

Kasia caught out by conditions in promising display

RALLYING

THE long trek to South West Wales, saw Bury teenager Kasia Nicklin contest the latest round of the Kick Energy Pirelli Junior 1000 Rally Championship, last weekend.

Kasia, along with co-driver Gareth Short, were seeded 11th in another strong entry contesting the Brawdy Stages at RAF Brawdy, organised by Pembrokeshire MC.

It was not long into the rally before Kasia had moved her Nissan Micra up to sixth position and was looking forward to further improvement as, by the start of special stage three, a shower of rain had dampened the surface.

"I enjoy driving in wet conditions," she said, and evidence of that came via the 23 seconds gained on the crew running ahead of her, but the tricky conditions caught her out.

"The car hit an earth bank rather hard, normally this would not have caused too much damage, but there seemed to be a large rock or something buried in it. We got going again and completed the stage, but the right front suspension was damaged, so we had to retire."

A disappointing end, but once again

by Arthur Debenham

Kasia proved she is a competitive force in the championship.

AUTOGRASS

The latest round of the Cambridge Autograss Club's Championship took place last Sunday at Streatham, and it saw Bury's Matt Ellis complete a hat-trick of victories as he took his Citroen AX to top spot in both heats and followed this with complete domination of the Stock Hatch class, by leading home the A final.

Matt now looks set for a career in motorsport and, following work experience with a well known Formula One Grand Prix team, he will be joining the Luke Stevens Team Leos outfit full time in August.

Speaking to him at the recent Bury Motorsport Show, Matt has stated his intention is to follow autograss with a move into rallycross, possibly contesting the Stock Hatch category in the Clubmans Championships, and progress to the National Championship.

Steve Fisher was also in action, again at the wheel of his twin bike engined Peugeot 206. Heat one brought him victory but, having disputed the

lead in his second heat, an incident brought out the red flags and the rerun ended in retirement.

He still made it to the A final where again there was a battle for the lead. Having held that position, he eventually settled for second.

SHORT CIRCUIT

Superstox is the oldest formula in the Spedeworth calendar, indeed the promoter was founded around these single seat cars, the basic design having changed very little over the years.

Locally, there has always been a strong involvement and at present drivers such as Jason and Sarah Cooper, Matt Carberry, Garry Sparkes and Ben Munford are involved.

Spedeworth have two championships catering for these drivers, the National Points Chart and the Landrover Safari Series. It is our youngest and newest driver, Ben Munford, who is currently highest placed of the local contingent.

Ben is seen in the latest points charts as holding fifth position in the National and sixth in the Landrover Safari. Last Sunday evening, both he and Felsham's Garry Sparkes took in the latest event at Great Yarmouth.

Neither had the best of evenings,

heat one ending with Ben ninth and Garry 10th. The second heat saw Garry secure ninth, a result that was later gained by Ben in the final.

Steve Jackson and Shaun Brooker won the heats, Brooker going on to secure top spot in the final.

The meeting also included a race for Superstox, which saw a Le Mans style start. This gave Ben his best result as he secured a second place finish behind Ryan Eaton.

The Superstox drivers return to Great Yarmouth next Thursday, when the Felsham Garage Trophy will be presented to the winner.

DIARY DATES

Short Circuit. Mildenhall Raceway, Saturday, 6.30pm, Sunday, 1.30pm. Saloon Stock Cars; BriSCA F2; Bangers. Ipswich, Foxhall Stadium, Saturday, 6.45pm. 2.0 Hot Rods; Bangers.

Great Yarmouth, Sunday, 5.30pm. 2. Stock Cars; Ministox; Bangers.

Great Yarmouth, Thursday, 8pm.

Superstox; Rookie Rods; Bangers.

Motor Racing. Snetterton, 750MC, Saturday and Sunday. Races include Formula Vee and RGB Championship.

Rallycross. Blyton Park, MDA, Sunday. Dominic Yates Memorial; BTRDA and MDA Clubmans Championship.