

## 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.

No one had any answer to the pace of Jeremy Timms in Historic Formula 3 and he put himself back into contention for the title with two commanding victories over a good looking field. However, things were far from settled behind Timms as Ian Bankhurst, Christoph Widmer and Simon Armer had two wonderful battles.

In the first race, Widmer led into what proved to be the final lap, only for Bankhurst to dive down the inside at Old Hall. Widmer went briefly back ahead before Bankhurst got the lead back and, believing there was another lap to go, Widmer did not defend too hard when Armer stole ahead further around what proved to be the final lap.

However, the three cars crossed the line split by half a second in a fabulous finish. Timms again stormed clear in the second race as battle was rejoined but with Armer out mid-race it was Bankhurst who again just fended off Widmer to take another second place.