

# **RACE LINE-UP**

# **Historic Gold Cup (Saturday and Sunday)**

The showpiece Historic Gold Cup itself will be awarded to the aggregate winner of two Historic Grand Prix Car Association races across the weekend. Featuring classically-modelled single-seater machines from the pre-slicks-and-wings era of the sport, this will hark back to a time when the International Gold Cup was a regular non-championship fixture on the annual F1 schedule.

### Jim Clark Cup (Saturday and Sunday)

Two Formula Junior races will take place on the Oulton Park International circuit across the weekend, with a trophy named in honour of one of the categories greatest in-period names.

## **Griffiths Haig Trophy (Saturday and Sunday)**

This is a new addition to the Gold Cup line-up for 2022, with races for 1950s drum brake sports and sports-racing cars. The series has been created in direct homage to the HSCC's roots and will be open to suitable machines built and registered between 1947 and 1961.

#### **Cheshire Historic TT (Saturday)**

This one-hour feature race will call back to the 1960s when Oulton Park hosted the RAC Tourist Trophy five years in succession. The grid will comprise stunning GT race cars from the Masters Gentleman Drivers class, many of which won't have been seen in action at the picturesque venue in recent years.

#### **Niki Lauda Trophy (Saturday and Sunday)**

A pair of Historic Formula 2 races will comprise the Niki Lauda Trophy, named in honour of the famous Austrian who claimed an impressive wet weather F2 win at the venue in 1972. These races will recreate the feel and the buzz of the fondly remembered '70s period of European Formula 2 competition.

#### **Jack Sears Trophy (Saturday)**

Named after the British Saloon Car Championship's (now BTCC) inaugural title winner, the Jack Sears Trophy is for tin top racing cars built and registered from 1958 until 1966. Run by the Historic Racing Drivers Club, this will feature crowd-pleasing Minis, Cortinas, Mustangs and much more in a 45-minute clash on Saturday afternoon.

## **Derek Bell Trophy (Saturday and Sunday)**

Powerful 1970s single-seaters have long been a part of the Gold Cup's story and that continues this year with two Aurora Trophy Series races under the Derek Bell Trophy name. This double-header is named in celebration of British racing icon Derek Bell, who won the Oulton Park Gold Cup in 1977.

### **Guards Trophy (Saturday)**

The Guards Trophy GT and Sports Racing Championship has been a popular part of the Gold Cup line-up for many years. Contested by pre-'66 GT cars and pre-'69 sports racing cars, the race will run for 40 minutes with pit stops and some driver changes.

## **Tony Sugden Trophy (Sunday)**

Fire-breathing Special Saloons and Modsports will join the Gold Cup line-up for the first time this year, courtesy of the Classic Sports Car Club. The two Sunday contests will be names for long-time CSCC supporter Tony Sugden, who was a legend in the North West Special Saloons scene in period.

#### Egerton Cup (Sunday)\*

The Vintage Sports-Car Club will bring two grids of classic cars from motor racing's pioneering earlier years to the Gold Cup for the first time this year. The first of these is the Egerton Cup, named after the family which occupied the Oulton Estate manor house which formally sat on the land which now forms the circuit.

# **Alan Mann Trophy (Sunday)**

Sunday's Masters Pre-'66 Touring Car race will pay tribute to famous touring car team boss Alan Mann, best remembered for running Fords in red and gold colours. His son Henry still races with Masters and will present a special trophy to the winner on the day.

# Range Corner Trophy (Sunday)\*

The second Vintage Sports-Car Club offering on the menu will be named for part of the original Oulton Park layout, which isn't used for circuit racing today. Range Corner can be found on the infield, inside the Fosters circuit and is sometimes used for stage rallies.

\*The VSCC grids will also feature the Bill Phillips and John Goddard Trophies.

