

**1 First, 2 Seconds and a Fastest Lap for Chipping
Sodbury's Greenpower cars**
Sunday, 27th September 2009
Dunsfold Race Track



On Sunday the 27th of September, four of Chipping Sodbury's Greenpower cars, took part in a race at Dunsfold, in the formula 24+ heat, and the formula 24 heat. These cars were called Rotary Racer, Fusion, Y-pod?!, and R-

pods SSC.

Y-pod?! took part in the formula 24+ heat. This event is aimed at 16-25 year old's, including youth groups, universities and other groups like them. The race lasts for 90 minutes and so this means the cars can go quicker than in the formula 24 heat, as they don't have to go over such a long period of time with the limited battery power available. Y-pod?! managed to come second in the race with another car, called Simple Trug, coming first. Y-pod?! Managed 52 laps in total. Well done to Y-pod?!.

All the other cars took part in the formula 24 heat, which is the more popular event. There were 38 teams in the race, which lasted for 4 hours in total. The cars have a minimum of 5 drivers, with one extra, for the races, with a minimum of 4 pit stops in total. The teams have to get as many sponsors as possible to pay for all the expenses that the car requires. All the teams are on the look out for more sponsors!

R-pods SCC managed to come second in this race, drawing with



Rotary Racer for most of the four hours. They managed to creep in front for a bit, but then slowed down slightly, into second place as their ageing batteries took their toll. They managed 123 laps in total.



Unfortunately Fusion failed scrutineering with their brand new car. However, they found help from another competitor from a school called Seaford College, who replaced their steering for them, with an old set of steering from one of their old cars. Fusion managed to get onto the track for the last hour or so,

and managed a very respectable 29 laps in total! This meant they actually came 36th out of 38 competitors; even though they missed over half the race!

Rotary Racer managed to come first in the race. Most of their racing was in second place, behind R-Pods SSC, but around $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the race, they managed to creep in front. They also had old, worn out batteries. Rotary racer managed 129 laps in total, with 5 pit stops altogether. The little red hand was waving happily at the checkered flag, as if it knew that Rotary Racer had won! The teams would like to thank their sponsors, for making Greenpower possible, and they would also like to thank Mr McMorro for running the Greenpower club after school, and for general support.



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