

Curborough - A view from my Armchair!

Sunday 23 June 2002

It seemed subdued first thing on Sunday, with people going about their way quietly. The usual annoyance of the scrutineers taking their time, (well one in particular), and obviously had just taken a test on brake fluid levels.

At last practice started, and so did the rain. All of a sudden happy faces were overcome with the usual glum 'Curborough rain again' look.

The first batch seemed to have a few hair raising experiences on the greasy track, with a few pale faces returning to the paddock, then leaving Batch 2 and 3 to wonder what on earth we were doing there.

Alias, the sun put it's hat on and came out to play, along with everyone else then. Happy faces, and furious discussions on what time's people were hoping to get this time around.

With 1st practice done and dusted we were all on a roll at the thought of getting both practices, and a timed run in before lunch... did this mean we might all get 3 timed runs?

Lunch came and went, and so did a lot of Burgers and Chips. Then I spied Major Brown on a mission walking the track, and taking detailed looks at corner 1, he was obviously planning something to improve his times for the afternoon, and it paid off didn't it Richard!

Then from my armchair I noticed Tim Nunn return from his timed run, and was ecstatic with air punches and the almost 'Schumacher' jump, - he had improved on his best time ever, his broad smile was even broader.

Next Mark Hall had just improved his best time ever, but not sure if that was a smile that he could go faster after having eaten that Burger and Chips, or was it a worried smile, - that he had done it in the Green Meanie, and not the usual race car that he had just spent a whole host of pound notes on? Hmmm time will tell!! Mike 'Blue Toilet' Cooper then pipes up and says - you can get 35 seconds out of that! Well Mike managed that with his, and seemed confident there was more to come.

Ah, Steve Davies, exactly which car were you driving, or were you just trying all of them to see what you are up against?

The 3 moments that stand out the most have to be Mark 'smoke' Minshull with his spectacular ball of smoke and hair raising run off the track, and at first, thought he had just locked up, but then discovered his throttle stuck open, well held Mark.

Next Steve 'man on a mission' Robinson - having repaired the car from Saturday's rocket launching experience. He seemed to enjoy himself on Sunday, I watched him come over the finish line and return to the holding area with a huge smile, and another set of air punches at obviously a personal best time.

Lastly, Garry 'splutter' Bunn on his first outing with that distinctive splutter of the car going around the track, but always smiling and determined to finish, then seeing him leave at the end of the day still smiling and waving to everyone.

4 timed runs, a well-organised event and a great day out had by all - for once I think everybody actually enjoyed themselves immensely. There are many more stories and too many people to mention, but I think you will all agree it was a fantastic weekend.

A huge thank you to everyone that persuaded me to get back into the car and give it ago after 6 months, I did enjoy it but have paid for it, - I can barley walk, have wheeled the PC next to my bed, and off for more treatment!

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