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PREVIEW: ROUNDS 11&12 OULTON PARK

AUGUST 8, 2015

WORDS: Richard Williamson

Oulton Park's second Mini Racing Festival plays host to the penultimate rounds of this season's Dunlop Mini Se7en and Miglia Challenges supported by Mini Spares. As ever, the action is expected to be thrilling for all four races, including double-headers for the treaded, tyre-squealing, sideways-style Mini Se7ens, and also for the more powerful, slick-shod Mini Miglias.

MINI SE7EN & S CLASS

Such have been the topsy-turvy

results in the 1.0-litre series that predicting a likely title winner

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is almost impossible. Holding a slender points lead after 10 rounds is three-time champion and twice winner this season, Paul Spark from Cannock, pitlane visits restricting him to a non-classified finish last time out at Donington and which allowed his rivals to close the gap. Lying second is Abergavenny's Ashley Davies who has yet to savour the victor's bubbly this season but has been consistently racking up high finishes. The man on a mission though is last season's runner-up, Darren Thomas from Gloucester, who has found a run of form and four wins on the trot (adding to his season opener at Combe) to arrive at Oulton just five points shy of the overall lead. Lurking just behind

this trio are further title winners Max Hunter (two wins this season) and reigning champion Andrew Deviny (one win), while the likes of Graeme Davis, Kieren McDonald, Jabez Dyer and Lewis Selby could well be in contention for a podium finish. Further back in what is expected to be a strong entry are the mildly-tuned 1275cc S-Class runners, led by Ian Deviny although reigning class champ' Shaun Tarlton returned with a brace of wins at Donington a fortnight ago.

The pace will be hectic, even over the full 2.69-mile International circuit, and the lap record of 12 years' standing may well be under pressure. Now there's a challenge worth watching!

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MINI SE7EN RECORDS

LAP RECORD: Andrew Deviny
TIME: 2:11.015 **AVE.** 73.97 mph
set on 13 July 2003



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MINI MIGLIA RECORDS

LAP RECORD: Rupert Deeth TIME. 1:58.463
AVE. 81.80 mph set on 12 July 2014



MINI MIGLIA (+ INVITATION)

Las t season at Oulton Park is pretty much where Kane Astin's title challenge was effectively lost, a mechanical DNF in the first race and then clouting the Hislops tyre chicane in the second allowing his main rival to gain those precious extra points and subsequently overtake him in the title race.

This season however it looks as if Oulton could be where the Swaffham-based driver wraps it up, having already taken the chequer flag in front six times in 2015 to hold a 36-point lead. Last year's champion, Rupert Deeth from Great Cambourne, lies second having scored a brace of wins to date but will need to finish

ahead of Astin to keep the title alive going into the final rounds at Silverstone in September. In third, Sam Summerhayes has been impressive in only his second full season of Miglias, while in their wheeltracks aiming to upset the title battle will undoubtedly be Aaron Smith (a winner last time out at Donington), Mark Cowan, Dan Wheeler, Dave Drew, Niven Burge and Rob Howard, among others.

Deeth proved to be the fastest around the long circuit in 2014, setting a new lap record in doing so, and the racing among the leaders in 2015 has been no less rapid. With speeds up to 125mph, prepared to be blown away by the sheer pace and cornering grip of these mega slick-shod Minis!

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THE BATTLE FOR BEHIND FIRST

WORDS: Tom Bonnington

PHOTOS: www.mbracephotography.co.uk

MINI SE7EN: RACE 1

Darren Thomas gets off to a good start off the line with a 28 cars behind him going through the first corner. Baker runs out wide into the gravel trap dropping several places while getting back on track.

Everyone is pushing hard, with a close grid Charlie Budd takes a hit on the door and Lewis Fox runs into the pits to retire after problems on the first lap.

Thomas now has a good 2 second lead into lap 3 with a close group of Gareth Hunt, Paul Spark and Graeme Davis following behind. Andrew Deviny is also fighting off Max Hunter's attacks.

Hunt and then Jabez Dyer run straight on at the final

chicane due to some oil spillage on the track just before, costing them both there races!

Spark makes a move on Davis into the final straight and sweeps past into second place.

Deviny and Ashley Davies now challenging side by side for 4th place and Davis moving back in on Spark for 2nd while still a good way in front, Thomas seems unstoppable.

Second place to 6th are now all together and fighting it out between themselves for a podium position.

Leon Wightman runs wide off into the grass, on lap 7, although he recovers well losing a couple of places.

Daniel Budd, in 10th place, has a trail of smoke from

behind him as he runs into the pits also.

Lewis Selby has been sneaking up the field from the start of the race from 23rd position and is now in 5th place having fixed his throttle issues from qualifying.

Thomas way out in front takes a comfortable lead, from flag to finish was unbeatable, Spark came home second with room to breathe from Davies who held off Deviny well in fourth place.

MINI SE7EN ROUND 9 RESULT

- 1 Darren Thomas
- 2 Paul Spark
- 3 Ashley Davies
- 4 Andrew Deviny
- 5 Lewis Selby

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Race Report

Round 9

Donington Park

July 25, 2015

SMITH SPURNS HEAVY PRESSURE TO WIN

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MINI MIGLIA: RACE 1

Tommy Le-May gets a good start off the line and is nearly alongside poleman Aaron Smith for the first corner but he runs wide costing him nine places, dropping back to 11th.

Kane Astin is now into 2nd place and up along with Smith, looking like another close race throughout.

Niven Burge and Dave Drew are so close battling for 5th position, just behind the front group.

Rupert Deeth, challenging for 3rd place from Mark Cowan, manages to get past after the Craner Curves and now moves up to contend 2nd

place, although all four are closely grouped again.

Deeth, now on the bumper of Astin, uses the straight to get around him while Smith forces Astin wide left keeping him from retaking first position, but Astin is right on Smith's back now just with no room to get around. While these three are fighting Cowan catches up with them again, setting the fastest lap.

Dan Wheeler drops out after leading the middle group for most of the race as they all group up after 7th position.

Astin and Smith run side by side out of the final corner and on the start straight fighting all the way while Cowan makes a move on Deeth for 3rd place

and manages to slip on the inside of Astin but over shoots and lets him back through.

Smith, Astin and Cowan all run three-wide on the final lap from the final corner but there is no room to get around each other and Smith's defending gets him the victory with Astin close behind and Cowan just as close again.

MINI MIGLIA ROUND 9 RESULT

- 1 Aaron Smith
- 2 Kane Astin
- 3 Mark Cowan
- 4 Rupert Deeth
- 5 Niven Burge

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Race Report

Round 10

Donington Park

July 26, 2015



LEISURELY LEAD FOR THOMAS AS OTHERS FALTER

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PHOTOS: www.mbracephotography.co.uk

MINI SE7EN: RACE 2

A drizzly morning for the start of the round - once again weather could decide this race.

Darren Thomas from the off again gets a good lead and Ashley Davies moves up a place to 4th then takes 3rd from championship leader Paul Spark, but not easily, and Spark is soon challenging for his place back but runs wide and off the track losing 40 seconds, before retiring to the pits two laps later.

Lewis Selby makes contact on Starkey's Straight coming into the chicane and loosens his bonnet which, at pace, is flapping quite badly and can't hold on any longer and flips off into the air - unfortunately hitting Tina Cooper's car, smashing her windscreen and forcing her to retire.

Selby, looking on great form this race, has moved from 29th place up into 7th but a fluid leak causes an early end to his race.

Gareth Hunt, Graeme Davis and Davies group up for third place while Thomas pulls a good 4 second lead from 2nd place. Andrew Deviny closes up fast behind making his way through and up into 2nd place.

Leon Wightman is having a good run again up into 14th position from the back of the grid.

Daniel Budd retires again with running issues for an unlucky weekend with a seemingly suspect fuel regulator.

The weather turns a little wetter now and Davies moves up into 3rd place, he seems to love the rain everytime.

Thomas has an amazing 7 second gap on the field now

and wisely starts to back off a little with the damp conditions causing lots of sideways action for most of the field now, everyone seems to be coping though.

Jabez Dyer runs Straight at the final chicane again for the second time this weekend, ending his race there.

Thomas takes a second impressive win of the weekend and the fastest lap of the race, with a good run from Deviny giving him a second with Davies behind for a well earned podium spot.

MINI SE7EN ROUND 10 RESULT

- 1 Darren Thomas
- 2 Andrew Deviny
- 3 Ashley Davies
- 4 Max Hunter
- 5 Graeme Davis

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Race Report

Round 10

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ASTIN OPENS UP DEETH WITH PRECISION ENGINEERING

MINI MIGLIA: RACE 2

Confusion on the grid lineup causes 3 warmup laps after a few of the cars were too close on the grid towards the back. So on setting off again the front three, Kane Astin, Aaron Smith and Paul Spark make a race start only to realise at the end of the lap and have to wait for everyone to arrive again for a restart.

Astin gets a great start and moves up a place into 3rd off the line and is closing in on second place Rupert Deeth when Mark Cowan comes up behind and takes 2nd place from the two of them. Unfortunately he runs too fast into Craner Curves and ends up sliding sideways and losing

half a lap while recovering, running into the pits to check for damage.

The lead pack of three run three-wide into the first corner on the third lap, all chopping and changing places with Deeth and Smith, which makes room from Astin. All three almost side by side the entire lap around, Deeth getting the upper hand again though to move back into first.

Rob Howard, back from his big roll at Brands, moves up into 6th place now, gaining several places on the field and looking well.

Astin is right behind Deeth all the way and gets a great line through the final corner but Deeth holds firm and defends his place well. But each time this gives Smith room to look for a gap which he can never

quite get, really a great battle and could go anyway.

Finally, Astin finds a way through the inside with a precision move that paid off well! Still all three are close and not giving up.

Dave Drew, Tony Le-May and Niven Burge have been battling it out all race too with Le-May holding fourth most of the time but Drew finally gets through and takes it from him before the end.

MINI MIGLIA ROUND 10 RESULT

- 1 Kane Astin
- 2 Aaron Smith
- 3 Rupert Deeth
- 4 Dave Drew
- 5 Tony Le-May

PROVISIONAL POINTS after Rds 9+10



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Pos	No	Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Pts	Total
																	best 11	
1	35	Paul SPARK	18	20	17	20	19	1	16	18	19	1					149	
2	6	Ashley DAVIES	1	11	16	19	14	18	17	14	18	18					146	
3	2	Darren THOMAS	20	12	1	0	18	13	20	20	20	20					144	
4	46	Max HUNTER	15	19	20	1	16	20	18	1	15	17					142	
5	1	Andrew DEVINY	19	1	19	1	20	19	19	1	17	19					135	
6	3	Graeme DAVIS	17	10	1	11	13	11	13	16	14	16					122	
7	5	Kieren MCDONALD	13	16	14	18	12	4	10	12	7	9					115	
8	23	Jabez DYER	16	18	18	17	17	12	9	5	1	1					114	
9	49	Ross BILLISON	6	13	15	15	15	15	11	1	1	10					102	
10	73	Spencer WANSTALL	12	1	12	16	1	10	6	13	13	11					95	
11	11	Charlie BUDD	9	1	7	8	7	9	12	11	9	14					87	
12	44	Adam SMITH			1	10	11	16	8	15	12	12					85	
13	4	Leon WIGHTMAN	11	9	9	1	1	17	5	9	8	13					83	
14	37	Gareth HUNT	14	17	1	1	9	1	3	8	1	15					70	
15	52	Nathan BURGE			13	9	1	1	14	17	10	1					66	
16	9	Steve TRENCH	10	15	8	14	10	8	0	1	0	0					66	
17	90	Ian DEVINY	8	14	10	13	1	5			5	6					62	
18	18	Lewis SELBY	3	0	w	w			15	19	16	1					54	
19	29	Daniel BUDD			11	12	1	14	1	1	1	1					42	
20	7	Julian PROCTOR	7	1	1	4	8	6	2	2	3	5					39	
21	15	Steve BAKER			6	7			4	6	4	8					35	
22	47	Kelvin EDGAR	2	7	5	6	6	2	2	4							34	
23	91	Shaun TARLTON	5	8					w	w	11	7					31	
24	60	Malcolm KEAT	2	3	4	5	4	2			2	3					25	
25	89	Tom HARTWELL					-0	7	7	10							24	
26	21	Tina COOPER	2	5	2	2			2	2	6	1					22	
27	39	Andy MILLER			3	3	5	3	2	2							18	
28	97	Jim BURROWS	4	6	w	w			1	3	0	0					14	
29	38	Steven HOPPER							1	7	1	0					9	
30	93	Roland PARSLOE	2	4	-0	0			1	0							7	
31	34	Anthony TOWEY							1	0	1	4					6	
32	92	Kevin O'SHEA	2	2	-0	2											6	
33	63	David ROBINSON	1	2	2	0					1	0					6	
34	54	Lewis FOX							w	w	1	1					2	
35	16	Julian AFFLECK			0	0			1	0							1	
		Practiced	25	25	28	28	23	23	29	29	29	29						
		Started	25	24	27	24	23	23	28	26	27	25						
		Finished	23	20	20	20	18	20	22	21	19	18						

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|---|----------------|---------|---|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Castle Combe | 6 April | FL: A Deviny | Pole: D Thomas | Spax Improver: A Deviny (+23) |
| 2 | Castle Combe | 6 April | FL: J Dyer [rec] | Pole: D Thomas | Spax Improver: R Billison (+9) |
| 3 | Snetterton 300 | 9 May | FL: M Hunter | Pole: P Spark | Spax Improver: J Dyer (+9) |
| 4 | Snetterton 300 | 10 May | FL: A Deviny [rec] | Pole: A Deviny | Spax Improver: A Smith (+13) |
| | | | * #92+93 disq @ Rd 3 Snetterton - to count 0 in best scores | | |
| 5 | Rockingham | 30 May | FL: A Deviny | Pole: A Davies | Spax Improver: C Budd (+6) |
| 6 | Rockingham | 31 May | FL: M Hunter | Pole: A Deviny | Spax Improver: L Wightman (+11) |
| | | | * #89 disq @ Rd 5 Rockingham - to count 0 in best scores | | |
| 7 | Brands Hatch | 27 June | FL: P Spark | Pole: D Thomas | Spax Improver: G Hunt (+9) |
| 8 | Brands Hatch | 28 June | FL: D Thomas | Pole: D Thomas | Spax Improver: G Hunt (+14) |

9	Donington Park	25 July	<i>FL: A Deviny</i>	<i>Pole: D Thomas</i>	<i>Spax Improver: L Selby (+18)</i>
10	Donington Park	26 July	<i>FL: D Thomas</i>	<i>Pole: G Davis</i>	<i>Spax Improver: L Wightman (+19)</i>

PROVISIONAL POINTS after Rds 9+10



2015 DUNLOP MINI SE7EN S-CLASS supported by MINI SPARES

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1	Castle Combe	6 April	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: S Tarlton</i>
2	Castle Combe	6 April	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: I Deviny</i>
3	Snetterton 300	9 May	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: I Deviny</i>
4	Snetterton 300	10 May	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: I Deviny</i>
<i>* #92+93 technical disq @ Rd 3 Snetterton - to count 0 in best scores</i>				
5	Rockingham	30 May	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: I Deviny</i>
6	Rockingham	31 May	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: I Deviny</i>
7	Brands Hatch	27 June	<i>S-Class FL: R Parsloe</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: J Burrows</i>
8	Brands Hatch	28 June	<i>S-Class FL: J Burrows</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: J Burrows</i>
9	Donington Park	25 July	<i>S-Class FL: S Tarlton</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: S Tarlton</i>
10	Donington Park	26 July	<i>S-Class FL: I Deviny</i>	<i>S-Class Pole: S Tarlton</i>



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1	11	Kane ASTIN	18	20	19	19	20	20	20	20	19	20					195	
2	1	Rupert DEETH	20	13	20	17	1	17	18	18	17	18					159	
3	85	Sam SUMMERHAYES	17	18	16	12	14	19	13	15	13	14					151	
4	21	Aaron SMITH	14	1	17	18	1	15	19	19	20	19					143	
5	29	Dave DREW	13	16	1	15	17	18	16	14	16	17					143	
6	99	Mark COWAN	19	17	10	20	16	12	8	1	18	7					128	
7	50	Dan WHEELER	16	19	12	14	19	13	15	1	1	11					121	
8	53	Niven BURGE			1	10	12	16	17	17	15	15					103	
9	72	Rob HOWARD			18	16	15	14	1	0	11	13					88	
10	4	Colin PEACOCK	15	1	14	13	18	11	1	13							86	
11	55	Michael GREEN	12	14	13	11	10	1			10	9					80	
12	20	Mark SIMS			1	1	13	1	14	16	12	10					68	
13	49	Gary WARBURTON	10	12			1	7	10	8	9	8					65	
14	31	Phil DALE	11	15			11	9	1	11							58	
15	44	Paul CLARK					8	10	12	10	0	12					52	
16	48	Ian BRISCALL	0	0			9	8	9	9							35	
17	69	Tony LE MAY			1	0					14	16					31	
18	77	Tristen KNIGHT	0	0	15	1			1	12							29	
19	28	Bob HUMPHREYS							11	7							18	
20	27	Ian FRASER			11	0			1	6							18	
21	12	Paul THOMPSON							1	0							1	
		Invitation																
nc	241	Damon ASTIN							[15]	[1]							-	
nc	113	Phil HARVEY	[0]	[0]													-	
		Mini-7 Classic																
nc	184	Steve JONES	[9]	[11]													-	
nc	157	William WARD	[8]	[10]													-	
nc	118	Ian CURLEY	[1]	[0]													-	
nc	101	Jonathan LEWIS	w	w													-	
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1	Castle Combe	6 April	FL: S Summerhayes	Pole: R Deeth	Spax Improver: G Warburton (+4)
2	Castle Combe	6 April	FL: M Cowan	Pole: M Cowan	Spax Improver: S Summerhayes (+5)
3	Snetterton 300	9 May	FL: R Deeth	Pole: K Astin	Spax Improver: R Deeth (+11)
4	Snetterton 300	10 May	FL: R Deeth [rec]	Pole: K Astin	Spax Improver: R Deeth (+8)
5	Rockingham	30 May	FL: R Deeth	Pole: K Astin	Spax Improver: D Drew (+5)
6	Rockingham	31 May	FL: K Astin	Pole: R Deeth	Spax Improver: S Summerhayes (+7)
7	Brands Hatch	27 June	FL: D Drew	Pole: R Deeth	Spax Improver: B Humphreys (+8)
8	Brands Hatch	28 June	FL: M Cowan	Pole: R Deeth	Spax Improver: S Summerhayes (+8)
9	Donington Park	25 July	FL: R Deeth	Pole: A Smith	Spax Improver: S Summerhayes (+4)
10	Donington Park	26 July	FL: A Smith	Pole: A Smith	Spax Improver: S Summerhayes (+4)

* Invitation + Mini-7 Classic not eligible for points



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1	48	Ian BRISCALL	0	0	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	-					8	

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Donington Park, July 25-26, 2015

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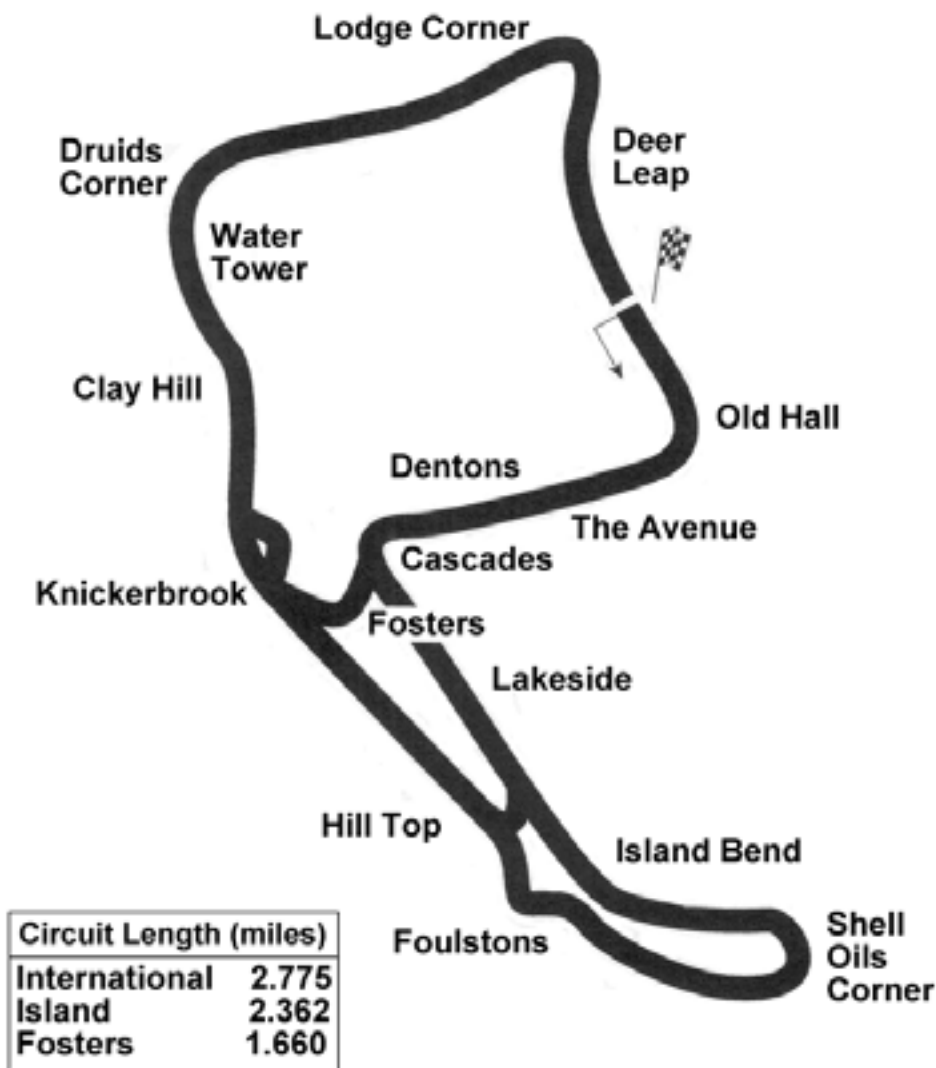
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RACE DATES 2015

Rd 1/2	April 6	Castle Combe
Rd 3/4	May 9-10	Snetterton 300
Rd 5/6	May 30-31	Rockingham
Rd 7/8	June 27-28	Brands Hatch Mini Festival (TV)
Rd 9/10	July 25-26	Donington Park
Rd 11/12	August 8	Oulton Park Mini Festival (TV)
Rd 13/14	Sept 19-20	Silverstone Int'l & 50th Party (TV)
50 Plate	Oct 31 - Nov 1	Snetterton 300

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From the Archives: Oulton Park 10, 20, 30, 40 years ago

WORDS: Richard Williamson
PHOTOS: M7RC Archive

A delve into the M7RC Archive helps us to recap what happened over the decades at Oulton Park around this time of year.

The Cheshire parkland circuit hosted the Dunlop-backed Challenge finales over 23-24 September, with qualifying on the Friday and racing on the Saturday over the 2.226-mile Island layout (minus the extra loop of the full International circuit).

Unfortunately in the Mini Se7ens, a pair of red flag stoppages left a 2-lap only result, with Andrew Deviny atop the 27-car field from reigning champion James Hall and, securing his first title, Paul Thompson in third. Paul Clark, Geoff Letts and Andy Ruthven also found themselves in the top six at this point, with the likes of Paul Spark, Kane and Damon Astin, Gareth Hunt,



Thompson claimed Se7en title

Photo: M7RC Archive (Pitlane)

10 YEARS
AGO



Peacock starred in Miglias
Photo: M7RC Archive (Pitlane)

James Coulson, Graeme Davis and Malcolm Keat further down the order after a wild few laps. Max Hunter had been credited in 10th

laps, Colin Peacock starring in this one by nabbing pole and then setting a new lap record before eventually finishing a close third behind Kelly Rogers in first and Bill Sollis second, the gap for all three being an incredible 0.85s! Mark Sims, Tony Le May and Ralph Saunders were next up of the 13 starters.

but would later be excluded, dropping him from second to fourth overall in the standings. Race winner Deviny had started from pole position and also set the fastest lap too.

The Miglia race went the scheduled 10



Rogers took Miglia victory

Photo: M7RC Archive (Pitlane)



Deviny leads Hall in Se7ens
Photo: M7RC Archive (Pitlane)

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From the Archives: Oulton Park 10, 20, 30, 40 years ago



Selby leads a busy Se7en field (at Mallory)
Photo: MTRC Archive / Ferret Photographics (M Harvey)

20 YEARS
AGO

Friday 14 April saw a huge 65-car entry across both formulae attend the second-of-16 Unipart-DCM National Challenge rounds, hosted by the BRSCC North West on the full 2.776-mile track.

In the pre-lunch Miglia bash, season champion Chris Lewis had to work his way back to the front after failing to convert his pole position into an immediate lead, eventually passing fastest lap man Stewart Drake and holding a 2.39s advantage after seven laps, with Bill Sollis right on Drake's tail. Ian Gunn took fourth from Ian Curley and Myk Cable, while

others to feature included Rob Humphreys in 12th, Mike Jackson 13th and Phil Harvey 18th, with Peter Baldwin among the DNFs.

Later that afternoon, Jackson did double-duty by jumping straight into his Manders-backed Se7en to head the grid, and the extra mileage certainly helped as he not only won by over 4.6s, but also set the lap record. Dave Braggins got closest to the Champion-elect, with Matt Hayman, Andy Burge, Phil Manser and Steve Bell rounding out

the top half-dozen.

Among the chasing pack were Rob Selby in eighth, Mark Sims in 12th, Paul Thompson 21st and Rich Williamson 24th!



Miglia Champ Lewis in front
Photo: MTRC Archive / Ferret Photographics

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Oulton Park

10, 20, 30, 40 years ago

Compared to previous seasons entries had tailed off slightly by the mid-1980s. A total of 19 Se7ens and 16 Miglias appeared on Saturday 18 May for round 5-of-15 on the 2.356-mile Island circuit, an event run by the BARC North West Centre.

The 850cc Se7ens were up first, led to the grid by Russell Grady. The Leicestershireman not only went on to win the 10-lap race but also the title that season in his Howley-tuned car, edging out Mike Jackson on this occasion by an incredible 0.1s! Colin Rodger chased hard enough in third to record the fastest race lap, with Chris Tyrrell, Jim Hulme and



Carvell heads Fry, Lewis, Davies and Harris in the Miglia race
Photo: M+A Jackson Collection

Dave 'Goody' Goodridge next up. Graeme Davis completed the dozen finishers, while Ralph Budd was a DNF.

It was a Champion's benefit in Miglias too, polesitter Mike Fry eventually opening up a 4.7s gap by the end of 10 laps in his Mini Spares machine. David

Carvell led initially but headed home Chris Lewis, Steve Harris, Gerald Dale and Bev Comber, the pace among the frontrunners highlighted by Fry, Lewis and Harris all sharing a new lap record! An interesting footnote on the result sheet was the full-time score from the FA Cup Final at Wembley: Everton 0 – Manchester United 1, no doubt for the benefit of the many local NW spectators at Oulton for the day!



Se7ens lead battle of Grady, Rodger and Jackson
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A part from a couple of Team M7C relay races there in 1966 and 1967, the M7RC did not visit Oulton until 1976...

40 YEARS AGO

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Mini 7 Racing Club drivers

MINI SE7EN

1 Andrew Deviny
2 Darren Thomas
3 Graeme Davis
4 Leon Wightman
5 Kieren McDonald
6 Ashley Davies
7 Julian Proctor
9 Steve Trench
11 Charlie Budd
15 Steve Baker
16 Julian Affleck
18 Lewis Selby
21 Tina Cooper
23 Jabez Dyer
29 Daniel Budd
34 Anthony Towey
35 Paul Spark
37 Gareth Hunt
38 Steven Hopper
39 Andy Miller
44 Adam Smith
46 Max Hunter
47 Kelvin Edgar
49 Ross Billison
52 Nathan Burge
54 Lewis Fox
60 Malcolm Keat
63 Dave Robinson
73 Spencer Wanstall
89 Tom Hartwell

Driver

SOCOMECH
Driver
Big Mac Racing
SMG Motorsport
Roonspeed
SJT Racing/Floss-a-lot
Pristine Condition

Selby Motorsport
Driver
Driver

A+ Racing
Driver

A L Motorsport
Hunters Garage
Kelsport

Driver
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Driver

MINI SE7EN S CLASS

90 Ian Deviny
91 Shaun Tarlton
92 Kevin O Shea
93 Roland Parsloe
97 James Burrows

Driver
Shaun Tarlton
Driver
Driver
Altered Image

MINI MIGLIA

1 Rupert Deeth
4 Colin Peacock
11 Kane Astin
12 Paul Thompson
20 Mark Sims
21 Aaron Smith
27 Ian Fraser
28 Bob Humphreys
29 Dave Drew
31 Phil Dale
44 Paul Clark
48 Ian Briscall
49 Gary Warburton
50 Daniel Wheeler
53 Niven Burge
55 Michael Green
69 Tony Le May
72 Rob Howard
77 Tristen Knight
85 Sam Summerhayes
99 Mark Cowan

Team Deeth
Mondo Sport
Driver

AAA Racing

Driver
Driver

Driver
Driver
Driver

Driver

Owens Motorsport
Wenden Garage
Lodway SS
Baldwin M'sport

INVITATION

111 Jonathan Lewis
118 Ian Curley
157 William Ward
113 Phil Harvey
184 Steve Jones
241 Damon Astin

Driver

Driver
Motley Mini 1300
Dale Racing

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The Champions

YEAR	MINI SE7EN	MINI MIGLIA	YEAR	MINI SE7EN	MINI MIGLIA
2014	Andrew Deviny	Rupert Deeth	1984	Chris Gould	Mike Fry
2013	Andrew Deviny	Peter Baldwin	1983	Chris Gould	Chris Lewis
2012	Paul Spark	Peter Baldwin	1982	Gerald Dale	Chris Lewis
2011	Paul Spark	Endaf Owens	1981	Gary Hall	Chris Hampshire
2010	Paul Spark	Paul Thompson	1980	Jonathan Lewis	Roland Nix
2009	Kane Astin	Andy Hack	1979	Patrick Watts	Phil Spurling
2008	Paul Thompson	Andy Hack	1978	Steve Hall	Phil Spurling
2007	Max Hunter	Andy Hack	1977	Martin Goodall	Paul Gaymer
2006	Andrew Deviny	Bill Sollis	1976	Graham Wenham	Mike Curnow
2005	Paul Thompson	Peter Baldwin	1975	Graham Wenham	Alan Curnow
2004	James Hall	Peter Baldwin	1974	Chris Tyrell	Russell Dell
2003	Tim Sims	Peter Baldwin	1973	Mick Moss	Phil Spurling
2002	Tim Sims	Chris Lewis	1972	Reg Armstrong	Mick Osborne
2001	Tim Sims	Peter Baldwin	1971	Graham Wenham	Len Brammer
2000	Dave Braggins	Peter Baldwin	1970	Len Brammer	Mick Osborne
1999	Dave Braggins	Ian Curley	1969	Paul Gaymer	
1998	Matt Hayman	Ian Curley	1968	Mick Osborne	
1997	Steve Bell	Bill Sollis	1967	Bob Fox	
1996	Phil Manser	Stewart Drake	1966	Bob Fox	
1995	Mike Jackson	Chris Lewis			
1994	Ian Curley	Chris Lewis			
1993	Tina Cooper	Ian Gunn			
1992	Mike Jackson	Myk Cable			
1991	Bill Sollis	Myk Cable			
1990	Bill Sollis	Owen Hall			
1989	Steve Cooper	Myk Cable			
1988	Malcolm Joyce	Russell Grady			
1987	Chris Tyrell	Russell Grady			
1986	Chris Tyrell	Russell Grady			
1985	Russell Grady	Mike Fry			

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