

THE final meeting of the season at Inghlston, held last Sunday in delightful weather, was a cracker from the outset, as belittled a meeting which decided the various championships run over the year.

The main event, for the Lombank Trophy, found Willie Forbes (Lotus-BMW) with a change of luck, for he won both 25-lap heats, holding off Alan Rollinson (Brabham) in the first after likely challenger Tommy Reid had spun his Crossle at Shepherds and collected John Romanes's Lotus 35, Terry Ogilvie-Hardy (Project XR) and Luke Duffy (Cooper) on the opening lap. Forbes stormed off into a secure lead in the second heat, Rollinson spinning at Gardiners; thereafter the main interest was the latter's meteoric progress through the field to finish in second place just over a second in arrears, with Andrew Fletcher (F3 Brabham) third.

Geoff Breakell (Brabham BT8) caused a turn-up for the books by running away with the sports and special GT event which this season has been the province of second man Bill Dryden in the Cuthbert Elan. Digby Martland (Chevron GT) had to carve his way into fourth behind Jimmy Veitch (Divra) after having start-line trouble.

The small saloon car event found Tony Charnell (Imp) with a full head of steam (literally), giving Gerry Birrell (Perdal-Chamois) a good run for his money. The over 1200 cc 12-lapper suffered from non-starters but gave the 10,000 crowd full value in the dice between Sandy McCracken (Jaywick Anglia), Davie Muter (1293 Mini-Cooper S) and Tony Fall in an indecently fast, standard looking 1275 Mini-Cooper S, the latter taking advantage of the Ford man getting boxed in on lap 10 to snatch the lead.

The BMC rally driver once again demonstrated his expertise in the 25-lap Hartley Whyte Trophy event when, after being rather overwhelmed at the start, he hurled his white Cooper S around into third place behind Birrell's Chamois and Muter's Cooper S, taking over at undiminished pace at half distance when the leaders disappeared, and earning his second win of the day.

The Daily Record Trophy 20-lapper for F3 cars was won by Chris Lambert (Brabham), continuing his weekend successes by holding off Alan Rollinson's similar car, while the main interest, some distance in arrears, was the duel for third place between Willie Forbes, hurling the Ecosse Imp along, and Andrew Fletcher (Brabham), ever looming huge in his mirrors; this lasted until a rubber doughnut on the Imp gave out on lap 17, leaving the result a Brabham benefit.

The final event was gifted to Bill Turnbull (LWS) when leaders John Corfield and John Nicholson wanted the same piece of road at Merchants, with the result that both the Lotus 23s were stuffed into the barrier.

So the Inghlston season ended, unfortunately with bent motor cars for some drivers, but I am sure that, like Northern Editor Francis Penn on his first visit to the little circuit, they will say, "I'll be back, it's marvellous".

RESULTS

Sports and special GT cars over 1200 cc: 1, G. H. Breakell (Brabham BT8), 64.78 mph; 2, W. N. Dryden (Lotus Elan); 3, J. Veitch (Divra GT). Fastest lap: Breakell and Dryden, 66.73 mph. Lombank Trophy, race one (25 laps): 1, W. Forbes (Lotus-BMW); 2, A. W. Rollinson (Brabham); 3, J. C. C. Lambert (F3 Brabham). Fastest lap: Forbes and Rollinson, 69.26 mph. Race two (25 laps): 1, W. Forbes (Lotus-BMW), 67.94 mph; 2, A. W. Rollinson (Brabham); 3, A. D. T. Fletcher (F3 Brabham). Fastest lap: Rollinson, 70.88 mph. Lombank Trophy aggregate: Forbes, Rollinson, Fletcher. Saloon cars up to 1200 cc: 1, G. Birrell (Singer Chamois), 59.73 mph; 2, A. Charnell (Hillman Imp); 3, J. A. Thwaites (Hillman Imp). Fastest lap: Birrell, Charnell, Thwaites and W. Borrowman (Mini-Cooper S). Daily Record Trophy (20 laps): 1, J. C. C. Lambert (Brabham F3), 68.17 mph; 2, A. W. Rollinson (Brabham F3); 3, A. D. T. Fletcher (Brabham F3). Fastest lap: Lambert, Rollinson, Fletcher, 69.79 mph. Saloon cars over 1200 cc (12 laps): 1, R. A. Fall (1.3 Mini-Cooper S), 60.06 mph; 2, D. J. Muter (1.3 Mini-Cooper S); 3, S. McCracken (Ford Anglia). Fastest lap: J. M. Fisher (Ford Cortina), 61.90 mph. Special GT cars up to 1200 cc: 1, A. Barton (Mini-Marco), 59.97 mph; 2, J. E. Milne (MG Midget); 3, J. L. Alexander (Mini-Marco). Fastest lap: Barton, 61.07 mph. Hartley Whyte Championship (25 laps): 1, R. A. Fall (1.3 Mini-Cooper S), 60.69 mph; 2, P. Dalkin (Ford Cortina); 3, S. McCracken (Ford Anglia). Sports cars up to 1200 cc: 1, W. J. Turnbull (LWS), 60.73 mph; 2, G. Crossley (Lotus 11); 3, N. H. Morrison (Lotus 11). Fastest lap: J. Nicholson (Lotus 23B), 63.63 mph.

START of the Lombank Trophy with Willie Forbes (Lotus 35 BMW) leading the pack (top). CHRIS LAMBERT scored his second success of the weekend taking the F3 honours in Scotland as well as at Silverstone the previous day (centre). SANDY McCracken lifts a wheel at Forrester's in the Anglia (right).

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Willie Forbes takes Lombank Trophy

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