

1961

Crossed river to win

DON SMITH (Greaves), making another of his excursions south of the Thames, was the clear winner of the Horsham and District MC Star Group Sporting Trial on Sunday, while Dick Langstone (Matchless) won the sidecar class by 10 marks from L. Baker (BSA).

Run on three areas of private land near Horsham, Sussex, the going provided quite a change from WD land invariably used for group events.

Pump House at Newstead was the chief stumbling block and one of the best performances here, on lap 1, was by novice rider M. Teather (Greaves), while second time round Don Smith was far and away the best.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best performance: D Smith (Greaves) 3 marks lost.
Best sidecar: R Langstone (Matchless) 21.
Novice: M Cox (Greaves) 39.
Army MCA: Sgt Terrell (Triumph) 6.
BSA M20 awards: Staff Sgt Johnstone 15.
First class awards: G L Coppuck (Greaves) 4, D Rowland (AJS) 3, Valder (Greaves) 8, B Fowler (AJS) 11, K Sherlock (Matchless) 11, J Brush (Francis Barnett) 15, J Broker (Greaves) 16, D Brown (AJS) 17, J D Wayte (BSA) 18, L Baker (BSA sidecar) 21, Marine Smith (Triumph) 27.
Second class awards: W G Gray 19, W Knight 20, J S Payne 22, P J Mellors 24, J Morris 5, R Clark 25, E Sedang 26, P Hudson 27, A Wilson 24, F Emmerson 36, Sgt Strizaker 36.
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Woodhouse Trophy

THERE were 75 solos and five sidecars in the Bolsover MC and LCC's Woodhouse Trophy Trial in the Langworth area near Bolsover on Sunday.

Owing to dry conditions sections were easy by previous standards, but one man, A. Martin, of Lincoln, managed to drop 136 marks.

Eventual winner was M. Ransome, of Sheffield, who had a close battle with the two potential AMC teamsters—R. Rowlands, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and M. Andrews, of Matlock.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best performance: M Ransome (200 Triumph) 2 marks lost.
Best sidecar: P Roydhouse (500 Norton) 20.
First class awards: R Rowlands (350 AJS) 3, M Andrews (350 AJS) 4, H C Smith (200 Triumph) 16, B K Rogers (250 Dot) 19, D J Page (500 Norton s/c) 37.
Second class awards: R Sweetmore (200 Triumph) 35, R P Salt (250 Royal Enfield) 36, G Longden (250 Dot) 40, D A Dawson (200 Triumph) 41, R P Robinson (250 BSA) 45.
PAT BALDERSON.

Rowlands superior in Cheshire

LIVERPOOL man Dave Rowlands (250 BSA) in the Congleton Club's trial on Sunday lost only seven marks to win the premier trophy being by far the most superior rider among 66 of the hard riding Cheshire Centre clubmen who like the tough Derbyshire courses.

This two-lap, 18 miles effort, however, with 19 sections per lap had several new sections with the emphasis on rocky going.

The most interesting part of the course was through Stones—four sections of boulders along one of the deepest gullies in the district and although one or another was cleaned no one managed all four unpenalised.

Scrambler John Griffiths had a day trying the trials game riding Lamper's Dot, but he managed to drop 69 marks.

Best performance: D. Rowlands (250 BSA), 7 marks lost.
Best Congleton member: A. Allen (250 Greaves) 34.
First class awards: R. Sweetmore (200 Triumph) 17, J. Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 18, N. Eyre (250 Dot), 27, G. Brasington (250 Dot), 29, G. Williams (250 Greaves), 29, A. J. Allen (250 Greaves) 34.
Second class awards: A. J. Yeomans (250 Dot) 35, A. Millward (250 Dot) 35, R. P. Salt (250 Royal Enfield) 36, G. Longden (250 Dot) 40, D. A. Dawson (200 Triumph) 41, R. P. Robinson (250 BSA) 45.

Rowland didn't lose a mark!

WINNER of the Accrington and D MC Joe Abbott Memorial Trial on Sunday, Dave Rowland (250 BSA) was really on top form and finished the 25-mile course containing 16 observed sections without losing a mark.

Open to North Western Centre, the trial attracted 78 entries and here were five non-starters. Best of the four sidecars was Jack Mathews (500 BSA), the result of a tie in the class being decided on "fastest round clean."

At the first section riders entered a narrow gully, dropped on to a muddy path and crossed a stream before winding on power for the climb out. Steve Kenworthy was fast and clean on his 200 cc Triumph, while Tom Ollerton (200 Bultaco) and Rowland were just as good trying a slower approach. On the whole the section was pretty easy.

But it was a different tale at Number 2. Right at the start riders came unstuck on a rock slab, their wheels skidding wildly on the slippery step. Rochdale clubmen Gerald Sheridan (200 Triumph), Frank Carter and Tommy Robinson (250 BSAs), all came to grief on the step and it was left to Alan Clews (350 Ariel Special) to make the first clean attempt.

G. Scambler (200 James) conquered the worst parts of the section, only to drop his machine in the mud only feet from the end of the section.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best performance: R D Rowland (250 BSA) no marks lost.
Best sidecar: J Mathews (500 BSA) 25.
Best novice: J Hargreaves (250 BSA) 23.
Best Accrington rider: B Payne (350 AJS) 22.
Accrington novice: R J Barlow (200 Dot) 30.
First class awards: S Kenworthy (200 Triumph) 6, A Clews (350 Ariel Special) and D L Thomas (250 Francis-Barnett) 8, E L Williamson (250 Francis-Barnett) 11, E P Robinson (250 BSA) 13, D Lord (250 Greaves) 15, J Clarke (200 Dot) 17, R N Rowland (500 Ariel) 18, J G Stephenson (500 BSA sidecar) 25, E Castle (500 BSA sidecar) 30.

GAGG TRIAL

ILKESTON and DMC and LCC held their Gagg Trial at Williams' Quarry, Twodales, near Matlock, on Sunday. Riders were divided into two groups: those who had won an East Midland centre event, and those who had not, some sections being different for the two classes.

Winner of Class A was Dave Rowland (250 BSA), 16 marks lost, with Mick Andrews (350 AJS), 18 marks lost as runner-up.

Winner of Class B was John Orme (250 Greaves), who also lost 18 marks.

HAVE you been watching the impressive progress made by Dave Rowland recently? A year ago there existed a strange situation whereby this farmer's son from Chapel-en-le-Frith was almost unbeatable on the sandy sections around Bordon (where he was doing his National Service) yet rode like a novice on the rocks of his native Derbyshire-Cheshire border country. Hugh Viney lent him a three-fifty A.J.S., but Rowland could do little with it and the machine was returned to Plumstead with apologies and thanks. Then, last month, Brian Martin agreed to let Dave borrow the two-fifty B.S.A. which John Harris had used

throughout 1961. The effect was instantaneous! In his first three open-to-centre trials on the C15T (the Cresswell Trophy, the Abbott and the Ingle Cup), Dave made best performance—and by an impressive margin each time. He rode superbly in the Inter-Centre Team Trial 11 days ago (he was easily the best on Orley and Deancombe). Rocks no longer intimidate the one-time King of Kingsley Common!

Clear victory for Adcock

ERIC Adcock (Dot) scored a clear victory in the Ashton-under-Lyne and DMC's North-western Centre trial on Sunday. While many other riders lost marks wholesale, Eric gave a confident display which costs him only 18 marks after six laps of a pocket handkerchief course containing ten sections.

AJS rider Dave Rowlands—tipped as a star of the near future—took runner-up position seven in arrears.

A steady drizzle at the start made the going unpleasant for these 49 competitors and although conditions improved after a couple of hours nine riders packed up before the finish.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Best performance: E Adcock (250 Dot) 18 marks lost.
Best novice: P E Platt (350 Royal Enfield) 131.
First class awards: D Rowlands (350 AJS) 25, J A Sandiford (250 BSA) 28, J H Roberts (250 Francis Barnett) 38, E L Williamson (250 Francis Barnett) 47, G Brasington (250 Dot) 64, I C Shennan (500 Ariel) 69.
Second class awards: E Sellars (200 Triumph) 84, W Rigby (250 Greaves) 87, T Robinson (250 BSA) 89, W B Hoppey (350 AJS), S Kenworthy (200 Triumph) 90.
BRIAN CALDECOTT

The Rowland brothers

A JOLLY good trial was the verdict of the Ilkeston and District MCC's Simmy Brothers' Trial held in the Weefington area of Derbyshire on Sunday.

There were two classes—the Simmy Trophy, for riders who had not won a premier in the past three years, and an experts' class. The course, run over two laps of the ten-mile circuit, embraced some 33 sections in all.

The outstanding rider of the day was Roy Rowland who, at one stage, was leading both classes. But at the end of the trial Roy had been caught up by brother Dave, who took the class A premier award.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Premier award class A: Dave Rowlands (250 BSA) 18 marks lost.
First class awards: D Skinner (250 Dot) 22, Peter Race (500 Ariel s/c) 21, A H Elby (500 BSA) 26.
Novice sidecar: G Brooks (500 Norton) 77.
Simmy Trophy: R Rowlands (500 Ariel) 25.
First class awards: R R Hulme (250 Greaves) 35, A Gavins (250 Dot) 35, D R Elby (250 Greaves) 38, G A Bullock (250 BSA) 27, H B Dryden (250 Greaves) 39.
Second class awards: G Longton (250 Dot) 43, D A Dawson (200 Triumph) 47, G L Orme (250 Greaves) 49, W Bullock (250 Greaves) 49, S M Berr (197 James) 60.
Novice award: E Mitchell (250 Greaves) 61.

MIKE RANSOM (250 Francis-Barnett) trounced strong opposition to win the Chester Motor Club Golden Jubilee Reliance Trial held on Sunday and lost only five marks.

This brilliantly sustained effort was vastly superior to all others as the eight-mark margin separating Ransom from runner-up and winner of the up to 350cc award Ian Williamson indicates. Winner of the sidecar award was Peter Roydhouse (Norton 500) who performed capably throughout and eventually lost 15 marks. The event, run under Regional Restricted Permit, attracted an entry of 71 solos and five sidecars and solos tackled a two-lap course with 24 observed sections to the lap while certain sections were omitted for the sidecars.

Conditions were ideal and the weather fine for the start at the Allyn Service Station, Bradley, near Wrexham, at 11 am, and certainly the first major section, Allyn Brook, proved one of the most difficult.

The first sub, consisting of an excursion up a fast stream containing large boulders and branches, became progressively worse for some of the boulders were moved upstream and formed an effective exit barrier. Of the later runners Alan Key (250 Greaves) had the correct approach and, with an impressive display of throttle control, managed to record a neat climb.

RESULTS
Best performance: M. Ransom (250 Francis-Barnett) five marks lost.
Best sidecar: P. Roydhouse (500 Norton) 15.
Class awards, 200cc: R. Sweetman (Triumph) 23; 350cc: E. L. Williamson (250 Francis-Barnett) 13; 500cc: R. Rowlands (500 Ariel) 39.
Best Chester MC member: R. Darlington (350 Royal Enfield) 46.
First class awards: J. Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 14, N. Eyre (250 Dot) 14, D. Rowlands (250 BSA) 15; E. Adcock (250 Dot) 18.
Second class awards: R. Morris (250 Dot) 21, G. A. Davies (250 Dot) 27, M. J. Worsnip (250 Dot) 29; G. A. Williams (250 Greaves) 31.
R.J.

Relgate and Redhill MC. Best performance: D Smith (Greaves) 3 marks lost. Best sidecar: W Brown (Ariel) 17.
Novice: P Darnell (Greaves) 17.
First class awards: D Rowland (AJS) 3, G L Coppuck (Greaves) 4, J D Wayte (BSA) 5, D Brown (AJS), G J West (Greaves), A Wilson (Ariel), G C Luing (Yamaha) 8, E A Small (BSA s/c) 10, R Langstone (Matchless s/c) 11.
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