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Bantams challenge the Scottish Six Days

Langston

Rowland

IT would be a fine feather in BSA competition manager Brian Martin's cap if a couple of pioneer trials Bantams were to win the 150 cc and 200 cc class awards in next month's Scottish Six Day Trial.

His faith in the little Bantam is emphasised by his choice of riders—both hefty characters normally seen on 250 four-strokes. They are Dave Langston, on 148 cc Bantam, and Dave Rowland, on a 173 cc version. Out of 225 entries, only two dozen bikes have engines under 250 cc.

Two privateers are also riding Bantams in the "Scottish." Sidecar ace Alan Morewood, determined not to be deprived of his Highland holiday by the absence of a three wheeler class, is entered on a 150 BSA. Mick Bowers, who helped develop the prototype trials Bantams at BSA (Redditch) is having a go on a 175.

But there is nothing new about a Bantam in the Scottish. John Draper rode a 150 Bantam Major in the 1956 event. After being the only rider to complete the fifth day without penalty including the ascent of Grey Mares Ridge, he won the 150 cup and was sixth overall.

If the two Daves can do better, there'll surely be more trials Bantams about the place this time next year.

SAMMY MILLER, won last week's Scottish Six Days' Trial—leading from start to finish. The Bultaco ace romped from day to day with an ever-increasing lead, beating runner-up Dave Rowland (175 BSA) by a staggering 16 marks. Sammy, who missed a hat-trick in 1966 when beaten by Alan Lampkin, kept his score-card free from "fives" until the last day of a trial in which 56 of the 216 starters retired.

The Irishman's anticipated battle-royal with Lampkin never got off the ground. Alan, never higher than seventh, was excluded on Thursday for illegally changing a wheel.

The trial, intentionally tougher, was made stiffer by harsh weather and was nearly marred by disaster—see page 1.

Yet, despite the conditions, 43 riders earned special first-class awards, 65 first-class, and a further 52 received second-class awards.

report: Bernal Osborne

Monday

STUNG by angry criticism of last year's easy first-day run, which ended with six clean sheets and only 10 marks between the next 34 finishers, the Edinburgh Club threw the route-book at Monday's 216 starters.

The first tough section of the trial was Glen Ogle eight hillside sections tackled in blinding snow showers. After lunch came a stiffened version of Altanfeadh and then the dreaded, 10-section Leitir-Bo-Fionn, used in previous years as an end-of-week "decider" hill. The results team worked till midnight coping with the staggering flood of marks lost on these hazards.

Results were modified after an incorrect 10 pm press release, but this did not alter the story of Sammy Miller's terrific performance in his fight to avenge his 1966 defeat by Alan Lampkin, who was competing again this year in BSA's number one works team.

Neither Lampkin nor Miller conceded more than a dab at Glen Ogle. BSA works teamsters Dave Rowland, and Scott Ellis — out for the 350 cc award on a works 252 also conceded a dab, as did Rob Edwards (250 Cotton) and Dennis "Jonah" Jones.

And this one-mark tie persisted all the way to the foot of Leitir-Bo-Fionn.

Miller broke out of the clinch. He got to the ninth section of this zig-zagging ladder with both feet still on the rests.

Then he steadied the Bultaco with a prod. It looked as though one dab would be enough but he made sure by quickly dropping his foot again to make it a "three," and then he dabbed once more in the top section.

Miller finished the day's 148-mile run for a loss of five marks on the 27 sections — leading the trial and the 350 class which he topped last year.

Alan Lampkin's assault on Leitir-Bo-Fionn came after a nerve-racking hold-up and he lost 21 marks on the climb he made last year at the cost of only four.

Mick Andrews (250 Ossa), record-holder for a previous two-dab climb at Leitir-Bo-Fionn, arrived with a debit of six from Glen Ogle and lost another 17 — throwing away his accustomed first-day place among the leaders.

Dave Rowland, with Gordon Farley on the 67-bore works Triumph 250, one mark behind, finished with 13, Don Smith (250 Greeves) and Scott Ellis (252 BSA) at 17, Bill Wilkinson, 18 and Dennis Jones, 19.

In a tie with Andrews, Dave Thorpe — Triumph's newest team recruit—was best among the "200s" and Peter Gaunt (125 Suzuki) carried the "150" banner.

A last-minute change from his 441 cc BSA to the ex-Miller 500 cc Ariel paid off for Comerford's Jock Wilson who lead the small 500 cc contingent by a mile.

The Greeves trio of Don Smith, Jim Sandiford and Bill Wilkinson — all on 250s —finished three marks up on BSA's Scott Ellis and Arthur Lampkin (254 cc) and brother Alan. With first, third and fourth placemen in their team, Sunbeam MCC were 'way out in front of the club team contest.

HERE'S HOW THEY FINISHED

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

J. R. Alexander Challenge Trophy (best performance): S. Miller (252 Bultaco), 18 marks st.

Lochaber Trophy (second best performance): R. D. Rowland (175 BSA), 34.

Nelson Challenge Trophy (third best performance): D. Jones (250 Greeves), 40.

G. F. Simpson Trophy (fourth best performance): W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 41.

Blackford Challenge Trophy (best manufacturers' team): Greeves Motor Cycles (D. R. Smith, J. A. Sandiford, W. Wilkinson), 141.

Class Awards: 150 cc: P. H. Gaunt (Suzuki), 97. **200 cc:** R. D. Rowland (BSA), 34. **250 cc:** D. Jones (Greeves), 40. **350 cc:** S. H. Miller (254 Bultaco), 18. **Over 350 cc:** P. C. Wilson (500 Ariel), 127.

Albert Memorial Trophy (best newcomer): H. M. Lampkin (250 BSA), 99.

Ben Nevis Quaich (second best newcomer): P. J. Dunkley (250 Cheetah), 120.

Sydney Latimer Trophy (best Edinburgh club member): N. F. W. Edgar (250 Bultaco), 103.

Henderson Challenger Trophy (second best Edinburgh club member): J. D. Williamson (250 Bultaco), 137.

Andy Pattison Memorial Trophy (best British club team): Sunbeam MCC—S. H. Miller (252 Bultaco), D. R. Smith (250 Greeves), G. J. Farley (250 Triumph), 110.

Mamore Challenge Trophy (best private owners' team): North Lancs MC—J. A. Hayton (250 Greeves), M. Newsham (250 Bultaco), P. Walsh (250 Bultaco), 372.

Ladies' Miniature Cup (best woman rider): Miss R. Bennett (250 Greeves), 550.

R. A. Castle Trophy (best Services rider): J. Tye (250 Bultaco), 101.

Edinburgh Trophy (best foreign rider): R. Bjork (250 Bultaco), 124.

Allan Hay Memorial Challenge Trophy (Best Scottish rider): N. F. W. Edgar (250 Bultaco), 103.

James MacGregor Memorial Cup (second best Scottish rider): J. D. Williamson (250 Bultaco), 137.

Special First-class awards: S. H. Miller (250 Bultaco), 18; R. D. Rowland (175 BSA), 34; D. Jones (250 Greeves), 40; W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 41; G. J. Farley (250 Triumph), 42; D. Smith (250 Greeves), 50; J. A. Sandiford (254 Greeves), 50; A. J. Lampkin (254 BSA), 51; J. R. Sayer (200 Triumph), 52; R. Edwards (250 Cotton), 53; S. Ellis (252 BSA), 60; D. J. Adsett (250 Greeves), 62; P. A. England (250 Triumph) and R. M. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 66; R. S. Peplow (200 Triumph) and D. Thorpe (200 Triumph), 69; T. H. Savage (200 Triumph), 75; M. J. Bowers (175 BSA), 79; D. J. Theobald (250 Dot), 89; L. C. Telling, (250 Bultaco), 89; I. K. Haydon (250 Cotton), 90; P. H. Gaunt (118 Suzuki) and J. E. Lee (250 Greeves), 97; H. M. Lampkin (250 BSA), 99; J. Tye (250 Bultaco), 101; N. F. W. Edgar (250 Bultaco), 103; M. C. Rathmell (150 Triumph) and W. E. Breffitt (250 Bultaco), 112; M. Newsham (250 Bultaco), 114; B. P. Barnsley (250 Bultaco) and R. J. May (250 Greeves), 116; P. J. Dunkley (240 Cheetah), 120; S. T. Cooper (250 Elstar) and R. H. Stableford (250 Greeves), 121; R. Bjork (250 Bultaco), J. A. Hayton (250 Greeves) and K. A. Hayton (250 Greeves), K. J. Sedgley (250 Bultaco) and I. R. Clarkson (250 Cotton), 124; P. C. Wilson (500 Ariel), 127; R. A. Brown (200 Triumph), 129; C. A. Morewood (150 BSA), 130; D. G. Langston (150 BSA), 130; A. G. Holt (250 Greeves), 133.

First-class Awards: P. Walsh (250 Bultaco) and J. D. Williamson (250 Bultaco), 137; G. A. Budgen (250 Greeves), 138; B. L. Davies (250 Bultaco), 139; W. J. Hutton (250 Bultaco), 143; S. Robinson (250 Bultaco), 145; A. Poynton (250 Bultaco), 146; G. Chambers (250 Bultaco), 148; A. J. Cameron (250 Greeves), 149; J. Peplow (200 Triumph) and W. G. Faulkner (500 BSA), 150; D. K. Woods (250 Bultaco), 152; R. F. Adams (250 Bultaco), 153; W. G. Price (250 Cotton), 155; R. F. A. Berggren (250 Bultaco), 156; D. Bald (250 Greeves) and E. A. Dommett (250 Bultaco), 159; D. Cranfield (250 Greeves) and D. J. A. Watson (250 Bultaco), 161; C. C. J. Morgan (250 Greeves), 164; B. Thomas (250 Greeves), 166; D. M. Dixon (250 Bultaco), 167; M. A. Soames (250 Bultaco), 171; R. T. Hill (251 Bultaco), 172; B. Dawson (250 Bultaco) and J. Rushton (250 Bultaco), 174; M. R. Winwood (250 BSA), 178; W. E. Dalton (250 Bultaco), 180; R. E. Hamblin (250 Bultaco), 182; J. Ballantyne (250 Bultaco), 183; A. G. Walker (250 Bultaco), 184; M. F. Eyles (250 Cotton), 186; B. C. Ingram (250 Bultaco), 188; D. J. Hobbs (250 Bultaco) and J. B. Valder (250 Greeves), 191; R. H. Lux (250 Bultaco), 192; R. N. Rowland (250 BSA) and R. G. Paynter (250 Cotton), 194; M. L. Parker (250 Bultaco), 198; R. A. Bell (350 Matchless), 201; D. A. Reeve (250 Bultaco) and D. C. H. Hynd (250 Greeves), 204; M. P. Whitlock (250 Cheetah) and A. A. Headland (250 Wasp), 206; J. H. Little (250 Bultaco); E. G. R. Page (250 Bultaco) and C. A. Watson (250 Bultaco), 210; B. Farrer (250 Greeves), 211; J. K. Karlsson (250 Greeves), 212; G. M. Loram (250 Bultaco) and J. Goodchild (250 Greeves), 213; A. L. King (250 Greeves), J. R. Walker (250 Sprite) and T. C. Johns (250 Sprite), 215; E. J. Knoops (252 Bultaco), 216; M. Scott (250 Bultaco), 217; R. Winwood (250 BSA), 218; J. W. English (250 Cotton), 219; B. P. Worman (350 BSA), 234; D. Buchan (250 Bultaco), 237; T. S. Ashby (250 Greeves), 244; K. Burningham (200 Triumph) and P. D. White (250 Greeves), 245; E. G. R. Page (250 Bultaco), 252; J. J. V. Cassidy (250 Sprite), 253.

Second-class awards: M. J. Turner, 255; J. R. Cornell, 257; D. Peplow, 258; J. B. Sleightholme, 261; C. B. Johns and E. Jones, 265; P. Anderson, 267; H. Kirk, 274; E. A. Andrews and J. G. G. Fraser, 276; B. J. Marsh, 282; T. G. Hughson, 291; C. J. Pearson and R. Breakwell, 292; E. Manchester and M. C. Spurling, 290; B. J. Lutchford, 297; D. A. Fox, 302; D. Charlton, 305; A. C. Ingram, 308; M. Ball, 313; R. B. Ward, 316; G. Shaw, I. B. Walker and P. J. Mellers, 318; M. Gould, 322; R. Forbes, 323; C. D. Singleton, 328; G. S. Scott, 332; P. J. Holt, 335; J. C. Hearn, 337; D. E. Hawes, 338; D. V. Knight, 339; I. R. Turner, 351; J. W. Marsh, 353; H. S. McDonald, 361; J. Young, 365; W. Varty, 377; J. A. W. Passmore, 381; J. D. Hill, 390; A. Kitchen, 391; J. England, 395; R. T. Davies and A. Plenderleith, 399; J. J. McComsky, 410; I. Lummas, 412; P. Briggs, 419; M. A. H. Day, 424; F. E. Woodward, 441; B. A. Salmon, 467; Miss R. Bennett, 550; F. H. Carey, 633.

Retirements: Monday, R. Haynes, R. Clay, K. K. Cameron, A. Dovey, T. Ollerton, J. F. Polisensky, C. Cozens, P. Lasota, C. R. Smith. **Tuesday,** F. K. Greeneklee, G. Walker, A. R. Jolley, F. Williamson, W. J. Moyce, M. J. Andrews, E. J. Frend, H. J. Fulcher, C. Watts, P. Hall, R. Peters, J. L. Terrell, C. E. Dobson, E. Anderson, R. G. Collier, J. Hearne, R. J. Garrington, B. D. Denny, A. J. McConnell, J. A. Woolam, A. C. Harriss, C. D. Hill, M. W. Barnes. **Wednesday,** D. H. Smollett, C. Chandler, D. S. Young, K. B. Anderson, I. D. B. Millar, D. J. McAinsh, T. Hughson, G. Challis, R. M. Davies, C. Mitchell, A. J. Howe, F. J. Pritchard, P. H. Slinn. **Thursday,** H. Cheshire, A. S. Pauley, M. J. Collins. **Friday,** B. P. Barnsley, A. F. Thomson, R. A. Bugen, T. Milton, N. J. Holt. **Saturday,** J. T. Morris.

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Tuesday

ROB EDWARDS put the works boys to shame on Tuesday. He was the only clean-sheet performer over an 84-mile route with 26 observed hills, eight of which comprised the new Blackwater section, near Loch Treig Head in the Grampian mountains.

All except Edwards and Sam Cooper (250 Elstar) had few marks earlier during the morning climb at Grey Mare's Ridge and, although Blackwater's rock outcrop surface and mud was less spectacular, only 10 cleaned the observed stretch.

The Blackwater section caused at least 15 of the day's 23 retirements. By the afternoon abandoned machines littered the mountainside where exhausted riders had struggled to a standstill, hub-deep in snow-covered bog.

It was here that Bob Collier, Roy Garrington and Donald McAish were stopped, exhausted and were rescued by ex-competitor Nillie Pitblodo.

After Blackwater many skipped the sections at Ben Nevis and Town Hall Brae; one was 50-year-old Ted Frend who had to pass his hotel on the way to the sections and could not resist packing it in.

One mark dropped at Blackwater, added to three at Grey Mare's Bridge, brought Millers total to nine.

The gap between Miller and Rowland widened when the BSA teamster dabbed at Callart, the first hill of the day and then lost four on Grey Mare's Ridge to make 18.

Callart crushed Andrews' hope of making a comeback when the Ossa's rear wheel sprocket, partly damaged at Glen Ogle came adrift, forcing Mick's retirement.

Don Smith's ride cost him 11 — and looked like losing Greeves the manufacturers' lead until Wilkinson saved the situation. His one mark for the day, dropped at the top of Grey Mare's Ridge, steadied the Thundersley factory's score at 72 — six better than BSA's number one trio.

With 19 Wilkinson was third, Edwards and Jones closing in at 20 and 21 respectively.

By the end of the day 46 had lost marks on time as well as observation.

Wednesday

RELENTLESSLY reducing his daily score by one, Miller finished Wednesday's 174-mile outing, the longest of the week, with three lost at Foyers, bringing his total to 12 for the first half of the trial.

Farley, the only man to beat Miller in a recent national one-day trial this year, was fighting a tense battle to keep the gap from widening. He made two brilliant climbs — at Laggan Locks in the morning and at Foyers, dabbing once each time to bring his total to 25.

At first Rowland looked like holding his own as runner-up. He dabbed at Laggan Locks but then went to pieces, losing nine more, including a stop in the easy Loch End sections. This brought him to 28 and let Farley into second spot.

Bill Wilkinson had his worst day, losing 14 and dropping to sixth place while Jones and Ellis, with nine apiece, leapfrogged Bill. Poor Rob Edwards lost marks at Laggan Locks, Foyers and Ben Nevis and was docked another six for a late finish.

Arthur Lampkin's all-time fastest attack on Laggan Locks paid off with a clean—a result equalled only by Miller. Lampkin dabbed at Foyers but then spoilt his day by losing six at Ben Nevis where he had also been unlucky on Tuesday.

Class leaders at the end of the third day were Dave Langston (BSA) heading Malcolm Rathmell (Triumph) in the 150 contest; Rowland's "175" led the 200s, with Ray Sayer 13 behind; Farley's promotion made him best "250"; Miller topped the 350s and Jock Wilson had no near 500 rival.

Greeves and BSA level-pegged with 107 marks; Sunbeam MCC securely held the club lead with 75 followed by Hillsborough MCC, 108 and Bradford number one team, 109.

Thursday

BSA dropped right out of the team contest when Alan Lampkin was excluded, following reports that he had changed his rear wheel, which was collapsing at Kinloch Leven two days previously.

The machine had been kept under observation while he was running with an unmarked, substitute wheel.

Now top opposition to the Greeves trio came from the Triumph "B" team of Ray Sayer, Roy Peplow and Dave Thorpe — all on 200 "Tiger Cubs." Spurred on, the Greeves contingent lost only five marks between them on Thursday's 111-mile run.

This was Ray Sayer's best day with only two dabs but the Triumph "B" team score for the day was 11, bringing the total to 152. Greeves were sitting pretty with 112.

Swedish champion Rowland Bjorck (250 Bultaco), visiting Scotland for the first time, made a faultless climb of Ravine, and Rob Edwards' attempt equalled that of any of the experts, including Miller who achieved the day's only clean sheet.

Devil's Staircase was besieged by sightseers. The three hairpins took marks from all but eight riders.

T. H. Savage (200 Triumph) was the first with a clean ride. Roy Peplow and Dave Thorpe, fighting to keep down Triumph "B" team marks, also climbed it without loss. Of the BSA all-two-stroke team Dave Langston failed to get his 150 over the step feet up but the lively 175s of Rowland and Mick Bowers easily took the tight, steep corners.

Miller and Arthur Lampkin completed the climb with clean sheets. Scott Ellis, who had earlier been in trouble with a loose oil pump, was off form and dropped a total of 15 for the day.

Rowland's sole penalty was three in the doctored river bed at Annat, which was tackled twice. Back he switched to second spot, with Jones, who dabbed at Annat and Staircase, a hot third. Farley made mistakes on every hill, and only just clung to fourth position at 34 marks tieing with Bill Wilkinson whose only Thursday penalty was a dab on Staircase.

Friday

DAVE LANGSTON got a shock when confronted on Friday with a debit of 17 marks — incurred on time at the first check, within 40 miles of Edinburgh, four days earlier but overlooked by the organizers. The consequent scoreboard change that night showed Gaunt's Suzuki Special as best 150 with 90 marks to Langston's 106 after a day on the most punishing hills in Lochaber.

Loch Eild Path switched none of the leading three men. Miller, Rowland and Wilkinson scaled its 15 sections clean all the way, while Jones, whose chief hill-climbing technique is a wide-open-throttle approach, touched at the top of the hill.

Briefly tasting success as runner-up on Wednesday, Farley tried too hard to recapture that form. Tense and on edge, he muffed Loch Eild Path to collect five and, instead of outstripping Jones, he flopped to sixth spot below Wilkinson and Don Smith. Don dismissed Loch Eild Path with a dab.

Mamore bothered none of the leaders and even the treacherous, boulder-bottomed Flook's Corner had a smooth edge where wall-of-death tactics kept machines out of trouble.

Fighting to keep his feet up, Farley had to prod again at Meall-na-Cruaidhe and reluctantly dabbed twice on Caillich where only Miiller and Peplow managed to keep completely out of trouble..

Jones added two dabs: to his score — one at Coallasnacoan, a three-section rock climb which also caught Miller unawares for a dab — and one at Caillich. The margin between Jones and Farley had widened to seven marks. And into this breach stormed Wilkinson.

The loss of H. R. Goodison (250 Bultaco), in the retirements put out the RAF team, winners last year of the R.A. Castle Services award. And as neither the Army nor Royal Marines teams remained intact, the award was not presented this year.

Saturday

CLAMOUR for a full six days of riding after last year's abbreviated trial resulted in observed Saturday performances at Mam Brec, Pipe Line Martuim and Tyndrum on the 143-mile run back to Edinburgh.

But the day did nothing to alter the final distribution of awards.

Miller took Pipe Line too slowly and stopped for the first time. At the same spot Jones fell.

Farley and Wilkinson arrived at Tyndrum with 42 and 41 apiece and, after cleaning the hill both waited to watch Jones who was leading the 250 class with 40 at this stage.

But "Jonah" gave nothing away and captured the 250 cup.

Pipe Line dashed Don Smith's hopes when he lost seven in a last fighting bid for the award.

Rowland lost only one mark — at Tyndrum — without affecting his runner-up or best 200 positions.

Jimmy Morris was towed into the Crianlarich lunch check, his 250 Bultaco gearbox smashed, and H. S. Kirch lost 31 on time at the finish, having ridden since lunch with his Greeves jammed in third gear. Machine examination penalised Don Peplow on general condition and Dave Langston whose frame was cracked.

After a wet run back to Edinburgh, when many of the 161 surviving competitors got lost owing to route marking being washed away, the week wound up with prize-giving and a buffet-dance.

LEADERS DAY BY DAY — WITH MARKS LOST

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
5	S. H. Miller	9	S. H. Miller	12	S. H. Miller	12	S. H. Miller	13	S. H. Miller
33	R. D. Rowland	18	R. D. Rowland	25	G. J. Farley	31	R. D. Rowland	33	R. D. Rowland
34	G. J. Farley	19	W. Wilkinson	28	R. D. Rowland	32	D. Jones	35	D. Jones
37	D. R. Smith	20	R. Edwards	30	D. Jones	34	G. J. Farley W. Wilkinson	38	W. Wilkinson
38	S. Ellis	21	D. Jones	31	S. Ellis	39	D. R. Smith J. A. Sandiford A. J. Lampkin	42	G. J. Farley
42	W. Wilkinson	22	S. Ellis	33	W. Wilkinson	42	R. Edwards	43	D. R. Smith
49	D. Jones	23	G. J. Farley	36	R. Edwards J. Sandiford A. J. Lampkin	43	J. R. Sayer	44	R. Edwards
50	R. Edwards	24	P. A. England J. A. Sandiford	37	D. J. Adsett	46	S. Ellis D. J. Adsett	47	J. A. Sandiford A. J. Lampkin
54	A. J. Lampkin	27	D. Thorpe A. R. C. Lampkin L. C. Telling	38	D. Smith	50	D. Thorpe	48	J. R. Sayer
61	L. C. Telling	29	A. J. Lampkin	40	A. R. C. Lampkin			54	S. Ellis
71	P. A. England			41	J. R. Sayer			57	D. J. Adsett
73	A. R. C. Lampkin							58	P. A. England