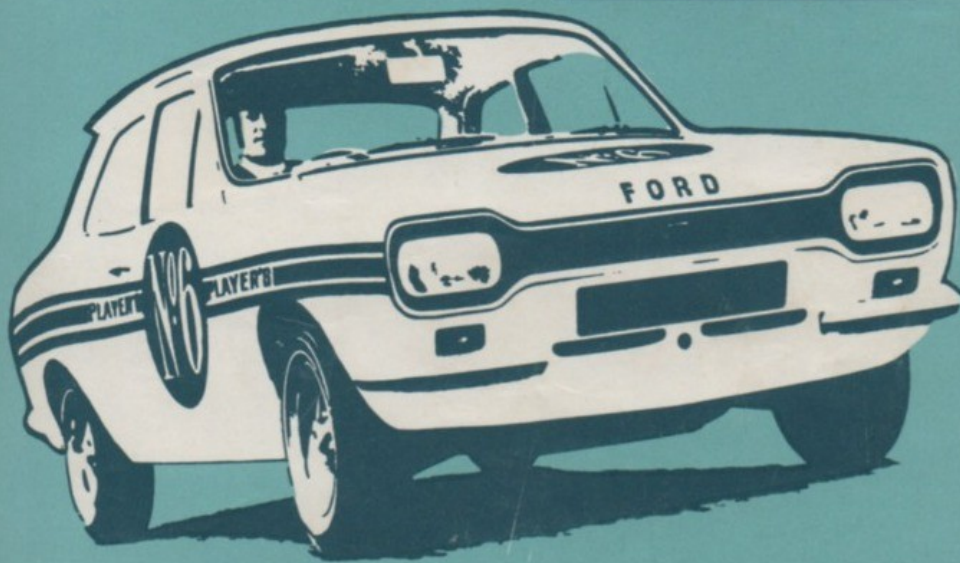


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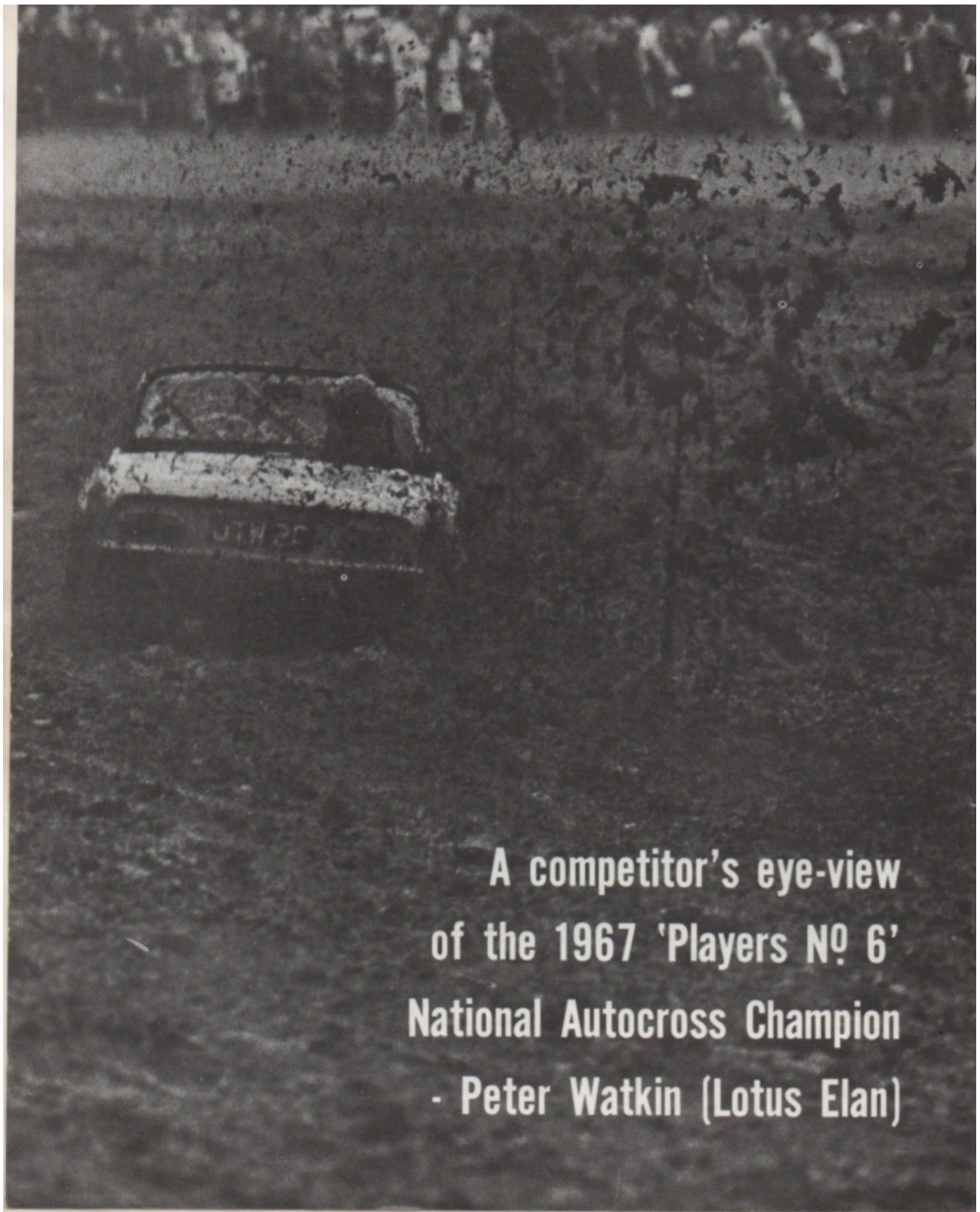
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**1968**

**NATIONAL  
AUTOCROSS  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**



**A competitor's eye-view  
of the 1967 'Players No 6'  
National Autocross Champion  
- Peter Watkin (Lotus Elan)**



## FOREWORD

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By Mr. R. A. Garrett, Chairman John Player & Sons.

We have come a long way since the first series of Players No. 6 Autocross meetings in the East Midlands two years ago. With the conversion of that series into the National Championship that is now so well established we found over 600 competitors taking part.

1967 was a great season. After the most varied weather, and courses, that this aspect of motor sport has known Peter Watkin emerged as the most consistently successful driver and carried off the Trophy. This Championship could

not have progressed to its present state without the encouragement of the R.A.C., the motor clubs and local councils, as well as those countless individuals who must regrettably remain nameless. To everyone I should like to express my thanks for their invaluable contribution and to convey to them and to the spectators my genuine expectations that the 1968 Players No. 6 National Autocross Championship will be even more exciting and enjoyable than last year.

# NOTICE WARNING TO THE PUBLIC MOTOR RACING IS DANGEROUS

It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) howsoever caused to spectators or ticket holders.

#### For the attention of the spectator

**Animals** Dogs and other pets will only be admitted to the enclosures if they are kept on a leash. This rule will be enforced rigorously to safeguard both competitors and the public.

**Litter** Please do not leave litter about the grounds. If you cannot see a proper receptacle, take any rubbish home with you.

**Accidents** Should there be an accident, do not interfere. The situation will be handled by the marshals, the doctor and the St. John Ambulance staff who are in attendance.

**Prohibited Areas** Notices identify sections of the grounds where the public are not permitted.

**Driving home** Drive with care when leaving. Remember your conduct on the road can raise or lower the prestige of motor racing generally and the Players No. 6 National Autocross Championship in particular. We could not cater for such a large crowd here today without the friendly co-operation of the police, so co-operate with them in return and reach home safely.

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# AUTOCROSS

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1967 saw the first-ever National Autocross Championship which was sponsored by "Players No.6". At 37 different venues throughout the country, in all weather conditions, competitors in eight different classes battled to find the National Champion.

Autocross, like Rallying and Hill-climbing, is a race against the clock. It takes place off the roads, on a circuit laid out in a field. The ability of the driver to adapt himself to a wide variety of surfaces – flat, undulating, muddy, dusty, bumpy or just plain pasture – will be measured precisely by the consistency of his performance through the season. So those who qualify for the Final may truly be said to be the top men of their sport in Britain.

The 1968 Championship incorporates certain improvements since 1967; classes have changed slightly and we are pleased to welcome several new organising clubs. "Players No.6" and the organising club welcome you to today's event and hope you will enjoy the entertainment in store for you.



The 1967 Players National Autocross Championship was the subject of a 27 minute colour film covering the highlights throughout the season. Two camera crews and a sound unit spent the whole of last summer visiting the regional qualifying events and the semi-finals and final and during the year enough film was shot to encircle completely the Club Circuit at Brands Hatch. If this information seems somewhat unconnected, it serves to illustrate the enormous amount of time and trouble necessary to capture the split seconds of excitement which occur at every meeting in an Autocross Championship.

This film entitled "Spring Into Action" was made by Roscoe Films who, in the past, have made motor racing films at all the major circuits in the United Kingdom and have, for over ten years, specialised in this branch of cine photography. To film the Players No.6 Autocross Championship, camera units were stationed at each of the

eleven qualifying rounds that are covered, together with two of the semi-finals and the final. A selection of long focus lenses were used in order to bring the viewer closer to the action than even the marshals dare stand, and as the film shows, many incidents have been recorded from a moment before the driver himself knew that he was going to have an 'incident'.

All this time and effort builds into an exciting, fast moving and colourful film of Britain's fastest growing form of motor sport.

Should you wish to see this film at a club showing — be it sporting, political or professional — just contact Sales Link Limited, 15 Holbein Place, LONDON S.W.1. and they will be pleased to arrange it.

Title:	SPRING INTO ACTION
Size:	16 m. m.      In colour
Commentary:	Kenneth Best
Length:	27 minutes

# THE METHOD OF SCORING

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Points are awarded on the times of the drivers in each class as follows :

1st - 10	4th - 6	7th - 3
2nd - 8	5th - 5	8th - 2
3rd - 7	6th - 4	9th - 1

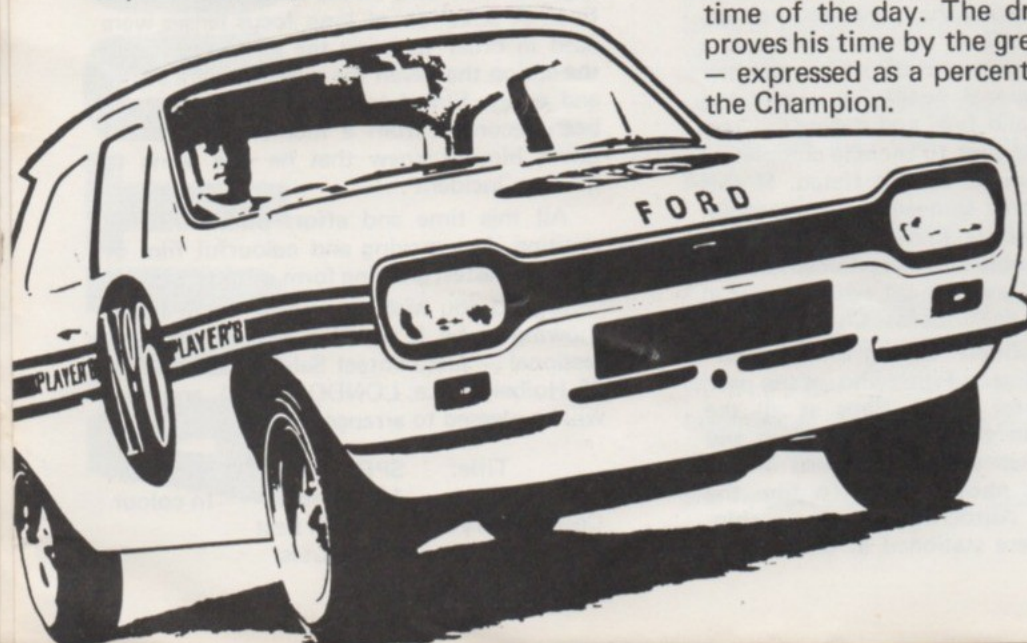
Each competitor may enter all seven events in his area but his **BEST FIVE PERFORMANCES ONLY** are added together. The three competitors with the best scores in each area qualify for the National Final.

In the final all competitors will start again from scratch with **NO POINTS**. The best three from each class on the day will receive prizes and awards from

the list as shown on Page 9. Points will be awarded on the following basis:

1st - 9	3rd - 4	5th - 2
2nd - 6	4th - 3	6th - 1

The "Players No.6" National Auto-cross Championship will be decided in the Final by the following method: Each competitor will make three timed runs each of which will count separately for points. At the end of the day the points will be added together and the Champion will be resolved. If, however, there is a tie, the drivers concerned will run against each other and will try to improve on their previous best time of the day. The driver who improves his time by the greatest amount - expressed as a percentage - will be the Champion.





## ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CLUB (DERBY)



### OFFICIALS

Secretary of the Meeting	G.C. White
Clerk of the Course	J.D.D. Weil
Chief Marshal	W.S. Adams
Chief Paddock Marshal	R.L. Tunnicliffe
Chief Track Marshal	S.C. Butterworth
Chief Spectator Marshal	J.S. Hemingway
Stewards: Appointed by the RAC	E. Harris Esq
Appointed by the Club	M.J. Howard Esq
	E.C. Taylor Esq
Scrutineers	K.W. Trever (Chief)
	N. Lowe
	J. Rand
	W. Smith
Chief Timekeeper	K.C. Radburn
Medical Officer	Dr D.T. Robinson
First Aid	The St John Ambulance Brigade (South Derbyshire & Rolls-Royce Divisions)
Commentator	J. Stone
Marshals	Members of Rolls-Royce Motor Club (Derby)

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rolls-Royce Motor Club (Derby) would like to thank the following:

Lord Scarsdale for the use of Kedleston Hall Grounds  
 Rolls-Royce Ltd for the loan of course car, company van  
 and Fire Fighting Equipment  
 Universal Car Co, Derby for the loan of Breakdown Vehicle  
 St John Ambulance Brigade (South Derbyshire & Rolls-Royce Division)  
 for providing ambulance and first aid personnel  
 J.A.R. Yates Esq for loan of Straw Bales  
 Derby County & Borough Police

No	Entrant/Driver	Vehicle	cc	1st Run	2nd Run
<u>CLASS 1</u>					
1	W.F. Morley	Mini	848		
2	M.G.W. Smith	Mini Cooper	998		
3	J.R. Bull	Mini	999		
4	V.L. Borrowdale	Mini	848		
5	R.V. Winder	Mini	848		
6	P.G. Gill	Mini	848		
7	P. Banham	Mini	848		
8	P. Fenton	Mini	848		
9	J. Lacey	Mini Cooper	998		
10	D. Barsby	Mini Cooper 'S'	999		
11	M. Webster	Mini	848		
12	D. McNaughton	Mini	998		
13	M. Sellicks	Mini	997		
14	D.N. Chaney	Mini Trav	970		
15	J.B. Simpson	Mini	998		
16	G.D. Winckles	Mini	848		
17	N. Sarjeant	Mini Cooper	998		
18	H.J. Smith	Mini	999		
19	P.C. Borrowdale	Mini	848		
20	J.D. Hislop	Mini	848		
<u>CLASS 2</u>					
31	D.K. Meggitt	MG Midget	1275		
32	R. Morton	MG Midget	1200		
33	T.A. Downey	Triumph Spitfire	1147		
34	B.F. Taylor	Turner	1097		
35	G.C. Elwell	A-H Sprite	998		
36	N.W. Brown	A-H Sprite	996		
37	C.J. Maries	Fairthorpe Atomator GT	1296		
38	T.S. Baker	A-H Sebring Sprite	1098		
39	G. Moore	A-H Sprite	1098		
40	J. Mort	Honda S 800	791		
41	J.C. Leleu	MG Midget	1275		
42	A. Thwaite	MG Midget	1200		
43	T.A. Downey/R.C. Downey	Triumph Spitfire	1147		
44	J.R. Halfpenny	Turner	1097		
45	Mrs M.A. Elwell	A-H Sprite	998		
46	P.D.J. Brown	A-H Sprite	996		
47	C.J. Maries/E. Wade	Fairthorpe Atomator GT	1296		
<u>CLASS 3</u>					
51	J. Lines	Austin A35	948		
52	R. Wharton	Ford Anglia	1298		
53	R.G. Stevens	Ford Prefect	1172		
54	R. Stott	Austin A35	948		
<u>CLASS 4</u>					
61	N. Sabin	Lotus 6	1498		
62	R. Bates	Lotus Super 7	1498		
63	B. Harper	Lotus Super 7	1650		
64	J.J.W. Scotney	Lotus Super 7	1560		
65	T. Evans	M.H.S. Special	1290		
66	C.B. Taylor	T.R. Special	2040		

No	Entrant/Driver	Vehicle	cc	1st Run	2nd Run
67	E. Holliwel	Nova Special	1325		
68	A.A. Crisp	M.S.A. Special	1285	s/c	
69	A. Butcher	Lotus 6	1498		
70	N.F. Sabin	Lotus 6	1498		
71	G. Bates	Lotus Super 7	1498		

#### CLASS 5

81	W. Postins	Mini Cooper 'S'	1275		
82	R. Marriott	Mini Cooper 'S'	1275		
83	A.C. Scoble	Mini Cooper 'S'	1293		
84	M.E. Dabbs	Mini Cooper 'S'	1293		
85	R.J. Forrester	Mini Cooper 'S'	1275		
86	D. Flaherty	Mini Cooper 'S'	1293		
87	G. Cooper	Mini Cooper 'S'	1340		
88	P. Wright	Mini Cooper	1293		
89	H.C. Sims	Mini Cooper 'S'	1275		
90	J. Nixey	Mini Cooper 'S'	1275		

#### CLASS 6

101	J.L. Houghton	Rochdale Olympic	1798		
102	H. Truman	A-H Sprite	948	s/c	
103	G.A. Solkow	TVR Mk IV	1798		
104	P.B. Kerridge	Lotus Europa 47	1600		
105	J. Smith	Lotus Europa	1470		
106	D.K. Reay	MGB	1798		
107	R.W. Fleetwood	MGB	1798		
108	J.L. Houghton/R.G. Peacock	Rochdale Olympic	1798		
109	J.C. Copley	A-H Sprite	948	s/c	

#### CLASS 7

111	M.W.G. Swatland	Hillman Imp	998		
112	D. Lambert	Rallye Imp	998		
113	NSU (Gt Britain) Ltd/J. Wales	NSU TTS	996		
114	D. Nelson	V.W.	1582		
115	K.J.C. MacMaster	Sunbeam Imp Sport	998		
116	P.J. Harrold	V.W.	1584		
117	D.M. Harkins	V.W.	1493		

#### CLASS 8

121	G. Otter	Ford Cortina GT	1498		
122	J.D. Smith/R.E.W. Salisbury	Ford Anglia	1500		
123	A. Hamey	Ford Anglia	1498		
124	L.G. Otter	Ford Anglia	1650		
125	L. Daubney	Ford Anglia	1558		
126	J.F. Harris	Ford Anglia	1650		
127	K.R. Andrews	Peugeot 404 Injection	1618		
128	G. Rigg	Ford Cortina GT	1498		
129	J. Brundle	Ford Cortina GT	1800		
130	Mrs P.A. Otter	Ford Cortina GT	1498		
131	J.D. Smith/Miss M. Morris	Ford Anglia	1500		
132	M. Bosworth	Ford Anglia	1498		

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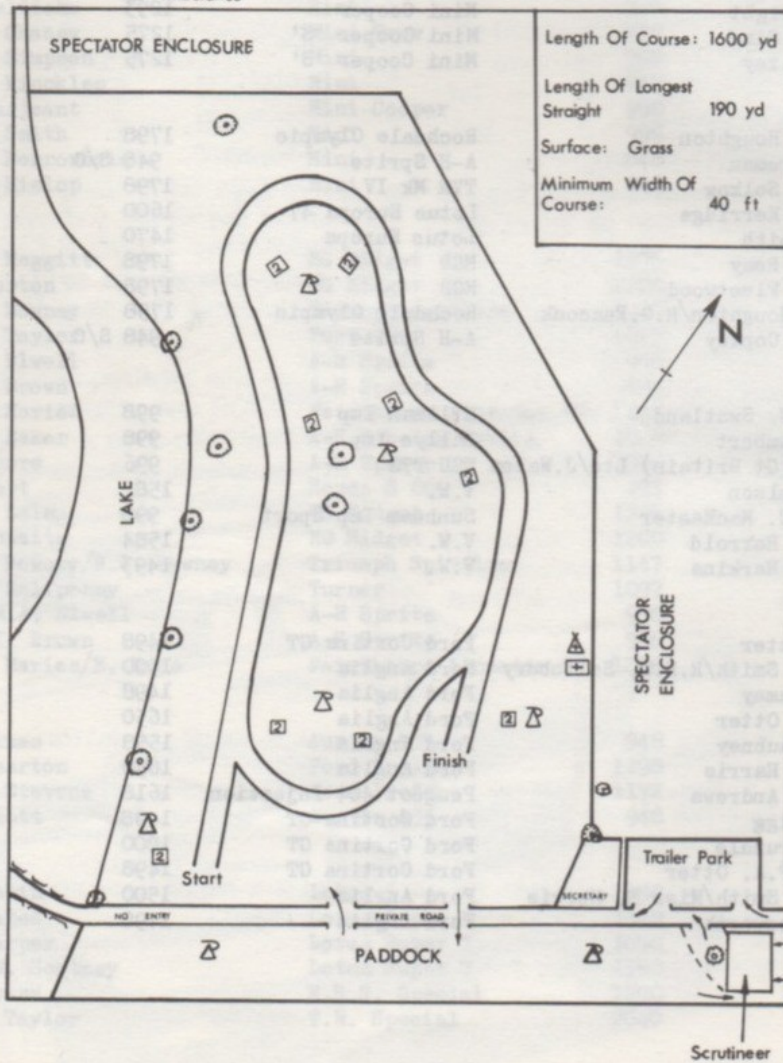
Players No 6 National Autocross Championship

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1968

Kedleston Hall Near Derby MR 121/312410

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- Ambulance
- First Aid Equipment
- Trees





## Prizes and trophies presented by 'Players N<sup>o</sup> 6'

Prizes for the qualifying rounds will be:

In each class: 1st £10 and a  
'Players No.6' Trophy  
2nd £5  
3rd £3  
FTD £5

For National Final:

In each class: 1st £25 and a  
'Players No.6' Trophy  
2nd £15  
3rd £10  
FTD £10

Players No.6 Autocross Champion £50  
and the Players No.6 National Auto-  
cross Trophy and Replica.

# Classes

1

Front wheel drive saloons  
up to 1,000 c.c.

5

Front wheel drive saloons  
over 1,000 c.c.

2

Sports and GT cars up to  
1,300 c.c. (rear wheel drive)

6

Sports and GT cars over  
1,300 c.c. (rear wheel drive)

3

Rear wheel drive, front  
engined saloons up to  
1,300 c.c.

7

Rear engined, rear wheel  
drive saloons, all capacities

4

Specials, derivatives and  
other vehicles not eligible  
for any other class.

8

Rear wheel drive, front en-  
gined saloons over 1,300 c.c.

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# PLAYER'S No 6 NATIONAL AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

## ORGANISING CLUBS

Date	S.E.	S.W.	MID.	NOR.
April 21		Cirencester		
28	M. Mid-Kent		Spalding	
May 5		Bridgend		
12				W. Lancs.
19	Thames Estuary	Southsea		
26				Liverpool
June 3		Bristol	Hagley	
9	W. Essex			Hartlepoons
16		Welsh Counties	Poachers	
23	Sevenoaks	Cheltenham		
30			R.Royce (Derby)	Airedale
July 7			Lincoln	Morecambe
14	EMI/RAF			
28	Chess V/NLE	Taunton	Peterborough	
August 4	Sussex			Tynemouth
10	Final — North of Ireland — Organised by the Omagh M.C.			
11				Worksop
18	Final — Scotland — Organised by the East Ayrshire CC			
25			Shenstone	
Sept. 7/8	National Final			

N.B. The dates are subject to alteration due to weather conditions etc.  
Announcements when possible will be made in the RAC Motor Sport Bulletin.

## 'PLAYERS N° 6' NATIONAL AUTOCROSS AREA CHAMPIONS 1967

Just to show that Autocross is a branch of motor sport suitable for all types of car the four 1967 Area Champions all contested the championship in different classes. Which only goes to prove that it's the driver who can adjust himself best to all kinds of conditions who comes out the winner in the end.

- 1 South — Rod Hamilton 1200 c.c.  
Mini Cooper
- 2 West — Ian Foster 1650 c.c.  
Lilfo Special
- 3 East — Peter Watkin 1598 c.c.  
Lotus Elan
- 4 North — Tim Baker 1098 c.c.  
Austin Healey Sebring Sprite





## REGULATIONS

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1. The Royal Automobile Club has registered "The Players No.6" National Autocross Championship as the sole British National Autocross Championship for 1968.
2. This competition is governed by the Standing Supplementary Regulations of the R.A.C. and the relevant Supplementary Regulations herewith form Part I.
3. The Championship is open to all drivers holding a competition licence issued by the R.A.C. who have registered with the R.A.C. and stated in which area they wish to compete.
4. There will be 30 qualifying rounds and one National Final (subject to alteration of dates due to weather).
5. Each event will be run under an R.A.C. restricted permit.
6. All events except the National Final will be run on one day, with practice in the morning and the competition in the afternoon.
7. Competitors will be required to register by name, class of vehicle, and area in which they wish to compete.
8. Competitors will be allowed to score points only in the area they have nominated and the score from 5 of these shall count towards the total for entry into the final.
9. All vehicles will be subject to the R.A.C. Vehicle Regulations. Production cars are subject to an engine capacity limit of 5000 c.c. and non-production cars to 3000 c.c. The bodywork of vehicles may be lightened, but the appearance in profile may not be altered from the original production design. The engine may be modified by changing the engine, but the number of cylinders may not be increased, nor may the engine capacity be increased by more than 500 c.c. above the standard production design. Any change contrary to the above will mean the car being eligible for class 4 only. Four wheel drive cars will incur a handicap of 2½% to their recorded time.
10. The types of tyres which are permissible for the Championship are listed under R.A.C. tyre Regulations 1 and 4.
11. Competitors may drive only one car in each event. Not more than two drivers will be allowed to drive any one car in any event.
12. In the qualifying rounds, should a tie exist between two or more drivers, the aggregate of both runs will be taken. If a tie still exists, the appropriate points will be awarded to each driver concerned and the order of succeeding positions will be moved down accordingly.
13. If a driver fails to record a time for one of his runs, in the event of a tie, he will be placed below the driver who has recorded a time for all runs.
14. If a tie exists between qualifiers for the Final, preference will be given to the competitor who has scored the greatest number of higher points in his 5 counting scores. If a tie still exists on the 5 events the score received in the sixth round will resolve the tie.
15. A maximum of 128 competitors will be admitted to each event.
16. Entry forms for the seven qualifying rounds will be forwarded by the R.A.C. after the acceptance of the registration form. Each completed entry form should be sent to the secretary of the meeting not more than five weeks before the event, and not less than one week before the event.
17. The entry fee for each qualifying round will be 30/- and entries close 7 days before the event.



## 'PLAYERS N° 6' AUTOCROSS FORD ESCORTS

The Ford Escort, which was the long-awaited successor to the Ford Anglia, was launched on to the market in January, 1968. This car will spearhead the Ford competition efforts in Rallying and Saloon Car racing during this year. "Players No.6" are fortunate to have two of these exciting new cars for use during the 1968 Autocross season.

These cars, which bear the livery of "Players No.6", along with matching tow cars and trailers, will become a familiar sight during the 1968 Autocross season. They will be driven by motoring journalists who this year, for the first time, will have a championship of their own, whilst not competing directly against "Players No.6" National Autocross Championship contenders, however, they will gain points calculated on

the position they would have achieved had they been competing in the Championship. The four top scoring journalists will be invited to appear at the National Final.

The 'Players No.6' Escorts have been prepared by the Ford Performance Centre at Boreham in Essex under the direction of Fords Competitions Manager, Henry Taylor; and will be maintained throughout the season by Jeff Uren's company, Raceproved Performance and Racing Equipment Ltd., 177 Uxbridge Road, Hanwell W.7.

As safety precautions the cars will be fitted with a rollover bar and full harness safety belts for the driver's protection, and are also equipped with the very latest reflective safety number plates.

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