place was settled in favour of Robert Ryan, who just forced the nose of his Crosslé in front of Martin McMahon's Mondiale at the line.

John Donoghue won a close battle in the Fiat 'B' race, getting his Ritmo ahead of the 128 Coupe of Joe Foley after five laps. Niki Potterton disputed third with Mark O'Connor, until Potterton's car expired leaving David Hammond a distant fourth.

Young rising star Tommy Burke showed devastating form in winning the FF1600 'B' face, the 19-year-old capturing the Dunlop Driver of the Day award in the process. By lap 1, Burke had escaped from the field, while early challenger Robert Hughes ploughed off at Telecom leaving Owen Hayes in second. Pressure built for Hayes, as Barrable, Jensen, Ryan, and McMahon queued up behind. Hayes held on however, with Jensen getting the best of his rivals for third place.

The rather small grid of GTs saw Peter Faulkner starting from pole, ahead of old rivals George Crozier and John Keaney. Crozier seized the early advantage in his Maguire Metro, while Faulkner held Keaney behind. By lap 6, Keaney had forged ahead of Faulkner and set his sights on Crozier. Trouble brewed at the head of the field when Crozier ran wide out of Budweiser, and Reaney's TMC tangled with the Metro. Faulkner passed the smoking TMC and the slowing Metro to take the win, with Richard Baird best of the small class.

Ballymoney's Martin Boyle made no mistakes on his way to a convincing win in a FF2000 race which featured some much-needed new faces. Robert Thompson made a superb start from sixth to run in third place in the opening laps, behind eventual runner-up David Wright. By lap 7, a recovering Leslie Wright seized third, with PJ Fallon's new Swift coming through into fourth.

Ex-FF1600 man Gerry O'Reilly headed a 21 car grid of Formula VWs into Telecom corner, with Ulstermen Chris Paul and Raymond Pyper leading the pursuit. Eugene Heary had only passed Pyper for third when a spinning Chris Paul handed him second on lap 4. O'Reilly stayed ahead to record his first Formula VW win, ahead of a chasing Heary, Pyper and Lawless.

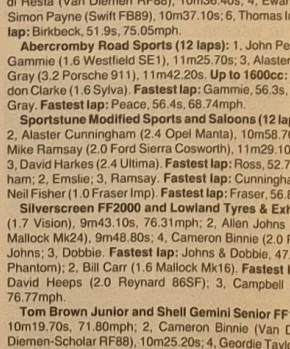
With Austin Bishop's 128 Coupe in its customary pole position for the Fiat 'A' race, it looked like business as usual. However, it was Ken Bolger's new Ritmo which grabbed the lead at Telecom. Bishop quickly lowered the lap record in his pursuit of Bolger, while Christy Connolly forced past Alan Johnston's similar 128 Coupé. At the flag, Bolger held on for an historic first Ritmo victory, while Johnston's 128 just held off Byrne's new Ritmo for fourth.

Vivion Daly continued his winning ways by taking pole, fastest lap, and victory in the FF1600 'A' race. With Daly well clear after the first lap, the battle for second was between Brendan McKenna, Mike Edgar and Fionn Murray. By lap 5, Murray had threaded the revolutionary new Crosslé 70F past Edgar's Mondiale, but McKenna's Reynard proved somewhat wider. Murray's every attempt was denied, despite the Crosslé's nose making contact with the Reynard's gearbox more than once. Young Edgar sat equally close at the flag to take fourth, well clear of Derek M Daly and Cliff Dempsey.

The day was rounded off with a Honda 'Fun' race which gave the panel-beaters good reason to smile. A reverse grid saw a daring move from Paul Taft to pass the entire field into Telecom. It didn't come off, but left ex-Formula Atlantic star Harold McGarrity in the lead, and Taft on the grass. Coming through Subaru for the first time, the bunched field of CRXs tangled in a big way. Only four cars Bunning heading the survivors.

COLM DOHERTY

Fionn Murray – quick in new Crossle.



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Century Self Drive GT (12 laps): 1, Ron Cumming (2.0 AC 3000 ME), 10m11.20s, 72.80mph; 2, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Lotus Esprit), 10m35.30s; 3, Colin Philip (1.6 Lotus Esprit), 10m36.10s; 4, Iain Sharp (1.6 Stiletto-Ford), 10m20.20s. **Fastest lap:** Cuming, 48.06s, 76.30mph. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Munnoch, 50.5s, 73.43mph.

Abercromby Road Cars (12 laps): 1, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m57.40s, 62.02mph; 2, Alan Keith (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m57.90s; 3, Kevin Tawse (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 11m58.50s; 4, Iain Cowie (1.6 Toyota Corolla), 12m02.40s. **Up to 1300cc:** 1, Derek Hastings (1.0 Hillman Imp); 2, Christopher Reith (1.3 Austin Mini); 3, Andrew McKinna (1.3 Suzuki Swift). **Fastest lap:** Hastings, 60.04s, 61.3mph. **Over 1300cc:** 1, Mortimer; 2, Keith; 3, Tawse. **Fastest lap:** Tawse, 58.5s, 63.38mph.

Tom Brown Junior and Shell Gemini Junior FF1600s (12 laps): 1, Colin Birkbeck (Van Diemen-Scholar RF88), 10m32.40s, 70.36mph; 2, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen-Taylor RF87), 10m36.20s; 3, Louis di Resta (Van Diemen RF88), 10m36.40s; 4, Ewan Buchan (Van Diemen-Taylor RF88), 10m36.80s; 5, Simon Payne (Swift FB89), 10m37.10s; 6, Thomas Irvine (Van Diemen-Taylor RF85), 10m38.20s. **Fastest lap:** Birkbeck, 51.9s, 75.05mph.

Abercromby Road Sports (12 laps): 1, John Peace (2.0 Ginetta G27), 11m24.70s, 64.99mph; 2, Neil Gammie (1.6 Westfield SE1), 11m25.70s; 3, Alaster Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 11m37.60s; 4, Robin Gray (3.2 Porsche 911), 11m42.20s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Gammie; 2, Angus Gray (1.6 Westfield SE); 3, Gordon Clarke (1.6 Sylva). **Fastest lap:** Gammie, 56.3s, 65.86mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Peace; 2, Cunningham; 3, Gray. **Fastest lap:** Peace, 56.4s, 68.74mph.

Sportstune Modified Sports and Saloons (12 laps): 1, Olly Ross (1.0 Davran), 10m48.30s, 68.63mph; 2, Alaster Cunninghan (2.4 Opel Manta), 10m58.70s; 3, Lewis Emslie (2.4 Mazda RX7), 11m00.40s; 4, Mike Ramsay (2.0 Ford Sierra Cosworth), 11m29.10s. **Modsports:** 1, Ross; 2, Gordon Clarke (1.6 Sylva); 3, David Harkes (2.4 Ultima). **Fastest lap:** Ross, 52.7s, 71.72mph. **Over 1600cc Modsaloons:** 1, Cunningham; 2, Emslie; 3, Ramsay. **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 53.5s, 69.81mph. **Up to 1600cc Modsaloons:** 1, Neil Fisher (1.0 Fraser Imp). **Fastest lap:** Fraser, 56.8s, 65.28mph.

Silverscreen FF2000 and Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Sports & Clubmans (12 laps): 1, John Fyda (1.7 Vision), 9m43.10s, 76.31mph; 2, Allen Johns (1.6 Mallock Mk24), 9m45.80s; 3, Alex Dobbie (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 9m48.80s; 4, Cameron Binnie (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m57.10s. **Clubmans A:** 1, Fyda; 2, Johns; 3, Dobbie. **Fastest lap:** Johns & Dobbie, 47.00s, 78.89mph. **Clubmans B:** 1, Grant Stewart (1.6 Phantom); 2, Bill Carr (1.6 Mallock Mk16). **Fastest lap:** Stewart, 53.6s, 69.18mph. **FF2000:** 1, Binnie; 2, David Heeps (2.0 Reynard 86SF); 3, Campbell Chisholm (2.0 Swift). **Fastest lap:** Binnie, 48.3s, 76.77mph.

Tom Brown Junior and Shell Gemini Senior FF1600s (12 laps): 1, Colin Harper (Swift-Taylor FB88), 10m19.70s, 71.80mph; 2, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF88), 10m24.80s; 3, Colin Birkbeck (Van Diemen-Scholar RF88), 10m25.20s; 4, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen-Taylor RF87), 10m28.90s; 5, Louis di Resta (Van Diemen RF88), 10m33.20s; 6, Ewan Buchan (Van Diemen-Taylor RF88), 10m33.40s. **Fastest lap:** Harper, 50.8s, 72.99mph.

Not a Gray day

INGLISTON, Apr 30: Those who chose to spend part of their weekend at Ingliston enjoyed some close races. Especially fierce was the battle for second place in the FF1600 qualifier, which allowed Colin Birkbeck an unchallenged victory.

This qualifier featured Glen Mortimer, who, having set pole, was determined to maintain the advantage in his Fiesta and never put a wheel out of line, despite provocation from Alan Keith and Kevin Tawse. Their pace dropped the rapidly improving Iain Cowie, whose Corolla broke up a Fiesta walkover.

The opening GT race was down on runners with Ron Cumming taking the lead from Eric Munnoch and Colin Phillip. However, a missed gear by the leader allowed Munnoch to lead the next three laps, before being overwhelmed by the recovered Cumming who pulled out a 4sec gap by the flag.

The FF1600 qualifier had the crowd agog, Colin Birkbeck storming off from the snaking bunch featuring Louis di Resta, Geordie Taylor, Thomas Irvine, Ewan Buchan, Simon Payne, Colin Low and Bryan Gowans. This diving and weaving continued for eight laps until Taylor grabbed second place from di Resta at the hairpin, inspiring Ewan Buchan to outfox Thomas Irvine for fourth with Simon Payne following through in his new Swift.

John Peace ran off with the Road Sports race and although Neil Gammie mounted an early challenge, it came to nothing. Alaster Cunninghan eased away from the Porsche 911 of Robin Gray, opening a 4sec gap to the dice in which Lewis Emslie strove unsuccessfully to shake off Angus Gray, settling matters when he spun entering Arena, as Gray set his sights on the Porsche, which kept its nose in front.

With very few entries, the FF2000s were amalgamated with the Sports and Clubmans boys, producing a fine spectacle. John Fyda took command in his Vision from Cameron Binnie and Allen Johns. Johns and Alex Dobbie were soon past Binnie, pushing him back to fourth but still leading the FF2000 runners.

David Heeps fended off the Swifts of Campbell Chisholm and Kenny Coleman, with Derek Butcher retiring his Reynard. Reg Forester Smith soldiered on his noisy Marquis Mallock, holding off the leading Class B Phantom of Grant Stewart.

Cameron Binnie was pipped for second by Colin Harper at Ingliston.

The senior FF1600s promised much, but the race was dominated by the Swift of Colin Harper, who equalled his own class record stretching away from Binnie. Colin Birkbeck had the measure of Geordie Taylor, leaving the warring to a group led by di Resta who used his race craft to keep Ewan Buchan at bay with Thomas Irvine trying to join the act.

The Modsports fielded fewer entries than usual, but championship leader Olly Ross pulled away from Alaster Cunningham to add to his points tally. James Mackay tucked under the tail of Mike Ramsay soon to storm past after the Emslie Mazda, but some mechanical derangement put paid to that. Neil Fisher was climbing all over Gordon Clarke, eventually to be allowed to take fifth.

BILL HENDERSON

McGarrity's masterpiece

KIRKISTOWN, Apr 29: Alan McGarrity put himself in a commanding lead in the Budweiser Kirkistown FF1600 Championship, scoring his second win in a row with his Van Diemen RF89. However he had to work hard for it, fending off the sometimes very close attentions of Colin Lees, Michael Edgar and Fionn Murray for much of the 20 lap thriller.

The race had already lost one leading runner when second row starter Dennis McGall pulled off on the warm-up lap with a failed clutch. The rush down to Colonial for the first time saw McGarrity get the better of the Mondiale man and move into a lead which he never really lost. Inevitably, mayhem broke out just behind, involving Vivion Daly and Alistair Johnson, while behind them Brian McMonagle and Robert Hughes also tangled. Johnston and Hughes took no further part in proceedings, while Daly resumed well down, followed by McMonagle.

By the end of the back straight, McGarrity and Lees had been joined by a very on-form Michael Edgar and Fionn Murray's new Crosslé, and all four set about each other, Murray shoving his way into third spot on lap 6. Behind the leaders, Andrew McAuley held a watching brief some 4secs back, a similar distance ahead of Fenton Parsons' new Crosslé while several seconds in arrears was Derek M Daly. Up front, McGarrity continued to keep the yellow car ahead. Murray briefly got the Crosslé up to second only to be demoted again by Lees, while Edgar dogged their heels. Eventually Murray slipped, the Crosslé gyrating into the infield out of Fishermans. The Sligo man, resumed a distant fifth, well behind McAuley.

This, coupled with another move by Edgar on Lees, allowed McGarrity to pull out a couple of lengths in the closing laps, and he cruised to another nine points, with Lees keeping Edgar at bay. Then came a lonely McAuley, Murray and Parsons. Daly's charge through the field netted seventh.

The well-supported FF2000 race proved to be another demonstration run by the Wright family. Father Leslie was in superb form throughout practice, putting his Reynard on pole with a time almost 1sec inside the lap record. In the race he underlined this with a very quick, clean run to the flag ahead of son David, during which he lapped under the old record no fewer than 10 times. David, by contrast, only

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Wynn's MGs and Thoroughbreds (12 laps): 1, William Ogle (1.6 Lotus Seven), 13m49.32s, 78.75mph; 2, Jackie Cochrane (3.5 MGB V8), 14m12.87s; 3, John Richardson (1.3 MG Midget), 11 laps; 4, Ken Dickson (1.8 MGB), 11 laps. **Thoroughbreds:** 1, Ogle; 2, Keiran Smyth (2.0 Ginetta G28), 11 laps; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Ogle, 1m07.53s, 80.59mph. **MGs:** 1, Cochrane; 2, Richardson; 3, Dickson. **Fastest lap:** Cochrane 1m08.94s, 78.95mph.

GT and Formula *Libre* (12 laps): 1, Tommy Reid (3.0 Lola-Cosworth T87/50), 11m33.76s, 94.14mph; 2, Bill Gowdy (2.0 Chevron-Hart B42), 11m48.57s; 3, Arnie Black (1.6 Crosslé-BDA 19F), 12m33.37s; 4, Peter Faulkner (1.6 MDGT), 11 laps; no other finishers. **Formula *Libre:*** 1, Reid; 2, Gowdy; 3, Black. **Fastest lap:** Reid, 55.84s, 97.47mph. **GTs:** 1, Faulkner; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** George Crozier (1.6 Maguire Metro), 1m02.01s, 87.77mph.

Formula VW (15 laps): 1, David Pyper (Scarab), 17m48.38s, 76.41mph; 2, Stephen Pyper (Austro), 17m49.89s; 3, Geoffrey Smylie (Scarab), 17m50.46s; 4, Chris Paul (Story), 18m05.12s; 5, Johnny Flynn (Scarab), 18m09.56s; 6, Desmond Black (Crosslé), 18m30.36s. **Fastest lap:** Paul, 1m08.86s, 79.04mph (**record**).

Budweiser FF1600 (20 laps): 1, Alan McGarrity (Van Diemen-GRD RF89), 21m26.54s, 84.61mph; 2, Colin Lees (Mondiale-Loynings M89S), 21m27.90s; 3, Michael Edgar (Mondiale-Loynings M88S), 21m28.08s; 4, Andrew McAuley (Van Diemen-Scholar RF88), 21m34.17s; 5, Fionn Murray (Crosslé-Minister 70F), 21m47.86s; 6, Fenton Parsons (Crosslé-Murphy 70F). **Fastest lap:** Lees, 1m03.32s, 85.95mph. **FF1600 Class B:** 1, Tom Graham (Mondiale-Murphy M84S), 22m23.22s, 81.04mph; 2, Donal O'Neill (Crosslé-Reid 55F), 19 laps; no other finishers. **Fastest lap,** Graham, 1m04.51s, 84.37mph.

Production Saloons (15 laps): 1, Frank O'Rourke (2.0 Opel Kadett GSi 16v), 18m12.18s, 74.75mph; 2, John Burns (1.6 Ford Escort RS Turbo), 18m16.15s; 3, John Haynes (2.0 Peugeot 405 Mi 16), 18m33.58s; 4, Bob Montgomery (1.6 Honda Civic), 18m47.79s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Montgomery; 2, Rory Byrne (1.6 VW Golf GTI), 14 laps; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Montgomery, 1m13.79s, 73.76mph. **1600i-2000cc:** 1, O'Rourke; 2, Hayes; 3, Derek Walsh (1.9 Peugeot 205 GTI), 18m50.07s. **Fastest lap:** O'Rourke, 1m11.34s, 76.29mph. **Over 2000cc:** 1, Burns; 2, Helmut Holfeld (2.3 BMW M3), 19m15.54s; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Burns, 1m12.10s.

FF2000 (20 laps): 1, Leslie Wright (Reynard-Neil Brown 88SF), 20m02.75s, 90.50mph; 2, David Wright (Reynard-Scholar 89SF), 20m05.88s; 3, Martin Boyle (Reynard-Nelson 86SF), 20m13.10s; 4, Noel Roddy (Reynard-GRD 86SF) 20m23.41s; 5, Tim Allen (Reynard-Scholar 87SF) 20m26.05s; 6, Dick Curran (Reynard-GRD 87SF), 20m26.10s. **Fastest lap:** Leslie Wright, 59.20s, 91.94mph (**record**).

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Mini Sevens and Mini Miglias (10 laps) – overall: 1, Ma… 8m53.5s; 3, Raphael Speed, 8m55.0s; 4, Alan Rogers, S… Tierney. **Fastest lap:** Jones and Tierney, 49.9s, 72.14… Sims. **Fastest lap:** Speed, 52.5s, 68.57mph.

Budget Rent-a-Car Modified Production Saloons – … Sunbeam-Lotus), 8m14.8s, 72.75mph; 2, Robert Beau… McKay (2.3 BMW 323i), 8m27.0s; 4, Ray Webb (3.9 … Sunbeam Lotus), 8m28.0s; 6, Andrew Mackenzie (3.2 … 48.7s, 73.92mph.

RJB Plant Hire Formula *Libre* (15 laps): 1, Paul Sl… 82.69mph; 2, Tony O'Neill (2.0 Reynard-Volkswager… Volkswagen RT3), 11m07.9s; 4, Derek Haimes (2.0 Ra… Mallock-BDX Mk24B), 11m22.8s; 6, Glyn Williams (2.1 … O'Neill, 42.0s, 85.71mph.

Drivers Car Phones/Radio Kent/BARC Special GTs … Mini), 9m48.5s, 73.40mph; 2, John Dewing (1.0 Hillman … Ford), 9m52.4s; 4, John Cross (2.1 Ford Escort-BDX), 9… Ford Escort); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Cross, … Welfare; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Welfare, 47.3… Harman (1.0 Ray Stiletto); 3, Andy Gill (1.0 Maguire Imp).

Budget Rent-a-Car Production Saloons – Class C (… 8m37.2s, 69.60mph; 2, Clive Knight (1.6 Ford Fiesta XR… XR2), 8m47.9s; 4, Steve Povoas (1.6 Talbot Sunbeam)… 8m56.2s; 6, Bob Harper (1.6 Ford Escort RS1600), 8m56…