



A dry evening greeted drivers, teams and fans as they gathered at HRP Lochgelly Raceway this past Saturday as the second half of the Scottish Stock Car Season kicked off with a five formula, sixteen race programme presented by Hardie Race Promotions.

The Ninja Karts were back in action first as the traditional whites and yellows race got proceedings underway. Methil's Jase Walle took a fine win ahead of Evie Black and recent debutant Kyle Johnstone who certainly looks like one to watch in the remaining meetings this year. The first heat saw British Champion Charlie Hardie take victory with European Champion Declan Honeyman coming home in second place ahead of Bailey Millar. Heat Two saw Ratho's Harry Robertson halt the superstars grip on the top places as he fended off Charlie Hardie and Millar who was enjoying one of his best days in terms of results. The final heat of the evening went to Anstruther's Scott Allardyce who underlined his recent run of form with a fantastic win ahead of a fast-moving Robbie Armit while Millar made it a hat-trick of third places to round off a great evening for the young Lanarkshire pilot.



The National Hot Rods were at Ipswich just two weeks ago where Northern Ireland's Adam Maxwell took his first World Championship but the long and arduous campaign towards the 2017 World Championship began in earnest at HRP Lochgelly Raceway with the first of 12 World Championship Qualifying Rounds. Lochore's Billy Bonnar had looked competitive at Ipswich and reiterated that turn of speed in heat one as he took the win ahead of World Finalist Roy Anderson and Tam Rutherford. Bonnar made it to the front of the field again in heat two and held on to his lead to take the win ahead of Anderson with Lochgelly debutant Steven Armit coming home in a fine third. The feature final saw Bonnar take a faultless hat-trick of wins with Anderson also taking a hat-trick with three second places to start off his campaign in fine fashion with Armit in third. A great start to the National Hot Rods campaign with signs of increasing numbers in the formula.



The Ministox have been in great form during 2016 and last Saturday saw a large influx of visiting drivers from south of the border add to the usual entry. National Champion Dan Santry has often commented on his liking for the HRP Lochgelly Raceway circuit and he proved that once again in heat one as he claimed victory ahead of fellow English visitor Tony Elbourn and Charlie Santry in an English 1,2,3. Heat two took a while to get going as several restarts were required before the race settled into a pattern and that pattern was pretty much the same as heat one as Santry went to his second win of the night with younger brother Charlie in second and fellow Englishman Jacob Bromley in third as the Scots failed to make the podium once again. The feature final was yet another fantastic race from the 11-16 year olds who displayed skills belying their tender years and, once again, Dan Santry came through the chaos to take victory to complete his hat-trick with Charlie Santry in second and Anstruther's Dylan Sim finally claiming a podium place for Scotland in the last race of a great night of Ministox action.



The 1300 Stock Cars have had a bruising time of late and damage, suspensions and holidays saw a low turnout of cars last week. One point of interest was former Saloon star Neil Williamson out in the ex-263

car of Dean McGill. Nevertheless, the drivers in attendance put on a good show. Lochgelly's own Euan Mathieson took the win in heat one ahead of Peter Low and Andrew Mathieson. Scottish Champion and National Points Champion elect Callum Barclay took the win in heat two as Peter Low had to once again settle for second with a fast-moving Jason Secker coming home in third. The feature final saw Peter Low finally claim that elusive win after two second places in the earlier heats with Andrew Mathieson and Jason Secker rounding out the podium spots.

The Superstox are now officially on the countdown to their World Championship at HRP Lochgelly Raceway with just three meetings remaining until the big one including this past weekend's outing. A good grid of cars arrived to do battle and the first heat saw the usual action with the front bumpers flying in and it was Bryan Forrest who came through to claim victory ahead of Scottish Champion Stuart Gilchrist and Tony Lattka. The second heat saw Lanarkshire's Gilchrist return to victory lane as he got ahead of the pack to take the win with Aaron Riddell showing good pace to take second ahead of National Points Champion Barry Stephen. The feature final saw the coveted Thomas Michie Memorial Trophy up for grabs and it was Gilchrist who stormed to the win as he sliced through the field to take the win ahead of a very much on-form Riddell and defending trophy holder Tony Lattka.

A highly entertaining evening of racing action to get the second half of the season underway. This time of year often sees the destiny of many championships decided and **Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be no exception as HRP Lochgelly raceway hosts the CC Rods Scottish Championship. HRP's own low budget, non-contact class have been in tremendous form all year and it promises to be a great night of action as they compete for their biggest title with the 1300 Stock Cars, Stock Rods and ProStocks providing the support from 6pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at HRP Lochgelly Raceway.