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The high Low point

As ill luck would have it, a drizzle enveloped the circuit as the **FF1600s** set off. Jim Forsyth being harried by Colin Low, whose car was handling better on the increasingly slippery track. A mistake into the hairpin by the leader found Low drawing away to win by three seconds. Geordie Taylor, his ageing Reynard rejuvenated by the loan of Forsyth's spare engine, achieved a sound third, safely clear of the battle between leading Junior Scott Ramsay, never an easy target for overtaking, as David Taylor discovered. Clear of the front runners, drive of the race must go to Amanda Whitaker who stormed from the rear to eighth place and threatening Jimmy Beveridge (trying Louis di Resta's car).

After Iain Wright led off the **Kit and Road Sports**, Dave Muse in trying to hold on spun out of second on the greasy track, which claimed John Duncan against the Armco at Caravan, and Gerard McCosh stationary in the middle of the track, to bring out the red flags. Wright led the restart but a more cautious Muse battled for second with Ken Thomson whose Porsche circulated as if on rails to annex second place. Gordon Clarke had an inauspicious return, his Sylva now with two-litre Vauxhall power, spun against the metalwork to retire after two laps. This allowed Olly Ross to move his 1.3 Westfield up a place to ease away from Andrew Simmers. The Dutton duo of Richard Quinn and Donald Morrison resolved their private dice when the latter spun.

Richard Dobson looked every bit the Abercromby champion, storming away to victory from a healthy **1300-1600cc Road Car** field. A spin dropped Jimmy Patrick, moving Andrew McKinna to second hotly challenged by Craig White, leaving Iain Mitchell an unchallenged fourth. Patrick meanwhile was charging, demoting Graham McGregor and Mike Hunter in his climb to fifth place.

Hillclimbers Allen Jones and Bill Wood dominated the **GT and Sports Racing** 12 lapper, Brian Fletcher being the only driver to stay on the same lap. Veteran Reg Forrester-Smith took fourth ahead of leading Clubman B runner Mike Upton. Neil Fisher, after a promising start was, like Kevin McCormick, suffering from a sick motor.

The **Scottish Historics** attracted a varied entry but it was the 1.1 litre single seaters of Alan McGregor and Grant Stephen who headed Geoff Temple, in Cooper T59, Elva FJ and Chevron respectively. Jim Tester, to whom credit must go for organising such an entry, kept his XK 120 ahead of the Jaguar SS100 of Campbell McLaren and the Bentley of Gerard McCosh. Tom McWinter used the power of his Tojeiro Jaguar to shrug off the Cooper MG of George Cooper while best 'barney' of the event was that between the JZ MGs of Stephen Cooper and Brian Hopkins.

Determined to hold his pole advantage Olly Ross bulleted away trailing Robert Thomson and David Kerr, but Thomson locked his brakes on the approach to the hairpin and only masterly driving avoided the barriers, and he cruised to retirement. Kerr meanwhile was being targeted by George McDonald who had opened a seven second gap on John Irvine. Mark Speirs again did miracles with the 20 year old Avenger in fifth place as Ian Hay finally got the measure of Alan Potts.

The **2 CV** gang had dreamed up a handicap, the winner to take the Glenkinchie Challenge Trophy, donated by Neil McDonald. This provided a highly entertaining mid-field battle, but it was Ian Gibbon who won from Andrew McDonald and Graham Harper with the longest handicap storming through to third.

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Tom Brown Racing FF1600 - 12 laps: 1, C.Low (Swift SC92F) 11m 44.71s (63.14mph); 2, J.Forsyth (Van Diemen); 3, G.Taylor (Reynard 84FF); 4, S.Ramsay (Reynard 92FF); 5, D.Taylor (Van Diemen); 6, P.Mabon (Van Diemen RF87). Fastest lap: Forsyth 57.18s (64.85mph).

Abercromby Kit and Road Sports - 10 laps: 1, I.Wight (Noble 23) 10m 59.41s (56.23mph); 2, K.Thomson (Porsche 911); 3, D.Muse (Sylva Striker); 4, O.Ross (Westfield). Class winners: Wight, Thomson and Ross. Fastest laps: Wight 1m 03.94s (57.99mph); Thomson 1m 05.27s (56.81mph); Ross 1m 06.49s (55.77mph).

Abercromby Road Saloons - 12 laps: 1, R.Dobson (Citroën AX Sport) 12m 09.02s (61.04mph); 2, A.McKinna (Vauxhall Nova); 3, G.White (Vauxhall Nova); 4, I.Mitchell (Escort RS2000). Class winners: Dobson and Mitchell. Fastest laps: Dobson 58.04s (63.89mph); Mitchell 58.94s (62.91mph).

Scottish & Universal Newspapers GT/Sports/Clubmans - 12 laps: 1, A.Johns (Mallock Mk.27SG) 9m 51.94s (75.17mph); 2, B.Wood (Mallock Mk.27SG); 3, B.Fletcher (Davrian); 4, R.Forrester-Smith (Marquiss Vision). Class winners: Johns, Fletcher, M.Upton and N.Fisher. Fastest laps: Johns 47.83s (77.52mph); Fletcher 51.11s (72.55mph); Upton 54.76s (67.71mph); Fisher 56.93s (65.13mph).

Historics - 12 laps: 1, A.McGregor (Cooper T59) 11m 36.15s (63.92mph); 2, G.Stephen (Elva FJ); 3, G.Temple (Chevron); 4, J.Tester (XK120). Class winners: McGregor, Tester, C.McLaren and A.Conners. Fastest laps: McGregor 56.09s (66.11mph) RECORD; Tester 1m 01.36s (60.43mph) RECORD; McLaren 1m 02.53s (59.30mph) RECORD; Conners 1m 07.21s (55.17mph).

Abercromby Road Saloons - 12 laps: 1, O.Ross (Vauxhall Nova) 11m 28.10s (64.67mph); 2, D.Kerr (Fiesta XR2); 3, G.McDonald (Fiesta); 4, J.Irvine (VW Scirocco GTI); 5, M.Spiers (Avenger); 6, I.Hay (Fiesta XR2). Fastest lap: Ross 56.44s (65.70mph) RECORD.

Citroën 2CV Handicap - 10 laps: 1, I.Gibbon 12m 49.19s (48.21mph); 2, A.McDonald; 3, G.Harper; 4, C.Higson; 5, C.Ritchie; 6, N.McDonald. Fastest lap: Harper 1m 10.81s (52.37mph) RECORD.