

## 1973 Triumph Dolomite Sprint (ex-works)

### Works Dolomite Sprint – Racing History 1974 – 1977

#### 1974 (Butch Tailors colours)

##### 28 April – Grote GP Zolder

Car No: 51  
Driver: Julien Vernaeve  
Sponsors: Butch Tailors

##### 27/28 July - 24 hours of Spa

Car No: 47  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, John Handley  
Sponsors: Broadspeed, Leyland Belgium, Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: DNF (rear axle)  
Notes: Car nr. 47 was officially entered with Rouse-Dron driving, but it was car 48 that finished 5th (Rouse-Dron) overall.

- 45: Hine/Grainal (Handley). Came 9<sup>th</sup> overall, qualified 24<sup>th</sup>
- 46: De Wael/Stalpaert/Handley (Grainal). DNF suspension, qualified 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 47: Vernaeve/Handley (Stalpaert). DNF, qualified 27<sup>th</sup>
- 48: Rouse/Dron (Vernaeve). RHD. Came 5<sup>th</sup> overall, qualified 28<sup>th</sup>

##### 24/25 August – Summer Meeting – Nivelles (NRO)

Car No: 86 (5)  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: 5<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in Class C  
Notes: Best lap 1'42".9

##### 8/9 September - 10th Coupes de l'Avenir - Zolder

Car No: 24  
Drivers: Julien Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: 7<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in class 3

##### 21/22 September - E.G. Trophy (B.P.) – Zolder

Car No: 47  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: 6<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in class 1A/3



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LA BRITISH LEYLAND BELGIUM et le BUTCH TAILORS RACING TEAM sont heureux d'avoir participé avec leur équipe, pour la première fois, aux 24 heures de Francorchamps.

Ils félicitent les équipes PROMOTEAM d'avoir remporté la « Coupe du Roi » pour laquelle, à la 23<sup>e</sup> heure, après une lutte acharnée et sportive, la victoire fut du côté des Triumph.

A charge de revanche !



**Classement des TRIUMPH DOLOMITE SPRINT :**

5<sup>e</sup> Triumph Dolomite Sprint 1998 cc (A. Ronse + E. Dron + J. Vermaeve) à la moyenne de 164,6 km/h. (280 tours - 3.951 km).  
9<sup>e</sup> Triumph Dolomite Sprint 1998 cc (J. Hine + F. Grainal + E. Stalpaert) à la moyenne de 161,107 km/h. (274 tours - 3.867 km).

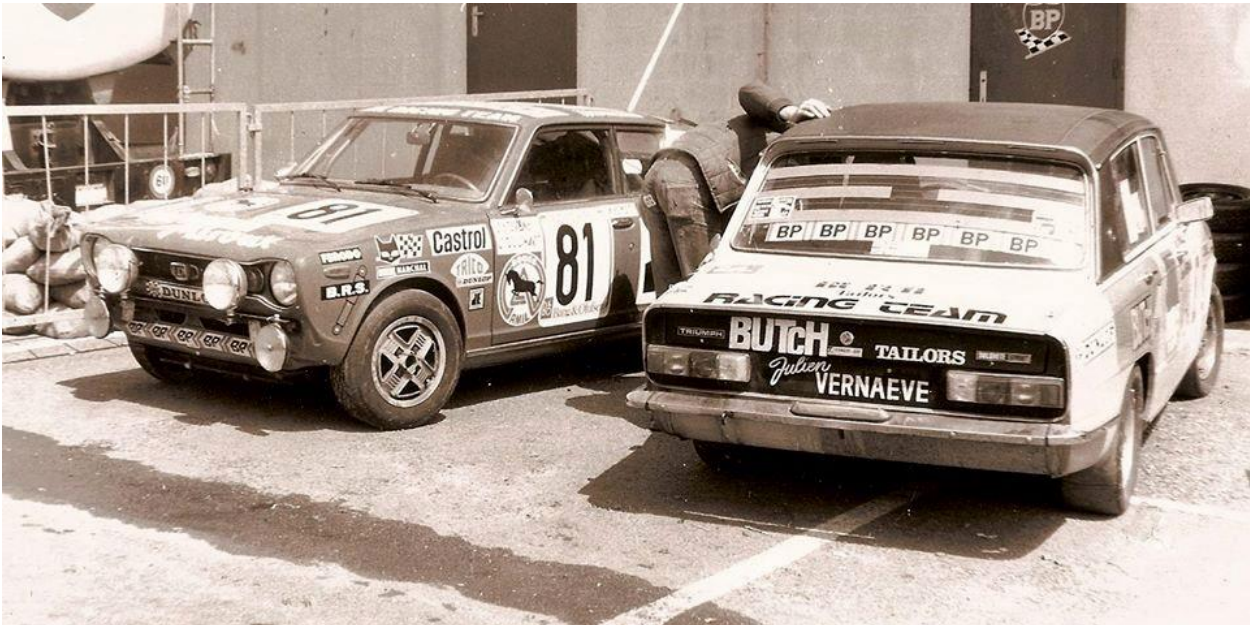
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**Triumph**  
Importateur :  
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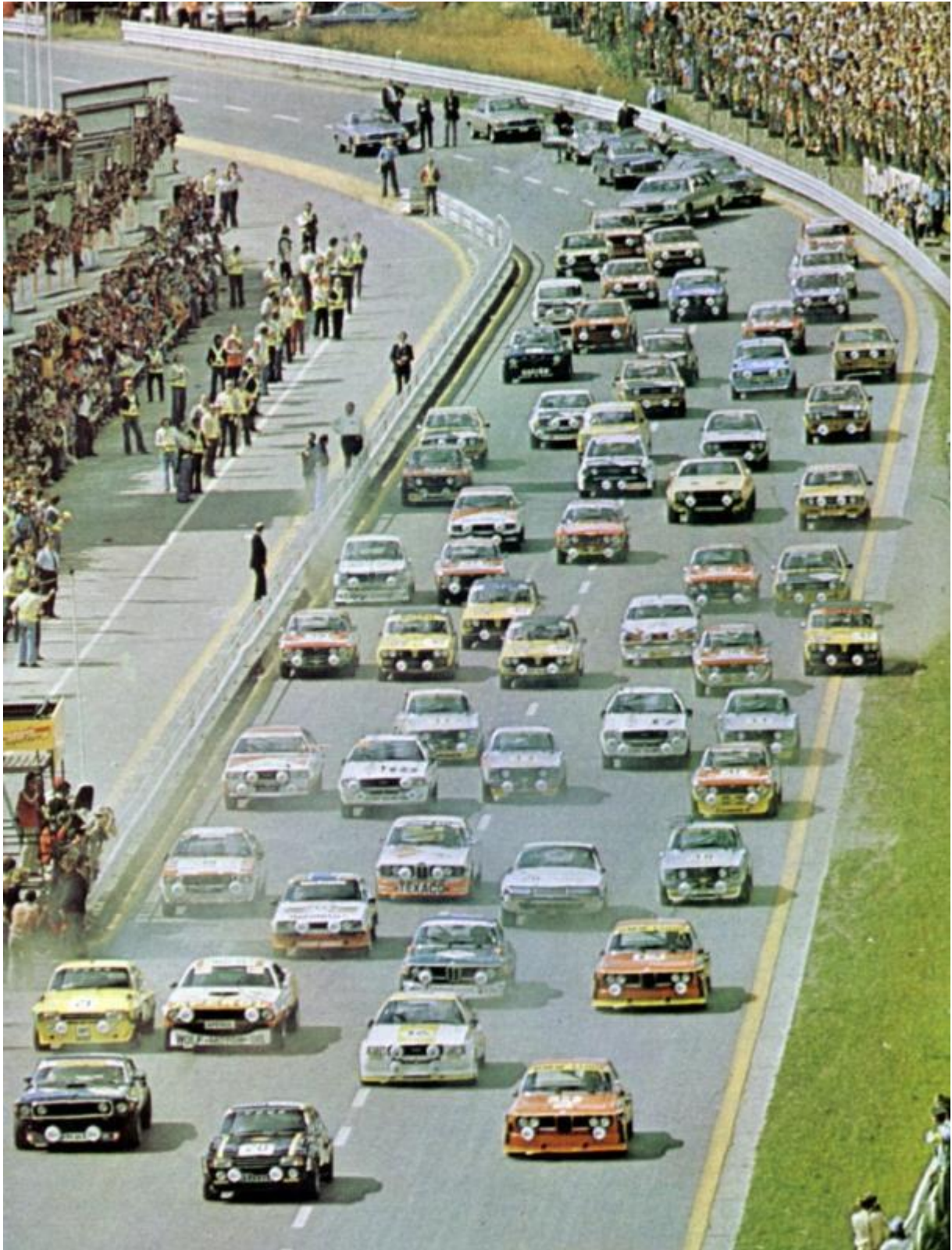
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Start of 1974 – Spa 24 hours - Vernaeve Dolomite on the far right hand side, on the grass!



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### 1975

#### 3 / 4 May – Coupes de Spa

Car No: 39  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Claude De Wael  
Sponsor: Butch

#### 22 June – Sprint Meeting – Nivelles (NRO)

Car No: 12  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: 13<sup>th</sup> Overall  
Notes: Best lap 1'38".4

#### 28/29 June – German Races Duren MSC – Zolder (Otto Club)

Car No: 63  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: 5<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class  
Notes: Best lap 1'57".7

#### 25 July – 24 Hours of Spa

Car No: 27  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Rene Metge, John Handley  
Sponsor: Butch Tailors Racing Team  
Result: DNF



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### **1976 (Leyland Colours)**

The car was shipped back to the UK for upgrades. The engine was rebuilt by Don Moore and the bodywork put into Leyland works colours.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> April – Bekers van Belgie – Zolder**

Car No: 70  
Driver: Julien Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Vernaeve

#### **24/25 April – 9<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix de Zolder (Otto Club)**

Car No: 73  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: 1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in Class E  
Notes: Best lap 2'01".3

#### **6 June – Coupe de Spa (600km) 36 laps**

Car No: 25  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Guy Pirene  
Sponsor: Leyland Cars, Good Night  
Result: 4<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1st in class 1600-2000  
Notes: Picture of the car at the start – Eau Rouge – pp369 – 1000km of Spa book.  
Sticker on front valence.

#### **24/25 July – 24 Hours of Spa**

Car No: 50  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Guy Pirene, Rene Metge  
Sponsor: Good Night  
Result: 14<sup>th</sup> Overall, 9<sup>th</sup> in Class  
Notes: Best lap: 4'43".8  
**This is not Vernaeve's car, looks like Pirene's car**

#### **25/26 September - E.G. Trophy (59 laps) - Zolder**

Car No:  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Guy Pirene  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: 23rd overall, GP1 Race: 2nd in class, D Race: 2nd in class  
Notes: Best lap: 2'01".2



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### **8 May – 600kms de Spa (Coupe de Spa)**

Car No:  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Tony Pond  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: Withdrew 1<sup>st</sup> lap (head gasket)  
Notes: 25<sup>th</sup> in practice with time: 5'01".0

### **8 July - Summer Meeting - Nivelles (N.R.O.)**

Car No:  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Guy Pirenne  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: Accident

### **23/24 July - 24 hours of Spa**

Car No: 61  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve, Guy Pirenne, Rene Metge  
Sponsor: Guy Pirenne  
Result: Withdrew (head gasket)  
Notes: Best lap: 4'36".4, 19th in practice

### **5 September - 11th Coupes de l'Avenir - Zolder**

Car No: 64  
Drivers: Juliene Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: DNF (piston)  
Notes: New lap record: 1'59".4

### **16 October 1977 - H.P Joisten Trophy - Zolder**

Car No: 18  
Driver: Julien Vernaeve  
Sponsor: Leyland  
Result: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class  
Notes: 12 laps (7 secs behind leader)



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Note the sticker in the rear nearside passenger window, still on the car now (2009).



Note sticker on offside rear passenger window, still on the car now (2009).



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2009



The car, as found on display at the Musée Automobile de Stavelot in October 2009.



Note, sticker is still in rear passenger window from 1977.



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Vernaev Dolomite purchased, Nov 2009 from Barry Sidery Smith. Note, sticker in rear passenger window from 1977.





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### Specification

- LHD fully seam welded chassis with “Caged” FIA approved roll cage
- 1,998cc 4cyl 16v engine – 230bhp to 250bhp (camshaft dependent)
- Homologated “works” thick wall block (extremely rare)
- Alloy ported, flowed 16v cylinder head
- Steel crank, steel caps, steel rods, JE custom pistons, steel custom profile camshaft and stainless steel valves
- Twin Weber 48 DCOE carburetors, Group 1 homologated inlet manifold
- Group 1 homologated exhaust manifold and downpipe
- Straight through exhaust (open pipe for Goodwood and other events)
- Alloy radiator and oil cooler
- Abingdon Special Tuning STR53 homologated close ratio gearbox
- Salisbury limited slip differential, 3.9 CWP (Goodwood ratio)
- Group 1 front brake calipers, vented disks and Performance Friction pads
- Group 1 spec rear vented drums, competition brake cylinders and linings
- Twin pipe master brake cylinder, balance bar and dash mounted bias adjustment
- Koni 2 way adjustable dampers all round on coil springs
- Front anti rollbar
- Minilite 6 x 13 alloy wheels and Dunlop CR65 Post Historic tyres
- Custom airbox
- 16 gallon alloy foam filled fuel tank, Red Top fuel pump
- Instrumentation – Stack 10k tacho, oil pres, oil temp, water temp, voltage
- Rev limiter
- Recaro race seat, TRS Hans 6 point safety harness
- Large capacity battery (as fitted for day/night events)
- Lifeline Electronic fire suppression system

The engine was fully rebuilt in Feb 2016 including new cylinder liners, pistons and main caps with only 2 hours running since. Gearbox rebuilt zero hours running. New front springs and rebuilt dampers (2 hours running). Brakes overhauled and car is ready to race. Full Group 1 specification.



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