

to overturn his lowly grid slot. The 17-year-old accepted full responsibility for the mistake, knowing that he had missed a chance to kick-start his British series points tally.

"It was entirely my fault," he

regulars managed to have the upper hand over their European rivals, scooping four of the top five positions, with Parry's race good enough for fifth overall.

The third and final race was also held

fourth place OK series finish. "The goal now has to be to get on to the podium," explained Parry. "We have come close on a few occasions, both at Snetterton and here at Zandvoort, and I am looking forward to the next couple

takes place at Brands Hatch over the weekend of September 3-4, supporting the visiting DTM touring car series, with the trip to the resurrected Donington Park circuit following three weeks later.

Matt finishes fourth despite gearstick problems

MOTORSPORT

by Arthur Debenham

AUTOGRASS

A QUALIFYING round of the Eastern Open Autograss Championship was organised by the Concord MC at Cold Norton in Essex last Sunday, with 11 competitors attracted to the stock Itach class including Bury's Matt Ellis.

It wasn't the easiest ride for Ellis, as the gearstick parted company with the rest of the car during his first heat, but he nevertheless managed a fourth place finish.

Heat two brought a third position, so he was included in the start for the class A final. Again the gearchange played up and he came out of the first corner in last position. The remaining laps saw him at his best, and the field were reeled in one by one, this eventually seeing him challenge for the lead on the last lap. Although losing ground at one point due to gearchange, he eventually made it to the top spot on the podium.

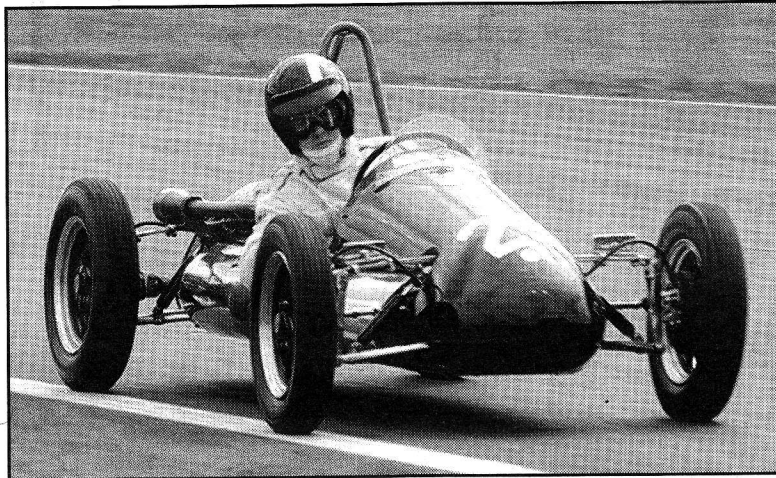
Work commitments at Team Leos Motorsport may keep him away from the next round, but he should contest the final with the St. Neots club later in the year.

MOTOR RACING

With a replacement JAP engine in his 500cc Cooper F3 car, George Shackleton returned to the racing scene at Mallory Park last Sunday.

A strong 23 car field arrived for the race at the Vintage Sports C.C meeting, and a steady run with the new engine saw the Badwell Ash driver line up 12th following qualifying section.

As confidence returned, so did better positions, and a well taken seventh was the end result. The meeting also contained two races for the JMW series front engined Formula Junior cars and saw Henett's Brian Mitchell at



CLASSIC CAR: George Shackleton racing at Mallory Park Picture: Contributed

the wheel of his Mallode U2. He was destined to have differential failure in both races, which was especially frustrating as he was the clear leader of race two.

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There were no problems at Oulton Park, as Stephen Pearson took in two rounds of the Kumho BMW Championship, as the contest returned after a seven week break.

Having qualified fourth from a 30 car field, the Chedburgh driver improved to take third in his first race. This put him third for the start of race two, but when the second placed driver hit a post in the paddock, this effectively put him second. Taking full advantage, he brought the M3 home in second position, so enjoying two podiums. He now holds second in the class championship, and sixth overall. This could well improve at Pembury on September 10 when the Welsh venue will host three rounds of the championship.

RALLYING

Round three of the Flanders International Rally Championship was con-

tained within the Rally Van Straden, and our three local crews from West Suffolk MC were once again in action.

For Martin De Vee Packford, it was to end on the third special stage, when the gearbox failed on his Peugeot 306. There were however, better fortunes for the current Flanders champion Keith Pettitt and James McCullough, as they had a trouble free run in their Escort Mexico, as did Henry Hardiment and Bernie Baker in the Mini Cooper.

Pettitt brought home a second position in the Flanders championship, and this has almost assured him of retaining the title for a second year.

Hardiment's Mini also put its driver on the podium, as a well taken third in class was recorded.

The championship concludes on September 25, with the Koekelare Rally.

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RAF Cottesmore was a new venue for rallying, as the Sheffield and Hallamshire MC organised the Centenary Rally there last Sunday.

Among championships being

contested, was the Kicvk Energy Pirelli Junior1000, and this saw Bury's teenager Kasia Nicklin along with co-driver Gareth Short at the wheel of her Nissan Micra.

A lot of fast corners saw the normally understeering front wheel drive cars suffering more than usual, a change of surfaces often adding to this.

On the first special stage Kasia was caught out, as she understeered wide, and a course marking tyre wedged itself under the car.

At a puncture was suspected, and Gareth jumped out but could not see the problem, so they continued, but lost around a minute-and-a-half, putting them well beyond a good result.

It was only after the end of the stage, that the offending tyre was removed. They completed the rally without further incident.

Four rounds remain, they can drop the two lowest scorers, so both the Brawdy and Centenary will go.

"We now have to finish the four remaining rounds to get a good championship result, and this will commence with the Woodbridge stages on September 24," a determined Kasia told me.

DIARY DATES

Short Circuit.

Mildenhall Raceway, Saturday, August 27, 6.30pm
Sallon Stockcars; Ministox, Bangers
Great Yarmouth, Sunday, August 28, 5.30pm
Superstox, Bangers
Foxhall Stadium, Monday, August 29 2.30pm
2ltr Hot Rods, V8 Stock Cars, Bangers.
Great Yarmouth, Thursday, September 1, 8pm
Stock Rods, Rookie Rods, Bangers.

Motor Racing.

Snetteton, Saturday-Sunday,
Citreon 2CV 24 hours, Chelmans Cup, MG's, Honda
VTEC Challenge.
Silverstone Saturday/Sunday, August 27-28
Toyota MR2, Formula Vee, RGB, all with local drivers.

Rallycross.

Lydden Hill, Monday, August 29, 10am
MSA British Championship
Sprint.
North Weald, Sevenoaks and DMC, Sunday.