

RACE MEETING FOUR JULY - KNOCKHILL

RACING REVIEW

C1

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July Meeting: Race 1

Scottish C1 Cup

James Hitchen was on pole from Newcomer Gregor McPhaden. 11 cars started including two guests. James Hitchen led on lap 1, then Gregor McPhaden took over at the front, but James fought back and led on lap 3. But Gregor retook the lead on lap 4, a lap later, and led all the way to the flag after 10 laps. It was a good win for the newcomer as he was under pressure and finished less than half a second clear on the road. But Hitchen who was a close 2nd had a post race time penalty applied and was classified 5th. Behind these two Ayden Wilson ran 3rd, for 3 laps then got up into 2nd demoting James Hitchen, for 2 laps, before James regained second on lap 6. Ayden Wilson would be classified 2nd post race a few seconds behind McPhaden. In 4th all race was James McCracken, who was then classified 3rd just 1.5 seconds behind Ayden Wilson. While Henry Gillespie took 4th after running 6th on lap 1. He passed fast starting Liam Kelso for 5th on lap 2, but was classified 4th. Liam Kelso took 6th after James Hitchen was reclassified and was 2nd in the newcomers class. Close behind in 7th came Marc Nisbet. He'd started 8th, passed Matthew Baldie on the 2nd lap and eased away. Matthew kept 8th following a fine qualifying on his return starting 6th and was top guest, with Sam Milne in 9th. Sam had lost the place on lap 3 to guest Martin Tracey, but regained it on lap 5. But on the final lap Martin Tracey retook 9th leaving Sam Milne 10th ahead of Kenneth Dock.



July Meeting: Race 2

Scottish C1 Cup

The top 5 cars from race 1 were reversed on the grid, so James Hitchen was on pole. This was a close race and James Hitchen led most of the race. Henry Gillespie was on the front row of the grid and held 2nd for a lap. Then Ayden Wilson the championship leader got past him. He chased James Hitchen before taking the lead on lap 9. These two finished side by side, it was almost a dead heat at the flag with only 0.004 secs separating them. Ayden Wilson taking the closest of wins. James McCracken was a couple of seconds back in 3rd. He started 4th dropped behind Gregor McPhaden to be 5th on lap 2, then jumped up two places on lap 4, passing both McPhaden and Henry Gillespie. Then James McCracken kept 3rd all the way to the flag, though Gregor McPhaden pressed hard and was just 2 tenths of a second back at the race end. Marc Nisbet started 6th and kept the place until lap 7 when he passed Henry Gillespie for 5th. Liam Kelso started 7th, ran in that spot until lap 4 when guest driver Matthew Baldie passed him. They swapped places on lap 7 then again a lap later. But post race Baldie had a time penalty which dropped him down to 10th overall, giving Liam Kelso 7th. Martin Tracey finished top guest in 8th less than a second ahead of Sam Milne, having passed Sam on the last lap. Kenneth Dock was 11th having dived with Martin Tracey and they had swapped places mid race.



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July Meeting: Race 1

Scottish Fiesta ST Cup

James Dickie was on pole from defending champion Gerry Hendry, but just one tenth of a second separated them. It was Gerry Hendry who led after lap 1, and he held on to take a close win from James Dickie by a couple of seconds. Dave Colville started in 3rd but dropped to 8th after lap 1. He fought back, running 6th on lap 3 as he passed Lachlan MacLachan, while Andrew Mackie who started 4th had retired on lap 3. Dave Colville was into 5th on lap 7, having demoted Angus Ross. Dave Colville ran in 5th until lap 11, when he jumped up 2 places to be 3rd. He passed Michael Gordon who had started 6th but had moved up to 4th during two early laps. Dave also demoted Peter Cruickshank, and the veteran was running well. Peter had started 5th, took 4th as Dave dropped places, then Peter took 3rd from Andrew Mackie on lap 3. Peter Cruickshank then held 3rd until lap 11 and finished less than a second behind Dave Colville in 4th. Michael Gordon got home 5th less than half a second behind Peter, with Angus Ross not far behind in 6th and top newcomer from Lachlan MacLachlan.



July Meeting: Race 2

Scottish Fiesta ST Cup

Gerry Hendry led every lap having started on pole. He was just under 2 seconds clear of Jamie Dickie at the chequered flag. These two had Dave Colville for close company all race. He was only half a second back in 3rd at the race end. Peter Cruickshank held 4th on lap 1, then was passed by Andrew Mackie. Peter Cruickshank regained 4th on lap 3, but dropped back from the top 3 racers. He was chased by Andrew Mackie until lap 8, when Michael Gordon took 5th and he then pressed Peter. At the flag Michael Gordon finished just 0.4 seconds back in 5th, with Andrew Mackie 6th a couple of seconds further back. Angus Ross was top newcomer and close behind him in 7th. Lachlan MacLachlan finished 8th and 2nd newcomer. Gerry Hendry has won every race so far this season, but it's close at the front, as 3 cars have a real chance of a win.

