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SOUTH Liverpool MC held their open to Cheshire centre summer trial on Sunday, when 86 competitors did two laps of a 22-mile course containing 20 sections in the Buxton area.

The first section at Manor Steps was a drop into yellow water containing hidden boulders, then up and out. Scott-Ellis had the first clean on this and on the second, but lost control on the third. Eric Adcock, after a five on Number 1, found a new way through number 2

along the edge of the bank, making nonsense of the section, but monowheeled on three, stopping just before the end. Harvey Lloyd cleaned them all, including doing section two the hard way. Mick Andrews dabbed on the third section both times, his only loss on lap two. Best performances were three on Hol-linsclough the first time round, but on lap two Ellis dabbed, as did Adcock. Then Andrews cleaned it, followed by Dave Rowland and Les Noble.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best Solo: M Ransom (250 Francis Barnett) 14 marks lost.
Best Sidecar: C A Morewood (500 Ariel) 49 marks lost.
Best Navigator: Merle Morewood.
First Class Awards: M Ransom (250 Francis Barnett) 14, M J Andrews (350 AJS) 12, D Rowland (250 BSA) 16, E Adcock (250 Dot) 22, S Ellis (200 Triumph) 22, N S Eyre (250 Dot) 25, D L Thomas (250 Matchless) 25, R Darlington (250 Greaves) 29.
Second Class Awards: G A Williams (200 Triumph) 29, H Lloyd (200 Triumph) 29, S M Miller (200 Triumph) 30, B K Rogers (250 Dot) 32, M Davies (250 Triumph) 33, L D Noble (500 Ariel) 34, J Cantrell (200 Triumph) 35.
Best South Liverpool Member: B K Rogers (250 Dot) 32.

ROWLAND TWO MARKS BETTER THAN TONY DAVIS IN WET CLAYTON TRIAL

NO-ONE was surprised to see Dave Rowland (250 BSA) balance his way over Derbyshire's mighty and slimy boulders to win the rain-drenched Clayton Trophy trial, near Buxton, on Sunday.

He did not need the relentless downpour to keep him cool, calm and collected, and he gave away only four marks to hazards which are usually his practice sections. And hundreds of spectators braved the elements to watch him do it.

But the home-grown favourite, a Buxton club member, had three challengers, all well within the ten-mark bracket. The versatile Tony Davis from Gloucestershire, switching from a 350 four-stroke to his brother's 250 Greaves, was only two marks in arrears. Then there was Scott Ellis on his barking Tiger Cub, and Sammy Miller's "stand in" Peter Gaunt (500 Ariel).

Yorkshireman Gaunt, who is

being considered for Miller's Ariel "privat" trials team, makes a habit of cleaning the infamous Hawks Nest—and he did it again.

Where was maestro Sammy Miller? He was one of the 14—famous names among them—that were victims of over-subscription. As it was, the organising Wood Green club had to cope with 310 solos and sidecars, there being twenty non-starters.

Broke down

Don Smith, 350 cc cup winner, needed every one of those extra cubic centimetres of his bored-out 252 Greaves to get to this August Bank Holiday classic (the 28th) on time.

Also carrying the 250 Greaves of Terry Busch and Jim Morris, Don's transporter from London broke down on the M1. They rode the rest of the distance.

Rowland, youngest of the BSA team riders, showed his brilliance at the first two sections—Owl Hole and Etchings. He was watched with a critical eye by AJS star Mick Andrews, kept out of the trial with a fractured ankle, still in plaster after a scrambles fall.

He made Cheeks, a raging torrent of water over big rocks, look easy. Not so Jim Sandiford (250 BSA), who like most of the others almost needed a frogman outfit when he dropped it. Scott Ellis and Gordon McLaughlan got away with a dab.

It was also at Cheeks that sidecar winners Alan and Merle Morewood (500 Ariel) brought a gasp of admiration by a beautiful piece of judgment which got them penalty-free over a massive

THERE was no holding Dave Rowland (249 B.S.A.) on his home ground in Derbyshire last Sunday when he won the Wood Green Club's 28th Clayton Trial, with a loss of just four marks.

Second overall and 250 cc. Cup winner was Tony Davis, who tackled the 40-mile figure-of-eight course with 32 sub-sections on a Greaves borrowed from his brother. He lost six marks.

Scott Ellis (199 Triumph) and Peter Gaunt (Ariel), the five-hundred Cup winner,

shared third place, each eight marks down.

Best of the 30 sidecars was Alan Morewood (497 Ariel) who pipped Peter Wraith, also with an Ariel outfit, by three marks.

The subs at rocky, up-hill Hawks Nest attracted most interest—and marks.

Gaunt was the only rider clean throughout. He plonked aloft on his big banger after softening the damping of the Norton fork on his Ariel by draining out some of the oil!

As always, the Clayton proved a good trial although it

rained throughout. There were several big names missing—their entries arrived after the limit of 275 solos had been reached.

Best Performance.—1, D. Rowland (249 B.S.A.), 4 marks lost. **Best 250 cc.**—A. J. Davis (Greaves), 6. **Best 350 cc.**—D. Smith (252 Greaves), 12. **Best 500 cc.**—P. H. Gaunt (Ariel), 8.
Best Sidecar.—C. A. Morewood (497 Ariel), 23. **Sidecar Runner-up:** P. Wraith (497 Ariel), 26. **Best Novice.**—K. W. Millburn (246 Greaves), 30. **Best South-Midland Centre Rider.**—Smith. **Best Wood Green Member.**—A. Wright (246 Greaves), 38. **Best B.S.A. Driver.**—R. J. Langston (497 Ariel), 27. **Best Team.**—Witley, G. R. Adsett (246 Greaves), 19; D. J. Adsett (246 Francis Barnett), 20; R. J. May (246 Greaves), 38. Total, 84.

Rowland's premier

TWENTY-FOUR riders did three laps containing ten observed sections in the Derby Phoenix club's Lilley Cup trial, which started from Grangemill, Derbyshire, on Sunday.

The most difficult sections were those at Royston Grange and Wigber Low, although Dave Rowland made them appear easy!

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Lilley Cup: D Rowland (250 BSA) 7 marks lost.
First class award: N S Eyre (250 Dot) 18, J L Ome (250 Greaves) 26.
Second class award: H Lloyd (250 Triumph) 28, M Astle (250 Dot) 34.
Best novice: D Lee (250 BSA) 65.

ALTHOUGH Don Smith (252 Greaves) was solo runner-up in the national Greensmith Trial on Sunday, he did not appear among the class-award winners. The reason—the South Birmingham MC organizers, having scrapped the 350 cc class because there were only three entries, decided controversially that the 500 cc cup should go to Sammy Miller (500 Ariel), although his debit was one higher than Don's.

Best solo performer was Studley ace Scott Ellis (200 Triumph), four marks on the right side of Don. In the sidecar division, Ron Langston (500 Ariel) took the honours from last year's winner Peter Wraith (500 Ariel).

Clerk of the course Hugh Crawford had laid out the usual tough route in the Shropshire Clec hills. It certainly gave trouble to the two favourites, Miller and Langston.

Miller had a sudden stop in the deep and tricky gully at Horse-ditch, a section which caused John Brittain (250 Royal Enfield) to have a sudden dab, although his fellow works rider, Peter Fletcher, was clean.

Langston and Wraith had a ding-dong battle in the sidecar class. Though Langston was not quite up to his usual high standard, he still managed to win by a five-mark margin. Arthur Pullman was again out on Brian Martin's B40 BSA, but he had a very poor day.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best Performance: S. Ellis (200 Triumph), 27 marks lost.
Best Sidecar: R. J. Langston

Rowlands best solo in Manx Two-day Trial

WITH a loss of 26 marks, Dave Rowlands (250 BSA) won the National Manx Two-day Trial, which finished on Sunday. Runner-up, some five marks in arrears, was Blackie Holden on another 250 BSA. In his usual supreme style Ron Langston (500 Ariel) won the sidecar class with a loss of 42 marks, 26 up on Arthur Pullman (350 BSA).

The event was granted an extra-national status for the first time because of the entries of two riders from Sweden—T. Peters (250 Dot) and S. G. Fischerstrom (250 Greaves), both of whom won second-class awards—as did all finishers who failed to get "firsts"—and were also presented with special awards to commemorate the occasion.

At the end of the first day, Rowlands led, having lost only three marks, while Holden had been debited with five—both losing their marks in the same section in South Barrule Quarry—a deep bog-hole which became

almost impossible after the early numbers.

Soon after lunch on Saturday, the greasy surface of the rock outcrop of the "slabs" provided trouble for the majority of the 200-odd entry and it was here that Langston showed his supremacy. Using every bit of power available from his Ariel combination, he thundered up the slippery gully with only his back wheel on the ground.

Early on Sunday morning, the rocks at Ballachrinck were responsible for a heavy toll of marks, but it was sub-section three, which had a very boggy exit, that succeeded in taking marks from all but three.

The tight hairpins of a grassy Killabregg caused a long delay. Often they became exceptionally slippery very early on. The section remained uncleared throughout.

Attempting a very steep exit from the section at Windy Corner, Alan Morewood's 500 Ariel combination overturned and fell on his passenger Merle, forcing their retirement. Merle was taken to hospital for a check-up but was not detained.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best Solo: D. Rowlands (250 BSA), 21 marks lost.
Runner-up: B. K. Holden (250 BSA), 26; 3 D. C. Clegg (250 Greaves), 28; 4 G. R. Adsett (250 Triumph), 29; 5 S. T. Cooper (250 Triumph), 29; 6 N. Eyre (250 Dot), 30.

Best Sidecar: R. J. Langston (500 Ariel), 42.

Runner-up: A. Pullman (350 BSA), 68.

First-class Awards, Solo: A. J. Marvell (250 BSA), 36; E. Adcock (252 BSA) and D. Lord (200 Triumph), 44; R. Kelly (250 BSA) and W. D. Couldwell (250 Dot), 47; S. Cordingley (250 Greaves) and P. H. Gaunt (500 Ariel), 48; T. H. Savage (250 Triumph) and K. Garside (200 Triumph), 49; J. W. Young (250 Greaves), 50; C. J. Breaks (200 Triumph) and R. R. Cooper (250 James), 52; R. H. Smyth (250 BSA), 54; R. J. Hearn (200 Triumph), 55; J. L. Orme (250 Greaves) and M. Bowers (250 Dot), 60; N. Hinch-cliff (250 Greaves), T. E. Mason (200 Triumph) and J. D. Martin (200 Greaves), 64; J. Holmes (200 Triumph), 65; P. C. Christian (250 Cotton), 69; G. J. Harley (200 JAH Triumph), 70; A. J. Allen (250 Royal Enfield), 72; R. S. Thomson (350 BSA), 73; J. O. Hughes (200 Triumph), J. A. Davies (250 DMW), S. M. Miller (200 Triumph), B. K. Rogers (250 Dot) and J. W. Grazier (200 Triumph), 74; D. Peel (250 Greaves), A. Clews (200 Triumph), R. Pidcock (250 BSA) and W. J. Price (200 Triumph), 75; T. C. Rain (250 Dot), 76; W. A. Rigby (250 Cotton) and J. White-head (250 Dot), 78; K. Ree (200 Triumph) and G. Cannell (250 Greaves), 79; R. Randall (250 Greaves), 81. **Sidecar:** P. Wraith (500 Ariel), 73; P. Roydhouse (500 Norton), 106; T. Heasham (350 BSA), 121; B. E. Checklin (500 BSA), 126.

ROWLAND —JUST 7

DAVE ROWLAND (250 BSA) had seven dabs in 30 sections and three laps of a 10-mile circuit to win Sunday's Derby Phoenix trial at Grangemill, Derbyshire.

Second best among the two dozen riders in this closed event was Norman Eyre (250 Dot), who was well behind with 18 marks lost.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 BSA), 7 marks lost. **First-class Awards:** N. Eyre (250 Dot), 18; J. Orme (250 Greaves), 26. **Second-class Awards:** H. Lloyd (250 Triumph), 28; M. Astle, 34. **Best Novice:** D. Lee (250 BSA), 65.



(500 Ariel), 53. **Second-best Sidecar:** P. Wraith (500 Ariel), 58. **Team Award:** Sunbeam MCC (S. H. Miller, A. J. Davis, D. Smith), 105. **Class Awards, 500 cc:** S. H. Miller (Ariel), 32; 250 cc: D. Rowland (BSA), 33. 125 and 350 cc: Not awarded because of insufficient entries being received.

First-class Awards: D. Smith (252 Greaves), 31; P. N. Brittain (250 Dot), 33; A. J. Davis (250 BSA), 42; J. V. Brittain (250 Royal Enfield), 43; J. A. Sandiford (250 BSA) and H. W. Don-caster (250 Greaves), 48; R. R. P. Roydhouse (sc), 81.

Second-class Awards: M. Ransom (250 BSA), 42; D. G. Langston (250 BSA), 42; J. W. Grazier (250 Royal Enfield), 43; J. A. Sandiford (250 BSA) and H. W. Don-caster (250 Greaves), 48; R. R. P. Roydhouse (sc), 81.