

Low on a high

INGLSTON, Aug 16: After a wet morning practice which contributed to considerable damage and delays, the GM Dealersport meeting enjoyed dull but dry weather and enabled Hamish Ogilvie to get below his own Road Sports record in his chase to overwhelm Allan McGregor.

The FF1600 opener promised well and did not disappoint. Despite Roy Low leading from lap 1 in his Tarduff Motors Crossle-Taylor, his lead was such as to allow no relaxation and he only pulled away from Ewan Buchan and Colin Harper with great difficulty. Mike MacPherson made up the leading quartet, making a return to racing in a beautifully prepared Van Diemen and pulling away from Geordie Taylor and Alex Knox.

Despite starting in the midst of a 13 car field of Road Sports Cars, Hamish Ogilvie was immediately a strong presence and, mindful of this, Allan McGregor stormed ahead of poleman Simon Frost. Nevertheless he couldn't hold off Ogilvie for ever and eventually was soundly beaten by over 3secs. Tom McCallum held off a solid phalanx led by the Europa of Peter Jeffrey after John Peace leapfrogged his Dutton into fourth and Russell Paterson spun his Westfield into the mid field. Frost was luckier to hold his third position after straight-lining left-hander.

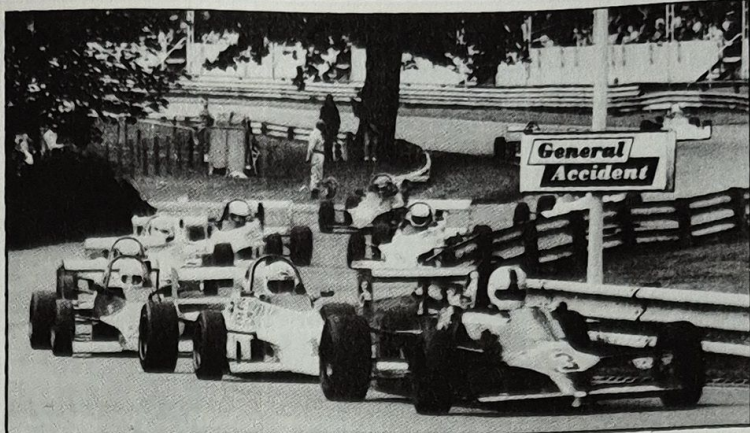
The over 1600 Road Saloon event was again dominated by the Royal Mail Parcels Opel Manta, driven impeccably by Hugh Chalmers who put a considerable amount of daylight between himself and the Chevette of Tom Bell. Raddy Sarafilovic took third place, having earlier disposed of the similar Sunbeam of Alistair Cunningham.

David Leslie had his annual drive in the Tredaire Swift blasting off the FF2000 grid to leave the championship contenders to battle out second place in their Reynards. Stewart Roden held sway for most of the 12 laps in the ANC (Scotland) car with Tom Brown swapping third with David Duffield, while Cameron Binnie waited for a gap. By the twelfth lap the battle for second boiled up, with Duffield crossing the line about 6secs behind the flying Leslie while Tom Brown just pipped Binnie who also had out-fumbled Stewart Roden.

Although Alistair McCarter had his sights set on victory, his Mini was overwhelmed at the start of the up to 1600cc Road Saloons by the standard Fiesta of Alan Keith, who, mindful that Ray MacDowall was charging behind him in the ECM Vehicle Delivery version, was overwhelmed and dropped 3secs in arrears. Mike Rattray claimed third, his Escort holding off the modified Avenger of Glen Mortimer, its pace undiminished thanks to some hectic lunch-time ministrations.

The FF1600 championship race lost some of its sting when Allan McNish eliminated his Van Diemen in front of the grandstand attempting to snatch the lead from Cameron Binnie, by taking the outside line on the green stuff. Harvey Gillanders and Laurie Hughes did not make the restart, in which Binnie eased away from Colin Birkbeck who pulled his Van Diemen off after five laps with ignition bothers. This elevated Ewan Buchan who resisted intense pressure from Roy Low.

Ian Forrest, lightened by the loss of his appendix a week earlier, drove a



Thankfully the hoarding was not prophetic - Leslie's Swift scoring a comfortable win.

stroming six laps to lead the GTs in his Drambaie Imp. Alas his car was not as healthy as its driver, as it did a stripe-tease, shedding bodywork and rear window, before retiring with a damaged windscreen and loose rear wheel. This left Eric Munnoch following the white Davrian of Brian Fletcher for four laps before he stormed to the front, soon to be emulated by Kenny Coleman who brought his Esprit home in second. Poor Ron Cumming cruised his big Esprit around for fourth place championship points, the car constantly plagued by fuel pressure problems.

An eight car field participated in the Clubman Sports race which was enlivened by the battle between Jim McGaughay and the Vision of John Fyda. This was resolved on the penultimate lap when the Clubmans car was forced onto the marbles during an attempt to overtake a backmarker

entering the Esses. Eric Paterson ran a fast but lonely third throughout, well clear of the dice which saw Alex Dobbie snatch the inside line at Arena from the similar Mallock of Allen Johns. Jimmy Patrick headed the 'B' Clubman's from Jim Irwin and Bill Carr.

The modified Cars championship event was highlighted by a fantastic lead battle which had the Evanton Garage Davrian of Martin Dunn tucked under the boot of the Manta driven by Walter Robertson until he annexed the line into Arena on the penultimate lap to run out victor by a bare second. Hamish Ogilvie settled for third in his Caterham as Colin Simpson kept his smoky Escort going to the flag safely ahead of a delighted John McIntyre whose Chevette had overwhelmed that of Tom Bell.

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Saginaw/Sol Tom Brown Racing School Scottish FF1600 (12 laps) (provisional): 1, Roy Low (Crossle Taylor 62F), 10m31.2s, 70.49mph; 2, Colin Harper (Van Diemen), 10m32.5s; 3, Ewan Buchan (Reynard-Minister), 10m36.2s; 4, Mike MacPherson (Van Diemen RF85), 10m38.0s; 5, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen RF84), 10m45.9s; 6, Alex Knox (Van Diemen RF79), 10m56.7s. **Fastest lap:** Taylor, 51.6s, 71.86mph.

Data General Computers Road Sports Car (12 laps): 1, Hamish Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m44.1s, 63.20mph; 2, Allan McGregor (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m47.6s; 3, Simon Frost (1.6 Lotus 7), 11m55.5s; 4, John Peace (2.1 Dutton B+), 12m16.2s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Ogilvie; 2, McGregor; 3, Frost. **Fastest lap:** Ogilvie, 55.9s, 66.33mph (record). **Over 1600cc:** 1, Peace; 2, Tom McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8); 3, Dougie Anderson (3.1 Dutton Praeton). **Fastest lap:** Peace, 59.5s, 62.32mph.

GM Dealer Road Saloons over 1600cc (12 laps): 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.3 Opel Manta), 11m27.0s, 64.77mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.3 Chevette), 12m09.6s; 3, Raddy Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 12m10.9s; 4, John McIntyre (2.3 Chevette), 12m14.4s; 5, Simon Fraser (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 11m37.2s; 6, Ian Gordon (1.8 VW Golf), 11m40.3s. **Fastest lap:** Chalmers, 56.2s, 65.98mph.

Andrews Heat for Hire Scottish FF2000 (12 laps): 1, David Leslie (2.0 Swift DB4), 9m46.6s, 75.88mph; 2, David Duffield (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m52.3s; 3, Tom Brown (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m57.4s; 4, Cameron Binnie (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m57.7s; 5, Stewart Roden (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 9m58.0s; 6, Keith Wickham (2.0 Reynard 86SF), 10m05.8s. **Fastest lap:** Leslie, 48.1s, 77.09mph.

Surehard Road Saloons up to 1600cc (12 laps): 1, Ray MacDowall (1.6 Fiesta), 12m05.9s, 61.30mph; 2, Alan Keith (1.6 Fiesta), 12m08.8s; 3, Mike Rattray (1.6 Escort), 12m15.9s; 4, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Avenger), 12m16.4s; 5, James Mackay (1.3 Mini), 12m31.1s; 6, Derek Hastings (1.0 Imp), 12m31.6s. **Fastest lap:** MacDowall, 59.2s, 62.64mph.

Mobil MacAndrews for Citroën Scottish FF1600 (12 laps): 1, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF86), 10m27.0s, 70.96mph; 2, Ewan Buchan (Reynard-Minister), 10m30.5s; 3, Roy Low (Crosse Taylor 82F), 10m31.5s; 4, Colin Harper (Van Diemen), 10m31.8s; 5, Mike MacPherson (Van Diemen RF85), 10m45.9s; 6, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen RF84), 10m49.0s. **Fastest lap:** Binnie, 51.7s, 71.72mph.

Sportstune Town & County Rentals Scottish GTs (12 laps): 1, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m26.5s, 71.02mph; 2, Kenny Coleman (1.0 Esprit), 10m28.2s; 3, Brian Fletcher (1.0 Davrian Mk8), 10m33.2s; 4, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 10m58.9s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Munnoch; 2, Coleman; 3, Fletcher. **Fastest lap:** Coleman, 51.0s, 72.71mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, Cumming. **Fastest lap:** Cumming, 64.7s, 57.31mph.

British Telecom Mobile Phone Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish Sports Cars (12 laps): 1, Jim McGaughay (2.0 FES Thundersport), 7m56.5s, 77.82mph; 2, John Fyda (1.7 Vision), 7m57.1s; 3, Eric Paterson (1.7 Vision), 8m10.6s; 4, Alex Dobbie (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 8m21.1s. **Clubman 'A':** 1, Fyda; 2, Paterson; 3, Dobbie. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 46.4s, 79.91mph. **Clubman 'B':** 1, Jimmy Patrick (1.6 Mallock U2 Mk25); 2, Jim Irwin (1.6 Mallock 20/24); 3, Bill Carr (1.6 Mallock Mk16). **Fastest lap:** Patrick, 51.1s, 72.56mph. **Sports:** 1, McGaughay. **Fastest lap:** McGaughay, 46.7s, 79.40mph.

Penland Component Parts, McLaren Homes Scottish Modified Cars (12 laps): 1, Martin Dunn (1.0 Davrian), 10m55.3s, 67.90mph; 2, Walter Robertson (2.3 Opel Manta), 10m56.3s; 3, Hamish Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7), 11m18.6s; 4, Colin Simpson (2.1 Esprit), 11m29.5s. **Sports Cars:** 1, Dunn; 2, Ogilvie; 3, Gordon Clarke (1.6 Sylva). **Fastest lap:** Dunn, 53.0s, 69.96mph. **Saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Robertson; 2, Simpson; 3, John McIntyre (2.3 Chevette). **Fastest lap:** Robertson, 53.5s, 69.31mph. **Saloons under 1600cc:** 1, Ray MacDowall (1.6 Fiesta). **Fastest lap:** MacDowall, 57.8s, 64.15mph.

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Austin Rover National Mini Miglias (7 laps) - overall & Class A: 1, Russell Gray, 14m22.13s, 86.78mph; 2, Chris Lewis, 14m22.30s; 3, Danny Allpress, 14m22.48s; 4, Peter Allen, 14m35.30s; 5, Mark Jones, 14m38.28s; 6, Richard Colburn, 14m46.52s. **Fastest lap:** Allpress, 2m00.83s, 88.45mph (record). **Mini Se7ens:** 1, Chris Tyrell, 15m25.07s, 80.87mph; 2, Tina Cooper, 15m25.85s; 3, Steve Cooper, 15m44.23s (record). **Fastest lap:** Tyrell, 2m09.75s, 82.37mph (record). *Including 10secs penalty.

Esso MG Metro Turbos (10 laps): 1, Dave Loudoun, 19m25.51s, 91.70mph; 2, Peter Baldwin, 19m25.66s; 3, Martin Perrett, 19m49.60s; 4, Phil Manser, 19m49.72s; 5, Chris Gould, 19m54.42s; 6, Vic Covey, 19m54.71s. **Fastest lap:** Loudoun, 1m55.86s, 92.25mph (record).

Multipart Supertruck Trophy (12 laps): 1, Slim Borgudd (Volvo White Boss II), 25m42.76s, 82.10mph; 2, Curt Goransson (Volvo N12), 25m45.71s; 3, Heinz Dehndhardt (Mercedes Benz 1644S), 25m55.78s; 4, Rod Chapman (Ford Cargo L10), 26m00.82s; 5, Richard Walker (Leyland Roadtranz), 26m07.64s; 6, Willie Green (ERF E14), 26m24.17s. **Fastest lap:** Borgudd, 2m07.34s, 82.88mph.