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AND so the 1986 Scottish race season came to an end. Scottish MRC organised its final meeting of the year at Ingliston with only the FF1600 Senior championship still to be sorted out.

One of the three main contenders for the FF title, Andy Sim, had to work his way up from the Junior race, since his Reynard was still feeling the effects of an accident in testing the previous week. He won this race from the front, though not devastatingly far ahead of Ewen Buchan and Angus McPherson, of whom the latter was also recovering from a testing incident.

A slipping clutch meant that poleman Stuart Gray was second of the road sports car drivers into the Esses behind Keith Scott. A coming-together at Lefthander on lap one put them both out of the running and handed the race to Allan McGregor. In an excellent battle for second, John Peace's 1500 cc Dutton fought past Grant Stewart's much more powerful Caterham on lap 10 but could make no impression on the still more muscular TR7 V8 of Tom McCallum.

The new champion, Stewart Roden, took things relatively easy in the FF2000 event and won without taking too many risks, since rival Tom Brown was popping and banging along at the back of the pack. Stephen Robertson passed Brown for second shortly after the start and stayed there throughout while Robin Brown diced with Campbell Chisholm for third.

Kevin Tawse, famous for his Fiesta exploits in sprints and hillclimbs, was leading the road saloons up to 1600 cc race comfortably until Alan Keith caught up in his Escort. They were level on the way into the Esses on lap nine and then both hit oil. Tawse retired on the spot while Keith continued, still in second but now behind a delighted Mike Rattray, who scored his first race win in his Escort.

After passing Colin Birkbeck early on, Harvey Gillanders led most of the FF1600 Senior event until he was outfumbled at Caravan on the last lap by Cameron Binnie. Binnie therefore overtook Andy Sim in the points table to become champion, since after a harrowing dozen laps Sim could manage only eighth place.

Ingliston's annual historics get-together was dominated by Roddy MacPherson's Cooper-Bristol, which actually cooled down during the race. Grant Stephen spun his Elva at the hairpin on lap one and ran on his own in second, while Peter Graham manhandled his Riley to third and the Pre-War class win ahead of Stewart Gordon's much nimbler Trice.

Eric Munnoch and Ian Forrest looked close enough at the front of the GT field, but after winning by less than two seconds Munnoch claimed it hadn't been anything like his hardest fight of the year. Brian Fletcher's single-seater Davrian and John Bothamley's Stiletto competed in what amounted to 12-lap sprints to finish third and fourth.

Engine bothers kept Tom Bell and Ian Bruce out of the large road saloons race, which was won at a trot by Hugh Chalmers in the Ecurie Ecosse Chevette from Ray MacDowall's Sunbeam. Ronnie Stahl had an entertaining first couple of laps getting up to third in his Escort, and Raddy Sarafilovic, whose Sunbeam Lotus dropped to sixth on lap 2, pulled back up to fourth with three laps remaining.

Kenny Allen led away the other sports cars in his BDG Vision, followed by David Leslie in the DFV Ecosse and John Fyda's Class A Vision. Leslie, whose tyres seemed to go off very quickly, pulled into the pits on lap five with a broken sideplate on the gearbox casing. This left Fyda second, and he closed the gap on Allen towards the end, finishing a second and a half behind. Laurence Jacobsen brought his raucous Chevron home third, and Scottish sports car champion Frank Lethbridge won the B class from Jim Irwin.

Although selection problems in his Renault gearbox meant he had to take the hairpin in third, Duncan Hall won the Modified race comfortably in his Europa. Martin Dunn was second for the first couple of laps in his Davrian before being passed by Ray MacDowell's Sunbeam. MacDowall was black-flagged just before the finish, but Dunn's car was by now running very sick and had been passed by Peter Chamberlain, who had come up from the back of the grid in his Davrian.

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FF1600 Junior — 12 laps: 1, A. Sim (JBMSL Reynard), 10m 37.3s (69.83 mph); 2, E. Buchan (Van Diemen); 3, A. McPherson (Crossle); 4, N. Gillanders (PRS); 5, T. Gemmell (Van Diemen); 6, L. Gauld (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: Sim, 52.4s (70.76 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, A. McGregor (1.6 Caterham 7), 12m 02.8s (61.56 mph); 2, T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8); 3, J. Peace (1.5 Dutton B+); 4, G. Stewart (1.6 Caterham 7). Over 1600 cc: 1, McCallum, 12m 10.2s (60.92 mph). Fastest lap: McCallum, 59.9s (61.90 mph). Up to 1600 cc: 1, McGregor; 2, Peace; 3, Stewart. Fastest lap: McGregor, 58.5s (63.38 mph).

FF2000 — 12 laps: 1, S. Roden (ANC Reynard 84SF), 9m 48.5s (75.61 mph); 2, S. Robertson (Reynard); 3, R. Brown (Van Diemen RF84); 4, C. Chisholm (Van Diemen RF82); 5, B. Gowans (Mondiale); 6, J. Hotchkis (Reynard 86SF). Fastest lap: Roden, 48.2s (76.93 mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600 cc — 12 laps: 1, M. Rattray (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m 24.6s (59.77 mph); 2, A. Keith (1.6 Ford Escort); 3, G. Mortimer (1.6 Hillman Avenger), 12m 33.6s; 4, R. Martin (1.6 Talbot Sunbeam); 5, T. McCallum (1.3 MG Metro); 6, J. MacKay (1.3 Mini). Fastest lap: Keith, 60.0s (61.80 mph).

FF1600 Senior — 12 laps: 1, C. Binnie (Van Diemen RF83), 10m 33.9s (70.18 mph); 2, H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85); 3, C. Birkbeck (Van Diemen); 4, G. Wilson (Lola T642); 5, C. Harper (Van Diemen RF82); 6, R. Low (Van Diemen RF78). Fastest lap: Binnie, Gillanders, Birkbeck and Wilson, 51.8s (71.58 mph).

Historic Racing and Sports Cars — 12 laps: 12, R. MacPherson (2.0 Cooper Bristol), 12m 22.3m (59.95 mph); 2, G. Stephen (1.0 Elva FJ); 3, P. Graham (2.5 Kiloy Special); 4, S. Gordon (1.1 Trice). Post-War: 1, MacPherson; 2, Stephen. Fastest lap: MacPherson, 60.2s (61.59 mph). Pre-War: 1, Graham, 11 laps (53.33 mph); 2, Gordon. Fastest lap: Graham, 67.8s (54.69 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1, E. Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m 23.0s (71.47 mph); 2, I. Forrest (1.0 Drambuie Imp); 3, B. Fletcher (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 4, J. Bothamley (1.0 Maguire Stiletto). Over 1000 cc: 1, E. Beerman (2.0 Skoda Coupe), 10 laps (56.94 mph). Fastest lap: Beerman, 62.3s (59.52 mph). Up to 1000 cc: 1, Munnoch; 2, Forrest; 3, Fletcher. Fastest lap: Munnoch, 58.2s (73.86 mph).

Road Saloons over 1600 cc — 12 laps: 1, H. Chalmers (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 11m 57.7s (62.00 mph); 2, R. MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 3, R. Stahl (2.0 Ford Escort); 4, R. Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 5, G. Beith (2.0 Ford Escort); 6, A. Cunningham (2.0 Ford Escort). Fastest lap: Chalmers, 57.8s (64.15 mph).

Sports/Clubmans Cars — 12 laps: 1, K.Allen (2.0 Vision V87HS), 9m 20.1s (79.44 mph); 2, J.Fyda (1.7 Vision); 3, L.Jacobsen (2.0 Chevron B61); 4, A.Dobbie (1:7 Mallock Mk24B). Sports Cars: 1, Allen; 2, Jacobsen; 3, A.Graham (1.6 Mallock Mk20 BDA). Fastest lap: Allen, 45.4s (81.67 mph), equals record. Clubmans A: 1, Fyda, 9m 21.6s (79.22 mph); 2, Dobbie; 3, A.Johns (1.7 Mallock Mk24/27). Fastest lap: Fyda, 45.5s (81.49 mph). Clubmans B:1, F. Lethbridge (1.6 Mallock Mk25), 11 laps (69.53 mph); 2, J. Irwin (1.6 Mallock Mk20/24B); 3, M. Upton (1.6 Mallock Mk16B). Fastest lap: Lethbridge, 51.0s (72.21 mph).

Modified Saloons/Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, D.Hall (1.8 Lotus Europa), 11m 10.4s (66.38 mph); 2, P.Chamberlain (1.0 Davrian); 3, M.Dunn (1.0 davrian); 4, H.Chalmors (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette). Sports Cars: 1, Hall; 2, Chamberlain; 3, Dunn. Fastest lap: Chamberlain, 53.6s (69.18 mph), equals record. Saloons over 1600cc: 1, Chalmers, 11m 46.2s (63.01 mph); 2, R.Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: R.MacDowall (2.2 sunbeam Lotus), 55.4s (66.93 mph). Saloons up to 1600cc: 1, M.Rattray (1.6 Ford Escort), 11m 55.8s (62.16 mph); 2, J.Mackay (1.3 Mini). Fastest lap: Rattray, 58.3s (63.66 mph).