

2011

S & G Response Ford XR Challenge

Race report for: Round 9

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Introduction



For the Second time this year the Ford XR Challenge was back on home soil at Oulton Park for round 11 round of the championship and with a great entry of 17 cars it promised to be another epic race. As usual many competitors arrived at the circuit the night before to enjoy some good food (Fish and Chips!) and good company before the days racing. John Biddulph was a welcome newcomer to the championship with his XR2, John would of been out earlier this year but for a damaged ankle which took a long time to heal, Ralph Fernihough had a rebuilt engine after it destroyed itself at Rockingham, Ron Loffstadt was out for the second time this year in his XR3, hoping that his driveshaft problem was cured.

Qualifying



Prior to qualifying Jason Hennefer was desperately trying to find out why his XR3 engine refused to start, so with the help of Chris Flynn and others they set about trying to pinpoint the problem, they finally found the fault to be a faulty Ignition module which was duly changed.



The 20 session with overcast skies but very good track condition didn't bring any surprises; Steve Poole was going well in his attempt to keep up with Mark Robinson, although Steve's engine was not sounding its best. First visitor into the pits was Greg Speight who's car looked more like a water bowsor than an XR2 as there was water coming out everywhere from a blown head gasket, unfortunately, this ended Greg's race weekend, Mike Heath visited the pits to have some adjustments to his shockers, Lee Shropshire came down the pitlane with the exhaust a bit lower than recommended, Mark Edwards came in for a quick breather and also to check the rear of his XR2, not really sure what he was looking for, nor did he! At the end of the session, Mark Robinson was on pole from Steve Poole, Peter Lancaster, Simon Sheridan, Jason Hennefer (Top XR3) and Danny Leigh who rounded off the top 6.

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QUALIFYING - RACE 6 - CLASSIFICATION

BULLETIN 7

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	69	A	Mark ROBINSON	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:06.201	7	8			76.79
2	66	A	Steve POOLE	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:06.432	7	8	0.231	0.231	76.65
3	3	A	Peter LANCASTER	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:06.894	7	7	0.693	0.462	76.37
4	79	A	Simon SHERIDAN	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:07.014	5	8	0.813	0.120	76.30
5	21	B	Jason HENNEFER	Ford Escort XR3i	2:09.053	4	8	2.852	2.039	75.09
6	22	B	Danny LEIGH	Ford Escort XR3i	2:09.300	4	8	3.099	0.247	74.95
7	8	A	Ralph FERNIHOUGH	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:09.465	8	8	3.264	0.165	74.85
8	14	A	Tony RUDD	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:10.315	7	8	4.114	0.850	74.36
9	18	A	Michael HEATH	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:10.500	3	7	4.299	0.185	74.26
10	77	B	Chris FLYNN	Ford Escort XR3i	2:11.120	7	8	4.919	0.620	73.91
11	63	B	Terry KELLAHER	Ford Escort XR3i	2:11.283	7	8	5.082	0.163	73.81
12	13	B	Christopher NYLAN	Ford Escort XR3i	2:12.425	4	7	6.224	1.142	73.18
13	19	A	John BIDDULPH	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:12.574	6	8	6.373	0.149	73.10
14	33	A	Lee SHROPSHIRE	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:12.933	4	5	6.732	0.359	72.90
15	35	B	Ron LOFFSTADT	Ford XR3	2:15.417	6	8	9.216	2.484	71.56
16	52	A	Mark EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:15.487	2	5	9.286	0.070	71.52
17	23	A	Greg SPEIGHT	Ford Fiesta XR2	2:15.641	2	3	9.440	0.154	71.44

Oulton Park International Circuit Length = 2.6920 miles. Start: 10:49 End: 11:11
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Race 1



16 cars made the grid for the race, the only absentee was Greg Speight who could do nothing to repair his sick engine, Pete Lancaster had a major drama when his gearbox decided it was not going to select any gears in the correct order, thankfully Craig Readyhough kindly loaned his spare gearbox to Peter which Peter Snr set about changing.

Mark Robinson made his usual rocket start to lead into Old Hall with Steve Poole going round the outside of him going down to Cascades Pete Lancaster was 4th from Simon Sheridan and Danny Leigh who was the leading XR3, as they entered Knickerbrook for the first time Poole was leading the pack.

Lap 2 and Robinson led but only just from Poole, Lancaster, Sheridan and Fernihough who was going very well, leading the XR3 class was Danny Leigh from Jason Hennefer and Chris Flynn.



Lap 3 Robbo had now managed to pull out a 2 second gap to Poole, Sheridan who had now managed to get past Lancaster, Danny Leigh, Ralph Fernihough Mike Heath Jason Hennefer and Chris Flynn were all enjoying a very good close battle.



Lap 4 Robbo still led from Poole who was now starting to suffer from an engine that thought it was a kettle as it was now running well over 100d, Lancaster managed to claim back his 3rd place from Sheridan, Fernihough was 5th from a hard charging Heath, Danny Leigh was still the top XR3 but was being caught slowly by Jason Hennefer with Chris Flynn next.



Lap 5 and Robinson now had a healthy lead from new 2nd place man Lancaster who had now past a slowing Poole, Sheridan was still 4th, Ralph Fernihough and Mike Heath were enjoying a really good battle until they approached Druids were Mike ran out of talent and went sideways into the gravel trap with obvious results, Mike duly rolled onto his roof, thankfully he managed to climb out of the car without injury still smiling, only Mike can do that!.



Lap 7 Robinson had a commanding lead with Sheridan now back in 2nd place from Lancaster, Steve Poole was 4th but being caught by the following pack led by Fernihough.

After 10 laps Mark Robinson took a well deserved win from a delighted Simon Sheridan; Lancaster was next, from Steve Poole who only just managed to get across the line in 4th ; a brilliant drive from Ralph Fernihough netted him with 5th place from XR3 class winner Danny Leigh, Jason “Half Stig the Heff “ was next from Chris Flynn, Lee Shropshire, Mark Edwards, Terry Kellaher, Tony Rudd and Rocket Ron Loffstadt. Chris Nylan was an early retirement on lap 4 and John Biddulph retired on lap 9 after he receive a helping hand round Cascades (no names mentioned!).

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RACE 6 – CLASSIFICATION - BULLETIN 14

POS	NO	CL	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	69	A	Mark ROBINSON	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	21:15.999			75.95	2:06.116	5
2	79	A	Simon SHERIDAN	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	21:20.564	4.565	4.565	75.67	2:06.331	2
3	3	A	Peter LANCASTER	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	21:21.352	5.353	0.788	75.63	2:05.856	2
4	66	A	Steve POOLE	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	21:31.069	15.070	9.717	75.06	2:06.220	2
5	8	A	Ralph FERNIHOUGH	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	21:54.013	38.014	22.944	73.75	2:09.274	2
6	22	B	Danny LEIGH	Ford Escort XR3i	10	21:54.623	38.624	0.610	73.71	2:09.858	3
7	21	B	Jason HENNEFER	Ford Escort XR3i	10	21:59.392	43.393	4.769	73.45	2:10.014	5
8	77	B	Chris FLYNN	Ford Escort XR3i	10	22:11.553	55.554	12.161	72.78	2:10.366	2
9	33	A	Lee SHROPSHIRE	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	22:20.664	1:04.665	9.111	72.28	2:11.115	4
10	52	A	Mark EDWARDS	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	22:20.951	1:04.952	0.287	72.27	2:10.812	4
11	63	B	Terry KELLAHER	Ford Escort XR3i	10	22:29.101	1:13.102	8.150	71.83	2:12.088	3
12	14	A	Tony RUDD	Ford Fiesta XR2	10	22:44.115	1:28.116	15.014	71.04	2:12.629	8
13	35	B	Ron LOFFSTADT	Ford XR3	10	22:50.502	1:34.503	6.387	70.71	2:14.593	5

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	19	A	John BIDDULPH	Ford Fiesta XR2	9	20:07.134	1 lap	1 lap	72.25	2:12.276	2
DNF	18	A	Michael HEATH	Ford Fiesta XR2	5	10:58.741	5 laps	4 laps	73.55	2:09.127	2
DNF	13	B	Christopher NYLAN	Ford Escort XR3i	4	9:02.821	6 laps	1 lap	71.41	2:12.009	3

FASTEST LAP

3	A	Peter LANCASTER	Ford Fiesta XR2	2	2:05.856	77.00 mph	123.9	2 kph
22	B	Danny LEIGH	Ford Escort XR3i	3	2:09.858	74.62 mph	120.1	0 kph

Oulton Park International Circuit Length = 2.6920 miles. Start: 15:06 End: 15:29.
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TROPHY AWARDS

		<u>RACE ONE</u>	
		XR2	XR3
1 st		Mark Robinson	Danny Leigh
2 nd		Simon Robinson	Jason Hennefer
3 rd		Peter Lancaster	Chris Flynn
		XR2 DRIVER OF THE DAY Ralph Fernihough	XR3 DRIVER OF THE DAY Danny Leigh
<p>CROWN WINDOWS ACHIEVMENT AWARD Peter Lancaster Snr</p> <p>MPH CLOTHING PERFORMANCE AWARD Lee Shropshire (5 Places)</p> <p>And many thanks to our sponsors S&G Response, and to Jayne for her help with the Trophies presentation.</p>			





