



The weather was to play a big part in deciding the 1992 Pro 10 Euro Champs. It was a case of *deja vu* as the cold winds and rain that blighted the warm up meeting in May returned to Ashby in anger to disrupt this gathering of Europe's best Pro 10 drivers.

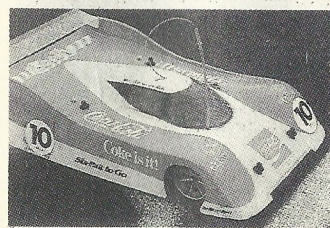
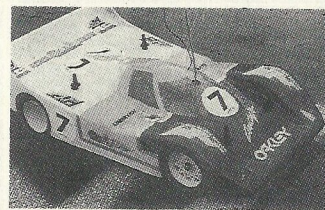
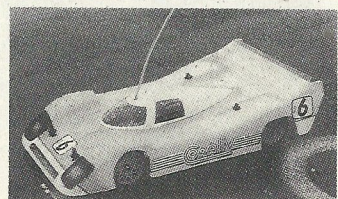
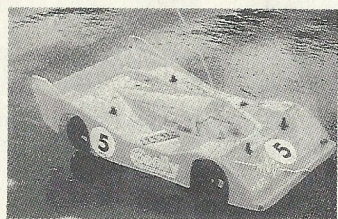
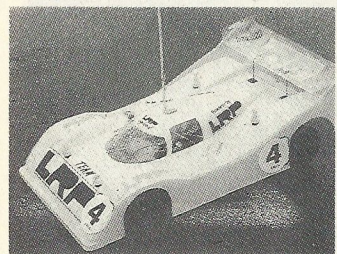
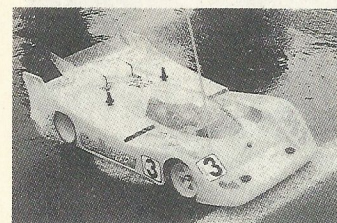
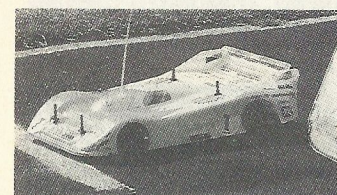
Friday was the only half reasonable day. The track dried out during open practice so that by the time T times started, conditions were perfect for fast times. Clive Stockham was fastest in the first of these, clocking 23-302.09 with his first drive of a Corally SPIOG round Ashby. His time was eclipsed by reigning Pro 10 Euro Champ Ralf Krause in round two though, Ralf's 24-317.12 leaving Jurgen

Lautenbach in 2nd and pushing Clive down to 3rd. With a multitude of British drivers in the top ten at this stage, things were looking good for qualifying. Saturday started off with some very quick times being set. David Spashett was Britain's star driver, setting a 24-313.69, a fraction quicker than Germany's Mart in Fliessbach and Jurgen Lautenbach. David piled on the horsepower in a big way in round two, setting a devastating new lap record of 24-310.79, a full four seconds quicker than Fliessbach with Jason Dearden putting his knowledge of Ashby to good use by taking 3rd.

And that was it The grip mysteriously disappeared for round three and very few drivers were able

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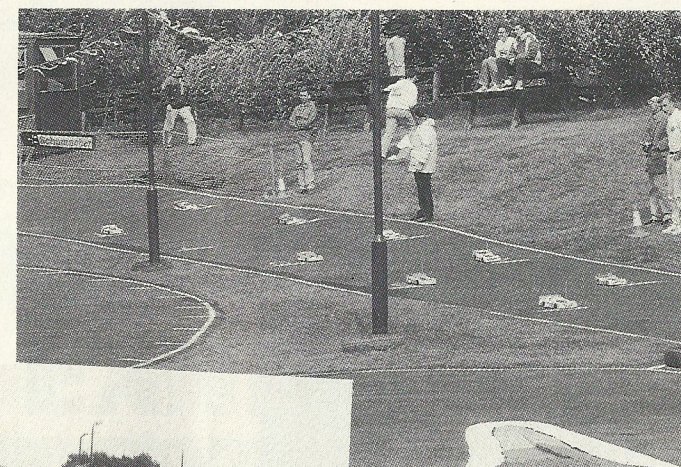
Britain's Jason Dearden stormed home to victory at the Pro 10 Euros



The finalists cars including larger than the rest the second placed qualifier Martin Fliessbach's.



Report by Graham Creasey



to improve on their times. Then down came the rain and qualifying was effectively over for the day. Several drivers ventured out in the remaining rounds to set their cars up for the wet conditions should Sunday be the same, but there was no way anyone was going to set anything like A final times. A wet start to Sunday meant that the final qualifying run was also a wash out – a sad situation. This left some very miserable drivers in the pit area, the most no table being Oscar Jansen who found himself in the C-final thanks to two stripped spur gears and a loose hub.

Finals

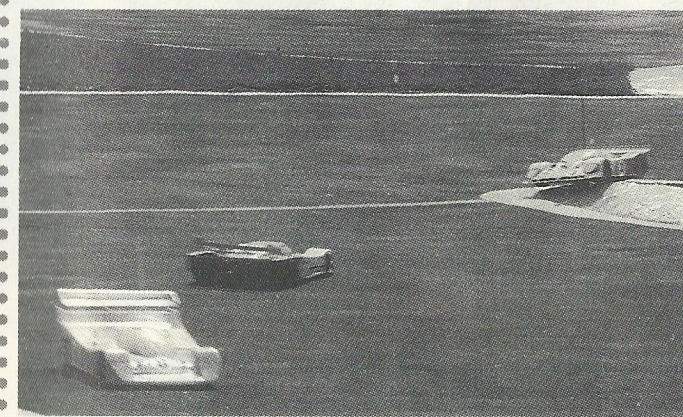
The show must go on though, and after a series of wet practice finals it was onto the trophy deciders themselves. The H final was the first to race with Mauro Ferrentino taking the win. Britain's Ken Philbin took the G final honours with Mario Saibel fending off Alan Wilkinson and Dickie 'awright my son' Mee to win the F. In the E final it was Ashley Whenman's turn to make amends for a torrid time in qualifying, leading home Thomas Travaille for a well deserved win. Luc Dubreuco managed to pip Germany's Tamiya specialist Uwe Doerner to win the D final with Alan Harland only a couple of seconds behind. C final victory went to Graham Creasey, half a second ahead of a charging Rob Marshall, with Adam Stephenson inheriting 3rd from an underweight Peter Smith. Young Martin Mostl won a scrappy B final from LRP's Karsten Lautenbach with Jason Bohin and Neil head finishing close behind.

A Final Legs

The A final legs were what would decide the champion though and you don't often get three as eventful as



Ashby presented the drivers with a difficult undulating circuit.



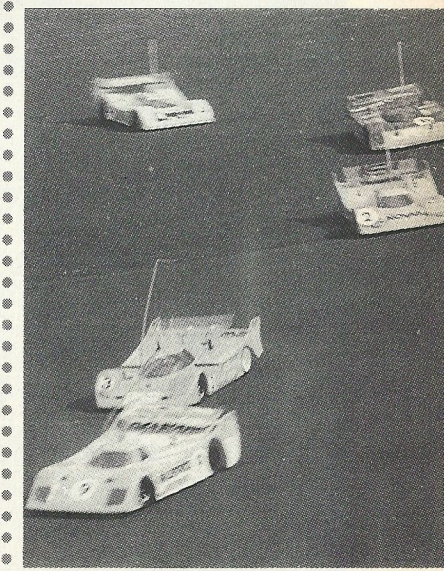
these. David Spashett confirmed he would be the driver to beat by absolutely blitzing the dry practice final, finishing more than half a lap ahead of the other drivers. He stayed on target in a very wet first A final leg, tackling the terrible conditions with great skill to pull out a comfortable lead. Disaster struck though with one of David's rear Belsport tyres coming in unglued from its rim, spinning his car out of contention. With other quick cars soon succumbing to too much on-board water, it was Constant Paul who wound up the surprise winner from Jason Dearden and Bert Van Der Vecht.

Leg two started in complete panic. Drivers had been given just

40 minutes in which to convert their cars from full wet to full dry set-up. It wasn't enough. With three minutes to go David Spashett's car was still in pieces on the workbench and only some remarkably quick Corally building by Mick Farrell got him to the start line on time. A controversial delay by the race organisers upset those drivers already on the start line but even with this the race started with just 7 drivers present. Constant Paul, the winner of the first leg, wasn't one of them. David Spashett's speed controller blew as he accelerated away, ending his chances of becoming European champion. The race turned into an exciting battle between Jurgen Lautenbach and David Gale, Jurgen

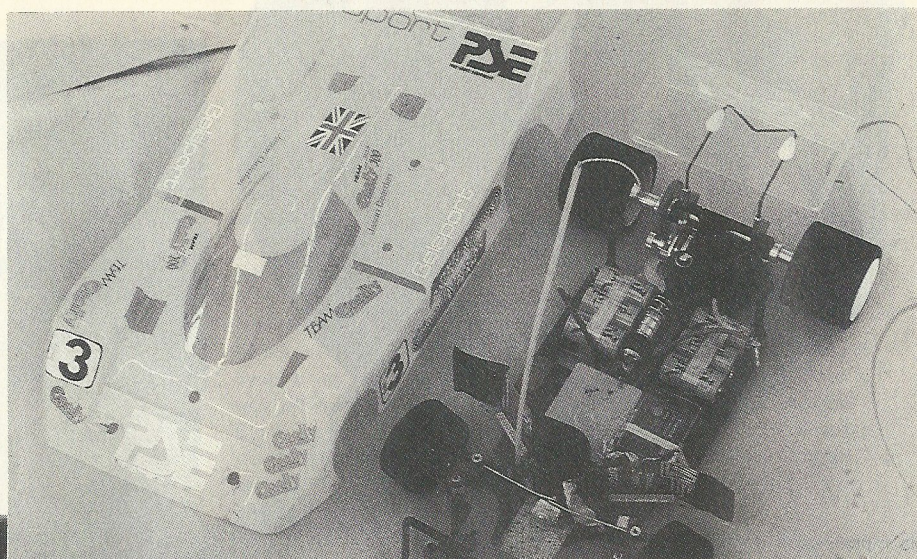
having the horsepower to fend off the triple British champion and take victory. Martin Fliessbach followed these two home, just ahead of David Delapierre. Moving into the final leg, the result was still wide open. This time it was Jason Dearden's turn to shine, making the most of a rather scrappy first lap to pull out a huge lead over the chasing bunch. Martin Fliessbach and David Spashett were soon after him though, but Jason was shortly to benefit from some of the most amazing team driving you could ever see. David Spashett forced his way into second and then deliberately started to take very wide lines into all the corners, holding up the chasing bunch as much as possible. When Jason put his car on the grass, David again held up the pack, allowing Jason to close up and move back into the lead. Quite remarkable. With help like this all

Racing from the finals was always very close and tense.



A Final Points Table – Pro 10 Euro Champs

Pos	Driver	R1	R2	R3	Total
1st	Jason Dearden	15	8	20	35
2nd	Jürgen Lautenbach	3	20	8	28
3rd	Martin Fliessbach	6	12	15	27
4th	Constant Paul	20	6	4	26
5th	David Gale	4	15	10	25
6th	Jimmy Davis	10	0	6	16
7th	David Spashett	2	0	12	14
8th	Bert Van Der Vecht	12	0	2	14
9th	David Delapierre	1	10	1	11
10th	Ralf Krause	8	0	3	11



Top: The winning Corally and below: The man himself – new Eurochamp Jason Dearden.



Jason had to do was cruise home for the win and this he did in fine style.

The crowd went wild as Jason Dearden crossed the line to become European Pro 10 Champion – a surprise result if ever there was one. Jason was understandably delighted, a home win on his home track suddenly elevated him to superstar status and from this point on he never stopped smiling. The

trophy presentations took place in a wonderful atmosphere, the winners from all countries being congratulated with plenty of enthusiasm by their fellow racers. As the new European Champion was crowned an enormous cheer nearly lifted the roof off the Ashby hall. For Jason Dearden it was a dream come true.



TECH CHART – PR-10 EURO-CHAMPS, ASHBY

Pos	Driver	Sponsors	Car	Front Tyres	Rear Tyres	Cells	Motor	Speed Control	MMPR	Body Shell
1.	Jason Dearden	Corally/PSE Schumacher	Corally SP10G	TRC Green	PSE Yellow	PK/Corally Panasonic	Corally 14x3	Corally MMS II	47.8	HPI Jaguar
2.	Jürgen Lautenbach	LRP/TRC Ko	TRC/CC Lynx II	TRC Green	TRC Green	LRP Panasonic	LRP Blue SE	LRP LE 25 AMS	38.5	Assoc. Toyota
3.	Martin Fliessbach	Ass. Keil/Reedy Novak	Associated RC10L	Associated Green	Associated Green	Keil Panasonic	Corally 13x3	Novak 410 MIC	40.0	Assoc. Nissan
4.	Paul Constant	Corally Ko	Corally SP10G	PK Green	PK Green	PK/Corally Panasonic	Corally 14x2	Corally MMS II	42.9	Andy's Nissan
5.	David Gale	Corally/Intronics Galeforce	Corally SP10G	TRC Green	TRC Green	Galeforce SCRC	Corally 11x3	Corally MMS II	38.5	Ass. Intrepid
6.	Jimmy Davis	LRP/Corally Schumacher	Corally SP10G	TRC Green	TRC Green	Schumacher Panasonic	LRP Blue SE	LRP LE 25 AMS	35.8	Frewer Jaguar
7.	David Spashett	Corally/Intronics Galeforce	Corally SP10G	PK Green	PK Green	Max Cell Panasonic	Corally 14x3	Corally MMS II	45.4	Frewer Jaguar
8.	Bert Van Der Vecht	Corally	Corally SP10G	PK Green	PK Green	PK/Corally Panasonic	Corally 17x2	Corally MMS II	46.0	BBR Lotec
9.	David Delapierre	SMT/Corally Cournon	Corally SP10G	PK Green	PK Green	SMT Panasonic	SMT 13x3	Novak 410 MXC	44.0	HPI Jaguar
10.	Ralf Krause	Corally Helbing	Corally SP10G	PK Green	PK Green	Helbing Panasonic	Corally 15x2	Corally MMS II	46.2	Assoc. Nissan

Top 20 in Qualifying – Pro 10 Euro Champs

1 David Spashett	24-310.79
2 Martin Fliessbach	24-314.09
3 Jason Dearden	24-315.28
4 Jürgen Lautenbach	24-316.87
5 Ralf Krause	23-300.45
6 Constant Paul	23-301.01
7 David Delapierre	23-301.58
8 Jimmy Davis	23-301.76
9 David Gale	23-302.11
10 Bert Van Der Vecht	23-302.48
11 Clive Stockham	23-303.32
12 Mark Jewitt	23-304.26
13 Mavek Kaminski	23-305.82
14 Neil Mead	23-307.03
15 Karsten Lautenbach	23-307.31
16 Jason Bohin	23-307.35
17 Werner Bergbauer	23-308.45
18 Piet Goemans	23-308.73
19 Robin Hammett	23-308.85
20 Martin Mostl	23-311.69