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## Press Release

### *Mike is out of Luck*

#### *Magnaflow UK-backed racing driver has to fight for his championship points*

**Magnaflow UK** and Midlands-based racer **Mike Luck** have held on to their second place in the Stock Car Speed Association (SCSA) Championship, despite being struck down by serious fuel pump problems at the latest round of the series recently.

With only three rounds of the series remaining, Luck was determined to put some distance between himself and the other SCSA drivers when they met at Rockingham Motor Speedway in Northamptonshire on August 12/13. But things didn't go quite according to plan for the experienced oval racer.

Having missed Saturday's qualifying session because his return holiday flight was delayed, Luck was forced to line up at the back of the grid for Sunday's second race – the first had already been cancelled because of wet weather.

But when the green flag dropped and the 30-lap race got underway, the Revolution Torquespeed Racing driver made significant progress in the early stages of the race by jumping from 10th place to sixth.

He was hoping to move even higher up the leader board before the end of the race – driven mostly at 170mph – but his Magnaflow UK-liveried machine was suddenly struck down by a serious misfire just before mid-distance.

"We were making really good progress until the car suddenly stood on its nose at full throttle," Luck explained. "There was absolutely no power from the engine and when we started to lose fuel pressure as well, I decided it was best to pull in to the pits and get the team to have a look under the bonnet."

When the Revolution Torquespeed Racing engineers investigated, they quickly discovered that the fuel pump on Luck's V8-powered car wasn't working properly. But, unable to fix the problem in the pit lane, Luck had little choice but to return to the track and try to score some valuable championship points by just getting to the finish.

Luck eventually completed the race six laps behind winner Oli Playle, but the fact that he covered more than 75% of the total race distance, meant he was classified as a finisher and awarded some valuable championship points.

Luck said: "It certainly wasn't a weekend to remember, but we came away from the meeting with a result that has kept us second in the SCSA Championship standings. That's was the main thing at this stage of the season."

Luck will now turn his attention to the penultimate SCSA meeting of the season that is scheduled to take place at Rockingham on September 9/10.

"The championship is mathematically still open to us and we won't stop trying until it's been won by someone else," Luck added. "We just need a little bit of luck to go our way and I'm sure we can finish the season inside the top two places. That would be an excellent result for me and a great reward for Magnaflow UK in its first season of racing."

***Championship standings (after round four)***

- 1 Oli Playle (Team West-Tec) 1575 points
- 2 Mike Luck (Revolution Torquespeed Racing) 1405 points**
- 3 Colin White (CWS Racing) 1340 points
- 4 John Steward (Steward Racing) 1125 points
- = Shane Brereton (Team for Trucks) 1125 points
- 6 Tony Hurdle (Revolution Torquespeed Racing) 1100 points

***Race one cancelled because of wet weather***

***Race two results***

- 1 Oli Playle (Team West-Tec) 30 laps in 18m 44.56s
- 2 Shane Brereton (Team for Trucks) +9.71s
- 3 Colin White (CWS Racing) +10.09s
- 4 John Steward (Steward Racing) +20.61s
- 5 Tony Hurdle (Revolution Torquespeed Racing) +1 lap
- 6 Skid Carrera (CWS Racing) +2 laps
- 7 Hunter Abbott (Hunter Racing) +2 laps
- 8 Mike Luck (Revolution Torquespeed Racing) +6 laps**