



Zamparelli ends Clark's victory march

Zamparelli scored two fine wins

KIEREN CLARK extended his Formula Renault BARC Championship lead to an impressive 62 points at Donington Park, but his season-long winning streak finally came to an end thanks to single-seater rookie Dino Zamparelli.

The 2008 Ginetta Junior Champion is really getting into his stride in Formula Renault's popular club series. After dominating qualifying to take his first series pole positions, Zamparelli scorched to a brace of outstanding victories, dealing superbly with a safety car-enforced restart in each encounter.

It was also a great result for Zamparelli's Reon Motorsport squad, so soon after the deal with GT outfit MTECH (see AUTOSPORT, July 9).

Clark had to settle for second in race one, albeit with two bonus points for the fastest lap, ahead of the ever-improving Josh Mulholland. In the second outing Mulholland was again third, this time ahead of Clark but behind Brett Parris, who matched his season's best. Privateer honours were shared between Steven Durrant and Andrew Jarman.

Car racing rookie Matt Bell, brother of GT ace Rob, came within yards of taking his maiden win during the second of two outstanding Club Ginetta Series outings, although the karting graduate did achieve a career-best second place in only his fourth ever car race behind maiden winner Dave Jackson. Bell also sealed a debut pole position, far belying his very limited track experience.

At Goddards on the final lap, Bell tried to pass race leader Dominic Pettit under braking but he shot across the grass and the delay allowed Jackson to sneak through for the win. In the first race, Pettit had won by a clearer margin of six seconds from Freddie Hetherington, with Jackson in third.

The story of the Pickup Truck Championship weekend was an imperious performance by Gavin Seager in the Grand Final as he climbed from the back of the grid to a stunning 3.5-second victory over Steve Dance. Seager won heat one and looked in with a chance of usurping Dave Briggs in heat two until a retirement in the closing stages spoiled his potential for a lock-out of wins.

Seager was joined on the finals podium by Dance and Martin Heath, the latter having led well from pole position for much of the race. In the heats, Briggs won the second race from a very impressive Simon Carr – another to climb from the back of the grid – while in the opening encounter

Seager came home ahead of Michael Smith.

Richard Mallinson was an unlikely double winner in the Kumho BMW Championship, although the biggest news came in the form of a nightmare weekend for local Nottingham-based driver Garrie Whittaker. The category frontrunner was forced to sit out race two having been the unfortunate victim of an accident in the first outing involving Ian Hill and David Kempton.

Hill was deemed to have instigated the incident and was disqualified post-race, despite originally having been awarded the victory

spoils. The opening encounter actually required two restarts, the second due to the Hill/Kempton/Whittaker crash and the first coming on lap one when a collision occurred at the chicane involving Dan Stringfellow and Stephen Lanfermeijer.

In the final re-started eight laps of action, poleman Mallinson beat Ian Crisp by two seconds to ultimately get the spoils, while Stephen Pearson took third place.

In race two, Mallinson headed home Crisp, the gap between the pair being just 0.123s. Piers Ross rounded out the podium.

■ By Marc Orme



Pettit heads to another Ginetta G20 victory

FORMULA RENAULT BARC (06 LAPS)

1 Dino Zamparelli, 2 Kieren Clark +0.566s.
3 Josh Mulholland, 4 Brett Parris, 5 Ahmad Al Harthy, 6 Joe Crook. **Class winner** Steven Durrant. **Fastest lap** Clark 1m08.750s (102.49mph).

RACE TWO (07 LAPS) 1 Zamparelli, 2 Parris +5.579s, 3 Mulholland, 4 Clark, 5 Kourosh Khani, 6 Don De Graaff. **CW** Andrew Jarman. **FL** Zamparelli 1m09.229s (101.78mph).

CLUB GINETTA SERIES (05 LAPS)

1 Dominic Pettit, 2 Freddie Hetherington +6.016s, 3 Dave Jackson, 4 Gavin Mitchell, 5 Nick Hamilton, 6 Paul Moden. **FL** Pettit 1m23.358s (84.53mph).

RACE TWO (05 LAPS) 1 Jackson, 2 Matt Bell +0.606s, 3 Pettit, 4 Hetherington, 5 Moden, 6 Mitchell. **FL** Bell 1m22.968s (84.92mph).

PICKUP TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP (02 LAPS)

1 Gavin Seager, 2 Michael Smith +2.306s, 3 Simon Carr, 4 Dave Briggs, 5 Damien Carr, 6 Nic Grindrod. **FL** S Carr

1m20.097s (87.97mph).

RACE TWO (02 LAPS) 1 Briggs, 2 S Carr +3.718s, 3 Smith, 4 Steve Dance, 5 Phil White, 6 Pete Stevens. **FL** S Carr 1m20.191s (87.86mph).

RACE THREE (04 LAPS) 1 Seager, 2 Dance +3.492s, 3 Simon Heath, 4 D Carr, 5 S Carr, 6 Stevens. **FL** Paul Saunders 1m20.005s (88.07mph).

KUMHO BMW (8 LAPS)

1 Richard Mallinson (E36 M3), 2 Ian Crisp (E36 M3 EVO) +2.398s, 3 Stephen Pearson (M3), 4 James Webb (E36), 5 Graham Heard (M3), 6 Colin Whitmore (E36 M3). **CW** Rodger Card (E30 M30), Timothy Sweet (E36 Coupe).

FL Ian Hill (E36) 1m19.961s (88.12mph).
RACE TWO (03 LAPS) 1 Mallinson, 2 Crisp +0.123s, 3 Piers Ross (E36 M3 EVO), 4 David Kempton (M3 E36), 5 Tom Webb (E36), 6 Hill. **CW** James Card (E30 M3), Simon Hudson (E30), Sweet. **FL** T Webb 1m19.654s (88.46mph).