

Classic and Clubman's Crystal Palace 37,38 14 March 2022.

The Crystal Palace circuit rang to the excited chatter of the crowds seeking a thrilling diversion from the working grind at this year's Coronation Cup. The sounds of the bird life in the large park were drowned out by this combined occasionally with the blare of a highly tuned engine or the warble of a un baffled exhaust.

A number of the smaller Voiturette cars had arrived along with a smattering of drivers to contest the cup, ERA, Maserati, MG amongst others placed cars on the grid.

Allan Inwood took the wheel of his Maserati 6cm, Russel Monkman hunkered in his MG Magnette, Allan loaned his pretty light blue Delage straight 8 to Craig Whittle. John Tetley sat astride his blood red Maserati 4cl. Dave Sykes brought out a Light Green ERA . Rookie John Rees Took advantage of a Italian loan car for the evening.

As the national flag dropped the tyres spun searching for grip throwing up a screen of dust as the field scurried away from the line. It soon became clear that Allan had made a mistake as Craig began to pull away from Allan , Russ and John Tetley. Even with 6 runners we kept the fly martial system with some issues of avoiding accidents but these could not fully allow for the lead that developed over the night. Russ and Allan chased hard and Russ's steed ran out of gears and a second MG was pressed into service still with its road gear. Allan got tangled up but had some pressure offs and found himself having to pass the tail end of the field to close up again. Offs were expensive and cost both John T and Dave a lot of time both with cars that could have got closer. John Rees unfortunately had to retire half distance after a difficult few heats learning track car and controls but harried the tail of the pack.

Position	Driver	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Heat 5	Heat 6
1	Craig Whittle	27.986	28.45	25.756	29.172	27.606	26.41
2	Russ Monkman	27.129	24.163	26.689	26.994	24.086	24.153
3	Allan Inwood	24.347	23.154	24.001	24.407	26.452	27.425
4	John Tetley	23.323	26.077	18.898	23.146	22.708	23.468
5	Dave Sykes	18.529	21.883	18.55	26.184	18.33	19.588
6	John Rees	16.054	12.831	11.367	0.83	0.819	0.659

Position	Driver	laps
1	Craig Whittle	165.38
2	Russ Monkman	153.214
3	Allan Inwood	149.79
4	John Tetley	137.62
5	Dave Sykes	123.06
6	John Rees	42.56