

Wood uncatchable in Hawthorn Trophy opener

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Tony Wood dominated the Hawthorn Trophy race for front-engined Grand Prix cars which kicked off Sunday's on-track action. The Cooper-Bristol ace stormed into an early lead after pole-sitter Geraint Owen was forced to retire his Kurtis-Kraft before the warm-up lap. Wood was chased hard by Eddie Williams in his first-ever race aboard Niall Dyer's Maserati 250F during the early running, but he gradually extended his lead to the point that he had a seven second cushion by the end of the fourth lap. At three-quarter distance, a minute blanketed the top ten runners. The positions remained static to the chequered flag, but third place was only settled in the dying stages as Cooper ace Paul Grant narrowly led home Charlie Martin's Connaught.

The elated winner said: "It was very slidey out there, but the Cooper was able to put the power down better than the Maserati. It was a lot of fun."

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