

## INGLSTON

## Taft craft

Despite a chilling wind over the Ingliston circuit, hardy spectators were warmed by some spectacular driving at the Austin Rover Challenge meeting, which saw several lap records established. To cope with their biggest ever entry, Ingliston Race Circuit had laid on a 10 event programme, which ran like clock work and featured an exciting round of BCA MG Metro challenge.

Appropriately after a MG owners' cavalcade, the first event was an MG Metro 12 lapper, which was headed throughout by Tim Harvey, his Istel car establishing the class record while harried unmercifully by Dave Loudoun, leaving Peter Baldwin on his own, in third place, well clear of Vic Covey in the OBM car, using his local knowledge to fend off the RW Potter version wielded by Chris Lewis. This left David Leslie's Ecurie Ecosse Metro to demote Malcolm Harrison for sixth place, the latter working to ward off the attentions of Robin Parsons.

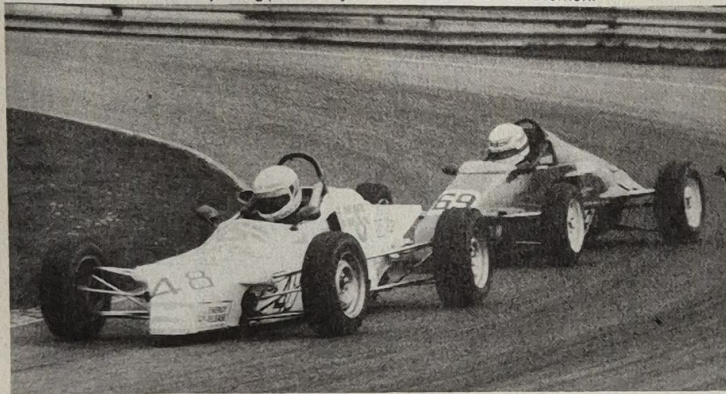
The FF1600 race following seemed

strangely calm by comparison, but Peter Jamieson seized the advantage from pole holder Kevin McCormick to run through unchallenged in his PRS, despite his exhaust falling apart at half distance. Kenny Brown was a lonely third, 10secs in arrears, with Guy Csonka and Stuart Joss taking station behind.

Ian Gardner knocked a chunk off the Road Sports lap record, in his open Ziggi's Lotus 7, pulling away from Brian Hill in his closed Dutton Phaeton who led the over 1600cc class, secure from the Lotus Elan of John Mackie. A spin by Graham McCallum with his Porsche 911, allowed Ray Stewart a brief spell in fourth place in his Clan Crusader, while Brenden McKinven's similar car connected with the Lotus Europa of Peter Jeffrey, both being eliminated. Roger Ealand gathered up his fleet Marcos GT after a spin and charged through to sixth.

In the MG Metro challenge Paul Taft in the Klaxon/Dunnett car eased away from the three-wheeling horde, who formed themselves in virtual repeat order of the earlier event — Harvey leading Baldwin and Covey. Lewis was on his own in sixth as was Leslie seventh. Behind a programme could cover Harrison, Laurence Bristow and James Smead, so close were they. Roy Dunnett

Tom Brown's Crossle really being pushed by Cameron Binnie's Van Diemen.



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**The Appleyard Challenge, MG Metro race (12 laps):** 1, Tim Harvey, (MG Metro), 9m34.1s, 64.94mph; 2, Dave Loudoun (MG Metro), 9m34.4s; 3, Peter Baldwin (MG Metro), 9m39.0s; 4, Vic Covey (MG Metro), 9m41.4s; 5, Chris Lewis (MG Metro), 9m42.1s; 6, David Leslie (MG Metro), 9m43.3s. **Fastest lap:** Harvey, 56.4s, 65.74mph (record).

**FF1600 race (12 laps):** 1, Peter Jamieson (PRS RH01), 10m52.8s; 68.16mph; 2, Kevin McCormick (Spartan FF80/81), 10m59.4s; 3, Kenny Brown (PRS), 11m09.7s; 4, Guy Csonka (Van Diemen RF84), 11m16.3s; 5, Stuart Joss (Merlyn 11A), 11m27.2s; 6, Alex Fraser (Crosle 50F), 11m28.1s. **Fastest lap:** Jamieson, 53.0s, 69.96mph.

**The Dutton Forshaw Challenge for Road Sports Cars race (12 laps):** 1, Iain Gardner (1.6 Lotus 7), 11m45.4s, 63.08mph; 2, Brian Hill (1.7 Dutton Phaeton), 12m04.1s; 3, John Mackie (1.6 Lotus Elan), 12m17.9s; 4, Graham McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911) 12m37.0s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Gardner; 2, Mackie; 3, Raymond Stewart (1.0 Clan Crusader). **Fastest lap:** Gardner, 57.8s, 64.15mph (record). **Over 1600cc:** 1, Hill; 2, McCallum; 3, Roger Ealand (2.0 Marcos GT). **Fastest lap:** Hill, 58.4s, 63.49mph (record).

**The British Car Auction MG Metro Challenge championship race (15 laps):** 1, Paul Taft (MG Metro), 14m16.7s, 64.92mph; 2, Tim Harvey (MG Metro), 14m21.3s; 3, Dave Loudoun (MG Metro), 14m22.7s; 4, Peter Baldwin (MG Metro), 14m23.3s; 5, Vic Covey (MG Metro), 14m24.2s; 6, Chris Lewis (MG Metro), 14m28.7s. **Fastest lap:** Taft, 56.3s, 65.86mph (record).\*

\*Results provisional

**The Saint Roques Automobile Challenge for Sports/Clubmans Cars (12 laps):** 1, John Fyda (1.7 Agra Mallock), 9m17.8s, 79.77mph; 2, Paul Gibson (1.7 Vision V85), 9m27.8s; 3, Kenny Allen (1.7 Vision V84A), 9m33.1s; 4, Leslie Duncan (1.7 Vision V85), 9m42.5s. **Clubmans A:** 1, Fyda; 2, Gibson; 3, Allen. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 45.3s, 81.85mph. **Clubmans B:** 1, Andy Smith (1.6 Vision V84B), 2 Michael Upton (1.6 Mallock 16B). **Fastest lap:** Smith, 50.3s, 73.72mph. **Sports 2000:** 1, Nick Bridge (2.0 Shrike P15), 2, Laurence Jacobsen, (2.0 Chevron B16), 3, Keith Bowmaker (2.0 Lola 49L). **Fastest lap:** Bridge, 49.3s, 75.21mph (record).

**The Edinburgh Students Charities Cup race for FF1600 cars (12 laps):** 1, Tom Brown (Crosle-Scholar 55F), 10m29.5s, 70.68mph; 2, Cameron Binnie (Van Diemen RF84), 10m29.7s; 3, Willie Rose (Reynard), 10m33.2s; 4, Harvey Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85), 10m35.6s; 5, Roy Low (PRS 81F), 10m37.3s; 6, Andy Sim (Reynard 82FF), 10m41.0s. **Fastest lap:** Brown, 51.4s, 72.14mph (record).

**The Taggarts Challenge for Road Saloons up to 1600cc race (12 laps):** 1, Ollie Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m27.3s, 59.54mph; 2, Jimmy Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica), 12m31.1s; 3, Craig Conway (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 12m55.8s; 4, Doug Dawson (1.3 MG Metro), 12m56.3s; 5, Iain Gardner (1.6 Peugeot 205 GTi), 12m57.0s; 6, Darwin Fontanot (1.6 Ford Escort), 12m59.6. **Fastest lap:** Fleming, 61.4s, 60.39mph (record).

**The Bernard Hunter Crane Hire Scottish FF2000 and Formule Libre race (12 laps):** 1, Kenny Allen, (Vision V84A), 9m36.1s; 2, Leslie Duncan (1.7 Vision V85), 9m36.5s; 3, Eric Paterson (1.7 Mallock Mk27), 9m56.5s; 4, Tom Brown (2.0 Van Diemen RF83), 9m57.2s. **FF2000:** 1, Brown; 2, Chic Stenhouse (2.0 Van Diemen RF83); 3, Ken Le May (2.0 Van Diemen-Agra). **Fastest lap:** Brown, 48.5s, 76.45mph; **Formule Libre:** 1, Allen; 2, Duncan; 3, Paterson. **Fastest lap:** Paul Gibson (1.7 Vision V85), 46.1s; 80.43mph.

**The Sportstune GT cars race (12 laps):** 1, Jim McGaughay (2.0 FES Lancia-Toleman), 9m40.9s, 76.60mph; 2, Ron Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 10m08.2s; 3, Bill Paul (2.0 AC3000 ME), 10m12.6s; 4, Ian Forrest (1.0 Drambie Imp), 10m34.5s. **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Forrest; 2, Eric Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 3, John Bothamley (1.0 Bilston Davrian Mk8). **Fastest lap:** Forrest 50.7s, 73.14mph (equals record). **Over 1000cc:** 1, McGaughay; 2, Cumming; 3, Paul. **Fastest lap:** McGaughay, 46.3s, 80.09mph (record).

**The Luckpenny Restaurant Saloon Cars over 1600cc race (6 laps):** 1, Hugh Chalmers (2.2 Ecosse Chevette), 6m04.7s, 61.00mph; 2, Ian Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 6m08.8s; 3, Steven Jeffries (1.7 Ford Escort), 6m12.7s; 4, Ray MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 6m13.8s; 5, Alistair Gray (2.0 Ford Escort RS2000), 6m31.1s; 6, Ronnie Irvine (2.0 Ford Escort Mexico), 6m31.8s. **Fastest lap:** Chalmers, 58.9s, 62.95mph.



Vic Covey leads Chris Lewis et al on his way to fifth in Race 1.

and Michael Green completed the finishers in an entertaining race.

The first round of the Scottish Sports Car championship, sponsored by Lowland Tyres & Exhausts looked as if Kenny Allen would do the honours for his sponsors with John Fyda trying all he knew to catch him. The Visions of Paul Gibson and Leslie Duncan were close behind, the latter having pulled ahead of the leading Sports 2000 car, the Shrike of Nick Bridge. Frank Lethbridge jostled for sixth place with the Chevron B16 of Laurence Jacobsen. Up front, however, the Allen Vision developed a misfire allowing Fyda and Gibson through.

Ollie Ross got to grips with his Fiesta to ease it away from Jimmy Fleming in his venerable Celica in the Road Saloons event. Andrew Jeffrey held third on the road only to be excluded, his Nova running without a silencer. The main battle developed for what eventually was third between Iain Gardner's Peugeot 205 GTi and the Fiesta of Craig Conway who had the MG Metro of Doug Dawson glued to his bumper, the French car being outfumbled by the other pair approaching the last corner.

FF champion Tom Brown confidently predicted a new lap record prior to leading the 15 lap affray and was spurred on by the pace of second place man Cameron Binnie so to do.

This left Willie Rose in third place, also getting under the previous best. Harvey Gillanders pulled out a couple of seconds over Roy Low and Andy Sim. Geordie Taylor was a steady seventh leaving Campbell Chisholm to battle with Stewart Roden.

Kenny Allen led the combined Libre/FF2000 race until his misfire set in again at half-distance, allowing Paul Gibson and Leslie Duncan to catch up. Fyda was unfortunately eliminated when he found David Duffield spinning in his path. This allowed Eric Paterson to make amends for his earlier retirement, taking fourth, while Tom Brown had his first taste of FF2000, leading this class ahead of Chic Stenhouse and Ken Le May. Alas, Gibson was excluded for having executed a passing move under a yellow.

McGaughay — in record breaking form.



The GT race was a McGaughay benefit, Jim finding an older set of tyres transformed the Lancia-Toleman, and carving over 1sec from the previous lap record. This left Ron Cumming well behind in the Lotus Esprit with Bill Paul in the ex-Andy Barton AC next up. Ian Forrest equalled the previous 1-litre record in the fourth place Drambie Imp, being chased by the Davrian of Eric Munnoch.

The final event for Road Saloons was again well subscribed, but it was Hugh Chalmers in front with the Ecosse Chevette, watched by a spectating Jimmy McRae. Second was the Sunbeam Lotus of Ian Bruce, with Steven Jeffries keeping Ray MacDowall at bay. John Clark held fifth, but was to be excluded for running unsilenced. This elevated Alistair Gray and the antics of Tom Bell in his Capri allowed Ronnie Irvine in front. Alas oil had been dropped just before the Esses on the opening laps. So the race was stopped after six laps.

BILL HENDERSON

Gardner, Hill, Mackie, Ealand & McCallum.



## SILVERSTONE

## Varley's green top

The second of the Silverstone Racing Club's splendid monthly closed race meetings, for graduates of the BRDC's racing school, took place in atrocious wet conditions last Saturday. That the majority of competitors kept their Van Diemen RF83s and MG Maestros under control at all was a tribute to the tuition of Gerry Corbett's SRS team, and the standard of driving among the front-runners was, with few exceptions, excellent.

Without doubt the performance of the afternoon was put up by Roger Varley, whose uncanny precision earned him not only a fine single-seater win, but also the valuable 'Driver of the Day' award (see *Sports Extra*). First timer David Botting, young John Hollingworth and the rapid David Hall won the other FF1600 races, while Michael Moss drove superbly under pressure to take both saloon car events.

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