INGLISTON

New look opener

MOTOR RACING made its first appearance on Scotland's 1986 calendar at Ingliston circuit on Sunday with a new class, a new grid lay-out (capacity 18 cars instead of 16) and already a couple of new records. The event was a non-championship cobweb remover before racing begins in earnest towards the end of April.



IAN BRUCE won the opening race of the day in his Sunbeam Lotus.

The new class was for modified sports / saloon cars and consisted of some road car drivers taking the opportunity to use slicks and others on ordinary tyres who just wanted an extra race. Mike Connon and Bruce Lyle led away in their 1600 cc cars, but after a couple of laps it was the Sunbeam Lotuses of Ian Bruce and Ray MacDowell that dominated the race, followed by Tom Bell in the ex Alistair Brearley Rally Chevette.

Brian Gowans led the first four laps of the FF1600 heat in his PRS before being passed by the Reynard of Andy Sim. When Gowans smoked away into the pits with three laps to go, Sim was left with a clear win over the Scottish built Rotor, driven for the first time by Kenneth Brown.

Sun shining on the starting lights meant pole-man Eric Munnoch didn't realise it was time to go until his Davrian was about to be engulfed by the rest of the GT field, and he reached the esses second behind the similar car of Ricky Gauld. By the end of the lap, though, Ron Comming's vastly more powerful Esprit had taken the lead and was never threatened from then on while Munnoch retook the 1-litre class lead on lap three.

There was no real clubmans opposition for John Fyda, running his Vision for the first time on home soil and winning his race by 13 seconds. Eric Paterson followed in another Vision and Jimmy Patrick upheld Mallock's honours by winning the D Class.

Stuart Gray's smart Caterham took the road sports car race from Keith Scott's hardtop Dutton, but the star of the race was Ed Chester who, after going straight on at Lefthander on lap one, hurled his Dutton from last to sixth by the flag easily setting fastest lap in the process.

A close dice at the head of the FF1600 final ended as it had begun with Harvey Gillander's Van Diemen just ahead of Roy Low in his new Lola. Third-placed Andy Sim suffered from unpredictable handling, traced to a rear suspension bolt which had broken during the earlier race.

Changing from fuel injection to carburettors over the winter has done wonders for Iain Gardner's Peugeot 205, which held off the Fiesta of Bruce Lyle for seven laps in the small road saloons race before the latter's engine blew up at the hairpin.

Armed with a new Reynard, Stephen Robertson led all the way in the FF2000 event from the similar machine of ex-1600 drivers Stewart Roden and one-time road-car man Neil Gammie in a Van Diemen.

Back on road tyres Ian Bruce scored his second win of the day in the large road saloons class after spending 10 of the 12 laps behind Hugh Chalmers in the Ecurie Ecosse Chevette. Tom Bell also re-appeared and held on to third by 0.2s from the hard-charging Sunbeam Lotus of Steven Jeffries. **D.F.**

Modified Sports / Saloon Cars — 12 laps: 1. I. Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 11m 33.1s (64.20 mph); 2. R. MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 3. T. Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 4. B. Lyle (1.6 Ford Fiesta). Saloons over 1600 cc: 1. Bruce; 2. MacDowall; 3. Bell. Fastest lap: Bruce and MacDowall, 56.7s (65.40 mph). Saloons up to 1600 cc: 1. Lyle, 12m 12.9s (60.71 mph); 2. O. Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 3. I. Gardner (1.6 Peugeot 205). Fastest lap: Gardner, 59.5s (62.32 mph). Sports cars: 1. S. Share (1.1 Clan Crusader). Fastest lap: Share, 61.2s (60.58 mph). All fastest laps establish class records.

FF1600 Heat — 12 laps: 1. A. Sim (Reynard), 10m 50.3s (67.08 mph); 2. K. Brown (Ratal JT3); 3. D. Hughes (Royale RP21); 4. L. Hughes (Van Diemen AF78); 5. I. Morrison (Crosslé Nolan 32F); 6. N. Gillanders (PRS). Fastest lap: Sim and B. Gowans (PRS 80F), 53.3s (69.57 mph).

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1. R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 10m 16.8s (72.14 mph); 2. E. Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 3. R. Gauld (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 4. P. Chamberlain (1.0 Davrian Mk8). Over 1000 cc: Fastest lap: Cumming, 50.1s (74.00 mph). Up to 1000 cc: 1. Munnoch, 10m 39.0s (69.63 mph); 2. Gauld; 3. Chamberlain. Fastest lap: Munnoch, 51.4s (72.14 mph).

Clubmans Cars — 12 laps: 1. J. Fyda (1.7 Vision Agra), 9m 31.3s (77.88 mph); 2. E. Paterson (1.7 Vision); 3. A. Dobbie (1.7 Mallock Mk24B); 4. J. Patrick (1.6 Mallock Mk25). Class A: 1. Fyda; 2. Paterson; 3. Dobbie. Fastest lap: Fyda, 46.3s (80.09 mph). Class B: 1. Patrick; 2. M. Upton (1.6 Mallock Mk16B Irwin); 3. B. Carr (1.6 Mallock Mk16). Fastest lap: Patrick, 53.5s (69.31 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1. S. Gray (1.6 Caterham 7), 12m 02.2s (61.61 mph); 2. K. Scott (1.6 Dutton Phaeton); 3. A. McGregor (1.6 Caterham 7); 4. P. Jeffrey (1.6 Lotus Europa). Over 1600cc: 1. Scott, 12m 06.1s (61.28 mph). 2. G. McCallum (2.7 Porsche GII). Fastest lap: Scott, 59.4s (62.42 mph). Up to 1600cc: 1. Gray; 2. McGregor; 3. Jeffrey. Fastest lap: E. Chester (1.6 Dutton Phaeton), 58.5s (63.38 mph).

FF1600 Final — 12 laps: 1. H. Gillanders (Van Diemen RF85), 10m 31.9s (70.42 mph); 2. R. Low (Lola 644E); 3. A. Sim (Reynard); 4. G. Taylor (Sparton FF80); 5. N. Gillanders (PRS); 6. C. Birkbeck (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: H. Gillanders, 51.9s (71.45 mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600cc — 12 laps: 1. I. Gardner (1.6 Peugeot 205), 12m 08.3s (61.10 mph); 2. O. Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 3. J. Irvine (1.6 VW Golf GTi); 4. J. Brodie (1.6 Talbot Sunbeam); 5. C. Conway (1.6 Talbot Sunbeam); 6. T. McCallum (1.3 MG Metro). Fastest lap: B. Lyle (1.6 Ford Fiesta), 59.4s (62.42 mph), record.

Formula Ford 2000 — 12 laps: 1. S. Robertson (Reynard 86SF), 10m 05.0s (73.55 mph); 2. S. Roden (Reynard); 3. M. Gammie (Van Diemen RF83); 4. A. Mutter (Van Diemen RF83); 5. R. Brown (Van Diemen RF84); 6. R. Fraser (Reynard 83/84-65F). Fastest lap: Roden, 49.0s (75.67 mph).

Road Saloons over 1600cc — 12 laps: 1. I. Bruce (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus), 11m 40.4s (62.72 mph); 2. H. Chalmers (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 3. T. Bell (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette); 4. S. Jeffries (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus); 5. H. Fowler (3.0 Ford Capri); 6. R. MacDowall (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: Chalmers, 57.9s (64.04 mph), record.