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### Porsche Carrera Cup GB set for great start at Brands

New drivers, new teams and fierce competition across all three categories are the headlines for the Porsche Carrera Cup GB, fastest one-make race series in Britain, at the opening races of the season at Brands Hatch (4/5 April).

With an excellent 19-car field, headed by defending champion Tim Harvey and his key rivals Tim Bridgman and Michael Caine along with some very significant championship newcomers, it will be a great start to the season.

Up front, the three top drivers from 2008 are back; defending champion Harvey (Red Line Racing) and Bridgman (Team Parker Racing) return with the same teams, while 2008 runner-up Michael Caine has rejoined Kent-based Motorbase Performance for the new season.

Bridgman set a stunning pace during the major pre-season test at Silverstone to underline his title ambitions, but Harvey is just as determined to retain his title and Caine started his 2008 campaign with a double win here at Brands

last spring. Adding yet more interest is former BTCC and Le Mans ace Anthony Reid at the wheel of the VIP car from Porsche Motorsport, and another contender for the overall podium.

Among the drivers making their debut this weekend will be the two Carrera Cup Scholarship winners, Tom Bradshaw and Lewis Hopkins, who each won £50,000 towards their 2009 racing budget in the championship's highly successful scholarship programme last autumn.

Enjoying better support than ever are the pro-am1 and pro-am2 categories and there is going to be plenty of competition within the overall race. The man with his eyes set firmly on the pro-am1 crown is Dartford's Tony Gilham (Red Line Racing), who will want to get his season off to a flying start at his home track.

Gilham's opposition is very strong, however, and includes Scottish teenager Glynn Geddie and Irish charger Michael Leonard from Team Parker Racing, Ollie

Jackson (Motorbase Performance), Graeme Mundy (RSS Performance) and series newcomers Robert Lawson and Derek Pierce from JHR. Lawson, the former SEAT front-runner, is sure to be a major contender and the leading pro-am1 racers will also be chasing overall podium finishes as the season progresses.

The pro-am2 field will gather momentum as the season develops, and is headed this weekend by Karl Leonard (RSS Performance) and 17-year old George Richardson (Motorbase Performance).

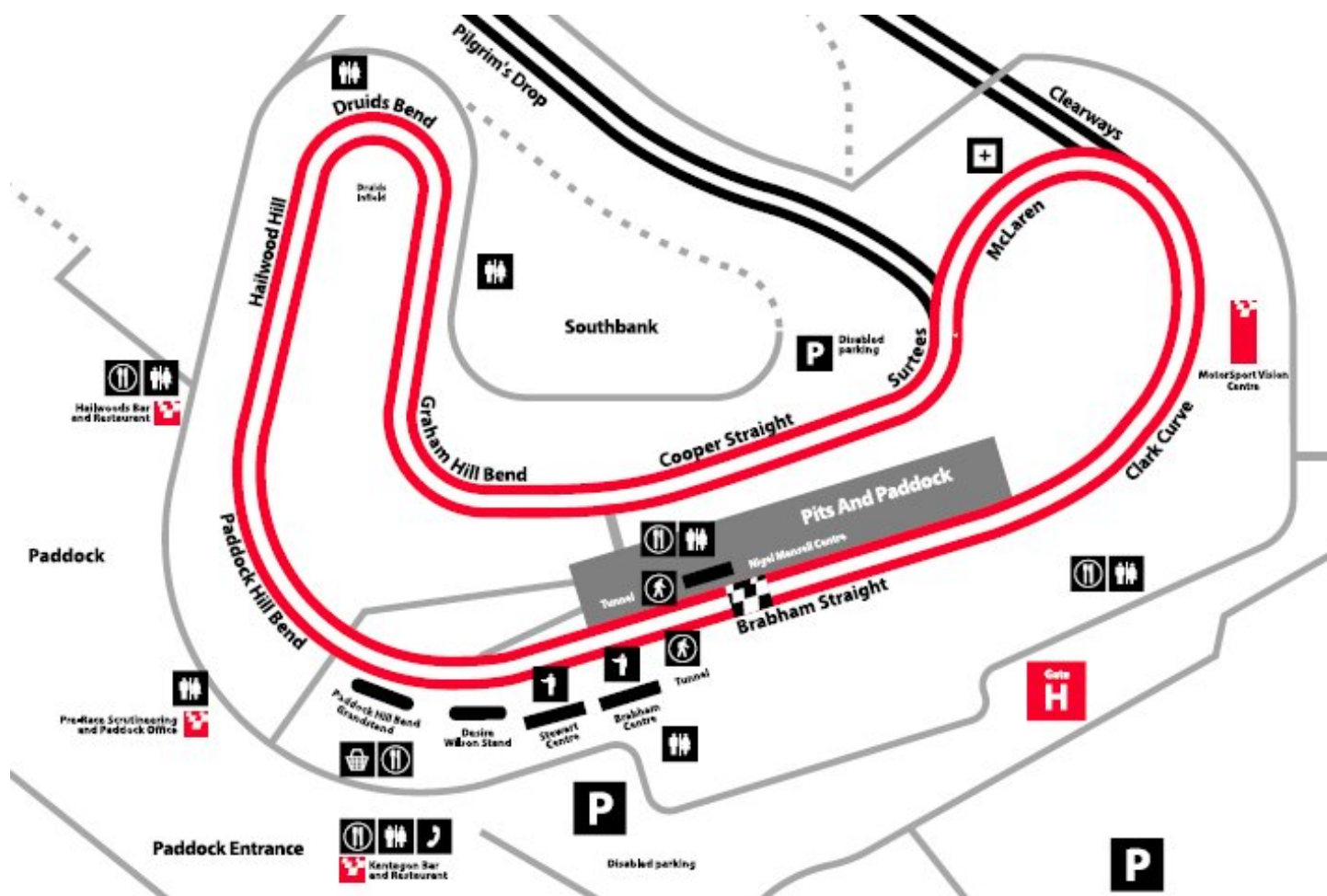
After qualifying at 2pm on Saturday afternoon, the first Carrera Cup race will start at 5.40pm on Saturday. The second race will start at 3pm on Sunday.

March 27th, 2009



### Brands Hatch Circuit Statistics

Indy Circuit  
Circuit Length: 1.226 miles  
Corners: 6







### Harvey and Bridgman head Carrera Cup testing at Brands

Tim Harvey and Tim Bridgman topped the times at the end of testing at Brands Hatch today (Friday 3 April 2009) ahead of the opening rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup GB. It could barely have been closer as Harvey's best time in the first session was one-thousandth of a second better than Bridgman's best in the later of the two test sessions.

With equally close battles in prospect in both the pro-am1 and pro-am2 categories and a fine 18-car field, the stage is set for two great races to get the 2009 season off to a superb start.

In the first session, Harvey (Red Line Racing) ran new tyres to set a best of 47.120s and started his title defence in the best possible way. However, in the second session at the end of the afternoon, Bridgman (Team Parker Racing) dipped to 47.121s in the closing minutes of the session. "We worked through a steady programme with the car," said Bridgman. "It should definitely be in the 46s tomorrow in qualifying."

Only a tenth of a second slower than Harvey and Bridgman was Michael Caine (Motorbase Performance), who felt that the track was slower in the second, and warmer, session. "We made some changes to the car after the first session and did the same time on new tyres this afternoon," said Caine.

With 15 of the 18-car field covered by less than a second the times were incredibly close and it was Jake Rosenzweig (Team Parker Racing) in a fine fourth place overall, in the first of two Carrera Cup weekends before he starts his Euro Formula 3 campaign.

Fifth fastest after an excellent day was Dean Smith (Red Line Racing), after concluding a very late deal to join the series. He immediately showed strong pace and went three-tenths of a second faster in the later session. "We've just got to find a little bit more; my realistic aim is for a podium this weekend," said Smith.

Sixth and seventh fastest, split by just

five-thousandths of a second were Carrera Cup Scholarship drivers Lewis Hopkins (Red Line Racing) and Tom Bradshaw (Team Parker Racing). "I've come on a long way today; it's clicking into place," said Hopkins as former champion Richard Westbrook worked with both Scholarship drivers.

Two-hundredths of a second covered the top three pro-am1 drivers as Glynn Geddie (Team Parker Racing), Tony Gilham (Red Line Racing) and Robert Lawson (JHR) proved incredibly closely matched. "It was better this afternoon," said Geddie. "But I didn't get the best out of my new tyres."

Karl Leonard (RSS Performance) headed the pro-am2 times after a good improvement in the afternoon. "That was much better than the first session," reported Leonard, who was chased by 17-year old George Richardson (Motorbase Performance) in the pro-am2 ranks. By the end of a very good day, Richardson was only two-tenths adrift of Leonard.

April 3rd, 2009

### Bridgman takes double Carrera Cup pole at Brands

Tim Bridgman took a double pole position at Brands Hatch today (Saturday 4 April 2009) ahead of the opening two rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup GB. With a late charge in qualifying, Bridgman leapt to the top of the times as Glynn Geddie headed the pro-am1 category and Karl Leonard topped pro-am2. Such was the overall pace and closeness of the field that less than eight tenths of a second covered the first 15 cars for race one.

Times were incredibly close throughout qualifying on the Indy circuit and with 18 cars on track it was a very busy session. While Bridgman (Team Parker Racing) sat out the early minutes of the session and it was Tim Harvey (Red Line Racing) who cut the early pace, posting a best of 47.209s. That lap topped the times until Bridgman went out on his second set of tyres in the closing minutes of qualifying.

With a mighty charge, Bridgman set a 47.186s lap to grab pole for round one and then turned in a 47.193s second best lap to secure pole for race two. "The pace was a bit slower today as the ambient temperature was higher," said Bridgman. "I hit traffic on my first run, but I got a reasonable run on my second set of tyres."

Harvey was disappointed to lose pole position as well as the two championship points that Bridgman earned for the two best times. "I got out of the car mid-session as the track was getting slower, then cloud came over," said Harvey, feeling that the cloud cover helped improve times in the closing minutes of qualifying.

Michael Caine (Motorbase Performance) was third fastest for race one, but nipped ahead of Harvey to be second fastest for race two. "I got held up on

my first run and there were yellow flags out on my second run," said Caine, who was just over a tenth of a second away from Bridgman's overall best lap.

Heading the pro-am1 times for both races was Geddie (Team Parker Racing) and such was his pace that he qualified fourth overall for race one and fifth overall for race two just behind Dean Smith (Red Line Racing). "I never got any real track space for the second run," reported Geddie, who was three-tenths up on his pro-am1 rivals Robert Lawson (JHR) and Michael Leonard (Team Parker Racing) for the opening

race. Lawson ended his session a few minutes early after a nudge with the tyre wall at McLaren after a spin.

Completing the top six overall times for both races was Carrera Cup Scholarship driver Tom Bradshaw (Team Parker Racing) from his team mate Jake Rosenzweig. Meanwhile, in pro-am2, it was Karl Leonard (RSS Performance) topping the times from George Richardson (Motorbase Performance). However, Leonard was frustrated not to be further up the overall order after being troubled by understeer.

April 4th, 2009





### Bridgman takes Carrera Cup victory at Brands

Tim Bridgman underlined the strength of his 2009 title bid by winning the first round of the Porsche Carrera Cup GB at Brands Hatch today (Saturday 4 April 2009). Bridgman led from the start as Tim Harvey and Michael Caine chased, while Tony Gilham won an action-packed pro-am1 category and 17 year-old George Richardson took pro-am2 spoils.

For Bridgman (Team Parker Racing) it was a different outcome to the corresponding race of 2008 when he failed to finish. "I can't say I haven't thought about last year once or twice," he said. "But it was a pretty straightforward race and it has started the season off well."

Bridgman led from the start, but had Harvey (Red Line Racing) and Caine (Motorbase Performance) as constant shadows. Then, with the cars Anthony Reid (Porsche Motorsport) and Jake Rosenzweig (Team Parker Racing) off in the gravel at Paddock Hill Bend, a safety car period bunched the field up once more. But Bridgman was able to re-establish his lead to score a classy victory. "I'm just pleased with maximum points," said Bridgman after the perfect start to the season.

Harvey chased all the way and was less than a second adrift at the flag after 27 laps. "It could have been any order between the three of us; it was very close," said Harvey. Any chance of a late-race challenge for the lead from Harvey was thwarted when the race was halted early with a car in the gravel at McLaren. Caine, meanwhile, ran a strong third but was unable to attack Harvey once a lock-up into McLaren left him struggling with a flat-spotted tyre. "It's a good way to start; you've got to keep getting podiums," said Harvey.

An excellent fourth overall went to Carrera Cup Scholarship racer Tom Bradshaw (Team Parker Racing). A superb start catapulted him into fourth place and he was able to hold the place despite early pressure from team mate Glynn Geddie. "That's a result I'm happy with," said Bradshaw after finishing the best of the championship newcomers.

Geddie set a fierce pace at the head of pro-am1 in fifth overall, but was under constant pressure from Dean Smith (Red Line Racing). After the safety car, Geddie found himself struggling with understeer and he ran wide at Paddock, dropping several places as a result.

That assured Smith of fifth place, while through to sixth place and pro-am1 victory went Gilham (Red Line Racing) after moving ahead of Michael Leonard (Team Parker Racing) going into Paddock. "I knew I had to get a good start, and it was a busy race from start to finish," said Gilham. Leonard had an equally busy race, having run right behind the battling Geddie and Smith for many laps. "I made a small mistake at Clearways and Tony got a good run on me," said Leonard of the move that settled pro-am1.

Geddie recovered to take third in pro-am1 from Derek Pierce (JHR), while a late tangle at McLaren eliminated Robert Lawson (JHR), Karl Leonard (RSS Performance) and Lewis Hopkins (Red Line Racing). With Karl Leonard out, Richardson (Motorbase Performance) moved ahead to claim pro-am2 spoils on a good Carrera Cup debut. "Fantastic," said Richardson. "I'm not used to doing that many laps!"

The race results remain provisional, subject to judicial and technical matters.

April 4th, 2009



### Bridgman completes Carrera Cup double at Brands

Tim Bridgman got his 2009 season off to the perfect start by completing a weekend double win in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB at Brands Hatch today (Sunday 5 April 2009). In similar style to Saturday's round one, Bridgman swept to victory from Tim Harvey and Michael Caine. Glynn Geddie claimed pro-am1 spoils, while Karl Leonard topped the pro-am2 runners.

In front of a big crowd and live on ITV4, Bridgman (Team Parker Racing) led from the start and controlled the race from the front. Even an early safety car period failed to unseat him and Bridgman completed a faultless weekend to take the early championship lead. "I can't ask for any more than that," said Bridgman. "It was how I wanted it to be, so I'm very, very happy. The guys at Team Parker Racing have done a great job." His dominance also earned him the 'driver of the weekend' award, while Red Line Racing won the 'team of the weekend' award.

Harvey (Red Line Racing) and Caine (Motorbase Performance) chased after Bridgman, and were never too far apart as they raced to the remaining podium positions. "The margins are very close between us; it came down to set-up over 32 laps," said Harvey. "We just didn't have the pace of Tim Bridgman this weekend," accepted Caine.

With Tom Bradshaw (Team Parker Racing) out early on when contact with team mate Glynn Geddie sent him into the gravel at Clearways, it was Dean Smith (Red Line Racing) who wrapped up a strong weekend with fourth place. He pulled clear of the chasing pack and it was Geddie who had to fight his way back through from ninth to finish fifth and win the pro-am1 category. "I really had to chase back, but that feels good

after a disastrous race yesterday," said Geddie.

Michael Leonard (Team Parker Racing) ran as high as fifth at one point, after starting down in 11th place. "I got a fantastic start," said Leonard but a spin at Druids later dropped him back to seventh behind team mate Jake Rosenzweig. In an amended result for race one, Leonard has earlier been confirmed as pro-am1 winner after Tony Gilham was penalised back one place for overtaking under a yellow flag.

Completing the pro-am1 podium in race two was Ollie Jackson (Motorbase Performance) after a fine drive. He worked hard to try and fend off the recovering Geddie and was just ahead of the incident that eventually led to a red flag after 32 laps. "I got a decent start, but

then I worked the front tyres a bit too hard," said Jackson.

Right behind Jackson was the battle between Gilham (Red Line Racing) and JHR team mates Robert Lawson and Derek Pierce. However, after many laps of close racing, Gilham and Lawson touched coming onto the pit straight and Gilham spun into the barriers, causing a red flag.

In pro-am2, Karl Leonard (RSS Performance) made the running and battled with some of the pro-am1 racers before a touch with another car sent him wide onto the grass at Graham Hill Bend. He recovered well to take pro-am2 victory from George Richardson (Motorbase Performance) and Robin Clark (Parr Motorsport).

April 5th, 2009





### Provisional 2009 driver championship points positions

After round 2, Brands Hatch 5 April

Overall Championship			Pro-am1 category			Pro-am2 category		
Pos	Driver	Points	Pos	Driver	Points	Pos	Driver	Points
1	Tim Bridgman	44	1	Glynn Geddie	23	1	Robin Clark	18
2	Tim Harvey	36	2	Michael Leonard	21	2	Karl Leonard	11
3	Michael Caine	32	3	Ollie Jackson	15	3	George Richardson	9
4	Dean Smith	26	4	Derek Pierce	14			
5	Michael Leonard	20	5	Tony Gilham	9			
=	Glynn Geddie	20	6	John Quartermaine	8			
7	Ollie Jackson	15	=	Robert Lawson	8			
8	Tom Bradshaw	14						
=	Derek Pierce	14						
10	Tony Gilham	9						
11	John Quartermaine	8						
=	Robert Lawson	8						
13	Robin Clark	6						
=	Lewis Hopkins	6						
15	George Richardson	4						
16	Karl Leonard	2						

### Provisional 2009 team championship points positions

After round 2, Brands Hatch 5 April

Pos	Team	Total points	Scoring drivers
1	Red Line Racing	62	Harvey and Smith
2	Team Parker Racing	58	Bridgman and Bradshaw
3	Motorbase Performance	47	Caine and Jackson
4	JHR	22	Lawson and Pierce
5	RSS Performance	10	K Leonard and Quartermaine
6	Parr Motorsport	6	Clark

Note 1:

Jake Rosenzweig is ineligible for points due to the status of his race licence.

Note 2:

Championship points have been deducted as follows, for driving infringements:  
Round 1, Brands Hatch (4 April) Karl Leonard minus 3 points.

This deduction also applies to team championship points as appropriate.





### Post Brands Hatch media statistics

#### TV coverage

The second Brands race was screened live during the BTCC programme on ITV4 and the total live transmission for the Carrera Cup was approx 40 minutes.

The races will also be covered in the Motorsport UK programme on ITV1 (schedule to be confirmed, but expected to be 30 April). Viewing figures for the Motorsport UK programme indicate a typical audience of over 500,000.

#### VIP car

Anthony Reid raced the PCGB entry in the pro class.

#### Race day crowd

The crowd figure for race day has been estimated at over 20,000.

#### Web sites

Real time updates, images, results and championship points were loaded onto the official Porsche website. Access the Carrera Cup pages at:  
[www.porsche.com/uk/motorsportandevents/motorsport/racing/pccpcgb/](http://www.porsche.com/uk/motorsportandevents/motorsport/racing/pccpcgb/)

Extensive coverage was carried at [www.crash.net](http://www.crash.net) and [www.easier.com](http://www.easier.com).

[www.Pistonheads.com](http://www.Pistonheads.com) covered the races and plans to carry regular news and information.

All interviews are available on the official BTCC.net website.

#### Print media

The event programme previewed the start of the new season.

Autosport and Motorsport News carried regular race reports and news stories. Both also carried stories about Anthony Reid racing the VIP car.

The event will also be featured in 911 and Porsche World and Porsche Post.

Regional press releases were issued covering Tim Harvey, Michael Caine, Tim Bridgman and Tom Bradshaw.

#### Radio – local and regional

Interviews, live reports and pre-records with the following drivers:

Tim Bridgman - Stansted, Essex  
George Richardson - Cheshire  
Glynn Geddie - Aberdeen  
Karl Leonard - Naas, Co Kildare

Radio Station Coverage for Brands Hatch:

**BBC Kent** - County  
**BBC London** - London  
**INVICTA FM** - Kent  
**BBC Southern Counties** - Sussex/Surrey  
**KMFM** - Kent  
**BBC Essex** - County  
**Essex FM** - County  
**Signal 1** - Cheshire  
**Imagine FM** - Cheshire  
**Moray Firth Radio** - Aberdeenshire  
**Northsound 1** - Aberdeenshire  
**BBC Ulster** - Northern Ireland  
**City Beat 96.7** - Northern Ireland  
**5 LIVE** - National  
**IRN** - National

