

INGLISTON

Fiesta photo finish

RAIN? At Ingliston? The Ford Credit race meeting was certainly exceptional, since practically every meeting at the Edinburgh circuit for the last three years has been held in dry conditions.

Tom McCallum's TR7 V8 hammered off the line fortissimo in the road sports car race and won by miles from Raymond Stewart's Clan. The many road saloons who joined in to boost numbers provided plenty of excitement, starting with Olly Ross who spun the Escort Estate in the middle of a very busy track at the end of lap one. He restarted in 16th place out of 16 and stormed up through the field, losing the use of his wipers on lap six, before coming up to Jimmy Fleming and Howard Fowler. This pair were so taken up in their own affairs that Ross was able to surprise them going into Clock on lap 10.

With nothing whatever in the way of real opposition, Kenny Allen ran well with the sports car event. The main interest lay in who out of Jimmy Patrick, Laurence Jacobsen and Andy Smith would be second. Patrick dropped two places in three laps, and Smith then closed right up on Jacobsen. But in spite of desperate attempts to get round the outside at Arena, he lost out by just a third of a second.

Scotland's only round of the Fiesta Challenge set the Grandstand alight in the last hundred yards. Brian Farminer, Robin Parsons and Ian Briggs were together as they approached Arena for the last time. Farminer's tail slid out, letting Parsons alongside ... just as Farminer was getting back on line. The two cars finished apparently with their door-handles interlocked, but Farminer was given the benefit of the doubt, though Parsons was credited with the same time.

Ron Cumming started the GT race from the back of the grid and made up four places by the line! He then went off at Lefthander, but recovered and set about demolishing the field. This was headed by Ian Forrest's Drabbuie Imp from

poleman Bill Paul, whose AC looked rather ungainly in the wet and dropped back. Forrest trickled into the pits on lap nine with a broken gearlever after a superb drive, leaving Cumming with a six-second win from John Bothamley.

The only FF1600 driver to get straight into the final from practice, Peter Jamieson had an awful start and was fourth into the Esses. Harvey Gillanders had his second flag-to-flag win of the day, while Willie Rose was pushed very hard and, on lap five was passed by Stewart Roden.

Having blown his engine in practice on the Saturday, George McMillan left Jim Stevenson to cruise home in the race itself, while Les Duncan was a lonely second in Kenny Allen's Vision.

Even Niall Mulloy's multi-decibel Capri couldn't prevent Hugh Chalmers taking yet another road saloons win in his Sunbeam Lotus. Jimmy Fleming, Olly Ross and the new British Rally Champion Jim McRae were joined on lap three by Eric Haigh, who had ruined a good grid position by trying to pass people on the wet grass at the start! McRae powered past Ross on the back straight but couldn't shake him off until Ross, to judge by the grin on his face as he suddenly appeared three places down, had a very big moment on lap eight.

Fleming, better now after his roll on the Autumn Stages, and Haigh both went wide at the greasy Lefthander next time round, and McRae slipped through. Haigh adjusted his method of tackling Lefthander thereafter and passed the two in front on consecutive laps, but McRae regained third place going into the hairpin for the last time.

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Ingliston — September 16th

FF1600 Qualifier — 10 laps: 1. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF84), 10m 29.3s (58.92 mph); 2. W. Rose (Reynard 84FF); 3. S. Roden (Van Diemen RF84); 4. M. MacPherson (Van Diemen RF81); 5. G. Taylor (Spartan FF80); 6. N. Cochrane (Lola T642E). Fastest lap: Gillanders, 61.7s (60.10 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 13m 25.2s (55.26 mph); 2. R. Stewart (1.0 Clan Crusader); 3. O. Ross (2.0 Escort Estate); 4. J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica). Over 1600 cc: 1. McCallum; 2. G. McCallum (2.4 Porsche 911S). Fastest lap: McCallum, 65.4s (56.70 mph). Up to 1600 cc: 1. Stewart, 13m 45.5s (53.90 mph); 2. C. Campbell (1.6 Davrian); 3. P. Jeffrey (1.6 Lotus Europa). Fastest lap: Stewart, 67.6s (54.85 mph).

Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. K. Allen (1.7 Vision 84A), 11m 25.9s (64.87 mph); 2. L. Jacobsen (2.0 Chevron B60); 3. A. Smith (1.6 Vision 84B); 4. J. Patrick (1.7 Mallock Mk 20 / 21). Clubmans 'A': 1. Allen; 2. Patrick; 3. W. Drummond (1.7 Mallock Mk 20). Fastest lap: Allen, 50.1s (74.00 mph). Clubmans 'B': 1. Smith, 12m 12.0s (60.79 mph); 2. A. Dobbie (1.6 Mallock Mk 20B); 3. D. Childs (1.6 Mallock Mk 16). Fastest lap: Smith, 57.6s (64.38 mph). Sports 2000: 1. Jacobsen, 12m 11.7s (60.81 mph); 2. B. Ness (2.0 Tiga); 3. G. Young (2.0 Chevron B54). Fastest lap: Jacobsen, 58.7s (63.17 mph).

Ford Fiestas — 15 laps: 1. B. Farminer, 16m 38.3s (55.71 mph); 2. R. Parsons; 3. L. Briggs; 4. G. Hathaway; 5. J. Simpson; 6. A. Pownall. Fastest

lap: Simpson, 64.3s (57.67 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1. R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 11m 53.7s (62.33 mph); 2. J. Bothamley (1.0 Davrian Mk 8); 3. B. Paul (2.0 AC3000); 4. B. Milne (1.0 Imp). Over 1500 cc: 1. Cumming; 2. Paul; 3. W. Watt (2.3 Vauxhall Magnum). Fastest lap: Cumming, 56.5s (65.63 mph). 1001-1500 cc: 1. S. Share (1.1 Clan Crusader). Fastest lap: Share, 66.3s (55.93 mph). Up to 1000 cc: 1. Bothamley, 12m 59.6s (61.83 mph); 2. Milne; 3. R. Gauld (1.0 Davrian Mk 7). Fastest lap: Forrest (1.0 Drabbuie Imp), 58.2s (63.71 mph).

FF1600 Final — 12 laps: 1. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF84), 12m 07.5s (61.16 mph); 2. S. Roden (Van Diemen RF84); 3. W. Rose (Reynard 84FF); 4. M. MacPherson (Van Diemen RF81); 5. P. Jamieson (PRS); 6. G. Taylor (Spartan FF80). Fastest lap: Roden, 59.0s (62.85 mph).

Formula Libre — 15 laps: 1. J. Stevenson (2.0 Ralt RT4), 13m 35.3s (68.22 mph); 2. L. Duncan (1.7 Vision V84); 3. C. Stenhouse (2.0 Van Diemen RF83); 4. S. Robertson (2.0 Van Diemen RF83). Over 1700 cc: 1. Stevenson; 2. L. Jacobsen (2.0 Chevron B60); 3. G. Young (2.0 Chevron B54). Fastest lap: Stevenson, 52.7s (70.36 mph). Up to 1700 cc: 1. Duncan, 14m 05.9s (65.75 mph); 2. E. Paterson (1.7 Mallock Mk 20 / 21); 3. R. Forester-Smith (1.7 Marquiss Mallock). Fastest lap: Duncan, 54.3s (68.29 mph). FF2000: 1. Stenhouse, 14m 21.0s (65.30 mph); 2. Robertson; 3. D. Palmer (Reynard SF81). Fastest lap: Stenhouse, 53.9s (68.79 mph).

Road Saloons — 12 laps: 1. H. Chalmers (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 12m 27.9s (59.49 mph); 2. N. Mulloy (3.0 Ford Capri); 3. J. McRae (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 4. E. Haigh (2.0 Colt Lancer Turbo). Over 1600 cc: 1. Chalmers; 2. Mulloy; 3. McRae. Fastest lap: Chalmers, 60.9s (60.89 mph). Up to 1600 cc: 1. J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 12m 55.7s (57.36 mph); 2. G. Smith (1.3 Mini Cooper S); 3. J. McKee (1.4 Renault 5). Fastest lap: Fleming, 63.2s (58.67 mph).