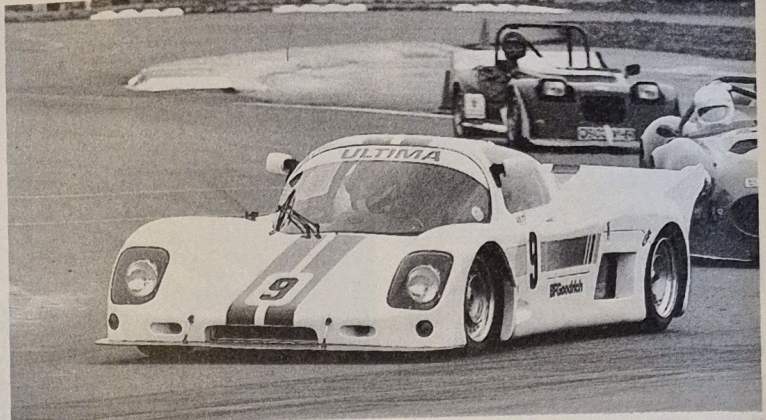


NATIONAL RACING



Bob Light took Ultima honours at Silverstone.

## Ultima showdown

**SILVERSTONE, Oct 21:** The 750MC closed their season with an excellent 8 race programme on a largely dry track after a wet and windy practice. Bob Light and Nigel James provided the race of the day, the Ultima duo putting on a superb display.

The track was drying steadily by the time the Open section of the Group K entry assembled and poleman Light moved as far across towards the dry line as he dared with only James for company on the front row. James still had the better of the road for the start, and won the drag into Copse but Light took command on the second lap. The two Ultimas then ran nose to tail despite considerable lappery, and on the seventh lap James pulled up alongside on the rush towards the chicane. They went in virtually side by side and just touched, James forced out wide on the exit, losing a little ground in the process. The open version was quickly back into contention and closed in on Light in the final two laps but was just unable to find an opening, chasing the closed car across the line with a deficit of just 0.4sec.

The F1300 grid had the worst of the wet track but still had a good race with Richard Gilmour, John Moore and

Brocklebank who kept in front of the Riley of Peter Graham.

In driving rain Ricky Gauld led away the GTs, having got the power of the big Esprit down first. Ron Cumming, on pole in the AC3000, was surprised to find the Davrian of Neil Fisher alongside. Unfortunately Gauld fell off, being emulated some laps later by Bob Jamieson in the Drambuie Imp, losing him third place, which Colin Philip had hardly inherited before his Esprit went sick. Cumming cruised to another victory, a lap clear of Fisher, the dramas promoting Eddie Beerman and Stan Share to third and fourth.

The Clubmans promised much. John Fyda had to work hard to head the Tiga of Jim McGuaghay, which set a new class record, in the wet! The pair ran away from the rest led by Bill Wood, with Allen Johns initially fourth, leading the B class. A couple of spins promoted the Chevron B16 fielded by Willie Tuckett, until Derek Ferguson charged his Mallock through to relieve him of fourth.

The small saloons wound up the season. The Fiestas of Alan Keith and Kevin Tawse commanded the large field, the latter showing better anticipation of backmarker antics to seize the lead. Glen Mortimer was happy to claim third despite the constant threat from the Corolla of Iain Cowie.

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### INGLSTON

**Silverscreen FF2000 (12 laps):** 1, Robert Mitchell (Reynard 88SF), 10m06.33s; 2, Derek Butcher (Reynard 86SF), 10m09.26s; 3, Mike Westgarth (Mondiale M84S), 9m31.09s; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Butcher, 49.11s, 75.50mph.

**Abercromby Road Sports and Saloons over 1600cc (12 laps):** 1, Alaster Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 11m32.02s; 2, Neil Gammie (1.6 Westfield SE1), 11m47.73s; 3, John Peace (2.1 Ginetta G27), 11m49.55s; 4, Lewis Emslie (2.4 Mazda RX7), 12m12.70s. **Up to 1600cc Sports:** 1, Gammie; 2, Neil Mutch (1.6 Westfield); 3, Ed Chester (1.6 Suto 123B). **Fastest lap:** Gammie, 56.52s, 65.61mph. **Over 1600cc Sports:** 1, Peace; 2, Ray Licence (2.0 MGB); 3, Kevin Pick (1.7 Dutton Phaeton S2). **Fastest lap:** Peace, 56.53s, 65.59mph. **Saloons:** 1, Cunningham; 2, Emslie. **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 56.43s, 65.71mph.

**Tom Brown Racing School Junior and Shell Gemini Senior FF1600 (12 laps):** 1, Louis di Resta (Van Diemen RF88), 10m47.35s; 2, Colin Harper (Swift DB88), 11m00.65s; 3, Neil Birkbeck (Van Diemen RF88), 11m04.08s; 4, Ewan Buchan (Van Diemen RF88), 11m04.31s; 5, Colin Low (Mondiale M88S), 11m14.75s; 6, Thomas Irvine (Van Diemen RF85), 11m17.46s. **Fastest lap:** Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF86), 58.04s, 63.89mph.

**Historic Cars (12 laps):** 1, Grant Stephen (1.0 Elva Junior), 12m31.54s; 2, Hugh Leventon (2.0 Cooper Bristol), 13m03.41s; 3, Hugh McCaig (3.5 Tejero-Buick), 13m32.29s; 4, John Harper (2.0 Cooper Manxtail), 12m35.95s. **Pre-war:** 1, Keith Schellenberg (8.0 Barnato Bentley); 2, Peter Graham (2.4 Riley 16 Special); 3, Jan Bulinski (1.5 Fraser Nash TT). **Fastest lap:** Schellenberg, 69.26s, 53.54mph. **Post-war:** 1, Stephen; 2, Leventon; 3, McCaig. **Fastest lap:** Stephen, 60.71s, 61.08mph.

**Sportstune Modified Sports and Saloons (12 laps):** 1, Alaster Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 12m00.78s; 2, Ian Bruce (2.0 Darrien), 12m02.09s; 3, Ian Forrest (2.3 BMW M3), 12m08.15s; 4, Ollie Ross (1.0 Davrian Mk 7/8). **Modsports:** 1, Ross; 2, Neil Fisher (1.0 Fraser Imp); 3, George McDonald (1.6 Ford Fiesta). **Fastest lap:** Ross, 58.84s, 63.02mph. **Modsaloons:** 1, Cunningham; 2, Bruce; 3, Forrest. **Fastest lap:** Bruce, 56.40s, 65.74mph.

**Century Self-drive GTs (12 laps):** 1, Ron Cunningham (2.0 AC3000), 11m55.93s; 2, Neil Fisher (1.0 Davrian), 12m24.60s; 3, Eddie Beerman (1.8 Skoda Coupé GT), 12m28.55s; 4, Stan Share (1.2 Old Clan), 12m31.36s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Neil Fisher. **Fastest lap:** Fisher, 65.10s, 56.96mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, Cumming; 2, Beerman; 3, Share. **Fastest lap:** Cumming, 58.27s, 63.63mph.

**Lowland Tyres and Exhausts Sports and Clubmans (12 laps):** 1, John Fyda (1.7 Vision), 11m04.24s; 2, Jim McGuaghay (2.0 Tiga TS85), 11m08.66s; 3, Bill Wood (1.7 Mallock Mk27 SG); 4, Derek Ferguson (1.7 Mallock Mk24B). **Clubman A:** 1, Fyda; 2, Wood; 3, Ferguson. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 54.00s, 68.67mph. **Clubman B:** 1, Mike Upton (1.6 Mallock Mk16); 2, Allen Johns (1.6 Mallock Mk27); 3, Alastair Naismith (1.6 Mallock Mk16). **Fastest lap:** Johns, 60.78s, 61.01mph. **Sports:** 1, McGuaghay; 2, Willie Tuckett (2.0 Chevron B16). **Fastest lap:** McGuaghay, 54.25s, 68.35mph (record).

**Abercromby Road Saloons up to 1600cc (12 laps) - overall and 1300-1600cc:** 1, Kevin Tawse (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m52.36s; 2, Alan Keith (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m55.59s; 3, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 13m09.20s; 4, Ian Cowie (1.6 Toyota Corolla GT), 13m09.48s. **Fastest lap:** Tawse, 61.80s, 60.00mph. **Up to 1300cc:** 1, Derek Hastings (1.3 Hillman Imp); 2, Peter Emslie (1.3 Mazda 232); 3, Brian Cruickshank (1.3 Ford Escort). **Fastest lap:** Hastings, 65.49s, 56.62mph.

## Alaster's double

**INGLSTON, Oct 15:** Such was the competitiveness of some of the eight events that one would have thought that the SMRC championships were still up for grabs on a track that with rain falling during the later events.

The Modsports provided the highlight, Alaster Cunningham being caught on the hop at the start by the manageable Davrian of Olly Ross. He was trailed by the tiny Darrien of Ian Bruce, before he slammed the Manta ahead, swapping the lead with Bruce. Ian Forrest joined in third in his BMW M3, running on wet rubber which went off as the race progressed, dropping him from contention.

FF2000 has suffered from a sparse response this season in Scotland, but the entry was augmented for this meeting by Leslie and David Wright. For the opening laps they harried Keith Wickham for second, allowing Robert Mitchell to run away to victory. Alas contact with the Silverscreen car and with Kenny Coleman saw the Wrights retire to the pits in tandem, which boosted Derek Butcher four places on to Wickham's tail.

Moving to snatch the inside at Arena, the pair touched, spinning Wickham out of the race. This left Mike Westgarth, who had earlier demoted the Rotor of Scott Ramsay, to be the only other finisher, in third with his Mondiale.

Alaster Cunningham notched up his second victory of the day in the Over 1600 Road Sports and Saloons, overwhelming front row drivers Neil Gammie and Ed Chester. John Peace started from the tail of the field, but soon had his Ginetta G27 hustling the Mazda of Lewis Emslie. He relieved Chester of third, the latter being caught and passed by Neil Mutch.

The FF1600 boys were slowed considerably by rain. Jim Forsyth did a demolition job on the opening lap, forcing a restart. Pole holder Louis di Resta fastened on to the tail of Cameron Binnie's similar Van Diemen, before edging past to hold a slim advantage, until Binnie swapped ends to drop to midfield. This allowed a circumspect Colin Harper to second behind the Junior champion. Colin Birkbeck acquired third, holding Ewan Buchan at bay.

The Historic scorers scorned the weather. Grant Stephen scampered off in his Elva Junior, while Chris Drake banged his Lotus 16 into retirement against the lightweight Jaguar E of a displeased Campbell McLaren. Hugh Leventon hurled his Cooper Bristol through the swerves, leaving Hugh McCaig to pull his Tejero clear of the Manx-tailed Cooper of Peter Harper and Kirk Rylands' HWM-Jaguar. Keith Schellenberg tamed the 8-litres of Barnato Hassan, heading the Pre-war racers, but had to give best to the Jaguar XK of John Foster, backed by the white version fielded by Audrey