

ANDREWS SCRAPES HOME

IN A Bemrose Trial so cushy that a dozen riders finished with single-figure scores, Mick Andrews (250 Ossa) had a hair's-breadth win over another local ace, Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco), while Allan Morewood (500 Ariel) claimed his fourth consecutive sidecar victory in the Derbyshire classic.

Andrews, who sprang into the limelight when he won the trial as a youngster seven years ago, finished level on marks with Rowland, but Rowland indulged in three separate prods while Andrews' wizardry was tarnished by a solitary bout of footing.

So, under the rules for ties, victory went to the Ossa man.

The same decider resolved a third-place tie between Gordon Farley (250 Montesa) and Mick Wilkinson (250 Greeves), Farley getting the verdict with a spell of footing and two dabs, to Wilkinson's five single-mark penalties.

Shifted to Saturday from its usual date in March to avoid clashing with the Inter-Centre Team Trial in the same area, the Pathfinders and Derby Club's event gave the solos their driest, least-testing outing in the hills south of Buxton for many years.

But for sidecars it was a different tale, and most fell foul of the time schedule.

Allan Morewood and Gerry Holmes scraped home with two minutes to spare. British-championship leaders Roy Bradley and Christine Bull (500 Ariel) tied with the winners on observation, but went astray and, like many solos, missed the loop to the High Edge group of hazards.

The ensuing back-tracking cost them 28 marks on time.

Hampshire's Colein brothers (734 Tribsa) made the same mistake and added 22 to their total but farthest behind schedule were Nottingham clubmen Ray Pettet and Ray Crawford (500 Ariel).

They went really well to finish three down on Morewood, but signed off 44 minutes late and nearly doubled their score.

At Manor Steps, seventh of the 17 groups of sections in the 44-mile course, disaster struck Sammy Miller (252 Bultaco). His front wheel nudged a rock slab awkwardly and he stopped. And he added three more on the stream-bed at Cheeks Hill.

John Hemingway (125 Suzuki) suffered a set-back at the second section, Heathfield, where he lost three; then he helped Rob Edwards fix a damaged throttle cable on his 170 cc Cotton and Edwards went on to win the 175 cc cup.

Robinson's Rocks, a tight left-hander into a stream bed, caught Gordon Farley for three. A long-legged prod helped Ted Breffitt (230 Ossa) out here.

Breffitt had one of the best rides of his career, finishing fifth out of the 103 solos and helping Ossa take the one-make team prize.

Cliff Horner (250 Bultaco) and Frank Anderton (250 Bultaco) were among the first to cope with Robinson's.

After 40 riders had foot-slogged or failed on the slimy slope of Booth Farm's first

obstacle, Peter Gaunt buzzed his little CZ-powered PGS to the top without difficulty.

But at Booth Farm's final subsection, the steep, muddy slot grew more difficult as the day progressed, and it was here that Andrews had his only lapse.

Claiming that some sections were "too easy to bother with," new European trials champion Don Smith refused to ride them and finished well down the awards list.

RESULTS

Best Performance: M. Andrews (250 Ossa), 3 marks lost. **Runner-up:** D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 3.

Best Sidecar: C. A. Morewood (500 Ariel), 51. **Runner-up:** W. Bulloch (500 BSA), 63.

Best 175 cc: R. Edwards (Cotton), 9.

Best 200 cc: D. Grundy (Triumph), 45.

Best 250 cc: G. J. Farley (Montesa), 5.

Best 350 cc: S. H. Miller (252 Bultaco), 9.

Best 500 cc: W. A. Swallow (352 AJS), 142.

Best One-make Team: Ossa (W. E. Breffitt, M. Andrews, D. Thorpe), 27.

Best Club Team: Pathfinders and Derby (J. L. Orme, I. Wilson, M. Andrews), 34.

Best East Midland Centre Resident Not Winning Open Award: W. E. Breffitt.

First-class Awards. Solo: M. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 5; W. E. Breffitt (230 Ossa), 6; J. A. Sandiford (250 JAS Bultaco) and L. C. Telling (250 Montesa), 7; I. Wilson (250 Bultaco), 8; J. B. Hutchinson (125 Sprite) and N. S. Eyre (230 Ossa), 9; M. Barnes (250 Bultaco) and D. J. Adsett (250 Greeves), 10; P. H. Gaunt (90 PGS CZ), 12. **Sidecar:** R. G. Bradley (500 Ariel), 79; J. Mathews (500 BSA), 82.

Second-class Awards. Solo: S. Ellis and J. D. Stobbart, 14; R. S. Peplow, 15; C. Milner, 16; H. Lloyd and D. Thorpe, 18; C. J. Hemingway, 19; A. Edwards and B. K. Rodgers, 20; D. R. Smith, 21; D. J. Theobald, 22. **Sidecar:** R. Colein, 91.



Unlucky runner-up Dave Rowland (Bultaco), who lost the trial on the tie-decider

Rowland in command

DAVE ROWLAND (250 Bultaco) won the Manchester 17 Club's trial on Sunday, losing seven marks to the 14 of runner-up John Roberts (125 Sprite). The nine-mile course included 21 observed sections and had to be covered twice. Nearly a third of the entry failed to finish the course.

RESULTS

Best Performance: 1 D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 7 marks lost. **Runner-up:** J. H. Roberts (125 Sprite), 14.

Best Novice: M. Larkin (250 Bultaco), 89. **First-class Awards:** R. Edwards (170 Cotton), 18; H. Rosenthal (250 Greeves), 25; H. Lloyd (250 Bultaco), 26.



Sandiford misses again

JIM SANDIFORD failed again on Sunday to get his name on the Sandiford Trophy. This year it was Cheshire champion Dave Rowland who beat Sandiford by one mark.

An entry of 75 had to cover four laps of 12 sections over a short course in Birtle Dene, near Bury. A separate event included in the trial was a hill climb which riders could please themselves if they attempted it. Five riders managed to reach the top and from a short run only John Horsfall reached the top to win the Rudge Trophy for the second year.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
Sandiford Trophy: D. Rowlands

(250 Montesa) 8 marks lost.
Best novice: K. T. Rhodes (250 Montesa) 84.

First class awards: J. A. Sandiford (250 Bultaco) 9, J. S. Horsfall (250 Bultaco) 11, P. Jackson (125 Jacun) 13, H. Lloyd (250 Bultaco) 15, J. H. Roberts (250 Montesa) 16, D. Lord (150 Hyndburn) 18, A. Edwards (250 Bultaco) 20.

Second class awards: B. E. Lancaster (250 Bultaco) 23, C. Smith (250 Bultaco) 25, T. A. Jackson (125 Jacun) 29, G. Boughton (250 Montesa) 32, J. Heap (230 Ossa) 34, R. Smith (250 Bultaco) 35, H. Holgate (250 Bultaco) 36.

Rudge Trophy: J. S. Horsfall.