

UNDER heavy threatening skies the Milk Trophy Race meeting at Ingliston on Sunday last, organized by the Scottish MRC, got under way with a Formula Vee race, which saw Gerry Birrell snatch the lead from Nick Brittan, who thereafter pushed the Scots driver, trying to pass on both sides but finding the gate shut each time. Jenny Nadin (Beach) watched developments in third spot, with Howard Heery (Beach) not far behind in fourth. Brittan nipped past on lap three, pulling out a lead, while the other positions remained the same to the end with Mike Haysey (Beach) and Bob Mason (Smithfield) holding fifth and sixth, but P. Danaher (Beach) overtook Alex Nicol (Apal) and B. Wooding (Peco) on the last lap.

The second event, run in front of a 12,000 crowd, was the first race for up to 1200 cc saloons over 10 laps. K. Allen (Mini-Cooper) steamed away into the lead with Ian Pinkerton (A40) next up, hounded by G. Bell driving his Mini-Cooper in Barton colours. E. Paterson (Mini-Cooper) took to the grass at Shepherds in his efforts to keep ahead of R. D. Wyllie, but his engine went sour, dropping him out on lap 7. Meanwhile Bell made a big effort to push past Pinkerton on the inside at Shepherds, but spun off to leave the A40 in peace to the flag, with Wyllie a safe fourth behind Bell who restarted without losing his place. R. J. Scott (Mini-Cooper) was the only other finisher after Colin Livingston had rear end trouble with his Renault Gordini.

Rain started to fall at the start of the first 25-lap heat of the single-seater event for the "Pinta Man" Trophy race, but this in no way deterred Andrew Fletcher who shot his Brabham BT18 1/2 away ahead of Willie Forbes (Lotus-BMW 35), motoring more gingerly on the greasy track, with John Romanes (Lotus 35) just behind him. Jock Russell halted on the top straight and lost about four laps fixing the Russell-Ford's throttle cable, as Dave Berry in the Lythgoe F3 Brabham kept company with, but ahead of John Millar (BT15) and Graham Birrell (Ecosse Imp). These three closed on Romanes as the track dried, Berry attaining third place when Romanes spun in front of the stands, probably on oil sprayed out by the Russell-Ford. Birrell had elbowed Millar out of his fifth place, the latter returning the compliment three laps later, but Birrell firmly established his right to fourth after Romanes spun. He was the only driver apart from Fletcher Forbes and Berry to complete 25 laps.

The second part of this event later in the afternoon was run under almost ideal conditions, and saw Forbes emulate Fletcher's form in part one. These two outstripped the field, which comprised Berry, Romanes, Birrell, Russell, Millar, Dave Rees in the Lythgoe Cooper,

IMPETUOUS: The leading trio in the third saloon race, Logan Morrison (Chamois), Gerry Birrell (Chamois) and Ron Mackay (Imp), at Shepherds before Morrison's spin (top). **THE SECOND HEAT** of the Milk Trophy race: Willie Forbes (Lotus 35) leads eventual overall winner Andrew Fletcher (Brabham), Dave Berry (Brabham), John Romanes (Lotus 35), Graham Birrell (Ecosse Imp), Jock Russell (Russell-Ford) and the rest into Bankers (below).



Pinta man is Fletcher

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Mike Peel (F3 Cooper), Ed Labinjoh (Ecosse Imp) and Graham McWilliam (Merlyn Mk 7). Labinjoh again spun the Ecosse-imp as Romanes kept Berry and Birrell at bay until his engine went rough, but although Fletcher closed up on braking, Forbes' BMW power kept him at a safe distance in this faster heat, the aggregate time being in favour of Fletcher who now holds a useful lead in the Scottish racing championship.

The start of the over 1200 cc event was delayed while copious libations of cement dust were sprayed all round the track. Jim Dryden using this screen to hurl his 1295S into the lead ahead of Andy Barton's 1275 S and Ed Labinjoh (1450S), with Bill Borrowman just astern in his orange 1210S. At the rear of the field Stuart Christine tried every line to oust Tom Sleigh's 3.8 Jaguar, to no avail, the leaders catching up this barney on the last lap, and the ensuing *mêlée* saw Barton take the chequered flag just ahead of an annoyed Dryden, with Labinjoh next up ahead of Ronnie Morrison (1293 Mini-Cooper 5).

The ten-lapper for sports and GTs was the province of John Nicholson (Lotus 23B), hotly pursued by Ernest Blackadder (Elan); R. Smith's smoking Project 4 had Trevor Twaites (Mercury GT) on his tail until he was black-flagged two laps from the end. Howard Heery

campaigned the Cox GTM, but could not catch Nigel Morrison (Lotus 11), and Andy Barton, from a poorish start, bombed his Mini-Marcos through the lot eventually to reach fourth spot by the end of the race.

The most exciting event promised to be that for 1200 cc saloons, the second ten-lapper of this class, which was equally divided between "Chimps" and Minis. The first lap was the prerogative of the Rootes products with Logan Morrison stealing the limelight from Gerry Birrell and Ron Mackay (Shannon Imp), but Morrison spun at Gardiners next lap. Thereafter his progress as he gobbled up the field was the main interest, and he was rewarded with a fine third place. The first Mini, that of Bob Haining, was fourth ahead of Jimmy Fewell (Mini-Cooper).

A 10-lap event for clubmen's cars followed, and provided pole-man Howard Heery with another runaway win in his Chevron from G. Whittingham (Lotus 7), 25 secs behind, and Joe Appegarth in his Adder-Ford. Despite having no challengers Heery set up a new class lap record of 41.2 secs. The final event of the day for *marque* cars was similar in many ways, as John Lewis set a new target of 43.4 secs in the DB Metals Racing E type ahead of the warring Sprite of Andrew Hutchinson and the MGB of John Milne.

The usual Ingliston closing event, the 15-lap Hartley Whyte Trophy for the fastest saloons, was last but one on the programme, and this time became a procession, with Jim Dryden leading from Dave Muter in 1275Ss who in turn shot off all efforts by Gerry Birrell's Chamois and Logan Morrison (Chamois), who had stormed up from the third row of the grid. Behind this nose to tail train Ronnie Morrison was fifth, tailed by Ed Labinjoh and Bill Borrowman (Minis).

RESULTS

Formula Vee (10 laps): 1. N. Brittan (Beach), 7 m 22.8 s, 61.81 mph; 2. G. H. Birrell (Beach); 3. Miss J. Nadin (Beach). **Fastest laps:** Brittan, 43.0 s, 63.63 mph. **Saloons up to 1200 cc (10 laps):** 1. K. Allen (Mini-Cooper), 7 m 50.1 s, 57.03 mph; 2. J. W. Pinkerton (A40); 3. G. Bell (Mini-Cooper). **Fastest laps:** Allen, 46.3 s, 59.09 mph. **Single-seater race, part 1 (25 laps):** 1. A. D. T. Fletcher (Brabham BT18 1/2), 18 m 45.8 s, 60.76 mph; 2. W. J. Forbes (Lotus-BMW 35); 3. D. Berry (Brabham F3). **Fastest laps:** Forbes, 41.0 s, 68.45 mph. **Part 2 (25 laps):** 1. Forbes, 16 m 27.8 s, 69.24 mph; 2. Fletcher; 3. Berry. **Fastest laps:** Forbes, Fletcher and Berry, 38.6 s, 76.81 mph. **Aggregates:** 1. Fletcher, 35 m 13.4 s; 2. Forbes, 35 m 32.9 s; 3. Berry, 36 m 34.8 s. **Saloons over 1200 cc (10 laps):** 1. A. Barton (1.3 Mini-Cooper 5), 7 m 32.2 s, 60.50 mph; 2. J. Dryden (1.3 Mini-Cooper 5); 3. A. Labinjoh (1.4 Singer Cooper). **Fastest laps:** Barton, Dryden and Labinjoh, 44.0 s, 62.18 mph. **Sports and GTs (10 laps):** 1. J. Nicholson (Lotus 23B), 7 m 23.8 s, 61.64 mph; 2. E. Blackadder (Elan); 3. T. Twaites (Mercury GT). **Fastest laps:** Blackadder and Twaites, 43.0 s, 63.63 mph. **Saloons up to 1200 cc (10 laps):** 1. G. H. Birrell (Singer Chamois), 7 m 23.6 s, 61.67 mph; 2. R. Mackay (Hillman Imp); 3. A. Labinjoh (1.4 Singer Chamois). **Fastest laps:** Birrell, 43 s, 63.63 mph. **Clubmen's Cars (10 laps):** 1. H. Heery (1.5 Chevron), 7 m 1.8 s, 64.86 mph; 2. G. Whittingham (Lotus 7); 3. J. Appegarth (Adder-Ford). **Fastest laps:** Heery, 41.2 s, 66.41 mph. **Hartley Whyte Saloon Trophy (15 laps):** 1. J. Dryden (1.3 Mini-Cooper 5), 10 m 59.4 s, 62.20 mph; 2. D. Muter (1.3 Mini-Cooper 5); 3. G. H. Birrell (Singer Chamois). **Fastest laps:** Dryden and Birrell, 43.0 s, 63.63 mph. **Marque cars (10 laps):** 1. J. Lewis (Jaguar E), 7 m 27.3 s, 61.72 mph; 2. A. Hutchinson (Austin-Healey Sprite); 3. J. Milne (MGB). **Fastest laps:** Lewis, 43.4 s, 63.04 mph. **Record.**