



Wooder & Mitchell win Finals

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30 drivers turned out at Rowrah, proving that this is, indeed, a growing class, and Sandy Mitchell's O Plate win two weeks earlier on this circuit made him a favourite.

Mitchell subsequently topped the Qualifying list. His chances were further improved when close rivals Luke Wooder and Kiern Jewiss only just scraped into the top 20.

Elliot Harvey gave Mitchell something to think about in the opening heat by leading from lap 3 onwards. Although Mitchell fought hard, he finished a yard or so behind Harvey in this one.

Next time out it was Charlie Lamb who took the honours ahead of Ethan Andrews. Mitchell won Heat 3 very comfortably but Wooder impressed in the dry conditions by initially taking 3rd place, just inches behind Harvey whose subsequent exclusion promoted Wooder to 2nd place.

This placed Mitchell firmly on pole for Final 1 opposite Lamb. Matt Hopcraft, Gordon Mutch, Wooder and Chris Lulham made up the top six. As a result of his exclusion Harvey found himself on grid 26.

Final 1

Lamb got off to a flying start and Mitchell dropped to 3rd spot behind Hopcraft. Lamb ran out of road coming out of

Iredale's Hairpin and suddenly found himself back in 10th place. After a lap had been completed only four or five yards separated the leader Hopcraft from Andrews in 6th place.

Jewiss took over the lead as Hopcraft dropped down to 4th behind Wooder. Ewan Tindall went past Hopcraft and suddenly the front three had opened up a significant gap. This had increased to around 40 yards by the time Morgan Porter went into 4th place.

Wooder went into the lead and Mitchell demoted Jewiss down to 3rd position. At half distance Jewiss grabbed 2nd place around McRae's Hairpin and then went into the lead when Wooder made an error into St John's Curve. Ryan Gillespie's race came to a premature end when he was served with the technical warning flag for a loose chain-guard.

As they approached the final lap, Wooder went into the lead around Paddock Bend and Mitchell followed him through. Mitchell tried to overtake Wooder at Iredale's but only succeeded in allowing Jewiss to take 2nd spot.

Harvey had worked his way up to 6th place, finishing just a few yards behind Tindall and Porter.

Final 2

Wooder took an initial lead, followed closely by Mitchell and Jewiss, but these positions were completely reversed on the following lap.

By half distance Mitchell was into 1st place, having overtaken Wooder and then taken Jewiss around Stewart's Sweep. Jewiss fought back on the following lap, forcing Mitchell wide at McRae's and taking Wooder through also.

They remained in that order until the penultimate lap when Wooder slipped through at Iredale's. He looked to have this race won but Mitchell took a very wide swing going into Iredale's for the last time. It gave him sufficient momentum to pass Wooder down the long straight and win this entertaining race.

About 100 yards behind, a hard fought battle over 4th spot was won by Harvey ahead of Myles Apps, Mark Kimber and Porter. ●

Results

Final 1

1 Luke Wooder	Project One
2 Kiern Jewiss	Project One
3 Sandy Mitchell	Project One
4 Ewan Tindall	Project One
5 Morgan Porter	BRK
6 Elliot Harvey	Project One

Final 2

1 Sandy Mitchell	Project One
2 Luke Wooder	Project One
3 Kiern Jewiss	Project One
4 Elliot Harvey	Project One
5 Myles Apps	Project One
6 Mark Kimber	Project One

Final 2 winner Sandy Mitchell
Chris Walker

Final 1 winner Luke Wooder
Chris Walker

