



INTERNATIONAL RALLYING

Forza Fabrizio

ZLATNI PIASSATZI RALLY, May 12/13: A dramatic last stage turn around saw Fabrizio Tabaton snatch a narrow victory on this Coefficient 20 round of the European Rally Championship, and Patrick Snyers take an equally close third after leading for most of the event.

Snyers pushed his Toyota clear on the opening stage and extended that lead throughout the first day. Tabaton, a former champion, ended the day with a 1m50s road penalty when the Lancia did not start at the service area prior to the overnight *parc fermé* and the Dutch challenge from John Bosch ended after only five stages when a rock, thrown into the road by Snyers, holed the sump.

The second day saw Tabaton hit back with a string of fastest times which coincided with transmission trouble on the leading Toyota. Snyers lost almost a minute in a group of three stages and, on the final stage of the event, had to watch Tabaton go clear once again as he slipped to third with just 3secs covering Tabaton, Robert Droogmans (who moves up to second in the Euro series) and Snyers.

ERNIE WALDRON



NATIONAL RACING

Bonnie Binnie

INGLSTON, May 13: The sparse crowd at the Edinburgh circuit got their money's worth from an eventful FF1600 race in which Cameron Binnie further enhanced his championship aspirations with a flag-to-flag victory.

From a smallish grid of kit cars and road saloons, Angus Gray set a new class record as he kept his Westfield in front of the Opel Manta forcefully conducted by Alaster Cunningham.

Record breaking was the order of the day, as an impeccable Cameron Binnie took his third victory of the season, the accomplished Jim Forsyth being unable to catch him. Behind them mayhem ensued, with Geordie Taylor performing wonders in the ex-Wille Rose Reynard 84FF, until the gear linkage cried enough. Colin Birbeck leapfrogged to third, towing through a very switched-on David Taylor to depose Colin Low, but the Penrith driver pitted on the last lap giving Taylor the place.

After a couple of laps the Citroën 2CV field was down to five cars. However, Neil McDonald and Graham Harper provided ample entertainment swapping the lead throughout, the

former getting the verdict when Harper's clutch cable parted.

A smaller than usual field of modified roadies saw James Mackay fulfil early promise, storming away to the flag, in his 16-valve Westfield. Roddie Paterson had to contend with the expertise of Olly Ross in his Davrian, as well as fumes from a shattered exhaust which eventually caused him to spin.

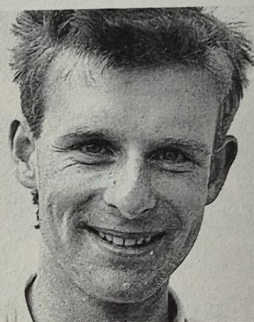
In the Clubmans and FF2000 race Derek Ferguson's Vision surprised pole holder Allen Johns, who soon got his Mallock into its stride, the Vision retiring when a rear wishbone parted. Keith Wickham stopped the sole FF2000 when the throttle cable broke.

Even worse befell the GTs, with but three finishers, Ron Cumming cruising his former 2-litre AC 3000 to victory over another former device of his, the GA-engined Esprit, now in the colours of Ricky Gauld.

Fortunately, there was a healthy squad of small saloons. Alan Keith brooked no nonsense from Glen Mortimer who posted a new class record, before the race was halted when Ronnie Irvine inverted his Toyota GT.

The restart was a repeat by Keith and Mortimer and Kevin Tawse out-dragged Iain Cowie for third.

BILL HENDERSON



Owen Hayes – Junior FF1600 victor.

Cullen in control

MONDELLO PARK, May 13: Dublin motor dealer Michael Cullen stole the show at MEC's annual Mondello meeting by beating Mervyn Millar to take the Fiat Challenge race, after an extraordinary 10 lap display of grit and determination.

Cullen's Ritmo led the field away, but within two laps he came under intense pressure from Millar. These two pulled clear of the Ritmos of Ray Kellett, Chris Tormey, and Nigel Burgess.

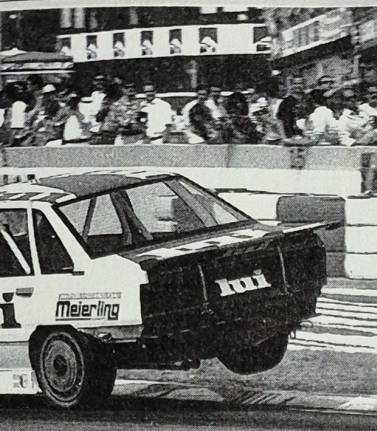
For the next eight tours they were inseparable, running door-to-door, and bumper-to-bumper. With three laps left, Millar dived inside Cullen at Telecom, as Cullen threw a loose gear knob out of the window! But the former Metro Challenge star set off in hot pursuit, lunging inside Millar at Dunlop just as he turned in. Millar spun, while Cullen went on to a famous win, and the Dunlop Driver of the Day award. Kellett netted third.

Owen Hayes took a convincing Star of Tomorrow FF1600 win in his Reynard, after young rival Derek Cunnely spun his Mondiale twice. New-comer Francis Stewart made an impressive Mondello debut in second place, ahead of Shaun McGill and Knud Jensen.

William Fenton's Sheane was on its way to victory in the Formula VW supporting race, until Eugene Heary's meteoric rise carried his Sheane past the Greystones driver in a last lap, last corner lunge. Geoff Smylie followed home the leading pair.

GT class stalwarts John Keaney and

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on, this is Heinz Becker...

Nikolov/Petrov (Lancia Delta HF 4WD-N), 3h34m23s; 9, Jamar/Noelanders (Opel Corsa GSi), 3h36m48s; 10, Pantchugov/Hadjiev (Lada 2107), 3h42m42s; etc.

European Championship positions: 1, Cerato, 860pts; 2, Droogmans, 840; 3, Tabaton, 640; 4, Loubet, Liatti & Chatriot, 500; 7, Snyers, 480; 8, Bosch, 290; etc.

NATIONAL RACING

BRANDS HATCH (BHRC)

Phoenix Petroleum MGCC - Classes A/C (8 laps) - overall & Class A: 1, Duncan Drye (MGB GTV8), 14m43.9s, 84.71mph; 2, Barry Sidery-Smith (MGB), 15m00.3s; 3, Karl Barras (Austin Healey Sprite), 15m00.7s; 4, Andrew Hiley (Midget), 15m03.5s. **Fastest lap:** Drye, 1m47.3s, 87.23mph (record). **Class C:** 1, Rae Davis (Maestro), 15m53.6s, 78.52mph; 2, Nigel Petch (MGB), 15m54.5s; 3, Julian Sole (MGB), 16m11.2s. **Fastest lap:** Petch, 1m56.9s, 80.06mph (record).

Talkland BHL Formula Forward (10 laps): 1, Mike Brain, 15m49.1s, 98.61mph; 2, Marc Chauveau, 15m55.1s; 3, Simon Tate, 15m57.2s; 4, Shaun Hollamby, 15m58.9s; 5, Adrian Wood, 15m59.0s; 6, Chris Willie, 16m05.9s. **Fastest lap:** Wood, 1m32.5s, 101.18mph.

Vecta Fast Ford Challenge (6 laps) - overall: 1, Graham Candlin (Sierra RS500), 11m01.5s; 2, Russell Clark (Escort RS2000), 11m05.0s; 3, Stephen Scott-Dunwoodie (Sierra Cosworth), 11m19.9s; 4, Martin West (Capri), 11m26.8s. **Class A:** 1, Candlin; 2, Scott-Dunwoodie; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Susan Ann Collins (RS200), 1m46.5s, 87.88mph. **Class B:** 1, Clark, 84.45mph; 2, West; 3, Simon Light (Capri), 12m02.0s. **Fastest lap:** Clark, 1m47.4s, 87.15mph. **Class D:** 1, Andy Pyke (Mexico), 11m42.2s, 79.97mph; 2, David Missions (Lotus Cortina), 11m43.5s; 3, Al Daly (Escort RS1600i), 11m50.8s. **Fastest lap:** Roger Ebdon (Fiesta XR2), 1m53.9s, 82.17mph (all fastest laps establish records).

HEAT Champion of Brands FF1600 (8 laps): 1, David Germain (Van Diemen-Minister RF90), 12m57.3s, 96.33mph; 2, Len Bull (Jamun-Connaught M90), 13m09.3s; 3, Rafael Costa Badra (Van Diemen-PES RF90), 13m09.4s; 4, Len Greeney (Van Diemen-Auriga RF87), 13m10.6s; 5, John Oxborrow (OX-Ford 4), 13m11.1s; 6, Moss Thorpe (Reynard-Scholar 90FF), 13m18.2s. **Fastest lap:** Germain, 1m35.8s, 97.70mph.

Celnet Formula First (3 laps): 1, Jonathan Harmer, 5m07.3s, 91.37mph; 2, Justin Everitt, 5m08.2s; 3, Philip Ellis, 5m11.0s; 4, Philip Bats, 5m11.5s; 5, John Whiteley 5m12.8s; 6, Mark Redgrave, 5m13.8s. **Fastest lap:** Harmer & Everitt, 1m40.3s, 93.32mph (record).

Phoenix Petroleum MGCC - Class B; Vecta Fast Ford - Class C (8 laps) - overall: 1, Steve Guard (Escort RS2000), 15m17.8s, 81.58mph; 2, Aaron Tucker (Capri), 15m40.4s; 3, Andy Bellenie (Escort Mexico), 16m08.9s; 4, Peter Coates (Midget), 16m13.1s. **Fords:** 1, Guard; 2, Tucker; 3, Bellenie. **Fastest lap:** Guard, 1m52.0s, 83.57mph (record). **Phoenix MGs:** 1, Coates, 76.94mph; 2, Richard Bennett (Midget), 16m19.1s; 3, David Ecob (Midget), 16m24.2s. **Fastest lap:** Ecob, 1m58.0s, 79.32mph (record).

INGLSTON (SMRC)

Abercromby Corporation Road Sports, Kit Cars, over 1600cc Saloons (12 laps): 1, Angus Gray (1.6 Westfield SE1), 11m09.89s; 2, Alister Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 11m11.80s; 3, Neil Gammie (1.6 Westfield SE1), 11m24.53s; 4, John Peace (2.0 Ginetta G27), 12m06.61s. **Kit cars:** 1, Gray; 2, Gammie; 3, Peace. **Fastest**

lap: Gray, 54.97s, 67.45mph (record). **Saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Cunningham. **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 55.28s, 67.08mph. **Road Sports up to 1600cc:** 1, Jim Grant (1.6 Lotus Elan); 2, Keith Paterson (Fiat X 1/9). **Fastest lap:** Grant, 61.45s, 60.34mph.

Shell Gemini Senior FF1600 & Tom Brown Junior FF1600 Championships (15 laps): 1, Cameron Binnie (Reynard-Minister 90FF), 12m50.94s; 2, Jim Forsyth (Swift-Scholar FB89), 12m53.10s; 3, David Taylor (Van Diemen-Neil Brown), 13m09.75s; 4, Colin Low (Mondiale-Taylor M89S), 13m11.70s; 5, Richard Steedman (Van Diemen-Scholar RF86), 13m16.57s; 6, David Steedman (Van Diemen RF88), 13m18.65s. **Fastest lap:** Binnie, 50.76s, 73.05mph (record).

Citroen 2CVs (10 laps): 1, Neil McDonald, 12m45.87s; 2, Graham Harper, 12m47.98s; 3, Jock Russell, 13m06.85s; 4, Nicholas Runcie, 13m11.42s; 5, Norman Taylor, 13m16.99s; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** McDonald, 74.85s, 50.07mph.

Sportstune Modified cars (12 laps) - overall 1, James Mackay (2.0 Westfield 16V), 10m35.25s, Olly Ross (1.0 Davrian), 10m50.27s; 3, Alister Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 10m56.09s; 4, Iain Cowie (1.6 Toyota Corolla), 10m52.71s.

Modsports: 1, Mackay; 2, Ross; 3, Stan Share (1.0 Clan Crusader). **Fastest lap:** Mackay, 51.72s, 71.69mph. **Modsaloons over 1600cc:** 1, Cunningham; 2, John Sharp (3.8 Ford Mustang); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 53.70s, 69.05mph. **Modsaloons up to 1600cc:** 1, Cowie; 2, Bill Ewing (1.6 Fiesta); 3, Gian Pia (1.6 Toyota Corolla GT). **Fastest lap:** Cowie, 57.78s, 64.17mph.

Century Self Drive/Silverscreen FF2000/Clubmans Championships (12 laps): 1, Allen Johns (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 9m41.79s; 2, Grant Stewart (1.6 Phantom P88/90B), 10m32.71s; 3, Kevin McCormick (1.6 Mallock Mk25), 11 laps; 4, Mike Upton (1.6 Mallock 20B), 11. **Clubmans A:** 1, Johns; only finisher. **Fastest lap:** 47.54s, 78.00mph. **Clubmans B:** 1, Stewart; 2, McCormick; 3, Upton. **Fastest lap:** Stewart, 51.53s, 71.96mph.

Sportstune GTs (10 laps): 1, Ron Cumming (2.0 AC3000 ME), 9m56.38s; 2, Ricky Gauld (3.4 Esprit Cosworth), 10m09.15s; 3, Duncan Fisher (1.0 Drameba Imp); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Cumming, 48.67s, 76.19mph.

Royal Insurance Trophy, Ford Ambercromby Road Saloons up to 1600cc (12 laps) - overall and 1300-1600cc: 1, Alan Keith (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m48.20s; 2, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m44.36s; 3, Kevin Tawse (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m48.78s; 4, Iain Cowie (1.6 Toyota Corolla), 11m50.92s. **Fastest lap:** Mortimer, 57.24s, 64.78mph (record). **Up to 1300cc:** 1, Alistair McCarter (1.3 Austin Cooper S); 2, David Finlay (1.3 Vauxhall Nova); 3, John Bruce (1.3 Austin Mini). **Fastest lap:** McCarter, 58.97s, 62.88mph.

DONINGTON PARK (BRDC)

Rover Unipart Mini Challenge (10 laps) - overall and Mini Miglia: 1, Jeremy Wheatley, 20m12.81s, 74.20mph; 2, Owen Hall, 20m13.16s; 3, Ian Gunn, 20m32.30s; 4, Brian Kippax, 20m34.94s. **Fastest lap:** Hall, 1m59.54s, 75.28mph (record). **Mini Sevens:** 1, Graham Penn, 22m15.15s, 67.40mph; 2, Rob Selby, 22m19.36s; 3, Neil Johnson, 22m19.92s. **Fastest lap:** Penn, 2m09.70s, 69.39mph (record).

LMF/Motoring News Formula E FF1600 (10 laps): 1, Peter Eccleston (Crosslé-Scholar 25F), 18m18.89s, 81.90mph; 2, Roger Eccleston (Crosslé-Scholar 25F), 18m25.19s; 3, Austin Kinsella (Van Diemen-Minister RF79), 18m26.61s; 4, John Wardle (Van Diemen-Aldon RF78), 18m32.56s; 5, Charles Jordan (Crosslé-Scholar 25F), 18m48.55s; 6, John Gilbert (Van Diemen-Ford RF80), 18m49.15s. **Fastest lap:** Peter Eccleston, 1m48.45s, 82.98mph (record).

Pirelli Maranello Ferrari Challenge (10 laps) - overall and modified class: 1, John Wilson (308GTB), 18m24.52s, 81.48mph; 2, Rory Fordyce (328GTB), 18m40.00s; 3, Mike Golding (308GTB), 19m01.02s; 4, Klaas Zwart (308GTB), 19m24.71s. **Fastest lap:** Wilson, 1m48.59s, 82.88mph. **Original class:** 1, Jeff Simpson (328GTB), 20m14.65s, 74.09mph; 2, Peter Collard (348GT), 20m20.18s; 3, Stuart Anderson (308GTB), 9 laps. **Fastest lap:** Simpson, 1m59.83s, 75.10mph (record).

WOMAL Clubmans (10 laps) - overall and class A: 1, John Counsell (Mallock Mk28), 16m53.88s, 88.76mph; 2, Peter Richings (Mallock Mk27SG), 16m59.91s; 3, Nicholas Over (Sliue 90), 17m00.89s; 4, Jan Langdon (Mallock Mk28), 17m01.90s. **Fastest lap:** Counsell, 1m39.23s, 90.69mph. **Class B:** 1, Glenn Eagling (Mallock Mk20), 17m56.47s, 83.60mph; 2, Simon White (Mallock Mk20/21B), 18m01.97s; 3, Robert Brown (Mallock Mk23), 18m23.10s. **Fastest lap:** Eagling, 1m45.04s, 85.68mph.

BRDC Metro Challenge (10 laps): 1, Nigel