnett in his Saab City Van Diemen RF88. Andrew Xavier took a pair of wins in his 08 Direct Van Diemen RF87 from Josh, although raw pace not quite enough to beat the experienced Xavier.

The battle now leads on to Donington in a month's time for the last race for these popular cars on the classic track prior to its conversion for Grand Prix status – don't miss the final opportunity!

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## BRSCC Club Formula Ford RACE 11 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	6	B	<b>Rory BUTCHER</b>	Van Diemen RF92	17	25:05.083			79.37	1:14.210	12
2	22	A	<b>Scott MALVERN</b>	Ray GRS08	17	25:05.938	<b>0.855</b>	0.855	79.32	1:14.753	12
3	2	A	<b>David GRADY</b>	Van Diemen RF02	17	25:07.554	<b>2.471</b>	1.616	79.24	1:14.930	11
4	29	A	<b>Ian GOUGH</b>	Ray GRS07	17	25:08.506	<b>3.423</b>	0.952	79.19	1:15.083	14
5	3	A	<b>Matthew PARR</b>	Van Diemen RF01	17	25:11.997	<b>6.914</b>	3.491	79.00	1:15.458	13
6	12	B	<b>Matt SHAWYER</b>	Van Diemen RF90	17	25:16.396	<b>11.313</b>	4.399	78.77	1:15.429	14
7	66	B	<b>Martin GALPIN</b>	Swift SC94	17	25:21.605	<b>16.522</b>	5.209	78.50	1:15.726	11
8	34	C	<b>Andrew XAVIER</b>	Van Diemen RF87	17	25:42.486	<b>37.403</b>	20.881	77.44	1:16.802	11
9	90	C	<b>Joshua BARNETT</b>	Van Diemen RF88	17	25:49.779	<b>44.696</b>	7.293	77.08	1:16.556	12
10	25	B	<b>Keith DAVEY</b>	Swift SC92	17	26:16.226	<b>1:11.143</b>	26.447	75.78	1:17.626	15
11	5	A	<b>Adam QUARTERMAINE</b>	Van Diemen RF99	16	25:16.762	<b>1 lap</b>	1 lap	74.12	1:15.445	11

### NOT CLASSIFIED

<i>DNF</i>	95	A	<b>Dave CONNOR</b>	Van Diemen RF03	4	5:20.085	<b>13 laps</b>	12 laps	87.81	1:18.130	4
<i>DNF</i>	9	A	<b>Cormac O NEILL</b>	Ray GRS08	4	5:20.230	<b>13 laps</b>	0.145	87.77	1:16.945	2
<i>DNF</i>	20	A	<b>Benji HETHERINGTON</b>	Ray GRS08	3	3:58.590	<b>14 laps</b>	1 lap	88.35	1:16.618	3

### FASTEST LAP

6	B	<b>Rory BUTCHER</b>	Van Diemen RF92	12	1:14.210	94.69 mph 152.39 kph
22	A	<b>Scott MALVERN</b>	Ray GRS08	12	1:14.753	94.00 mph 151.28 kph
90	C	<b>Joshua BARNETT</b>	Van Diemen RF88	12	1:16.556	91.79 mph 147.72 kph

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