

# BRSCC 2006 FORMULA FORD FESTIVAL

## Brands Hatch 20 - 22 October 2006



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### Kent Final

Gavin Wills made an excellent start leaving pole man Neville Smyth to emerge in third place as the pack completed its first lap with Ivor McCullough in second place. Behind them Sam Yates came to grief on the outside at Clearways. The race was neutralised by the Safety Car whilst the track was cleared. Racing resumed on lap 7 and Wills held his lead from the green flag. Lee Mumford moved up from fifth to third and then lost it at Druids on lap 8 resuming in twentieth place eventually clawing his way back to finish eighth. Noel Dunne was at this point in fourth position falling back to ninth after an incident at Druids getting back to sixth place within a couple of laps. At the opening of lap 19 Wills was being pressed hard by McCullough who passed him and then spun at Paddock Hill. Wills got back his lead only to be relegated to fifth place as he was passed by Matt Rivett, Dunne, Morgan Dempsey and Mike Edgar. Dunne now closed in on Rivett who came to grief on Paddock Hill on lap 23. Dunne held the lead until the line with Dempsey and Edgar finishing second and third.

### Zetec Final

Benoit Perrett was on pole with Nick Catsburg alongside. Both made good starts holding their positions in the opening laps. The safety car came out on lap 3 and racing resume on lap 5. Takashi Nagase now closed on Catsburg and relegated him to third place at McClaren on the seventh lap. Perrett and Nagase were now grouped together and were to remain thus to the end of the race with Nagase making an unsuccessful challenge for the lead on the penultimate lap. In the meantime Neil Tofts began to put the pressure on Catsburg eventually passing him on the way up to Druids on lap 18. Nagase recorded the quickest lap in the very wet conditions with the Tofts retaining third and Catsburg fourth.

### Duratec Final

Polesitter Nathan Freke with Nick Tandy who was alongside him got off the line well. Unfortunately Tandy came adrift on Graham Hill and resumed at the back of the field. Freke also lost out with Peter Dempsey and James Nash gaining first and second places. Nash went off at Clearways on the fourth lap and Freke grabbed the lead back on Brabham on the next lap. Richard Tannahill took Freke at Paddock Hill and Dempsey lost out at Graham Hill Bend leaving Tannahill in the lead with Jay Bridger and Neil Doran behind him. The safety car came out for one lap. When racing resumed Tandy continued his fight back up the field and was eighth on lap 14. On lap 16 Tandy was up to sixth and running in the pack behind the Safety Car. He span at Graham Hill Bend losing two or three places but quickly got himself back to sixth place which in retrospect may not have been a good idea. At the conclusion of this lap the Safety Car came in Tandy resumed his challenge getting up to fourth at Paddock Hill and then onto third at Graham Hill. A couple of laps later he passed Bridger gaining second place. He then concentrated his efforts on passing race long time race leader Richard Tannahill achieving this on the inside at Druids on lap 21. In the meantime Nicki Thiim who had started last of all had fought his way up to twelfth and finished a very creditable eighth. Tandy came home first, however, his joy was to be short lived as the result was immediately protested. Tandy was awarded a 10 second penalty for the incident behind the Safety Car. The declared result being Richard Tannahill first, Jay Bridger second and Neil Doran third. Darren Burke in his first race of the season and his first in a Duratec came home fourth and Tandy was posted fifth.



Pictured to the left is:  
Noel Dunne  
In the middle is:  
Benoit Perrett  
On the far right is:  
Richard Tannahill

