



PRESS INFORMATION  
2003 SEASON

## **MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

The *Motorsport News* Caterham Roadsport Challenge, long established as one of the UK's most competitive and exciting race series, has after a successful revamp in 2002 established itself as the ideal track career 'second step'.

With backing from Britain's leading weekly racing newspaper, *Motorsport News*, the championship provides the ideal stepping stone for drivers seeking to move up the Caterham ladder of opportunity.

The 'Roadsport B' class concept, successfully pioneered in '02, permits graduates of the previous season's Caterham Academy 'starter series' to step up to the Roadsport Challenge without the need to make many costly alterations to their cars, an opportunity of which many have taken advantage.

At the heart of the series is the powerful yet affordable Caterham Roadsport chassis which, though outwardly recognisable as having as its basis Colin Chapman's timeless Lotus 7 design, has over 46 years of refinement and evolution become a very different and much more sophisticated sports car.

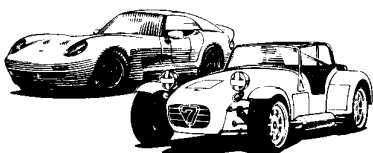
Under the bonnet is a naturally aspirated MG XPower 1.6-litre, 16-valve engine which, in the Class A cars, develops 138bhp at 7000rpm, delivered to the rear wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox. The mechanically very similar cars in Class B pack a 115bhp punch. The engines of all competing cars are power-rated and sealed by Minister Racing Engines to ensure fairness.

With a minimum regulation weight of just 515kg, and treaded control race tyres supplied by Avon, the Roadsport Challenge cars enjoy levels of performance and roadholding unrivalled at this level of the sport.

In any form of motor sport, safety is a key consideration. Among the Roadsport's safety features are a full roll-over cage, cockpit impact protection bars, aluminium honeycomb chassis side protection, a six-point full harness safety belt system and a fire extinguisher system. To be eligible to contest the championship, the drivers must hold a National B racing licence issued by Britain's motor sport governing body, the MSA.

For 2003 the *Motorsport News* Caterham Roadsport Challenge enjoys the elevated status of being one of the British Racing and Sports Car Club's 'SuperClub' series, with headlining double-header races at Rockingham, Silverstone, Brands Hatch and Snetterton, as well as rounds at Croft and Cadwell Park. It will close its season at Brands Hatch in October with the fantastic Caterham/Formula Ford Festival.

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The gathering momentum of the series, and the kudos of association with it, is recognised by a growing number of backers. Joining title sponsor *Motorsport News* on the roster this season are MG XPower, Cooper-Avon Tyres, Minister Racing Engines and several other well-known names.

The championship will be decided over 12 races at seven meetings, and the chances are strong that, as in 2001 and '02, the title fight will go close to the wire. The Class A champion's prize is well worth winning – the lucky driver will be able to exchange his or her Roadsport for a new R400 chassis, with which to contest the 2004 R400 Challenge.

The Class B champion will, meanwhile, have their car upgraded to Class A Roadsport specification for 2004.

#### 2003 *Motorsport News* Caterham Roadsport Challenge Provisional calendar

5/6 Apr	Rockingham	Double Header
18 May	Cadwell Park	Double Header
31 May/1 Jun	Silverstone National	Double Header
14/15 Jun	Brands Hatch Indy	Double Header
26/27 Jul	Croft	
6/7 Sep	Snetterton	Double Header
18/19 Oct	Brands Hatch Indy	Caterham/Ford Festival

Ends

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### **MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

Championship awards

Overall Class A champion  
Overall Class B champion  
Runners-up each class  
Third overall each class

Exchange Caterham Superlight race chassis  
Free conversion kit to Class A specification  
£500 Caterham parts voucher  
£250 Caterham parts voucher

### **CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS**

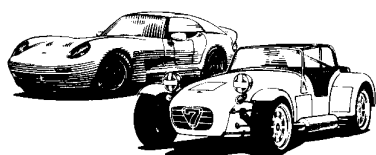
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### **CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION**

The 2003 Caterham R400 Challenge is organised under the auspices of the British Racing and Sports Car Club Ltd, 35 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4RR

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## **MOTORSPORT NEWS CATERHAM ROADSPORT CHALLENGE**

Roll of honour

### CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10

<b>2000</b>		<b>2001</b>		<b>2002</b>	
1st	John Gladman	1st	Martin Gregory	A 1st	Nelson Rowe
2nd	Clive Richards	2nd	Keith Robinson	2nd	Darren Ashley
3rd	Simon Pullan	3rd	Jamie Derbyshire	=3rd	Jon Wolfe
4th	Ross Beer	4th	Jason Sutherland		Oliver Bull
5th	Peter Haynes	5th	Paul Kite	5th	David Dyson
6th	Nick Jacobs	6th	Barry Horne	B 1st	Tony Lawrence
7th	Martin Gregory	7th	Frazer Gibney	2nd	John Gaw
8th	Simon Bennett	8th	Luc Paillard	3rd	Richard Gomes
9th	Laurence Finlay	9th	Steven Frost	4th	Mike Cantillon
10th	Jason Sutherland	10th	Guy Spurr	5th	Simon Taylor

### RACE WINNERS

#### **Brands Hatch**

20/08/00 (Indy)	John Gladman		
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07/05/01 (GP)	Keith Robinson		
30/09/01 (Indy)	Barry Horne		
14/07/02 (Indy)	Nelson Rowe A	John Gaw B	
06/10/02 (Indy)	Darren Ashley A	Tony Lawrence B	

#### **Croft**

09/07/00	John Gladman
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#### **Snetterton**

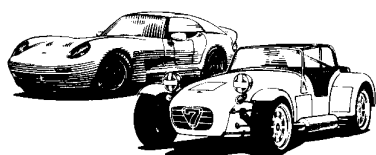
07/05/00	John Gladman		
25/03/01	Martin Gregory		
22/07/01	Martin Gregory		
12/05/02	Nelson Rowe A	John Gaw B	

#### **Silverstone**

20/04/02	Nelson Rowe A	Tony Lawrence B
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#### **Cadwell Park**

11/08/02	Nelson Rowe A	Tony Lawrence B
11/08/02	Darren Ashley A	John Gaw B



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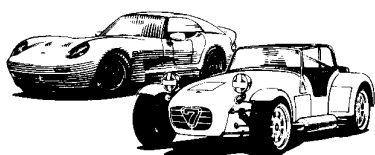
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### Chassis specification

Engine	1.6-litre MG X-Power all aluminium unit mounted longitudinally 10.5:1 compression ratio Mechanical tappets, double overhead cam, 16 valves side exit catalytic competition silencer
Maximum power	Class A, 133bhp@7000rpm Class B, 120bhp@6000rpm
Maximum torque	Class A, 115lb ft@5000rpm Class B, 107lb ft@3000rpm
Transmission	Class A, six-speed manual Class B, five-speed manual
Brakes	Front/Rear, 228mm solid disc
Suspension	Front, independent, twin wishbones, anti-roll bar, race -spec Bilstein dampers Rear, de Dion, lower A frame and upper radius arms, adjustable anti-roll bar, race -spec Bilstein dampers
Wheels & tyres	6J x 13 alloy wheels Class A, Avon ACB10 treaded race tyres Class B, Avon CR500 treaded race tyres
Safety equipment	Six-point race harness, fire extinguisher system, honeycombe boot floor panel, side-impact protection system
Dimensions	Wheelbase, 2225mm Front track, 1336mm Rear track, 1346mm
Minimum weight	Car without driver, 515kg



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