

INGLISTON

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James Kaye Car 1 Had To Settle For Second

The return of mechanical horsepower to Ingliston, the previous month it had been the bloodstock variety, was met with a day of glorious sunshine and motor racing to match. After the morning practice sessions the afternoon racing promised to be spectacular.

The FF1600 discovery, David Coulthard, showed that his advance publicity was to be believed, for somebody with little knowledge of the Ingliston circuit. He set the fastest practice time and repeated the performance in event 6. The midway stage of the Ford Credit Fiesta Challenge - round 9 was the main event of the programme and provided one of the days stoppages when Richard Lawson and Scott Redding clashed at the esses - Lawson being propelled into and demolishing a part of the barrier. Fortunately, damage was confined to inanimate objects and pride only. The other stoppage was caused by minis in the road saloons up to 1600cc race. Alistair McCarter, Bill Reid and Cameron McPhail found that the mixture of speed, barriers and the tightness of the entrance into the esses does not combine for incident free racing. Again damage was confined to machines rather than men.

Event 1. Modified sports and saloons After the demise of Carl Tweedie and the TVR Tuscan from the race grid, pole position was taken by Ian Bruce and his Darrien T9. From the start he powered his way into a clear lead and the dice for 2nd, 3rd, 4th gave the spectators their excitement.

1. Ian Bruce (Darrien)
10 mins 37.56 secs
2. Olly Ross (Davrian)
10 mins 52.97 secs
3. Roddie Patterson (Lotus Elan)
11 mins 04.91 secs

Fastest lap:
Bruce 51.25 secs 72.35 mph

Event 2. Formula Ford 1600 The race was fast and furious in this event and the first four cars were covered by a 9 second gap after 12 laps of the circuit. This fuelled the excitement for the FF1600 final later in the day.

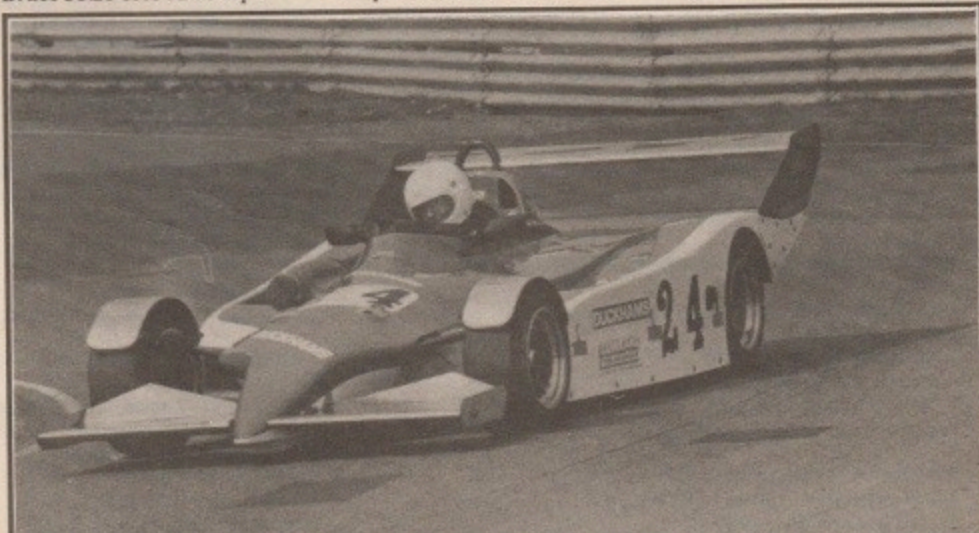
1. Collin Harper (Swift)
10 mins 21.32 secs
2. Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen)
10 mins 26.22 secs
3. Louis De Resta (Van Diemen)
10 mins 28.12 secs

Fastest lap:
Harper 51.21 secs 72.41 mph

Event 3. Clubmans/Sports Cars The continuing battle between John Fyda and Allen Johns for race honours was prevalent yet again. This season it has been very close and today's race was no exception.

1. John Fyda (vision)
9 mins 38.89 secs
2. Allen Johns (Mallock)
9 mins 42.81 secs
3. Derek Ferguson (Mallock) 10
mins 01.83 secs

Fastest lap
Fyda 47.52 secs 78.03 mph



Car 24 John Fyda Wins The Clubmans/Sports Car Race In His Vision

Event 4 Ford Credit Fiesta Challenge. The new body shape Fiesta proved to be an attention seeker for Ingliston's knowledgeable racing fraternity and the action during the 15 lap race - after the restart due to the incident between Lawson and Redding - held the attention from the start to finish flag. Championship leader James Kaye being pipped for pole position by 2nd placed man Ian Briggs - and that's how the race ended after 15 laps with Kaye having driven on Briggs' rear panelwork from start to finish.

1. Ian Briggs (Fiesta)

15 mins 12.32 secs

2. James Kaye (")

15 mins 13.82 secs

3. Jim Smith (")

15 mins 20.08 secs

Fastest lap:

Briggs 59.85 secs 61.95 mph

Event 5 Road Sports / Saloons over 1600cc. This race is slowly becoming a race for Westfield kit cars with no fewer than 3 in the morning practice session in the fastest 4 cars. However, in the afternoon's race it was the prime examples of these machines that led from the start with Stuart Gray's debut of Brother Angus's new Westfield and Neil Gammie in his. An interesting entrant in this race was the Porsche 911 of Robin Gray which has been well placed in the British Porsche championship.

1. Stuart Gray (Westfield)

11 mins 14.96 secs

2. Neil Gammie (Westfield)

11 mins 18.72 secs

3. John McIntyre (Chevette)

11 mins 32.43 secs

Fastest lap:

Gray 55.11 secs 67.28 mph

Event 6 FF 1600 Final. This gave Ingliston their second look at the 17 year old British Junior Championship leader. His performance to date have been spectacular and clearly he is a prime candidate to follow Allan McNish in Scottish born talent with a very promising future in top class motoring racing. The race was almost a carbon copy of the earlier FF1600 race but for the inclusion of David Coulthard. This young man proved that he has something to offer motor racing - to be blooded against the top Scottish FF1600 exponents on their home ground and to beat them



Mod Sports & Saloon Action

shows clearly he most definitely is a man to watch in the future.

1. David Coulthard (Van Diemen)

10 mins 19.10 secs

2. Colin Harper (Swift)

10 mins 20.68 secs

Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen)

10 mins 26.89 secs

Fastest lap

Coulthard 50.99 secs 72.72 mph.

Event 7 Road Saloons up to 1600cc Another Fiesta Scrap would be the simplest description for this race - no not the Ford Credit Fiestas but the Fiestas of Tawse, Keith, Gilbert and Mortimer. these four divers dived for the honours in, at times, what was very close combat. The victor was to be Kevin Tawse who used his guile and skill to hold off the close attention of Alan Keith.

1. Kevin Tawse (Fiesta)

11mins 50.39secs

2. Alan Keith (Fiesta)

11mins 51.35secs

3. Jonathan Gilbert (Fiesta)

11mins 54.71secs

Fastest lap

Keith 58.03secs 63.90mph

Event 8 Formula Ford 2000

Following his two hard fought places in the FF1600 races Cameron Binnie had a somewhat easier time in the FF2000. A close encounter with Derek butcher at the start seemed to ignite Cameron into a drive of 'A man possessed' pulling out a large lead over the rest of the field before relaxing slightly mid race to complete the 12 laps in front.

1. Cameron binnie (Reynard)

9mins 45.22secs

2. Derek Butcher (Reynard)

9mins 45.13secs

3. Kenny Coleman (Swift)

10mins 00.11secs

Fastest lap

47.86secs 77.48mph

Event 9 GT Cars. The last event on the day's programme saw Ron Cumming, pole man after practice, decide to enjoy his race by starting where only could be described as at the very back of the field. As this class does not attract a large entry Ron occasionally to "play" with his fellow competitors with his exceptionally fast AC3000. Today was no exception, by the end of lap 1 he had overtaken 5 of his 6 adversaries and the 6th did not take too long. Again a perfect display of the dominance he has in this class.

1. Ron Cumming (AC 3000)

10mins 07.88secs

2. Ian Sharp (Stiletto)

10mins 56.82secs

3. Stan Share (Clan Crusader)

11mins 00.27secs

Fastest lap

Cumming 48.66secs 76.20mph



Car 159 Ian Bruce Takes The Honours In His Darrien In The Mod Sports & Saloons