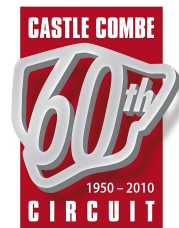




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CASTLE COMBE SPORTS & GT CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH PERFORMANCE-CARS.NET

Round 5, Sunday 18th July.



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It was almost as if Andrew Shanley's Radical Prosport was in another time zone, such was his dominance in Sunday's Castle Combe Sports & GT Championship in association with performance-cars.net race.

Simon Tilling's Radical SR3 had taken pole by 1.8 seconds from Shanley, with Mark Furnell's Lotus Exige and Josh Fisher's Mantis sharing the second row over a spread of four seconds plus.

It was all pretty chaotic on the opening lap, but Shanley came past the pits with a lead of 1.9s already. Fisher eventually came through second, from Guy Parr's Nemesis, Mike Roberts' Radical SR3 and Chris Child's Westfield.

But there were a number of very early casualties - including poleman Tilling. "I was heading into the Esses with Gary Prebble's Mitsubishi on my right. I was challenging and as we turned in Guy Parr hit me in the side and pushed me into Gary," Tilling explained. He was out and Prebble limped to the pits to retire,

Fisher really started to push hard after Shanley, which created an 11-second gap to Parr by the second lap. Roberts took Parr for third on lap three and Norman Lackford's Radical nipped into fifth ahead of

Child, who then had a wild spin across the grass opposite the pits and lost another place to Scott Couper's Juno.

Parr was the next casualty: "I had a coming together with Simon and Gary on the first lap when I braked and nothing happened at The Esses. I carried on for four laps until my back tyre went flat at Tower," he explained.

Roberts was left clear in third, which soon became second after Fisher was tripped up by a backmarker. "He got in my way by going one side then the other into Old Paddock. I went off on the grass to avoid him and it just dug in," Fisher explained.

Lackford was now third, from Couper, Funnell, Guy Woodward's Radical and David Jones' Caterham, before another backmarker saw to Funnell's demise.

Shanley just kept flying round untroubled into the flag with nearly 24s in hand. Roberts and Lackford held station in second third, but Woodward finally secured fourth after a great scrap with Couper, which featured numerous exchanges. "I had got pushed onto the grass early on but had to fight back, the car was really running well and it was only my third ever race," said Couper. "I had stalled at the start but did my best to stay out of trouble, got hit but kept going," Woodward replied.

Class C Caterham rivals David Jones, Keith Dunn and Patrick Havill were next up, with Jones grabbing the class win on the last lap. "Keith was really tough out there and when he is in front of you it's hard. But I got him at Quarry on the last lap," said a jubilant Jones. Steve Putt's Mazda RX7 was ninth ahead of class B rival Child.

Pos.	Cl.	Cl. Pos.	Driver	Car	Time	Qual.
1	A	1	Andrew Shanley	Radical Prosport	19:09.621	2
2	A	2	Mike Roberts	Radical SR3	+23.722	8
3	A	3	Norman Lackford	Radical Pro Sport	+24.946	7
4	A	4	Guy Woodward	Radical SR3	+45.929	5
5	A	5	Scott Couper	Juno	+46.297	11
6	C	1	David Jones	Caterham 7	+55.603	15
7	C	2	Keith Dunn	Caterham C400	+56.011	22
8	C	3	Patrick Havill	Caterham Vauxhall	+1:03.623	23
9	B	1	Steve Putt	Mazda RX7	+1 lap	17
10	B	2	Chris Child	Westfield SE	+1 lap	14
11	C	4	Tim Woodman	Caterham 7	+1 lap	20
12	A	6	Danny Hubbard	Radical SR3	+1 lap	9
13	A	7	Jeremy Irwin	Jertona 85/90 GT	+1 lap	25
14	C	5	George Michael	Toyota MR2 GT	+1 lap	19
15	C	6	Stuart Dixon	Caterham Superlight	+1 lap	26
16	A	8	Martin Phillipson	Radical SR3	+1 lap	12
17	B	3	Phil Gale	Darrian	+1 lap	21
18	C	7	Andy Jermain	Ford Escort RS2000	+1 lap	27
DNF	C	N/A	Keith Sprules	Ferrari 360 Challenge	+2 laps	16
DNF	B	N/A	Mark Funnell	Lotus Exige	+5 laps	3
DNF	A	N/A	David Smith	Mallock MK34	+7 laps	18
DNF	B	N/A	Maxim Taylor	Mazda RX7	+8 laps	24
DNF	A	N/A	Josh Fisher	Mantis Sports Racing	+10 laps	4
DNF	A	N/A	Guy Parr	Nemesis 02	+11 laps	10
DNF	A	N/A	Martin Baker	Radical Clubsport	+12 laps	13
DNF	B	N/A	Gary Prebble	Mitsubishi Evo RS7 Sprint	+14 laps	6
DNF	A	N/A	Simon Tilling	Radical SR3	+15 laps	1

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