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Mendip Raceways
BRISTOL

SUNDAY
25th June 1972



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After mounting the barrier at Mendip Raceways, No. 17 M. Bassey was able to drive his car off the circuit.

Flaming June

TODAY we reach the half-way stage in the season's programme of short circuit racing here at Mendips Raceway; five memorable meetings are behind us, and after this afternoon there will be five more meetings to come before we retire to the fire-side and telly. It almost seems silly to talk about firesides in June, but so far this year our weather has constantly reminded us of the comforts afforded by our home heating! But whatever the weather holds for us this afternoon, the adjective is likely to prove appropriate in one sense or another!!

And with the Summer season well under way we expect to be able to welcome to our stadium many visitors who are spending their annual holidays in the West Country.

Whether you come from near or far we bid you welcome to the Stadium that must surely offer some of the best views of the English countryside to be seen anywhere, nationwide.

And we do pretty well on the track as well, with the co-operation of some of the top oval racing drivers in the country. "Mendips Motoring Mayhem", a title coined after our first meeting here three years ago, is still true today. Honest to goodness racing, packed full of incidents to make your pulse race and presented by different classes of vehicles for your entertainment. And this afternoon's programme is no exception:

BRISCA Formula 1 Stock Cars

"Z" Cars—the class for the big Fords

Bangers Team Race

Figure of Eight Destruction Spectacle

The BRISCA Formula 1 cars and drivers are making their third visit of the season to our 400 yard oval. With no limit on their engine capacity and up to 27 cars in each heat, good fast racing is assured; and with speed comes the incidents. The unusual nature of our track, with both uphill and downhill sections to go with the steeply banked bends, has brought many a would-be winner to an unexpected finish. Even star grade drivers have a healthy respect for our track, finding the bends somewhat tricky and deceptive. At our Easter meeting former World Champion Jim Esau (244), an acknowledged expert on the Mendips tarmac, came close to losing a qualifying place due to a surprising spin in the top bends in the closing laps of his heat. Unfortunately

Jim was unable to make our last meeting owing to an injury received at Long Eaton, but we hope he will now be sufficiently recovered to contest this afternoon's trophy—The Southern Drivers Championship.

The Regional Championships were launched in 1969 by the British Stock Car Association. The idea was to spread the big occasions in the Stock Car calendar more widely among the BRISCA circuits. Obviously not every track can stage a World Championship Final or Semi-Final during the course of the season, and to give the other circuits the opportunity to stage a major competition, Regional Championships for both Formula 1 and 2 were designated.

Formula One Stock Cars have three regional championships: Northern, Midlands and Southern. Each Championship is open to any driver who can obtain a booking at the Championship Meeting, whether or not the driver concerned is resident in the particular region, so it is quite possible that a Midlands or Northern driver could leave the Mendips Raceway with this afternoon's trophy.

The previous holders and the present champion for the Southern Region are as follows:

1969	Harringay	Jim Esau (244)
1970	Crayford	Stuart Smith (391)
1971	Brands Hatch	Stuart Smith (391)

Stuart Smith has done well in Regional Championships: in addition to those shown he has also held the Northern Championship in 1970 and is currently the Midlands Champion, having won the title at Hednesford on 26th September, 1971. Jim Esau has also held the Midlands title, won at Long Eaton in 1970. At the time of writing it is not certain whether or not these two stars will be contesting this afternoon: there is another meeting up in the North in the case of Stu Smith, and because of injury in the case of Jim Esau, we are still awaiting news of his fitness to race.

If both of these star contenders are present they must be firm favourites for the top honours, but their absence will not necessarily mean any lesser spectacle. A glance at our Mendips Top Twenty shows a list of names headed by Tony Allen, who won our final last month and came second to Jim Esau at Easter. Tony, going very well in his car this year at other tracks as well, has obviously mastered the intricacies of the Mendips oval. But

as always with Stock Car Racing, the unexpected can, and frequently does, happen. And there will be many other drivers looking for opportunities to lead the field. Our previous meetings featuring Senior Stock Cars have always produced fine racing—fast exciting and full of incidents—and this afternoon is not likely to be any different.

And our supporting programme, filled by the "Heavy Mob", will once again produce the mayhem that is the Mendips tradition. The fast powerful "Z" Cars will be followed by the humble bangers, also fast and powerful in many cases!! And the bangers will be featured in no less than three races, the first a straightforward ordinary circuit race (if there can be such a thing!). There will be a team-race between the Keynsham Krunchers and the Whacky Racers.

And to wind up the programme there will be the fantastic figure of eight spectacle, about which actions speak louder than words!!

If you are one of our many holiday visitors, we hope you will enjoy yourselves and look out for a BRISCA circuit near your home when you return. If you have any friends who will be on holiday in this area later on, do them a favour and give them the dates of our meetings:

- Sunday, 30th July
 - Sunday, 27th August
 - Monday 28th August
 - Sunday, 17th September
 - Sunday, 8th October
- They all start at 3 p.m., so come early and bring a friend.

FORMULA 1

1972 MENDIPS TOP TWENTY

Number	Driver	H	F	Total
348	Tony Allen	15	30	45
132	Les Suckling	14	14	28
258	Les Mitchell	11	14	25
231	Dave Peters	16	8	24
167	Colin Hayward	12	12	24
244	Jim Esau	6	16	22
375	George Ansell	8	14	22
8	Pete Webb	8	12	20
261	Johnny Goodhall	5	10	15
6	Rod Smith	11	4	15
121	Ken Sanders	8	6	14
144	Pete Shepherd	11	-	11
90	Jim Wilde	8	2	10
320	Shay Galvin	8	-	8
122	Mike Sharman	8	-	8
89	John Fallows	7	-	7
338	Frankie Wooster	6	-	6
376	Dave Drudden	6	-	6
110	Ray Scriven	6	-	6
365	Graham Spring	6	-	6

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS—SENIOR

SUNDAY, 25th JUNE, 1972 at 3 p.m.

EVENT ONE—Heat 1—SENIOR STOCK CARS 20 Laps

SOUTHERN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Listed in Drawn Grid Position

No.	Driver	Town	Grade
99	G. CLAYTON	Lincs.	C
159	K. LONGMORE	London	C
211	J. ALDRIDGE	Oxford	C
224	R. LOCKETT	Derby	C
263	J. BOWLES	Derby	C
304	R. SHERGOLD	Welwyn Garden City	C
323	K. KEYTE	Redditch	C
346	R. LEIGH	Warrington	C
138	A. BRIGGS	Buckhurst Hill	B
193	B. BENNETT	London	B
266	G. PERRIN	Welwyn	B
320	S. GALVIN	Evesham	B
30	D. TAYLOR	Layeing	A
261	J. GOODHALL	Stoney Stanton	A
375	G. ANSELL	Knebworth	Star

(First Eight to Final)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
5th	6th	7th	8th



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EVENT TWO—Heat 2—SENIOR STOCK CARS 20 Laps

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No.	Driver	Town	Grade
121	K. SANDERS	Ely	C
175	K. PAYNE	Evesham	C
222	D. WARD	Hinkley	C
243	D. LUCAS	Pontypool	C
295	J. TOMSON	Barford	C
312	B. SPIERS	Evesham	C
337	G. HINE	Stoke-on-Trent	C
376	D. McCRUDDEN	Oxford	C
110	R. SCRIVEN	Glos.	B
167	C. HAYWARD	Markyate	B
227	D. SAUNDERS	Wendover	B
316	R. SKINNER	Pershore	B
231	D. PETERS	Hatfield	A
338	F. WOOSTER	London	A
348	T. ALLEN	Luton	Star

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EVENT THREE—Heat 3—SENIOR STOCK CARS 20 Laps

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No.	Driver	Town	Grade
62	D. WESTON	Rugby	C
72	J. ROBINSON	Worcester	C
88	J. PRATT	Oxford	C
122	M. SHARMAN	Stapleford	C
128	H. MOODY	Oxford	C
159	K. LONGMORE	London	C
175	K. PAYNE	Evesham	C
203	E. LANE	Wales	C
6	R. SMITH	London	B
89	J. FALLOWS	Kingsley Holt	B
45	A. SCOTHERN	Derby	B
90	J. WILDE	Welwyn Garden City	B
8	P. WEBB	Slough	A
144	P. SHEPHERD	Welwyn Garden City	A
132	L. SUCKLING	London	Star
238	L. MITCHELL	Chalgrove	Star

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EVENT FOUR—Consolation—SENIOR STOCK CARS 20 Laps

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5th	6th	7th	8th

EVENT FIVE—'Z' CAR RACING

No.	Driver	Town
20	D. WILTON - -	Street
62	B. HIGGINS - -	Bath
81	H. RUSBRIDGE - -	Frome
88	MRS. BARNET - -	Combe Down
105	P. HERBERT - -	Bristol
154	G. WEDLAKE - -	Bristol
295	R. GODDARD - -	Highbridge
302	G. COOK - -	Highbridge

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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EVENT SIX—Grand Final—SENIOR STOCK CARS 25 Laps

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EVENT SEVEN—BANGERS CLUB TEAM RACE

KEYNSHAM KRUNCHERS v. WHACKY RACERS

Keynsham Krunchers

No.	Driver		Town
2	M. WEAVER	-	Bristol
4	E. GRANT	-	Bristol
14	P. NEWMAN	-	Bristol
20	D. WILTON	-	Street
25	B. SMITH	-	Bristol
63	M. GLEED	-	Bristol
96	N. OLLIS	-	Bristol
RESERVES			
99	M. BARNES	-	Bath
233	MISS J. GRIFFITHS	-	Bristol

Whacky Racers

No.	Driver		Town
10	M. WRIGHT	-	Bristol
23	O. COPE	-	Weston-super-Mare
51	A. PORT	-	Bristol
113	M. JOPLING	-	Highbridge
115	P. COX	-	Nailsea
123	K. OGBORNE	-	Bristol
133	A. WAIT	-	Bristol
134	P. SHAPCOTT	-	Yatton
RESERVE			
	K. SMITH	-	Clevedon

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EVENT EIGHT—BANGERS CLUB FIGURE OF 8

No.	Driver	Town	No.	Driver	Town
6	J. DONNELLY,	Bristol	83	H. CROKER,	Shapwick
7	D. PIMM,	Bridgwater	84	P. BROWN,	Bristol
8	D. HALL,	Bath	85	J. KUZEMKA,	Bath
9	M. WELLER,	Bridgwater	87	R. BLAKE,	Bristol
11	A. WILLIAMS,	Bristol	89	K. LAIRD,	Melksham
15	MRS. JUNE CAINE,	Bath	91	G. BRIGHT,	Glastonbury
16	L. PARSONS,	Bridgwater	94	R. BULL,	Cheddar
17	T. STUTTER,	Bristol	99	M. BARNES,	Bath
22	D. MORTIMER,	Taunton	100	R. GILL,	Calne
30	T. MEARS,	Burnham-on-Sea	118	R. RODGERS,	Bath
31	P. TAYLOR,	Bridgwater	121	A. WARREN,	Bristol
33	K. SMITH,	Frome	124	D. WARREN,	Bristol
34	R. DIX,	Mendip	125	G. CAINE,	Bath
35	M. REES,	Bristol	137	D. ALFORD,	Melksham
	B. GARRETT,	Castle Cary	138	K. BLACKKEY,	Melksham
39	G. HIGGINS,	Bridgwater	139	G. PAINTER,	Melksham
40	T. DEDMAN,	Yeovil	141	K. HARROLD,	Chippenham
41	M. NOTT,	Bristol	152	C. DIX,	Bath
42	P. BILLET,	Trowbridge	155	P. KUZEMKA,	Bath
43	R. MERRITT,	Melksham	198	K. KNOTT,	Bath
44	T. HARROLD,	Melksham	217	N. HART,	Cheddar
45	P. SHERRATT,	Bristol	218	C. BILLING,	Axbridge
48	D. COCKWELL,	Bristol	219	V. MARTIN,	Bristol
62	B. HIGGINS,	Bath	227	J. COX,	Templecombe
64	G. RICHARDS,	Bristol	233	J. GRIFFITHS,	Bristol
65	T. RICHARDS,	Bristol	281	R. MIDDLETON,	Midsomer Norton
74	P. CARTER,	Bristol			
81	H. RUSBRIDGE,	Frome			

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NEXT STOCK CAR MEETING

at

St. Austell	June 27	Rayleigh	July 29
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