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Ingliston Opener

DONALD WALKER



[Photograph: *The Scotsman*.]

A garlanded Bill Stein wins the first round of "The Scotsman" Trophy Championship.

The first big race of the season at Ingliston on 17th April, the "Edinburgh Students' Charities Cup", was won by Bill Stein in the Ecosse-Climax after a race-long battle with Willie Forbes. A heavy snow shower at the start of the first of the two 25 lap heats for the trophy, let Forbes build up a sizeable lead, but as the track dried out the pace speeded up and Stein, who had made a bad start but was now in second place, began to reduce the distance between them. However, he only caught Forbes on the last lap and lost this heat by 0.4 secs. Other excitement was provided by the 4.7 litre Russel Ford, belonging to Jock Russell, which began to move after the track dried out, but Russell failed

to hold off Andrew Fletcher's F3 Brabham which came right through the field to take third place.

In contrast to the first heat, the second was run entirely on a dry track with Stein snatching an early lead from Forbes who was driving his new Lotus B.M.W. He maintained this throughout the race though under constant pressure, and eventually won at a speed of 68.64 m.p.h. by an aggregate of two seconds. The trophy was presented with obvious pleasure by Charities Queen Hanio Smolka. This gives Bill maximum points in The Scotsman Trophy Championship for formula libre cars, which is being

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run over the six Ingliston meetings.

The first race of the day, for saloons up to 1200 c.c., was also run in snow; it was an easy victory for Bill Borrowman in his Mini-Cooper S, but there was an exhilarating battle for second place, which was eventually taken by Andy Barton in his battle-hardened Minor 1000, despite the efforts of A. I. Robertson in the fastest of the Imps. The Birrells' Chamoix were disappointing, but K. Miller kept the paying customers happy by spinning on the second lap at Bankers' and requiring to be push-started after the field had gone through; he did well to finish sixth in his Mini S.

The next race for the larger saloons was a Mini benefit with only Phil de Banks in his Lotus Cortina-engined Anglia providing any competition after Birrell's Perdal Anglia tangled with a Mini on the first lap

and was never seen again. Harry Ratcliffe was a clear winner in his Mini Cooper S, followed by Phil de Banks who had only just managed to stave off Tom Christie in another Mini.

Event four on the programme was a walk-over for the Elans led by Bill Dryden and John Lepp, after all the more interesting machinery had failed to appear.

After the main race and the presentation, came a demonstration of the new Johnny Walker Formula 4 cars which buzzed round the track for several laps.

Then came the race for less modified cars under 1200 c.c. which saw a surprising victory for J. Pinkerton in an Austin A40 followed by ten Minis led by G. Carr.

The next race for small sports cars saw a race-long duel between John Corfield's Diva G.T., Bill Turnbull's

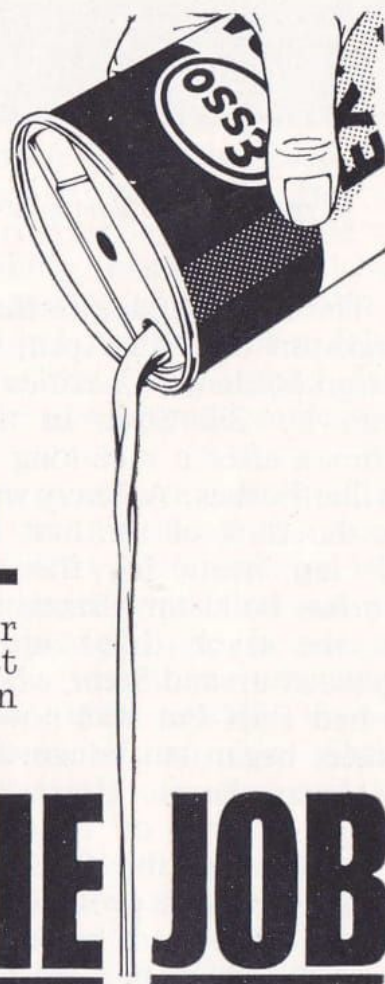
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STAYS ON THE JOB



L.W.S., and John Nicholson's Lotus 23B. Nicholson led from the start but made a mistake at Merchant's which allowed the other two to pass, Corfield managed to take first place from Turnbull.

The saloon car championship race saw a surprising win for Tom Christie from Harry Ratcliffe after Phil de Banks spun off suffering from a surfeit of Minis, and the under 1200 c.c. racing cars event gave a well deserved first to Andrew

Fletcher from J. S. Calvert, both in Brabham F3's.

The meeting ended with a marque sports car race, an easy victory for John Milne in his fastback Midget. The race was however enlivened by a fierce battle for second place between Hutchison and Carmichael in a Sprite and Midget respectively. Hutchison eventually took it after the Midget, trying everything to get past, spun at Merchant's two laps from the end.



[Photograph: *The Scotsman*.

Congestion at "Bankers" in the small saloon car battle.

WHAT'S ON

May

- 4 **North-East England.** Noggin and Natter, Springfield Hotel, Durham Road, Gateshead.
- 9 **Edinburgh.** Bus Simulator, Shrubhill Bus Depot, Leith. 7 p.m.
- 11 **London.** Film Show, Bush House Restaurant. 8 p.m.
- 14 **Silverstone.** "Daily Express" Meeting. E.E. competing.
- 21 **Glasgow.** Five Past Eight Show.
- 30 **Croft.** E.E. competing.

June

- 1 **North-East England.** Noggin and Natter.
- 12 **Croft.** E.E. competing.
- 18/19 **Le Mans 24 Hours Race.**
- 24 **Edinburgh.** Barn Dance, Broomhills Farm.