

# Ross in control in slippery finale

**INGLISTON, Oct 10:** Robert Ross opened the action at the final meeting of the season by splashing away from the thin grid of Supersaloons to win.

He made the most of the four-wheel drive Metro 6R4 on a track which remained wet until the last race, and had a skin of sodden leaves that prompted spates of barrier bashing.

The first part of a 2CV double-header was led away by Chris Higson, but making a nonsense of the hairpin dropped him to third. Ian Gibbon moved to the front, taking Andrew Timpson with him.

By half-distance, Higson had climbed to second as Graham Harper and Nick Runcie disputed fourth.

Higson made no mistakes in the second part, bellowing away from Gibbon who was tailed by Timpson and Harper.

Bill Wood gingerly eased his Mallock to the front of the Kit/Sports field, but Bill Carr sussed out the conditions and got to the front to command the race.

With Louis di Resta proving he still is a formidable FF1600 competitor, Jim Forsyth on pole did not hang about, making a picture start from di Resta alongside on the front row. But it was David Taylor who revelled in the conditions and came round in second place.

As they came up to lap backmarkers, di Resta took advantage to storm to second.

The by now nearly dry circuit provided the historic cars with an interesting lead battle, as Bob Birrell held off eventual winner Allan McGregor for four laps.

Warren Dunbar won the two-part Road Saloon thrash from early leader, and tyre-wall basher, Richard Dobson.

■ Bill Henderson

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### Treadmark Supersports/Supersaloons (12 laps)

1, Robert Ross (2.5 Metro 6R4), 11m36.90s, 63.85mph; 2, Alaster Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 11m54.19s; 3, Kath Paterson (2.0 Darran T90), 12m29.06s; 4, Eddy Beerman (2.0 Skoda Rapid), 12m23.63s (10 laps); no other finishers. **Fastest lap** : Ross, 57.06s, 64.98mph.

### Forsyth Fresh Fruit 2CV, (13 laps)

**Overall**: 1, Chris Higson, 16m42.36s, 48.09mph; 2, Ian Gibbon, 16m43.27s; 3, Andrew Timpson, 16m47.6s; 4, Graham Harper, 17m00.25s; 5, Neil McDonald, 17m07.36s; 6, Raddy Sarafilovic, 17m08.25s. **Fastest lap**: Higson, 1m14.77s, 49.59mph.

### Scottish Autotrader Road Saloons (16 laps)

**Overall**: 1, Warren Dunbar (2.0 Ford Escort), 16m42.36s, 48.09mph; 2, Ian Hay, (1.6 Ford Fiesta XR2), 16m25.16s; 3, Richard Dobson (1.3 Citroen AX), 16m46.20s; 4, Mark Speirs (1.6 Hillman Avenger), 16m49.76s. **Up to 1400cc**: 1, Dobson; 2, Andrew McKinna (1.3 Vauxhall Nova), 17m06.38s; 3, Gary White (1.4 Vauxhall Nova), 17m10.17s. **Fastest lap**: Gerry Kelman (1.4 Mini), 59.23s, 62.60mph. **1401-1600cc**: 1, Hay; 2, Speirs; 3, Mike Rattray (1.6 Ford Fiesta XR2), 16m56.00s (15 laps). **Fastest lap**: Hay, 59.16s, 62.68mph. **Over 1600cc**: 1, Dunbar; 2, Brian Fletcher (2.0 Ford Fiesta), 15 laps. No other finishers. **Fastest lap**: Dunbar, 58.40s, 63.49mph.

Arnold Currie, Printers, Kit, Road

### Sports/Sports (12 laps)

**Overall**: 1, Bill Carr (2.0 Tiga SC79), 10m12.02s, 60.59mph; 2, Bill Wood (2.0 Mallock 27), 10m12.86s; 3, Alex Dobbie (1.7 Mallock Mk20), 10m24.99s; 4, Olly Ross (1.3 Westfield), 10m29.42s. **Kit Cars**: 1, Ross; 2, Dave Muse (2.0 Sylva Striker), 10m36.61s; 3, Brian Sarafilovic (2.0 Westfield), 10m54.14s. **Fastest lap**: Ross, 1m01.76s, 60.04mph. **Road Sports**: 1, Ken Thomson (2.8 Porsche 911), 10m32.20s; 2, Jim Grant (1.6 Lotus Elan), 10m52.82s. No other starters. **Fastest lap**: Thomson 1m01.81s, 59.99mph. **Sports Cars**: 1, Carr; 2, Wood; 3, Dobbie. **Fastest lap**: Dobbie, 58.86s, 63.00mph.

### Tom Brown Racing Senior/Junior FF1600 (12 laps)

1, Jim Forsyth (Van Diemen-Scholar RF92), 11m21.12s, 65.33mph; 2, Louis di Resta (Swift-Scholar), 11m22.83s; 3, David Taylor (Van Diemen-EDA RF91), 11m23.77s; 4, Stuart Thorburn (Van Diemen-Minster RF91), 11m24.09s; 5, Ricki Steedman (Van Diemen-Scholar RF91), 11m25.18s; 6, Geordie Taylor (Reynard-Taylor 84FF), 11m25.56. **Fastest lap**: Geordie Taylor, 55.25s, 67.11mph.

### Ecurie Ecosse Historic Cars (12 laps)

**Overall**: 1, Allan McGregor (1.1 Cooper FJ), 12m34.41s, 58.98mph; 2, Bob Birrell (1.6 Brabham BT21B), 12m44.66s; 3, Campbell McLaren (3.5 Jaguar SS100), 13m29.40s; 4, Tom McWhirter (3.4 Tojeiro Jaguar), 13m40.42s. **Pre-War**: 1, McLaren; 2, Tom Richardson (1.5 Riley), 8 laps; 3, Branislav Sudjic (3.5 Sunbeam), 8. **Fastest lap**: McLaren, 1m05.17s, 56.90mph. **Single Seaters**: 1, McGregor; 2, Birrell; 3, Geoff Temple (1.5 Chevron), 13m41.08s. **Fastest lap**: Birrell, 59.61s, 62.20mph. **Pre-'55 Sports**: 1, George Cooper (1.3 Cooper MG), 11 laps, 52.04mph; 2, Gerard McCosh (6.3 Bentley Special), 11; 3, John Romanes (2.0 Frazer-Nash), 9. **Fastest lap**: McCosh, 1m09.05s, 53.70mph. **Post-'55 Sports**: 1, Tom McWhirter; 2, Tom Fitzsimmons (3.0 Austin Healey), 11 laps; 3, Stephen Cooper (1.3 Austin Healey Sprite), 11. **Fastest lap**: McWhirter, 1m06.75s, 55.55mph.



Ingliston – Robert Ross's MG Metro 6R4 was ideally suited to the slippery conditions