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Thomson 10 out of 10

Robert Thomson completed his full set of 10 Goodyear Eagle Road Saloon victories at Ingliston at Sunday, while Laurence Jacobsen went one fifth of the way towards emulating him with wins in the Supersports and Libre races.

Jacobsen's first appearance, driving his ADA in the **Supersports** event, was always liable to be something of a walkover, and sure enough he won by a huge margin. Willie Paterson was the best of the rest in qualifying, but his Davrian popped a driveshaft on lap six, and it was Colin Simpson's Mk1 Escort - now using a Sierra Cosworth engine - that finished second ahead of John Muir's similarly powered Starlet.

Olly Ross, next up in his Westfield, was the first of the Kitcar drivers, and thereby snatched the class championship away from previous leader Dave Muse.

One quick change act later, Jacobsen reappeared in his Chevron B36 on the front of the **Libre** grid. He beat poleman Alex Dobbie's Ralt to the Esses and, although Dobbie got ahead again on lap two, he did so under yellow flags and was brought into the pits for a little chat. What with that, the retirement of Ron Cumming's Vauxhall Lotus and the fading of March driver Robin Brown's early challenge, it was Cumming's team mate Nigel Feeney who wound up second.

Pole man Ian Gibbon led the first **2CV** heat and bending more exhaust valves (two) than he had spares to replace them with (one). Chris Higson fought his way to the front and won that heat by about a foot from Brian Sarafilovic and southern visitor Richard Dalton.

Next time out Higson led all the way, though still not by much, while Dalton took second from Sarafilovic and defended it vigorously. In fact, these two set identical times over the 24 laps and were awarded equal second place.

Graham Harper had a lonely drive to fourth in the last appearance of the celebrated Dillon, which has now gone into graceful retirement after an estimated 5,000 racing miles.

Allan McGregor's Cooper led the opening lap of the **Historic** race before lapsing on to two cylinders and letting Sid Hoole's Brabham past. Hoole won the race easily after that, setting a new lap record into the bargain.

Geoff Temple's Chevron and Grant Stephen's Elva followed distantly, while Al Fleming snatched fourth - and the Post-1955 Sports Cars class - from Tom McWhirter literally in the last two seconds of the race.

Marshall Bailey and Tom Richardson didn't leave it quite as tight as that, each winning his class by over a quarter of a minute.

Geordie Taylor's farewell **Formula Ford** race started not from pole position, as qualifying had suggested, but from the pits. While he worked his way up to fourth (and then back to seventh after a last lap glitch), the front end of the race was dominated by Richard Steedman, who held off the closely following Roy Low all the way.

David Taylor had a quiet race in third, while Neil Fisher held on grimly to fourth despite the unsuccessful efforts of Stuart Thorburn and Bryan Gowans and the only briefly successful one of Geordie Taylor.

None of Robert Thomson's **Goodyear Eagle Road Saloons** wins looked easier than the final one of the season, as the bright pink Nova simply disappeared from sight. Richard Neary's Sierra, hastily rebuilt after its Mallory shunt seven days earlier, took second ahead of Tony Caig's Fiesta and Colin Gallie's BMW. Fifth place and the 1400cc class win confirmed Richard Dobson as this year's champion.

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Supersports, Supersaloons and Kitcars - 12 laps: 1, L.Jacobsen (ADA) 10m 25.01s (71.19mph); 2, C.Simpson (Ford Escort); 3, J.Muir (Toyota Starlet); 4, O.Ross (Westfield); 5, D.Muse (Sylva Striker); 6, R.Sarafilovic (Westfield). Class winners: Jacobsen and Ross. Fastest laps: Jacobsen 49.67s (74.65mph); Ross 54.42s (68.14mph).

Formula Libre - 12 laps: 1, L.Jacobsen again (Chevron B36) 9m 53.45s (74.98mph); 2, N.Feeney (Vauxhall Lotus); 3, R.Brown (March 783); 4, A.Dobbie (Ralt); 5, B.Carr (Tigs-Cook); 6, L.Wood (Mallock Mk29). Class winners: Jacobsen and Feeney. Fastest laps: Jacobsen 47.47s (78.11mph) RECORD; Dobbie 47.57s (77.95mph).

Dillon's Last Stand - 2 x 12 laps: 1, C.Higson (Emma) 28m 43.23s (51.64mph); 2, R.Dalton (Bannockburn Special); also 2, B.Sarafilovic (Rambo); 4, G.Harper, for it is he (the late Dillon); 5, P.Robertson (Sassenach II); 6, C.Wilson (John Major). Homage to Laurence Jacobsen lap: Higson 1m 10.16s (52.85mph) RECORD.

Historic Cars - 12 laps: 1, S.Hoole (Brabham BT10) 11m 34.82s (64.04mph); 2, G.Temple (Chevron B1); 3, G.Stephen (Elva); 4, A.Fleming (Lotus Elite); 5, T.McWhirter (Tojeiro Jaguar); 6, T.Bailey (Cooper T56). Class winners: Hoole, Fleming, M.Bailey (Cooper Bobtail) and T.Richardson (Riley). Fastest laps: Hoole 55.69s (66.58mph) RECORD; Fleming 1m 02.71s (59.13mph); M.Bailey 1m 02.80s (59.04mph); Richardson 1m 16.16s (48.69mph).

Formula Ford - 12 laps: 1, R.Steedman (Van Diemen RF91) 10m 24.75s (71.22mph); 2, R.Low (Reynard 84); 3, D.Taylor (Van Diemen RF91); 4, N.Fisher (Swift); 5, S.Thorburn (Van Diemen RF91); 6, B.Gowans (Reynard). Class winners: Steedman and M.Sharp (Van Diemen RF80). Fastest laps: G. Taylor (Reynard FF84) 51.24s (72.37mph); Sharp 53.35s (69.50mph).

Goodyear Eagle Road Saloons - 10 + 12 laps: 1, R.Thomson (Vauxhall Nova) 21m 26.35s (63.42mph); 2, R.Neary (Ford Sierra Cosworth); 3, T.Caig (Ford Fiesta); 4, C.Gallie (BMW 2002Tii); 5, R.Dobson (Citroen AX); 6, W.Dunbar (Ford Escort). Class winners: Thomson, Neary and Dobson. Fastest laps: Thomson 57.65s (64.32mph); Neary 57.45s (64.54mph); Dobson 58.54s (63.34mph).