

SPECIAL TRACKSIDE REPORT



Above: Even managed to organise real Stockers in the entrance hall!
Left: Young guns Alex and Tom battle it out for top Junior

The format for the meeting was over the two days, with Saturday having one practice session followed by four qualifying rounds and on Sunday one practice round followed by two more qualifying rounds, with the best four from the six rounds that will make up the qualifying total. The top 32 from the entry of 48 then contested the quarter finals, the top four from each of these made up the two semi-finals, and the top four from each of these contested the World Final.

The aim from the qualifying heats was to make sure that you had done enough to finish in the top 32, and with that in mind here are all of the heat winners Matthew Bennett (5), Clive Buckler (4), Maikel Rutten (4), Anthony Wyper (4), Stuart Tennant (3), Ben Harding (3), Alex Wood (3), Karl Spencer (2), Derek Cayzer (2), Miklos Szabados, Mark Cooper, Tom Collins, Jon Cutts, Martin Riley and John Gould. The highest lap score of the rounds was set by Matthew Bennett in round six in the very last heat of qualifying with 94 laps.

After a short break while the quarter finals were worked out, there was time to take a wander around the museum and get away from the building atmosphere of the fierce competition, the time for all of the

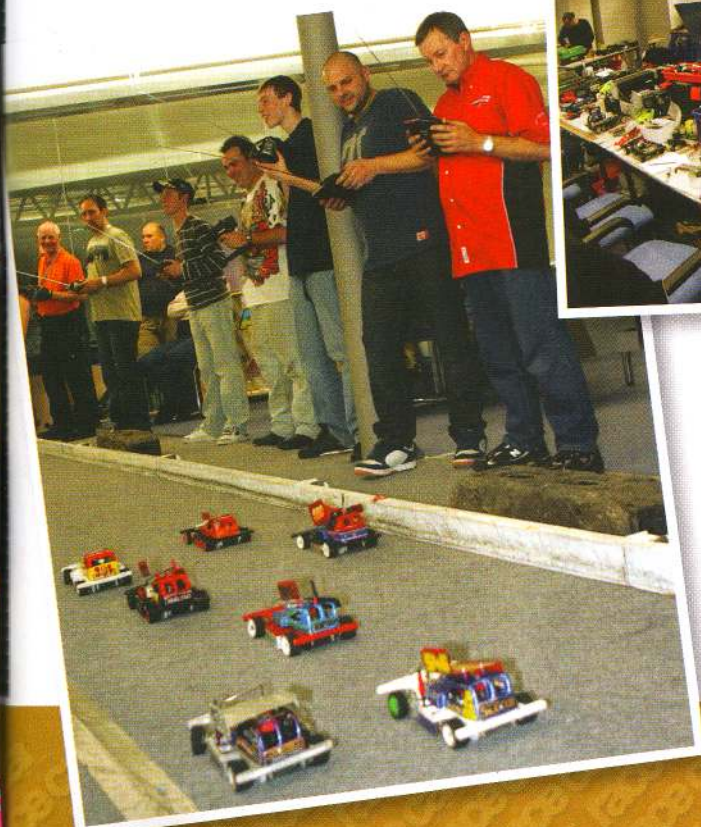
practice and the trying out of different set-ups was over because we were now at the knockout stage of the competition. If you did not finish in the top four then you were eliminated. Just after 2.30 pm the call was made for the first of the

quarter finalists to get ready, and after the fitting of the transponders and a call to scrutineering to make sure that all of the cars were deemed to be legal as per the rules, the first of the quarter finals took to the track. Here is the result from that race:

QUARTER FINAL 1

1	M. Bennett	88	300.37
2	K. Spencer	83	301.08
3	C. Baker	83	303.60
4	L. Bishop	81	300.07
5	J. Gould	81	302.43
6	M. Rutten	80	300.86
7	R. Harding	59	245.13
8	A. Greig	1	8.52

Below: Starting order is by grade, determined by roof colour, fastest at the back!



Above: Conference centre was turned into the pits

Above right: Andy in the chair to make sure it's all fair
Right: Keith Schooling (Rosco) went to extreme lengths to intimidate the other drivers!

