

Burger grills those Scottish snails

The Scottish racing season opened in idyllic weather and the Citroen 2CVs kept the spectators thoroughly entertained.

Pole man Norman Taylor led the tin snails away but immediately succumbed to pressure from Carl Burger, who lost his lead for a single lap to Graham Harper. Taylor dropped out and Ian Gibson promptly took up his place in third to join the assault on the leader.

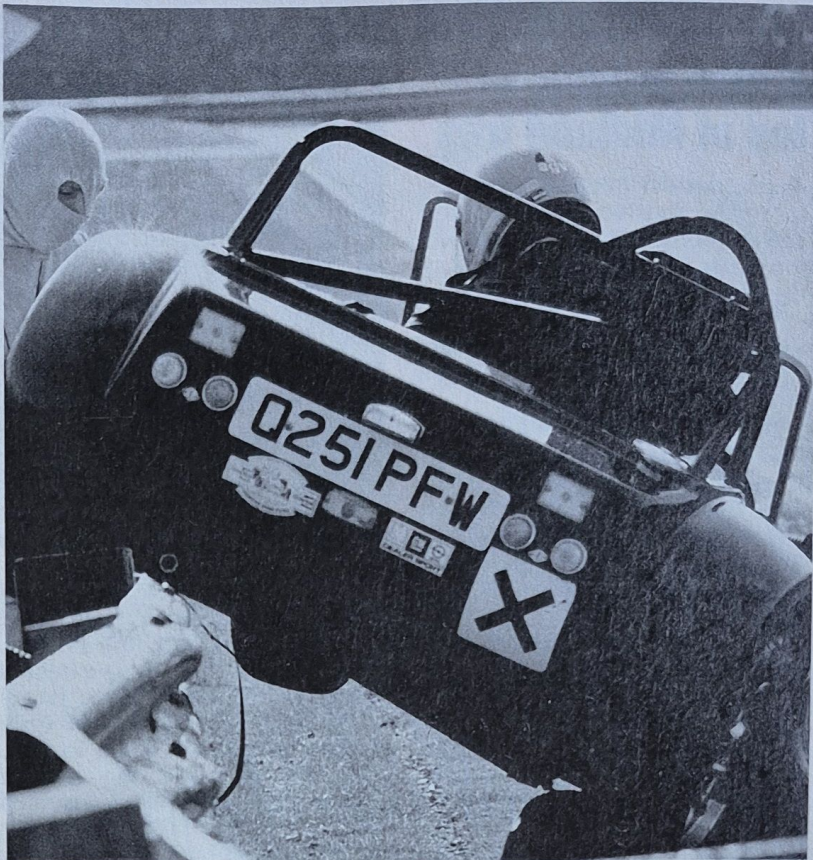
Chris Higson was a mere car's length behind and moved up when Burger missed a gear out of the hairpin. Burger dropped to fifth but recovered to snatch the lead again. Harper and Higson harried Leeds driver Burger unmercifully, but without success, keeping the crowd in a fever of excitement through the hectic closing laps.

Robert Ross set a blistering pace in the opening event. Ross's Metro 6R4 left the other four starters well behind. Tom Bell in his Escort Cosworth was the only other to complete the distance.

Robert Thomson dominated both parts of the Goodyear road saloon race in his self-prepared Vauxhall Nova, his cause aided by the intensity of the squabble for second place between Colin Gallie and Robert Mitchell. Gallie's BMW 2002tii was ahead of Mitchell's Fiesta when it mattered. Warren Dunbar drove his heart out until his Escort cried enough, leaving fourth place clear for Richard Dobson's fleet Citroen AX.

Brian Coyle brought his Saab home sixth in the first part, trailed by Graeme McGregor's incredible Mini. Former Formula Vauxhall Junior runner Sasha Pearl's VW Golf got the better of McGregor in the second.

The FF1600 race was also run in two parts. David Taylor dominated, but had Geordie Taylor half a car's length behind



Dave Muse abandons his perched Sylva after the brakes failed at Caravan. Photo: Henderson

throughout. Stuart Thorburn and Roy Low were quickly dropped, but were comfortably clear of Bryan Gowans. Gowans in turn led Neil Fisher, over whose Swift 1992 junior champion Scott Ramsay rolled, severely damaging his car and stopping the race.

With his vast competition experience, Olly Ross romped his Westfield away from the sparse Kit and Road Sports field. Dave Muse powered into second, then had his brakes fail in the Esses. The Sylva approached Caravan at undiminished speed and Muse steered adroitly to avoid two large trees before slamming broadside into the tyres. The car ended up on top of the barrier.

An even smaller grid of Libre/Sports cars lost Lesley Wood at the start of the green flag lap, when her ex-Tony Bridge Mallock made

contact with Ron Cumming's March 832.

This left Cumming with only an off-side front wing, but he started anyway and gave a demonstration run to victory over Reg Forester-Smith.

■ Bill Henderson

SUPERSPORTS/SUPERSALOONS (12 LAPS)

1, Robert Ross (2.5 MG Metro 6R4), 11m04.99s, 66.91mph; 2, Tom Bell (2.0 Ford Escort Cosworth), 11m44.88s; 3, Eddy Beerman (2.0 Skoda Rapid), 12 laps; 4, David Small (2.0 AC3000), 12; no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Ross, 54.36s, 68.21mph.

SMRC CITROEN 2CVS (12 LAPS)

1, Carl Burger, 14m52.12s, 49.88mph; 2, Chris Higson, 14m52.31s; 3, Graham Harper, 12 laps, 4, Arthur Roger, 12; 5, Henry Gillespie, 12; 6, Andre Sarafilovic, 12. **Fastest lap:** Ian Gibbon, 1m12.39s, 51.22mph.

KIT & ROADSPORTS (12 LAPS)

1, Olly Ross (2.0 Westfield), 11m12.31s, 66.18mph; 2, Neville Singleton (2.0 Westfield), 11m52.99s; not other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Ross, 54.57s, 67.95mph.

FF1600, COMBINED RESULT OF TWO RACES (19 LAPS)

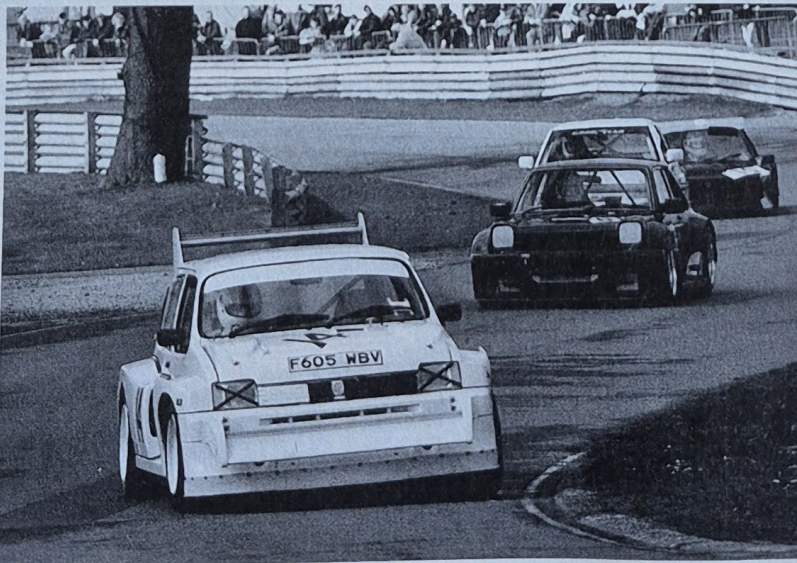
1, David Taylor (Van Diemen-EDARF91), 16m27.76s, 71.38mph; 2, Geordie Taylor (Reynard-Taylor84FF), 16m28.38s; 3, Stuart Thorburn (Van Diemen-MinisterF91), 19 laps; 4, Roy Low (Reynard-Scholar84FF), 19; 5, Bryan Gowans (Reynard-Minister), 19; 6, Neil Fisher (Swift-Scholar), 19. **Fastest lap:** Geordie Taylor, 51.02s, 72.68mph.

LIBRE/SCOTTISHSPORTSCARS (12 LAPS)

1, Ron Cumming (2.0 March 832), 9m41.14s, 76.57mph; 2, Bill Carr (2.0 Tiga), 11 laps; 3, Reg Forester-Smith (1.7 Vision), 10; no other starters. **Libre:** 1, Cumming. **Fastest lap:** 46.86s, 79.13mph. **Sports:** 1, Carr; 2, Forester-Smith. **Fastest lap:** Carr, 55.95s, 66.27mph.

GOODYEAR EAGLE ROAD SALOONS, COMBINED RESULT OF TWO RACES (24 LAPS)

1, Robert Thomson (1.6 Vauxhall Nova), 23m48.98s, 62.28mph; 2, Colin Gallie (2.0 BMW 2002tii), 23m59.50s; 3, Robert Mitchell (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 24 laps; 4, Richard Dobson (1.3 Citroen AX), 24. **Up to 1400cc:** 1, Dobson; 2, Graeme McGregor (1.4 Mini), 24; 3, Andrew McKinna (1.4 Vauxhall Nova), 24. **Fastest lap:** Dobson, 1m00.03s, 61.77mph. **1400-1600cc:** 1, Thomson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Tony Craig (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 24. **Fastest lap:** Thomson, 58.37s, 63.53mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Gallie; 2, Sasha Pearl (1.8 VW Golf), 24; 3, Kevin Adam (2.0 Ford Sierra Cosworth), 24. **Fastest lap:** Gallie, 58.85s, 63.01mph.



Robert Ross's 6R4 dominated Ingliston's Supersports/saloons field. Photo: Bill Henderson