

RACE MEETING FOUR JULY - OULTON

RACING REVIEW

MINI

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July Meeting: Race 1

Scottish MINI Cooper Cup

Ross Wilkinson disappeared off in to the distance in his more powerful Cooper S. He won the race, and was the only starter in that R53 Cooper S class. But behind him the Cooper cars fought keenly for their class. Stuart McPhaden was on pole from returnee, former champion Robbie Dalgleish. But Robbie spent the race swapping the lead with Stuart McPhaden and Chad Little, who started on the second row of the grid. Stuart led the class until lap 4, when Robbie took over leading the Cooper cars. Chad followed Robbie on lap 4, and led the class on lap 6, but a lap Later Robbie Dalgleish was back ahead leading the Cooper cars in 2nd o/a from Chad. Daniel Paterson was in the mix, he'd qualified 4th in the Cooper Cup. He passed Stuart McPhaden on lap 3 for 3rd in the Cup. But Stuart re-passed him a couple of laps later. Then Daniel regained 3rd in the Cup, on lap 7. The final lap saw Robbie Dalgleish lead the Cooper Cup. He defended into the right hand Lodge corner close to the flag, and by finishing 2nd o/a he won the Cooper Cup class by a whisker from Chad Little. While Daniel Paterson came home 3rd in the Cooper Cup. He was less than two tenths of a second behind Chad Little. Stuart McPhaden and Chris Cockburn swapped places a couple of times before the end, finishing 4th and 5th chased by Jack Irvine at the flag. But post race a few time penalties were applied. So Jack Irvine was then 4th a few seconds back, with Stuart McPhaden now 5th and top newcomer. While a couple of seconds back and 6th in the Cup was Martin Wijetunga, with Barry Holmes on his tailgate in the 7th Cooper Cup car. The next two in the results were Michael Williams and Chris Cockburn. We had 15 cars start and Jensen Bell retired early in the race.



July Meeting: Race 2

Scottish MINI Cooper Cup

Ross Wilkinson had a separate pole, as he was in a different Cup, with his R53 Cooper S and the only starter. Ross ran away again and won, leaving a good scrap behind him amongst the Cooper Cup cars. The top 6 Cooper Cup cars from race 1 were reversed on the grid. This class was led off by Martin Wijetunga and Stuart McPhaden who was next to him, as they started. But by the end of lap 1, Robbie Dalgleish had made it to the front of the Cooper Cup cars and was 2nd o/a. He'd started 6th so was really on it. Martin Wijetunga was 2nd in the Cup with Stuart McPhaden close behind. Chad Little was close to Stuart in 4th in the Cup, as lap 1 ended. But Stuart passed Martin Wijetunga on lap 2 and was 2nd in the Cup until lap 5. Chad dropped a place to Chris Cockburn on lap 2 then re-passed him next lap. Then Chad passed Martin for 3rd in the Cup. He then passed Stuart on lap 5 for 2nd in the Cup. Robbie Dalgleish led the Cooper cars until lap 6, had a half spin mid race but hung on. But Chad Little was on it. He moved into the lead of the Cooper Cars by lap 6, a lead he held across the line until the race end. It was Chad Little who was 2nd o/a and winner of the Cooper Cup, by just 6 tenths of a second from Robbie Dalgleish. A few seconds back, Daniel Paterson was 3rd in the Cooper Cup at the finishing line, having grabbed this spot on lap 7. Stuart McPhaden was only half a second behind him in 4th in that Cup. Then 2 seconds later came Martin Wijetunga, who was 5th in the Cup and 6th o/a, having dropped behind Stuart on lap 8. Next up less than a second back, was Michael Williams, followed closely by Chris Cockburn and Jensen Bell who had started at the back of the grid. Barry Holmes was right with Jensen at the flag and they were really close over the line. In this race Ross Foster was a DNF, as 14 cars got home.

