

Tom Brown's day

BUSINESS was pretty much as usual at Ingliston on May 6, when SMRC held the third round of the various Scottish racing championships. John Fyda had no problems in winning the sports car race with Kenny Allen in the pits, while Jim Stevenson had an easy enough time of it with *libre* opponent George McMillan elsewhere. The road car races proved as exciting as ever, although there is a risk that things may be getting too hairy in this field of motor racing.

Tony Gemmell took his PRS to a fine win in the FF1600 Junior event, with Harry Minty finishing just three seconds behind him. Ralph Halley held second for a while before spinning at Caravan, which left him fourth behind Ken Dyer.

The Agra Mallocks of John Fyda and Kenny Allen shared the front row of the sports car grid, but any chance of a close race was out of the window well before the Esses, as the plugs in Allen's car were playing up. He spent five laps in the pits, during which time Fyda established an enormous lead. Eric Paterson, running in the class for the first time, was a distant second ahead of Class B winner Alex Dobbie and Formula Ford driver Peter Jamieson in the Ecurie Ecosse Chevron.

The road sports car grid was once again augmented by various saloon cars. Derek Butcher led off the line in his Lotus Seven, followed by Roger Ealand's Rolatruc Marcos and Andrew Forrest's Dutton. Forrest retired after four laps, but Butcher and Ealand continued their dice, each taking a bit out of the category's lap record. Jimmy Fleming's Celica led the saloons home in third, followed very closely by Olly Ross's Escort estate and Brendan MacKiven in his smart new Irish Clan.

Not for the first time, Tom Brown's Scottish Road Services Crosslé led off the line in an FF1600 Senior race and eased away to win by just under three seconds. Peter Jamieson, back in his usual class, kept Neil Cochrane's attractive Lola behind him at first, but Cochrane was lapping quicker and dived inside under braking for Arena on lap six.

With no comparable machinery to worry about, Jim Stevenson was able to take things gently in the *libre* race. His Ralt RT4 spent a good deal of the time coughing to itself, but not

seriously enough to put him in any danger from John Fyda, who was, however, going very well in his Mallock. John Mackie managed to keep Kenny Allen's Mallock happy for the full 15 laps to finish a rather lonely third. Stephen Robertson took the FF2000 group after a race-long dice with Derek Palmer.

Ron Cumming made a fine start in his Claymore Shellfish Esprit and was pushing Jim McGaughay's Forth Electrical (Stirling) Lancia Toleman for much of the way, but McGaughay was soon out of sight and Cumming had to content himself with second. Bill Paul, having only his second race in the ex-Andy Barton AC after several years' retirement, drove briskly to third place ahead of Ian Forrest, who put in a class-winning performance in his Drambui Imp.

The Road Saloon race had a very interesting start when poleman Hugh Chalmers missed a gear in his Sunbeam Lotus. Behind him, Olly Ross braked and just missed the Sunbeam's boot; Jimmy Fleming braked and missed by even less; and from there to the back of the grid nobody missed anybody, to the detriment of several body panels. The other column of cars was held up by Niall Mulloy's Opel, which didn't manage to complete a lap... and so, once the dust had cleared, it was Chalmers leading from Ross and Fleming, with the rest following in various sideways attitudes. Chalmers drove beautifully to win by 15 seconds, while Fleming for once failed to keep up with Ross. **D.F.**

FF1600 Junior — 10 laps: 1, T. Gemmell (PRS 82F) 9m 02.5s (68.35 mph); 2, H. Minty (PRS 79F); 3, K. Dyer (PRS 79/80); 4, R. Halley (Royale Halley RP24). Fastest lap: Minty, 53.1s (69.83 mph).

Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, J. Fyda (1.7 Agra Mallock Mk. 24) 9m 24.8s (78.78 mph); 2, E. Paterson (1.7 Mallock Mk. 20/21); 3, A. Dobbie (1.6 Mallock Mk. 20B); 4, P. Jamieson (2.0 Chevron B54). Fastest laps: Fyda, 45.9s

(80.78 mph); Dobbie, 51.8s (71.58 mph); Jamieson, 51.2s (72.42 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, D. Butcher (1.6 Lotus Seven) 11m 56.4s (62.11 mph); 2, R. Ealand (2.0 Marcos GT); 3, J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica); 4, O. Ross (2.0 Escort Estate). Fastest laps: Butcher, 58.5s (63.38 mph) new class record; Ealand, 58.4s (63.49 mph) new class record.

FF1600 Senior — 12 laps: 1, T. Brown (Crossle 55F) 10m 33.2s (70.27 mph); 2, N. Cochrane (Lola Harris T642E); 3, P. Jamieson (PRS); 4, D. Butcher (Van Diemen RF81). Fastest lap: Cochrane, 51.9s (71.45 mph) equals class record.

Formula Libre — 15 laps: 1, J. Stevenson (2.0 Ralt RT4) 11m 32.2s (80.35 mph); 2, J. Fyda (1.7 Agra Mallock Mk. 24); 3, J. Mackie (1.7 Agra

Mallock Mk. 24); 4, B. Drummond (1.7 Mallock). Fastest laps: Fyda, 45.4s (81.67 mph); Stevenson, 45.2s (82.04 mph); D. Palmer (2.0 Reynard SF81) 50.0s (74.16 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1, J. McGaughay (2.0 Lancia Toleman) 9m 53.0s (75.04 mph); 2, R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit); 3, B. Paul (2.0 AC 3000ME); 4, I. Forrest (1.0 Drambuie Imp). Fastest laps: Forrest, 51.2s (72.42 mph); A. Young (1.5 Agra Scirocco) 52.1s (71.17 mph); McGaughay, 47.4s (78.23 mph).

Road Saloon Cars — 12 laps: 1, H. Chalmers (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus) 12m 19.5s (60.17 mph); 2, O. Ross (2.0 Escort Estate); 3, J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica); 4, W. Robertson (3.0 BMW). Fastest laps: Fleming, 62.6s (59.23 mph); Chalmers, 60.3s (61.49 mph).