

REPORT: DONINGTON PARK

The Historic Sports Car Club race meeting at Donington Park (26/27 June, 2021) delivered on every front, with fantastic racing from bumper grids being enjoyed by a healthy crowd of spectators.

On one of Britain's favourite tracks, the Formula Ford and Formula 3 action stood out and it was Historic Formula Ford 2000 that produced some epic race action from a vast entry of cars.

Dean Forward ultimately had a relatively straightforward run to a double victory in the pair of Thundersports race in his mighty McLaren M8F after Calum Lockie's March 717 was side-lined in both races. On Saturday, the March led to the end of the opening lap before a broken input shaft sent Lockie cruising to the pits.

On Sunday, Forward lead from the front as Lockie started the March from the back of the grid and charged through to second before the front bodywork detached itself on the pit straight and forced him to retire.

Best of the 2-litre cars on Saturday was John Burton (Chevron B26) from Mark Richardson (Lola T290) while Trevor Welsh (Lola T492) raced hard to top the Sports 2000s. With Burton not starting Sunday's race, Richardson led the chase of Forward once Lockie retired after 12 laps, with John Spiers (Osella) rounding out the podium. A fabulous Sports 2000 battle went all the way to the flag as Welsh drove like a demon to fend off Will Schryver and Tim Jacobsen after many place changes. At the end of half an hour of racing, a third of a second covered the battling trio.