

Classic and Clubman, Crystal Palace - Race-4, 1st August 2022
Three Rivers Circuit, 5-minutes.

Deep in the green foliage the small bird perkily hopped to a new branch, it fluttered its green-brown wings and then stood taller puffing out its red breast it trilled out a call to its fellows a challenge to its rivals, a proposition to the female of its species. Parked on the well-manicured swarth of the park the deep red machine bellowed out its waking note as exploding fuel pushed air and steel to life, instantly overriding the robin's call. The bird fled to the deep hawthorn.

Geovani Tetley settled in the thinly upholstered seat of the Maserati 4CL letting his flesh take up the contours of the car. A new set of English pistons had been tailored and fitted into the Italian block. The car burbled steadily as oil and water warmed and loosened up.

Inwood rotated his rear tyres of the light blue ERA inspecting the treads for damage the side walls for cracking. The rear of the car stood on jacks ready for the engine to be started as the oil pump was driven off the rear axle, his mechanics stood ready with a small screen to protect from the spinning tyres.

The black ERA of Rees stood adjacent its hood removed as plugs were pulled inspected tweaked and replaced. Sykes's black ERA Delage sat on jacks, black oil flowing from its sump as it awaited fresh fluids for the day. Behind a green R3A was lowered from the rafters of the transport.

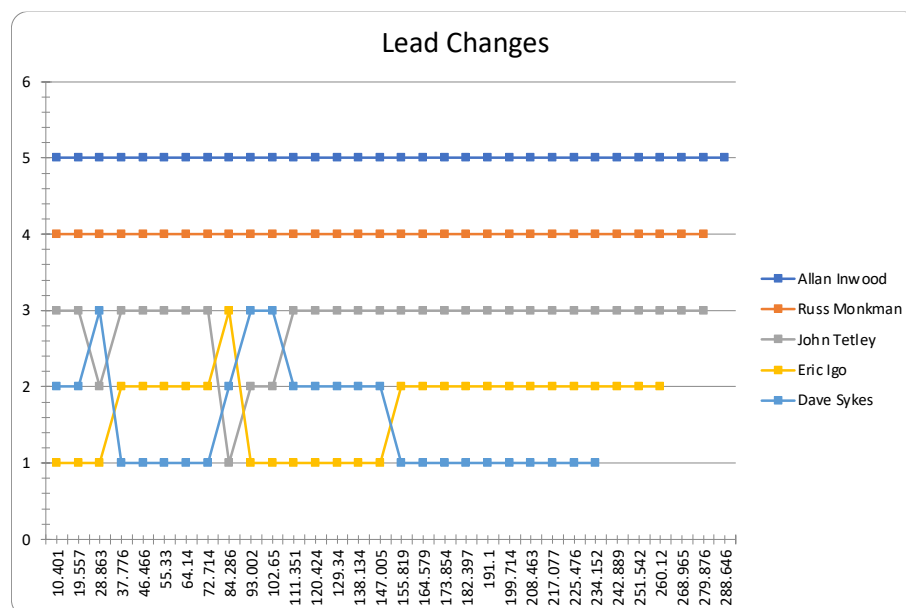
Monkman's red MG K3 fired into life the Zoller supercharger whining as it revved. A smartly clad mechanic ran a clean rag over the boat tail to wipe away spilt fuel.

Igo's silver Alta rang to the percussion of rawhide hammers as the tightness of the hubs was checked and its engine covers fitted.

Heat 1

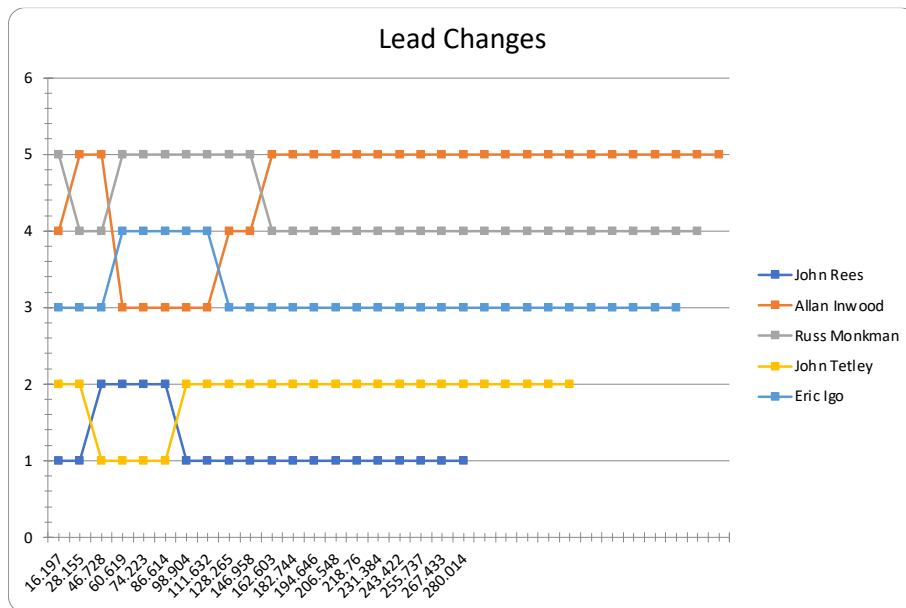
A great start for Allan Inwood saw him leading and setting fastest laps on black lane leading to a sense of foreboding for the rest of the field. Russ chased him hard from start to finish, but could not get a foot in the door for the lead.

Behind the back were deep in their own squabble of Maserati, Delage and Alta. The English Piston upgrade won out for the Maserati followed by the Alta and then Delage.



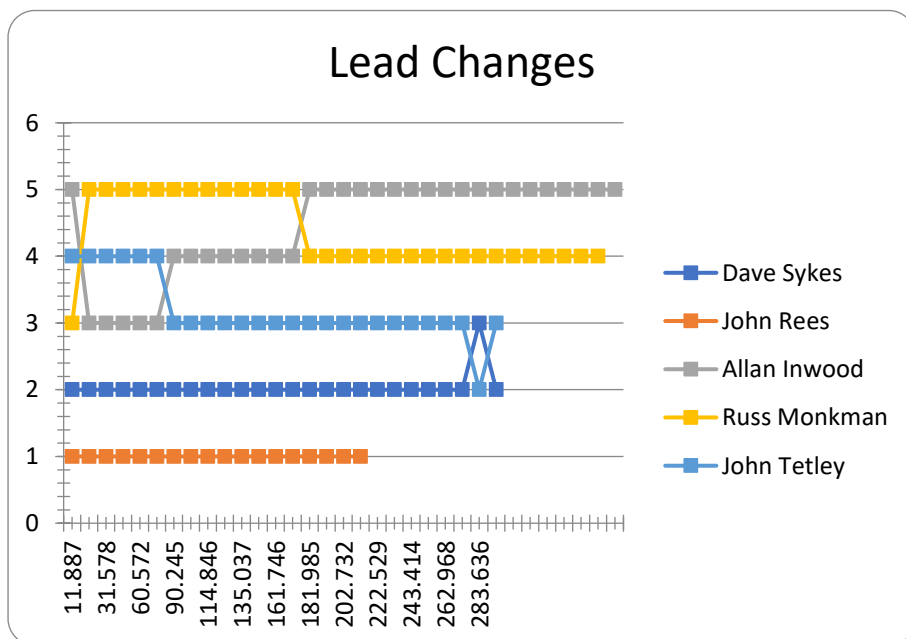
Heat 2

On green lane Russ stuck his nose in to cause Allan issues not helped by Eric getting stuck in with the Alta. Even so the blue ERA got first place back. The Maserati had issues with John Rees ERA which hampered any challenge he could make.



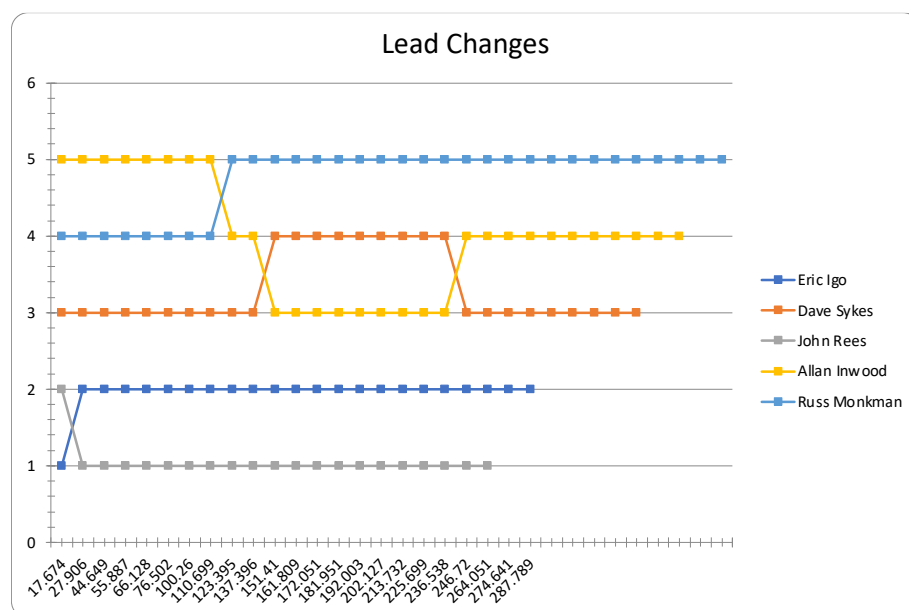
Heat 3

Allan dropped back from a good start as Russ battled up from third. John T held off Allan till quarter race distance and the Blue ERA chased after Russ and caught him by half race to make a pass and just keep ahead till the end. Near the finish Sykes Delage caught John T and gave him an anxious couple of laps.



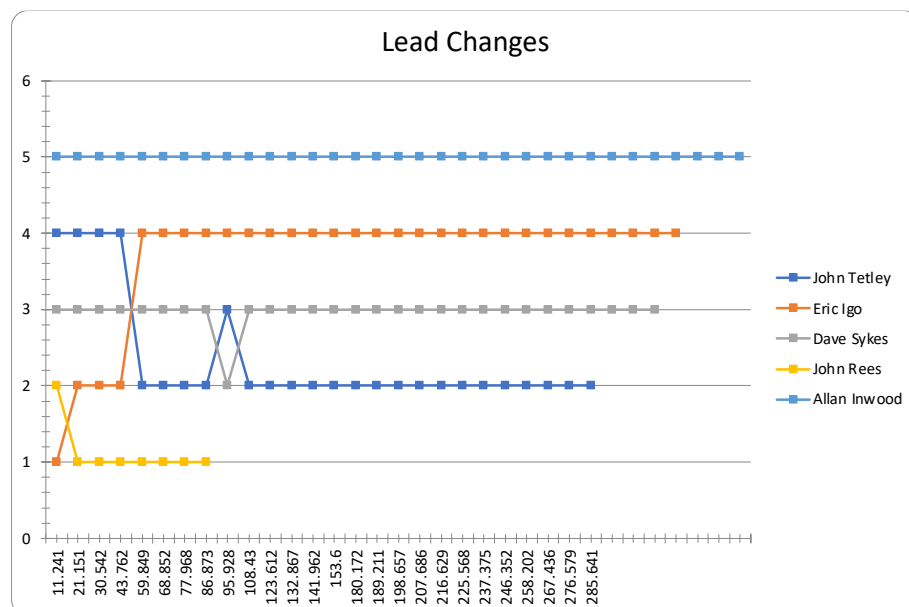
Heat 4

Allan led from the off but with Russ running well on Yellow the MG got past at ¼ distance, this fall for Allan was further compounded by Sykes Delage pushing into second, by ¾ the ERA was back in second, but could not catch Russ and the MG. Eric and John R had a short battle both stalking the leaders.



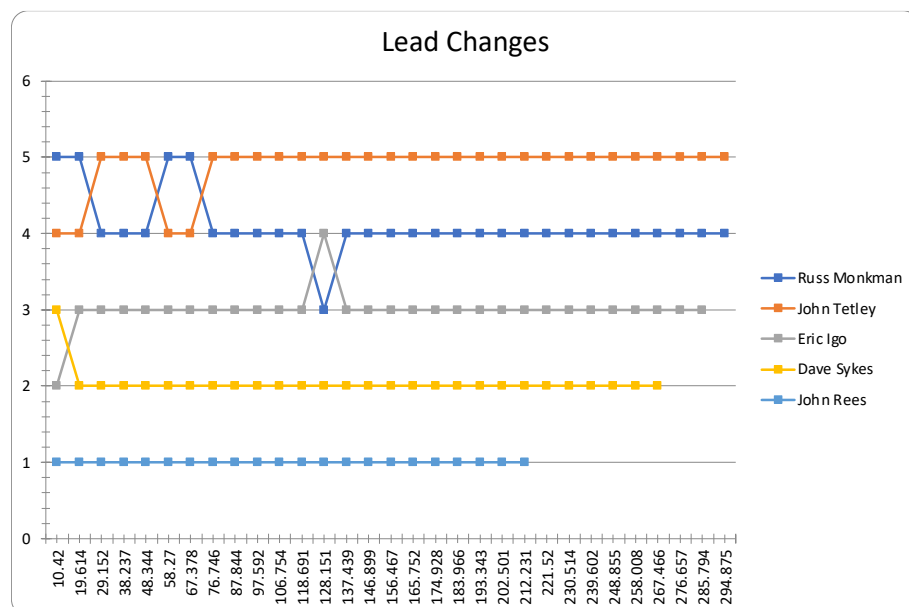
Heat 5

With Russ on marshal duty Allan on yellow lane had a free run to the heat flag. John T looked set for second till a fast-charging Eric broke through from the back, dropping John T within range of Sykes in the R3A, John T pushed to get the Maserati back up but the better lane and the ERA held him off. John R in the black ERA had wheel issues and struggled to finish.



Heat 6.

Allan was on marshal duties, so Russ needed to make hay to close on Allan. John T had other ideas and battled him for the lead eventually getting a nose in front which he held to the end. Eric quickly overcame the ERA of Sykes to claim third and just before for half race distance he found himself in striking range of the MG on black, a little fight ensued but the Alta could not keep the MG down and followed him and John T to the line.



A win for Allan and whisper close second for Russ. Eric took the midfield battle with close running of John T and Dave. John Rees lost out with the damage on red lane as on form he was on for a 100 plus laps.

Position	Driver	Laps	Fastest Lap	Avg. Lap	Median Lap		
1	Allan Inwood	161.824	8.312	9.176	8.785		
2	Russ Monkman	160.159	8.669	9.291	9.162		
3	Eric Igo	144.01	9.225	10.335	9.706		
4	John Tetley	142.131	8.558	10.478	9.103		
5	Dave Sykes	139.532	9.037	10.674	9.892		
6	John Rees	92.524	10.488	15.131	12.212		
Position	Driver						
1	Allan Inwood	32.628	32.688	33.072	30.269	33.168	
2	Russ Monkman	31.99	31.57	32.831	32.509		31.258
3	Eric Igo	29.761	30.153		23.93	30.076	30.09
4	John Tetley	31.259	25.928	26.404		26.978	31.562
5	Dave Sykes	26.949		26	28.834	29.487	28.263
6	John Rees		20.948	18.951	21.748	8.493	22.385