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My First Race – 1988

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Since my first visit to Pukekohe in 1969 to watch my first motor race I always wanted to race a mini. From watching Reg Cook, Rod Collingwood etc, my dream was formed. It took a long time to achieve but in 1988 I bought my first race car, a black Riley Elf. With no idea of what I had got myself into I entered my first race meeting. No testing, never raced before and there I was at Ruapuna. Practice was interesting because the car sounded like a whole lot of nuts and bolts were rattling around in a 44 gallon drum. Then there was a marble draw for grids – what did I get? Number 1! I'm still sure they stacked it. On the old circuit, off we went. By the time we got to the hairpin I was happily last! But then there was a mini rolling along the bank beside me – Great! “What the ----- have I done?” Obviously I am a slow learner! Still doing it.



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