

Thomson guns away in the wet

Right on cue, heavy rain greeted the start of the eight-race programme, but the soaking wet track didn't deter Robert Thomson from giving a masterly display in the first Goodyear saloon race.

Gerry Keirnan revelled in the conditions, his Mini edging away from Colin Gallie, the over 1600cc class leader, in third place.

Their second race started on a drying track with Gallie shrugging off Richard Dobson's thrust at the start, but Thomson was off into the lead. Although a determined Gallie got his BMW within a car's length of the leading Nova, it came to nought when Andrew McKinna went off at Caravan, bringing out the red flags.

At the restart, Gallie again challenged Thomson and later claimed fastest lap, but the Nova stayed ahead while Gallie came under threat from Dobson.

Although the rain had stopped, track conditions for the small class Libre race were atrocious, and it was no surprise that Ron Cumming skated around in front, doing just enough to keep Alex Dobbie and Nigel Freeney at bay.

The feature of the first of two Historic events was Peter Farrer's chase of Allan McGregor on a drying track. Conditions for the second Historic race improved, allowing McGregor to assert his authority.

As usual, the Citroen 2CV fraternity gave excellent value, Ian Gibbon snatching the lead from Cameron Ritchie up the inside of the hairpin. Andrew Timpson stayed in close attendance.

The sky was ominously dark as Formula Ford poleman Geordie Taylor got the drop on fellow front-row man David Taylor, and then proceeded to run unchallenged to the flag. As the rain arrived in earnest on lap 10, Tony Strugnell departed the contest, bringing out the red flag.

Roddy Paterson was delighted

with his Darrian, rebuilt after its recent Knockhill shunt. It fairly flew, Paterson rocketing clear of the Supersports/Saloons and Kit Car field. This focused interest on the dispute for second, which went to Dave Muse after a lively scrap with Raddy Sarafilovic, Olly Ross and John Muir.

■ Bill Henderson

GOODYEAR EAGLE ROAD SALOONS (22 LAPS)

Overall: 1, Robert Thomson (Vauxhall Nova), 23m12.80s, 58.57mph; 2, Colin Gallie (BMW 2002Ti), 23m31.56s; 3, Gerry Keirnan (Mini), 23m51.27s; 4, Richard Dobson (Citroen AX), 23m56.21s. **Up to 1400cc:** 1, Keirnan; 2, Dobson; 3, Jimmy Patrick (Mini). **Fastest lap:** Dobson, 58.84s, 63.02mph. **1400-1600cc:** 1, Thomson; 2, Thomas Gray Jr (Ford Fiesta); 3, Simon Baker (Ford Fiesta). **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 59.42s, 62.42mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Gallie; 2, Warren Dunbar (Ford Escort); 3, Kevin Adam (Ford Sierra RS Cosworth). **Fastest lap:** Gallie, 58.72s, 63.15mph.

LIBRE AND SCOTTISH SPORTS CARS (12 LAPS)

1, Ron Cumming (March 832), 11m12.64s, 66.15mph; 2, Alex Dobbie (Ralt), 11m24.95s; Nigel Freeney (Vauxhall Lotus), 11m30.61s; 4, Bill Wood (Mallock Mk27), 11m36.41s. **Libre:** 1, Cumming; 2, Dobbie; 3, Freeney. **Fastest lap:** Dobbie, 54.13s, 68.50mph. **Sports:** 1, Wood; 2, Bill Cook (Tiga-Cook); no other starters. **Fastest lap:** Wood, 56.71s, 65.39mph.

HISTORICS (24 LAPS)

Overall: 1, Allan McGregor (Cooper T59), 26m16.68s, 56.44mph; 2, Peter Farrer (Lotus 22) 26m25.21s; 3, Warwick Banks (MGB), 26m54.67s; 4, Tom Fitzsimmons (Austin Healey), 28m15.74s. **Pre-war:** 1, Jock McKinnon (Riley 12/4), 27m25.63s; 2, Tom Richardson (Riley); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** McKinnon, 1m08.01s, 54.52mph. **Single-seat:** McGregor; 2, Farrer; 3, Geoff Temple (Chevron). **Fastest lap:** McGregor, 1m01.68s, 60.12mph. **Pre-'55 Sports:** 1, Darren McWhirter (Tojeiro-Bristol), 27m30.09s; John Romanes (Fraser-Nash); 3, Mark Whitehorn (Bentley Mk6). **Fastest lap:** McWhirter, 1m07.88s, 54.63mph. **Post-'55 Sports:** 1, Banks; 2, Fitzsimmons; 3, Stephen Cooper (Austin Healey Sprite). **Fastest lap:** Banks, 1m03.87s, 58.06mph.

ARNOTT CURRIE CITROEN 2CV (12 LAPS)

1, Ian Gibbon, 15m09.12s, 48.94mph; 2, Cameron Ritchie, 15m09.52s; 3, Andrew Timpson, 15m12.63s; 4, Graham Harper, 15m09.52s; 5, Marcus Sharp, 15m23.097s; 6, Colin Wilson, 15m34.77s. **Fastest lap:** Gibbon, 1m13.90s, 50.18mph.

FORMULA FORD 1600 (9 LAPS)

Geordie Taylor (Reynard-Taylor 84FF), 07m59.67s, 69.57mph; 2, David Taylor (Van Diemen-EDARF91), 8m04.98s; 3, Stuart Thorburn (Van Diemen-Minister RF91), 8m07.15s; 4, Ricki Steedman (Van Diemen-Scholar RF91), 8m12.74s; 5, Bryan Gowans (Reynard FF), 8m15.41s; 6, Mado Gisselback (Van Diemen-Ivey RF92), 8m15.75s. **Fastest lap:** Geordie Taylor, 51.46s, 72.46mph.

SUPERSPORTS, SUPERSALOONS, KIT AND ROAD SPORTS (12 LAPS)

1, Dave Muse (Sylva Striker), 1m57.60s, 57.22mph; 2, Olly Ross (Westfield), 13m05.14s; 3, Raddy Sarafilovic (Westfield), 13m06.53s. **Kit Cars:** 1, Muse; 2, Ross; 3, Sarafilovic. **Fastest lap:** Muse, 1m00.71s, 61.08mph. **Supersports/Supersaloons:** 1, Muir; 2, Steve Spicer (BMW 318i); 3, Eddy Beerman (Skoda Rapid). **Fastest lap:** Roddy Paterson (Darrian T90), 55.69s, 66.58mph.



Inglton's FF1600 race went to a determined Geordie Taylor. Photo: Bill Henderson