



73 Rob Cowley's last ever meeting after a 40-year career, seen here after his Farewell race with his fellow competitors and Des Chandler doing the presentations – thank you for all the entertainment Rob! Plus 124 Kyle Gray riding over 180 Courtney Witts in the Final

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F1 Stock Cars – Gala Meeting / Dave Leonard Under 25 Championship / Dave Leonard Memorial Trophy / Rob Cowley Farewell (71 drivers in 62 cars. 1st 12 from heats and 1st 8 from cons to Dave Leonard Memorial Trophy Final)

Drivers Racing:

10 George Macmillan Jnr	127 Austin Moore	256 Dan McLaren	415 Russell Cooper
11 Neil Scriven	164 John Fortune	257 Jason Griffiths	422 Ben Riley
13 Kelvin Hassell	172 Micky Randell	259 Paul Hines	443 Richard Dickerson
16 Matt Newson	175 Karl Hawkins	268 Richard Woods	448 Jason Eaton
22 Will Yarrow	180 Courtney Witts	275 Terry Hawkins	451 Martin Spiers
28 Tom Boyer	183 Steve Whittle	283 Alex Wass	464 Luke Davidson
37 Chris Cowley	186 Todd Jones	287 Sean Willis	468 Danny Colliver
45 Nigel Harray	191 Joshua Smith	308 Steve Malkin Jnr	478 Shane Geary
54 Sierd de Vries	211 Phoebe Wainman	312 John Thompson	480 Fraser Nairn
69 Matt Barnard	212 Danny Wainman	322 James Neachell	501 George Elwell
70 Aaron Leach	217 Lee Fairhurst	325 Richard Davies	512 Michael Steward
71 Keiran Leach	218 Derek Fairhurst	341 Ian Clayton	515 Frankie Wainman Jnr
72 Ryan Jones	219 Jacklyn Ellis	346 Ashley England	520 John Englestone
73 Rob Cowley	220 William Hunter	361 Steve Reedman	529 Mark Osborne
93 Sam Makim	232 Bryn Tootell	367 Steve Shaw	544 Ben Howard
101 Tristan Jackson	242 Joe Nickolls	385 Sam Render	546 Jay Hewitt
104 Paul Spooner	243 Mark Lammas	387 Hannah Chappell	555 Frankie Wainman JJ
124 Kyle Gray	255 Andrew Lomas	408 Ant Whorton-Eales	

Note: Shared Cars (*Under 25 Race, †Rob Cowley Farewell Race, §Meeting Proper)

16† & 443§	191* & 11§	259† & 10§
70* & 71§	217*§ & 218†	346*§ & 515†
175* & 275§	220* & 255§	385* & 287§

Results:

Dave Leonard Under 25 Championship (31 cars): 217, 283, 346, 408, 212, 101, 512, 555, 124, 220, 191, 180.

Rob Cowley Farewell (10 cars): 73, 16, 259, 22, 512, 37, 218, 212, 555, 515.

Heat 1 (33 cars): 464, 346, 322, 124, 243, 183, 164, 287, 312, 520, 546, 242.

Heat 2 (24 cars): 180, 217, 408, 104, 555, 361, 10, 22, 73, 443, 283, 211.

Cons (26 cars): 212, 186, 11, 232, 308, 127, 275, 28, 172, 268, 93, 255.

Dave Leonard Memorial Trophy Final (30 cars): 172, 212, 11, 464, 346, 183, 283, 164, 22, 73, 10, 232.

A big turnout of cars and drivers, including 9 novices with ex-Ministocker 124 Kyle Gray on his debut. Others amongst the line-up were ex-Saloon and Banger driver 520 John Englestone, ex-F2 driver (and now Outlaw F2 driver) 312 John Thompson, F2 drivers 10 George Macmillan Jnr and 544 Ben Howard, ex-Rebel and Stoxkarts driver 72 Ryan Jones, ex-F2 drivers 243 Marc Lammas and 257 Jason Griffiths, Hot Stox drivers 69 Matt Barnard, 242 Joe Nickolls and 275 Terry Hawkins, while there were four Lady drivers in 180 Courtney Witts, 211 Phoebe Wainman, 219 Jacklyn Ellis and 387 Hannah Chappell. Car sharing was allowed between the two out of meeting races (the Under 25 Championship and the Rob Cowley Farewell race) and the meeting proper, with nine cars each having two drivers as shown above.

The Under-25s Championship saw a large grid assemble, with those drivers not having competed at three or more meetings this year lining up at the rear. 127 Austin Moore led 101 Tristan Jackson and 283 Alex Wass, before 268 Richard Woods spun on turn 4. The yellow flags then came out for the fenced 219 Ellis on turn 4, with 127 Moore still leading for the restart. A push into turn 3 in the pack saw 211 Wainman fenced, as 283 Wass took over the lead from 127 Moore and 346 Ashley England. 501 George Elwell spun on turn 4 along with 546 Jay Hewitt and 451 Martin Spiers, as 346 England took over second ahead of 217 Lee Fairhurst. Fairhurst then dived up England's inside into turn 1 before bumpering past 283 Wass on turn 3 for the lead and title.

The Rob Cowley Farewell race saw the grid made up of drivers invited by Rob, and included 218 Derek Fairhurst in son Lee's car, while an extra surprise entrant to the race was Rob's son 37 Chris. 73 Cowley led the field away, but ran into the turn 3 armco, 37 Cowley taking over ahead of 512 Michael Steward and 259 Paul Hines. Hines then moved into the lead, as 73 Cowley collected the turn 4 fence. 16 Matt Newson overhauled Hines, before 73 Cowley found a spurt of speed and passed 22 Will Yarrow for third. 73 Cowley took over second, and then got the better of 37 Cowley for the lead, only to have 16 Newson shove past him with two laps to run. 73 Cowley got back ahead of Newson, before 259 Hines hit past him into turn 1, 73 Cowley retaking the lead again on the last bend for the win!

Heat 1 started with a pile up on turns 1 and 2 bringing out the yellow flags. The restart saw a skirmish into turn 3 which put 101 Jackson and 256 Dan McLaren into the fence, the yellow flags waving again. 13 Kelvin Hassell led the next restart from 287 Sean Willis and 308 Steve Malkin Jnr, before 464 Luke Davidson moved up the order and into the lead, with 346 England giving chase, Davidson going on for the win.

480 Fraser Nairn spun early in the second heat on turn 4 for a caution period, 180 Witts leading the restart from 104 Paul Spooner and 451 Spiers. 268 Woods T-boned 54 Sierd de Vries off turn 4 and down the home straight and onto the infield, as 217 Fairhurst came up the order in the closing laps for second, but he could not catch 180 Witts who claimed the flag.

127 Moore led the consolation from 308 Malkin and 448 Jason Eaton, as 54 de Vries and 480 Nairn tangled at the end of the home straight and came to a halt against the turn 2 armco locked together. 172 Micky Randell moved into second from 186 Todd Jones, as 468 Danny Colliver spun on turn 1. 186 Jones then spun 172 Randell on turn 2 for second, before 308 Malkin drifted wide and 186 Jones moved into the lead. However, 186 Jones then went wide on the pit bend and tangled with 529 Mark Osborne and they slammed into the turn 1 fence. 212 Danny Wainman shot through to lead as the yellow flags came out to check on 529 Osborne. The restart, over just one lap, saw 212 Wainman get away to take the win, while 186 Jones fenced 308 Malkin into the last bend in the battle for second and 256 McLaren rode up the infield banking into turn 3.

The Dave Leonard Memorial Trophy Final saw three qualifiers fail to grid, with 172 Randell coming in as a reserve. 180 Witts led from 124 Gray, as 243 Lammas and 104 Spooner tangled to ride up the infield banking off turn 4. 287 Willis rode over 211 Wainman into turn 1 and they got stuck as 124 Gray moved into the lead. The yellow flags came out for Willis and Wainman, 124 Gray heading 180 Witts and 283 Wass for the restart, with 172 Randell soon bumpering past 283 Wass on turn 3. 11 Neil Scriven dished out a big hit to 164 John Fortune into turn 3, before 172 Randell got the better of 180 Witts into turn 3. The backmarking 520 Englestone got in 124 Gray's way on turn 3, 180 Witts going up his inside only to tangle with Gray, Gray riding over Witts down the home straight to catch his front bumper on her aerofoil. The yellow flags came out, with 172 Randell leading 11 Scriven and 212 Wainman for the restart. Wainman overhauled Scriven into turn 1 for second, as 172 Randell went on to take victory.

F2 Stock Cars – Gala Night Championship (50 cars – 1st 6 cars from Last Chance to Gala Night Championship. 7th-11th from Last Chance and 1st 12 from Gala Night Championship and cons to Final)

Drivers Racing:

4 Martin Ford	251 Craig Driscoll	432 James Dorlin	618 Ben Lockwood
7 Gordon Moodie	272 Jason Ward	475 Nathan Harrison	700 Adam Rubery
23 Colin Johnston	282 Ant Riley	476 Ryan Wadling	719 Colin Smith
25 Stuart Hodson	287 Luke Beeson	527 James Riggall	811 Lyndon Rushby
53 Phillip Mann	297 Paul Bailey	533 John Whittaker	817 Timothy Bailey
59 Lee Dimmick	299 Stephen Smith	538 Chevy Mills	828 Julian Coombes
126 Jamie Avery	316 Dave Muckian	542 Steven Gilbert	847 Charlie England
127 Matt Stoneman	318 Leyton O'Reilly	544 James Rogers	901 Ian Thompson Jnr
142 Jonathan Hadfield	324 Jordan Thackra	560 Luke Wrench	908 Stephen Pegg
154 Michael Green	338 Warren Brocksopp	572 James Lindsay	NI929 Conor Hughes
175 Ashley Pursey	359 Gary Wrench	581 Daniel Fallows	935 Nathan Maidment
178 Mark Dews	387 Jason McDonald	606 Andrew Palmer	
222 Adrian Watts	416 Chris Yeates	613 Ian Serpell	

Results:

Last Chance (Heat 1) (24 cars): 251, 847, 538, 544, 432, 178, 299, 359, 272, 282, 613, 811.

Gala Night Championship (Heat 2) (32 cars): 560, 127, 542, 606, 817, 25, 581, 476, 527, 618, 935, 59.

Cons (27 cars): 847, 7, 700, 251, 901, 538, 154, 828, 432, 175, 318, 297.

Final (26 cars): 7, 560, 251, 127, 817, 828, 527, 542, 618, 847.

Dash for Cash (18 cars): 127, 527, 560, 581, 618, 542, 25, 324, 538, 282. (Note: Amended result to that announced, 324 inserted into 8th)

The line-up included three from Scotland and one from Northern Ireland, plus 316 Dave Muckian making his first appearance in around 10 years, with 272 Jason Ward (ex-501) back after a few years, and Renault Clio circuit racer 432 James Dorlin on his F2 debut.

Heat 1 doubled up as a Last Chance Qualifier for the Gala Night Championship, with 533 John Whittaker spinning on turn 4, as 847 Charlie England led 251 Craig Driscoll and 544 James Rogers. 251 Driscoll took over the lead after the first lap, the order then remaining unchanged amongst the first three until the closing stages when 538 Chevy Mills passed 544 Rogers. 811 Lyndon Rushby bumpered past 299 Steve Smith on turn 2, Smith coming back to spin Rushby into turn 3, as 251 Driscoll went on for the win.

The Gala Night Championship lined up with the qualifiers based on the October grading points, along with those from the Last Chance. 251 Driscoll set the pace from the start as 847 England spun on the pit bend. 178 Mark Dews moved into the lead just as the yellow flags were waved for the spun 847 England, and so for the restart 251 Driscoll was put back into the lead ahead of 178 Dews and 175 Ashley Pursey. Pursey was spun on turn 4 just as the green flag dropped, with 542 Steven Gilbert moving into second and 901 Ian Thompson Jnr then taking over third. 251 Driscoll was demoted down the order as Gilbert moved into the lead ahead of 901 Thompson and 7 Gordon Moodie, Moodie then diving up Thompson's inside round the pit bend. Thompson bumpered Moodie into turn 1, but they tangled and ended locked together against the turn 1 fence. This promoted 560 Luke Wrench into second and 127 Matt Stoneman into third, 560 Wrench hitting 542 Gilbert aside into turn 1 for the lead with three laps to run. 178 Dews then spun off turn 4, with 142 Jonathan Hadfield collecting him, before Hadfield was hit by 318 Leyton O'Reilly. 828 Julian Coombes then collected 178 Dews hard, as 542 Gilbert went for a last bender on 127 Stoneman for second, with 560 Wrench taking the flag to retain the title, albeit formerly known as the Shootout Championship. However, the race was quickly stopped with concern for 178 Dews, but he eventually emerged from his car to get taken away in the ambulance – we wish him well.

847 England headed the consolation from 251 Driscoll and 432 Dorlin, before 324 Jordan Thackra took over third. 533 Whittaker and 142 Hadfield clashed to hit the turn 1 armco, as 251 Driscoll got up 847 England's down the home straight for the lead. 572 James Lindsay and 387 Jason McDonald collected the fence off turn 2, as 700 Adam Rubery moved into third, before he was passed by 7 Moodie with a couple of laps to run. 251 Driscoll bumpered the backmarking 287 Luke Beeson into turn 3, but went wide to lose time, which allowed 847 England back into the lead for the win.

There were four qualifiers who failed to grid for the Final, which was led away by 432 Dorlin before he was overhauled by 251 Driscoll. 828 Coombes bumpered past 175 Pursey into turn 3, before 272 Ward and 581 Dan Fallows hit the fence off turn 4, the yellow flags coming out for Ward. 251 Driscoll led 432 Dorlin and 847 England for the restart, as 175 Pursey, 538 Mills and 59 Lee Dimmick clashed down the home straight, the latter two spinning. 828 Coombes moved up the order and into second, before he was hit wide into turn 1 by 7 Moodie. Moodie then got up 251 Driscoll's inside on turn 2 for the lead, with 560 Wrench then taking over third. 7 Moodie went on for victory, while 560 Wrench just beat 251 Driscoll to the line in a close finish for second.

The Dash for Cash lined up three abreast for a clutch start, which unfortunately had a false start, three of the original grid failing to make the restart. On the next attempt, 828 Coombes half spun on the first bend to tangle with 533 Whittaker, 127 Stoneman shooting into the lead from 527 James Riggall and 581 Fallows. 560 Wrench hit past 581 Fallows into turn 3 for third, while 127 Stoneman remained ahead to the chequered.

National Ministox – Northern & Midland Championship (34 cars – Two-thirds heats)

Drivers Racing:

1 Jack Witts	120 Finn Hunter-Johnson	287 Amelia Wilkinson	418 Mitchell Driver
24 Harley Thackra	171 Thomas Dunne	290 Charley Tomblin	468 Bradley Cooper
29 Gracie Squire	193 Charlotte Lewis	293 Elexie Bartram	475 Leah Sealy
53 Roger Stansfield	211 Tom Birchenough	311 Jake Bointon	502 Ryan Weston
55 Lilly Finnikin	246 Jenson Brickley	330 Jackson Whitehead	613 Chloe Serpell
84 Ryan Taylor	267 Molly Robson	381 Tyrone Evans	630 Dani Parker
101 Gilen Bullock	281 George Davies	391 Rebecca Smith	798 Finn Sargent
110 Evan Bullock	282 Amelia Wilkinson	392 Lewis Evans	
112 Tom Armstrong	285 Briannie Davis	405 Josh Hamstead	

Results:

Heat 1 (23 cars): 246, 392, 391, 101, 282, 798, 24, 84, 630, 53.

Heat 2 (22 cars): 1, 613, 381, 468, 246, 405, 418, 171, 330, 630.

Heat 3 (19 cars): 468, 391, 1, 798, 24, 101, 330, 405, 281, 282.

Northern & Midland Championship (25 cars): 1, 246, 798, 101, 330, 468, 613, 281, 112, 630.

Allcomers (24 cars): 391, 285, 101, 171, 798, 246, 1, 84, 330, 29.

285 Briannie Davis headed the first heat from 193 Sharlotte Lewis and 24 Harley Thackra, before a shove from the following pack into turn 3 led to a pile up with 285 Davis spinning. 24 Thackra took over the lead from 193 Lewis and 55 Lilly Finnikin before the yellow flags came out with 311 Jake Bointon in the fence. 24 Thackra led the restart, with 290 Charley Tomblin moving straight into second from 392 Lewis Evans. Tomblin dived up Thackra's inside into turn 3 for the lead, with 392 Evans in pursuit, as 475 Leah Sealy T-boned 630 Dani Parker on the home straight. 293 Elexie Bartram spun into the fence into turn 1 as she avoided collecting Sealy and Parker to bring the yellow flags out again. 290 Tomblin retired from the race before the restart, with 246 Jenson Brickley now leading from 392 Evans and 101 Gilen Bullock. 24 Thackra and 53 Roger Stansfield spun off turn 4, as 246 Brickley remained ahead to take the win, while 502 Ryan Weston had a turn 4 spin on the last lap.

171 Thomas Dunne set the pace in the second heat from 468 Bradley Cooper and 293 Bartram, as 29 Gracie Squire spun on turn 2. 468 Cooper took over the lead, with 1 Jack Witts making quick progress to be up to second by half distance, 392 Evans right behind him. 1 Witts dived past 468 Cooper on turn 2 for the lead, 392 Evans and 613 Chloe Serpell following him through. On the last lap, a back straight tangle saw 392 Evans spin hard into the fence before being collected by the traffic, with 55 Finnikin getting forced up the infield banking into turn 3. The red flags came out, and the result was declared with 1 Witts the winner.

29 Squire spun on turn 2 as heat 3 got underway, with 24 Thackra leading 468 Cooper and 311 Bointon. Cooper shoved past Thackra into turn 3 to take over, as 1 Witts moved into third. Witts then got up Thackra's inside into turn 3 for second, followed by 391 Rebecca Smith, Smith then dishing out a big hit to Witts into turn 3 for second with a couple of laps to run. However, they could not catch 468 Cooper, who took the flag.

The Northern and Midland Championship lined up in points order from the rounds held, which placed 1 Witts on pole with 798 Finn Sargent alongside, 613 Serpell & 405 Josh Hamstead were on row 2 and 101 Bullock & 246 Brickley on row 3. From the drop of the green 1 Witts was away, chased by 798 Sargent and 101 Bullock, the latter then being overhauled by 246 Brickley, before 391 Smith shoved through into turn 3 for second. 1 Witts was away, with the battle for second between 391 Smith, 246 Brickley and 798 Sargent seeing them change places, Sargent putting in the bumper into turn 3 to go through, before 246 Brickley shoved his way past. 1 Witts took the title from 246 Brickley, while 798 Sargent put in the bumper on 391 Smith into the last bend to just beat her to the line in a close finish for third, Smith then being disqualified from the result for sideswiping 613 Serpell earlier in the race.

285 Davis led away the Allcomers from 171 Dunne and 55 Finnikin, before 24 Thackra took over third. 281 George Davis spun 418 Mitchell Driver on the back straight, as 24 Thackra got the better of 171 Dunne for second. 281 Davis and 171 Dunne then clashed on the home straight, sending Davis spinning up the infield bank into turn 1. 24 Thackra challenged 285 Davis for the lead, Davis spinning Thackra into the turn 1 armco, which allowed 391 Smith into the lead. 613 Serpell hit 630 Parker and they both went into the turn 4 fence, as 391 Smith took the win.