



## CHAMPIONSHIP RACE INFORMATION 2009



### CLUB FORMULA FORD WEBCON UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MONDELLO PARK 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

Words by Ian Smith

Six Webcon UK National Championship contenders were present at Mondello Park for the prestigious Leinster Trophy meeting in the middle of September. The final two rounds of the championship were set to decide the season long battle between Rory Butcher and Scott Malvern. With dropped scores coming into play after the Saturday race – which Scott won with Rory a net second behind Noel Dunne – the scenario was quite clear for Sunday's title decider. Whoever finished ahead of the other would be Champion. Finishing fourth in race one, just half a second behind Rory was Stephen Daly. Fifth spot was a four way battle with David Grady heading Morgan Dempsey, Cormac O'Neill and Paul Dagg. This made five National contenders in the top seven. The sixth National contender struggled to the finish in this race, to secure some points. 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge disappointment for Matthew Parr after scoring his debut race win at the previous round at Brands Hatch

There was a great expectancy hanging over the Co Kildare track at twelve minutes past three on the Sunday afternoon. The showdown was about to unfold.

As has been reported in the specialist media and on various websites and driver blogs, the classic showdown did not happen. [We had to wait until the Brands Hatch Formula Ford Festival for that]. On the second corner of the first lap, there was contact between the two title contenders. Both drivers continued. In a nutshell, Scott pulled off into retirement on lap five and Rory took the chequered flag some four laps later, by 5.838 secs from Stephen Daly.

So that was it, an unsatisfactory finish to six months of enthralling Formula Ford racing and Rory Butcher was the 2009 Webcon UK National Formula Ford Champion. Or was he?

The next few hours saw both drivers and their teams climbing and descending the steps to Race Control and the Stewards Room. Each protested the others driving. Scott's protest was upheld and Rory was excluded by the Clerk of the Course. Rory's protest against Scott was declined. Both drivers then appealed these decisions to the Stewards. Rory again lost his case against Scott, but was successful in his own appeal and was reinstated in the results, so yet again he was champion, but not for long.

Scott's team decided to take the matter to the next level and a Motorsport Ireland Tribunal was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November in Dublin. I believe the tribunal lasted for more than six hours and the decision wasn't announced until the following morning.

So two months after the race meeting itself, the court ruled in favour of Scott.

[Email Notification: Scott Malvern's Appeal upheld, so Rory Butcher returns to being excluded from Formula Ford 1600 Race 2 at Mondello Park on 13.9.09](#)  
[Paul Phelan, Motorsport Ireland](#)

So it is now official, Scott Malvern is the 2009 Webcon UK National Formula Ford Champion on 221 points and Rory Butcher finished runner up on 211 points.

There was never much between Butcher and Malvern all year. The very first qualifying session of the season at Anglesey saw them separated by a scant 0.019 seconds and it seemed like their cars were just one eight wheeler for the rest of the season, with each taking a turn in the lead.

The BRSCC would like to congratulate Scott on becoming a champion in his first season of car racing and commiserate with Rory on losing out at the last. No matter what did, or didn't happen on track, both drivers fully contributed to a splendid season of National Formula Ford racing.

Somewhat overlooked in all the legal wranglings was Stephen Daly taking the win in race two by 0.412 sec from Paul Dagg. Noel Dunne completed the podium. Morgan Dempsey came home fourth, from John Ferguson, David Grady, Derek Cunneely, Matthew Parr, Derek M Daly, Paul Clarke and Ivor Mairs. Dennis Sheehan failed to finish, along with Cormac O'Neill – who visited the barriers on lap three – and Scott Malvern, who secured the fastest lap points after Rory's exclusion. The revised results for race two have yet to be published.



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### Qualifying Results of Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy - Formula Ford 1600 - Qualifying

Mondello Park Racing Circuit Date Sep 12, 2009 10:20:00 AM

Track Mondello International Circuit (3.503 km)

Event Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy

Group Formula Ford 1600 Best Lap Tm 1:47.650 In Lap 3

Best Speed 117.146 kph by Rory Butcher Formula Ford / 1600cc

Pos	No.	Name	Best time	In lap	Best speed	Diff	Gap	Laps
1	66	* <b>Rory Butcher</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:47.650	3	117.146			4
2	22	* <b>Scott Malvern</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.104	3	116.654	0.454	0.454	4
3	5	* <b>Stephen Daly</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.172	3	116.581	0.522	0.068	4
4	12	Noel Dunne Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.348	4	116.392	0.698	0.176	4
5	19	* <b>Cormac O'Neill</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.750	3	115.961	1.100	0.402	3
6	11	* <b>David Grady</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.972	3	115.725	1.322	0.222	4
7	8	Paul Dagg Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:49.074	5	115.617	1.424	0.102	5
8	72	Morgan Dempsey Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:49.234	3	115.448	1.584	0.160	4
9	3	* <b>Matthew Parr</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:49.482	3	115.186	1.832	0.248	3
10	31	John Ferguson Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:50.009	3	114.634	2.359	0.527	4
11	2	Derek Cunneely Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:51.216	3	113.390	3.566	1.207	4
12	17	Derek Daly Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:51.476	3	113.126	3.826	0.260	3
13	42	Paul Clarke Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:55.677	3	109.017	8.027	4.201	5
14	58	Ivor Mairs Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:57.552	3	107.278	9.902	1.875	5
15	135	Denis Sheehan Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:57.983	2	106.887	10.333	0.431	3

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### Race 1 Results of Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy - Formula Ford 1600 - Race 1

Mondello Park Racing Circuit Date Sep 12, 2009 2:15:00 PM

Track Mondello International Circuit (3.503 km)

Event Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy Group Formula Ford 1600

Best Lap Tm 1:47.975 In Lap 3 Best Speed 116.794 kph by Scott Malvern Formula Ford / 1600cc

Pos	No.	Name	Laps	Total time	Diff	Best time	In lap	best speed
1	22	* <b>Scott Malvern</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:21.290		1:47.975	3	116.794
2	12	Noel Dunne Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:21.812	0.522	1:48.149	3	116.606
3	66	* <b>Rory Butcher</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:26.238	4.948	1:48.469	7	116.262
4	5	* <b>Stephen Daly</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:26.825	5.535	1:48.374	4	116.364
5	11	* <b>David Grady</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:32.656	11.366	1:49.349	3	115.326
6	72	Morgan Dempsey Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:34.030	12.740	1:49.531	6	115.135
7	19	* <b>Cormac O'Neill</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:34.439	13.149	1:49.505	6	115.162
8	8	Paul Dagg Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:35.027	13.737	1:49.512	5	115.155
9	31	John Ferguson Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:44.651	23.361	1:49.823	5	114.828
10	2	Derek Cunneely Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	16:45.516	24.226	1:50.647	4	113.973
11	135	Denis Sheehan Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	18:07.742	1:46.452	1:58.078	2	106.801
12	58	Ivor Mairs Formula Ford / 1600cc	9	18:10.029	1:48.739	1:57.912	6	106.951
13	3	* <b>Matthew Parr</b> Formula Ford / 1600cc	8	16:23.757	1 Lap	1:49.615	3	115.046
14	42	Paul Clarke Formula Ford / 1600cc	8	17:52.320	1:28.563	1:55.287	6	109.386

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Results of Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy - Formula Ford 1600 - Warm Up

Mondello Park Racing Circuit Date Sep 13, 2009 10:30:00 AM

Track Mondello International Circuit (3.503 km) Event Leinster Motor Club - Leinster Trophy

Group Formula Ford 1600 Best Lap Tm 1:48.051 In Lap 4 Best Speed 116.712 kph by Cormac O'Neill Formula Ford / 1600cc

Pos	No.	Name	Best time	In lap	Best speed	Diff	Laps
1	19	* Cormac O'Neill Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.051	4	116.712		5
2	12	Noel Dunne Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.171	3	116.582	0.120	3
3	66	* Rory Butcher Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.285	4	116.459	0.234	4
4	22	* Scott Malvern Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.445	4	116.288	0.394	5
5	72	Morgan Dempsey Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.538	7	116.188	0.487	7
6	11	* David Grady Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:48.927	5	115.773	0.876	5
7	5	* Stephen Daly Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:49.302	1	115.376	1.251	3
8	3	* Matthew Parr Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:49.745	2	114.910	1.694	4
9	17	Derek Daly Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:50.307	3	114.325	2.256	3
10	2	Derek Cunneely Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:50.606	7	114.016	2.555	7
11	8	Paul Dagg Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:52.624	1	111.973	4.573	2
12	71	Derek Daly Opel Lotus / 2000cc	1:53.876	6	110.742	5.825	6
13	42	Paul Clarke Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:55.284	7	109.389	7.233	7
14	21	Stanley Watson Van Diemen	1:55.893	7	108.814	7.842	7
15	135	Derek Sheean Formula Ford	1:56.612	5	108.143	8.561	6
16	58	Ivor Mairs Formula Ford / 1600cc	1:58.171	7	106.717	10.120	8
17	31	John Ferguson Formula Ford / 1600cc	--:--:--	0	-	0.000	0

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