

REPORT: OULTON PARK GOLD CUP

Once again, the Historic Sports Car Club's Oulton Park Gold Cup weekend (28-30 August) delivered some outstanding racing on the beautiful parkland circuit in Cheshire.

With bumper grids for most races, fine weather, a large and enthusiastic crowd and lots of off-track attractions, it all added to a great weekend of historic racing with 21 races across Sunday and Monday.

The Classic Formula Ford 1600 pack shared their first race with the Heritage and Open cars and it was a mighty contest between Jordan Harrison and Henry Chart that made the headlines. Harrison just kept his Lola ahead of Chart's Van Diemen but it was never settled. On the final lap, Rory Smith in his modern Medina came up from the second pack and split Harrison and Chart in a blanket finish. Most impressive in fourth was Jake Shortland who had the rare Lola T440 going better than ever to fend off Ian Parkington in the ex-Tiff Needell Crossle, Rick Morris and Joseph Ahrens from a fine battle.

In the second race Chart was an early retirement and that ensured a resounding win for Harrison, as Parkington came up for a great second from Shortland and Ahrens while Morris went out after a tangle of wheels sent his Royale bouncing up in the air at Druids.