

Croft 27th April 2008



Race day had started in a miserable way. The heavens had opened and soaked Croft circuit and its surroundings. Fortunately the afternoon had brought some dry weather which gave the track time to dry out for the start of the MG Trophy race.

Qualifying on the Saturday had not been quite as successful as I had hoped. I was 0.5 secs slower than Paul Wallace and 0.1 secs slower than Graham Ross, putting me into 3rd on the grid.

This was my 1st rolling start in the MG Trophy championship so it was important that I paid attention in order not to lose any positions. We packed in tightly as we rounded the hairpin onto the start/finish straight. Paul Wallace kept the speed controlled until the lights went green and we were off. Malcolm Gammons flew past me and went round the outside of Wallace to take 1st from 4th position on the 1st corner. I took Graham Ross on the inside maintaining 3rd until we rounded 'Hawthorn' where I took Wallace on the inside taking 2nd place. Gammons had created a small gap which I slowly reduced until the end of the 1st lap, where at the hairpin I dived down the inside of to take 1st place. I held onto 1st for the remainder of the race with various drivers having a chance to attack for 1st place. Wallace had fallen right back into 6th place on the 1st lap but lap after lap he caught up and passed everyone until he was in 2nd place behind me. For a few laps, I had to defend until on the last lap Wallace dived down the inside of me, outbraking himself into 'Sunny in'. I managed to re-take 1st position and held it all the way to the chequered flag.

Thanks to all those who visited the garage and hope to see you in two weeks time at Oulton Park!

Paul