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NORTHERN SPORTS & SALOON CAR CHAMPIONSHIP CADWELL PARK ROUND 6 28th JUNE 2009

The 2nd race qualifying positions were once again based upon the second fastest laps. This unfortunately put me further down the field in 4th place directly behind Mick Starkey and alongside David Swales.

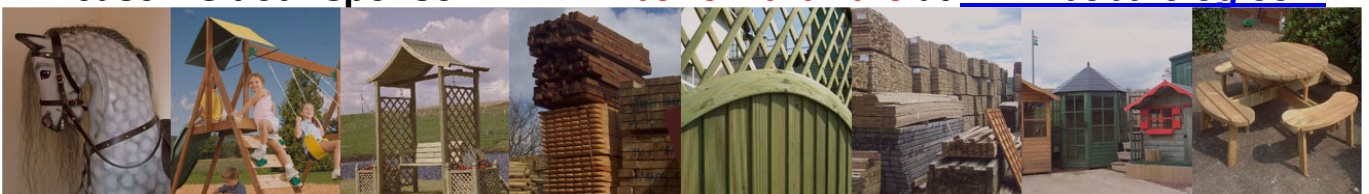
This time however, there were no breakdowns up ahead and I managed to get a good start. Myself and Swales went side by side up Coppice, the Westfield of John Hewitson ahead left the inside open and I managed to squeeze through boxing out Swales in the process. I was up to 3rd behind Mick Starkey with Gavin Lee in front. Starkey was tailing Steve Spice into Park Corner forcing him into an error as he went wide onto the grass. Starkey, myself and Swales all managed to get through. I tried to pressure Starkey whilst holding Swales at bay. On Lap 2 Paul Moss had caught us up, he passed Swales and then passed me out of Mansfield up to the mountain. With the phenomenal power of the Saxo, he soon passed Starkey on the start/finish straight.

Starkey however didn't give up and tailed him all the way up Coppice and around Charlie's. This held Starkey up slightly and I got better drive off the corner. I managed to get alongside Mick heading into Park. We went side by side through park and he eventually relinquished the position as we headed around Chris Curve to the Gooseneck. I then put my foot down and charged off after Moss and Lee. By lap 4 I had caught them up just in time to see Moss pass Lee on the back straight. With better drive off Charlie's and more power he managed to pass Lee by the time they got to Park. Lee fought back but couldn't grab the position back.

It was then my turn to have a go at Lee. The problem I had was although I was quicker in the corners and over a lap, Lee's extra power down the straights made it difficult for me to get alongside to try and out brake him. That and some very cunning defensive driving meant I couldn't make it past.

By this time Brian Murphy in the Ginetta had caught us both up. He had been going a good 2 seconds a lap quicker than us as we were battling. He faced the same problems I did and didn't quite have the power to get alongside me. Eventually I tried to get alongside Lee coming up the

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mountain as the fiesta got poor drive up the hill. Lee covered his line and I had to back out the throttle gifting Murphy the position. This was on the last lap and Murphy almost passed Lee with a drag race to the finish line.

Overall, I enjoyed this race a lot and although not my highest finishing position, it was probably my strongest race to date. I once again set the fastest lap in class D with a 1.44.609 which I was extremely happy with. However I cant help but think if we hadn't made the mistake in qualifying, the weekend could have been a lot better.

Overall class D result:

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| 1. Paul Moss | Citroen Saxo |
| 2. Gavin Lee | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 3. Peter Dixon | Honda Civic |
| 4. David Swales | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 5. Mick Starkey | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 6. Scott Robson | Ford Fiesta XR2 |
| 7. Stephen Thompson | Ford Fiesta XR2i |



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