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### **Plant wins Snetterton opener**

The Historic Sports Car Club opened its 2021 racing season with a full programme on the Snetterton 300 circuit over the weekend (17/18 April).

Glorious spring weather and a wonderful paddock atmosphere added together to make a fine start to the Club's 56th season of racing. With over 240 entries for 19 races and remarkably few incidents it was the perfect start to 2021.

A tremendous 70s Road Sports grid featured a whole gaggle of front runners but no one had any answer to the pace of the Morgan Plus 8s of Will Plant and his father Richard. They lined up at the front and, though there were no team orders, Richard admitted that his chances of staying with his son were modest. Sure enough, Will edged away and won convincingly as Richard also went clear of the pack to take a strong second at a circuit he admits is not his favourite.

Jeremy Clark, defending champion, ran a strong third against more powerful opposition in the early stages, but a misfire hit the Lotus Elan and he eventually retired. He had been chased by the TVRs of Dave Karaskas and Antony Ross so they moved up to third and fourth, with Karaskas ahead by a little under two seconds at the flag as Ross completed a most encouraging debut in his newly acquired car. Jim Dean (Lotus Europa) and Lotus Elan racer Nigel Armstrong completed the top six.