

Slick Fyda

INGLISTON, May 11: Those who braved the gusty but dry and sunny afternoon were rewarded with a large entry providing some fine racing in an expeditiously run 10-event programme.

The opening FF1600 Junior Championship found Kenny Brown rocketing from pole, his colourful Rotor JT3 harried throughout by the menacing black Reynard of Knockhill's Derek Butcher, the pair leaving third place a lottery between chargers Angus McPherson (Crossle), Alex Knox, swapping places and Duncan Hughes, after they had dropped the ancient Crossle of Ian Morrison. Fraser Greenwood claimed sixth in his Van Diemen well ahead of a rapidly improving Scott Goodfellow.

Despite Stuart Gray getting the power down first off the line, David Leslie was soon into his stride in the Howard Fowler Capri and blew off the rest of the Modsports and Saloons. Tom Bell hung on grimly with his Chevette which trailed a blue smoke haze as the race progressed. Gray's Europa was in more serious trouble, a misfire dropping him down. The Caterham 7 of Allan McGregor was swamped by the charging Marcos of Roger Ealand, the latter collecting a new class record, and being emulated by Hamish Irvine pushing his brother's Sheraton Hotel Golf GTI to a similar honour in the small saloon class. This pair were elevated when Ray MacDowall was blackflagged from third as his Sunbeam sprayed petrol from the filler cap.

The local drivers showed the way to the National Clubmans Championship contenders which attracted the two main constructors in the presence of Paul Gibson and Richard Mallock. However Fyda benefitted from a set of Dunlops from Gibson to slam his Vision away from Kenny Allen, a task eased for the leader when the 'old' Vision broke a roll bar, but still kept a 3secs cushion to Gibson. Vernon Davies (Mallock 27) prevented an all Vision order, while Tony Pouyanne collected sixth place his Silver Phantom trailing Eric Paterson. Nick Bridge had the measure of Andy Smith in the 'B' group with Richard Mallock next up after a practice crash rebuild, which was only just completed in time for the race.



