

TRACK TALK TRACK TALK TRACK TALK

Hello and welcome to Aycliffe Stadium. This afternoon we expect to see some of the fastest racing ever on this circuit. Mind, as I type that, I do have my fingers crossed. You see we have had the back straight tarmacadamed as promised, but owing to the fantastic weather that we have been having, as yet (almost a week late) it hasn't set hard. So for once we are hoping for some poor weather before the meeting, or it could just turn out to be like something from Whacky Races instead of Formula One Stocks. At the moment I think it would be a bit like driving through sticky toffee, so we hope that even if the sunny spells keep on during the day that we get a few cold nights.

Wild Wolf struck a blow for Lancashire in the current battle of the Roses here at Aycliffe. Determined not to let those Yorkshire Tykes take another grand slam of victories here he romped home in his Heat and then, to show it wasn't a fluke, he roared to victory in the Grand National. The honour of the white rose upheld by Willie in Heat one; Andy Stott showed us all just how he had earned his new Superstar status when he roared to victory in the Consolation, whilst another Yorkshireman, Mike Close, was the winner in the Final making it two in a row here at Aycliffe. No doubt he will be going all out for his hat-trick this afternoon, and judging from the way he performed on the 11th it seems more than possible that he could make it. On the 11th we saw the surprise, but very welcome, return to racing of Gordon Smith. Gordon's rugged style of driving has always been a joy to watch and it was great to see him back in action. Whilst on the subject of Action two local drivers, who are always in the thick of it this season, the 138 Trevor Todd and 294 John Dawson. Although they are both yellow graded at the moment, I have a feeling that both of them will be needing to get busy with a paint brush shortly, possibly even within the next few days.

After last meeting we had a letter of complaint from a long time Aycliffe fan about the use of the yellow lights and waving flags. Now, while I agree that occasionally they are used when what looks like a potentially dangerous situation sorts itself out relatively quickly, but the flag marshals have to take split second decisions in these situations—remember many of these cars lap the circuit in under 18 seconds—which doesn't leave much margin for error. Stock Car Racing has come a long way since it first operated in this country, it now comes under stringent rules, and we at Aycliffe do our very best to uphold them. Anyone who has ever watched motor sports abroad or on Television will know that the practice with the waving yellows is widespread. Why, only a few weeks ago on Grandstand, it happened several times during the Championship races between top American Stox Drivers and International World Formula One stars—this on an unfenced circuit where an escape route was always available. Do we really want to put drivers lives in jeopardy, risk them being maimed, just to avoid a few moments delay? I know that I don't, and I don't think that many other fans do. I do know one thing though, before the new rule was in operation, and the flashing lights installed, on one occasion, after an accident, it took almost a whole lap to stop a race and get help to a driver injured on the in-field. On that occasion we were inundated with letters complaining about the delay in getting help to the driver—the delay on that occasion about 25 seconds. So it looks as though once again it has been proved that you can't please all the people all of the time. He also pointed out that we could hardly be said to live up to our Aycliffe for Action Slogan as long as the yellow flag system was still in operation.

Well, cheerio for now folks. Enjoy the racing, and we hope that we will see you all again in two weeks time when once more Aycliffe will roar into action with another afternoon of all that is best in short circuit racing. So see you then. Blast off will be at 3 p.m. as usual.



BRISCA Formula One Supercar Stox

Nº 0722

**Sunday, 25th May
Official Programme**



BRITISH STOCK CAR ASSOCIATION

The Association of Promoters Licensed by the Stock Car Racing Board of Control Limited

Track Officials

Promoters :

Apex Promotions (R. Deane, T. Geldard, E. A. Deane)

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Signals in use at the Meeting

The **Green Flag** is dropped at the starting line when the race is on. During the race it signifies that the course is clear. The **Yellow Flag** held steady at scene of incident, racing proceeds but use caution. Yellow flags waved and amber lights flashing, cars will form into an Indian file and proceed at only rolling lap speed. Racing will proceed as normal when amber lights go out and green flag is waved. The **Red Flag** and/or Red Lights **Stop Racing immediately** and the **Black Flag** is to order a car off the track. The **Chequered Flag** indicates the end of a race.

WARNING : Motor Racing is Dangerous

You are present at this Meeting entirely at your risk and admission is subject to the condition 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 drivers and owners of vehicles, are absolved from liability in respect of personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to you or damage to your property however caused.

No money will be refunded under any circumstances whatsoever. The Club reserves the right to change, vary or omit any part of the programme without previous notice.

All drivers taking part do so at their own risk.

**There will no Re-admission and No Money Refunded
Betting is Absolutely Prohibited**

AYCLIFFE FIXTURES 1980

JUNE

Sunday 8 Formula One and Formula Two
Sunday 22 Formula One 'Daily Mirror Grand Prix'

JULY

Sunday 6 Formula One and Formula Two
Sunday 20 Formula One and Supercar Stox

AUGUST

Sunday 17 Formula One and Formula Two
Monday 25 Formula Two North Eastern Drivers Championship
Supercar Stox North Eastern Drivers Championship
Destruction Derby

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7 Formula One and Supercar Stox
Sunday 21 Formula One and Formula Two

OCTOBER

Sunday 5 Formula One North Eastern Drivers Championship
Supercar Stox

AYCLIFFE ROLL OF HONOUR FOR 1980

APRIL

Monday 7 678 Dave Parrington—Formula 2
7 84 John Horn—Supercar
Sunday 13 212 Frankie Wainman—Formula 1
Sunday 27 199 Mike Close—Formula 1

MAY

Sunday 11 199 Mike Close—Formula 1



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1st RACE

16 LAPS

HEAT 1**Formula 1**

391	Stuart Smith	Rochdale	Chev	Superstar
160	Andrew Stott	Flockton	Chev	
199	Mike Close	Starbottom	Chev	Star
190	Len Wolfenden	Nelson	Chev	
351	Sam Ostle	Kirkby Stephen	Chev	Blue
280	Simon Gill	Sabden	Chev	
488	Colin Gautry	Rodley	???	
354	Richard Ainsworth	Ulverston	Chrysler	
294	John Dowson	Haswell	Ford	Yellow
241	George Rudd	Boroughbridge	Ford	
275	Eric Hullah	Harrogate	Buick	
457 458				
461	Arthur Featherstone	Bishop Auckland	Buick	White
374	Brian Speight	Wakefield	Mercury	
452	Joe Jopling	Aycliffe	Chev	
414	Terry Forster	Peterlee	Buick	
197	Steve McAvoy	Sunderland	Ford	

1st 199 2nd 391 3rd 190 4th 280 5th 488 6th 275 7th 469 8th 241

2nd RACE

16 LAPS

HEAT 2**Formula 1**

212	Frankie Wainman	Silsden	Chev	W'Champ
131	Pete Hodgson	Dewsbury	Chev	Superstar
2	Willie Harrison	Rotherham	Chev	Star
53	John Lund	Rimington	Chev	
250	Gerald Taylor	Coxhoe	Ford	
64	Ken Hopes	Huddersfield	Chev	Blue
286	John Toulson	Middleton-in-Teesdale	Chev	
235	Tony Bell	Silsden	????	
229	John Hillam	Gomersall	Chev	

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95	John Lund	Clitheroe	Chev	Yellow
319	David Wadsworth	Wakefield	Chev	
138	Trevor Todd	Haswell	Chev	
296	Reg Hullah	Harrogate	Chrysler	
77	Wally Storry	Arthington	Ford	White
358	Malc Hall	Stockton	Ford	
30	Geoff Marsden	Stockton	Ford	
14	Gordon Forster	Ferryhill	Buick	

1st 2 2nd 138 3rd 286 4th 131 5th 358 6th 14 7th 296 8th 17

3rd RACE

16 LAPS

HEAT 1**Supercar Stox**

RED			50 John Hutchinson Northallerton	
19 Greg Morris	Catterick	47 Paul Hewitson	Darlington	
84 John Horn	Shotton Colliery	WHITE		
54 Dave Chance	Hebburn	43 Bob Fegan	Stockton	
BLUE			55 Trevor Allen	Aycliffe
23 Melvyn Watson	Bedale	16 Ray Weldon	Aycliffe	
69 Ian Bell	Saltburn	12 Denis Whitfield	Darlington	
96 Mike North	Sherburn in Elmet	17 David Bird	Castle Eden	
88 John Wilson	Darlington	49 John Dörner	Redcar	
45 Steve Wardle	Ravensworth	46 Richard Hewitson	Darlington	
30 Neville Elliott	Wardley	48 Mal Chance	Hebburn	
YELLOW			35 David Berry	Hebburn
18 Paul Rudd	Gateshead	61 Ian Simpson	Low Fell	
41 David Pinkney	Stockton	63 Phil Aithison	Gateshead	
94 Chris North	Sherburn in Elmet	39 David James	Ferryhill	

1st 54 2nd 19 3rd 24 4th 88 5th 69 6th 17 7th 78 8th 23

4th RACE

16 LAPS

CONSOLATION**Formula 1**

461 374 452 414 197 30 457 458 294 95 319 95
 499 351 354 235 229 160 250 53 212
 1st 212 2nd 229 3rd 235 4th 351 5th 160 6th 354 7th 452 8th 30

th Race
John Horn (disq) placed third 1st position goes to 17
(David Bird)

5th RACE

16 LAPS

HEAT 2

Supercar Stox

17 61 22 35 46 47 50 78 84 96 83 45 69 19 38
43 18 16 49

1st. 17... 2nd. 50... 3rd. 94... 4th. 23... 5th. 54... 6th. 22... 7th. 53... 8th. 19...

6th RACE

20 LAPS

GRAND FINAL

Formula 1

439 291 496 138 325 14 275 241 296 280 469 400 35
286 235 199 2 250 131 212 391

1st. 2... 2nd. 199... 3rd. 138... 4th. 286... 5th. 391... 6th. 235... 7th. 14... 8th. 241...

7th RACE

16 LAPS

HEAT 3

Supercar Stox

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

8th RACE

16 LAPS

GRAND NATIONAL

296 451 190 250 199 53 235 391 499 138 229 230 457
229 325 488 2 212 358 280

1st. 199... 2nd. 212... 3rd. 138... 4th. 53... 5th. 499... 6th. 319... 7th. 2... 8th. 457...

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Bristol—May 26th—Formula 1
Coventry—June 7th—Formula 1
Hartlepool June 1st—Formula 1
Leicester—June 21st—Formula 1
Long Eaton—May 31st—Formula 1 and Formula 2
Newton Abbott—May 26th—Formula 2
Northampton—June 14th—Formula 1
Rochdale—May 31st—Formula 1 and Formula 2
St. Austell—June 10th—Formula 2
St. Day—June 15th—Formula 2
Sheffield—June 9th—Formula 1
Skegness—May 28th—Formula 1
Taunton—June 8th—Formula 2
White City—June 14th—Formula 1 and Formula 2

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