

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

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**DUBLIN  
GRAND PRIX**



...the Dublin Grand Prix title, resurrected to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the event

## Don Daly's Dublin day at Phoenix Park

Don Daly became the first winner of the Dublin Grand Prix when he took the title at Phoenix Park.

The race had been revived by the National governing body, the Motor Sports Association of Ireland, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the event. With a Saloon Libre race on both days of the weekend, the title was to be awarded to the winner of the Sunday encounter. Organisers also produced a Don Daly Memorial race to remember the man who had won the title so very much involved in the sport for many years.

Don Daly's victory was a surprise. Mullins' Gould-Judd had won the race one on Saturday at Phoenix Park. Ireland's John Daly had his glorious sounding victory let go in the morning but, even with his major advantage, poleman Dan Daly refused to be overtaken before the start.

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### RACE DATA

1 Dan Daly (Reynard 92D) 9 laps in 13m 41.208s (88.25mph); 2 Ken Fildes (Ralt RT4) +1.522s; 3 Eugene Heary (Reynard 873); 4 Dermot Nolan (Reynard 873); 5 Derek Daly (Opel Lotus); 6 Brendan Keane (Magnum 873); 7 Enda Byrne (DJ-Hayabusa). Pole position: Dan Daly. Fastest lap: Dan Daly 1m 10.675s (88.11mph). Starters: 15

slowing Niall Quinn (Reynard), before spinning across the track.

Somehow the rest managed to avoid him but A1 Team Ireland rookie driver Quinn was also out on the spot with a broken driveshaft. With Quinn and Paul Heavey, whose car had also expired, parked up in dangerous places so the safety car came out.

"That's motor racing," said a despondent Quinn afterwards. "A safety car rolling start might have suited me!"

Once released from the caution period, Daly opened a gap but Ken Fildes' Ralt RT4 was pushing hard and soon stabilised the gap.

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just as quick as he began to close the gap.

Meanwhile Enda Byrne was on a mission, leaping up to third place at the first corner in his little 1300cc DJ and fighting off the advances of Donal Griffin's Reynard despite a huge horsepower deficit.

When Griffin's car slowed on the main straight, the recovering Matheson took up the challenge.

Fildes had narrowed the gap right down to leader Daly on the final lap and was even within striking distance as the duo headed in to the last corner.

Despite a big sideways moment at the last corner, Daly clung on to take victory.

"I'm delighted with the result," said Daly afterwards, "but Ken kept me honest and I couldn't ease off until the flag."

With Byrne and Matheson both retiring with problems on the last lap, Eugene Heary was promoted to an unexpected third place with the impressive Dermot Nolan in fourth.

The spectators, who are not charged entry to the popular event, loved it all.

### LINE

The pole man John Daly was slow away and as he fell away some seized his opportunity by taking to the grass as the inside of Ken Elliot for the race. This was a surprise as Robbie Allen just pipped the runner-up spot. Newsome again nailed a

away but FF1600 champion Rob Barrable seemingly came out of nowhere to exit turn one in second place. They then set about Kearney but also had to fight off Alistair Kellett, who had uncle Gordon right on his back bumper. Barrable aggressively piled the pressure on the leader, finally making the move stick on the run out of

**Saloon Libre** grid to take the win. In race two, the rain began to fall as the flag dropped and it was Barry Rabbitt who charged through to lead. As the track dried though, he was powerless to hold back the quicker Elises. Keith Colmeyle took the flag, from Finn and Pat McBenett. Barry Travers took the **Punto 1400**

DONINGTON PARK: BARC AUGUST 9

Dino Zamparelli ended Kieren Clark's **Formula Renault BARC** dominance in fine style at Donington by taking his maiden single-seater victory and then backing the result up tremendously with an even stronger win later in the day.

He was untouchable in qualifying and race pace was similarly impressive, although sizeable leads in each outing were eroded due to safety car periods. Zamparelli was unfazed as he led home Clark and Josh Mulholland in the opener and Brett Parris and Mulholland in race two.

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Kempton. Hill's disqualification put him to the back of the grid for round 10 but he fought his way through well to sixth. Mallinson took his second win of the weekend ahead of Crisp and Piers Ross. Whittaker and Stringfellow were unable to race due to the damage sustained to their cars in Saturday's encounter.

In the **Club Ginetta Series**, wins went to Dominic Pettit and Dave Jackson. Freddie Hetherington and Jackson finished some distance behind Pettit in the opening encounter after a very close battle for the first half of the race.

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### RESULTS

**Protyre Formula Renault BARC Championship:** 1 Dino Zamparelli (Reon Motorsport) 16 laps in 21m 04.655s (89.14mph); 2 Kieren Clark (Apotex Scorpio Motorsport) +0.566s; 3 Josh Mulholland (Alpine Motorsport); 4 Brett Parris (Antel Motorsport); 5 Ahmad Al Harthy (Hillspeed); 6 Joe Crook (Apotex Scorpio); 7 Kourosh Khani (Welch Motorsport); 8 James Theodore (Hillspeed); 9 Sasha Radola (Bamboo Engineering); 10 Archie Hamilton (Antel). **Class winner:** Steven Durrant. **Fastest lap:** Clark 1m 08.750s (102.49mph). **Pole position:** Zamparelli 1m 08.248s (103.24mph). **Starters:** 18.

**Race two:** 1 Zamparelli 17 laps in 23m 02.123s (86.66mph); 2 Parris +5.579s; 3 Mulholland; 4 Clark; 5 Khani; 6 Don De Graaff (Bamboo); 7 Hamilton; 8 Al Harthy; 9 Theodore; 10 David Sutton (Team Avago). **CW:** Andrew Jarman. **FL:** Zamparelli 1m 09.229s (101.78mph). **PP:** Zamparelli 1m

Gummo; 9 Whitmore; 10 Heard. **CW:** James Card, Simon Hudson (BMW E30). **Sweet FL:** Webb 1m 19.654s (88.46mph). **PP:** Mallinson. **Starters:** 31.

**Club Ginetta Series:** 1 Dominic Pettit 15 laps in 21m 10.022s (83.22mph); 2 Freddie Hetherington +6.015s; 3 Dave Jackson; 4 Gavin Mitchell; 5 Nick Hamilton; 6 Paul Moden; 7 Matt Flowers; 8 James Haynes; 9 Duncan Gass; 10 Brian Murphy. **FL:** Pettit 1m 23.358s (84.53mph). **PP:** Pettit 1m 22.126s (85.79mph). **Starters:** 23.

**Race two:** 1 Jackson 15 laps in 21m 13.298s (83.00mph); 2 Matt Bell +0.606s; 3 Pettit; 4 Hetherington; 5 Moden; 6 Mitchell; 7 Flowers; 8 Andy Richardson; 9 Gass; 10 Giles Dawson. **FL:** Bell 1m 22.968s (84.92mph). **PP:** Bell 1m 22.632s. **Starters:** 20.

**Pickup Truck Championship:** 1 Gavin