

Records day at Ingliston

Six different records were broken on Sunday at Ingliston, and another three were equalled.

James Forsyth and Geordie Taylor lined up on the front row of the newly positioned grid for the **Formula Ford 1600** race. Forsyth's pole time set the tone for the day, being under the lap record, which he then broke in the race. The format of the Formula Ford encounter was a double-header, although unlike the BTCC, the times were totalled to create a cushion over Taylor and Amanda Whitaker. Amanda had to fight to maintain her place, whilst losing touch with Taylor, as Stuart Thorburn challenged. Taylor, although obviously trying, made no impression on Jim's lead. The biggest battle was for the next three places with Neil Fisher, David Taylor and Alan Brunton. Race two was almost a mirror image of the first, only Thorburn beat Whitaker into third.

The **SMRC 2CVs** produced what was probably the day's best entertainment. Graham Harper was in a typically confident mood prior to the race and was encouraged by a tail wind down the straight, which he felt might give lap times between one and one and a half seconds quicker. This he proved by setting a new lap record. It didn't, however, ensure his victory, an enforced excursion at Lefthander put paid to that. Cameron Ritchie and Willie Paterson made blinding starts to lead Harper by Caravan. This trio exchanged the lead regularly and finished in the order Paterson, Harper,

Ritchie.

Bill Wood and Alex Dobbie predictably pulled well clear of the field in the **Kit Cars, Road Sports Cars and Scottish Sports Cars** event, leaving Dobbie to win and equal the lap record. Michael Higson led the Westfields as Brian Sarafilovic struggled with a badly understeering car, but nonetheless equalled the lap record. Gordon Clarke and Nigel Singleton disagreed at Lefthander, taking themselves off.

Robert Mitchell qualified beneath the lap record in the **Road Saloons** to take pole with Robert Thompson's Nova down in fourth. The latter's car looked very unbalanced, hopping around the circuit, but was nonetheless quick in the race, leading Lefthander on the first lap, until the chequered flag and picking up a lap record on the way. The battle for under 1400cc honours was intense and was concentrated between Olly Ross and Richard Dobson. After Olly ran into the back of Dobson's AX in the Stadium, Richard clawed his way back to a class win and another new lap record.

The **Historic Cars** provided an excellent end to a great day's racing. A cornucopia of bygone machinery was lined up to do battle. Allan McGregor, in his Cooper T43 and 'period' overalls, unsurprisingly sprinted away from the rest of the field, allowing the heavier vehicles to fight it out amongst themselves. Aubrey Brocklebank in his Morgan and Campbell McLaren in his Jaguar SS100 both set lap records.

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