

Mittell men bag 1-2-3 on weekend of firsts

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An RGB Sports 1000 podium lockout for Mittell drivers, Christopher Wesemael's brilliant follow-up win on Sunday and a 1-2 for BMW E92 M3s in Club Enduro highlighted a weekend of firsts on the 750 Motor Club's annual sojourn to Silverstone's International Circuit.

Paul Smith, Wesemael and Daniel Larner's clean sweep, driving cars built in a garage beside father-and-son Ian and Scott Mittell's Hampshire homes, harked back to the roots of the club, a pioneer of affordable racing since its eponymous Austin Seven-based class began in 1950.

The squadron's success was helped (to its principals' genuine disappointment) when champion Billy Albone's works Spire GT3 was blunted by the same dire misfire that had struck in qualifying. Smith shook his team-mates off, but it wasn't until Wesemael shot around Larner at Stowe that Saturday's order was settled.

On dry settings as the remnants of overnight rain dried, Wesemael shot clear at Sunday's start and beat rivals with a sensational display of pace and consistency.

As Smith faded to fifth, Larner ceded second to the Spire GT3S of MNR graduate



Wesemael scored his first win as part of a clean sweep for Mittell

David Watson, loving the transition to a mid-engine car. Larner had Colin Chapman (Spire GT3) challenging him at the finish.

Luke Sedzikowski kept his four-litre BMW E92 M3 close to the front throughout the enduro, battling over an action-packed two hours in which class points leader Andy Baylie's M3 shed a rear wheel at Vale at one-third distance. Second for Darren Ball, 16.33s in arrears, compounded the TI Motorsport team's joy.

Julian McBride, going well in his PDK-gearboxed M3, lost third to poleman Martin James, who chased relentlessly after pitting early for his Honda Civic's damaged nose splitter to be removed. Both passed Class B standout Matt Faizey, who finished fifth.

Matt Nossiter/Steve Hewson kept their overall points lead, despite a power-steering pipe bursting on their BMW 328i. Nossiter started half a lap late but they wrestled

Andrew Winchester/Josh Orr (BMW Compact) for Class C honours.

Joe Stables blitzed all three Bikesports races. Not even a clash with challenger Lee Torrie – which sent both Radical SR3s through the Club gravel bed in Sunday morning's damp stanza – put him off. Phil Cooper gratefully grabbed second in the melee from which Torrie emerged fifth. Stables's father Richard snaffled Class A winner's points in the first two races, but Torrie bounced back to finish runner-up to his son's B-car in a close-fought finale.

Bears GAC driver Craig Pollard consolidated his Formula Vee points lead with a double. With Danny Hands starting his GAC from the pits, Saturday's win over Graham Gant (WEV) was fairly straightforward. Sunday's race progressed differently, though. Poleman Gant, Hands and Peter Belsey (Spyder) took turns in front



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