

Double Leslie

INGLSTON, Jul 28: The opening FF1600 qualifier was commanded by Alan Mutter from pole, under pressure from Richard Mitchell, Ewan Buchan and Kevin McCormick, with Colin Harper picking up places when Buchan spun, followed a lap later by the leader, Harper confidently assuming the front on the now damp circuit, pulling away from the Spartan of McCormick. This left David Thomas to snatch third place from Kenny Brown.

After lunch, Kenny Allen performed his usual lightning getaway, his Vision romping away from the Mallock of John Fyda, with a huge gap to Eric Paterson and Frank Lethbridge. Sandy Watson, returned to Clubmans racing, albeit briefly, as his Mallock took command exiting South Stand, got on the grass and launched itself into a barrel roll off the armo to land back on its wheels, fortunately without driver injury.

A couple of Marlboro Pitts Specials displayed over an adjacent field as the first heat of Renault 5 Turbos set off with Rob Hall showing the way to local saloon expert Hugh Chalmers in the guest car.

The pair ran away from the rest headed by David Gibson from Chris Maries and Robert Edgar in a somewhat processionary event.

Spirits rose with the arrival of the FF1600 cars with Willie Rose revelling in the appalling conditions, his Reynard heading Cameron Binnie all the way, the latter having demoted Tom Brown, a feat also achieved by Roy Low. This left Neil Cochran to hold off the ever present Mike MacPherson, the pair overwhelming the forceful Andy Sim. Stewart Roden had an unhappy day in the Rotor JT3.

The second Renault heat was dictated by Steve Hine inexorably pulling out an ever increasing gap over Henry Cooper and Anthony Pownall. David Gibson and local driver Sid Harrison were next up, the pair making contact, with Harrison recovered to catch Cooper on the dash to the flag.

Olly Ross was hounded all the way by Bruce Lyle in the small Road Saloon 12 lapper, their Fiestas holding advantage over Ian Gardner who fought through to third, overcoming J Irvine debuting his VW Golf. The dicing was left to Jimmy Fleming whose Toyota Celica was feuding off the attentions of the Mini of



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Jimmy Pinkerton, watched by Alan Keith, just behind.

As the Toleman Lancia of Jim McGaughay uncharacteristically hesitated at the GT race start, David Leslie slammed the Ecosse C2 to the front followed through by the Esprit of Ron Cumming, to the delight of home crowd who were seeing the car for the first time. Ian Forrest briefly had his 1-litre Drambuie Imp in third before the FES car got away, to take third, but however hard McGaughay tried, his moves were matched by Cumming, the spray from the Esprit no doubt contributing to an ailing BMW engine and setting for third place.

Forrest held fourth place, leading the 1-litre brigade, from John Bothamley who had to give best to the efficient looking Esprit of Kenny Coleman.

Ian Gardner, on pole, was left on the line in the sports car splash, the field storming past without contract being made. However, Gardner made amends, taking the lead from the Dutton Phaeton of Brian Hill whose second place was challenged by Tom McCallum and Graham McCallum who was hot in his wheel tracks, his Porsche 911 collecting third when the Dutton pitted briefly. Raymond Stewart pushed his neat Clan to fourth and leading 1-litre, chased by Edward Chester.

With a slight delay due to a malfunctioning of the green lights, Steve Hine got the best of the start of the 15 lap Renault Turbo final, over Rob Hall until mid distance to squeeze past at the hairpin. David Grimshaw held fifth place throughout while Henry Cooper was promoted to sixth when Anthony Pownall pulled out on the penultimate lap.

With mist closing on the circuit and the meeting running one hour late, Kenny Allen again got the better of John Fyda in the Libre race. Eric Paterson followed, pushed by the FF2000 Mondial of David Duffield well clear of the battle between Harry Minty and 'J Wilson', or was it Tom Brown? This lasted until the leaders caught up with the backmarkers, when the Vision tangled with the Marquiss Mallock of Reg Forrester-Smith, and with Fyda assuming the victory.

For those who remained, the Road Saloon drivers provided a highly spectacular finale. Potential victors Hugh Chalmers and Ian Bruce retired, leaving David Leslie in the 2.2 Ecosse Chevette to be surprised by the pace of newcomer Allan Smith in a 2-litre version, challenging for the lead all around the circuit. Mike Cannon drove sensibly in third in the Riverside Sunbeam Lotus, safely clear of the Escort Turbo of David Grimshaw, with Rob Hall's Ilford Photo version but succumbing to the Capri of race sponsor Howard Fowler and the Escort RS of Neil Gammie.

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David Leslie (left) and Allan Smith push their Chevettes to the (wet) limit.



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FF1600 race (12 laps): 1, Colin Harper (Van Diemen RF82) 11m24.3s, 65.02mph; 2, Kevin McCormick (Spartan FF80/81), 11m39.7s; 3, David Thomas (Crosslé 25F), 11m47.7s; 4, Kenny Brown (PRS 78/79), 11m55.6s; 5, Richard Mitchell (PRS 80/81), 11m56.6s; 6, Alan Mutter (Van Diemen), 12m05.7s. **Fastest lap:** Harper, 53.8s, 68.92mph.

Lowland Tyres & Exhausts race — Clubmans & Sports 2000 (12 laps): 1, Kenny Allen (1.7 Vision), 11m06.9s; 2, John Fyda (1.7 Mallock 24), 11m09.8s; 3, Frank Lethbridge (1.7 Mallock 25), 11m18.9s; 4, Bill Drummond (1.7 Mallock), 11m47.7s. **Clubman A:** 1, Allen; 2, Fyda; 3, Lethbridge. **Fastest lap:** Allen, 53.9s, 68.79mph. **Clubman B:** 1, William Carr (1.6 Mallock 16/27B), 2, D McMillan (Haggispeed). **Fastest lap:** Carr, 65.0, 57.05mph. **Sports 2000:** 1, Bill Ness (2.0 Lola); 2, Keith Bowmaker (2.0 Lola T492). **Fastest lap:** Ness, 62.1s, 59.71mph.

Renault 5 Elf Turbo UK Cup race — Heat 1 (12 laps): 1, Rob Hall, 12m43.2s, 58.30mph; 2, Hugh Chalmers, 12m43.9s; 3, David Grimshaw, 13m04.6s; 4, Chris Maries, 13m05.2s; 5, Robert Edgar, 13m05.9s; 6, Phil Bailey, 13m15.0s. **Fastest lap:** Hall, 62.5s, 59.33s (record). **Heat 2 (12 laps):** 1, Steve Hine, 12m52.8s, 57.58mph; 2, Sid Harrison, 13m01.1s; 3, Henry Cooper, 13m02.6s; 4, Antony Pownall, 13m04.8s; 5, David Gibson, 13m05.4s; 6, Dave Cox, 13m06.8s. **Fastest lap:** Harrison and Hine, 63.2s, 58.67mph. **Final (15 laps):** 1, Hall, 15m39.5s; 2, Hine, 15m40.3s; 3, Chalmers, 15m40.3s; 4, Harrison, 15m50.8s; 5, Grimshaw, 15m55.0s; 6, Cooper, 15m59.4s. **Fastest lap:** Chalmers and Hall, 61.4s, 60.39mph (record).

Hubert Mitchell FF1600 race (12 laps): 1, Willie Rose (Reynard-Minister 84FF), 12m36.3s, 58.83mph; 2, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen-Minister), 12m40.6s; 3, Roy Low (PRS 81F), 12m44.7s; 4, Tom Brown (Crosslé 55F), 12m57.2s; 5, Neil Cochran (Lola-Minister T664E), 12m58.1s; 6, Andy Sim (Reynard Irwin 82FF), 12m59.4s. **Fastest lap:** Rose, 61.5s, 60.29mph.

Road Saloons up to 1600cc (12 laps): 1, Olly Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 13m07.3s, 56.52mph; 2, Bruce Lyle (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 13m08.0s; 3, Iain Gardner (1.6 Peugeot 205 GTI), 13m24.8s; 4, J Irvine (VW Golf), 13m38.5s; 5, Doug Dawson (1.3 MG Metro), 13m50.0s; 6, Jimmy Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 13m55.1s. **Fastest lap:** Ross, 64.2s, 57.76mph.

Sportstune GT race (12 laps): 1, David Leslie (3.3 Elosse C2), 11m37.7s, 63.78mph; 2, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 11m39.6s; 3, Jim McGaughay (2.0 FES Lancia-Toleman), 11m43.8s; 4, Ian Forrest (1.0 Drambuie Imp), 12m10.8s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Forrest, 2, John Bothamley (1.0 Bilston Davrian 8); 3, Ricky Gauld, (1.0 Davrian Mk 7). **Fastest lap:** Forrest, 59.0s; 62.85mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, Leslie; 2, Cumming; 3, McGaughay. **Fastest lap:** Leslie, 55.3s, 67.05mph.

Data General Road Sports race (12 laps): 1, Iain Gardner (1.6 Ziggy's Lotus 7), 13m03.7s, 56.78mph; 2, Tom McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 13m19.3s; 3, Graham McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911), 13m21.2s; 4, Raymond Stewart (1.0 Clan Crusader), 14m00.5s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Stewart, no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Stewart, 66.9s. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Gardner; 2, T. McCallum; 3, G. McCallum. **Fastest lap:** Gardner, 63.2s, 58.67mph.

FF2000 & Formule Libre race (12 laps): 1, John Fyda, (1.7 Mallock 24), 10m52.4s, 68.20mph; 2, Eric Paterson (Mallock), 11m25.1s; 3, David Duffield (2.0 Mondial), 11m35.5s; 4, J Wilson (2.0 Van Diemen RF 83), 11m35.9s. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 51.8s, 71.58mph. **FF2000:** 1, Duffield; 2, Wilson; 3, Harry Minty (2.0 Van Diemen RF83). **Fastest lap:** Wilson, 55.6s, 66.69mph.

The Luckenny Restaurant Road Saloon over 1600cc race (12 laps): 1, David Leslie (2.2 Chevette), 13m27.9s, 55.08mph; 2, Allan Smith (2.0 Chevette), 13m28.1s; 3, Mike Cannon (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 13m29.6s; 4, David Grimshaw (1.6 Escort Turbo), 13m32.4s; 5, Howard Fowler (3.0 Capri), 13m42.0s; 6, Neil Gammie (2.0 Escort RS), 13m42.7s. **Fastest lap:** Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 63.9s, 58.03mph.