



FINE DISPLAY Harry Hartley

Hartley in fifth spot at Cadwell

WORSTHORNE teen Harry Hartley was East Lancashire's top performer at Cadwell Park over the Bank Holiday weekend as he finished fifth in the eighth round of British Motorstar Championship.

Racing for Symitry IT, the 15-year-old Moorland High School student moved to 12th place in the overall rider standings, but climbed to third in the Motostar Cup section for under 16s.

Haslingden's Tom Carne, racing for Colne team Appleyard/Macadam, had less success at Cadwell, coming 12th after a problematic qualifying effort, to just finish in the points.

Callum Bey, of Burnley team RCD Motorsport, was seventh.

Hartley wished to thank his sponsors Stepcoe's Yard, Norpol Recycling, Woodside Services, Steel Ford & Newton, and Les Smithson.

Barritt hit by puncture

Barrowford's Daniel Barritt saw his World Rally Championship's Academy Tour title hopes take a huge dent after retiring in last weekend's Rally Germany - though driver Alastair Fisher has not given up hope.

Fisher and co-driver Barritt scored a win and a runner-up place in the first two events of 2012, in Portugal and Greece, but have since faltered.

In Germany, Fisher picked up a rear puncture while leading by 20 seconds before retiring on the final stage when his Ford Fiesta R2 got stuck in the first gear.

Fisher and Barritt are now third in the standings, 45 points behind Welshman Elfyn Evans.

"There are still two rounds and a lot of bonus points for stage wins left, so I'll keep fighting to the end," said Fisher.

Morgan delivers points at Knockhill

RIBCHESTER'S Adam Morgan made further progress in his British Touring Car Championship at Knockhill on Saturday - scoring valuable championship points and equalling his best-ever race result at the wheel of his Speedworks Motorsport Toyota Avensis.

The former Stonyhurst College student finished two of the day's three races in the points, with a top-10 result in the first race to equal what he scored earlier this month at Snetterton.

In race one, Morgan started 13th in the Ciceley-backed Avensis and was promoted to 10th by early-lap dramas involving other drivers.

He then managed to steer clear of trouble to finish in the points.

"I said from the outset that I was hoping to finish all three races," said Morgan.

"To do that I had to keep it on the track and stay out of trouble - and that's what I achieved."

Morgan put in another solid showing in race two and was running 11th when a brake problem caused him to run off at the hairpin and eventually retire to the pits. But he stormed back in race three to finish 11th.

The Rockingham circuit in Northamptonshire is the next stop on the BTCC tour, over the weekend of September 22-23.



FINE DISPLAY Ribchester driver Adam Morgan in competition at Knockhill on Saturday
Picture: CHRIS WYNNE

Robinson shows class at autotest

Super Simon steals show at M65 services

By GARY YORK
Sports reporter

DETERMINED teen Simon Robinson held off a stiff challenge to clinch victory at last weekend's production car autotest held at Blackburn Services.

Once again, the Under 17 Motor Club staged the popular event as part of a training day for young drivers to give them a chance to drive legally before they pass their test, while a Pre-Driver 2 Day was held to introduce 14 to 19-year-olds to motor sport.

Robinson, 16, has impressed since linking up with U17 Motor Club to take part in the sport, and the St Wilfrid's High School student continued his good run of form by taking top spot in a field of eight young drivers at Blackburn Services on the M65.

In a Peugeot 106 1600cc, Robinson chalked up a time of 248.1 seconds across six separate tests, almost 10 seconds ahead of second-placed Hazel Johnson (257.8) who



STEADY WORK Matt Faulkner negotiates the cones at Saturday's autotest event at Blackburn Services on the M65 motorway
Picture: CHRIS ELLISON

shared the same time as Matt Faulkner, who drove his Nissan Micra 1000 cc.

On Sunday, Faulkner and Robinson were again in excellent form as the Accrington Motor Sport Club held a series of autotest and autosolo events, with 26 people taking part across five events and 20-year-old Johnson the clerk of the course for the day.

In the production car autotest, Steve Terry of

Accrington Motor Sport Club came out triumphant, pipping runner-up Faulkner by just 1.7 seconds.

The performance of the day arguably came from Robinson who, in just his second autosolo, came second in his class despite driving with a broken clutch.

"It was a phenomenal performance from Simon," said Steve Johnson, of Accrington

Motor Sport Club and the Under 17 Motor Club. "His clutch cable broke but he drove the car through the whole course without without making a mistake.

"At 16, that's quite incredible. He finished six seconds behind the adult competitor."

Robinson was runner-up behind Steve Price, of Bolton-le-Moors, who took top honours in his Peugeot 205.

Entwistle in Wales with 'Orangebox'

STEVE Entwistle and his famous 'Orangebox' Mini are contesting this weekend's Vale of Clwyd Classic Rally in North Wales.

The Rishton-based driver is seeded at car 33 in his distinctive ex-Roy Mapple machine, with regular navigator Bob Hargreaves on the maps.

"It's our first time on the Vale of Clwyd and we're looking forward to it," said Steve.

"We're under no illusions how tough it will be. All the country's top classic crews are out this

weekend, so if we get into the top ten we'll be very happy."

Entwistle and Hargreaves, who are both members of Morecambe Car Club, were in impressive form last time out on the Lake District Classic, finishing a brilliant second overall despite having only 998cc under the bonnet.

Based in the village of Llanferres, between Mold and Ruthin, this year's event comprises 100 miles of regularity sections, and eleven special tests.



BRIGHT Steve Entwistle and navigator Bob Hargreaves in the 'Orangebox' Mini

Rovers have Rhodes bid accepted

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signing for the club as a free agent this summer, with just a compensation figure still to be sorted with his former club Sporting Lisbon.

Rovers have not announced the switch due to a hamstring injury preventing his involvement so far this campaign as they looked to agree a compensation figure for him. The Lancashire Telegraph understand a fee is now close to being agreed.

Rosado is free to play for Rovers now though and is expected to come into contention after the international break, as he bids for full fitness after recovering from injury.

Meanwhile, Polish international stopper Grzegorz Sandomierski was last night on the verge of completing a season-long loan move to Blackburn Rovers.

Rovers' reserve stopper Mark Bunn sealed his switch to Premier League Norwich City yesterday while Portuguese defender Nuno Henrique is expected to sign for the club before the close of tomorrow's transfer deadline.

Meanwhile Rovers have had no firm offers for out of favour striker David Goodwillie, who has voiced his frustration at being left on the substitutes bench over twitter.

Steven Nzonzi is expected to leave Rovers on loan this window, with Stoke, Sunderland, Fulham and Olympiacos having all expressed an interest. No concrete offers have been made.

Beast wants to challenge

BRIAN Jensen admits it still hurts him to be sitting things out at Turf Moor as he hopes to have handed Burnley boss Eddie Howe a selection poser.

The Clarets goalkeeper saved three from the spot against Plymouth Argyle to book Burnley's place in the Capital One Cup third round with a 3-2 win - making it five out of five shoot-out successes for the Dane in 10 seasons at Turf Moor.

His last was against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in 2008, when the Clarets went on to reach the Carling Cup semi-finals, narrowly missing out on a place in the final after losing to Spurs in extra time.

Jensen hopes they can go one better this season but his first target is to win back the gloves.

Lee Grant was picked to start the campaign, but after making an impact on his first appearance, Jensen hopes to have put pressure on his place.

"It's just to say 'I'm still here'. I'm not just here to sit it out, because it hurts. It really frustrates me but I have to take it on the chin and keep going," he said.

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