

ROWLAND ALMOST GETS CLEAN SHEET

THERE was a surprise finish in Sunday's North Western Centre trial run by the Ribble Valley Club at Hapton, near Burnley, Lancs, when Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) came within an ace of finishing with a clean sheet.

It looked as if he would complete the four laps of the 12-section circuit without losing a mark — until he had to dab on the last section but one during the last lap.

There were 83 riders competing, and the fine weather caught the organisers out. After a week of rain they plotted an easy course in expectation of more wet weather.

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 1 mark lost. **First-class Awards:** S. Cordingley (250 Bultaco), 4; D. Peat (125 Dalesman), 9; A. Gill (250 Montesa), 11; B. L. Davis (125 Sprite), 14; J. A. Sandiford (250 Montesa) and J. S. Horsfall (250 Bultaco), 15; C. Acton (250 Bultaco), 16; B. Dawson (250 Montesa), 19. **Second-class Awards:** D. Lord, 21; H. Holgate, 24; M. Mason, 26; R. H. Stableford, 27; B. Lancaster and B. P. Walsh, 28; M. Ellis and G. Boughton, 29. **Best Novice:** A. C. Renshaw (250 Bultaco), 76.

ROWLAND WRAPS UP TOUGH CONGLETON

SNOW and rain made the going tough in the Congleton Club's trial at Mowcop, Cheshire, on Sunday. Only 35 of the 61 starters finished. Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) won; Henry Rosenthal, on his first outing on a two-fifty Bultaco, was runner-up.

On the first of the two laps Rowland lost five marks on Moody Brook, a steep drop into a stream, where he cleaned the difficult descent only to come to a halt on a rock near the exit. On the second lap he made amends and completed all 18 sections for a loss of only five marks.

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 16 marks lost. **Runner-up:** H. Rosenthal (250 Bultaco), 27. **Best Sidecar:** J. Baker (500 BSA), 56. **First-class Awards:** J. Statham (250 Ossa), 34; J. H. Roberts (125 Sprite), 39; S. Hague (250 Bultaco), 47. **Novices:** P. Oritt (250 Sprite), 102; S. Hill (250 Villiers), 104.

VISITOR ROWLAND DROPS ONLY ONE

CHESHIRE CENTRE visitor Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) lost only one mark to win Sunday's Ribble Valley MCC trial, which attracted 83 entries.

The main award is given by Greeves motor cycles as a tribute to the late David Clegg, who rode for them and was also a member of the organising club.

The moorland course Hapton Valley colliery contained 12 sections which had to be covered four times.

Runner-up Stan Cordingley had an expensive day by knocking a hole in the clutch cover of his Bultaco. He used a course marking flag and tape to patch it up so he could continue.

North Western Centre champion Jim Sandiford, struggling to regain his form, had the chain of his Montesa break in the second section, which increased his total by another five marks.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco) 1 mark lost. **First class awards:** S. Cordingley (250 Bultaco) 4, E. Peet (125 Dalesman) 9, A. Gill (250 Montesa) 11, B. L. Davies (125 Sprite) 14, J. A. Sandiford (250 Montesa) 15, J. S. Horsfall (250 Bultaco) 16, B. Dawson (250 Montesa) 19. **Second class awards:** D. Lord (125 Sprite) 21, H. Holgate (250 Bultaco) 24, M. Mason (250 Greeves) 26, R. Stableford (250 Bultaco) 27, B. Lan-

caster (250 Bultaco) 28, P. Walsh (250 Montesa) 29, M. Ellis (250 Bultaco) 29, G. Boughton (250 Montesa) 29. **Best novice:** A. C. Renshaw (250 Bultaco) 76.

Rowland hurt

DAVE ROWLAND cracked a bone in a foot while plotting a course for a recent Manchester 17 trial. He is currently hobbling about in slippers but hopes to back in action very soon.

BETTER AT END

THE spinning wheels of the leading bikes in the Bar None Club's trial at High Legh, Cheshire, on Sunday, cut through the snow to make the going easier for those following and nearly all of the award winners were in the second half of the entry.

Although winner Dave Rowland (250 Bultaco) was one of them, he nevertheless put in a remarkable ride.

He lost five marks on a comparatively easy section at Aquabatics, but more than made amends for his lapse by losing only a single mark from then on and finished eight marks ahead of runner-up Harvey Lloyd (250 Bultaco).

RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 Bultaco), 6 marks lost. **First-class Awards:** H. Lloyd (250 Bultaco), 14; J. H. Roberts (125 Sprite), 15; J. Statham (128 Suzuki), 16; S. P. Thomas (125 Sprite), 23; H. Rosenthal (250 Greeves), 28. **Novice Awards:** K. T. Rhodes and D. Peers, 78; G. P. Hurst, 86.

BSA WINS WEST OF ENGLAND TRIAL Manufacturers Team Award

JIM SANDIFORD
DAVE ROWLAND
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