

1963

'WEST OF ENGLAND'

THE first trade-supported national trial of the season, the "West of England," for once lost some of its lustre and atmosphere — perhaps due to the damp and unsettled conditions and the fact that the course was one of the easiest in the whole series.

This, however, did not detract from the fine performance of the winner, Scott Ellis (200 Triumph) who once again got the better of current British Expert Sammy Miller (500 Ariel) to win by a single mark. Tying with Miller on marks lost was the "odd man out" of the Triumph quartet, Ray Sayer, whose inclusion in the trade team would certainly have taken the prize from the successful BSA trio of Arthur Lampkin, Brian Martin and Jeff Smith. Behind Sayer came Dave Rowland, the best of the BSA riders.

Two-dab victory

Scott got round the 80-odd-mile circuit with two solitary dabs, one of these being on the first sub of the innocuous Hadrian's Wall — cleaned by more than half the entry. His second prod was on the greasy rocks at the top of Gatcombe, cleaned by the unusually large number of 19 riders.

Miller, like scores of others, lost his first mark on the nagery exit of the initial section at Wootton, his second went in the quarry at Sheeranap and the last final lunge on the best hill of the trial, Diamond Lane. Sayer, runner-up last year, lost his three in one go at the top of Al's Delight, a mistake that robbed him of his best performance to date.

Small sidecar field

Alec Wright (250 Greeves), Ron Langston (500 Ariel) and Peter Wraith (500 Ariel) were way out in front of the small sidecar turnout.

The issue here was settled on Harper's Hill, a rocky climb from the centre of the picturesque town of Totnes. Wright was superb here, and this followed a brilliant one-dab climb of Gatcombe.

Artie Ratcliffe (200 Triumph), 29 marks lost, was too good for the other returning exiles: Geoff Duke (250 Greeves), 53, and

Hugh Viney (250 Francis-Barnett), 83. Hugh was handicapped by loss of a footrest from half distance.

Despite considerable rain during the week many of the sections had completely dried out and caused little trouble, while one of the new hills, Narrowcombe, lost its sting through the absence of four marker flags that should, it appears, have been moved after the sidecars had finished there.

This omission allowed riders to miss the most difficult rocks and mud.

Figure-of-eight

From Denbury Green, near Newton Abbot, the odd and even solo numbers set out on different circuits while the charioters completed two laps of a separate loop. Clean performances all round were pretty equal with the first and last sections causing most bother.

Only a dozen riders completely mastered Wootton, and Johnny Giles (350 Triumph), Scott Ellis, Jeff Smith (350 BSA), Don Smith (252 Greeves), Eric Adcock (250 Dot), Ray Sayer and Peter Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) were the sole masters of the nine subs of Lower and Upper Diamond Lane.

Of the remaining 14 sections, Shortway, Gatcombe, Orley, and Al's Design were the most troublesome.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Solo: S. Ellis (200 Triumph), 2 marks lost.

Best Sidecar: A. Wright (250 Greeves), 31. Sidecar Passenger: Trophy: J. Gazeley.

Class Awards, 200 cc: J. R. Sayer (Triumph), 3. 250 cc: D. Rowland (BSA), 4. 350 cc: J. V. Smith (BSA), 9. Over 350 cc: S. H. Miller (500 Ariel), 3. Best Lady: Mrs. Mary Driver (250 Greeves), 114.

Manufacturers Team Prize: BSA (A. J. Lampkin, B. W. Martin, J. V. Smith), 31.

Club Team Prize: Birmingham "A" (J. V. Smith, B. W. Martin, A. J. Davis), 28.

West of England Club Member: W. H. Martin (250 Francis-Barnett), 19. South Western Centre Resident: V. J. Aschford (250 BSA), 26. Cornish Centre: M. R. White (350 AJS), 25.

Special First-class Awards: A. Adcock (250 Dot), S. M. Andrews (350 AJS), A. J. Lampkin (250 BSA), B. W. Martin (250 BSA) and G. McLaughlin (500 AJS), 11; G. R. Adsett (250 Greeves), 13; D. J. Langston (250 BSA), 14; D. Smith (252 Greeves) and M. G. Davis (250 Greeves), 15; R. S. Peplow (200 Triumph), J. Giles (350 Triumph), W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves), 16; P. H. Gaunt (500 Ariel), 17; K. J. Suddley (250 Greeves), A. R. Lampkin (250 BSA), 18; N. S. Eyre (250 Dot), W. H. Martin (250 Francis-Barnett), 19; R. J. Langston (500 Ariel sc), 34.

First-class Awards: M. Dismore (250 Greeves); B. Holden, jnr. (250 BSA), 21; D. J. Theobald (250 Dot), S. T. Cooper (200 Triumph), P. N. Brittain (250

Dot), 25; V. J. Aschford (250 BSA), J. A. Sandiford (350 BSA), 26; E. A. Dommett (200 Triumph), 27; G. Farley (200 Triumph), 28; L. A. Ratcliffe (200 Triumph), 29; I. A. Pridham (250 Greeves), 30; D. C. Clegg (250 Greeves), 31; A. J. Barbary (250 Greeves), 32; M. C. N. Bean, 44; P. L. Belew, E. G. Fry (350 Royal Enfield), 36, P.

Wraith (500 Ariel sc), 36. Second-class Awards: R. J. May, S. W. Little, 36; R. R. Cooper, D. J. Frowse, 37; D. J. Freemantle, 38; R. V. Brown, J. Poste, G. Kibby, P. Valentine, 41; K. Roe, C. Dustow, 42; L. Wyer, 43; C. N. Bean, 44; P. L. Belew, E. Edwards, 45; L. F. Baker (sc), 69.

A NINE-MARK WIN FOR ROWLAND

DESPITE conditions made difficult by heavy rain, Dave Rowland, on his works 250 BSA, lost only nine marks to win the Nantwich club's Cheshire Centre trial on Sunday by a four-mark margin from Dot teamster Eric Adcock.

Held in the Beeston Castle area, the two laps of a 15-mile course with 15 sub-sections per lap were tackled by an entry of 97 solos.

Most testing section was the second sub of the Mine, a short wall-of-death affair with a difficult exit. Every rider lost marks here on the first lap, but Rowland achieved the only clean ride on his second lap.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Best Performance: D. Rowland (250 BSA), 9 marks lost. First-class Awards: E. Adcock (250 Dot), 13; G. Darlington (250 Greeves), 17; R. Darlington (250 Greeves) and S. Kenworthy (200 Triumph), 18; E. J. Banks (250 Greeves) and J. Cantrell (250 Dot), 19; J. W. Young (250 Greeves), 21; H. Lloyd (200 Triumph), 28; P. Dale (250 Dot),

30; K. Eyres (200 Triumph), 32; E. I. Williamson (250 BSA), 33; I. O. Gwilliams (252 Dot) and A. J. Allen (250 Royal Enfield), 37; M. J. Worsnip (200 Triumph), 39. Best Nantwich club member: R. P. Salt (350 AJS), 60.

Dave Rowland loses only nine marks

DESPITE the close proximity of the Picton trial, the Nantwich Motor Club received an entry of 98 competitors for their popular open-to-Cheshire Centre trial. Eight of the entry proved to be non-starters, and 14 for various reasons retired before completing full distance.

Starting from the Travellers' Rest at Alraham, in dull, cold, cloudy weather that soon turned to rain the trial was over two laps of a 12-mile course in the Bickerton Hills area of Cheshire and featured 16 observed sections to the lap.

All sections were cleaned at least once. At the day's most difficult section, Mine No. 2 on the first lap, the winner, Dave Row-

land (250 BSA) notched the only clean, but on the second lap with heavy rain falling Dave took a single dab.

Runner-up Eric Adcock (250 Dot) recorded a one and a three as did the third man Eddie Banks (250 Greeves).

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier award: D. Rowland (250 BSA), 9 marks lost.

First class awards: E. Adcock (250 Dot) 15, G. Darlington (250 Greeves) 17, R. Darlington (250 Greeves) 18, S. Kenworthy (200 Triumph) 18, E. Banks (250 Greeves) 19, J. Cantrell (200 Triumph) 19, J. W. Young (250 Greeves) 21, H. Lloyd (200 Triumph) 28, P. Dale (250 Dot) 30, K. Eyre (200 Triumph) 32, E. I. Williamson (250 BSA) 33, I. O. Gwilliams (252 Dot) 37, A. J. Allen (250 Royal Enfield) 37, M. J. Worsnip (200 Triumph) 39.

Best local rider: P. Salt (350 AJS), 60.

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national Allan Jefferies trial

Provisional results

Best performance: S. Ellis (200 Triumph) 10 marks lost.

Sidecar: C. A. Morewood (500 Ariel) 57.

Second solo: P. N. Brittain (250 Dot) 16.

Third: J. V. Brittain (250 Royal Enfield) 18.

Fourth: R. D. Rowlands (250 BSA) 19.

Fifth: J. A. Sandiford (250 BSA) 20.

Best first timer: P. Whelan (250 Greeves) 22.

Second sidecar: P. W. Rordhouse (500 Norton) 69.

Third sidecar: P. Wraith (500 Ariel) 73.

First class awards: J. R. Sayer (200 Triumph) 20, S. H. Miller (500 Ariel) 21.

P. Fletcher (250 Royal Enfield) 24, G. Blakeway (250 AJS) 25, B. Holden (250 BSA) 27, R. D. Metcalfe (250 Greeves) 27, G. O. McLaughlin (350 AJS) 28, K. Gar-

side (200 Triumph) 31, P. H. Gaunt (300 Ariel) 31, W. Wilkinson (250 Greeves) 33, N. S. Eyre (250 Dot) 35, D. C. Clegg (250 Greeves) 36.

Second class awards: M. Brown (200 Triumph) 37, M. G. Tracey (200 Triumph) 39, T. H. Savage (250

Triumph) 41, K. R. Bunicle (250 Greeves) 43, E. Adcock (250 Dot) 44, A. J. Davis (50 Ariel) 44, G. E. Broadbent (250 Royal Enfield) 48, B. Dawson (250 Greeves) 48, J. W. Wallace (250 Greeves) 48, B. D. Whitlock (250 Greeves) 50, M. C. Savage (250 Greeves) 51, P. C. Beal (250 Royal Enfield) 52.

Best club team: Wolverhampton MC (P. N. Brittain, J. D. Martin, J. V. Brittain) 90.

Best one make: Triumph (S. Ellis, R. Sayers, K. Garside) 61.

LOCAL MOTOR CYCLIST WINS A MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER AWARD



Dave Rowland at his home this week.

CHAPEL - EN - LE - FRITH motor-cyclist Dave Rowland has won one of the most sought-after awards in the motor-cycling world.

Twenty-four-year-old Dave of Blackbrook Lane, dropped only four points to win the Clayton Trophy Trial, which was decided over 40 miles of rugged, boulder-strewn inclines and along water-logged stream beds.

"Two hundred and seventy five riders took part in the trial," said Dave on Monday evening at his home, where cups and other trophies line shelves.

BAD CONDITIONS

"Conditions throughout the whole course were unusually bad. We set off near the Briarlow Bar Garage, and the route took us right through the centre of Longnor and along the stream bed at Cistern's Clough. The water here was deeper than I've ever known it before."

Dave was riding a works BSA, 250 c.c. machine. He has been a member of the B.S.A. trials team for the past 16 months and has ridden in numerous trials, gaining many successes.

A member of Buxton Motor-Cycle Club, Dave is employed as a lorry driver by a Chapel-en-le-Frith firm. He first took a keen interest in motor-cycles while on his National Service in the Army, and after discharge, he started to ride in a few trials organized locally. It was not long before he moved into more ambitious events until eventually becoming a B.S.A. team member.

Dave has no intention of resting on his laurels. Next month, he is going to the Isle of Man to take part in the Manx Two Day Trial.

OTHER SUCCESSES

Other local competitors who gained awards in the Clayton Trial were: Norman Eyre, special award; Harvey Lloyd and Kenneth Eyre, first class awards; George Mycock, Len Eyre and John Cantrell, second class awards; John Broadfoot, novice award.

On Sunday, riding his Dot machine, Norman Eyre won the Woodhouse Trophy Trial at Bols-over. Pete Fletcher was second and Scott Ellis third.

Norman and Tony Davis are the other two members of the Buxton team who will be taking part in the two-day trial in the Isle of Man.

Davis replaces Mick Andrews, who was injured recently whilst scrambling. All four riders, Eyre, Andrews, Rowland and Davis — have qualified for the British Experts Trial, which will be held later this year.

Dave Rowland — by 13 marks

ASHEFIELD MCC's Committee Cup trial was held in Sunday at Birchover Quarry, near Matlock, Derbyshire. Forty-six riders did eight laps containing eight observed sections. Although lack of water made some of the stream sections easier than usual, those over loose rocks extracted the marks. Dave Rowland made it look easy losing four marks in the morning and only two in

the afternoon 13 less than his nearest rival, John Cantrell.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Premier Award: D. Rowland (250 BSA) 6 marks lost. First class awards: J. Cantrell (200 Triumph) 19, N. Eyre (250 Dot) 19, J. Orme (250 Greeves) 23, R. Sweetmore (200 Triumph) 24. Second class awards: H. Lloyd (200 Triumph) 33, H. Doncaster (250 Greeves) 39, J. Whitlock (250 Dot) 37, S. M. Miller (200 Triumph) 38. Best novice: M. Aske (250 Dot) 60.