

Hibernation ends

THE NEW season of Scottish motor racing got off to a low-key start with SMRC's closed permit, non-championship event, in order to let drivers wake up from their hibernation and, as it turned out, get some practice in the wet.

Tom Brown led a field of very nervous Formula Ford drivers for the first race, followed to begin with by Peter Jamieson. Colin Harper soon took his place and trailed Brown by about two seconds thereafter. Harvey Gillanders was third until Mike MacPherson slipped through at the hairpin on the last lap.

Poleman for the road sports car race was Iain Gardner, who made a terrible start in his Caterham and ended lap one behind John Mackie's Elan and Graham McCallum's Porsche. While Mackie sailed on to his first race win in 20 years Gardner passed McCallum but only pulled away significantly when McCallum was baulked by backmarkers.

Kenny Allen made another dramatic start in the sports car race and

led John Fyda into the Esses. Fyda tried too hard to get back and missed Lethander first time around. He set some fantastic lap times clawing his way back to second, but was still some way behind Allen at the flag.

The road saloons up to 1600 cc featured, in order at the end of lap one, Olly Ross's new Fiesta, Andrew Jeffrey's new Nova, Iain Gardner's new 205 GTi and Jimmy Fleming's new colour scheme on the Wee Celica. Ross held the lead until lap seven when he met a backmarker at Caravan. Jeffrey took a chance and got through after nudging the Fiesta. A lap later, Gardner went off at the hairpin, and Fleming came up to third with fastest lap to his credit.

Cameron Binnie and Roy Low appeared at the head of an FF1600 grid

FF1600 — 12 laps: 1. T. Brown (Crosbie 55F), 13m 46.3s (53.85 mph); 2. C. Harper (Van Diemen RF78); 3. M. MacPherson (Van Diemen); 4. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85); 5. A. Mutter (Van Diemen RF82); 6. K. McCormick (Spartan FF80/81). Fastest lap: Brown, 67.3s (55.09 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. J. Mackie (1.6 Lotus Elan), 13m 52.5s (53.45 mph); 2. I. Gardner (1.6 Caterham 7); 3. G. McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911); 4. A. Graham (1.0 Ginetta G15). Over 1600 cc: 1. McCallum, 14m 17.0s (51.92 mph); 2. B. Hill (1.6 Dutton TC); 3. B. Carr (1.8 MGB). Fastest lap: McCallum, 70.0s (52.97 mph). Up to 1600 cc: 1. Mackie; 2. Gardner; 3. Graham. Fastest lap: Mackie, 67.4s (55.01 mph).

Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. K. Allen (1.7 Vision 84A), 11m 38.8s (63.67 mph); 2. J. Fyda (1.7 Mallock Mk24); 3. A. Smith (1.6 Vision 84B); 4. L. Duncan (1.7 Vision 85). Sports Cars: 1. G. Young (2.0 Tiga), 12m 06.8s (56.12 mph). Fastest lap: Young, 63.5s (58.39 mph). Clubmans A: 1. Allen; 2. Fyda; 3. Duncan. Fastest lap: Fyda, 55.6s (66.69 mph). Clubmans B: 1. Smith, 12m 18.1s (63.06 mph). Fastest lap: Smith, 58.8s (63.06 mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600 cc: 1. A. Jeffrey (1.3 Vauxhall Nova), 13m 34.3s (54.64 mph); 2. O. Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 3. J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica); 4. C. Conway (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 5. B. Lyle (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 6. D. Fontenot (1.3 Ford Escort). Fastest lap: Fleming, 66.5s (55.76 mph).

FF1600 — 12 laps: 1. C. Binnie (Van Diemen RF84), 13m 15.2s (55.96 mph); 2. R. Low (PRS 81F); 3. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85); 4. C. Harper (Van Diemen RF78); 5. T. Brown (Crosbie 55F); 6. M. MacPherson (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: Binnie, 64.5s (57.49 mph).

FF2000 and Formula Libre — 12 laps: 1. J. Fyda (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 11m 19.2s (65.51 mph); 2. A. Houston (1.6 Chevron B54); 3. A. Dobbie (1.7 Mallock Mk24B); 4. S. Robertson (Reynard 84SF). FF2000: 1. Robertson, 11m 38.1s (58.43 mph); 2. D. Duffield (Mondiale); 3. H. Minty (Van Diemen RF83). Fastest lap: Duffield, 61.4s (60.39 mph). Libre: 1. Fyda; 2. Houston; 3. Dobbie. Fastest lap: Fyda, 55.1s (67.30 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1. J. McGaughey (2.0 Lancia Tempra), 11m 43.8s (63.22 mph); 2. I. Forrest (1.0 Daimler Imp); 3. B. Paul (2.0 AC 3000ME); 4. J. Bothamley (1.0 Davrian Mk8). Over 1000 cc: 1. McGaughey; 2. Paul; 3. R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit). Fastest lap: McGaughey, 55.7s (66.57 mph). Up to 1000 cc: 1. Forrest, 11m 54.1s (62.31 mph); 2. Bothamley; 3. R. Gauld (1.0 Davrian Mk8). Fastest lap: Forrest, 57.0s (65.05 mph).

Road Saloons over 1600 cc — 12 laps: 1. H. Chalmers (2.2 Vauxhall Chevette), 13m 10.7s (56.27 mph); 2. I. Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 3. R. MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 4. S. Jefferies (1.7 Ford Escort); 5. T. Bell (3.0 Ford Capri); 6. H. Fowler (3.0 Ford Capri). Fastest lap: MacDowall, 64.5s (57.49 mph).

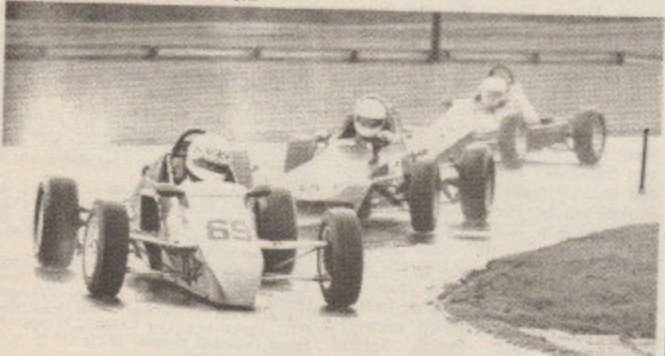
at Ingliston for the first time in a couple of years, and circled in that order all the way. Tom Brown was a second slower than he had been earlier, and finished behind Harvey Gillanders and Colin Harper.

John Fyda's Mallock won the libre event easily from Andrew Houston's 1600 Chevron and Alex Dobbie's Mallock. Stephen Robertson led FF2000 all the way, in spite of a last-minute pounce by Dave Duffield in the Ecurie Ecosse Mondiale.

One of the day's more unusual battles was in the GT race, between Jim McGaughey's Lancia and Ian Forrest's Imp. McGaughey got away well, ahead of Bill Paul in the AC and Ron Cumming's quieter than usual Esprit. The latter pair touched at Southstand on lap two, leaving Forrest second and in a position to take the lead when the Lancia started having hiccups on lap four. The Imp could hardly be expected to win once McGaughey recovered, though Forrest held on gamely for five laps.

A temporarily car-less Hugh Chalmers was invited to drive a similarly driver-less Ecurie Ecosse Chevette, and won with it in familiar style in the large road saloons race. Ian Bruce stayed very close in his Sunbeam Lotus, and Ray MacDowall's similar machine managed to collect a surprising number of battle scars for a car that had been in third place all the way. D.F.

BACK at the head of an Ingliston FF grid, Cameron Binnie led the second 1600 race from start to finish.



CARLESS Hugh Chalmers "borrowed" the Ecurie Ecosse Chevette and took a fine win in Road Saloons. Here second man Ian Bruce gives valiant chase.