



Hamish Ogilvie leads Allan McGregor's similar Caterham, with winner Tom Bell shadowing.

A credit to them

INGLINGTON, Sep 7: The SMRC ran their 11-event Ford Credit meeting on Sunday like clockwork slotting in with Scottish TV schedules, with the excellent viewing provided by the racing. David Leslie, the busiest driver at the circuit gained a fine FF2000 victory and a second place with the Ecosse C2 car, in the wake of Kenny Allen knocking a chunk off Leslie's sports car record, then a third overall in the mod-saloons with the Howard Fowler Capri.

Such was the entry for the Fiesta Championship that two races were run, the slower 18 opening proceedings, Brian Farminer making good use of Robin Parsons's car after his own burnt out its wiring during the previous day's

testing. He eased away from Steve Oakes and Jonathan Harrison, the trio holding station to the flag, and kept Ian Briggs at bay, the latter having leapfrogged Michael Helm and Rick Sharpe. This left Arthur Atkinson to command seventh place, on which Paul Ingram, Alistair Davidson and Norman Grimshaw had designs. Three seconds behind, John Wadsworth fought clear of Ian Head and Michael Waudby, Louise Aitken-Walker retiring from this group at mid-race.

The FF Junior qualifier found Alex Knox disputing the start with pole holder Neil Gillanders whose PRS got the better in the opening two laps, but the Lindcraft Engineering Van Diemen slammed in front under some demon braking and held on to the tenuous advantage. Fraser Greenwood was forced to watch the lead battle as he pulled away from Bryan Gowans who had his work cut out keeping off the Royale of

Duncan Hughes. David Taylor led a furious quintet disputing sixth, but Angus McPherson mounted a charge to annex the position. Barry Sykes did well in the Tom Brown School Van Diemen to beaver his way to mid field.

In the larger capacity Road Saloons, Hugh Chalmers fled to a scintillating victory and new class lap record in the Ecosse Chevette leaving the red version of Tom Bell to oust the Sunbeam Lotus of Ian Bruce. Iain Gardner did a similar job on Ray MacDowall before the latter retired his Sunbeam, the Peugeot 205 GTi pulling well clear of the Escorts of the two Ronnies, Stahl and Irvine. Howard Fowler was locked in combat with the Escort of Mike Smith before retiring. Everyone slowed and headed for the pits when black flags were shown around the circuit, the results being declared at nine laps.

The Ford Fiesta Championship 12-lapper featured a fantastic four-car battle for the lead after Stephen Waudby stormed away holding off Robin Parsons running his 'T' car, which he had found to be faster, Barrie Williams and Matthew Johnson. It was so close that Parsons and Waudby tangled entering Arena and Williams, never one to miss an opportunity, shot ahead as Parsons recovered, Waudby restarting behind Farminer and Mark Cole.

The FF2000 race found Tom Brown take advantage of his pole position to put the Scottish Road Services Reynard in the lead, but there was no holding David Leslie, who forced the Tredaire Swift through, being followed by the ANC Reynard of current championship leader Stewart Roden. Willie Hourie held a somewhat hectic fourth place in the Ecosse Mondiale, being reeled in by the battle between Steven Robertson and Neil Cochrane. Harry Minty spun the Rotor and spent the rest of his race trying to regain his position from A Brown.

Kenny Allen now with the suspension of his new Vision V86H set to his liking, set a scorching pace, David Leslie clinging on in the Ecosse-Ford, and leaving Jim McGaughay to display the smart Grange 85T in third place after John Fyda retired his Vision. Eric Paterson pulled his Vision off after leading Sandy Watson, elevating Allen Johns, who benefited when Gus Young spluttered his Vision out to join Bill Drummond's Mallock. Andy Smith, the leading 'B' Clubman driver, was separated from second place man Frank Lethbridge by the persistent sports Lola of Keith Bowmaker.

The FF1600 Final was set for a showdown between Cameron Binnie and Andy Sim but with the latter ahead, both aimed for the same bit of road on the opening lap, Sim restarting to fight back to 10th spot. This left Harvey Gillanders at full stretch fleeing from Colin Birkbeck and Derek Butcher shadowing 3secs down. Colin Harper was in a fraught fourth spot with Roy Low charging, but wrecking his recently acquired Van Diemen right in front of a T.V. camera. This gave Ewan Buchan the chance to attack, but it was Gordon Wilson who moved the Tarduff Motors Lola in behind Harper as Kenny Brown and Geordie Taylor fought out seventh.

The GT race lost the Claymore Esprit of Ron Cumming, the car pulling in after the warm-up leaving Bill Paul in the AC3000 ME to show Jon Fletcher the way round, and Eric Munnoch heading the small capacity group in third place soon to be joined by Ian Forrest, whose Drambuie ousted the Esprit of Kenny Coleman, the pair swapping places all the way to the chequer, the Davrian having a scant advantage over the Drambuie Imp.

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Ford Fiesta Qualifying race (12 laps): 1, Brian Farminer, 12m14.0s, 60.60mph; 2, Steven Oakes, 12m15.9s; 3, Jonathan Harrison, 12m16.7s; 4, Ian Briggs, 12m17.7s; 5, Rick Sharpe, 12m20.1s; 6, Michael Helm, 12m22.9s. **Fastest lap:** Briggs, 60.1s, 61.69mph.

Tom Brown Racing School Junior Scottish FF1600 race (12 laps): 1, Alex Knox (Van Diemen-Irwin RF79/80), 10m48.8s, 68.58mph; 2, Neil Gillanders (PRS), 10m49.2s; 3, Fraser Greenwood (Van Diemen RF82), 10m52.2s; 4, Bryan Gowans (PRS RH01), 10m56.8s; 5, Duncan Hughes (Royale RP21), 10m57.3s; 6, Angus McPherson (Crossle-Scholar), 11m03.5s. **Fastest lap:** Knox, Gillanders and Greenwood, 53.2s, 69.70mph.

Robertson of Edinburgh Road Saloons over 1600cc race (9 laps): 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Vauxhall Chevette), 8m49.4s; 63.03mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 8m59.4s; 3, Ian Bruce (2.3 Sunbeam Lotus), 9m02.1s; 4, Iain Gardner (2.0 Autotif Peugeot 205GTi), 9m07.1s; 5, Ronnie Stahl (2.0 Ford Escort), 9m14.5s; 6, Ronnie Irvine (2.0 Ford Escort), 9m19.0s. **Fastest lap:** Chalmers, 56.9s, 65.17mph (record).

Ford Credit Ford Fiesta race (12 laps): 1, Barrie Williams, 12m10.8s, 60.88mph; 2, Robin Parsons, 12m11.4s; 3, Matthews Johnson, 12m12.2s; 4, Brian Farminer, 12m14.6s; 5, Mark Cole, 12m15.5s; 6, Stephen Waudby, 12m18.0s. **Fastest lap:** Williams, 59.5s, 62.32mph (record).

British Telecom Radio Paging Scottish FF2000 race (12 laps): 1, David Leslie (Swift), 9m45.9s, 75.41mph; 2, Stewart Roden (Reynard 84SF), 9m47.1s; 3, Tom Brown (Reynard), 9m47.8s; 4, Willie Hourie (Mondiale), 9m58.4s; 5, Steven Robertson (Jotun Reynard), 9m48.7s; 6, Neil Cochrane (Reynard 86SF), 10m00.0s. **Fastest lap:** Roden and Leslie, 47.9s, 77.41mph.

A.G. Watson Auto Salvage & Motor Spares (Scotland) Ltd. Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish Sports Car race (12 laps): 1, Kenny Allen (1.7 Vision V86H), 9m17.6s, 79.79mph; 2, David Leslie (3.3 Ecosse L285), 9m18.9s; 3, Jim McGaughay (2.0 Grange 85T), 9m26.5s; 4, Sandy Watson (1.7 Vision), 9m37.6s. **Clubmans 'A':** 1, Watson; 2, Allen Johns (1.7 Mallock 24/27); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Watson and Eric Paterson (1.7 Vision V85), 47.2s, 78.56mph. **Clubmans 'B':** 1, Andy Smith (1.6 Mallock 21); 2, Frank Lethbridge (1.6 Mallock 25); 3, Jim Irwin (Mallock). **Fastest lap:** Smith, 50.5s, 73.42mph. **Sports Cars:** 1, Allen; 2, Leslie; 3, McGaughay. **Fastest lap:** Allen, 45.4s, 81.67mph (record).

McAndrews Scottish Senior FF1600 race (12 laps): 1, Harvey Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85), 10m32.5s, 70.34mph; 2, Colin Birkbeck (Van Diemen), 10m34.9s; 3, Derek Butcher (Reynard 85SF), 10m37.1s; 4, Colin Harper (Van Diemen-Minister), 10m40.3s; 5, Gordon Wilson (Lola T642), 10m40.9s; 6, Ewan Buchan (Van Diemen-Scholar), 10m44.7s. **Fastest lap:** Andy Sim, (JBMSL/Reynard), 51.8s, 71.58mph.

Sportslute Scottish GT race (12 laps): 1, Bill Paul (2.0 AC 3000 ME), 10m00.1s, 74.14mph; 2, Jon Fletcher (2.0 Esprit), 10m06.1s; 3, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Davrian 8), 10m17.1s; 4, Ian Forrest (1.0 Drambuie Imp), 10m17.3s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Munnoch; 2, Forrest; 3, Brian Fletcher (1.0 Davrian 8). **Fastest lap:** Forrest, 50.0s, 74.16mph (record). **Over 1000cc:** 1, Paul; 2, Fletcher; 3, Eddy Beerman (2.0 Skoda Coupe). **Fastest lap:** Fletcher & Paul, 49.3s, 75.21mph.

Road Saloons up to 1600cc race (12 laps): 1, Robert Thomson (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m01.4s, 61.68mph; 2, Brian Beverley (1.6 Hillman Avenger), 12m17.8s; 3, Martin Davidson (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m20.8s; 4, Mike Rattray (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m29.1s; 5, Gregor Beith (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m30.4s; 6, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Hillman Avenger), 12m33.8s. **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 59.2s, 62.64mph.

Road Sports Cars race (12 laps): 1, Allan McGregor (1.6 Tester 7), 11m54.3s, 62.29mph; 2, Hamish Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m54.6s; 3, Graham McCallum (2.7 Porsche), 11m58.4s; 4, Ed Chester (1.6 Dutton Phaeton), 12m06.1s. **Under 1600cc:** 1, McGregor; 2, Ogilvie; 3, Chester. **Fastest lap:** McGregor & Ogilvie, 58.4s, 63.49mph (record). **Over 1600cc:** 1, McCallum; 2, Keith Scott (1.7 Dutton Phaeton); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** McCallum, 58.8s, 63.06mph.

Modified Saloons & Sports Cars race (12 laps): 1, Martin Dunn (1.0 Davrian), 10m56.2s, 67.82mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.3 Chevette), 11m29.8s; 3, David Leslie (3.0 Ford Capri), 11m37.2s; 4, Ricky Gauld (1.6 Toyota Celica), 11m40.3s. **Sports:** 1, Dunn; 2, Rod MacLeod (1.0 Davrian), 3, Stan Share (1.2 Olds Clan). **Fastest lap:** jDunn, 53.6s, 69.18mph. **Saloons up to 1600cc:** 1, Gauld; 2, Robert Thomson (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 3, Mike Rattray (1.6 Ford Escort). **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 56.5s, 65.53mph (record). **Saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Bell; 2, Leslie; 3, Raddy Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus). **Fastest lap:** Bell, 55.8s, 66.45mph.

Robert Thomson in his colourful Fiesta had the measure of the full grid of up to 1600cc Road Saloons, overhauling the Avenger of Brian Beverley which fell into the orbit of the Sheraton Golf of Hamish Irvine and the Escort of Martin Davidson. Mike Rattray and Gregor Beith enjoyed their own Escort dice but Ralph Halley succumbed to the assault by the Metro of Tom McCallum behind the well driven Avenger of Glen Mortimer.

The penultimate event for Road Sports cars was the province of Allan McGregor in his Tester 7 although Hamish Ogilvie gave him no respite as Graham McCallum watched from third slot some way in arrears. The race lost

some of its sting when the Europa of Peter Jeffrey was eliminated and Grant Stewart dropped his Caterham to the rear of the field.

The closing event started 2mins behind schedule and Martin Dunn stormed off in his Davrian, leaving behind the Chevette of Tom Bell and David Leslie, this time fielding the big Capri. Ricky Gould was locked in combat, his Corolla just having the edge on the Fiesta of Robert Thomson. Builder Campbell McLaren campaigned his neat MG Metro in sixth place completing the dozen laps, well clear of the strung out field in which rally man Ian Wilson raced the Autofit 205 GTi overwhelming the Olde Clan of Stan Share. **BILL HENDERSON**