

## Another Double for Moore

The Ginetta G50 race podiums were identical at Snetterton last weekend (7th / 8th June 2008) with Nigel Moore racking up another double victory on the top step – his fourth clean sweep of the season. Christian Dick had two runner-up finishes and Toby Newton had his first podium finishes of the season with two thirds.

Qualifying at the Norfolk circuit was mostly run behind the safety car, so the field only grabbed a handful of laps during the fifteen-minute session.

Doused in heavy rain, a puddle just past the pit entrance had already caught out Jon Cook in free practice, sending him aquaplaning across into the Armco barrier opposite the pit wall, thus ending his session. Fortunately for Cook the damage was repaired for him to join the grid for the race albeit at the back.

However, three laps into qualifying Richard Sykes got caught out by the same puddle and had an almost identical accident. A three lap safety car period ensued leaving a 'now or never' dash to the flag.

An impressive 4th spot was claimed by newcomer Glenn Denny who took Colards Motorsport Team boss Clive Richards' seat for the weekend and Frank Wrathall his first pole position in the Championship for race two.

### Race 1

Sunday baked the circuit in sunshine and was a welcome change to the wet weather everyone had become acclimatised to.

The first 30-minute Ginetta G50 Championship race in front of a packed Snetterton circuit concluded after just six laps of the 1.9 mile circuit. Running three abreast down Revett Straight, Richard Austin, Rod Carman and Jon Cook approached the bridge, but Cook and Carman touched paintwork. Cook spun across the track into a tyre wall and bizarrely ended up perched on top of the tyres.

Cook was shaken but otherwise given a clear bill of health by medics, but the news wasn't so good for his car which was too badly damaged to repair for the second race. Carman was also unable to make it out for race two.

Meanwhile Frank Wrathall had taken the lead into the Esses from third place but Moore reclaimed his spot at the front at Coram on the fourth tour. Next time around, Wrathall lost two further places when he ran wide onto the grass at Russell allowing Dick and Newton through.

Elliott from fifth dropped a wheel onto the grass at Sear on the opening lap and fell down to 12th and Dick made up a couple of places off the start into 3rd ahead of Toby Newton and Denny.


The red flag came out with 18 minutes remaining on the clock.

### Race 2


Frank Wrathall took an early lead from pole in the second outing and was well on his way to his debut victory until a safety car period on lap 6 closed up his two second advantage.

Glenn Denny nipped ahead of Moore first time into Riches, and Ben Elliott also threatened to demote Moore another place; the pair side by side through Sear and Revett Straight but Moore held for third into the Esses. Yet in his battle with Moore, Elliott also lost out to Dick, so the top five runners after the opening lap were Wrathall leading Denny, Moore, Dick and Elliott.


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Michele Tommasi worked his way up into a best ever 6th place and Tom Sharp closely following when Elliott spun off the track just ahead of them in the braking area for Russell. A locked differential on Elliott's car left him stranded in a precarious place and the deployment of the safety car.




At the race re-start, Moore was up alongside Wrathall and challenging for the lead through Sear Corner and grabbed the lead down Revett Straight. Yet the following lap Wrathall was down in 7th place with rear bodywork trailing. Remaining determined, Wrathall fought back to bring the car home in 4th.




Meanwhile Moore was out in front with Dick and Tommasi now in a potential podium position. Denny had also dropped down the field to 6th, but Newton eyeing up his second podium finish, coming through from an 11th place after dropping back three at the start.



11th time around though, Tommasi fell into the clutches of Newton and Tom Sharp, but his attempts at reclaiming his track position from Sharp were in vain; bouncing over the grass at Russell.




Tom Dunstan's race suffered a drive through penalty for passing a car under yellow flags yet still gained a top ten place. Denny concluded his strong debut G50 race weekend with his second 6th place finish and Chris Clayton 8th in only his second weekend racing the 300bhp machine.



"Getting past Frank when the safety car went in was really important" said Moore. "Then I just had to keep my head down and push forward. Two more wins is really good for the Championship."

"We've got the pace in the car now" said Dick "I just need to qualify better and won't need to work it so hard in the race. I'm sure we've been every bit as quick around here and think we were just inching up onto Nigel but had worked the rears a little bit too hard and the last three or four laps just had to tap it off a little bit."



"I had a bit of a difficult start from 8th, losing a couple of places going across the grass at the Esses" explained Newton, "but the safety car gave me a second attempt and I just had to make the most of it. Unfortunately the pace was so evenly matched at the front I couldn't catch them."

The pack visit another high speed circuit at the end of the month, making the journey to Thruxton in Hampshire.

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