

INGLISTON

Roy proves his worth

T's Scottish holiday continued on Sunday with the GM Dealersport meeting at Ingliston. Andrew Wood was there to do some demonstration lappery in a Manta 400 after his excellent third on the Border Rally on Saturday, while the celebrity Nova went to BBC Scotland's Alan Douglas, who drove it in the road saloons up to 1600cc race as well as on the previous day's rally. A couple of upsets played the meeting: John Fyda brought the sports car event to a halt when he crashed in the Esses, and Allan McNish blocked the track at Arena while challenging for the FF1600 lead.

Others went faster on individual laps, but overall Roy Low was the fastest of the FF1600 Juniors, leading from start to finish. Ewen Buchanan made a cracker of a start and held second for half the race, but eventually lost out to Colin Harper, who had passed Mike MacPherson on lap three.

Simon Frost was quickest of the road sports cars in practice but was used on lap one by Allan McGregor. While they tussled up front, McNish Ogilvie was shooting up from the murky depths after a bad practice. He took Frost, who immediately dropped back quite substantially, on lap seven, and after

a few anxious moments deposed McGregor at the hairpin next time round. It wasn't only Andrew Wood who demonstrated in an Opel Manta. Hugh Chalmers—in much less sideways style, of course—did likewise in the road saloons over 1600cc race. Tom Bell went briskly enough to begin with but developed plug trouble later on and was nearly caught by Raddy Sarafilovic.

Almost none of the FF2000 drivers had a satisfactory run. Even David Leslie, who led all the way, was having trouble with an oversize throttle pedal which he kept catching at awkward moments (while braking for the hairpin, for

instance). Behind him, Stewart Roden held second from David Duffield and Cameron Binnie, the latter slithering round on unscrubbed tyres. After running on slicks in a damp practice session.

Tom Brown came up from eighth on the grid to pass Binnie on lap three. Six laps later he got past Duffield, and a lap from home he tried to take Roden on the inside at Lethander. The two cars touched, and Brown flew into the air, landed on his nosecone and disappeared into the trees. Duffield was suddenly a lonely second, and Binnie, "laughing my head off at all this", thought he was now third until Brown leapt out from the pastoral scene in front of him and spent the remaining lap keeping his aerodynamically goosed car ahead of Binnie and Roden.

Alan Keith led the road saloons up to 1600cc event from the start, with Alistair McCarter a brief second in his Mini before slipping to fifth and in due course went straight on at the hairpin. Keith was passed on lap five by eventual winner Ray MacDowall, who was "expecting the engine to blow any time"—top gear was playing up badly, and he often had to hold third down the back straight, reaching at least 9000rpm in the process.

After the McNish incident, in which Harvey Gillanders also hit the barriers after taking avoiding action, Cameron Binnie had an easy time winning the FF1600 Senior race. Colin Birkbeck held second until he pulled off at the hairpin, leaving Ewen Buchanan second from the well-matched Roy Low and Colin Harper.

Eric Munnoch spoiled his GT pole position by going from first to fourth gear off the line, and he finished lap one, third, behind Ian Forrest and Brian Fletcher. Fletcher was demoted on lap four, and lost a further place to Kenny Coleman a lap later, while Munnoch set about Forrest and passed him at the hairpin on lap six. By now Forrest's car was coming apart at the seams and he was brought in shortly afterwards to leave Coleman second.

An inspired start saw Jim McGaughay lead poleman John Fyda into the Esses in the sports car race. Fyda repassed him almost immediately, but McGaughay took the lead again at Lethander on lap two and built up a medium-sized lead. However, Fyda was catching him by the last lap, when he lost control in the Esses shortly after passing Clubmans B leader Jimmy Patrick, and the race was stopped with results taken from lap 10.

The biggest cheer of the day went to Martin Dunn, who achieved his 1987 ambition by beating Walter Robertson in the Modified race. Robertson led for 10 laps, but towards the end his tyres started

going off and he kept understeering away from the desired line through corners. Dunn, who has been practising the move since about April, saw his chance and shot through at Arena with one lap remaining. D.F.

FF1600 Junior — 12 laps: 1, R. Low (Crossle Taylor 62F), 10m 31.2s (70.49mph); 2, C. Harper (Van Diemen); 3, E. Buchan (Reynard); 4, M. MacPherson (Van Diemen RF85); 5, G. Taylor (Van Diemen RF84); 6, A. Knox (Van Diemen RF79). Fastest lap: Taylor, 51.6s (71.86mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, H. Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m 44.1s (63.20 mph); 2, A. McGregor (1.6 Caterham 7); 3, S. Frost (1.6 Lotus 7); 4, J. Peace (2.1 Dutton B+). Over 1600cc: 1, Peace, 12m 16.2s (60.44mph); 2, T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8); 3, D. Anderson (3.1 Dutton Phaeton). Fastest lap: Peace, 59.5s (62.32mph). Up to 1600cc: 1, Ogilvie; 2, McGregor; 3, Frost. Fastest lap: Ogilvie 55.9s (66.33mph), record.

Road Saloons up to 1600cc — 12 laps: 1, H. Chalmers (2.4 Opel Manta), 11m 27.0s (64.77mph); 2, T. Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 3, R. Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 4, J. McIntyre (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 5, S. Fraser (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 6, I. Gordon (1.8 VW Golf). Fastest lap: Chalmers, 56.2s (65.98mph).

FF2000 — 12 laps: 1, D. Leslie (Swift), 9m 46.4s (75.88mph); 2, D. Duffield (Reynard); 3, T. Brown (Reynard SF86); 4, C. Binnie (Reynard SF86); 5, S. Boden (Reynard SF86); 6, K. Wickham (Reynard SF86). Fastest lap: Leslie, 48.1s (77.09mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600cc — 12 laps: 1, R. MacDowall (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m 05.9s (61.30mph); 2, A. Keith (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 3, M. Rattray (1.6 Ford Escort); 4, G. Mortimer (1.6 Hillman Avenger); 5, J. Mackay (1.3 Mini); 6, D. Hastings (1.0 Hillman Imp). Fastest lap: MacDowall, 59.2s (62.64mph).

FF1600 Senior — 12 laps: 1, C. Binnie (Van

Diemen RF86), 10m 27.0s (70.96mph); 2, E. Buchan (Reynard); 3, R. Low (Crossle Taylor 62F); 4, C. Harper (Van Diemen); 5, M. MacPherson (Van Diemen RF86); 6, G. Taylor (Van Diemen RF84). Fastest lap: Binnie, 51.7s (71.72mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1, E. Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m 26.5s (71.02mph); 2, K. Coleman (1.0 Lotus Esprit); 3, B. Fletcher (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 4, R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit). Over 1000cc: 1, Cumming, 9 laps. Fastest lap: Cumming, 64.7s (57.31mph). Up to 1000cc: 1, Munnoch; 2, Coleman; 3, Fletcher. Fastest lap: Coleman, 51.0s (72.71mph).

Sports Cars — stopped after 10 laps: 1, McGaughay (2.0 Vison), 7m 56.5s (77.82mph); 2, J. Fyda (1.7 Vision); 3, E. Paterson (1.7 Vision V87); 4, A. Dobbie (1.7 Mallowck Mk24). Clubmans A: 1, Fyda, 7m 57.1s (77.72mph); 2, Paterson; 3, A. Johns (1.7 Mallowck Mk23/27). Fastest lap: Fyda, 46.4s (79.91mph). Clubmans B: 1, J. Patrick (1.6 Mallowck Mk25), 8m 43.8s (70.79mph); 2, J. Irwin (1.6 Mallowck Mk20/24); 3, B. Carr (1.6 Mallowck Mk16). Fastest lap: Patrick, 51.1s (72.56mph).

Modified Sports and Saloon Cars — 12 laps: 1, M. Dunn (1.0 Davrian), 10m 55.3s (67.90mph); 2, W. Robertson (2.4 Opel Manta); 3, H. Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7); 4, C. Simpson (2.1 Ford Escort). Saloons over 1600cc: 1, Robertson, 10m 56.3s (67.79mph); 2, Simpson; 3, J. McIntyre (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette). Fastest lap: Robertson 53.5s (69.31mph). Saloons up to 1600cc: 1, R. MacDowall (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m 55.1s (62.22mph). Fastest lap: MacDowall, 57.8s (64.15mph). Sports Cars: 1, Dunn; 2, Ogilvie; 3, G. Clarke (1.6 Sylva Star). Fastest lap: Dunn, 53.0s (69.96mph).