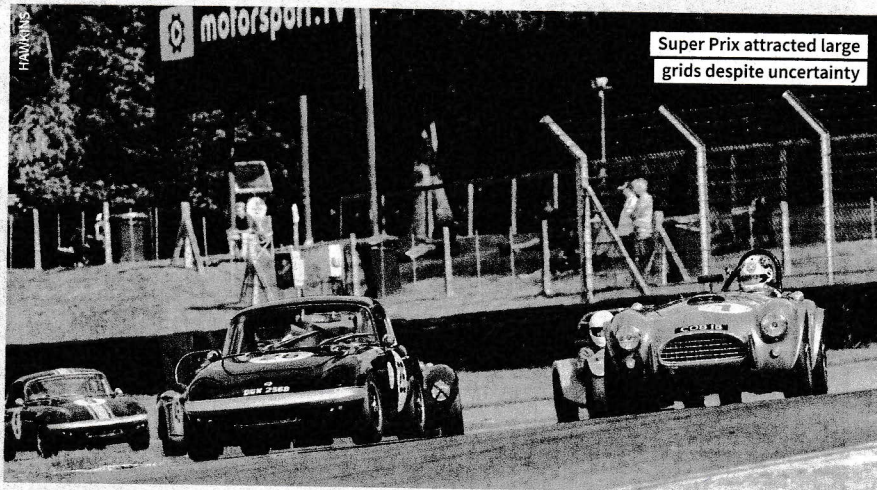


IN THE HEADLINES



HSCC's Brands Hatch Super Prix event scoops RAC Historic Award

HISTORICS

The Historic Sports Car Club's Brands Hatch Super Prix event has been awarded the Royal Automobile Club's Historic competitive event of the year for 2020.

The Super Prix was one of the first historic race meetings to run in the UK last season after Motorsport UK's suspension of event permits was lifted in July. After uncertainty surrounding whether or not the meeting would be able to go ahead, organisers were praised for the quality of the event that took place.

"Against the odds, we managed to put on an event that was open to the public, and this is down to the cooperation between Jonathan Palmer, MotorSport Vision and our team," said HSCC CEO Andy Dee-

Crowne. "We're delighted this was recognised by our peers in the industry.

"We didn't know it was going to go ahead seven days before the meeting. We had to take a huge leap of faith but, with support from MSV, who also took a huge leap of faith, it worked."

The Formula Junior, 70s and Historic Road Sports, Historic Formula Ford 2000 and Historic Touring Car grids all attracted entries in the 30s. The Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation's Novice Trial and Thruxton Historic were other nominees.

The GT & Sports Car Cup was also recognised in the RAC's Historic Awards, securing the race series title. Formula Junior and the Historic Racing Drivers Club Jack Sears Trophy were finalists.

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ELITE'S FIRST F3 DRIVER

Elite Motorsport has unveiled Spanish Formula 4 graduate Javier Sagrera Pont as its first driver in BRDC British F3 for 2021, when it will make its debut in single-seaters. Australian Bart Horsten has also revealed he will contest a second season of British F3, with Hitech GP. The 18-year-old competed with Lanar Racing last season and secured a best finish of second at the Silverstone finale.

STANLEY TO CARRERA CUP

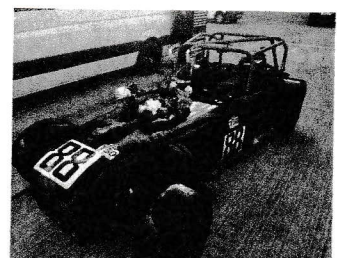
Former British GT racer Micah Stanley has become the first driver officially confirmed for the Porsche Carrera Cup GB this year. Stanley drove for the Academy Motorsport Aston Martin GT4 squad in 2019, having previously raced in the European GT4 Series. He makes the switch to Porsches with leading Carrera Cup squad Redline Racing.

ANOTHER MN RALLY DELAY

The Snetterton Rally, due to have been the next round in the Motorsport News Circuit Rally Championship later this month, has become the latest event to be postponed. Organisers are still hopeful that the Lee Holland Stages at Anglesey will go ahead on 7 March, followed by an event at Donington Park on 21 March. A reserve date of 24 April has been announced for the Anglesey event, in case that one is postponed too.

FARRELLY TO RACE MA7DA

Former Sport Specials class champion Martin Farrelly is set to make a return to racing this season in the Ma7da category. Farrelly, who won Class B of Sport Specials in 2017, has also previously raced in the MR2 championship. His Ma7da (below) will be run by TMC Race Engineering. "The Ma7da championship provides a fun and challenging race series with the cars being rear-wheel drive, lightweight and powerful enough to provide a good adrenaline rush," said Farrelly.



Micro car class for CMMC Tin Tops

TIN TOPS

The Tin Tops series run by the Southern branch of the Classic and Modern Motorsport Club is introducing a 'micro car' class this season in an attempt to boost numbers so it can run as a standalone grid.

Rather than taking competitors away from popular series such as the C1 Challenge and EnduroKa, organisers intend for the new T4 class to present an opportunity for those drivers to take part in additional sprint races, particularly those based in the

south-east, and who are reluctant to travel too far.

"We want to get Tin Tops to have their own autonomous grid again," explained CMMC Southern's Rod Birley. "We've lumped them in with Super Saloons on a number of occasions, and drivers of the lower-powered cars weren't quite so happy about doing that for understandable reasons. We said to the guys to come up with some ideas to improve grid numbers."

This led to the suggestion of a class for cars such as the Citroen C1, Ford Ka and Peugeot

107. Talks were then held with other clubs running series dedicated to these machines.

"These clubs are oversubscribed in some cases," continued Birley. "We've had some interest in the Lydden round because none of the other clubs go there and it could be a hoot. If you can't get a full team together and you're not able to go to Anglesey and Croft, but can do an event at Lydden, it gives you that opportunity. We're putting these races on for a bit of fun and enjoyment and you can dip in and out."

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