

ALWAYS at his best when the rocks are biggest, Bill Wilkinson (250 Greeves) was a convincing winner of Sunday's national Peak Trial.

Round a tough 48 section course in the North Derbyshire Dales, "The Wilk" parted with a mere 11 marks, less than half the deficit of second man Keith Garside (250 Sprite).

The issue was actually much closer than it appears, for at threequarter distance Garside and Wilkinson were tying on six apiece.

Then Garside crunched to a halt on Back Torr's boulders and lost another 14 on the last group at Rowlee.

Wilkinson added only another five to his score.

Local man Alan Morewood, crewed by Andy Barber, piloted the Ariel outfit to another win though the Checklin brothers (500 BSA) were not far behind.

The sidecars tackled 44 sections on the 42 mile route.

Though all were hard, few were impossible. The toughest group came at the start with the long stream-bed slot at Mayfields, where Wilkinson's single dab effort was the best of the 88 solos.

Surprise

Phil Beal (250 Bultaco) and Derek Lord (200 Triumph) joined him in conquering the corkscrew climb of the fourth section, but Derek soon retired with only top gear left.

Sidecar surprise was Steve Kenworthy (500 Ariel), who chuffed through Mayfields to lose only one, while Checklin collected five and Morewood six.

Easy for solos, Hallfields took marks from all the chairs with Checklin the only one to keep moving. Morewood forfeited five for demolishing a marker.

Though a greasy boulder-strewn staircase at Callow was mastered by a third of the entry, it still caught the unwary. Wilkinson, Norman Eyre (250 Bultaco) and Paul England (226 Triumph) all paddled out of trouble.

John Hemingway (250 Sprite) was among the neatest but he had footed on a loose surfaced rutted climb just before.

Wetherby team-mate Malcolm

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Rathmell (200 Triumph) got cross rutted and stopped. Both had ridden their bikes from Leeds to the start when their towing car broke down.

Kenworthy lost his sidecar lead and ten marks at Callow, where Morewood and Checklin were clean.

High above Edale, a two sub terror at Back Torr featured a right-hand hairpin with a dash over big boulders.

Peter Fletcher made it with two value-for-money dabs. Hemingway needed only one, then Wilkinson hurled his Greeves over the rocks to record the only clean.

After failing to diagnose an odd noise, later found to be a broken sidecar connection, Morewood got through Rowlees with only six more lost, and it put him well clear.

Organisation by the Sheffield and Hallamshire club was first class—more than compensating for the wet and very misty weather.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best solo: W Wilkinson (250 Greeves) 11 marks lost.

Best sidecar: C A Morewood/A Barber (500 Ariel) 23.

Runner-up solo: K Garside (250 Sprite) 25.

Runner-up sidecar: B Checklin/J Checklin (500 BSA) 47.

Third best solo: M C Rathmell (200 Triumph) 28.

4 D Rowland (175 BSA) 37.

M Wilkinson (250 Greeves) 44.

Best Sheffield and Hallamshire member: C A Morewood.

Team award: Wetherby (C J Hemingway, M C Rathmell, M Wilkinson) total 124.

First-class awards: N S Eyre (250 Bultaco) 47.

T A Jackson (250 Bultaco) 49.

C J Hemingway (250 Sprite) 52.

T Wright (250 Bultaco) 53.

D Jones (250 Greeves) 56.

P Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) 56.

D Thorpe (200 Triumph) 59.

P England (226 Triumph) 60.

P C Beal (250 Bultaco) 61.

S Kenworthy/J Lees (500 Ariel) 67.

Second class awards: H M Lampkin (250 BSA) 81.

C Leighfield (250 Sprite) 83.

L C Telling (250 Bultaco) 83.

D Theobald (250 BSA) 87.

D Skinner (250 Bultaco) 90.

B E Lancaster (250 Triumph) 91.

J L Orme (250 Bultaco) 92.

R Halsey (250 Bultaco) 96.

L Smith (250 Sprite) 96.

R Round D Round (441 BSA) 94.

BAR NONE TRIAL

High Legh, Cheshire—Sunday
Best Performance: R. D. Rowland (175 BSA), 17 marks lost. First-class Awards: R. Darlington (250 Greeves), 19; G. Darlington (250 Greeves), 24; J. H. Roberts (250 Bultaco), 29; J. Statham (118 Suzuki), 33. Novice Awards: C. Price and J. Wilson, 102.

Rowland is East Midland champion

DAVE Rowland was the individual winner of the East Midland Centre Championship Trial, organised by the Pathfinders and Derby Motor Club who were the winners of the team award.

Forty-five competitors started at the scramble course, Clifton, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, on Sunday.

Two laps contained 25 observed sections for solos and 15 for sidecars at Clifton Corley Farm, Kniveton, and Brookhouse Farm.

Many of the muddy sections proved easier than usual after the recent dry weather though one of the worst was at Brookhouse Farm where only Rowland and Robert Moor had cleans.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best solo: D Rowland (175 BSA) 16 marks lost.

Runner-up: J Orme (250 Bultaco) 30.

Best sidecar: A Morewood (500 Ariel) 26.

Best novice: K Hobson (250 Bultaco) 54.

Best rider under 21: S Tuxford (200 James) 121.

Team awards: 1 Pathfinders and Derby 114, 2 Sutton Falcons 162, 3 Derby Phoenix 240, 4 Derwent 265.

ROWLAND — AFTER TIE

ROY Rowland (250 BSA) won the Manchester Eagle MC's Chris Bannister Trophy trial when he tied on loss of marks with Steve Thomas (250 Sprite) and was awarded the decision on the farthest clean.

Both riders had dropped 59 marks over the six laps of a course featuring 18 sections per lap. The event was held on the club's scramble course at Potts Shriley, Cheshire and contested by 27 riders.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier: R Rowland (250 BSA) 59 marks lost.

Best Manchester Eagle member: S E Thomas (250 Sprite) 59.

First class awards: A J Yeomans (250 Sprite) 62.

H Rosenthal (250 Greeves) 71.

R Armsden (250 Greeves) 81.

P Hooley (250 Bultaco) 81.

national Greensmith

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier: S Miller (252 Bultaco) 28 marks lost.

Best sidecar: C A Morewood/A Barber (500 Ariel) 56.

Runner-up solo: M C Rathmell (200 Triumph) 38.

Runner-up sidecar: R Round/D Round (441 BSA) 78.

Third solo: N S Eyre (250 Bultaco) 50.

4 L C Telling (250 Bultaco) 52.

Best over 300 cc: M J Clark (500 Ariel) 100.

First class awards: D Rowland (175 BSA) 55.

H M Lampkin (250 BSA) 56.

R Edwards (265 Cotton) 58.

D Adsett (250 Greeves) 58.

S T Cooper (250 Elstar) 59.

C J Hemingway (250 Sprite) 62.

R Haines (200 Triumph) 66.

C Leighfield (250 Sprite) 68.

D Jones (250 Greeves) 76.

(15 cleans) B Checklin/J Checklin (500 BSA) 90.

W Bulloch/M Chambers (500 BSA) 102.

Second class awards: R J Hearn (200 Triumph) 76.

(14 cleans) L Smith (250 Sprite) 79.

R Stableford (250 Greeves) 81.

W G Price (250 Bultaco) 82.

P T Stirling (250 Greeves) 84.

M Wilkinson (250 Greeves) 84.

M W Taylor (250 Bultaco) 84.

C Watts (250 Bultaco) 85.

M Webb (250 Bultaco) 85.

G Holmes/S Dorney (500 BSA) 124.

Team award: Wetherby (A C J Hemingway, M Rathmell, M Wilkinson) total 184.

Dave is champ on 'old' BSA

DAVE Rowland was forced to use his old 250 BSA for the Cheshire Centre Championship Trial after his works 175 Bantam suffered gearbox trouble on the previous day's John Douglas Trial.

But he still became the centre's trials champion with a loss of only 21 marks.

Runner-up was Graham Darlington (250 cc Greeves) who lost 30.

The trial was over two laps of a 20-mile course around Buxton, Derbyshire, and featured 26 sections per lap.

Heavy overnight rain had made going very slippery but in spite of that only Dane Bower Quarry was not cleaned.

Rowland was easily the best at Hawks Nest where he escaped with three dabs.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier award: D Rowland (250 BSA) 21 marks lost.

Runner-up: G Darlington (250 Greeves) 30.

First class awards: M Brayford (360 Moto Cross) 38.

J H Roberts (250 Bultaco) 41.

R Darlington (250 Bultaco) 42.

H Lloyd (250 Bultaco) 43.

E L Davies (250 Bultaco) 43.

M Worsnip (250 Bultaco) 55.

Second class awards: J Matthews (250 Bultaco) 64.

D Chadwick (250 Bultaco) 67.

E Mitchell (200 Triumph) 71.

D K Murray (250 Bultaco) 75.

G Barry (250 Sprite) 75.

P M Anderton (250 Sprite) 76.

Best team: Manchester 17 (Rowland, Roberts, Lloyd) total of 105 marks.

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