

ROWLANDS LOST ONLY TWELVE

WITH a loss of only 12 marks, Dave Rowlands (250 BSA) won the open to Cheshire Centre Charles Markham Memorial Trial, organised by the Manchester Eagles MC on Sunday.

The 25-mile course started from the Moorlands Pilling Station at Upper Hulme, on the Buxton to Leeds road, and bordered on the counties of Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

With its 20 sections per lap, it included many of Derbyshire's famous trial hazards.

On the second lap, however, the section at Hardings Booth was cut out of the course, due to a misunderstanding with the owner of the land.

The three observed sections at Hawks Nest, a steep, rock-strewn climb, proved to be the most difficult part of the course. Dave Rowlands, however, found no trouble here, clearing the three sections on both laps. Of his 12 marks lost, five of them were on the easiest sections.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier award: D Rowland (250 BSA) 12 marks lost. First class awards: R Sweetmore (199 Triumph) 23, I C Shennan (250 BSA) 46, G Brassington (246 Dot) 50, R Hulme (250 Greaves) 53, T Dale (248 Dot) 56, A J Yeoman (249 Dot) 58. Second class awards: R Rowland (500 Ariel) 59, D L Thomas (249 Francis-Barnett) 61, G A Williams (246 Greaves) 62, A Key (250 Greaves) 67, J S Cantrell (199 Triumph) 69, R Armsden (197 Wasun) 71. Best novice: A Ashley (350 AJS) 73.

ASHFIELD

THERE is great scope for a trials organiser in Birchover Quarry, near Matlock, and the Ashfield club as usual made full use of it for their Frank Raynes Trial on Sunday. Riders did eight laps on a course containing eight testing sections.

One of the worst in the morning was a wind downhill through trees with a trunk across the path. Most of the competitors came to grief here although Mick Andrews and Dave Rowland only dabbled on the first lap.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier award: R Sweetmore (200 Triumph) 52 marks lost. Best novice J Bowley (250 Greaves) 131. First class awards: N Eyre (250 Dot) 53, D Rowland (250 BSA) 58, M Andrews (250 AJS) 66, R Weston (200 James) 110. Second class awards: J Orme (250 Greaves) 115, L Eyre (250 Dot) 119, R Rowland (250 BSA) 120, J Cantrell (200 Triumph) 123.

A STRUGGLE

A STRUGGLE between a works BSA in the hands of Dave Rowlands and a works Dot ridden by Norman Eyre was the highlight of the Congleton Motor Club's open to Cheshire central trial on Sunday. Starting from the club's scramble field competitors had to cover two

laps of a sixteen mile course that had 21 mainly rocky sections to the lap.

Although every section proved rideable marks were dropped in profusion and from the 81 original entries there were seventy starters 14 of which were the unlucky finishers for at the end he was able to select only the second and third years of his Dot. With the loss of 57 marks Jack managed to become one of the fifteen per cent of finishers to receive a first class award. The four sections at Moss Common gave trouble to most of the entry and Dave Rowlands dropped a three in the third and a five in the fourth to Norman Eyres one and three in the same sections.

At the end of lap one Norman led with thirteen marks lost to Dave's fourteen. On lap two Dave lost a three in the third to Norman's two dabs in the third and fourth. Consistent riding, however, paid off and Dave became the evening winner by one mark from the other Buxton boy, Norman Eyre, after a contest that was always in the balance.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier Award: D Rowlands (250 BSA) 19 marks lost. Best up to 200cc: N Eyre (250 Dot) 20. Best 261 to 300cc: W B Howley (350 AJS) 82. Best 500: R Rowlands (500 Ariel) 57. First Class Awards: J H Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 30, J Cantrell (199 Triumph) 39, G Brassington (250 Dot) 44, H Lloyd (199 Triumph) 47, T Yeoman (250 Dot) 49, T Dawson (199 Triumph) 51, A Key (250 Greaves) 54, D Thomas (250 Francis-Barnett) 56, J Matthews (250 Dot) 57, W C Yates (199 Triumph) 59, D Chadwick (250 BSA) 69, E Sellars (250 Triumph) 64.

WALL OF DEATH

THERE were 90 entries in the Ikeston (Club's open to centre Moon Trial on Sunday near Matlock. The event was most enjoyable, in spite of heavy showers. The third of the five sections at Porlotts Quarry had the greatest spectator appeal, it being a steep climb up a gully full of loose rock. In the morning there were no clouds but it became easier on the second lap as did others of the more tricky of the 25 sections. Mick Andrews got up with a long dab as did Mike Hanson. Dave Rowland steamed up like an express train but footed twice. Eric Adcock also put down both feet at the top. Among those who had "fives" were Scott Ellis and young Ted Brent who tried wall of death riding tactics which paid off in the afternoon.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Moon Trophy: D Rowland (250 BSA) 12 marks lost. Hollinsclough Trophy: A H Risby (500 BSA sc) 10. 350cc Cup: M Andrews (350 AJS) 19. 200cc Cup: S Ellis (200 Triumph) 20. First Class Awards: T H Savage (200 Triumph) 22, E Adcock (250 Dot) 22, N S Eyre (250 Dot) 22, J H Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 37, M Ransom (250 Francis-Barnett) 39, E I Williamson (250 Francis-Barnett) 40, K Chapman (250 Greaves) 43, L D Noble (500 Ariel) 46. Second Class Awards: J Whitehead (200 Triumph) 54, H Savage (200 Triumph) 57, G Brassington (250 Dot) 59, D Skinner (250 Dot) 59, M C Savage (250 Greaves) 61, J L Orme (250 Greaves) 62, M Bowers (250 Dot) 64, D J Clibbery (250 BSA) 66.

Too greasy to 'clean'

SUNDAY'S Burrows Trophy Trial — held in the Buxton area of Derbyshire — was won by Dave Rowland (250 BSA). He did not manage to clean the first section at notorious Hollinsclough but he had no reason to be ashamed of that because neither could any one else own account of its greasy state.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Solo Performance: 1 D. Rowland (250 BSA), 17 marks lost; 2 N. S. Eyre (250 Dot), 29; 3 H. Doncaster (250 Greaves), 29. (The decided on furthest clean basis); 4 J. Cantrell (250 Dot), 32. Best Sidecar: A. H. Risby (250 Dot), 41. Best Novice: N. Wiltshire (250 Dot), 80. First class awards: H. Lloyd (200 Triumph), 37; M. Astle (250 Dot), 43; R. Pidcock (250 BSA), 48; E. R. Bibby (250 Greaves), 57; J. Orme (250 Greaves), 60. Taylor (250 BSA), 63. Second class awards: E. Mitchell 64; B. K. Rodgers and C. Watkins, 67; R. Rowland, 68; P. H. Fox, 69; R. Weston, 70. Team Award: 1 Buxton (D. Rowland, N. S. Eyre, J. Cantrell), 78; 2 Derby Phoenix, 190; 3 Pathfinders and Derby, 221.

DAVES IN BATTLE

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE Stamford Trophy Trial on Sunday turned out to be a battle between BSA riding Dave Rowlands and Dave Clegg on a 250 Greaves.

Clegg, whose motor was clad with a hot scrambles barrel, began badly and had to foot his way out of the first section, a long uphill gully.

Rowlands was one of many unpenalised riders. At the end of the sixth lap (ten sections per lap) Rowlands had a single mark advantage over Clegg, who was four marks clear of Eric Adcock and Stan Cordingley, who tied for third place. There were 71 entries.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best performance: D Rowlands (250 BSA) 24 marks lost. Novice: V Payne (225 Francis-Barnett) 140. Best Ashton novice: D O Myers (200 Dot) 166. First class awards: D Clegg (250 Greaves) 25, E Adcock (250 Dot) and S Cordingley (250 Royal Enfield) 29, J Sandiford (250 BSA) 44, J H Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 53, G A Williams (250 BSA), A Clegs (250 Ariel) 60. Second class awards: J K Green (250 Dot) 69, G Brassington (250 Dot) 72, E Sellars (200 Triumph) 73, D Lord (250 BSA) 98, A Yeoman (250 Dot) 99, R Rowlands (500 Ariel) 109.

National Peak Trial.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Performance: Bill Wilkinson (250 Greaves) 0 marks lost. Class Awards: 200 cc: F G Gaunt (200 PGS) 5. 250 cc: D Rowland (250 BSA) 2 marks lost. 350 cc: M Andrews (350 AJS) 7. 500 cc: S H Miller (500 Ariel) 4. 1st Class awards: G O McLaughlin (350 AJS) 9, D Skinner (250 Dot) 10, R Sweetmore (250 Dot) 11, E D Cooper (200 Triumph) 13, D Eyre (250 Dot) 15, I C Shennan (250 BSA) 16. Second Class Awards: M Ransome (250 Francis-Barnett) 17, P Beal (250 Royal Enfield) 19, L D Noble (500 Ariel) 21, E I Williamson (250 Francis-Barnett) 23, J H Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 22. Best Overseas Riders: R Vanderbecken (200 Triumph) 22. Best Sidecar: A Morewood/Merie (500 Ariel) 50. Runner-up: P Wraith (500 Ariel) 64. First Class Awards: P Roydhouse (500 Norton) 69. Second Class Awards: A H Risby (500 BSA) 69. Best Team: North Derbyshire (Andrews, Skinner and J Bulloch (250 Greaves) 82.

national Greensmith

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best performance: S Ellis (200 Triumph) 27 marks lost. Best sidecar: R J Langston/D Cooper (500 Ariel) 53. Class awards, 500 cc: S H Miller (Ariel) 32; 250 cc: D Rowland (BSA) 33. Sidecar runner-up: P Wraith/H Breland (500 Ariel) 53. Club team award: Sunbeam MCC (Miller, A J Davis, Smith) 105. First class awards: Solos: D Smith (250 Greaves) 31, P N Brittain (250 Dot) 33, A J Davis (250 Greaves) and D G Langston (250 BSA) 42, J V Brittain (250 Royal Enfield) 45, J A Sandiford (250 BSA) and H W Doncaster (250 Greaves) 48, R R Cooper (250 James) 53, S T Cooper (200 Triumph) 55. Sidecar: C A Morewood/Mrs M Morewood (500 Ariel) 65. Second class awards, Solos: M Ransom (250 Francis-Barnett) 55, P Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) 56, D Clegg (250 Greaves) 59, G Darlington (250 Greaves) 61, R Wilson (200 Triumph) 64, W Caldwell (250 Dot) 64, D Lord (200 Triumph) 66, R Darlington (250 Greaves) 68, N Cramp (500 Ariel) 81. Sidecar: P W Roydhouse/ C Pinder (500 Norton) 81.

ONLY MARKS LOST ON SIBERIAN SLOPES

THE Congleton and District Motor Club's open to Cheshire Centre trial, was held over two laps of a short course on their Mow Cop scramble course.

To J. Clarke goes the distinction of being the only man to clean the long icy section named "Up and Down".

Manchester 17 clubman, J. Cantrell, on his 200 Triumph, gave a very consistent performance to win the premier award with the loss of 19 marks while Norman Eyre and Dave Rowlands tied for the runner-up position, each with a loss of 20 marks. Ten of Cantrell's marks were lost on a section aptly named Siberian Slopes, which

consisted of riding round an adverse camber on the side of a hill.

These two failures were the only five that he dropped, while Norman Eyre and John Roberts were the only cleans at this point.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier Award: J Cantrell (200 Triumph) 19 marks lost. Best Consistent Member: A Key (250 Greaves) 21. Best Novice Award: J R Trevor (250 Greaves) 64. First Class Awards: N Eyre (250 Dot) 20, D Rowlands (250 BSA) 20, E Adcock (250 Dot) 37, J H Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) 42, E J Banks (250 Cotton) 43, I C Shennan (250 BSA) 44. Awards: A J Yeoman (250 Dot) 45, K Dewsbury (250 BSA) 54, P P Salt (350 AJS) 54, A K Fletcher (200 Triumph) 58, A Millward (200 Dot) 58, A J Apley (250 Royal Enfield) 59, D K Murray (250 Dot) 60.

Cheshire 'invader' beats tough going

CHESHIRE Centre star Dave Rowland (250 BSA) pulled a fast one on the North Western Centre lads on Sunday when he beat them on their ground in the Accrington and DMC Joe Abbott trial.

He was the only one of the 81 riders to lose fewer than thirty marks over three laps of a really tough snowbound course which contained twelve sections. Thirty-five competitors packed up before the finish.

The first section at Wormden Quarry looked pretty innocuous

but the deep snow claimed many marks including five from Stan Cordingley (250 Greaves) and three from Jim Sandiford (250 BSA), Derek Lord (200 Triumph) and Barry Yates (350 Ariel). I. Wilson (250 BSA) got away with a dab on the slippery turn but at the next section he dropped a maximum when his rear wheel slid away on an icy climb. He was not the only one to strike trouble here and few of the early riders had a clue as to how to beat the section.

The first part, a couple of downhill rock steps, proved fairly simple although Steve Kenworthy (200 Triumph) and K. Brass (200 Francis-Barnett) both fell off here but the sting lay in the short climb at the end.

It was difficult to line up the incline and rider after rider slithered to a halt as they hit the slope at an angle. W. C. Yates (200 Triumph) almost made it but he needed a quick dab when his front wheel came up. Cordingley showed his class with a brilliant clean. His front wheel just got through the section before the bike lost traction and stopped.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Performance: D Rowland (250 BSA) 22 marks lost. Best Accrington Member: D C Clegg (250 Greaves) 21. Best Accrington Novice: G Morland

BSA's new 'Scottish' man wins

NEWCOMER to BSA's "Scottish" team, Dave Rowlands (250 BSA) scored a convincing victory over Scott Ellis (200 Triumph) and "Vic Brittain" winner Norman Eyre (250 Dot) in the Manchester 17 club's trial near Buxton on Sunday. Broken up by winter frost, Hollinsclough and Hawksnest were extremely tricky.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowlands (250 BSA) 17 marks lost. Runner-up: S. Ellis (200 Triumph), 21. First-class Awards: N. S. Eyre (250 Dot), 28; E. I. Williamson (250 BSA), 38; R. Sweetmore (200 Triumph), 40; J. H. Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett) and M. Bowers (250 Dot), 49.

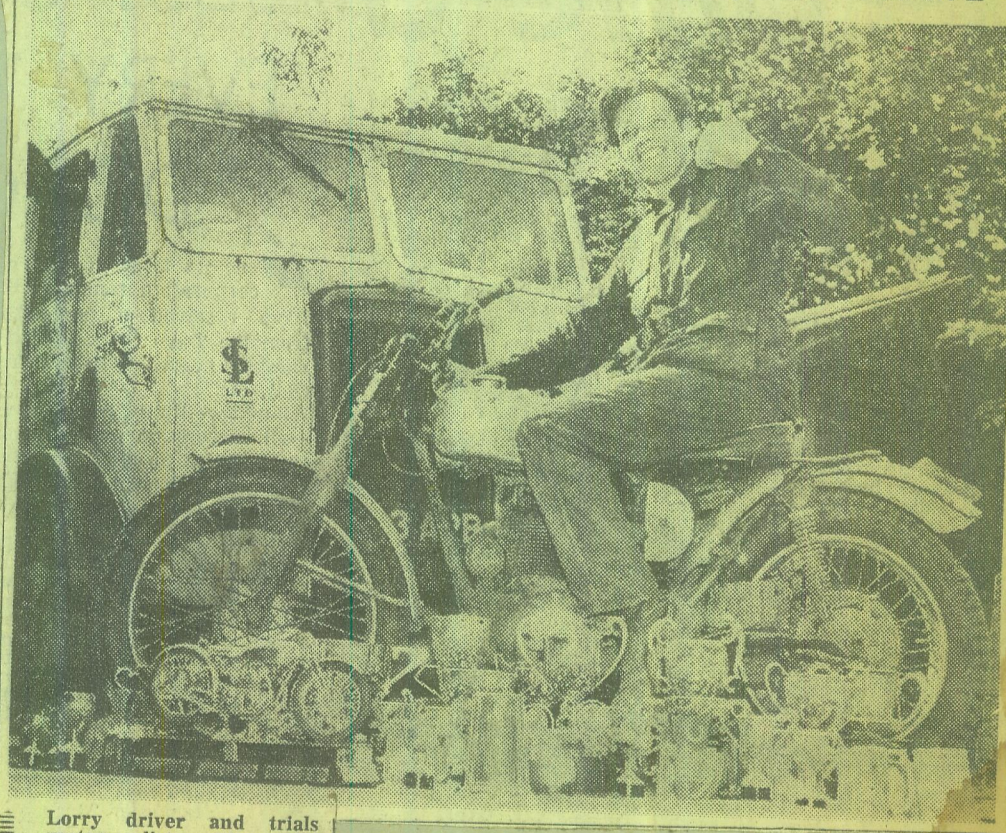
Rowland's Lomax

THE organisation of the Easter Monday national Lomax Trial was as usual in the capable hands of the South Liverpool Motor Club who had plotted a course 58 miles in length which boasted no less than 46 observed sections. Dave Rowland on his 250 BSA furthered his challenge for the ACU trials Star by winning his second successive national trial and the premier award, the Lomax Cup.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Performance: D Rowland (250 BSA) 25 marks lost. Runner-up: E Adcock (250 Dot) 30, 3 S Ellis (200 Triumph) 56, 4 R Darlington (250 Dot) 65, 5 G Darlington (250 Greaves) 71. (All these five received special awards). Best Sidecar: C Morewood (500 Ariel) 72. Team: Manchester 17, Adcock, Rowland, J Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett).

ALL THIS AND THREE TROPHIES TO COME



Lorry driver and trials motor-cyclist 24-year-old Dave Rowland, of Blackbrook Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith, is waiting for three more trophies to complete this collection. He still has to receive the Red Rose, Clayton and Manx two-day trial trophies, which he won this year.

ASHFIELD TRIAL

GOT HARDER

ASHFIELD MCC open to East Midlands Centre Dick Johnson trial was held on Sunday at Birchover Quarry, near Matlock, Derbyshire. Forty riders did eight laps containing ten observed sections which were easy in the morning, but much harder after lunch.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier award: D Rowland (250 BSA) 22 marks lost. 1st Class awards: N Eyre (250 Dot) 28, T Savage (200 Triumph) 41, H Doncaster (250 Greaves) 50, J Orme (250 Greaves) 63. 2nd Class awards: M Nixon (250 Greaves) 61, R Pidcock (250 BSA) 74, M Astle (250 Dot) 75, H Lloyd (200 Triumph) 77. Novice award: D Ireson (200 Triumph) 138.