Cameron shows class

ACCORDING to the timekeepers, 169 cars practised for Scottish MRC's third race meeting of the year at Ingliston. Of this number, the man who got in by far the most laps was John Fyda, who extended his lead in the British Clubmans Register series, won the local sports car race and took up a generous offer by Campbell Chisolm to race the latter's spare FF2000 car. Other highlights were a win for Scotland's FF1600 manufacturer, Rotor, and the breaking of all three class records in the modified saloon / sports car event.

Kenneth Brown fended off Derek Butcher's Reynard in the FF1600 Junior race to give Rotor its first win of the year. An early slip at Caravan dropped Angus McPherson a couple of places, but he fought back to regain third four laps from home.

An excellent start from second place on the grid gave Stuart Gray a first lap lead in the modified saloon / sports car race, but almost immediately his Lotus Europa started losing power. David Leslie put the Capri he borrowed from Howard Fowler into the lead at the hairpin and kept it there to the finish, pulling away gradually from Tom Bell's Chevette.

John Fyda led the Clubmans Register round from pole, managing in the process to hold up Kenny Allen's erupting Vision. The two Scots spread out at the head of the field, followed distantly by Paul Gibson and Mallock driver Vernon Davies.

Power ruled yet again in the GT race. Ron Cumming's Esprit proving invincible as usual. Bill Paul faded from second, and eventually the race, when his AC went sick, leaving class winner Eric Munnoch to take second by a whisker from Ian Forrest.

Cameron Binnie and Harvey Gillanders were in a class of their own in the main FF1600 event, Binnie pulling away slightly towards the end. Andy Sim had a lonely time in third while Gordon Wilson, in only his second race, snatched fourth on the last lap from Neil Gillanders.

After his unfortunate experience in the first race, Stuart Gray had a much better time in his Caterham, beating the other road sports cars for the third event running. Allan McGregor's Caterham challenged for the first few laps, but fell back later to hold a lonely second ahead of Ed Chester's Dutton.

With Kenny Allen having to keep his car in the paddock due to anti-roll bar troubles from earlier on, John Fyda had an easy win in the sports car race with his Vision. Paul Gibson managed second this time, fiercely challenged in the later stages by Les Duncan's Vision.

The leading up to 1600 cc road saloons were desperately close in practice, but from the first lap of their race it was Iain Gardner's Peugeot 205 that dominated, in spite of somewhat quaint handling. Olly Ross, who had led off the line, held second in his Fiesta, and John Irvine brought the Golf home third while holding back Robert Thomson's Fiesta.

Tom Brown and Stewart Roden began the FF2000 race with a repeat of their battle in April, joined this time by Irish champion Leslie Wright. On lap five, though, Brown's engine broke a cam follower, leaving Roden to win from Wright and Stephen Robertson.

Hugh Chalmers' demon tweak for the Ecurie Ecosse Chevette was to fit a higher ratio diff, but it didn't make winning the over 1600 cc road saloons race any easier. Ray MacDowall was right up with him in his Sunbeam but couldn't quite find a way round. Both leaders were baulked by backmarkers towards the end, which produced guardedly acid comments from Chalmers afterwards.

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HEADING Tom Bell, David Leslie's Capri charges on to victory at Ingliston.



FF1600 Junior — 12 laps: 1. R. Brown (motor JT3), 11m 08.1s (66.88 mph); 2. D. Butcher (Reynard 85FF); 3. A. McPherson (Crossle); 4. A. Knox (Van Diemen RF79/80); 5. D. Hughes (Royale RP21); 6. F. Greenwood (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: Butcher and McPherson, 54.1s (68.54 mph).

Modified Saloon / Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. D. Leslie (Ford Capri), 11m 25.2s (64.95 mph); 2. T. Bell (Vauxhall Chevette); 3. R. Ealand (Marcos GT); 4. H. Irvine (VW Golf GTi). Saloons over 1600 cc: 1. Leslie; 2. Bell; 3. R. Sarafilovic (Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: Bell, 56.0s (66.21 mph) record. Saloons up to 1600 cc: 1. Irvine, 11m 55.6s (62.18 mph); 2. C. McLaren (MG Metro); 3. O. Ross (Ford Fiesta). Fastest lap: Irvine, 58.4s (63.49 mph) record. Sports Cars: 1. Ealand, 11m 53.0s (62.41 mph); 2. A. McGregor (Caterham 7); 3. S. Gray (Hall's Lotus Europa). Fastest lap: Ealand, 57.1s (64.94 mph) record.

Clubmans Cars — 12 laps: 1. J. Fyda (Vision Agra), 9m 22.8s (79.06 mph); 2. K. Allen (Vision V8A); 3. P. Gibson (Vision); 4. V. Davies (Mallock Mk 27). Clubmans A: 1. Fyda; 2. Allen; 3. Gibson. Fastest lap: Fyda, 45.9s (80.78 mph). Clubmans B: 1. N. Bridge (Mallock Mk 27); 2. A. Smith (Mallock Mk 21B); 3. R. Mallock (Mallock Mk 26). Fastest lap: Bridge, 50.3s (73.72 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1. R. Cumming (Lotus Esprit), 10m 04.0s (75.52 mph); 2. E. Munnoch (Davrian Mk 8); 3. I. Forrest (Drambuie Imp); 4. R. Gauld (Davrian Mk 8). Over 1000 cc: 1. Cumming. Fastest lap: Cumming, 50.9s (72.85 mph). Up to 1000 cc: 1. Munnoch, 10m 23.9s (71.32 mph); 2. Forrest; 3. Gauld. Fastest lap: Munnoch, 50.9s (72.85 mph).

FF1600 Senior — 12 laps: 1. C. Binnie (Van Diemen), 10m 34.9s (70.08 mph); 2. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen); 3. A. Sim (Reynard); 4. G. Wilson (PRS); 5. Gillanders (PRS); 6. C. Harper (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: Binnie, 52.2s (71.03 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. S. Gray (Angus Caterham 7), 11m 46.6s (62.97 mph); 2. A. McGregor (Caterham 7); 3. E. Chester (Dutton Phaeton); 4. K. Scott (Dutton Phaeton). Over 1600 cc: 1. Scott, 12m 21.5s (60.04 mph); 2. R. Ealand (Marcos GT); 3. C. Elstrop (Triumph GT6). Fastest lap: Ealand, 60.4s (61.39 mph). Up to 1600 cc: 1. Gray; 2. McGregor; 3. Chester. Fastest lap: Gray, 57.7s (64.26 mph).

Sports and Clubmans Cars — 12 laps: 1. J. Fyda (Vision Agra), 9m 23.6s (78.95 mph); 2. P. Gibson (Vision); 3. L. Duncan (Vision); 4. L. Paterson (Vision V8S). Clubmans A: 1. Fyda; 2. Gibson; 3. Duncan. Fastest lap: Fyda, 46.0s (80.61 mph). Clubmans B: 1. N. Bridge (Mallock Mk27), 10m 12.5s (72.65 mph); 2. A. Smith (Mallock Mk21B); 3. F. Lethbridge (Mallock Mk25). Fastest lap: Bridge, 50.6s (74.16 mph). Sports Cars: 1. L. Jacobsen (Chevron B16), 10m 09.8s (72.65 mph); 2. K. Bowmaker (Lola 492). Fastest lap: Jacobsen, 49.5s (74.91 mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600cc — 12 laps: 1. I. Gardner (Autolit Peugeot 205), 12m 05.1s (61.37s); 2. O. Ross (Ford Fiesta); 3. J. Irvine (VW Golf GTi); 4. R. Thomson (Ford Fiesta); 5. M. Connon (Ford Escort); 6. J. Flemine (Toyota Celica). Fastest lap: Gardner, 59.7s (62.11 mph).

FF2000 — 12 laps: 1. S. Roden (Reynard), 9m 49.4s (75.48 mph); 2. L. Wright (Reynard); 3. S. Robertson (Reynard); 4. J. Fyda (Van Diemen RF82); 5. C. Chisolm (Van Diemen RF82); 6. S. McEwan (Royale Irwin AH82). Fastest lap: Wright, 48.3s (76.77 mph).

Road Saloons over 1600cc — 12 laps: 1. H. Chalmers (Vauxhall Chevette), 11m 58.4s (62.20 mph); 2. R. MacDowall (Sunbeam Lotus); 3. T. Bell (Vauxhall Chevette); 4. H. Fowler (Ford Capri); 5. R. Stahl (Ford Escort); 6. R. Sarafilovic (Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: Chalmers and MacDowall, 58.4s (63.82 mph).