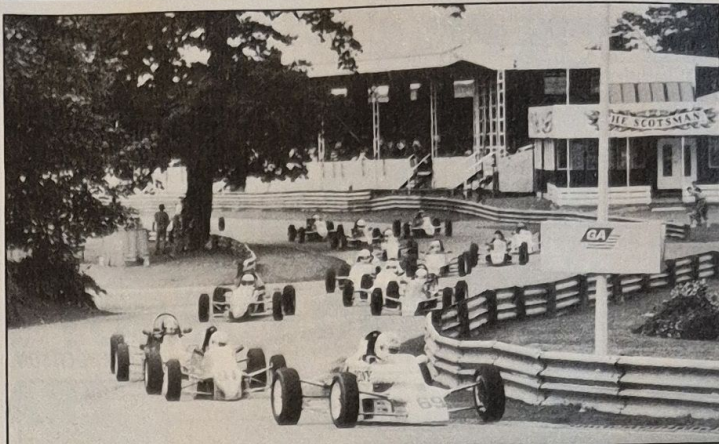


Ten tests, with a combination of tarmac and loose were arranged for a full house of 56 entries and Paul Dyas led briefly only for the Escort he was using to break the exhaust manifold. Roger Davies' Sierra Cosworth took over the leadership briefly but once Middleton had sorted things out it was only a matter of time before he stormed away to what was a predictable victory on this increasingly popular event.

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1, Graham Middleton/Sheila Middleton (Opel Manta 400), 35m54s; 2, Roger Davies/Neil Boyd (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 36m37s; 3, Jim Bothwell/Jon Savage (VW Golf GTI), 37m06s; 4, Rick Evans/Stuart Derry (1.3 Citroën), 37m17s; 5, Ralph Blore/Steve Bennett (Peugeot 205 GTI), 37m29s; 6, Chris Roberts/Tony Lewis (1.6 Ford Escort), 37m50s.



Cameron Binnie heads the field to victory.

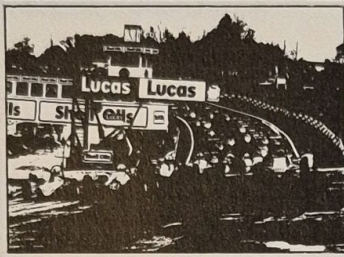
him, the pair pulling away from the Esprit of Steven Jeffries, while Olly Ross had his own problems in the shape of the Maguire Stiletto of Brian Macleod. Missing from this lot was the Drabuic Imp of Ian Forrest, which arrived at Caravan on the opening lap at a phenomenal pace, due to lack of brakes and buried itself deep in the tyre barrier, fortunately with no harm to the driver.

Starting the FF2000, Robert Thomson alongside the pole holding Swift of Harvey Gillanders, just failed to get his Reynard ahead into the first corner and was demoted by Gordon Wilson whose Van Diemen could make nothing on the Claymore Shellfish car. David Duffield then piled on the pressure annexing third in his Reynard until he took it mowing when he admitted to momentary brainfade. This left Stewart Roden still unhappy with his ANC backed Swift, about 4secs in hand over Campbell Chisholm's earlier version. Behind him Robin Brown showed Eric Munnoch the way around, with a safe buffer to David Heeps in their Reynards.

A closer race was provided by the smaller road saloons, especially as Alan Keith snatched and held the advantage from the Fiesta of Ray

MacDowall, the pair dropping off the Body Shop Fiesta of Glen Mortimer who acquired second when MacDowall got onto the grass, losing a place and, despite taking fastest lap, running out of time. This left the Mini of Alistair McCarter holding the Fiesta of Jonathan Gilbert at bay, the latter having disposed of the Avenger Tiger of Lindsay Mann, both being elevated when McCarter was blackflagged. However, Williams (Mini), Derek Hastings (Imp), Alistair Hart (Fiesta) and the Escort of George McDonald were swapping places with gay abandon.

The major FF1600 contenders were led off by Cameron Binnie but Colin Harper got ahead after the pair touched at the hairpin, Binnie suffering from less than perfect handling. At the same spot Ewan Buchan and Colin Birbeck laid claim to the same piece of road, both cars suffering damaged corners and eliminating the Van Diemen of Louis DiResta at the same time. Meanwhile Harper, revelling in his Knockhill Racing sponsorship, pulled away leaving Cameron Binnie to fend off the Tredaire works Swift which equalled the class record as it stormed through the field.



NATIONAL RACING

He's Binnie done it again

INGLSTON, Jul 17: The SMRC-organised nine race clubbie, run in dry weather attracted some strong fields, with the exception of the over 1600cc Saloons and the Clubman/Sports, both events nevertheless providing exciting duels for the lead.

After the track's normal agricultural purpose it was appropriate that Border farmer Cameron Binnie should be firmly in command of the opening FF1600 event, countering every move of Colin Birbeck who had glued his Van Diemen to the tail of the Sony, Edinburgh car. This left Louis Di Resta ample time to assess Ewan Buchan in his Reynard, the former seizing his chance to snatch third place as they lapped a series of back markers.

Some ten secs behind, Geordie Taylor had his Van Diemen going better than ever, storming past Tony Gemmell when Richard Dean, who was similarly motivated, hauled the works Swift through the field only to pull off in mid-race, letting Simon Payne's Van Diemen RF87 come through into seventh.

The over 1600 road saloons may have been few in number but they more than made up for this with their antics. Lewis Emslie, surprising pole holder Tom Bell by storming off in front, spun the Mazda RX7 at Caravan taking Bell on to the grass with him. When the tyre smoke settled Tom McCallum had the Capri in front with the Turbo BMW of Iain Gardner and Alastair Cunningham in the Manta pounding in his wake. This pair were soon battling for the front as Bell and Emslie recovered, the latter disposing of Ian Gordon while Bell, motoring the Sierra Cosworth at a prodigious rate, got past Cunningham as Gardner pitted with a cooked motor. However as the Sierra was running on less than legal rubber, it was disqualified to move the four remaining runners up one place.

Ron Cumming took his customary GT victory, putting daylight between his big Esprit and Kenny Coleman's similar car, but only just, as he had Brian Fletcher's Davrian harrying

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Tom Brown Racing School Juniors and MacAndrews Scottish FF1600 (12 laps): 1, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen-Minister RF86), 10m26.10s, 71.07mph; 2, Colin Birbeck (Van Diemen-Minister), 10m26.60s; 3, Louis DiResta (Van Diemen RF88), 10m32.20s; 4, Ewan Buchan (Reynard RF84), 10m32.50s; 5, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen RF85), 10m42.60s; 6, Tony Gemmell (Van Diemen RF84), 10m43.90s. **Fastest lap:** Birbeck, 51.5s, 72.00mph.

Road Saloons over 1600 (12 laps): 1, Alastair Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 12m07.00s, 61.20mph; 2, Tom McCallum (3.0 Ford Capri), 12m21.40s; Lewis Emslie (2.4 Opel Manta), 12m21.70s; 4, Ian Gordon (1.8 VW Golf), 12m42.00s. **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 57.5s, 64.49mph.

Town & Country Car Rental GTs (12 laps): 1, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 10m19.50s, 71.83mph; 2, Brian Fletcher (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m28.50s; 3, Steven Jeffries (1.0 Davrian), 10m58.70s; 4, Olly Ross (Davrian Mk7/8), 11m00.10s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Fletcher; 2, Jeffries; 3, Ross. **Fastest lap:** Fletcher, 50.6s, 73.28mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, Cumming; 2, John Gallacher (1.5 MG Midget); 3, Stan Share (1.2 Clan Crusader). **Fastest lap:** Cumming, 48.7s, 76.14mph.

Silverscreen Scottish FF2000 (12 laps): 1, Harvey Gillanders (Swift DB88), 9m48.00s, 75.67mph; 2, Gordon Wilson (Van Diemen RF88), 9m50.40s; 3, Robert Thomson (Reynard), 9m50.90s; 4, Stewart Roden (Swift), 9m53.50s; 5, Campbell Chisholm (Swift), 9m57.30s; 6, Robin Brown (Reynard SF86), 10m04.0s. **Fastest lap:** Gillanders, 48.1s, 77.09mph.

Road Saloons up to 1600cc (12 laps): 1, Alan Keith (1.6 Fiesta), 11m51.70s, 62.57mph; 2, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Fiesta), 11m56.90s; 3, Ray MacDowall (1.6 Fiesta), 11m59.20s; 4, Jonathan Gilbert (1.6 Fiesta), 12m24.30s; 5, Lindsay Mann (1.6 Avenger Tiger), 12m24.90s; 6, G Williams (Mini), 12m26.90s. **Fastest lap:** MacDowall, 58.2s, 63.71mph.

MacAndrews for Citroën FF1600 (12 laps): 1, Colin Harper (Van Diemen RF85), 10m32.70s, 70.31mph; 2, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF86), 10m40.90s; 3, Richard Dean (Swift FB88), 10m41.10s; 4, Tony Gemmell (Van Diemen RF84), 10m43.90s; 5, Bryan Gowans (Van Diemen RF86), 10m49.20s; 6, Graham Brunton (Van Diemen RF85), 10m49.90s. **Fastest lap:** Dean, 51.0s, 72.71mph (**equals record**).

Festival of Wheels Road Sports (12 laps): 1, Neil Gammie (1.6 Westfield SEI), 11m29.30s, 64.55mph; 2, Mike Connon (1.6 Westfield SEI), 11m29.60s; 3, John Peace (2.1 Ginetta G27), 11m29.90s; 4, Keith Scott (3.5 Dutton Phaeton), 11m43.70s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Gammie; 2, Connon; 3, Russell Paterson (Westfield TSE). **Fastest lap:** Gammie and Connon, 56.5s, 66.51mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Peace; 2, Scott; 3, Dougie Anderson (3.1 Dutton Phaeton). **Fastest lap:** Peace, 56.3s, 65.86mph (**record**).

Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish Sports and Clubman (12 laps): 1, Jim McLaughy (Tiga Thundersport), 9m50.10s, 75.40mph; 2, Eric Paterson (1.7 Vision V87), 9m50.40s; 3, Alex Dobbie (1.7 Mallock 24), 10m03.80s; 4, Andy Smith (1.6 Mallock 27), 10m14.20s. **Sports:** 1, McLaughy. **Fastest lap:** McLaughy, 47.5s, 78.06mph. **Clubman 'A':** 1, Paterson; 2, Dobbie; 3, Reg Forrester Smith (1.7 Marquiss Mallock). **Fastest lap:** Paterson, 47.2s, 78.56mph. **Clubman 'B':** 1, Smith; 2, Mike Upton (Mallock 16); 3, Bill Carr (Mallock 16). **Fastest lap:** Smith, 49.4s, 75.06mph.

Sportstune Scottish Modified Sports & Saloons (12 laps): 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.4 Opel manta), 10m35.80s, 69.98mph; 2, Ian Forrest (1.0 Davrian), 10m35.90s; 3, Steven Jeffries (1.0 Davrian), 10m43.00s; 4, Olly Ross (1.0 Davrian Mk7/8), 10m47.40s. **Sports:** 1, Forrest; 2, Jeffries; 3, Ross. **Fastest lap:** Forrest, 51.9s, 71.45mph. **Saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Chalmers; 2, Alastair Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta); 3, Tom Bell (2.0 Sierra). **Fastest lap:** Chalmers, 52.3s, 70.90mph. **Saloons up to 1600cc:** 1, Ray MacDowall (1.6 Fiesta); 2, Bill Ewing (1.6 Avenger); 3, Neil Fisher (1.0 Fraser Imp). **Fastest lap:** MacDowall, 55.4s, 66.93mph.

SPORTSCARD

▶▶ Having battled on the hills, the twin Westfield SEi's of Neil Gammie and Mike Connors took to the circuit and continued their supremacy although John Peace, immediately behind, was always a threat with the Ginetta G27A, lowering his own lap record.

The Clubmans/Sports field lost John Fyda, his borrowed Vision succumbing on the opening lap, leaving a fabulous dice which was fronted by Alex Dobbie's Mallock for the most laps until Eric Paterson fathomed out his tactics, his Vision lacking second gear. However Jim McGaughay hustled his FES Thundersports past

the flag first.

To close the meeting, Hugh Chalmers turned out in the Ecurie Ecosse Manta for the Mod Sports event, but had to suffer the attentions of Ian Forrest snapping at his tail in the Novafone Davrian. This left Steven Jeffries, now Davrian mounted, as a spectator in third place, with the similar mount of Olly Ross some 4secs in arrears. Next up were the big saloons, Alistair Cunningham getting the better of Tom Bell whose Sierra appeared to be lacking in the handling department. John Gallacher kept his Midget ahead of Ray MacDowall.

BILL HENDERSON

Champion at last