

Golly! It's Robertson

INGLISTON, Sep 15: Taking cue from the bright breezy weather, the eight race programme run by the SMRC was somewhat delayed by an alarming accident at the start of the FF1600 Marlboro Final race, when opening race winner Kenny Brown and Mike Macpherson made contact. The latter inverted his Van Diemen on the barriers leaving the car in far from 'ready to race' condition as previously advertised.

The pace of the opening FF1600 qualifying race was dictated by Kenny Brown whose PRS repelled an early change from Alex Knox, who had moved his Van Diemen ahead of Alex Fraser whose third place appeared secure when Bill Pirie departed, but he had to contend with Neil Gillanders who charged up to fourth after a brief joust with Guy Csonka and Kevin McCormick.

The Road Saloons gave Bruce Lyle a boost, after his aerobatics at Knockhill, taking the flag in his rebuilt Fiesta after battling for second with the Peugeot 205 GTI of Iain Gardner who was demoted to sixth for persistent corner shaving, before passing Glen Mortimer who had led from pole in his Avenger for 11 of the 12 laps. Behind them another battle royal raged for fourth place, with Doug Dawson hauling his MG Metro past the Golf GTI of John Irvine as Jimmy Fleming adopted weird angles with his Celica in his pursuit.

In the absence of Fyda and Allen, a seven car Clubman/Sports Frank Lethbridge seizing the advantage, but he was shadowed all the way by Bill Drummond, their Mallocks easing clear of Andy Smith in the leading 'B' class Vision who was less than 3 secs in front of Bill Ness, his Lola going well, ahead of the other Lola 492 of Keith Bowmaker.

On the restart of the FF1600 final, Tom

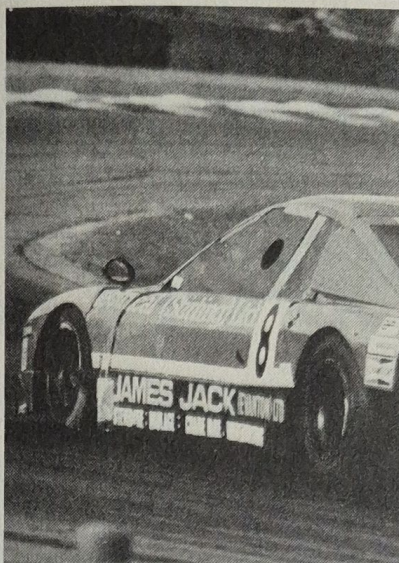


Brown on pole, pulverised the opposition with his '79 Van Diemen school car, which he found to be almost perfectly balanced, effectively putting early leader Andy Sim in his place and leaving Cameron Binnie to dispute and lose second to Willie Rose. Meanwhile Roy Low was taking up the cudgels with Sim, and Neil Cochrane had his work cut out with Stewart Roden in close attendance until Harvey Gillanders took up the running.

In the 12 lap Road Sports race, Iain Gardner stormed his all-conquering Lotus 7 away from a full field, led by Graham McCallum, with John Mackie and Ed Chester in line astern. However, having shared the front row, Allan McGregor intended to improve on his 10th position and was aided when Tom McCallum pitted the TR7 V8. McCallum then made short work of Chester but the Caterham 7 met its match in Mackie who is too seasoned a campaigner to give up his place on the final lap.

The Robertsons FF2000 Championship 12 lapper was appropriately dominated by Stephen Robertson whose Reynard headed the Van Diemen of Harry Minty, until David Duffield, running another engine in the Ecosse Mondial, after practise, took second place. Despite taking fastest lap, Duffield found the leader countered his every move to cross the line 0.2secs apart.

Jim McGaughay fled his Lancia-Toleman from the rest of the GT Field, which lost some sting when Ron Cumming failed to complete a lap in his potent



Jim McGaughay wrapped up the *Motoring News* Esprit and Ian Forrest pulled out with carburettor troubles. This left Bill Paul to shrug off an early challenge from the fleet Davrian of Eric Munnoch who led the small engined class, in third place. Kenny Coleman held a smooth fourth with Ricky Gauld fifth.

The spectacular closing Road Saloon event saw Hugh Chalmers with the power down earlier than Ian Bruce, the Talbot Sunbeams leading the Ecosse Chevette of Jimmy MacRae who soon forced past in an unavailing chase of the little doctor. Ray McDowall held a lonely fourth from race sponsor Howard Fowler, a fine fifth.

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FF1600 Qualifying race (12 laps): 1, Kenny Brown (PRS-78/79), 11m01.3s, 67.29 mph; 2, Alex Knox (Van Diemen-Irwin), 11m05.4s; 3, Alec Fraser (Crossle 50F), 11m10.3s; 4, Neil Gillanders (Van Diemen-Scholar RF 84), 11m10.9s; 5, Guy Csonka (Van Diemen RF 82), 11m18.5s; 6, Kevin McCormick (Sparton FF80/81), 11m19.2s; **Fastest lap:** Gillanders, 53.6s, 69.18mph.

Road saloons up to 1600cc race (12 laps): 1, Bruce Lyle (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m30.1s, 59.32mph; 2, Glen Mortimer (1.6 Avenger) 12m31.1s; 3, Doug Dawson (1.3 MG Metro) 12m33.6s; 4, John Irvine (1.6 V.W Golf GTI) 12m35.5s; 5, Jimmy Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 12m39.7s; 6, Iain Gardner (1.6 Peugeot 205 GTI), 12m42.1s; **Fastest lap:** Gardner, 61.2s, 60.59mph.

Clubman & Sports cars. Lowland Tyres & Exhausts Scottish sports car race (12 laps): 1, Frank Lethbridge (1.7 Mallock 25) 10m09.6s, 72.99mph; 2, Bill Drummond (1.7 Mallock), 10m10.6s; 3, Andy Smith (1.6 Vision V 84 B), 10m23.7s; 4, Bill Ness (2.0 Lola), 10m26.1s. **Clubmans 'A':** 1, Lethbridge; 2, Drummond. **Fastest lap:** Drummond, 49.7s, 74.61mph; **Clubman 'B':** 1, Smith, 2, Mike Upton (1.6 Mallock); 3, Bill Carr (1.6 Mallock 16/27). **Fastest lap:** Smith, 50.9s, 72.85mph. **Sports 2000:** Ness; 2, Keith Bowmaker (2.0 Lola 492). **Fastest lap:** Ness, 51.2s, 72.42mph.

The Marlboro FF1600, Hubert Mitchell Scottish FF1600 race (12 laps): 1, Tom Brown (Van Diemen-Scholar RF79), 10m34.9s, 70.09mph; 2, Willie Rose (Reynard-Minister 84FF), 10m38.6s; 3, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen), 10m39.4s; 4, Andy Sim (JBMSL Reynard), 10m41.0s; 5, Roy Low (PRS 81F), 10m41.65s. 6, Neil Cochrane (Lola T644E), 10m43.05s. **Fastest lap:** Brown & Rose, 52.1s, 71.17mph.

Road Sports Car Race (12 laps): 1, Iain Gardner (1.6 Ziggi's Lotus 7), 11m41.9s, 63.39mph; 2, Graham McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911), 12m13.8s; 3, John Mackie (1.6 Lotus Elan), 12m17.2s; 4, Allan McGregor (1.6 Caterham 7) 12m17.6s. **Up to 1600cc:** Gardner; 2, Mackie; 3, McGregor. **Fastest lap:** Gardner, 57.6s, 64.38mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, McCallum; 2, Hamish Ogilvie (1.7 Caterham 7); 3, Dougie Anderson (1.8 MGB GT) **Fastest lap:** McCallum, 60.1s, 61.69mph.

Robertsons of Edinburgh/Bernard Hunter Scottish FF2000 race (12 laps): 1, Stephen Robertson (Reynard RF84), 9m56.5s; 74.60mph; 2, David Duffield (Mondial), 9m56.8s; 3, Harry Minty (Van Diemen RF83), 9m59.5s; 4, Alan Mutter (Van Diemen), 10m05.0s; 5, Campbell Chisholm (Van Diemen RF82), 10m05.2s; 6, Ken le May (Van Diemen RF83), 10m30.5s **Fastest lap:** Duffield, 48.3s, 76.77mph.

Sportstune GT race (12 laps): 1, Jim McGaughay (2.0 FES Lancia-Toleman), 9m57.0s, 74.55mph; 2, Bill Paul (2.0 AC 3000 ME), 10m25.0s; 3, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Davrian), 10m34.3s; 4, Kenny Coleman (1.5 Esprit), 10m41.1s; **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Munnoch; 2, Ricky Gauld (1.0 Davrian); 3, Martin Dunn (1.0 Davrian 7). **Fastest lap:** Munnoch, 51.1s, 72.56mph. **Over 1000cc:** 1, McGaughay; 2, Paul; 3, Coleman. **Fastest lap:** McGaughay, 47.0s, 78.89mph.

Luckpenny Restaurant Road Saloons over 1600cc race: 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Talbot Sunbeam), 11m48.8s, 62.78mph; 2, Jimmy MacRae (2.2 Chevette), 11m50.2s; 3, Ian Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 11m54.6s; 4, Ray MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 12m02.9s; 5, Howard Fowler (3.0 Ford Capri), 12m21.7s; 6, Alistair Gray (2.0 Escort), 12m24.3. **Fastest lap:** Mac Rae, 58.1s, 63.82mph.

Jimmy MacRae elbows his Chevette past Ian Bruce while on his way to second place.

