



CHRIS CRAMER steers to the BARC title — this Sunday at Doune David Franklin and Martyn Griffiths fight it out for the RAC crown.

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Cramer's BARC cliffhanger

THE final round of the Euroblast/BARC hill climb championship saw a thrilling end at Harewood on a dry and sunny Sunday, September 17. Charles Barter ran out the victor of the championship to emulate Jeff Goodliff's hat-trick of championship wins. Charles in his immaculate Davrian excelled himself by lowering his class record to a fantastic 43.41s (1½ seconds under his old record).

Of course it was the FTD championship on which all the interest centred at the BARC Yorkshire centre organised event. The situation was at the beginning of the event that Roy Lane was leading with 57 points whilst Chris Cramer was second with 55 points. However, as both competitors had scored in nine rounds and the best eight results count for the championship. Roy Lane had to drop a

five-point score and Chris Cramer a four-point score. This set the scene for a battle royal and saw the hill record lowered to an amazing 38.39s by Cramer.

However, when it came to the all-important Top 8 runoff both Cramer and Lane were overshadowed by Peter Kaye in his Pilbeam MP31 who put in a good run of 38.57s which no one else could match. Chris Cramer just tried too hard on his first run, having time consuming moments at both Orchard and Farm house corners. However, he posted a time of 38.78s on his second run to take second place and beating Roy Lane in the process to take the all-important championship victory in his Grünhülle March 76A.

Roy Lane, usually known as the King of Harewood, had to settle for third place with a time of 38.78 in his Northampton Computer Bureau March 741 and thus taking second place in the championship.

The other main feature of the day was the number of class records which were broken. Kevin Tate in his Escort RS1600 lowered Richard White's long standing Touring Saloon record with a time of 45.62s in the class runs which he lowered to 45.49s in the Top 10 run-off. Another record breaker was Tony Drummond who demolished the Special Saloon record with an incredible time of 43.83s in his Escort RS1800. The Clubmans category saw yet another class record fall to Ian Curtis in his Mallock U2 Mk 18BW whilst David Gould lowered Peter Voigt's seemingly unbeatable up to 1100cc record of 4m 76s to 41m 63s. Jim Johnstone was another star of the meeting, recording the first ever sub-40 second time for a 1600cc car in the class runs with 39.98s in his Brabham BT30 FVA which he lowered to a fantastic 39.76s in the Top 8 run-off.

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