



Bronson wins minus a nose...

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Julian Bronson claimed honours in a dramatic Richmond Trophy race for 2.5-litre Grand Prix cars. The veteran charger proved blisteringly quick in his beautiful Scarab, but it was Tony Wood who appeared set for victory in his unique Tec-Mec Maserati until a late spill cost him dearly. The pole-sitter recovered from a slow start which saw him drop to fifth place on the run to the first corner, only to climb up to third by the end of the opening lap. Bronson held on to the lead until quarter-distance in the 20-minute race, before Wood moved past third-place man Rob Hall and the leader.

Later contact between Bronson and Wood, saw the Scarab lose its nosecone. Nevertheless, Bronson pressed on as Wood had a massive off at St. Mary's on the penultimate lap which also delayed Hall. This allowed Goodwood newcomer Andrew Willis to take second in Steve Tillack's Ferrari 246 Dino ahead of team-mate Hall. Wood limped his car to the pits and retired.

"It was very greasy around the back of the circuit. I couldn't stop in time and was sorry to hit Tony," Bronson said after the race. "The nosecone came up and hit me on my head. I have been trying to win this race for a while, though, so it feels so good to finally do it. Fourth time lucky!"

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