

**CASTLE COMBE SPORTS & GT CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION
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Round 4, Sunday 20th June.



Andrew Shanley became the first driver to take two wins in the 2010 Castle Combe Sports & GT Championship at the June Summer Racing Carnival after an epic fight with Josh Fisher last weekend.

The two fought a racelong duel, and both had spells in front, before Shanley had a better run in traffic and brought his Radical Prosport two seconds ahead of Fisher.

Former single-seater ace Fisher took his unusual Mantis to pole with a time of 1m04.538s, just 0.246 seconds ahead of Shanley. Reigning champion Simon Tilling, winner of the first round of the year, wasn't far behind in third with 1m05.415s.

Shanley didn't seem to move away very well at the start of the race, but great acceleration up Avon Rise allowed him to lead as the field turned into Quarry for the first time. Despite Tilling's practice pace, the Radical SR3 RS couldn't hold onto to the leaders and Shanley and fisher quickly drove away into a race of their own.

Fisher stayed tied to the tail of the leading Radical and finally found a way by just before half-distance. Any thoughts the Mantis would pull clear were quickly dispelled, however, as Shanley took his turn to track the leader.

With the pair so evenly matched it was the traffic that eventually decided it. There were just over two laps to go when Fisher was delayed through Folly and Shanley got a run at the Mantis. He drew alongside and the Radial slotted back ahead as the pair raced towards Camp.



(Shanley's decisive move in traffic. Image: Oliver Read.)

Shanley then set a new fastest lap next time through, but Fisher only lost a sniff of the leader when he was held up by backmarkers again on the final tour and had to settle for second. He was still happy with his day's work. "It was one of the best races I've had here," said Fisher.

Tilling completed the podium after a lonely race. He had fitted new tyres for the event and they had quickly gone off. His fastest lap was more than 0.8 seconds slower than his qualifying best.

Guy Parr's Nemesis was a similarly solitary fourth, but there was a close fight behind him. British GT racer Duncan Cameron, at Combe for the Britcar enduro, decided to enter the circuit's sportscar counter as well.

His MTECH Ferrari 430 started 10th, but quickly made its way through to sixth. Cameron then slipped past Norman Lackford's Radical on lap five. The big Ferrari could never quite break away from the 1500cc Prosport, who kept the pressure up to the end, but managed to hold on for fifth by a third of a second.

Class B once again fell to the Lotus Exige of Mark Funnell in ninth overall. He had suffered a problem on the green flag lap, but turned the ignition off and back on again and the issue cleared itself. He was then squeezed at the start, but comfortably took the class.

Far less easy was the battle for Class C. David Jones qualified his Caterham 7 ahead of erstwhile championship leader Keith Dunn (Caterham C400) and made the early running.

Dunn kept the pressure up and was almost rewarded on the last lap as the leaders lapped the duo. He attacked Jones into Camp, but Jones kept his nerve to cross the line just 0.183 seconds ahead.

Pos.	Cl.	Cl. Pos.	Driver	Car	Time	Qual.
1	A	1	Andrew Shanley	Radical Prosport	13:16.232	2
2	A	2	Josh Fisher	Mantis Sports Racing	+1.977	1
3	A	3	Simon Tilling	Radical SR3 RS	+21.737	3
4	A	4	Guy Parr	Nemesis 02	+29.982	4
5	I	1	Duncan Cameron	Ferrari 430 GT3	+43.975	10
6	A	5	Norman Lackford	Radical Prosport	+44.286	6
7	A	6	Andy Tidy	Radical Prosport	+45.744	9
8	A	7	Des Andrews	Radical SR3	+59.567	8
9	B	1	Mark Funnell	Lotus Exige	+1:02.312	11
10	A	8	Josh Smith	Radical Clubsport	+1:10.141	12
11	A	9	Scott Couper	Juno	+1 Lap	7
12	C	1	David Jones	Caterham 7	+1 Lap	13
13	C	2	Keith Dunn	Caterham C400	+1 Lap	14
14	C	3	Patrick Havill	Caterham Vauxhall	+1 Lap	19
15	B	2	Chris Child	Westfield SE	+1 Lap	17
16	I	2	Ron Bush	Radical SR3	+1 Lap	16
17	C	4	Stuart Dixon	Caterham Superlight	+1 Lap	18
18	B	3	Steve Putt	Mazda RX7	+1 Lap	20
19	B	4	Maxim Taylor	Mazda RX7	+1 Lap	23
20	C	5	George Michael	Toyota MR2 GT	+1 Lap	22
21	A	10	Jeremy Irwin	Jertona 85/09 GT	+1 Lap	21
22	C	6	Andy Jermain	Ford Escort RS	+2 Laps	26
DNF	B	N/A	Phil Gale	Darran	+10 Laps	25
DNF	A	N/A	Mike Roberts	Radical SR3	+11 Laps	5
DNF	A	N/A	Danny Hubbard	Radical SR3 RS	+12 Laps	15

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