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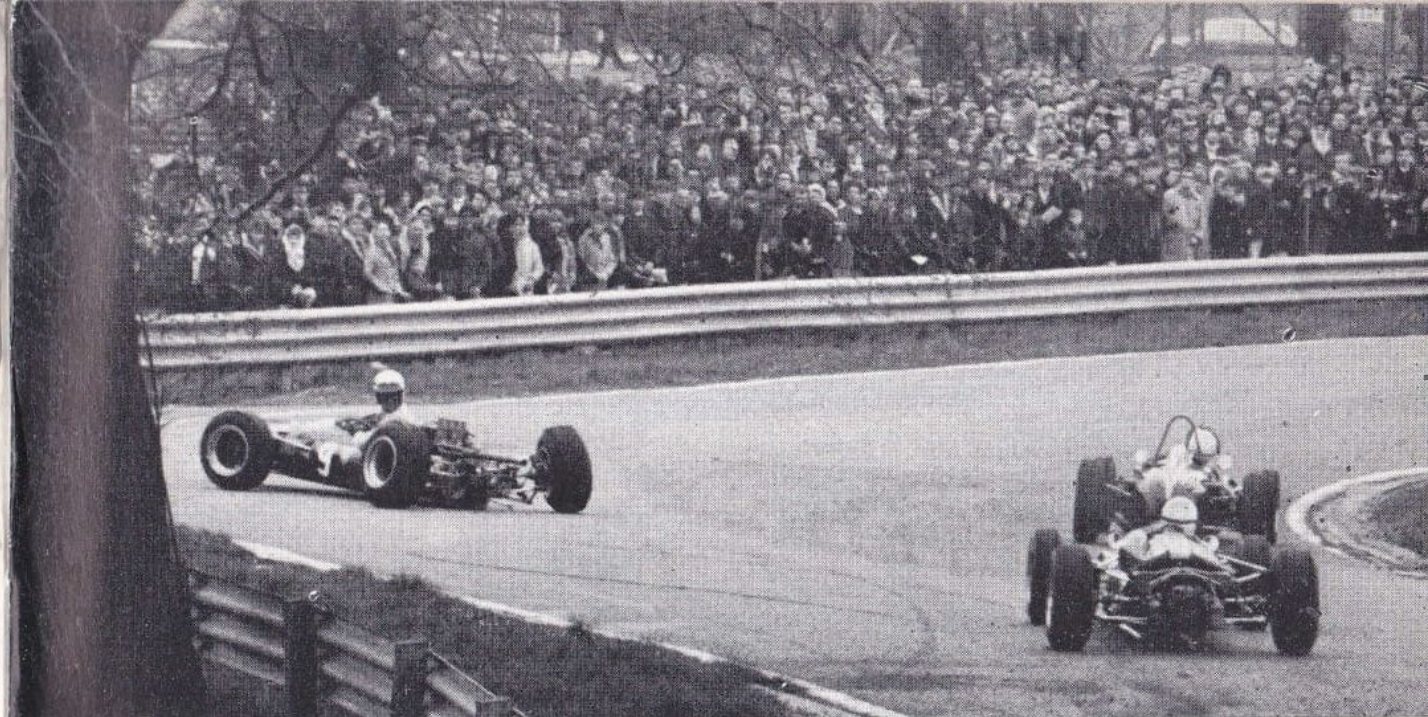


Photo by FRANCIS C. INGLIS

Smiling happily, Tom and Margaret Prestly, and well they might, they are the winners of our car competition.

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Ecosse-Imp sits this one out—Graham Birrell in trouble at Bankers'.

Photo: "The Scotsman."

Round the Circuits

David Murray

After three two-hourly testing sessions at Ingliston we looked forward to our first race meeting of 1967.

Originally the organisers at Ingliston had scheduled a race for single-seater cars up to 1,200 c.c., but because of lack of entries in the Formula Libre race the smaller cars were transferred to the larger engine class and the small car race cancelled. However this Formula Libre race was awarding prize money for not only general classification but also for places in an up to 1,000 c.c. class in each of the two heats comprising the race. We were quietly confident of doing well in the 1,000 c.c. class on race day.

Bill Dryden and Graham Birrell were invited to drive for us. Bill was given the 1967 car, with fuel injection, and Graham the 1966 (much modified) car with Weber carbs.

They both put up satisfactory times and Graham was on the front row of the grid.

Until the second last lap of the first heat Graham was leading his class easily and in a comfortable second position overall. However a bolt in the rear suspension broke and he was unable to finish.

Bill drove very steadily and finished 3rd overall and 1st in his class.

Stan and Sandy, our mechanics, did a great job in repairing the rear suspension of Graham's car and the cars appeared on the starting grid for heat two.

Unfortunately, both cars were retired because of suspension breakages—almost exactly the same part breaking on each car.

It would appear that the fitting of larger section tyres in 1967 is putting a much greater strain on the suspension and consequently we are working very hard now to make the necessary modifications.

We hope to be able to test the cars again before the next Ingliston meeting on 7th May.