

December 2006

End of season, 2006.

Oulton Park

The season closed with a final race for 2006 at Oulton Park, using the International Circuit. This has to be one of the best circuits in the UK.

The race began with its usual frantic pace and numerous leaders. The excitement and pressure continued right down to the last stint, which saw six teams swapping places right up the chequered flag and only three seconds separating the top three cars.

Although JPR 1 were the victors of this nail-biting race, it is Team Honeywell who have proved themselves to be the most successful team of 2006, with Geoff Fawcett and Neil Plimmer at the helm, proving yet again that strong team work, together with pace and reliability from the car, have earned them the position of “top dogs” for the season., resulting in the coveted “No. 1” taking pride of place on their car for 2007.

2006 World Cup Race in Spain

2006 brought about the first “World Cup” race in Spain which was supported by a British contingent. Six teams from the UK competed alongside teams from Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and even Switzerland.

On the Saturday, teams endured three hours of qualifying in relentless rain. I, personally, have driven on some extremely slippery circuits in the past,

but can honestly say that this was by far the worst! Nevertheless, it was fantastic fun and an excellent qualifying session was enjoyed by all!

On the Saturday evening, all teams were invited to a fantastic party, with live entertainment, delicious food and copious quantities of alcohol.

The grid draw placed Trucks 2 Go in P2 on the front row, with JPR 1 and Scarab in 5th and 6th positions respectively.

JPR2 driven by Mark Burton, Grahame Pattel and Nigel Gleeson drew 45th place, with Ted Reddick and Wes Evans in JPR 3, drawing 46th place.

With a rolling start in damp conditions, chaos soon gripped the entire field, but not before allowing JPR1 to seize the lead position of the British cars, closely followed by Trucks 2 Go, driven by Chris Hart. Sadly, Scarab were demoted to mid-field after a shunt with an Italian car. Prestige Wheels, JPR2 and JPR3 slowly picked off the competition until the latter managed to claw their way upto 16th place, only to become snarled up in a shunt, landing them in the pit garage for over an hour. But with the car repaired, they were out again, eventually finishing in a very respectable 39th place. JPR2 encountered mechanical problems, forcing them to pit for a new distributor, resulting in the final position of 30th. The Scarab car encountered yet more accident damage, so finished 42nd. Trucks 2 Go finished 8th, with Prestige Wheels in 6th and JPR1 in 2nd.

2006 Season

The 2006 season has seen a number of changes, which have made it the most successful to date. I hope the introduction of the coach and new hospitality awning have made Fun Cup racing even more enjoyable, not just for you, as drivers, but for your team members, families, friends and sponsors too.

I am extremely happy to report that we have, in fact, grown this year in size, from 24 cars at the start of the season, to 39 cars at the time of writing, with more in the pipeline. This is an incredible 62.5% increase on last year! I don't think any other series can boast such an increase. Ideally, I would like to see at least 40 Fun Cup cars in the UK, before the first race of 2007.

I know some of you are upgrading your cars this year, which means there will be a few second-hand ones available for sale. If you are interested, please call me.

Autosport Show, 2007.

As usual, we will be exhibiting at the Autosport Show in January (11th, 12th, 13th & 14th) Stand 10207. Please drop in for a coffee (sadly, no beer!).

2007 Provisional Race Dates

I must stress that these dates **really are** provisional.

6th & 7th May – Croft - Double Header
2 x 3 hours.

9/10th June - Mondello Park - Double Header
2 x 3 hours.

8/9th July Spa 25 hours.

4th August – Snetterton - 4 hours

1st September - Brands Hatch - 3 hours.

6th October - Oulton Park - 4 hours.

11th & 12th November - Jarama -
World Cup.

New Customer Test Days

These will be held at Donington Park and Oulton Park, during February, March and April, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in getting involved in the Fun Cup, this is the ideal opportunity for them to test the car. Dates will be posted on the website in the "latest news" section. Alternatively, bring them along to the NEC.

Change of premises

As some of you are already aware, in order to facilitate the growth of the series, we will be moving premises during December. Address and phone numbers will be posted on the website as soon as the move is complete.

Also, due to annual holidays, the Fun Cup office will be closed from 6th – 20th December.

Finally, everyone at Fun Cup UK and JPR would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Autosport Show in January and of course, at the start of the 2007 season.

Kind regards

Paul Rose
Series Director

