

Dave's four-mark win

DAVE Rowlands (250 Bultaco) made another successful visit into Lancashire on Sunday. He won the Bury Club's trial by pipping local-ace Jim Sandiford (Bultaco) by four marks.

The trial was held at Birtle Dene over four laps of a tough half-mile course, which included a stream and several steep climbs in a copse, and provided 12 observed sections.

There were 13 retirements in a field of 45. Only four novices managed to complete the distance, but they all got awards.

RESULTS.

Experts. Best performance: D. Rowlands (250 Bultaco), 9 marks lost. **First-class Awards:** J. A. Sandiford (250 Bultaco), 15; A. Gill (230 Ossa), 25; S. Cordingley (250 Bultaco), 35; D. Lord (200 Triumph), 38; J. S. Taylor (250 Greeves), 40. **Novices.** Best Performance: P. McCawley (200 Triumph), 122. **First-class Awards:** T. Lowe (250 BSA), 134; E. McMullen (200 Triumph), 135; R. G. Sidebottom (250 BSA), 169; T. Kay (250 Sprite), 194.

SANDIFORD IS STALLED OFF

A STALLED engine robbed Jim Sandiford (250 Bultaco) of victory in Sunday's Rochdale Club Dale Trial at Shawforth, Lancs.

It cost him five marks at Back Cowm No 2, a descent to a rocky gully with an uphill exit, where Dennis Jones (128 Suzuki), winner by one mark, was clean on both laps.

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Jones (125 Suzuki), 22 marks lost. **Runner-up:** J. A. Sandiford (250 Bultaco), 23; 3 D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 28. **First-class Awards:** P. H. Gaunt (128 Suzuki), 35; 2 T. A. Jackson (250 Bultaco) and B. Hutsby (250 Bultaco), 41; A. Gill (230 Ossa), 44; D. Peet (250 Bultaco), 45. **Second-class Awards:** D. Lord, 46; E. Adcock and B. Dawson, 51; D. Thorp, 52. **Best Novice:** G. Slinger (250 Greeves), 57. **Best Club Team:** Shaw—E. Adcock, D. Rowland, P. Jackson (250 Greeves)—143.

ROWLAND TOP SOLO

DAVE Rowland was the best of the 74 solos in the Shaw and D. MC North West Centre trial at Hel-pit Edge, Newhay, Lancs., on Sunday. He completed four laps of a four mile 15 section course with a loss of ten marks to beat Andy Gill by five marks.

Stan Cordingley put up the best performance on a climb up a rocky bed which he cleaned on all four laps.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Experts best performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco) 10 marks lost. **First class awards:** A. Gill (230 Ossa), 15; J. Sandiford (250 Bultaco) 17; S. Cordingley (250 Bultaco) 24; E. Adcock (250 Dot) 34; P. Jackson (200 Triumph) 40. **Novices best performance:** C. Ashby (250 Sprite) 121. **First class awards:** S. Lumb (250 Sprite) 151; P. H. Robinson (250 Bultaco) 151; C. Moorham (250 Cotton) 158. **Sidescars best performance:** W. Bulloch/B. M. Chambers (500 BSA) 20; S. Kenworthy/B. Thompson (500 Ariel) 42; B. J. Robinson/K. Heslop (250 Bultaco) 55.

Dave's solo performance

THE tough going of the Manchester 17 Club's trial at Wincle, Cheshire, on Sunday was made even more difficult by very wet weather, but Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) revelled in the conditions and took the premier award 12 marks ahead of runner-up Ray Darlington (250 Bultaco).

Rowland's ride in Plantation, a climb up a steep bank and round a tree and down again, was not merely the only clean ride, he was the only rider

to reach the top of the bank!

Of the 62 competitors who faced a two-lap course of 15 miles, no fewer than 17 failed to finish.

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 22 marks lost. **Runner-up:** R. Darlington (250 Bultaco), 34. **Best Novice and Best Manchester 17 Novice:** J. Snowball (250 Cotton), 141. **First-class Awards:** N. S. Eyre (250 Sprite), 37; H. Lloyd (250 Bultaco), 50; R. M. Davies (250 Bultaco), 58; D. Morris (250 Montesa), 64; G. Darlington (250 Bultaco), 69; B. Hatton (250 Bultaco), 70.

Ribble runaway

DAVE ROWLAND (250 Bultaco) scored a convincing 19-mark victory in Sunday's North Western Centre trial run by the Ribble Valley Club at Wiswell, Lancs.

The course consisted of four laps of a four-mile circuit and 12 out of nearly 60 riders failed to finish.

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 50 marks lost. **Best Novice:** W. M. Brown (250 Cotton), 163. **First-class Awards:** G. J. Adamson (200 Triumph), 69; D. K. Murray (250 Montesa), 74; B. Dawson ray (250 Montesa), 76; S. Cordingley (250 Bultaco), 79; D. Peet (250 Bultaco), 96; D. Miller (250 Bultaco), 97. **Second-class Awards:** B. Clarkson, 97; G. Morris, 100; H. Holgate, 102; P. Anderton, 105; T. Ashby, 107; G. Barry, 111.

Manchester 17 club takes team award

ROWLAND OPENS YEAR WITH WIN

IN his first ride of the New Year, ex-BSA works man Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) scored a convincing victory in Sunday's snow and icebound Cheshire Centre team trial at desolate Mow Cop.

With a loss of 27 marks, 30-year-old Dave was 20 marks ahead of fellow Manchester 17 clubman Henry Rosenthal.

And with Rowland riding for the "A" team and Rosenthal for the "B" string, the Manchester club carried off both team awards!

Wrexham Motor Club, favourites for the team award, suffered catastrophic misfortune.

Brothers Graham and Ray Darlington, Ray riding an old leading link Greeves after selling his Bultaco, both retired with machine troubles.

Then a third member of the

four-man Welsh team, Brian Lloyd Davies, picked up his Sachs Sprite after being involved in a collision with another machine, to find a fork-end had snapped off.

But things went smoothly all the way for Rowland. "It was a tough trial," said the Wilmslow motor mechanic, afterwards, "I had to really try on every section. You just couldn't afford to relax."

With a vicious wind ensuring ice throughout the first lap of the well-chosen sections, many considered this Congleton and DMCC event too tough, and there were 20 retirements.

But afternoon sun made things a little easier during the last circuit, and Rowland completed his second lap for a loss of only ten marks.

Rosenthal just could not match his clubmate's performances. But the Greeves rider's loss of

47 was still five better than Harvey Lloyd—yet another Manchester 17 man — could manage.

For Rosenthal it was his second runner-up award in a week, after finishing behind Peter Gaunt at the previous weekend's Winsford trial.

Sandwiched between Lloyd and fellow Manchester 17 "A" teamster Johnny Roberts was Peter Salt (250 Bultaco), with no team allegiances, Both Salt and Roberts lost 55, but Salt was furthest clean.

Brothers Phil and Frank Anderton (Bultacos) were sixth and seventh respectively, with Norman Eyre (Manchester 17) down to a lowly eighth place having lost 70 marks on his 125 Sprite.

Next best performance was from Congleton member John Edwards (Bultaco) who lost only 71, despite graduating to expert status only a month ago.

With an entry of 110, observers were faced with five or six hours of inactivity in numbing weather. Not surprising that

one signed himself off: "Scott of the Antarctic".

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco) 27 marks lost. **Runner-up:** H. Rosenthal (250 Greeves) 47. **Best Congleton and DMCC member:** J. Edwards (250 Bultaco) 71. **Best novice:** G. Hurst (250 Bultaco) 110. **First-class awards:** H. Lloyd (250 Bultaco) 52; R. P. Salt (250 Bultaco) 55; J. H. Roberts (125 Sprite) 55; P. Anderton (Bultaco) 69; F. Anderton (250 Bultaco) 70; N. Eyre (125 Sprite) 70; G. Barry (250 Bultaco) 75; F. Bourne (125 Sprite) 76; G. Acton (250 Bultaco) 78; R. Weston (200 Triumph) 79. **Second class awards:** B. Hatton (250 Montesa) 80; A. Hitchinson (125 Sprite) 83; K. Pemberton (250 Bultaco) 83; J. B. Sowden (250 Bultaco) 86; J. Statham (125 Suzuki) 88; R. Peters (250 Bultaco) 87; S. P. Thomas (125 Sprite) 92; J. W. Young (252 Greeves) 92; K. G. Franklin (250 Bultaco) 95; J. Davidson (200 Triumph) 96. **Best team:** Manchester 17 "A" (Rowland, Roberts, Lloyd) 128 marks lost. **Second best team:** Manchester 17 "B" (Rosenthal, Acton, Hatton) 205.