

More success for Wight Jrn but he fails to be complacent

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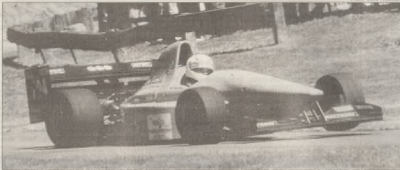
**British Hillclimb
Championship:
Harewood
Jerry Sturman**

ANOTHER, almost predictable, pair of wins for Graeme Wight Jrn made it seven out of eight for the Scot as the Tran-X British Hillclimb circus visited the tight and twisting Harewood course for the first time this year.

Phenomenal traction out of Farmhouse Bend and stunning pace along Quarry Straight got the job done, and the Gould V6 is beginning to look unstoppable as the series moved into its second quarter. But Wight is far from complacent. "If anything the pressure's greater now," he said.

That pressure is still applied by the Tim Coventry/Tim Muson duo's Gould V6, and even more so at Harewood by Roger Moran, who was right behind Wight on the podium steps each time. "We found a problem with the rear springs after Prescott and we've made some changes to the rear dampers," said the 1997 champion, who hung on to his series second place.

Mason moved up to third in the series as a driveline glitch sidelined Bob Turnbull's opening



GREAT SCOT: Wight Jrn claimed a brace of victories at Harewood last weekend, making seven out of eight wins for the Scot

run-off shot. The lanky Millander bounced back in the afternoon but was unable to challenge Chris Merrick for fifth, the police officer delighted with his best ever finish in the ex-Moran Pilbeam-Judd. The morning run-off was nudged by Martin Groves running fifth with what had been an ill-handling Aul-Judd, after making radical changes to its set-up and running quickest of all, but Wight Jrn bettered that through the

quarry speed trap. Despite stepping up the pace in the afternoon he had to be content with seventh ahead of eventual two-litre class victor Ben Butlerfield's Dallara.

ONS constructor Steve Owen had led the fiercely competitive class before lunch, closing to within a hundredth of Wight Sr's Gould V6 in the pre-lunch shootout. Oliver Tomlin got his first British points on the board in

style. He was embroiled in a scrap with Harewood expert Christian Mineoff in his glorious SPA-Judd sports car that ended in a dead heat for eighth.

1600 class runner Ian Chard, in the Hayabus-powered DJ works spare, ran tenth in the morning, depriving the giant-killing Bruce-Sasaki of 1100 class victor Mark Budgett of a maiden British point in his gone carbon-composite class.

Mineoff and Simon Darting rounded off the afternoon points scorers, easing Wight Srn off the scoresheets. Last on the list, a hard-trying Michael Beattie spun the Jodi-Sasaki over the line but it had been a great day for the Ulsterman, taking the 1600 class win and earnings a run-off place.

Another stirring class performance was put in by Mark Waldron, fulfilling the promise of his Elise turbo by twice lowering

the two-litre ModProd record.

Paul Heinnes toppled regular sparring partner Tom New to reset the two-litre sports libre mark in his Mallock. New's challenge evaporated following front suspension problems.

Results

OTE: Graeme Wight Jrn (2) South-Coventry/Richardson (191) 0.10.20, Top 10 run off road races: 1 Wight Jrn 4.32.95, 2 Roger Moran (42) South-Judd/AF TV (22) 5.33.95, 3 Tim Coventry (25) South-Judd/Conquest TV (22) 6.32.05, 4 Tim Moran (25) South-Judd/Conquest TV (22) 6.34.10, 5 Martin Groves (15) Ash-Judd/Conquest TV (24.75), 6 Graeme Wight (25) South-Coventry/Richardson (191) 0.10.20, 7 Steve Owen (23) ONS (2005) 10.17.05, 8 Oliver Tomlin (24.75) New-Net (9759) and Christian Mineoff (13) SPA-Judd (2296) 10.25.05, 9 Ian Chard (24) Ash-Judd (10.26), 10 Mark Budgett (2) Spar-Sasaki (10.28), 11 Ian Towell (25) South-TTW/LS (10.27) 0.09, Top 10 run off road night: 1 Wight Jrn 20.15, 2 Moran 22.20, 3 Coventry 22.25, 4 Owen 22.35, 5 Chris Moran (18) Pilbeam-Judd/AF TV (975) 23.14.20, 6 Turnbull (14.25) 23.17, 7 Owen 24.25, 8 Graeme Wight (25) South-Coventry (23) 24.40, 9 John Burling (12) South-TTW/AF (1007) 15.15, 10 Nigel (16.75), 11 Steve Butler (14) Ash-Judd (16) 16.55, Class winner: Geoff Gossard (13) NS Wright (7.20), Also: Pat (14) South-TTW (16.25), Sandy Peters (2) Bristol (Car. Wilson) (9.35), Mark Bardon (14) Laka (16) (21.15) (overall) South-Judd (13) (10.65) (2) (14.15), Dave Jones (2) (10.65) (2) (14.15), John Hunt (23) (10.65) (2) (14.15), Richard Hoopes (20) (10.65)