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DAVE ROWLAND PIPS SAMMY

Winner of the Red Rose, by one mark from Sammy Miller, was BSA works rider Dave Rowland.

One mark win for BSA newcomer in Red Rose Trial

DAVE ROWLAND (250 BSA) and Sammy Miller (500 Ariel) tied for first place at the end of lap one in Sunday's North Western Centre Red Rose Trial with four marks lost.

On the second tour of the rugged twenty-three mile course Miller took his score to an unlucky 13, including a disastrous five at Moorcock and at the finish he was pipped by one mark by the brilliant newcomer to the BSA team. It was the Ashton clubman's first win in a national event.

Story by Brian Caldecott

Eight of the 91 entries failed to appear at the start at Shawforth, near Rochdale, but those who got away on the three mile moorland timed section soon found it was going to be no picnic. Tom Ollerton (153 Bultaco) packed up with gearbox trouble only two miles from the start and Jim Sandiford (250 BSA) got no farther than the first section at Top-of-the-Meadow before his clutch gave up.

Dave Rowland dropped his first mark on the exit from the stream bed at this section. First arrival at Back Cowm number one, a steep climb up a rocky gully, was Peter Gaunt (500 Ariel) who needed a quick dab but Mick Andrews, who was well ahead of schedule, gave a faultless display on his 350 AJS.

Team-mate Gordon Blakeway was not so lucky and dropped three marks in the rockery. He later retired with a torn inner tube.

Clegg Hill, a long blind up a grassy hillside came halfway round the lap. The higher riders got up the slope the fewer marks they lost. The climb was not as slippery as it has been on occasions, and Miller surprised onlookers when he failed to reach the top and lost his first mark. At the next section, Farm Teas, a steep climb up a narrow and rocky path, he was back on form and soared through both subs in superb style.

"Not a section for two strokes," remarked Don Smith (252 Greeves before tackling the section. He cleaned the first part, but got into terrible trouble and came to a full stop in the higher section.

Gordon McLaughlan (401 AJS) footed through the first sub but recovered to clean part two and Scott Ellis (200 Triumph) after losing three in the early stages dabbed once in the second sub.

"Moorcock" was in difficult mood and Rowland dropped a hasty dab on the tumble down brickworks. Miller went one worse when he went off line and got his feet down.

On lap two Rowland again came unstuck at "Top-of-the-Meadow" where he dabbed once and three more marks went west on the second sub of Carter's Creek. Two marks lost at Back Cowm and a momentary lapse on Clegg Hill brought his second lap total to eight, making twelve overall.

"Moorcock" proved to be Miller' sdownfall for the five he lost there on his second lap pushed the premier award out of his grasp. In fact there were only four cleans at Moorcock on lap two, the riders being Rowland, Ellis, McLaughlan and Dave Clegg (250 Greeves).

There were 28 retirements and 16 riders finished outside the time limit. The organisation was excellent and results were out some two hours after the last man finished.

PROVISIONAL PESULTS

Best performance: D Rowland (250 BSA) 12 marks lost, 2 S H Miller (500 Ariel) 13, 3 M G Davis (250 Greeves) 19, 4 E Adcock (250 Dot) 23, 5 M Andrews (350 AJS) 25.

Best two-stroke: D Smith (252 Greeves) 29.

Best novice: E Williams (200 Greeves) 137.

Best private team: Sunbeam MC (Adcock, Miller and Smith) total 65.

Best North Western Centre team: Ashton and DMC (Rowland, Adcock and J H Roberts (250 Francis Barnett).

First class awards: S Ellis (200 Triumph) 28, G Darlington (250 Greeves) 36, B Holden (250 BSA) and G O McLaughlin (401 AJS) 37, D C Clegg (250 Greeves) 41, P T Stirland (250 Greeves) 42, P Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) 45, W Wilkinson (250 Greeves) 49.

Second class awards: R Edwards (250 Cotton) 49, S Kenworthy (200 Triumph) 53, G Galloway (250 Greeves) 55, D Lord (200 Triumph) 56, S Cordingley (250 Greeves) 57, R Darlington (250 Dot) 58.

Rowland beats Sam in the 'Red Rose'

SUNDAY'S National Red Rose Trial, organized by the North Western Centre, was tough — and how! The two laps of about 25 miles were all over moorland in the Rochdale-Bacup area . . . grim, flinty, bleak and barren moorland that sapped a man's strength.

Sapped it to such a degree that there were only 47 finishers out of nearly 90 starters and 16 of the 47 were outside the time limit of four-and-a-half hours.

All this despite a fine day. It wasn't only the going that supplied the shocks. Dave Rowland, on a works 250 BSA, came home out front, albeit by only a single mark in front of second man Sammy Miller (500 Ariel). But one mark is enough, even to beat the mighty Sam.

Through the door

One of the sections visited was an interesting little spot on the far side of the course. Called Brown House, the section was situated on what remains of an old cottage and outhouse and the riders went through the door, out of the kitchen, back into the hall and exited through the front garden! Mind you, it needed imagination to decide which pile of rrocks was which room.

Early numbers were seen here and Dixon Metcalfe (250 Greeves) jourrneyed through with only one dab. K. Dewsbury (250 BSA) and B. K. Rodgers (250 Dot) both passed unpenalized, Peter Gaunt (500) Ariel) had to get his feet down for a three-mark penalty but it should be mentioned that there had been a little alteration in tthe location of the rockery by tthe time Gaunt arrived.

Am interesting bunch of sections were at Cowm Quarries. Section number six among this group was a bitt of a teaser. This began part of tthe way up a hillside gully which curved to continue on the flat at the top along what looked like a dry beck bed. This was littered with biscuit tin-sized boulders.

Over-confident

Riiders were coping well enough untill they almost got to the finish of thhe section, by which time they were feeling sure of themselves and going just a little bit faster . . . only to get in a real knot on ssome jagged boulders that were throwwing them off line and sending feeet hastily down.

Bill Wilkinson (250 Greeves) bumpped through unpenalized but Gordolon Blakeway (350 AJS) was one olof those to paddle out. It didn't really matter where Gordon was coroncerned for he was later to retire w with a puncture. One of the locscal favourites, David Clegg (250 Gnireeves) was also caught out for thireee marks, but Peter Stirland (250 Greeves) got away with a dab.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

1 D. Rowland (250 BSA), 12 marks lost; 2 S. H. Miller (500 Ariel), 13; 3 M. G. Davis (250 Greeves), 19; 4 E. Adcock (250 Dot), 23; 5 M. J. Andrews (350 AJS), 25.

Best Two-stroke: D. Smith (252 Greeves), 29.

Best NW Centre Rider: E. Adcock, 23.

BSA), and G. O. McLaughlan (401 AJS), 37; D. C. Clegg (250 Greeves), 41; P. T. Stirland (250 Greeves), 42; P. Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield), 45; B. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 49.

Second-class Awards: J. Roberts and R. Edwards, 49; S. Kenworthy, 53; G. Galloway, 55; D. Lord, 56; S. Cordingley, 57; R. Darlington, 58.

Best Novice: E. Williamson (200 Greeves).

Best Private Team: S. H. Miller, E. Adcock, D. Smith, total 65.

Best NW Centre Club Team: Ashton MC—D. Rowland, E. Adcock, J. Roberts (250 Francis-Barnett), total 84.

First-class Awards: S. Ellis (200 Triumph), 28; G. Darlington (250 Greeves), 36; B. Holden (250

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by PETER HOWDLE

IT could only happen in the Scott. As always riders were dropping out like flies. Two hundred other bikes were scattered over Swaledale when, miles out on the moors, a famous five-hundred Ariel gasped and stopped. Sammy Miller, trying for a third win, was out of petrol!

Sammy swore. Strong language, which has no place here, is not unknown in the Scott Trial. It's almost part of the tradition. Part of the sweating and the struggling and the brutal madness of it all.

The petrol check wasn't far. But for Sammy, it was far enough to make all the difference between winning or losing. In the end. Sammy Miller triumphed, notching his third overall win in the Yorkshire classic.

Maybe all that talk about the luck of the Irish isn't blarney after all. And whether Sammy's fairy approved of his language or not, she acted in the nick of time.

Back in the hunt

Eric Adcock, who started well before Miller, came forcing across the oozing heather—complete with syphon pipe. Out of Dot into Ariel went a few pints of petrol. Miller was back in the hunt.

He tore away faster than the wind which, for centuries, has swept the moors and eroded the disused lead mines of North Riding. He knew his chances of making fastest time were slim so he concentrated on making a good job of the observed sections. And what a superb show Sammy gave!

You should have seen him at Whaw Bridge, patiently waiting under the old stone bridge for Gordon McLaughlan (500 AJS) to move out of a rocky stream where his chain came off Scrambling on relentlessly in a duel for fastest time, Jeff Smith and Arthur Lampkin (250 BSAs) both made a mess of it.

Nearly half a minute ticked by as poor Mac heaved his bike out of the section.

Then Sammy had a go. It was sheer artistry. The front wheel skidded as he rode out of the stream onto a slippery bank but Sam, using every trick in the book, wriggled out feet up, his chest alongside the cylinder!

You should have seen him tackling the early sections, such as Dickie Edge where, after slithering hundreds of feet down a fearsome ravine, riders had no time for a preview. Miller, a few seconds down on Jeff Smith who began four minutes earlier, simply romped up.

Roy Peplow (200 Triumph) was equally fast and neat but Dave Rowland (250 BSA) and Don Smith (250 Greeves) flung marks away.

Mick Andrews (350 AJS), who started five minutes later than Arthur Lampkin, was already two minutes down on corrected time. He dropped a bundle of marks when he skidded on a steep and slimy climb, a footrest punching a hole through his boot. Ouch!

Ray Sayer (200 Triumph) was also down on time at Dickie Edge. Setting off three minutes before Lampkin, he was so determined to "have a go" that he came a colossal purler, Undaunted by his prang, when he wiped off a footrest and gashed his knee, Sayer forced on regardless of blood or high water.

Dave Rowland (BSA) proved that speed isn't everything in the Scott by finishing runner-up with 15 marks lost on time and 73 on observation—just one more than the winner.

His stout effort paid off. Promoted to Triumph team status because John Giles, one of 21 non-starters, was down with flu, Sayer also won the 200 cc cup.

Soon after the 9.30 start, when 201 riders were sent off at twenty second intervals (three a minute) mist descended on the moors. No roads in this trial, just miles and miles of moorland peppered wth blood curdling rocks and bottomless bogs. Officially, the route from Richmond and back was 57 miles. In actual fact, it was nearer seventy miles.

Some two hours later, the stalwarts who reached Bridge End plunged into thick mist. Visibility was down to a couple of hundred yards but Bill Wilkinson (250 Greeves), the eventual best Yorkshireman, wasn't hanging about. At that stage, he had overtaken 56 riders and led the field.

But Jeff Smith, who started forty minutes later than Wilky, was two minutes up, with Arthur Lampkin on his heels. Dave Langston, third member of the BSA No. 1 team, saw them all flash past when, for nearly half an hour he worked on his sick machine.

Bridge End was the end of the line for scrambler John Burton (250 BSA), his rear sprocket minus its fixing bolts.

Slowed again

The race against time was slowed again by nearby Windegg, a grass covered rock slope devoid of wheel grip. Only Alan Lampkin (250 BSA) and Peter Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) cleared it with a dab.

Gordon Blakeway (350 AJS) looked all set for a smilar effort when, at the top of a fabulous climb, a foot strayed off the pegs again. Both Peter and Gordon were well up on time but young Alan never reached the finish. At the foot of Hungry Hill he clouted a huge rock with such force that his front fork parted from the frame.

Yes, in true Scott tradition, the trial was a wrecker. Many, like Mary Driver (250 Greeves) were too exhausted to continue. Many more abandoned their stricken machines or limped back to Richmond. Pat Brittain (250 Dot) was only eight miles out when his gearbox packed up. Bob Cooper (250 James) wore his clutch out and Tony Holt (200 Triumph) ran out of brakes.

The largest crowds for years dashed from section to section to see the cross-country race. At Washford, a famous stream in the village of Hurst where, traditionally, thousands make an annual pilgrimmage to the Green Dragon, the crowd waited excitedly.

Heading the field

At 1.20 pm, Wilkinson came bobbing over the moors, still leading the field. Over half an hour after he'd gone, a few of the riders he had overtaken struggled through. Then came Jeff Smith—five minutes ahead on corrected time. Who was going to set standard time? Wilkinson, Smith or Lampkin?

Scott Ellis (200 Triumph) blasted through noisily, his silencer lost to the souvenir hunters. Jim Sandiford (350 BSA) followed, overgeared for the greasy terrain. And right on his tail, one boot perched on the primary case after losing a footrest, came Arthur Lampkin. Twice a previous winner, Arthur was so relaxed he actually looked slow!

Back at the finish, Wilkinson was swigging a "cuppa" long before the next man arrived. It was Ron Fairburn (500 Triumph) home and dry but minus second cog. Smith, due at 2.45 pm to beat Wilky, was bang on time but some of his advantage had slipped.

Peplow was next . . . then, at 2.51, Lampkin came in. He had chopped a clear nine seconds off Smith's fastest time last year—completing the course in 4 hours, 15 minutes, 12 seconds. Miller, in a hurry, wasted a few precious seconds by riding along the wrong side of a wall before romping up the last hill. He was only two minutes behind Lampkin but eight minutes late on corrected time, losing a mark per two minutes. Eric Adcock, who helped Miller before the petrol check, didn't have much joy. His throttle cable broke on the outward run but he finished eighth overall, with a flat tyre!

This year, no fewer than 64 riders completed the course within two hours of standard time, set by Lampkin. Two miles short of the finish, Chris Butler (250 Butler) found the route closed at the foot of Rest and Be Thankful. Like other stragglers, he was thankful to have got that far.

Thanks largely to secretary of the meeting Colin Taylor, and his henchmen, the trial was superbly organised. One brain wave was to run the Scott on the last day of British Summer Time so that no one finished in darkness.

Unfortunately, the organisation fell down when working out results. The results team wasn't geared to cope with so many finishers. It was 11.30 pm before the winners could be announced.

Equally unfortunate was an unprecedented decision by the chairman of the Darlington club, to ban newspaper reporters from seeing the master results sheet!

On that unhappy note, the Scott, stiil the greatest of all trials, ended for another year..

HOW THE FINISHERS FARED

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

	Marks lost Time	Obs.	Total
Best perf. (time and obs.) S. H. Miller (500 Ariel)	4 +	72 =	76
Best on time (sets std. 4h. 15m. 3s.) A. J. Lampkin (250 BSA)	0 +	93 =	93
Best on observation only: S. H. Miller			
Best 200cc: J. R. Sayer (Triumph)	18 +	84 =	102
Best 250cc: D. Rowland (BSA)	15 +	73 =	88
Best 350cc: J. A. Sandiford (BSA)	4 +	114 =	118
Best 500cc: G. O. McLaughlan (AJS)	23 +	98 =	121
Best newcomer: P. Whelan (250 Royal Enfield)	24 +	97 =	121
Best pre 1950 entrant: J. V. Brittain (250 Royal Enfield)	14 +	95 =	109
Best under 21: P. Whelan			
Best Yorkshireman: W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves)	2 +	99 =	101
Best works team: Triumph (R. Sayer, R. Peplow, S. Ellis)	38 +	296 =	334
Best club team: Bradford (A. Lampkin, W. Wilkinson, J. Sayer)	20 +	276 =	296

First Class Awards

A. J. Lampkin (250 BSA)	0 +	93 =	93
J. V. Smith (250 BSA)	1 +	99 =	100
W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves)	2 +	99 =	101
R. S. Peplow (200 Triumph)	3 +	104 =	107
J. V. Brittain (250 Royal Enfield)	14 +	95 =	109
E. Adcock (250 Dot)	24 +	87 =	111
N. S. Eyre 250 Dot)	24 +	97 =	121
S. Ellis (200 Triumph)	17 +	108 =	125
M. Andrews (350 AJS)	22 +	104 =	126
G. S. Blakeway (350 AJS)	10 +	122 =	132
P. Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield)	9 +	124 =	133
D. Smith (250 Greeves)	19 +	117 =	136
P. H. Gaunt (250 Royal Enfield)	26 +	119 =	145
J. G. Pierson (250 Cotton)	21 +	127 =	148
R. D. Metcalfe (250 Greeves)	26 +	128 =	154
G. R. Adsett (250 Greeves)	37 +	120 =	157
D. G. Langston (250 BSA)	37 +	131 =	168
D. Youghusband (250 Dot)	30 +	144 =	174
S. T. Cooper (200 Triumph)	35 +	141 =	176
J. Holmes (200 Triumph)	25 +	154 =	179
M. F. Bailey (250 Greeves)	43 +	141 =	184
M. Ransom (250 Francis Barnett)	21 +	168 =	189
D. C. Clegg (250 Greeves)	19 +	170 =	189
M. Newsham (250 Greeves)	28 +	163 =	191
P. A. England (250 Dot)	40 +	151 =	191
C. B. Sharp (200 Triumph)	32 +	161 =	193
D. P. Lupton (250 Greeves)	43 +	151 =	194
D. P. Robinson (250 Greeves)	30 +	165 =	195
K. R. Burnicle (250 Greeves)	42 +	154 =	196
K. Garside (200 Triumph)	50 +	150 =	200
T. D. Ellis (200 Triumph)	37 +	164 =	201
P. Taylor (200 Triumph)	34 +	169 =	203
T. Cook (250 Greeves)	26 +	177 =	203

Souvenir certificates (other finishers): W A Smith (250 BSA) 206; W I Smart (200 Triumph) 209; J L Stephenson (250 Greeves) 210; M H Rispin (250 Greeves) 211; M Scott (250 Butler) 212; T H Savage (200 Triumph) 214; B Payne (350 AJS) D Mitchell (500 Ariel) 215; H S Chew (250 Royal Enfield) 219; J Ardyman (250 BSA), B Holme (250 Greeves) 221; J Chippendale (250 Greeves) 222; K Flemming (350 BSA) 225; N Moorhouse (200 Triumph), M W Lawson (250 BSA) 226; J Pattinson (200 Triumph) 228; J Morgan (200 Triumph) 233; E D Jolf (200 Triumph) 236; J E Rhodes (250 Greeves) 241; A D Mortimer (250 Greeves) 243; W F Brown (250 Greeves) 253; C B Leah (200 Triumph) 254; J B Hutchinson (250 Dot) 256; J K Irving (250 Dot) 259; C Horsfield (250 James) 267.

Club awards: [illegible]