

NATIONAL RACES

INGLSTON

McRae's show

The opening meeting of the Ingliston season could hardly have wished for better weather on Sunday last, which with demonstration lappery by the Ecosse-Ford and the presence of Jimmy McRae enlivening the road car events while establishing a new class lap record in Hugh McCaig's Chevette, attracted a large appreciative crowd.

The opening 10-lapper, supposedly for Junior Formula Ford drivers, warmed the spectators in the spring weather, when Cliff Harper made the best of the start light system, donated by Lucas, stepping off ahead of the newly acquired Royale-Halley of Ralph Halley, who had the PRS of Peter Jamieson maintaining station immediately behind, despite being shod with somewhat jaded tyres. This was soon to be resolved when Halley shot into the pits, allowing the PRS to reel in the leader, and slamming past to hold Harper off to the flag.

If that was the curtain raiser, the Clubman 12 lapper saw racing at its best, with Will Hoy leading off Vernon Davies in the pair of Reid Wines Mallocks. Local hero John Fyda had to first deal with the fleet Vision 84 of Paul Gibson before tackling Davies, but by mid race he held the front spot, when leader Hoy pitted and his team-mate dropped down the field. Such was the intensity of concentration that John Mackie who had fought the Kenny Allen Mallock into third place, overtook under a yellow flag and was disqualified. This left Martin White to annex third place in the second Vision car, while Laurence Jacobsen was a strong fourth in taking the class lap record in the Ian McLeod Engineering Chevron B60. Late entry Bill Drummond was not far behind in his Mallock with class B honours for Alex Dobbie in his Mk 20B in seventh place behind Davies.

The Road sports race was commanded by the Lotus Elan of Robin Gray from Derek Butcher (Lotus Super 7) and Andrew Forrest whose Dutton Plaeton disputed second, but still had to reckon with the rally style cornering lines of the P7 shod Chevette driven spectacularly by Jimmy McRae.

Up front, McRae pushed through to second spot but could make no impression on the experienced Gray who slashed almost a second off the class record.

A healthy field for the opening of the Scottish Libre Championship was led throughout by the Bass Rock Garage Ralt RT4 of George MacMillan with the ex-Duffield Ralt RT4 of Jim Stevenson following in his tracks until Fyda, starting in fourth place, asserted himself, overwhelmed the Mallock of Bill Drummond to reel in Stevenson who was to retire and allow the Agra Mallock to catch up on

MacMillan as he threaded through tail-enders.

In behind, Derek Palmer leading FF2000 in his Reynard, claimed sixth place, when Kenny Allen showed his Mallock, which was to become second as MacMillan and Drummond earned disqualification, allegedly for passing under yellow flags.

Scottish FF Champion, Tom Brown, showed how he earned his title in a display of leading from the front, albeit with his Crossle 55F waltzing around under braking. Behind him, Sandy McEwan in his Crusader Insurance RF80 showed the form with which his Jim Irwin-tuned engine had gained pole position, as he kept Cliff Harper at bay throughout. However both had to give best to Stewart Roden, ebullient with a new car, his RF82 sponsored-by NCR.

Ron Cumming heralded his return to racing, taking his Lotus Esprit away ahead of the Lancia Toleman BMW of Jim McGaughay, the Rover engine Davrian Stiletto of Eric Munnoch and Angus Young's Agra Scirocco with the rest of the 1-litres led by the Davrian of Ken Coleman. By lap 2, McGaughay had pulled out a huge advantage in a demonstration drive, leaving Cumming

to hold on as Munnoch gave best in his understeering car to the fleet Coleman.

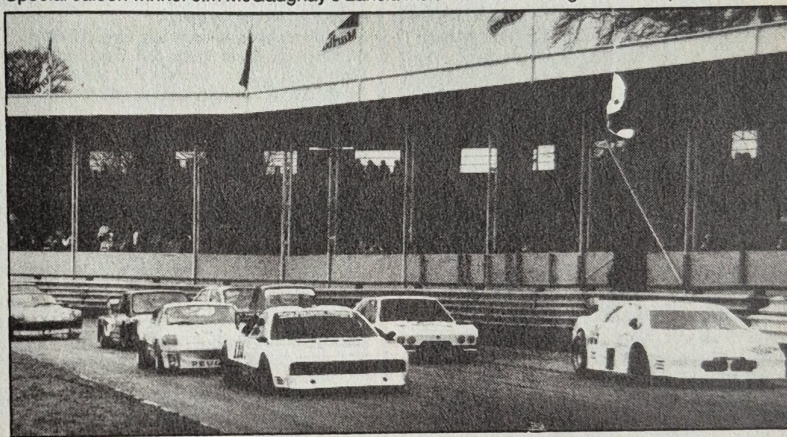
The Clubman 'A' race promised much after their earlier performance but it was not to be, as Hoy Davies, Allen and White tangled at the hairpin, only the latter managing to restart briefly. This left John Fyda pulling away from the Vision of Paul Gibson, the pair again taking the two leading places.

The meeting ended with Jimmy McRae demonstrating his skill in cornering a Chevette, on his way to a class record lap and victory in the Road Saloon event, his prowess earning him thunderous applause from the crowd. Hugh Chalmer had, for him, a fairly sedate race in second place, Sunbeam Lotus mounted, with Richard Martin subdued in a Talbot Sunbeam.

Eric Haigh held on immediately behind in the smart Colt Lancer Turbo, while the Celica of Jimmy Fleming and Niall Mulloy's Opel GTE were evenly matched and then Walter Robertson eventually did take the Capri of Howard Fowler with Kenneth Shaw three-wheeling his little Renault 5 around Arena to close an entertaining meeting.

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Special saloon winner Jim McGaughay's Lancia inside Ron Cumming's Lotus Esprit.



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Formula Ford 1600, Junior race (10 laps): 1, Peter Jamieson (PRS), 9m 07.4s, 67.74mph; 2, Cliff Harper (Van Diemen RF82), 9m 07.5s; 3, Harry Minty (PRS 79F), 9m 22.1s; 4, Geordie Taylor (Sparton FF79), 9m 22.8s; 5, Tony Gemmell (PRS-Auriga 82F), 9m 15.8s; 6, Harvey Gillanders (Van Diemen), 9m 26.2s. **Fastest lap:** Jamieson, 53.3s, 69.57mph.

Bernard Thorpe & Partners Sports & Clubmans/Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish Sports Car Championship race (12 laps) — Overall: 1, John Fyda (1.7 Mallock U2 Mk24), 9m 40.4s, 76.66mph; 2, Paul Gibson (1.7 Vision 84), 9m 43.5s; 3, Martin White (1.7 Vision 84), 10m 18.2s; 4, Laurence Jacobsen (2.0 Chevron B60), 10m 19.2s; 5, Bill Drummond (1.7 Mallock U2), 10m 19.6s; 6, Vernon Davies (1.7 Mallock U2), 10m 22.2s. **Sports 2000:** 1, Jacobsen; 2, Keith Bowmaker (2.0 Lola 492); 3, Bill Ness (2.0 Tiga). **Fastest lap:** Jacobsen, 50.3s, 73.72mph (record). **Clubman 'A':** 1, Fyda; 2, Gibson; 3, White. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 46.5s, 79.74mph. **Clubman 'B':** 1, Alex Dobbie (1.6 Mallock U2 Mk20B); 2, John North (1.6 Mallock U2 Mk11/24C). **Fastest lap:** Dobbie, 52.7s, 70.36mph.

Road Sports Cars race (12 laps) — Overall: 1, Robin Gray (1.6 Lotus Elan), 11m 58.8s, 61.90mph; 2, Jimmy McRae (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 12m 10.8s; 3, Derek Butcher (1.6 Lotus Super Seven), 12m 14.2s; 4, Andrew Forrest (1.7 Dutton Phaeton), 12m 23.2s; 5, Jimmy Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 12m 50.9s; 6, Howard Fowler (3.0 Ford Capri), 12m 01.6s. **Sports up to 1600cc:** 1, Gray; 2, Butcher. **Fastest lap:** Gray, 58.6s, 63.28mph (record). **Over 1600cc:** 1, Forrest; 2, William Carr (MGB). **Fastest lap:** Forrest, 59.3s, 62.53mph (record). **Saloons:** 1, McRae; 2, Fleming; 3, Fowler. **Fastest lap:** McRae, 59.7s, 62.11mph.

Edinburgh Students Charities Cup/Bernard Hunter Crane Hire Scottish Formula Libre Championship race (15 laps) — Overall: 1, John Fyda (1.7 Mallock U2 Mk24), 11m 47.8s, 78.58mph; 2, Derek Palmer (2.0 Reynard 81SF), 12m 06.0s; 3, Stephen Robertson (2.0 Van Diemen RF83), 12m 12.8s; 4, Geoff Todd (1.6 March 77B), 12m 20.8s; 5, Alex Dobbie (1.6 Mallock U2), 12m 32.4s; 6, Laurence Jacobsen (2.0 Chevron B60), 12m 32.6s. **Over 1700cc:** 1, Palmer; 2, Robertson; 3, Jacobsen. **Fastest lap:** George McMillan (2.0 Ralt RT2), 45.6s, 81.32mph. **Up to 1700cc:** 1, Fyda; 2, Todd; 3, Dobbie. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 45.9s, 80.78mph.

Marlboro Challenge/Hubert Mitchell Scottish Formula Ford 1600 Championship race (12 laps): 1, Tom Brown (Crosslé 55F), 10m 39.7s, 69.56mph; 2, Stewart Roden (Van Diemen RF82), 10m 47.9s; 3, Sandy McEwan (Van Diemen RF80), 10m 55.8s; 4, Cliff Harper (Van Diemen RF82), 10m 56.1s; 5, Geordie Taylor (Sparton FF79), 11m 03.5s; 6, Harvey Gillanders (Van Diemen), 11m 04.0s. **Fastest lap:** Brown, 52.5s, 70.63mph.

Forth Electrical (Stirling) Sportstune Scottish GT Championship race (12 laps) — Overall: 1, Jim McGaughay (2.0 Lancia Toleman-BMW), 9m 55.3s, 74.75mph; 2, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 10m 23.5s; 3, Kenny Coleman (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m 43.9s; 4, Eric Munnoch (3.5 Davrian Stiletto), 10m 43.9s; 5, Ian Forrest (1.0 Sunbeam Imp), 9m 56.6s; 6, Angus Young (1.5 VW/Agra Stiletto), 10m 01.8s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Coleman; 2, Forrest; 3, Jim McDonald (Davrian Mk7). **Fastest lap:** Coleman, 51.1s, 72.56mph. **1001-1500cc:** 1, Young; 2, Adrian Hamilton (Fiat 500). **Fastest lap:** Young, 52.4s, 70.76mph. **Over 1500cc:** 1, McGaughay; 2, Cumming; 3, Munnoch. **Fastest lap:** McGaughay, 47.2s, 78.56mph.

John Gibson Lifting Gear Clubmans 'A' Championship race (12 laps): 1, John Fyda (1.7 Mallock U2 Mk24), 9m 34.5s, 77.45mph; 2, Paul Gibson (1.7 Vision 84), 9m 50.2s; 3, Richard Groombridge (1.7 Marler BM23), 9m 55.8s; 4, Bill Drummond (1.7 Mallock U2), 9m 49.1s; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 46.6s, 79.57mph.

The Luckennyne Restaurant Road Saloon race (12 laps) — Overall: 1, Jimmy McRae (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 12m 11.1s, 60.86mph; 2, Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Talbot Sunbeam Lotus), 12m 27.9s; 3, Richard Martin (1.6 Talbot Sunbeam), 12m 40.4s; 4, Alistair Gray (2.0 Ford Escort RS2000), 12m 41.7s; 5, Eric Haigh (2.0 Colt Lancer Turbo), 12m 42.3s; 6, Jim Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 12m 45.7s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Martin; 2, Fleming; 3, Kenneth Shaw (Renault 5). **Fastest lap:** Martin, 1m 01.6s, 60.19mph (record). **Over 1600cc:** 1, McRae; 2, Chalmers; 3, Haigh. **Fastest lap:** McRae, 59.9s, 61.90mph (record).