

WALLACE CHALLENGE

THE Wendy Wools British Special saloon car championship begins tomorrow at Brands Hatch after a mid-season lull.

In the 14th round, the big question will be whether Pontypridd's "Buster" Wallace has enough time to close the points gap between his 1-litre Alacco Bananas car and the 850cc Isis Talbot of championship leader Barry Reece.

Last time out at Brands, the special saloon race was hit by a torrential downpour and Reece, from Caerphilly, who started on slick tyres, finished well

down although he still won his class.

Wallace found his car more controllable and was fourth overall, but with only 18 of the 21 rounds to count for the title, Wallace will have his work cut out.

Reece leads with 46 points, Wallace is second on 38 and London's Michael Law is third with 37.

Also at Brands Hatch, in the Champion of Brands Formula Ford series, Lampeter's Karl Jones will be out in the Brands Hatch Racing School Royale RP29.

Jones, who has had a patchy season in terms of results, was another driver to suffer from a torrential downpour and finished well down in the last round.

last week, despite being well up in practice after spinning on the flooded track.

Meanwhile Tim Davies's work with the hitherto uncompetitive Royale RP32M continues and if the car is ready he will be racing in the Formula Ford 2000 race at Donington.

Davies and the Roger Cowman team will make a late decision depending on the state of the car which has been back to Royales for a second round of major modifications.

It will be Davies's first drive since his encouraging showing in the Formula 3 race at the British Grand Prix.

Reece on course for title

BARRY Reece, of Caerphilly, took another step towards the 1982 Wendy Wools Special Saloon Car Championship with another perfect score in the 14th round at Brands Hatch.

Reece, went to the front of his class and set the fastest lap in the 850cc category to finish an easy eighth place.

With his closest rivals, Londoner Michael Law and Pontypridd's Viv Wallace, finishing second and third respectively in their class, Reece extended his lead to 10 points. With six rounds left, his Isis Talbot looks on course for the championship.

Buster Wallace and Michael Law are tied in second place, both on 40 points, but with the next round due at Mallory Park on August 30, Wallace and the Alco Bananas car have time to consolidate their position.

In the last event of the day, Lampeter's Karl Jones, who was fifth fastest in practice, took a quiet sixth place in the Champion of Brands Formula Ford race.

Meanwhile, at Donnington, Lampeter's Tim Davies took fourth place in the Radio Trent Formula Ford 2000 race. Davies, who was sixth in practice, was seven seconds behind the third place man.

Wallace, Reece battle

BARRY Reece and Viv Wallace will be at Thruxton on Monday for the latest round of the Wendy Wools British Championship.

This will be only the second visit of the year to the Andover circuit that both drivers have different reasons to remember.

Reece scored his only win of the season at Thruxton and holds the 850cc lap record set in his old car last year.

Wallace's experience of the course includes breaking his leg three years ago, but he relishes the challenge of the ultra-fast two-mile circuit.

Having spent 60 hours testing his revised Alco Metro, he is looking forward to getting up with the leaders.

Lampeter's Tim Davies will also be there looking to build on his lead in the British FF 2000 championship.

Meanwhile, at Castle Combe, Welsh interest will be with Tony Walsh in the Mini race.

REECE IS THIRD

CAERPHELLY'S Barry Reece left himself an outside chance of retaining his title by coming third in the latest round of the Wendy Wools British Special Saloon Car championships at Oulton Park.

Reece's determination to keep his title saw him push his Isis Talbot so hard during the early part of the race that he spun. But he recovered to take the points for third place.

Now the Caerphilly driver must win the remaining round to maintain his challenge. The next round is at Thruxton next Monday.