

Superpro V.A.G. Trophy Championship 2011.

Rounds 3 & 4.

Brands Hatch Indy – 30th April.

Chris Hayes recorded a double victory in last weekend's rounds three and four of the SuperPro VAG Trophy, which took place on the 1.2-mile Brands Hatch 'Indy' circuit on 30th April. On both occasions he crossed the line under a second ahead of round one and two winner Dan Rose, with Andy Thompson claiming third.

As it did at Donington a few weeks ago for rounds one and two, the race series for pre-2006 Volkswagen Audi Group cars, supported by the manufacturer of high-performance polyurethane suspension bushes SuperPro, saw a healthy 30 competitors on the grid and a wide variety of cars entered.

As before, grid positions for both races are decided in the one and only qualifying session, where positions for race one are established in the usual way with the fastest first, whereas for race two, they are calculated using the second-fastest times. However, as it turned out, both races saw the same names line-up for the top three positions: Hayes, Thompson and then Rose – all in Seat Leon Cupras.

Race 1 (round 3)

Hayes made the most of his pole position as the field streamed into the infamous Paddock Hill bend and was able to keep the rest of the pack behind him. However, it was a different story for Thompson, who could not stop Rose from taking advantage of his inside track position and snatching second place. Tony Absolom also made a good start from the inside of row three in his VW Golf R32 van and managed to squeeze past Thompson on lap two, although the Seat driver recovered the position two laps later. This battle for third place allowed the leading pair to pull away from the rest of the pack, with the gap increasing as they started to catch and lap the slower cars from lap six onwards.

Although Hayes was rarely more than a second ahead of Rose for the remainder of the 17-lap race, the leader never looked threatened and positions stayed the same until the chequered flag.

Golf drivers Aaron Mason in his Mk5 and Lewis Hopkins in his Mk2 who dominated their classes, winning B and C2 respectively, whilst an intense battle for C1 eventually went the way of Guy Stevens in his Mk2. A notable drive came from Sam Fish, who finished second in Class B in his Mk 1 Golf first time out.

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Race two (round four)

Although for the top three drivers the result of race two was a repeat performance from earlier in the day, with Hayes, Rose and Thompson sharing the podium positions once again, the race itself was a far closer affair.

This time Thompson was able to stay in contention with the leading duo and closed up on Rose in the final laps. In-turn, Rose also made a late charge and got right behind Hayes in the closing stages, hoping that his fellow Seat driver would be pressured into a mistake.

Behind them, it was golf Mk5 driver Tim Snaylam who was on a charge and, on lap five, went past Lloyd Allard in his Golf Mk4 TDi and Martyn Culley in his VW Vento to take fourth place. Aaron Mason, now running in Class A, was also pushed past and ended his day in fifth.

Hopkins repeated his earlier Class C2 victory, whilst Stevens did the same in C1. However, Fish went one better and, after a great drive, took an impressive Class B win.

With points for the overall championship allocated by class positions, it means that after four rounds, Hopkins leads on 63 points, with Rose second on 55 and Stevens third on 52.