

to Robin Roberts

Welsh Super team out to take inaugural team sprint trophy

A 4 car team full of Wales' top sprint drivers will be out to take the inaugural Celtic Team Trophy at Pembrey on Saturday 11th October. The Team event will take place at the Autumn Sprint meeting organised by BARC Wales, and will be decided by adding together times recorded by the team members on

→ each of 3 competitive runs. Heading the team will be 1996 Welsh Sprint *a Hillclimb* Champion, *sprint* Dorian Tyrell from Caldicot. Tyrell driving a Westfield sportscar is

well on the way to retaining his title in 1997 and he will be joined by Roger Dowden, Robert Allender and top Welsh woman driver Sue Hollis. Dowden and Allender won the BARC Wales Sprint title in 1994 & 1995 whilst Sue Hollis won the Top Ladies award in the P+P Championship last year.

Team Captain Robert Allender said " We think we have the strongest team possible for this new event and we will be looking to keep the trophy in Wales. I understand there will be several teams for England and the Irish are sending over a couple of strong teams as well. We expect it to be a pretty hot contest, but we have a home advantage and we will be looking to make it pay."

Sprint events are contests against the clock from a standing start , and

→ Saturdays event, which also includes a round of the Welsh Sprint *a Hillclimb* Championship, will consist of 3 competitive runs over a *1.1 mile* lap and half of the

Pembrey race circuit. The times recorded by each team member will be added together and the team with the lowest total time will be the winner. The Team Trophy is the first in a series of events backed by the European Community through the European Regional Development Fund as part of the Interreg programme which is aimed at strengthening ties between Ireland & Wales.

Other events are planned including races and it is hoped that the Team Sprint will become a major event in the motor sport calendar. Practice & timed runs will be taking place throughout the day with the first practice runs due at *approx.* 9.30