



## NATIONAL RACES

# Harvey's stormer

**INGLINGTON, Sep 28:** The SMRC ran a slick nine event meeting, fortunate in having a strong breeze to keep the smir of rain from dampening the track and the enthusiasm of the drivers.

Right from the green, the FF1600 qualifier proved a ding dong with Angus McPherson snatching a slim advantage over Alex Knox, the intensity allowing Fraser Greenwood to reel them in, despite a flapping nose cone – the trio maintaining their positions in the Junior FF Championship. Bryan Gowans was never far away, having eased away from the Royale of Duncan Hughes after Ian Morrison spun his Crossle, a prank in which Colin McNeil indulged at successive corners.

The small Road Saloons promised a battle between the Fiestas of young Robert Thomson and Olly Ross, but Brian Beverley had other ideas and slotted his Avenger in between, leaving Ross to dispose of the Escort of Alan Keith. This quartet pulled clear of John Irvine's Golf with Gary White charging up behind, before dropping out.

John Fyda stormed off in his Vision, giving Paul Gibson no quarter in the Clubman/Sports 12 lapper, alas to retire after but two tours. Gibson then pulled out about a 12sec lead on Eric Paterson's V85, who in turn had a clear cushion over Alex Dobbie in the first Mallock. He was ably backed by Allen Johns and Bill Drummond with Andy Smith the leading 'B' class runner in sixth place from Chris Hart, comfortably heading sports car championship leader Frank Lethbridge. All were elevated when Nick Bridge retired at half distance.

Despite starting from the rear of the Road Saloons grid, Hugh Chalmers leapfrogged the Ecosse Chevette past the field into fourth by the end of lap 1. Tom Bell led from pole and kept a close eye on his rear view mirror in the circumstances, as the little doctor split the Sunbeam Lotus duo of Ian Bruce and Ray MacDowall, the trio entering Arena door handle to door handle. Chalmers' progress was very spectacular as he caught Bell and passed into the lead.

Harvey Gillanders stormed the Cameron Industrial Services Van Diemen off from pole, knowing that Andy Sim and Cameron Binnie would be giving no quarter in the quest to lead the MacAndrews Senior FF1600 Championship. How correct he was, as he drove magnificently leaving the contenders to swap places being him. Colin Birkbeck trailed Roy Low, waiting until half distance to pull his similar Van Diemen into fourth place with Derek Butcher content to keep sixth, with a similar gap to Ewan Buchan and Gordon Wilson.

Ron Cumming blasted away in the



John Fyda is already well clear as the Clubmans start off.

Simpson Motors/Claymore Shellfish Esprit to what looked like another GT victory, but the car cruised the final lap, and Bill Paul annexed a win in the Dumbuck Hotel AC 3000 ME. However it was a close thing, as the small engined class battle with Kenny Coleman's Esprit holding off the Davrian of Eric Munnoch, almost caught the leader, the latter making up time after a hesitant start in which he was engulfed by the Imps.

It may have been the blink of bright sun shining on the start lights which caused poleman Stuart Gray to hesitate, but it gave Hamish Ogilvie the opportunity to lead the Road Sports 12 lapper in his similar Caterham 7 for a couple of laps, before retiring. Gray assumed his familiar position in front driving his immaculate Caterham less tidily than usual and giving Allan McGregor a chance to close in his Restöre-A-Stone Tester. Ed Chester held a lonely third, which inspired Keith Scott to pull past the Porsche 911 of Graham McCallum.

The pace of the disappointingly small field of FF2000 cars was dictated throughout by the Scottish Road Services Reynard of Tom Brown, after a poorish start by the ANC Reynard of current championship leader Stewart Roden. Main interest became the third place squabble until Stephen Robertson pushed himself well ahead of Robin Brown who was hounded by the West End Hotel Van Diemen of Campbell Chisholm, the pair finishing well clear of Adrian Hamilton.

The closing race for Modsports and Saloons brought a return to the track by Duncan Hall who showed he still pedals a highly competitive race in his black Lotus Europa. He snatched the lead from Peter Chamberlain and held on for five laps before retiring. This allowed the Alba Plant car to streak away from the renewed dual between Tom Bell and Ray MacDowall, David Leslie retiring the Fowler Capri which was cutting out with fuel problems. Robert Thomson again paraded his race winning Fiesta, with 'For Sale' notices, in fourth place and Campbell McLaren gave no hint of jet lag, having flown in from Philadelphia. Jim McKay's Mini made frightening contact with the leader when being lapped, but survived.

Full results next week.

**BILL HENDERSON**

Robert Thomson holds off Brian Beverley.



# Beer's courage

**BRANDS HATCH, Sep 21:** The energetic MG Car Club were rewarded with rare sunshine and a strong entry. The octagonal was represented in eight races, while a JPS Champion of Brands FF1600 round brought the meeting to a close after a slick 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours.

Tim Ransom was made to work hard for his second successive Brands victory with the ex-Terry Smith V8 roadster, Malcolm Beer (MGB GT V8) having gained the lead from the start. These John Hardwicke finds the path through Druids



## BRANDS HATCH

**Dutton Forshaw MGCC road-going Modified and F**  
Tim Ransom (MGB V8), 8m54.9s, 81.00mph; 2, Malcolm V8), 9m16.0s; 4, Chris O'Neill (MGB V8), 9m19.7s. 5, Robb Gravett (MGB), 9m40.6s; 74.62mph; 2, Barry S V8), 9 laps. **Fastest lap:** Gravett, 56.4s, 76.82mph.

**MGA Register and TR Register race (10 laps) –**  
74.47mph; 2, Neil Cawthorne, 9m42.3s; 3, Martin Si McCarthy, 56.2s, 77.09mph. **Standard MGA:** 1, Ste Dalton. **Fastest lap:** Smith 1m03.0s, 68.77mph. **TR:** 1, other starters. **Fastest lap:** 59.3s, 73.06mph. **TR:** 1 (TR5), 10m24.2s; 3, John Nelson-Roberts (TR6), 9 laps.

**Handicap (10 laps):** 1, Malcolm Beer (MGB GT 9m10.9s; 3, Neil Skinner (MG Midget), 9m17.8s; 4, D GT V8), 9m34.8s; 6, Roy McCarthy (MGA), 9m37.85s; Barry Sidery-Smith (MGB).

**Handicap (9 laps):** 1, John Tadman (MGB GT 9m25.8s; 3, Neville Marriner (MGB), 9m26.3s; 4, K Midget), 9m45.2s; 6, John Hudson (MGB), 9m46.7s.

**MGCC Modified Midget/Sprite Challenge race**  
80.61mph; 2, John Baggott (MG Midget), 9m03.4s; 3, Midget), 9m15.4s. **Fastest lap:** Everitt, 52.2s, 83.00/73.03mph; 2, Peter May (MG Midget), 9 laps; 3, N 78.63mph.

**MGCC T Type race (10 laps) – overall and Mod**  
George Edney (MG TB), 10m09.0s; 3, Richard G 11m00.8s. **Fastest lap:** Gammons & Edney, 59.3s, 65.19mph; 2, Malcolm Gammons (MG TF), 11m06.4s; Gammons, 1m04.9s, 66.76mph.

**Dutton Forshaw/MGCC Standard race (10 laps)**  
Conn (MGB), 10m23.6s; 3, Keith Hancock (MGB), 1 Stanley (MGB), 10m34.5s; 6, Kim Morling (MGB), 1 71.85mph.

**MGCC Road-going Midget/Sprite race (10 lap**  
10m14.8s; 3, Martyn Field, 10m17.1s; 4, Gordon Mil 10m25.7s. **Fastest lap:** Coates, 59.9s, 72.33mph.

**John Player Special Champion of Brands FF16**  
8m26.4s, 85.56mph; 2, Andy Stapley (Ray-Auriga 8 4, John Oxborrow (OX-Auriga 2), 8m31.4s; 5, Tor Germain (Ray-Auriga 86F), 8m31.7s. **Fastest lap:** H

**Tom Brown Racing School Scottish Junior FF1600 race (12 laps):** 1, Angus McPherson (Crossle-Scholar), 10m50.3s, 68.42mph; 2, Alex Knox (Van Diemen RF78/80), 10m50.6s; 3, Fraser Greenwood (Van Diemen RF82), 10m51.0s; 4, Bryan Gowans (PRS-Minister RH01), 10m51.6s; 5, Duncan Hughes (Royale-Auriga RP21), 10m56.3; 6, David Taylor (Spartan FF80), 11m08.7s. **Fastest lap:** Gowans, 53.1s, 69.83mph.

**Peugeot Talbot Road Saloons up to 1600cc race (12 laps):** 1, Robert Thomson (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m04.6s, 61.41mph; 2, Brian Beverley (1.6 Hillman Avenger), 12m16.3s; 3, Olly Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m17.7s; 4, Alan Keith (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m22.4s; 5, Alistair Hart (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m36.0s; 6, Gary White (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m41.6s. **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 59.6s, 62.21mph.

**Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish Sports Car race (12 laps): Overall & Clubmans A:** 1, Paul Gibson (1.7 Vision V86), 9m38.9s, 76.88mph; 2, Eric Patterson (1.7 Vision V85), 9m51.6s; 3, Alex Dobbie (1.7 Mallock 24S), 9m55.2s; 4, Allen Johns (1.7 Mallock 24/27), 9m58.7s. **Clubmans B:** 1, Andy Smith (1.6 Mallock 21); 2, Chris Hart (1.6 Mallock); 3, Frank Lethbridge (1.6 Mallock 25). **Fastest lap:** Hart, 49.8s, 74.46mph. **Sports:** 1, Keith Bowmaker (2.0 Lola T492). **Fastest lap:** Bowmaker, 51.4s, 72.41mph.

**Road Saloons over 1600cc race (12 laps):** 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Vauxhall Chevette), 11m48.7s, 62.79mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 11m50.0s; 3, Ian Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 12m04.5s; 4, Ronnie Stahl (2.0 Ford Escort), 12m10.5s; 5, Alistair Gray (2.0 Ford Escort), 12m25.2s; 6, Gregor Beith (2.0 Ford Escort), 12m25.5s. **Fastest lap:** Chalmers, 57.5s, 64.49mph.

**MacAndrews for Citroën Scottish Senior FF1600 race (12 laps):** 1, Harvey Gillanders (Van Diemen-Scholar RF86), 10.31.1s, 70.51mph; 2, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF86), 10m32.2s; 3, Andy Sim (JB M SL Reynard 83FF), 10m32.5s; 4, Colin Birkbeck (Van Diemen RF85), 10m40.2s; 5, Roy Low (Van Diemen-Scholar RF85), 10m40.7s; 6, Derek Butcher (Reynard 85FF), 10m41.3s. **Fastest lap:** Sim & Binnie, 51.9s, 71.45mph.

**Sportstune Scottish GT race (12 laps):** 1, Bill Paul (3.0 AC 3000 ME), 10m20.7s, 71.68mph; 2, Kenny Coleman (1.0 Lotus Esprit), 10m,21.9s; 3, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Davrian 8), 10m22.6s; 4, Tony Bridge (1.0 Maguire Stiletto), 10m23.2s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Coleman; 2, Munnoch; 3, Bridge. **Fastest lap:** Munnoch, 50.6s, 73.28mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, Paul; 2, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit); 3, Eddy Beerman (2.0 Skoda Coupe). **Fastest lap:** Cumming, 49.1s, 75.52mph.

**Road Sports Cars race (12 laps):** 1, Stuart Gray (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m42.6s, 63.32mph; 2, Allan McGregor (1.6 Tester), 11m45.2s; 3, Ed Chester (1.6 Dutton Phaeton), 12m03.5s; 4, Keith Scott (1.7 Dutton Phaeton), 12m06.6s. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Scott; 2, Graham McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911). **Fastest lap:** McCallum, 59.3s, 62.53mph. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Gray; 2, McGregor; 3, Chester. **Fastest lap:** McGregor & Gray, 57.2s, 62.53mph.

**British Telecom Radiopaging Scottish FF2000 race (12 laps):** 1, Tom Brown (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m47.9s, 75.69mph; 2, Stewart Roden (2.0 ANC Reynard 84SF), 9m56.0s; 3, Stephen Robertson (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 10m03.2s; 4, Robin Brown (2.0 Van Diemen RF84), 10m09.3s; 5, Campbell Chisholm (2.0 Van Diemen RF82), 10m09.7s; 6, Adrian Hamilton (2.0 Royale AH80), 10m21.5s. **Fastest lap:** Brown, 47.6s, 77.90mph.

**Modsaloons & Sports Cars race (12 laps):** 1, Peter Chamberlain (1.0 Davrian), 11m09.4s, 66.47mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 11m22.4s; 3, Ray MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 11m22.9s; 4, Robert Thomson (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m47.3s. **Sports Cars:** 1, Chamberlain; 2, Rod MacLeod (1.0 Davrian 8); 3, Gordon Clarke (1.6 Silva). **Fastest lap:** Chamberlain, 53.8s, 68.92mph. **Saloons up to 1600cc:** 1, Thomson; 2, Campbell McLaren (1.3 MG Metro); 3, Douglas Reid (1.3 Mini). **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 57.8s, 64.15mph. **Saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Bell; 2, MacDowall; 3, Gordon MacIntyre (2.3 Vauxhall Firenza). **Fastest lap:** 55.7s, 66.57mph.