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first garland and held on to take his just reward.

Nigel Petch's MGC was always going to have a hard time trying to beat the Davis brothers in their Maestros. Grahame, standing in for the holidaying Darryl, swept to victory leaving Rae to make life difficult for Petch who could power past on the main straight but had to give best to the FWD car in the corners, finally finishing third.

John Wardle took advantage of the now drying track to lead away the Formula Es helped by starting on the drier racing line. Austin Kinsella harried the leader in the opening laps, but once Wardle got into the swing of things Kinsella had to settle for second place. Malcolm Barfoot fought back over the final lap to reclaim third from Mike Gardner.

The battle between Terry Heley and Richard Ward was cut short after three laps in the Pre-'57 Classic Saloon race, when Andy Sharpe rolled at Riches. In the second part, Heley's Zephyr easily kept ahead of Ward's Alfa to take victory with Chris Logue handing Jonathan Connolly third after two late-race spins.

The Jaguar and Replicar event was also stopped when Nigel Forsyth clobbered the bank hard at Coram's. When racing resumed Don Miles held sway over Andrew Hannah, but Hannah found room to take his XJ6 past Miles at Riches with two laps left. To everyone's amazement Miles took back the lead on the final lap right in the middle of Russell bend, how he found room is still a mystery.

LEWIS BEALES

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INGLSTON, Sep 17: Despite an adverse forecast, the weather contrived to pleasantly surprise the SMRC for their penultimate six race meeting at which each event was stretched to 15 laps.

Although Olly Ross blasted off in his Davrian in the open Modsports and Saloon race, Ian Bruce charged his Darrien past the Elan of Roddie Paterson then the Manta of Alister Cunningham before catching Ross and taking the lead on the third lap.

Cunningham suffered Paterson in his slip-stream throughout, Paterson in turn watched by a handily placed Dougie Anderson, fifth in his UVA CanAm, while Duncan Fisher's Imp ably fended off the Novaphone Davrian of son Neil which eventually gave way to the rumbling TVR Tuscan of Carl Tweedie.

All the polishing by his pit crew paid off in a brilliant victory for Colin Harper, his lone Swift exploding away from the rest of the FF1600 field. Thomas Irvine also made a super start into second place, emphasising his season long prowess by fending off Cameron Binnie, as Jim Forsyth, continuing his penchant for swopping ends, dropped from the reckoning, promoting Louis di Resta, Colin Birkbeck, Geordie Taylor, Campbell Chisholm and Bryan Gowans.

They all moved up a couple of places when the ferocity of the second place battle came to touching distance, eliminating both Binne and Irvine.

From a healthy grid of Fiesta dominated Road Saloons, Alan Keith and Kevin Tawse had to content themselves squabbling for second place as Iain Gardner opened up a huge lead only easing as the race ran out as he suspected trouble with a CV joint.

A rash of non-starters depleted the Road Sports to six, but Stuart Gray powered off his Westfield to dictate the pace from the Manta of Alister Cunningham, who was spurred on to a class record as he eased away from the Ginetta G27 of John Peace, all lapping the Sylva of Gordon Clarke and the MGB of Roy Licence.

With only a five car grid of FF2000's, Cameron Binnie put a considerable amount of daylight between his Silver-

screen Reynard and the Knockhill version of Derek Butcher, who was being inexorably caught by Robert Mitchell's older Reynard, while Kenny Coleman drove his heart out chasing this second place duel, but to no avail.

A Clubmans and GT mix made up the closing event, enlivened by pairing Ricky Gould with the big 3.4 Lotus Esprit, courtesy of Ron Cumming whose AC 3000 all but separated the clubman cars of John Fyda and Allen Johns, in a restarted race, after Charles Campbell's Davrian and Ian Sharp's Stiletto - Ford tangled. However Cumming did well to wrestle the AC to a halt when his rear suspension collapsed on the opening lap, elevating Derek Ferguson, who held on to third despite a quick spin in his Mallock. Gould acquainted himself to the husky Esprit, in fourth place, until it unaccountably died after 8 laps. This inspired a lapped Reg Forester Smith to thrust his Marquiss Mallock past Keith Bowmaker with Class B leader Mike Upton hanging on behind.

BILL HENDERSON

MONDELLO PARK

Classic Sports Cars (10 laps): 1, Denis Howard (MG 12m55.1s; 3, Dominic Peel (MG Midget), 13m14.4s; 4, Pe (MG Midget), 13m55.5s; 6, Frank Nutall (Ford Sp 59.07mph.

Pre-'74 FF1600s: 1, Derek Pullman (Merlyn 72 10m54.2s; 3, Pete Gillam (Elden), 10m59.8s; 4, Pe (Lotus), 11m04.9s; 6, Stuart Tilley (Merlyn), 11m14.8s.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - heat one (10 laps): 1, V. Michael Merrigan (Mondiale M88S), 10m25.0s; 3, Do Dempsey Jr (Royale RP26), 10m26.9s; 5, Richard (Mondiale M86S), 10m42.0s. **Fastest lap:** Daly, 1m00.0s.

Squeez Formula VW (10 laps): 1, Stephen Pype (Sheane), 11m27.6s; 3, Colm Burke (Sheane), 11m2 Conroy (Sheane), 11m30.5s; 6, John Ruddy (She 67.17mph.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - heat two (10 laps): 1, To 2, Alan McGarrity (Van Diemen RF89), 10m34.7s; 3, Daly (Reynard 89FF), 10m45.0s; 5, Aldo Morelli (Van 10m48.9s. **Fastest lap:** McGarrity, 1m01.7s, 72.40mp

Squeez Formula VW (10 laps): 1, Gerry O'Reilly (Sheane), 11m13.9s; 3, Dave Waters (Sheane), 11m2 Sheane (Sheane), 11m35.2s; 6, Tony Gillespie (Sh 68.04mph.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - heat three (10 laps): 1, P. Edgar (Mondiale M88S), 10m23.6s; 3, Brendan McK (Van Diemen), 10m39.7s; 5, Owen Hayes (Mondiale M 10m42.5s. **Fastest lap:** Duffy, 1m01.1s, 73.02mp.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - heat four (10 laps): 1, Fi Alastair Johnston (Mondiale M88S), 10m25.5s; 3, Bill 10m34.2s; 5, John West (Mondiale), 10m36.8s; 6, R. lapp: Murray, 1m00.8s, 73.38mph.

M+D Engineering Fiat 'B' (10 laps): 1, Niki Potter (128 3P), 13m27.0s; 3, Chris Tormey (Ritmo), 13m Tracey (128 3P), 13m37.3s; 6, Peter Geraghty (128 57.29mph.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - Semi Final One (10 la 10m23.4s; 3, Duffy, 10m23.8s; 4, McKenna, 10m2 **Fastest lap:** Daly, 1m00.4s, 73.79mph.

Ford of Ireland FF1600 - Semi Final Two (10 la 10m22.1s; 3, West, 10m42.6s; 4, Derek M Daly, 10r **Fastest lap:** Murray, 1m00.7s, 73.53mph.

Squeez Formula VW Challenge Handicap (8 la Robert Dewhurst (Scarab), 9m29.3s; 3, John Mitc 9m35.9s; 5, David Hutchinson (Scarab), 9m36.6s; 6, s given.

M+D Engineering Fiat Final (10 laps): 1, Eug Johnston (Ritmo), 13m01.0s; 3, Mervyn Millar (Rit Christy Connolly (Ritmo), 13m06.0s; 6, Michael L 1m16.6s, 58.29mph.

Pat Farrell Car Sales GTs (10 laps): 1, Peter Fau Keaney (TMC Costin), 10m07.9s; 3, George Croz 10m53.8s; 5, Robbie Norton (Imp), 10m25.6s; 6, F. Faulkner, 59.8s, 74.71mph.

Squeez Formula VW Challenge Handicap (10 la 11m36.1s; 3, Hutchinson, 11m37.0s; 4, Dewhurst, Conroy, 11m45.7s. **Fastest lap:** O'Reilly, 1m05.0s, 6

Production Saloons (10 laps): 1, Frank O'Riordan Tuthill (Ford Escort RS Turbo), 11m30.3s; 3, Jerr Michael Fitzgerald (Ford Capri), 11m55.0s. **Up to** 12m08.3s; 2, Michael Mahon (Toyota Corolla GT), 11m11.5s, 62.38mph. **1601cc-2000cc:** 1, O'Rourke Derek Walsh (Peugeot 205 GTI), 12m01.0s. **Fastest** Tuthill; 2, O'Riordan; 3, Fitzgerald. **Fastest lap:** Tuthi

FF2000s (15 laps): 1, Leslie Wright (Reynard 89 86SF), 14m30.2s; 3, David Wright (Reynard 88SF), Trevor Walsh (Swift), 15m06.2s; 6, Fernon deMon 78.19mph.

Goal Celebrity Race: 1, Rosemary Smith (Fiat Ri 6m46.2s; 3, Colm Doherty (Fiat Ritmo), 6m54.3s; 4, (Fiat 128 3P), 7m00.7s; 6, Tom Mahon (Fiat Ritmo), 53.1mph.

Formula Ford Festival (20 laps): 1, Murray, 20m 20m44.2s; 4, Johnston, 20m54.0s; 5, McKenna, 1m00.4s, 73.82mph.

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Sportstune Modsports and Saloons (15 laps): 1, Ian Bruce (2.0 Darrien), 13m17.92s; 2, Olly Ross (1.0 Davrian Mk 7/8), 13m32.49s; 3, Alister Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 13m38.79s; 4, Roddie Paterson (1.9 Lotus Elan), 13m38.80s. **Modsports:** 1, Bruce; 2, Ross; 3, Paterson. **Fastest lap:** Bruce, 51.52s, 71.97mph. **Mod saloons over 1600cc:** 1, Cunningham, only starter. **Fastest lap:** 53.42s, 69.41mph. **Mod saloons up to 1600cc:** 1, Duncan Fisher (1.0 Imp); 2, Neil Fisher (1.0 Novaphone Davrian); 3, Ian Shepherd (1.6 Toyota Corolla). **Fastest lap:** Fisher 54.00s, 68.67mph (record).

Tom Brown Junior and Shell Gemini Senior FF1600s (15 laps): 1, Colin Harper (Swift FB88), 12m52.16s; 2, Louis di Resta (Van Diemen RF88), 13m06.93s; 3, Geordie Taylor (Van Diemen RF87), 13m13.01s; 4, Campbell Chisholm (Van Diemen RF87), 13m14.23s; 5, Colin Birkbeck (Van Diemen), 13m16.36s; 6, Bryan Gowans (Van Diemen RF86), 13m17.43s. **Fastest lap:** Harper, 50.94s, 72.79mph.

Abercromby Road Saloons up to 1600cc (15 laps): 1, Stuart Gray (1.6 Westfield SE1), 13m52.48s; 2, Alister Cunningham (2.4 Opel Manta), 13m54.43s; 3, John Peace (2.1 Ginetta G27), 14m09.88s; 4, Gordon Clarke (1.6 Sylva), 14m19.37s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Gray; 2, Clarke, only starters. **Fastest lap:** Gray, 54.98s, 67.44mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Cunningham; 2, Peace; 3, Ray Licence (2.0 MGB). **Fastest lap:** Cunningham, 54.78s, 67.69mph (record).

Silverscreen FF2000s (15 laps): 1, Cameron Binnie (Reynard SF87), 12m11.99s; 2, Derek Butcher (Reynard SF87), 12m23.94s; 3, Robert Mitchell (Reynard SF84), 12m24.31s; 4, Kenny Coleman (Swift), 12m30.14s; 5, Mike Westgarth (Mondiale MS84), 12m25.61s. **Fastest lap:** Binnie, 48.08s, 77.12mph.

Abercromby Road Sports and Saloons up to 1600cc (15 laps) - overall and 1301-1600cc: 1, Iain Gardner (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 14m46.18s; 2, Alan Keith (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 14m47.33s; 3m Kevin Tawse (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 14m47.79s; 4, Ian Cowie (1.6 Toyota Corolla GT), 14m55.42s. **Fastest lap:** Gardner, 57.46s, 64.55mph. **Up to 1300cc:** 1, Derek Hastings (1.0 Hillman Imp); 2, Alastair McCarter (1.3 Austin Cooper S); 3, Andrew McKinna (1.3 Suzuki Swift). **Fastest lap:** McCarter, 57.83s, 64.12mph.

Century Self Drive GTs/Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Clubmans Championship (15 laps) - overall & Clubmans A: 1, John Fyda (1.7 Vision), 12m03.17s; 2, Allen Johns (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 12m09.04s; 3, Derek Ferguson (1.7 Mallock Mk24B), 12m32.32s; 4, Reg Forester Smith (1.7 Mallock Mk24), 12m23.41s. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 47.01s, 78.88mph. **Clubmans B:** 1, Mike Upton (1.6 Mallock Mk20); 2, Grant Stewart (1.6 Phantom P88B); 3, Alastair Naismith (1.6 Mallock Mk16). **Fastest lap:** Naismith, 44.74s, 82.88mph. **GT up to 1000cc:** 1, Neil Fisher (1.0 Davrian); only starter. **Fastest lap:** 54.68s, 67.81mph. **GT over 1000cc:** 1, Stan Share (1.2 Old Clan); 2, Eddie Beerman (1.8 Skoda Coupé GT); only finishers. **Fastest lap:** Ricky Gauld (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 50.08s, 74.04mph.