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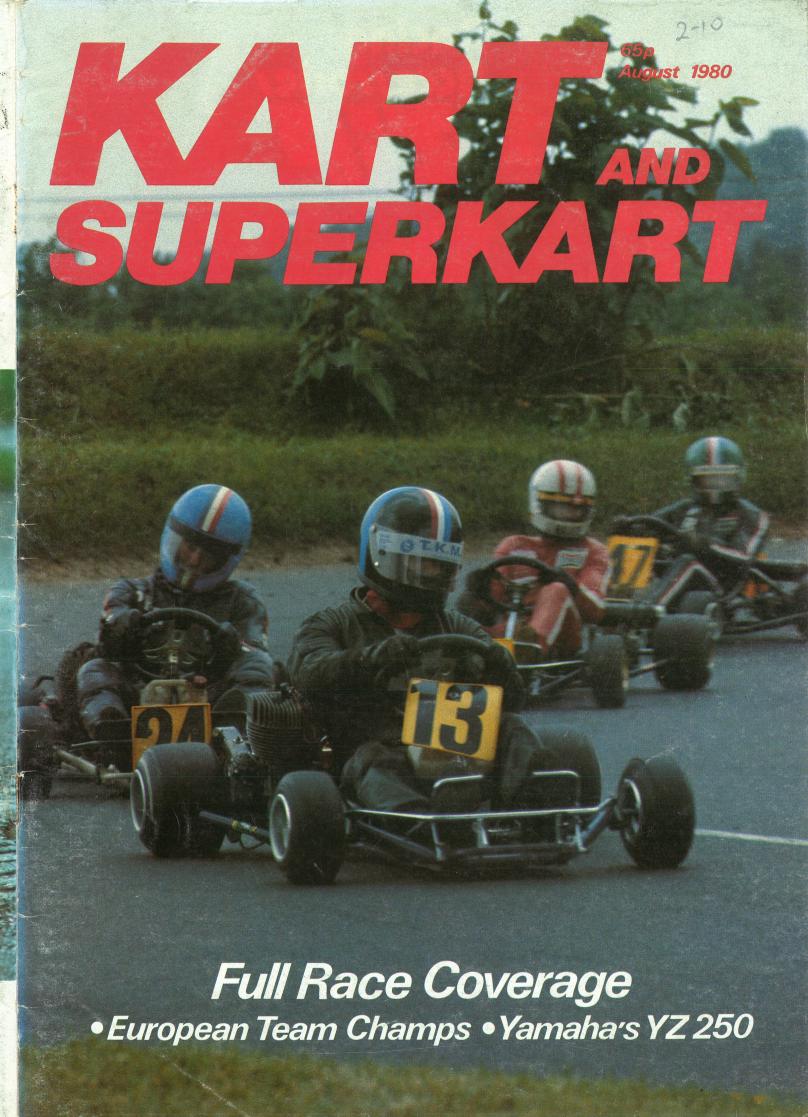
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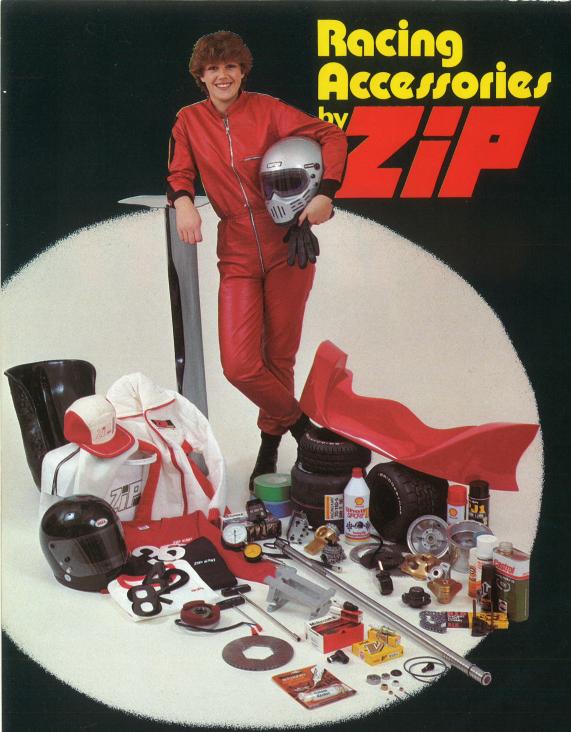
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SEPTEMBER

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the major 1980 British Karting Championships. This year,

with the long- circuit titles being decided over three rounds

for the first time, a comparison can be drawn between this

method of deciding the British Champion and the one-race

be content that their championship leaders are going to be

where they are completely on merit – the three venues ensur-

ing no specialist local knowledge advantage or fluke result.

In contrast, the 100cc Championships – all vet to be run –

are already producing comments such as "well it is his local

track" or "you haven't got a show there unless you have got

that type of tyre". This latter phrase refers specifically of

course to the 100 International Championship, where there

is speculation that one leading contender may not even take

part due to the futility of doing so without the correct

compound of the particular make of tyre that seems to shine

sponsored championship series being promoted for the 100cc classes throughout the year, should be enough to suggest to

the RAC that they give serious thought to adopting the

three round format for their 1981 100cc Championships.

The news that the Italians are appealing against the outcome

of the recent European Team Championship – on the basis

that the organisers' post-practice reduction in noise level

requirements allowed one British Team member to avoid

disqualification - can hardly provide any satisfaction for

anybody. Certainly the drivers could not care less at this stage – the fact remaining that the English team won the

day, all using standard production exhaust systems (inci-

dentally of Italian manufacture!), and clearly with no inten-

tion of cheating noise regulations. The fact that the fate of

the Championship now rests upon a discussion between

Championships do not fall victim to the trendy phobia of

After coming so close in earlier rounds, Alan Gates

finally won a Lockheed series round, in the wet at

Felton. This followed a good run in the "Scottish"

team at the European event at Fulda. Here Gates leads a French team driver, Jorn Haase (Denmark)

and Paul Jackson ("Wales") at that event. (Photo: D.

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Hewland Rotary Valve Cover

A recent development by Hewland Engineering the early reduction-box is virtually out of use, again... the opportunity has been taken to cast a complete new, simpler, rotary valve cover - incor- New Engine Homologated For 250 National porating the shorter inlet length.

preparing to take supplies of the old style cover rotary valve cover...

to Clay Pigeon for customers who already have the new cover fitted. What remains unclear is whether individually shortened versions of the old cover will be considered legal or anot. Opinion seems to vary on the interpretation of the appropriate regulations, so it looks as has been a shorter inlet rotary valve cover. As though it could be time to go "rule-book racing"

With immediate effect, the Hiro 250cc engine However, the RAC point out that this marketed by Clowes Competition Machines of requires a re-homologation, and until such a Bolton, and their agents, has been homologated step is taken, the new valve cover is ineligible. for the above class. One wonders whether With a round of the K & S and SAM series Hewland will be fortunate enough to get homolooming up as we go to press, Hewland were logation "with immediate effect" for their

Kart and Superkart Magazine 100 National Championship

Round 6 Entry Information

- Round 6 will take place at Felton (8 miles north of Morpeth) on September 7th, promoted by the Northumbrian Kart Club.
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land NE61 2SY. Entries received after closing Food available in canteen. date can only be accepted for back of grid starts in all heats.

• Programme: Saturday September 6th Free practice 10.00 - 17.00 hours

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practice – to be paid with entry). Entries close vans in the paddock (first come. . .). Other September 1st. Include s.a.e. for acknowledge- caravans, and all campers, telephone Mr. J. Absalom (Felton 410) to reserve space in a J.W. Kirk, 12 Park Drive, Morpeth, Northumber-field adjacent to the circuit. Toilets and water.

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Rapid Movements have now joined forces with Sisley Karting to assist in the running of their works team. Above (l to r): Lee Cranmer (Junior Britain), John Herbert (Junior National), Richard Weatherley (100 International) and Nick Harvey (Junior National). Missing from the group are Roger Moth (100 National) and Bill Sisley himself (100 Britain). The team will use Cobra and Kestrel chassis, with Sisley BPH Komet and Hewland engines.

Lydden 3

The third and final round of the Lydden Championships, run on Sunday 20th July, provided the first win of the year for Team Schemes' Nigel Smith. In pouring rain, Nigel blasted off the line and took the early lead from Martin Hines. The Hermetitie team leader spun while chasing, but recovered for third place, and sufficient points to clinch the three round series. Smith walked away to a convincing win, clear of Charles Atherton in second.

The 210 race provided victory for Colin Ling, promoting him to second overall in the 210 series, behind Clive Leeson.

Superkart Result:

Team Schemes Zip/ Nigel Smith Burgess Yamaha 2nd Charles Atherton Zip GP/Burgess Yamaha 3rd Martin Hines Hermetite Zip/ Yamaha



Nigel Smith - back on form.

Lydden Championship Overall:

1st: Martin Hines (54 pts), 2nd: Calvin Fish (45 pts), 3rd: Charles Atherton (36 pts), 4th: Peter Miles (33pts), 5th: Steve Eaton (26 pts), 6th: Peter Brown (25 pts).

210 Lydden Championship:

1st: Clive Leeson (52 pts), 2nd: Colin Ling (44 pts), 3rd: Wraith Winkworth (41 pts), 4th: Tony Cooper (31 pts), 5th: Alan Johnson (29 pts), 6th: Steve Davies (27 pts).

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1st	Bernd Schneider	(Germany)
2nd	Michael Vacirca	(Netherlands)
3rd	Thomas Danielsson	(Sweden)
8th	Kevin Warner	(GB)
10th	Per Sorenson	(GB)
18th	John Herbert	(GB)
19th	Robbie Childs	(GB)
29th	Paul South	(GB)
32nd	Mark Bailey	(GB)

Dry during practice and heats, but rain pours down for the finals. **COVERAGE NEXT MONTH**

European Team Championship

Italy have apparently been successful in their protest against the English Team (see Euro-shambles, P.11) and so are currently the winners! However, it is fairly certain that the matter will not stop there. . .

250 National

1st Tony Taylor

continued. . .

Sprint/Honda

100 National C

Kevin Gleadow Dart/ 2nd Anthony Hargreaves Cobra/K88

100 National B

Terry White 1st Dave Spence 2nd 3rd Mick Mayers Cobra/Komet Essex ART/Parilla Zip/Parilla

Clay Pigeon

For the first time this year, the rain decided to fall on the Clay Pigeon Kartway for their 13th July meeting. It certainly was unlucky 13 for some as the drivers battled against the awful weather. But thankfully there were no major mishaps at all during the racing, thanks to the drivers for some good racing throughout the day. Once again over 100 drivers were signed

37 drivers again made this the most popular class at Clay Pigeon. With the top drivers again on display we looked for some good racing.

Heat wins went to Nigel Cleveley (2), Peter Rochford (2) and Phil Sheldrake (1) – all won by drivers using the Hewland Arrow motor. The only driver who looked like getting anywhere near them was Steve Alway (Manx). Steve had two seconds and a third place in the heats. One driver who was expected to do well was Terry Williams. (He led the SAM 80 series earlier in the season) He managed only a second and fourth, then couldn't start his engine in the final. So he was out, leaving it to Cleveley and Rochford to have their usual dice. No doubt July 27th when the SAM 80 series comes to Crabtree, who was really flying in the wet Clay. He was really struggling in the terribly wet conditions. Maybe that's why Nigel and Peter are the tops in 100 Britain. They seem to well down the field. Crabtree meanwhile drove be able to turn it on in any conditions.

ward to the A final.

Rochford alongside, and as they went into the safe driving during the racing. first corner it was Cleveley who took it up ahead of Rochford. Behind these two came drivers, with Cleveley always having that little candida. bit extra on Rochford. The fact that the leader had a clear track while poor old Peter had to contend with the spray obviously helped. Al-third. though he tried desperately to get past, it was Nigel Cleveley who crossed the line ahead of Peter Rochford. Then came Phil Sheldrake with Steve Alway 4th, Derek Cowee 5th, John Donovan 6th and a really good drive from the back giving 7th place to Andy Bundy.

100 National

two heats with Paul Wilkes 2nd and Phil Truman 3rd on both occasions. Heat 3 went to Wilkes with Hann 2nd ahead of his team mate Andrew 210 National Clarke. John Crookes who'd been one of the Sixteen entered but only ten drivers turned up top drivers here this year, had disastrous results in the heats.

5th and Richard Marsh 6th.

Junior Britain

Another really good turnout by the Junior Britains, four heats all won by different drivers. wins going to Stephen Brogan, Jeremy Cotterill, Nick Crabtree and Mark Jennings. Jennings took pole for the final having had a second and third to go with his one win.

From the flag it was Nick Crabtree who shot into the lead from Jennings, Cotterill, Colin Duncan and a whole host of others, Cotterill Williams will be hoping for better weather on got past Jennings but never looked like catching conditions. Poor Mark Jennings came off at the loop while lying third, but restarted to finish on to victory with Jeremy Cotterill coming

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Peter Tibbals won the B final ahead of John home second a fair way in front of Andrew Muir and Don Thacker. These three went for- Colson. Fourth went to Colin Duncan, 5th was Gary Thomas and 6th place went to Stephen So it was Cleveley on pole with arch rival Brogan. Well done lads, good to see some nice

100 International

Steve Alway, Phil Sheldrake, Derek Cowee and Six drivers entered, but only four turned out the rest of the field. All through the race there for the racing due to the terrible weather. Heat was little to choose between the first two winners were Kim Blaynee (2) and Tony Ripa-

> In the final it was Ripacandida who took the honours ahead of Blaynee and Dave Button

250 National and International

CLUB SCENE

Again lack of entries meant that the two classes had to be run together. Three 250 Nat. and two 250 Int. made up the grid for the final, the heats having been won by Stuart Smith (2) and Alan Collard. All five managed to cross the finishing line and it was Alan Collard who took Ex British Champion Neil Hann won the first the 250 National class and Mike Coles the 250 International class

to race. Heat winners were Paul Reeves, Allan Miles and Bob Reeves. After one lap of the final In the final it was Hann who led all the way the warning board was shown to Paul Reeves from Wilkes. All through the race the leader who had hit brother Bob and Brian McKay on never looked in any trouble and came home the first half of a lap, Brian McKay spinning comfortably ahead of Wilkes with Andrew off while leading when Reeves hit him. Allan Clarke 3rd, John Crookes 4th, Julian Burleton Miles led for a couple of laps and was then taken by Paul Reeves who went on unchallenged to win, Allan Miles second and Bob Reeves third. In fourth came Paul and Bob's brother Bill Reeves.

> So ended the day's racing on what must have been the worst weather experienced during a meeting at Clay Pigeon for a long time. The thick fog soon enveloped the course as everyone packed up.

> Finally I must say a big thank you to the St. Johns and the marshalls who stood out and got soaked all through the day. Without these people, who get on with their jobs without complaining, we'd never be able to race. Thank

A.J. Bryant

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Results:-

100 Britain N. Cleveley Barlotti/Arrow 1st MM2/Arrow P Rochford 2nd MJM/Arrow

100 National

1st N. Hann BM/Arrow 2nd P. Wilkes TKM/TKM BM/BM 3rd A. Clarke

P. Sheldrake

Junior Britain

Nick Crabtree Lane/Arrow 1st Jeremy Cotterill MM/TKM 2nd 3rd Andrew Colson Barlotti/Arrow

100 International

T. Ripacandida Zip/Parilla

250 National

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Teams have been announced for the European Individual Championships - to be held at Leidolsheim, Germany on August 16th/17th. As with the Team Championship, teams have been nominated for Wales and Scotland as well as England. The list - with some interesting surprises - is as follows:

Terry Fullerton

We have recently received a copy of a new

up-to-date book on the sport. Designed

primarily for an American readership,

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In a Word . . .

• John Pudney and Chris Merlin, regular

columnists, have both been on holidays recently,

and subsequently neither appear in this issue.

Both will return next month, revitalised, and in

the meantime an interesting new writer

• Anyone interested in going to next month's

19th, June 7th, August 2nd, and October 4th.

• As well as entering Stuart Ziemelis in 125

Class events, Peter Haywood Ltd are now to

enter the 100 National arena, with Gary Parker

expounds his thoughts. . .

an adult).

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Martin Homewood Paul Jackson Alan Lane Martin Smart

Simon Wright

Chris Needham John Gravett Alan Gates Martin Leach

(First Reserve: Tim Davey)

Wales: Richard Weatherley Dig Hastilow Biff Harris Dave Evans

> Simon Austin (First Reserve: Nicola Fletcher)

- Bob Clowes of Motivation would like in known that he did not in fact have a camera at the World Cup (ref. our lighthearted dig last month!). The exhaust business sure is getting competitive. . . , with all three major manufacturers claiming various very good results.
- World Championship at Nivelles could do well • Having had his ties with TKM severed to investigate the inclusive tours being run by things looked a little glum for Paul Carr Trans World Conference Organisers of Oxford. currently holding second spot in the K & S The Company has prepared a brochure detailing series. However, a deal has been arranged the tours, which has been circulated to most whereby Carr will now debut the new Zip Z981 Kart Dealers. Prices for weekend tours start at National chassis at the Clay Pigeon round, and £59.00 (£49.00 for under 18's accompanied by then complete the series, plus the British Cham

Motors were to be Zip supplied Parilla or • Sidney Taylor has advised us of Cadwell Zip 48, but we hear that Carr also has the offer Park dates for next year: February 22nd, April of a pair of FRED Parillas.

- The June and August events are on the full, • The kart meeting at the Plymouth Hoe • After favourite Lynn Haddock went out of 21/4 mile circuit, the others on the 11/2 mile made the front page of the local paper - but not quite as you might think...
 - mechanic at the meeting, but left without finding out his name - oh dear. But being resourceful, she enlisted the Mayor, Ron King's help! He contacted the Kart Club, who in turn got in touch with all the drivers entered from Mid-Glamorgan until they found the right one - and his mechanic! Young love...

However, as we go to press we hear that the Scottish and Welsh entries have been rejected. and thus the "England" team now becomes the Great Britain team, with Alan Gates and Martin Leach as reserves should any of the 5 selected drivers be unable to travel.



Paul Jackson is the new face in the British Tear

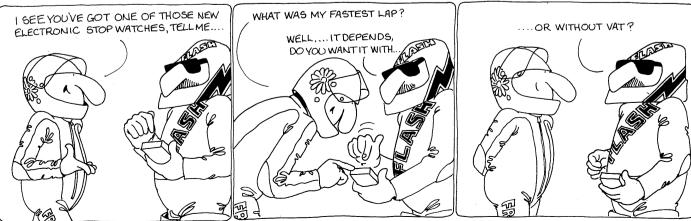
No Mickey Allen! - presumably the event clashes with his usual post British Championship holiday...

On recent form, Alan Gates must be considered extraordinarily unlucky not to make the team, whilst Martin Homewood would probably be the first to admit that his form this year has not yet matched that of 1979. However, hot on the heels of the team announcement comes the news that Homewood is no longer to drive the Birel/Redhill Parilla combination that he has campaigned as the last of the "privateer" style British team members. Instead, he will now join Mickey Allen in the Sprint camp - presumably, amongst other things, in search of those sticky Dunlops. . .

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- Felton advise that due to various clashes, their August meeting has been brought forward one week to the 17th.
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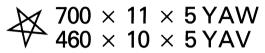
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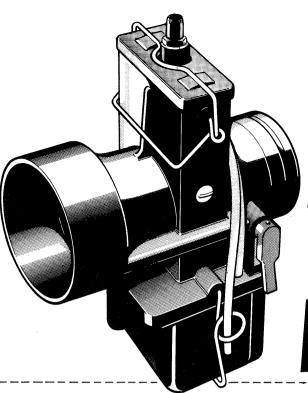


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Group 2 saw three different heat winners in Chris Nelmes, Steve Eldron and Keith Hale, but 100 National B in the final Eldron and Hale got away in the The first three places in all three heats were first lap to finish 1st and 2nd.

100 National C

and leading for half of the race, However disas- Chris Dalton 2nd and Paul Major 3rd, White

won the final with Sims 2nd, Porter 3rd, Teresa ter came on lap 8 and Gleadow came through to 1st and Anthony Hargreaves 2nd.

decided on the first lap although in each heat three different drivers were involved. The first heat saw a win for Jeff Johnson with Michael Again three different heat winners in this class, Mayers 2nd and Hayden White 3rd. In heat two namely Kevin Gleadow, Terry Harris and Peter it was Tim Harvey 1st, Mick Colvin 2nd, Ian Clarke, with Harris getting the pole position Palmer 3rd. Heat 3 was a win for Dave Spence,

in the lead with Mayers 2nd. On lap 8 Terry White took 2nd, but Spence was well in the lead by this time, and was stroking home to win. Unfortunately he did not realise that Terry was gaining on him and on the last lap Terry took a surprised Dave and left him no option but 2nd place. Michael Mayers was third with Bob Newson coming through from midfield to 4th and Lance Hagan 5th.

210 National

A rather smaller entry in this class than we have been used to of late at Tilbury. Heat winners were Jim Paffett, Paul Taylor and Ron Bettis. Taylor had pole for the final, however Paffett, currently leading the 210 Club Championship, got it all together in the end to win from Bettis.

A mixture of 125/250 National and International here with wins throughout the day in their respective classes from Lee Morgan, Tony Taylor, Melvyn Friend and Terry Arnold. Eventual trophy winners were Friend (125 National) and Taylor (250 National).

100 National A

A very good field promised some exciting racing with many of the familiar LKC drivers putting in an appearance. Gary Prior led the first heat until two laps from home when Mark Tredwell took over leaving Gary second and Steve Tillett third. Heat 2 saw Brian Hooley lead the race from start to finish with Ashley Sparks taking 2nd place from Dave Tebbutt, Robert Smith led heat 3 until lap 6 when he disappeared to give the lead to Prior with Sparks 2nd and Tredwell taking over 3rd on the penultimate lap from Ken Minter.

Prior went out on pole position for the final and finished the day as winner. Tredwell was lying second with Sparks close behind, but Mark's engine seized on lap 6 and Sparks went through to 2nd. In third place was Till coming through from midfield, having bad luck in the heats. Holding on to 4th place was Dave Tebbutt and 5th, also coming through from way down the grid was Mark Sayer.

Results

ı	Junio	or Britain	
	1st	Martin Prior	Kestrel/Arrow
	2nd	Jamie Chitty	MTB80/TKM
ı	3rd	Lee Cranmer	Kestrel/RM/SK
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Junior National

1st	Robbie Childs	Lane/Parilla
2nd	Andrew Stapley	Cobra/Arro

100 Nat. Novices Group 1 Chas Royston

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2nd	Steven Sims	Zip/Kome
3rd	Jim Porter	DAP/DAP

100 National Novices Group 2

	Steve Eldron	MTN 80/MT K80
2nd	Keith Hale	Birel/K77

210 National Jim Paffett

Barlotti/Villiers

125 National

1st Melvyn Friend Barlotti/Aspes

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1st	Gary Prior	Dart/TKM
2nd	Ashley Sparks	Fullerton/DAP
3rd	Gary Till	Zin/TKM

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Hermetite Zip team take the first four places at the second round of the RAC Championships. Buttigieg superb again, to lead Fish, Elmore, and Hines, who demotes Styrin on the last straight. Class wins to Molloy (125), Douglas (210) and Report and photos: Dave Smith. Allen (250 Nat).

Carnaby's slightly bumpy, flat circuit saw some of the best racing this year from all the long circuit brigade, as round 2 of the RAC Long Circuit Champs unwound. All heats and finals were closely contested, building up the excitement right through the day to culminate in a display of domination not only by Dave Buttigieg who blasted round the 1.2 ml. circuit a good 8 secs in front of Calvin Fish, but the entire Hermetite team, notching up a demoralising 1-2-3-4 result, that points ominously to a silver GP victory . . .

Before racing started I took the opportunity to ask a few drivers what they thought of the circuit – many having never been to Carnaby before - and found something of a lack of enthusiasm amongst most of the top-line names in all the classes. As a venue for a major meeting such as this, some of the comments were "Not demanding enough", "No facilities". "Bleak and desolate", and "B**** rough!" To be fair though, it did produce some great racing, the organisation was excellent, and it's a great place for photos!

Around the paddock there were a few new bits and pieces. Peter Haywood was running a new development chassis for Aero in 210 and although suffering a few mishaps such as a split fuel tank in one of the heats, found it quite good", and managed 5th in the final.

The Gartmore Team, apart from offering investment advice to the spectators, were TD3 loaned to her by Tony as her Gartmore Phil Ansell (2).

Dave Buttigieg led an overwhelming Hermetite Zip team swamp of the Superkart race.

Zip wasn't quite ready. Gartmore drivers Will and James Hoy were out on their new Bridgestone YBC tyres and were quite impressed their final positions were quite impressive as well – 8th and 10th. Sponsor's colours appear to be on the increase again with quite a few drivers recently receiving or about to receive backing from large and small businesses alike. Ian Shaw, in 125, has a good sponsor in the form of U.D.O. Repograph - look out for his bright orange machine. In 210, Chris Anderson seems set to gain massive support from an as vet un-named source.

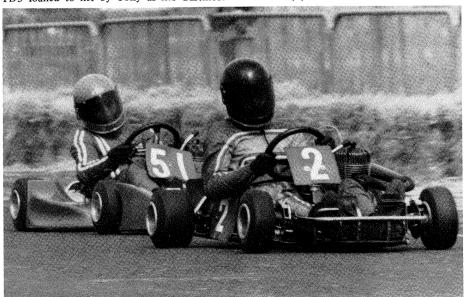
Molloy Again — Just . . .

For once it looked as though defending Champion Paul Molloy wasn't going to have it all his own way, for in the heats Roy Patterson took a win and a dead-heat with Paul and looked to have the legs to stay in front if he could get there. Brian Hill, Ian Shaw, and Tim Parrott were all going extremely well and in all the heats the first six were through within seconds of each other.

As they powered away from the start of the ten lap final, it was Hill who took the early lead from Patterson, Mike Henry, Molloy, Parrott and Shaw, these six pulling away from the rest of the field quite rapidly. Brian seemed to be quite safely in front, but behind him it was all action as Molloy took both Henry and Patterson to move into second place by lap 3. Molloy and Hill began to draw out a small gap from the other four, with the former slowly gaining on the leader - a yard at a time. As they came up to the line to start lap 6 he was climbing up Brian's orifice (exhaust pipe to you), finally managing to get round the outside to take the lead as they rounded the big right-hander.

Behind them, the four placemen were constantly swapping and changing as they tried to gain an advantage - Ian Shaw was up to 4th behind Patterson, with Tim Parrott and Mike Henry on his heels. Henry was slowly dropping back, while Nick Carter was slowly gaining on the group and by the end of lap 8 he was up to 6th. He continued to reel in the others, passing both Parrott (lap 9) and Shaw (lap 10).

running Carolynn Grant-Sale in their team. For Out of the last corner, and Gordon Douglas (51) this meeting, she was using a Dino/Tony Smith prepares to pounce and take the 210 final from



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Mollov was now well clear and took the flag a good 100 yards ahead of Hill. Patterson took 2nd 3rd, but poor Ian Shaw made a nonsense of it and dropped to 6th on the last corner! Nick Carter took a creditable 4th with Tim Parrott

1et Paul Mollov Brian Hill 2nd **Roy Patterson**

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Ansell Misses It

A last lap, last corner mistake cost Phil Ansell the 210 Final. After a race long duel with Gordon Douglas, Mike Gardiner and John Hughes, Phil grabbed a space instead of a gear, and that was all Douglas needed to dive through and take maximum points. Before the end of the first lap the pattern was set, with five top 210 drivers battling it out way ahead of the rest of the grid. First time round it was Gardiner, Douglas, Ansell, George Bett and John Hughes, but that was as they passed me - the way they were going at it the order would have been different every few yards! The leading bunch were pulling well away from the field and jostling one another as the next laps rolled by, but on lap 4 at the hairpin George Bett lost a vital component - power!

Ansell was now leading the foursome, but seemed unable to shake off the attentions of Douglas. Although faster down the straights, Ansell's machine wasn't as quick out of the corners, and on top of that he was finding problems with his gearbox. John Hughes suddenly shot up to third on lap 5 and slipped by to lead briefly but was down again to second on lap 7, finally finishing in 3rd place.

The last lap unfolded the drama of Phil's missing gear and so it was Gordon Douglas who took the flag, and an almost unbeatable points lead in the Championship race.

Gordon Douglas Star/PH Upton Zin/APV Phil Ansell John Hughes Dale/CTB

Irish Eves are Smiling

The long journey from Portadown, Northern Ireland certainly proved worthwhile for Timothy Allen, who was in the right place at the right time to take full advantage of a 7th lap incident and take the 250 National final by a mile.

At last the 250 Nats. had their own heats and final, and although the entry was a little disappointing, the quality of the driving and the closeness of the racing made up for the lack of actual machinery on the circuit. The heats had seen Gary Deal and John Sellars making the running, but it was fairly obvious that it could be anyone's final. Tony Draper was unfortunate enough to be involved in a mishap at the hairpin in heat 2 which resulted in a broken collarbone - fortunately the only serious injury of

Trying to keep track of the final was almost impossible as the leading group of Eddie Cortijo, Phillip Troughton, Joe McBride and Tim Allen were trading places constantly on lap 1, while John Sellars appeared on lap 2 from nowhere to grab second, taking the lead on lap 3. McBride moved into second spot on the same lap, while Troughton went straight on at the hairpin and dropped to 5th. Allen jumped to 3rd and Cortijo 4th. Mid-distance saw Sellars, Allen and Troughton within inches of each other and about 3 yards clear of Cortijo, but Joe McBride had dropped out of the running at the hairpin. Bob Phair and Mark Newby were slowly catching



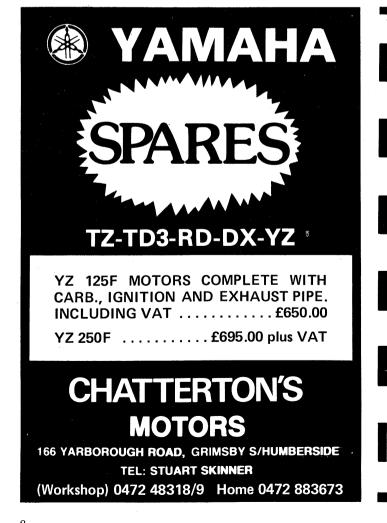
the leaders and Gary Deal was pulling out all the stops in an effort to get into the race.

Lap 7, and the three leaders all tried to outbrake each other into the hairpin. Troughton locked up, touched the rear wheel of Sellars and flew over the top of him. These two ploughed through the cones, off the circuit and while Cortijo was busy avoiding the melee, the door was left wide open for Allen to nip through and take a huge lead. Phair was now third and Mark Newby fourth. Gary Deal held fifth despite a lovely spin exiting the hairpin!

The last two laps saw the pace slacken, thank goodness, as Allen was clearly too far ahead to be caught. Phair, Cortijo and Deal all moved up one as Newby went missing on lap 9. Troughton claimed fifth after a final that had everything, except enough support.

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The first leg of the team racing took place at June's meeting, and at the end of the day the Smith and Colin Kennedy shared 2nd and Banff & Moray team took the lead with 77 points, Kingdom Club 49 points and the West of Scotland Club 44 points. The final leg takes the bales completing lap 1. Second place man place at Crail in October. A healthy entry of Junior Britain drivers provided some close, by Graham Cartwright, Kennedy, Douglas and exciting racing. Some of them were too enthusiastic however, and it resulted in a nasty inci-blue/white leathers in 7th place! As Robson dent at the hairpin with Richard Grubb being pulled out a lead, a fierce battle followed him, rushed to hospital with fractures of the lower leg and forearm. He is now back home in plaster and his mum tells me he is determined to be lead while 3rd and 4th place men Graham and back racing at September's meeting!! Best of luck Richard!!

Junior Britain

Craig McWilliam proved to be the man to beat as he won 2 of the heats. Stephen Mitchell won the first heat, while Jonathon McDonald, Ross McMorrine, Nigel Williamson and Brian Tewnion took seconds and thirds. McWilliam had earned pole position in the final with McDonald along- place on the last lap with Douglas having to side. The track was running with water as a downfall started before the finals. As they cautiously took off from the grid the Juniors slithered and slid their way round with McWilliam in the lead, Barron 2nd, McMorrine 3rd, and Tewnion 4th. On lap 4 the leaders began to pick their way through the backmarkers. On a treacherous surface Barron came to grief as he spun round and out, trying to avoid a "sideways" back marker. McMorrine moved up to second spot but lost it as Barron came fighting back to reclaim second spot on the last lap. McDonald came in a good 4th while McWilliam held his lead from start to finish under very hazardous conditions.

Junior National

Philip Paterson, Elaine Buchan and Brian Ewing shared top places in a very competitive field. Six drivers lined up for the final. On lap 1 Buchan spun out as Paterson took the lead from Allan, Sutherland, McLean and Smith. By lap 2 Paterson's incredible driving in the wet. was pulling him away from the rest of the pack. Allan moved up to second from 3rd place man McLean, then Sutherland and Smith. On lap 4 Miss Buchan came from nowhere and took 4th and 5th place men unawares as she flew up the straight showing she's just as good on wets as she is on slicks! Two laps later and she took McLean in the same place as she moved into 3rd spot and set her sights on Allan with 2 laps and took a cool 2nd while Allan had to settle for 3rd and McLean 4th.

210 National

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With the track still awash, a small entry of 210's lined up for the final. Kenny MacKay claimed pole after a win and 2 seconds in the heats. Alongside him were Les Campbell, Alister Baillie and Alec Pratt. Drama struck as MacKay's kart failed to start. However, he got going in time to take his place on the grid without a warm up lap. Campbell shot off into the lead followed by Baillie, MacKay and Pratt. As Campbell began to pull out a lead, by lap 2 MacKay took Baillie and set about challenging the leader. They held these positions until lap 8 when MacKay spun in a spray of water coming out of the left hander. Baillie charged into 2nd place hotly pursued by Pratt. Campbell took the chequered flag, Baillie second, MacKay moved back up to third and Pratt 4th.

100 National

A flying Graeme Foubister took 2 wins in the heats and Andrew Graham claimed a 1st place in heat 1. Colin Robson, Pete Cartwright, Bill thirds. In the full grid final, Foubister went from first position to last as he went through Colin Robson moved into the lead hotly pursued a familiar looking silver Simpson helmet with with constant place changing and exits via the bales! Lap 8 saw Cartwright challenging for the Taylor (yes folks the "250 Taylor") chased the leaders with 5th and 6th place men Ross and Douglas a constant threat behind. Foubister meanwhile was working his way through the pack and had regained 4th place as we lost desperately unlucky drivers Ross and Taylor. Robson could not shake off Cartwright but held him off long enough to take the chequered flag. A determined Foubister snatched 3rd settle for a hard fought 4th place.

125 National

A "flying" Gavin Nicholson took a clean sweep of the heats. Paul Cook took 2 seconds and a 3rd and ex-210 driver from a couple of years back. Alan Nicol made a surprise return with a second and 2 thirds

First off the grid in the final was Nicholson. with Nicol, Cook, Sutherland, Grant and I. Nicholson in pursuit. As Nicholson pulled out a lead, Cook was constantly challenging, and I. Nicholson had taken Grant for 4th place and applied pressure to Cook, taking him going up the straight as Cook showed signs of mechanical problems. Nicol spun out, leaving 2nd place clear for I. Nicholson. Sutherland moved into 3rd place and Nicol re-started to take 4th. That is how they finished with Gavin Nicholson taking a convincing lead from start to finish.

100 International

This class, as always, provided close competitive racing from very experienced drivers. Gordon Murray and Graeme Foubister shared top places in the heats with Alan Brown, Andrew Buchan and Tony Donoghue taking other top 4 places. Murray won pole position with Foubister alongside. Brown and Buchan sat behind these two Murray took an immediate lead off the grid with Foubister hard on his tail. Flying up behind them came Buchan, Brown, Donoghue to go! As Paterson took the chequered flag and Robertson, Foubister slipped past Murray Buchan slipped past Allan on Caravan Corner as they headed up the straight and Buchan tucked in behind Murray. Buchan emerged in 2nd place as they came out of Caravan Corner and the first 3 began to pull out a slight lead from Donoghue and Brown. On lap 5 Buchan nipped Foubister at the hairpin as they slithered round in the heavy rain. Buchan held his lead to the flag hotly pursued by Foubister. Murray finished in 3rd position with Donoghue and Brown further down the field in 4th and 5th places respectively.

250 International

"New boy" ex 125 driver Gordon Petrie gave the rest of the twin drivers something to think about as he flew through the heats to take 2 wins and a 2nd. Novice driver Ian Pratt took 2 thirds and Leslie Cranston a 2nd.

A sadly depleted field for the final however. didn't provide Petrie with the challenge he'd hoped for. Gallant did give Petrie a run for his money however, as he finished in 2nd place and

Petrie took a flag to flag win.

Jenny Taylor

Results:

Junior Britain

1st Craig McWilliam Sprint/Max 2nd= Jonathan McDonald Kestrel/Ace Parilla Ross McMorrine Kestrel/Ace Parilla

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250 International

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Tilbury

A very good entry and thankfully some very good weather for the meeting on 13th July at Tilbury.

Lee Cranmer won the first two heats, with Garry Smith 2nd and David Germain 3rd in the first heat and Adele O'Hara and Jamie Chitty 2nd and 3rd in the second. Unfortunately in the third heat Lee had a nasty looking accident, although he was able to get going again and finish. This heat was won by Martin Prior with Kelly Rogers 2nd and Piers Hunnisett 3rd. Prior went out on pole position and led from start to finish in the final with Chitty 2nd and Lee coming through from 9th on the grid to 3rd. Rogers finished 4th.

Junior National

Current joint Club Champion Robbie Childs took first place in every heat and the final in this class with Andrew Stapley getting two 2nds and a third in the heats and a 2nd in the final. Robbie has been picked for the English Junior team at the World Junior Championships and we wish him every success.

100 National Novices Groups 1 & 2

Because of the large entry in this class it was divided into two groups with Chas. Royston dominating Group 1 with two wins and a second in the heats and a win in the final. The first heat went to one of the LKC's lady drivers. Teresa Pert. Jim Porter took two second places and Steve Sims and Andy Good each had a third in the heats. As already stated, Royston



August 1980



All Zipped Up

Before racing started, Dave Buttigieg assured me that there were no team orders from Team Boss Martin - but Martin could hardly have looked for a better result if there had been, unless maybe to have crossed the line first himself! After the heats, which saw wins for Buttigieg and Fish, and three 2nds for Martin. these three shared the front row with Styrin. Rob Kerkhoven took one heat and was looking

Eddie Cortijo (180) and Phillip Troughton (18) lead the early stages of an exciting 250 National race.

much quicker of late, while Laycock's Solvents' John Ball, had an oil seal blow on his No. 1 motor which then had to be replaced. The Gartmore drivers' were looking much more competitive, but James Hoy had a problem when a rear axle bearing cracked, allowing the whole axle to slide over to one side!

Luckiest man of the day was Graham (Rocket) Roscoe, who lived up to his nickname when his machine was flicked into the air in the last heat. Graham took off like a Polaris missile and disappeared into a cornfield - it took the rescue team and tracker dogs to find him! It looked really nasty, but apart from bruising and a sore neck, he was okay - although one of his mechanics running to the scene is rather lucky out looking. It took a ragged avoidance by Hines and Fish to miss him ...

As the 35 strong grid howled away for the final, it was Calvin Fish who got away first, but as they came towards us at the hairpin for the first time, Buttigieg was through into the lead and two or three vards clear. Behind him the order was Fish, Ball, Kerkhoven, Styrin, Paul Elmore and Will Hoy; but it was so close three abreast through the hairpin - that at this stage you couldn't really split them. Hines had been left at the start and so began pulling Below: John Ball three-wheeled the Lavcock Aero in his efforts to stay in touch. Bottom: continuing a return to form, Paul Elmore (15) passed Steve Styrin (GP) on the first lap.

through from mid-field, Lap 2, and Butty was pulling away from the pack. Ball was up to second, ahead of Fish, Kerkhoven and Elmore, with Styrin in close attendance. Hoy was under terrific pressure from Derek Rodgers with the remainder of the pack still bunched together behind the leaders.

Buttigieg continued to draw further and further ahead as the race went on, but Ball was now encountering a problem, with a gearbox which kept jumping out of gear and was back in third place again, Fish having regained second. Styrin had jumped into fourth ahead of Elmore, but Kerkhoven was dropping back steadily with a deflating tyre, finally going out on lap 5.

As Dave and Calvin held their safe positions, the action was coming from the battle for third. Elmore was there ahead of Styrin, and Hines who had burst clear into fifth, and was closing to be alive after racing across the circuit, with- on the defending Champion. Styrin was really piling on the pressure, and it was almost frightening to watch the efforts he was making to try and get past Elmore. But Paul hung on and thwarted Steve's every move. Ball was holding his sixth place ahead of another frantic dice, that of Will Hoy and Derek Rodgers. Derek's head was down as he tried again and again to pass Will, and on lap 8 he made it at last to go into seventh

Out in front by almost 9 secs., Butty was in a class of his own. No mistakes, no drama, just smooth consistent, superbly stylish driving - a real pleasure to watch. And he makes it look so easy! Calvin was in a fairly safe second, Elmore was still holding Styrin, but now Hines was within yards of the pair, and Styrin knew it, as he flashed a cautionary glance back.

The final lap, and Buttigieg backed off slightly. Calvin went through to claim second. but as the Elmore, Styrin, Hines trio screamed out of the last corner, Martin pulled out from behind Steve and snatched fourth by the merest coat of paint. The commentator couldn't believe it and wouldn't confirm the positions until the judges had been consulted!

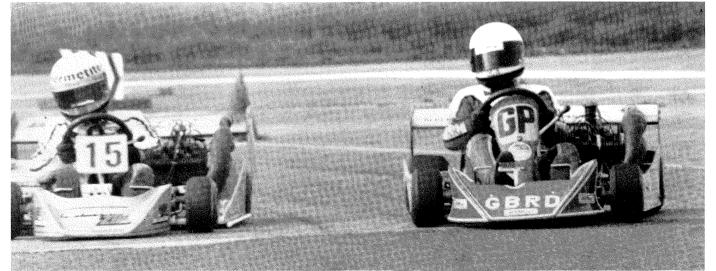
A beautiful drive by Dave Buttigieg then and some superb excitement behind him - 250 racing at its best. Perhaps the only thing to spoil the day was the lack of any '3' finals for those who hadn't gained enough points to get onto the grid in the main final. Several drivers who had struck problems during the heats ended up with a wasted day - not a just reward at a B.L.C.C. meeting.

Superkart Result:

Dave Buttigles Calvin Fish Paul Elmore 4th **Martin Hines** Steve Styrin

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250 International

Two "no results" and two wins was Sandy to imagine. Dalgarno's points score for the final grid which engers moved in for the kill before Dalgarno got by lapping me in his 100 National... away. Local lad Bevan Fraser and class new-

comer Gordon Petrie squabbled brilliantly for second place lap after lap until Taylor displaced them both. But even he could do nothing about Dalgarno as the four kart snake raced round a couple of laps to regain contact with the the 900 metre long circuit recording over 80 leaders then another couple and he was up in mph on the Police radar gun two thirds way second. Ian Nicholson then moved up two to down the straight. He hung back once to take dispute it with Granville until the two of them a "flyer" out of one corner but Gordon Petrie tangled letting Davy Barron through to take took advantage and nipped in so he could not second and Donnie Sutherland through to third. try that again. Breathless stuff this was and when the flag fell it was Dalgarno, Taylor, Fraser and Petrie. A better race would be hard

Dalgarno sought and wreaked vengeance for was not good enough for pole but near enough his cartoon two issues ago - he offered me a the front for him to be leading at Bevan 2. shot in the winning 250. The damn thing was Sandy Taylor duffed the start and eager chall- uncontrollable, and Sandy Taylor rubbed it in

Iain MacPherson

Drake's Gol

and trophies, the 5,000 people who packed ignored admonishments from the C-of-C so got themselves onto Plymouth's famous and spun out by a hefty shove from Williams. The scenic Hoe had a great days sport to watch.

film the action for screening on June 16th, 100 National while the local radio station broadcast the Niel Hann (BM/BM) and Roger Moth (Cobra/ results throughout the afternoon. The 600 Arrow) - that was what this class was all about. metre track was made up of 4,000 tyres, 400 Other guys who showed well were Andrew a mile of fencing and 200 yards of grand- Rowe on his interesting special. Although there standing! The track shape was a 'mini' Brands was plenty of fast action in the heats - with a plenty of grip. Practice soon proved that there final that had the crowd on it's toes and the everyone!

Britain drivers was so fast and overwhelming so the Nationals were out.

Lee Cranmer (Kestrel/Arrow) soon showed the field in his very first heat. Left in his dust bluff! were the likes of Dave Pope, Steve Dart and Lewis Gee. Cranmer went on to score a 2nd, a 210 National 1st, then came out in the wet final and gave an Dart (Kestrel/Arrow).

lotti/Arrow) great drive from the tail of the McKay. They raced keenly in the heats but field into 4th spot and setting the fastest lap in come the wet final Jarrett had the measure of Junior Britain

was almost like a SAM 80 round!

them. Pete Rochford (Zip/Arrow) took a win watch. and a second, while Nigel Cleveley (Barlotti/ Arrow) was picking seconds and thirds too.

Come the final it was raining, but it was no markers when Cleveley boxed him in and shot through to lead by inches to the flag. While and netting third overall.

Westward Television had THREE cameras to were three overtaking places, which pleased T.V. cameras running.

Junior Britain

Highlight of the wet final was Gee's (Barthe process.

100 Britain

August 1980

You name 'em, they were there! Rochford,

With a first class entry chasing £500 cash prizes Williams under the yellow flag to lead Heat 3, crowd loved it!

straw bales, 150 cones and was surrounded by Clark, Phil Jenkins, Pete Giddings and Roger club circuit and proved deceptively fast with different winner in all three - it was the wet

Hann made a lousy start and found himself in PLYMBITS fifth place with arch enemy Moth up front. • Castle Windows put up the £500 prize fund, At first the Juniors were to be split between between him and the leader until he was right Round Table 749 who are raising money for a Britains and Nationals but the response by the on Moth's tail. A couple of times he drew level with his opponent but appeared to back down Unit. that they alone soon over-subscribed this class, as they approached Pit Bend. Then on the last corner of the last lap - in the wet don't forget - Hann went right round the outside of Moth he was after the money by storming through at Pit Bend and beat him to the line. What a

excellent demonstration of wet weather control Plain's (Zip/PPM) domination of this class as his only day off. Nice gesture. by always staying just out of reach of Steve his three firsts, a second and four fastest laps proved. There was hard racing for second spot between Dave Jenkins, Allan Miles and Brian them all to come from behind to take a strong

Mike Reed (Zip/TTM), who is coxswain of the Plymouth based submarine Oberon, showed Williams, Sisley, Cleveley, Cowee, Bundy - it a great turn of speed and even frightened Plain on two occasions. However, one time he tangled Terry Williams (MM/Arrow) set fastest lap with backmarkers and lost his lead, and the 2nd in each of the three dry heats and won two of other time he blew up while leading. A man to 3rd

250/125 National

The Welsh must like Plymouth, as both Michael procession as the ding-dong battle between Gwilliam (Zip/Bultaco) and Anthony James Williams and Cleveley proved. From the flag (Barlotti/Bultaco) travelled all the way from these two diced with Rochford until the there to dominate this class. Russell Maisey was 210 National Champion threw it all away at Drakes Bottom. the only man to score a win off them. Mark Williams then led until he was baulked by back- Allen showed why he is British Champion in 125 by not only scoring a 2nd and 4th overall in the heats but going on to win the wet final in they were having their fun, Bill Sisley was slicing fine style. He also set F.T.D. regardless of class. 250/125 Combined his way through the pack, setting fastest lap Chris Lord played it cool with his Zip/TVM Yamaha during the heats, then turned up the Highlight of this class was Sisley overtaking wick to take a fine 2nd spot in the final.

Crail

Results:

Junior Britain T. Currie Zip/DAP 1st

J. MacDonald Kestrel/Ace Arrow A. Courtney Zip/DAP

Junior National

1st	P. Fairley	Sprint/Arro
2nd	E. Buchan	Zip/Arrow
3rd	P. Paterson	Zip/TKM

100 National

LeSpectre/R'Ford Arrow 1st P. McCallum J. Tickle BM/Wilson BM 2nd Cobra/K80 Ace P. Selkirk 3rd

100 International

1st	G. Murray	Lespectre/wilson 1/0
2nd	A. Buchan	Zip/Arrow
3rd	A. McKenzie	Sprint/TKM

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1st	A. Whitefield	Zip/JWS
2nd	G. Bett	Barlotti/Bett
3rd	W. Stoddart	Barlotti/Upto

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100cc A. Buchan Zip/Arrow Time: 3min 21.4 210cc G. Bett Barlotti/Bett Villiers Time:

A. MacDonald

Gradually Hann picked off the three men and the organisation was in the hands of ventilator for Plymouths Special Care Baby

- At the beginning of the meeting a Porsche 924 Turbo did five tyre smoking laps just to wet the spectators appetites. Then Junior driver Lewis Gee went out on his own to challenge the Porsches time, and lapped six seconds quicker. The crowd soon got THAT message.
- Tom O'Connor, star of "London Night Out" "Local man wins money", could sum up Steve came up from Torbay to present the prizes on

J.A. Kitson

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Results

1 S U	L. Cranmer	Kestiel/Allov
2nd	S. Dart	Kestrel/Arrov
3rd	M. Jennings	Zip/Arrow

100 Britain

t	N. Cleveley	Barlotti/Arro
ıd	T. Williams	MM2/Arrow
d	B. Sisley	Kestrel/Arro

100 National

1 st	N. Hann	BM/Arrow
2nd	R. Moth	Cobra/Arro
3rd	J. Crookes	Sprint/TKM

1st	S. Plain	Zip/PPM
2nd	A. Jarrett	Star/EPM
3rd	D. Jenkins	Barlotti/K.R

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As I write this I have just heard that the unhappy saga of the 1980 European Team Championships at Fulda may not be over vet. . .

The idea of a team event dates back Or: 'Fulda - not over yet?' Peter Wardle reflects on a many years and has its roots in the days when to represent your Country was the honourable and patriotic thing to do. It also used to cost a good deal less. These days I can't help feeling that the concept is outmoded. The happy spirit of friendly competition between European countries seems to have dissolved into a confrontation in which the fortunes of the drivers are considered as an unnecessary intrusion on the desire of the various administrators to win at all costs and damn 'the

This is not to say that the spirit between the drivers is anything less than it used to be. Karting is, after all, still the only form of International motor racing left in which competition for its own sake still reigns. The administrators are making strenuous efforts to negate this without apparently any real understanding of the sport (and I refer to the International Body, not our own RAC), or indeed any desire to do more than ensure their 'freebie' trips on "Official farce of the current tyre rules). . .

with this in mind that teams from 13 countries assembled at Fulda, close to the Soviet border in West Germany.

The track, I must confess, did look good until you tried to drive on it! What appeared to entry, the Steward of the Meeting, Soche of be a smooth tarmac surface then revealed itself in its true light - a bumpy, narrow, unnecessarily dangerous kart breaker. No attempt had was definitely on the principle of start-as-youapparently been made to rectify the launching mean-to-go-on and as the meeting progressed it ramp at the pits hairpin which claimed the life seemed as though the Scottish, Welsh and of Lorraine Peck a few years ago, and a fast English teams were being singled out in a way right hander at the top of the pits featured that left a rather bitter taste. only a grass strip with a few tyres on it to stop Tight heat action involving Alan Gates (13) an errant kart going straight into the drivers and Dave Evans (45) with the infamous Bert-



Euro-Shambles...

somewhat controversial European Team Championship — a

meeting that provided victory for England, despite the

speed in the opposite direction. This did indeed The Koene/Bertzen incident typified the of the cafe were only protected by a few more tyres at a point on the track where how the We live in hope though, and it was kart happened to be leaping about at the time governed the racing line!

However, drivers being what they are, the risks are assessed and then either accepted or not. No one abstained.

Hassle One: Right from the start it was obvious that, in spite of the proper acceptance of the Austria, was determined to make things as difficult as possible for the British Isles Teams. This

coming down the main straight at maximum zen (51) close at hand (Photo: D. Callingham)

Business" (particularly the iniquitous happen once and how they got away without meeting. Bertzen 'recovers' while a furious rip-off of chassis homologation and the serious injury amazed me. The railings in front Koene paces about. (Photo: D. Callingham)

> Hassle Two: The time trials produced the next problem. The noise meter itself was surrounded by three people, instead of the two maximum designated by the CIK, and was not apparently up to the stated CIK specification. In addition a blustery wind was making readings a bit erratic anyway. The time sheet, which was beautifully printed out by computer to show actual time, the noise penalty, and the total time, somehow got its wires mixed and only showed a few of the penalties, the rest being absorbed in the 'actual' time column! This would have been all right until a protest was lodged by the English Team as a result of which the Organisers reduced all the noise readings by 0.5 db. The drivers who were lucky enough to have their time penalties listed on the sheet had theirs reduced, while the others apparently stayed the same. Luckily Alan Lane was in the former category which got him back into the meeting, having recorded a staggering 94.5 db on the official test with the same equipment that had recorded well within the allowable limits during the unofficial period. . .

> Hassle Three: The Heats - surely now that the actual racing was underway we could all enjoy some honest competition. Fine by the drivers, but obviously not so fine by the Organisers. After timed practice both the Scottish and Welsh teams had been reduced to three men. Simon Wright and Philip Fisher both pitting after problems, and then Simon not being allowed to do his second timed lap. As they were both in the pits in the mistaken belief that the World Championship system was in use, they were deemed to have not weighed in at the correct time and were excluded from the rest of the meeting!



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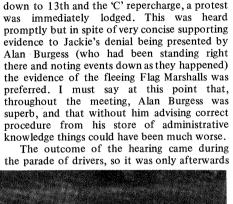
Then, to add insult to injury, Jackie Brown was disqualified from his first heat for allegedly overtaking under the yellow flag at the infamous hairpin. This totally ignored the real facts - the antics of the German Marshalls in dealing with a fuel spillage and a stand up fight between Fred Koene and Bertzen of Germany. Fred had seen and avoided the mess on the track only to be smashed off by Bertzen who hadn't. Fred's fist only connected lightly with Bertzen's helmet but he went down as if poleaxed, writhing about in the best traditions of Saturday afternoon wrestling and looking for sympathy. Needless to say that was Koene's last race of the day. While all this had been going on, Jackie had charged round to discover Marshalls standing in the middle of the track putting sand down on the fuel. A phenomenal avoidance ensued and it was this that prompted his exclusion. The only people he appeared to overtake were the hapless Marshalls as they leapt to safety! It was also most significant that on three consecutive laps Alan Gates was overtaken by two German drivers in the same spot. I saw it happen but not a word was said...

Heat three was just about to start when it was noticed that all the Italians, and Forsman of Sweden, were using silencers that grossly protruded over the rear bumpers. Protests were subtlety mentioned and it was not insignificant that both Wilson and Modena retired with exhaust problems in that race.

Hassle Four: When Jackie's disqualification finally - by chance - came to light, removing Zoserl (8) led Modena (27) and Smart (4) early in the first final as they fought for third. (Photo: D. Callingham)



the then three man Scottish Team from 4th equal overall (in spite of their lack of drivers) down to 13th and the 'C' repercharge, a protest



As the track was illegal anyway by 1980 standards, due to the presence of tyres as barriers, this seemed to be the icing on a soggy cake. Why doesn't someone actually organise a race by the rules? The drivers get the rule book thrown at them often enough - isn't it about time someone did the same thing to some of the administrators? When a torrential thunderstorm washed over the track just a few minutes before the main finals were due to begin, it did seem that St. Andrew and the Welsh dragon had taken their

In the event, (almost as an incidental though) nothing should detract from the performance of Mike Wilson (who perhaps should read Article 7.1. of the Sporting Regulations of the CIK) which in the difficult conditions was simply breath-taking. England and Italy tied on points with one win and a second apiece. Due to the performance of the English Team in winning the heats they were, after a long pause to give the opportunity for protests (!), declared the winners, with Germany in third place, but as I said at the start, all is apparently not yet

Wilson (25) and Fullerton battled out the first

final. Note the large degree of negative camber

that the Scottish Team found out. An immediate

attempt was made to lodge an Appeal that

could reinstate Jackie and the Team until after

the meeting, but the Organisers wouldn't hear

of it, blandly insisting that the first repercharge

Just before the finals another strange incident

took place. The Team Captains were called

together and Chief Steward Soche announced

that they had just discovered that the track was

only homologated for 24 starters, not the sche-

started in four minutes, were they racing?

on Wilson's Birel (Photo: D. Callingham)

My information so far is that a protest has been lodged by Italy. What against is a bit obscure as if, as I understand, they are trying to reinstate the sound readings and exclude Alan Lane again, this should still leave England as the winners, because the Italians noise penalties will also go up! I must confess that as the communication to Alan Lane was in German, all this is a bit vague, but in my opinion if the Italians are so desperate to get the title after all this time (I thought protests had to be in by a fixed time after a result or Steward's decision was announced) then they had better get on with it. What ever happened to Team Racing as a sport. ?



RESULTS

Timed Pract 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	Martin Smart Terry Fullerton Toni Zoserl Stefano Modena Paul Jackson	(England) (England) (Austria) (Italy) (Wales) (Italy)	Zip/BM Fullerton/DAP Birel/Parilla Kali/PCR Lane/Parilla Birel/Parilla	31.63 31.71 31.81 31.83 31.86 31.98
6th	Mike Wilson	(Italy)	Birel/Parilla	31.98

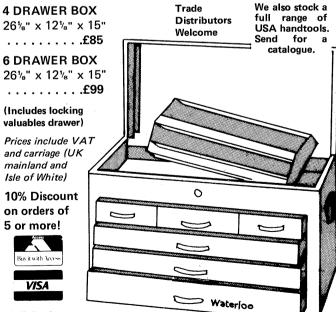
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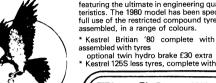
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bumper having tried everything possible to get past. Heat 2 was another Hall benefit as he once again led all the way. Barrington took 2nd from A. Mountain and Hood claimed 3rd one lap later. Roger Barrington moved up to 4th only to retire leaving Gary Thexton to finish in that position. The third was a bit more difficult for Hall as he had to chase Hood for five laps before moving past into the lead. Boyd Barrington followed Hall through to finish 2nd despite the attention of Hood, Roger Barrington was a race long 4th followed at the end by B. Newton, Mountain, Dicknell and Thexton.

Peter Hall was on pole for the final with Boyd Barrington alongside, but at the drop of the flag it was Hood from the second row who got the jump to lead Hall into Pit Corner, On lap 2 the leading duo got tangled up and ground to a halt. By the time they sorted themselves the field was past and going off into the distance. After lifting his kart off Hood's Hall retired while Hood set off on a dramatic drive back up through the field. Meanwhile, Roger Barrington had taken the lead, increasing it with every lap to the flag. Behind him though things were not so clean cut. Newton, Mountain and Thexton held 2nd, 3rd and 4th places for a long while but Boyd Barrington was pressing them hard, passing Thexton and Mountain on lap 8 before easing past Newton on lap 11 to follow Roger home to complete a Barrington 1-2. Thexton won his long battle with Mountain, then passed Newton to finish 3rd while Hood's charge netted him an excellent 4th place.

100 National

With 32 drivers it was necessary to run six heats with each driver taking part in three.

Heat 1 saw the return of Derek Calver to racing after a three week break due to a cracked ankle. The rest obviously did him no harm as he

Golspie

For some reason the last K & S report on the Golspie racing created an interest in mixed football matches at the adjoining caravan site. They did not happen so violently on this occasion as Jenny, arch-schemer of the Taylor Racing outfit, was on hand to keep an eve on diletante husband Sandy and after the dancingeightsome-reels-to-highland-punk and wheelbarrow-racing-for-a-bottle-of-tomato sauce-anda-sausage session in the local late night drinking establishment, things took a more devious turn. Fortunately my local Caithness watchdog is a light sleeper and she wakened me to tell me she had scared off a group of drunks who had tried to divest my caravan of its original parking place. Fortunately their trailer leg-brace was a different size and did not fit the nut for my caravan's legs – a very daring effort for someone living in a deflatable tent!

The racing was good too...

100 Junior National

Philip Paterson totally dominated the week-end's Behind him the tensions were building as the boys fought to stay ahead of a rapidly im-Gordon Vass held her off this time but only just and then at the expense of the warning

the winner leading all the way from G. Percy take 2nd and 3rd places on lap 12. Townsend and Lindy Cook. Heat 2 was brilliant as David and Kett were also flying up through the pack, Goodge battled with J. Archer for the lead until Archer went out on the last lap. The third firmly behind them. On lap 16 Townsend heat was run in damp conditions with Smith. M. Saville and Curt Guy holding the first three places all the way. Gordon Chenery led heat 4 for six laps before being passed by Cook and Ian Roberts. Goodge finished 4th with Paul Melhuish 5th and Calver 6th after another drive from the back. Calver was on pole for heat 5, immediately taking the lead with Roger Goff present the trophies and cheques to the winners latching onto his bumper. The crowd were then and also a special shield to Mr. Ken Hawes for treated to a great scrap for four laps when Calver his long service to the Club. seized at the entrance to the chicane. Goff worked a few miracles avoiding the sideways kart of Calver before going on to win comfortably from Roberts, Chenery, Bob Kett and Results John Townsend. The final heat was won easily by Goodge ahead of Andrew Simpson, Guy and

Surprise of the 'B' Final was to find Mick Ashton and Bob Kett on the second row while Miles Townsend was way back on 7 after suffer- 210 National ing carburettor troubles in the heats. Kett snatched the lead at the start from David Peachey, Dave Page and Ashton, On lap 2 Page passed both Peachey and Kett but Kett fought back to regain the lead on lap 6, executing a 1st nice inside pass at the Pit Corner. Townsend was going well, passing Page on lap 17 to take 2nd. With Peachey a comfortable 4th these four qualified for the 'A' Final.

This was definitely the big one. Goodge had done just enough to claim pole with Smith sitting on 2. Guy and Percy occupied row two while Chenery was sitting menacingly on the outside of row 3. Goodge went into the lead 2nd from the start with Smith, Percy, Chenery, 3rd Saville and Goff bumper to bumper behind. Chenery spun on lap 5 and with Goff also Junior Novices going out this allowed Roberts to take over 1st 3rd place. On lap 9 Goodge made a fatal mistake and spun leaving Smith in an unchallenged lead. Trevor Woodhouse and Lindy Cook were 1st P. Reynolds

trance to Bevan One, before she spun! Gordon took second and Niall Smith third.

100 Junior Britain

Close racing has been a feature of this class at Golspie this year, and not just follow-my-leader stuff either. Kevin Docherty held second to Craig MacWilliam for most of the final until the last two laps when Craig pulled away. Brian Ross held a steady third while Nigel Williamson and Ian MacLeod fourth. had a hard job working through the field and up to fourth. That was the order at the flag but a very disappointed Craig failed to make the Mac winners circle after the weigh-in showed him underweight. Kevin Docherty took the first son third

100 National

With 21 karts starting this was the largest grid of the meeting, and produced the largest variety of winners in the heats. Local drivers were again going well and although they are not vet challenging for the top are beginning to show that they are not far away.

Andrew Buchan quickly fought his way to the front to be pushed and harried for the rest racing in this class, taking maximum points, of the final by Graeme Foubister, Colin Robson suffering from carburettor problems held fourth with Ian Mowat, Ian MacLeod and Sandy proving and increasingly skilful Elaine Buchan. Taylor (in a break from the 250 scene) battling for midfield. The battle at the front reached a climax as the last corner loomed up and board after finding Elaine scooting down the Graeme took the sling-shot out of Beach and inside at Commentary, and still there at the encatapulted alongside Andrew before Commen-

finished 4th from grid 16. Robert Smith was moving up well from midfield, going through to having put the disappointments of the heats passed Simpson to take 4th but by now it was too late to do anything about the drivers in front. At the flag it was Smith sixty vards ahead of Woodhouse who in turn led Cook. Townsend, Simpson and Kett.

With the racing complete, it was just left to Mr. Edward Russell of Mick McNeil Sports to

Derek Calver

Junior National Per Sorenson Dino/SS20 Cobra/T80 Gerry Williams Barlotti/Villiers 1st

Steve Potter

125 National

2nd

Roger Barrington Zip/Yamaha 2nd **Boyd Barrington** Zip/Yamaha Gary Thexton Barlotti/Yamaha

250 International

Aero/Smith Yamaha 1st Doug Hall

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Zip/SS20 T Fox

100 National Novices

Zip/Zip

tary for the last time. Unfortunately Golspie is no better than any other Scottish circuit with respect to the blue flag (they are lucky if they have one at the circuit) and Peter Polson who was negotiating the turn was engulfed in race leaders. Without warning, Andrew Buchan pulled through to win and while Graeme was extricating his kart from Peter's, Colin Robson went through to take second. Ian Mowat third

210 National

Five karts came out to show that the class is still alive and a stirring final showed it was still kicking. Kenny MacKay after closing and replace trophy, Brian Ross second, Nigel William- taking the lead twice to Alexander Pratt, missed a gear when Pratt took him on the outside on the penultimate lap and could not recover. If Jim Lewis had not had to contend with gearbox problems he may well have done better than his fighting third.

125 National

The heats produced good racing and mixed results which made the final anyone's race. Gavin Nicholson had battled through to lead at the end of the first lap whilst behind him everyone disputed second. Davy Barron, then Ian Nicholson, then Davy again. Granville Grubb took brother Robert's new outfit out while its rightful owner continued to recover from his horrifying Morecambe shunt. He took a long time to subdue Ian Grant then took only





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However, back to the racing...

100 Britain

The heats showed very little to choose between 210 National

The Norfolk & Suffolk Kart Club staged the second "East Of England Championships" at Tibenham on the 29th June. With an entry of over sixty chasing more than £350 worth of trophies and prize money, racing was going to be fast and furious and that's exactly how it turned out. However, despite the speed and closeness of the racing it was always clean - a

Racing was underway at one o'clock and with heats of 12 laps and finals of 20 laps there was a lot of racing to get through but once again our hard working officials were in top form, presenting a very slick programme. After a fortnight of heavy rain we thankfully escaped with just a couple of showers resulting in only four of the heats being run in damp conditions. The rest of the heats and finals were however. run in near perfect conditions despite the occasional threat from some very black clouds.

great credit to all drivers.

Junior National

Locally based Dane, Per Sorenson looked very good in practice and showed his superiority in heat one by leading all the way from Nick Palmer, T. Wood and Philip Woolley. Sorenson 210 National also held the lead in heat 2 but spun on lap 3 R. Searle took the lead in heat 1, going on to

As the flag went up for the final, Sorenson shot straight into the lead, pulling away lap by Potter on two after scoring consistently in the lap to win by a handsome margin. Woolley heats, Right behind these two came Williams make a pit stop after his chain guard came final. Potter led off the line to take the lead adrift. Wood inherited 2nd, having passed ahead of Marshall from grid four and Williams. Pogson on lap 7. These positions remained Lap 2 saw Williams easing himself into 2nd constant for the rest of the final and at the flag before attacking and passing Potter for the lead

the 11th lap when Smith disappeared leaving Nettleship and Harry Madison, with Nettleship Chatterton no real competition for the rest of taking two heats and Maddison one. Not far

and despite a smaller entry than usual, we saw circuit after his nasty at Wombwell, and the re- for a way past. Halfway through the race he some first class racing. Before the report on sults showed that he has fully recovered, got his chance and took the lead, which he held the racing however, there is a lot happening at Edwards won the first heat and the other two for the remaining eight laps. Uncle Frank Hemswell to make meetings better for karters were won by Barry Peary. The final grid saw managed to hold off his nephew's challenge and Peary and Edwards on the front row, with finished third. The Committee asked drivers for opinions Peary gaining the advantage into the first bend. and, as a result, the date of meetings will be Behind the leaders, the battle for third place 250 International changed, subject to the P.S.A.'s approval. From which had been going on all day between Richard Dean was in unbeatable form all day September, meetings will be held on the first Thoresby and McGovern continued. Halfway and once he had established a lead looked as through the race Thoresby packed in leaving if he was out for a Sunday afternoon drive. The Competition Secretary has changed McGovern a comfortable third place. Peary That was until the second last lap of the final since the Blue Book was published and entries drove a faultless race and held off Edwards' when the gremlins got to work and allowed

125 National

it was Steve Rawson, Steve Murray and Colin Kay in one, two, three almost everytime, Only 100 Britain in the third heat did Rawson miss a lap, giving 100 National Murray his only win of the day.

Ray Chatterton and Dave Smith, with Chatter- The biggest grid of the day provided some very ton winning two and Smith winning one. From close racing and nothing was decided until the the start of the final Chatterton led Smith until chequered flag. Each duel between Malcolm 250 International

behind were Frank and Kevin Jones fighting for third place. In the final Nettleship made it first off the line, and it wasn't long before dodge the showers on a rather damp weekend, It was good to see Nigel Edwards back on the Maddison was snapping at his heels and looking

CLUB SCENE

Andre Green to coast home in first place.

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R. Chatterton B. Peary, N. Edwards N. McGovern 125 National S. Rawson, S Murray 210 National H. Maddison, F. Jones M. Nettleship, K. Jones,

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East of England Champs



allowing Woolley into the lead where he stayed win from Steve Potter and G. Marshall. As with to the flag. Wood held 2nd for two laps only to the Juniors heat 2 was the pick of the heats. be passed by Andrew Pogson. Meanwhile, Potter grabbed the lead but was passed by both Sorenson had restarted and set about a tremen- Marshall and Gerry Williams on lap 2. Williams dous drive back up through the field. Into 4th hounded Marshall for three laps before slipping on lap 5 he then chased Palmer for three laps past into the lead, only to be retaken by before taking 3rd, finally claiming 2nd off Pog- Marshall on the next lap. Not to be outdone son two laps from the flag. Heat 3 was a copy Williams was back in front on the next lap and of the first as Sorenson never put a wheel here the see-sawing stopped as Williams went on entered for this meeting. Although disappointed wrong to win with ease from Woolley, Pogson to win from Searle who had climbed up to 2nd, by the lack of entries, he sportingly took his with Marshall 3rd.

Pole man for the final was Searle with it was Sorenson from Wood, Pogson and Palmer. on lap 3. Marshall followed Williams through to

Robert Smith out on his own in the 'A' Final, (Photo: D. Calver)

take 2nd only to have Potter take it back from him on the next circuit. Williams increased his lead over the remainder of the race to win easily from Potter and Marshall

125 National/250 International

After the build-up of 250's in recent meetings it was disappointing to find just one driver place in the heats and final and was given some very good racing by the 125's.

Peter Hall won every inch of heat 1 but what a race we had for 2nd place. Mark Hood held 2nd for eleven laps only to be forced to and Marshall. This was going to be anyone's just held the advantage over Boyd Barrington for three laps before slipping back to 3rd. Battling furiously he regained 2nd, holding on to the flag with Barrington glued to his rear

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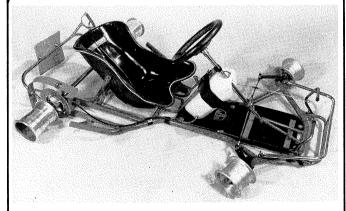
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Prior (10), Sparks (123), and Hann (18) were rarely any further apart than this throughout the 20 laps. (Photo: J. Pudney)

106 of Britain's leading 100 National Wold, to battle for points in the 8 round series, with a healthy 44 Senior Britain protagonists looking for SAM 80 points.

As both series reach the half-way stage. leading contenders starts to show more away with SAM 80 final. clearly. Some look for the limelight of an outright win, while others are content beginning an error-free drive that was to see risk non-finishes.

A point of interest regarding the National final, was that the tremendous Devine, in what was to be the outstanding Williams. Two more and he succeeded. Another three-way battle for the overall win in- charge of the race. Gill, meanwhile, had gathered pair and he relieved Cleveley of second. volved three drivers who were at the time fairly well down the points chart, but this difficult. who, with four rounds still to go, could still get well into contention.

Rapid Sisley

Wearing for the first time the yellow colours of the newly backed Sisley/Rapid Movements team, Bill Sisley himself had a perfect day. Pole position, with a win, a second, and a fourth in the heats, followed by a runaway win, added up to probably the most convincing performance of the series so far.

Sharing the front row was regular Britain Class front runner Nigel Cleveley, with identical heat results. Behind Sisley, and putting up a very good, consistent heat performance was Steve Gill, sharing row two with Terry Williams. Adrian Mills and Mike Devine were next up with British Champion Peter Rochford surprisingly on row 4, with Paul Lake.

The distant yellow profile of pole-man Sisley made the best of the start, with Cleveley tucking in behind, ahead of Williams, Devine, Mills, Rochford, Lake and Gill, who had been somewhat bundled out of the first lap melee. The rest of the field filed by in close company, although not containing anyone likely to move forward and challenge the leading group. As Sisley slowly but surely eased clear,

106 of Britain's leading 100 National contenders made their way to Little Rissington RAF base, near Stow-on-the-

Prior, Hann, and Sparks fight out a tense final at K & S round 4, but finish in that order. Christo fourth and now well in the general approach and form of the overall contention. Series leader Tredwell fifth. Sisley walks

to score "percentage" points and not Cleveley was left to fend off the attentions of a battle, he was now faced with a rear-guard hard-pushing Terry Williams - a contest that defence as Rochford moved closer, sneaking by Mills and gradually began to reel in fourth man and Rochford was looking for a way past himself together, passed Lake and shortly afterwards Mills, but was to find progress after

Half distance, and although Devine had him well clear at the end of 20 long laps, briefly tagged on to the Cleveley/Williams was to last throughout. Rochford moved past on lap 11 after a brief skirmish. Two more laps

By this time, Sisley was virtually out of

Guess who ran away with the SAM 80 final? (Photo: J. Pudney)



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continued . . .

sight, and with only four more tours to go, had it completely sewn up. Rochford settled for second, but Williams was still all over Cleveley, searching for the way into third - and Devine was only feet away as well!

However, some tight driving meant no further change, and the queue followed a delighted Bill Sisley home.

Bill Sisley Kestrel/Hewland 2nd Peter Rochford MM2/Hewland Nigel Cleveley Barlotti/Hewland

Prior Returns

Gary Prior has struggled this year to achieve results with the BM/BM set up, and a job offer from Dartford Karting recently provided the opportunity for a change. Neil Hann amicably released Prior from his BM contract and so. after a couple of club meetings to settle in, Gary lined up for his first K & S round with the well-backed Dart, using TKM motive power.

The change was dramatic, and it was no surprise to see Prior on grid 2 as the main final lined up. Pole – and how ironical – went to Neil Hann! After indifferent rounds thus far, the ex-British Champion had taken the bull by the horns and put in three aggressive heats, only dropping one point on the way. Grid three went to Kiwi Ashley Sparks. Carburettor problems in his first heat had probably cost the Fullerton team driver a front row spot, although he looked capable of pushing the front row pair for pace. Outside, sat a surprise in the form of Guy Tipping. Consistent heat results had paid dividends, although the Camberley-based driver

was not expected to match the leaders for

Dickson Karting's Brian Parias, Barry Peary, Gerry Cain, and Peter Christo made up the third and fourth rows, with other likely challenges to come from series leader Tredwell (row 5), Nigel Edwards (row 5 - back after missing two rounds with his broken collar bone). Steve Davis (row 8) and Paul Carr (row 9).

For Carr, this was to be the last race with TKM factory backing. The news of the split had broken a couple of weeks earlier, but at the time of the meeting, Carr had been unable to arrange another drive and was looking forward to Clay Pigeon with apprehension. (see Just Heard). Needless to say, Carr was keen to make a point with his last drive. . . Some interesting names were missing from the final line-up, none more so than George Price. The Northerner had badly damaged his chassis in his first heat after a hefty collision with a

THE GRID			
Prior	Hann		
Tipping	Sparks		
Peary	Parias		
Christo	Cain		
Tredwell	Edwards		
Lambden	Waldron		
Murphy	Giddings		
Davis	Cummings		
Carr	Marsden		
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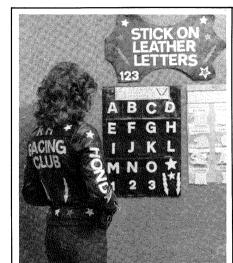
spinning Len Jarman - the latter's front bar and pedals being completely ripped off. Roger Moth had seized in his last heat and uncharacteristically been unable to progress from the 'C' final. Kenny Churchill was on holiday!

Perhaps unluckiest non-qualifier was Paul Wilkes, after a meaty charge from the 'D' final. He missed promotion from the 'B' final by one place...

Prior carved across to lead into the first righthander, and as they peeled off into the infield

THE TRADE PAGE

- TVM report that they have just received the first shipment of new Yamaha YZ (G) series 125 engines.
- Following the decrease in quality of recent batches of Tillotson carburettor needle assemblies, and having suffered the associated carburettor problems, John Mills is supplying needles made of a much harder material.



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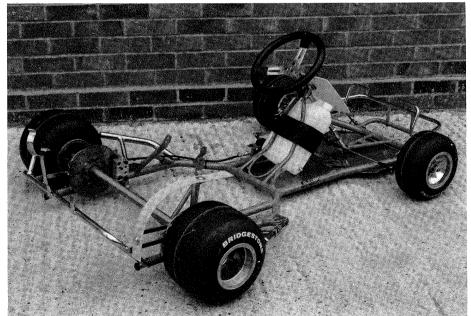


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Above: Rochford (1) temporarily split Cleveley (61) and Williams during his SAM 80 charge. Below: Peter Christo had a lonely race in fourth. Bottom: Cain (60) Parias (117) and Tredwell (1) were in close company. (Photos: J. Pudney)



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section, Sparks slipped inside Hann for second. 1st

As they filed by to complete the lap, Tipping 2nd still held fourth, although pressed by a rapid- 3rd starting Christo. Edwards had been punted off. 4th restarting at the rear, so Parias led the bunch 5th through - Cain, Peary, Tredwell, Murphy, Lambden, Moore, and Waldron. Further back, The latest top 50 totals follow, but at this Davis and Carr were making progress, and it half-way stage, it is interesting to see the would only be a few laps before they would situation counting each driver's best 3 out of be in touch with this group.

tail, pulling clear to begin a race-long chase. 4th; George Price, 360 points. 5th; Paul Carr, Tredwell had made rapid progress to move into 355 points. sixth after four laps, but a "contretemps" at TOP 50 SCORES AFTER ROUND FOUR the hairpin lost him 5 places, forcing him to begin all over again.

Cain and Parias had stuck together in the M. Tredwell early laps and now duelled for fifth, while further back, Davis and Carr were still together, occasionally swapping places, but still moving forward.

Half distance, and the leading threesome showed no change, still tied together, but a short distance clear of Christo, alone in fourth. Cain led the bunch as they filed by in duelling groups of three or four - Parias, Murphy, a recovering Tredwell, Tipping, Carr, Davis, Lambden, Waldron, and Mike Ballantyne.

As Tredwell now picked his way back, to lead the bunch – in fifth overall, the Davis/Carr duel reached its climax, with Davis rotating in a cloud of rubber smoke. Karts flew in all directions - Waldron spinning, Lambden across the grass, and Ballantyne head on into the stationary Davis machine!

With that scrap settled, all eyes lit upon the tense threesome at the front. Still nothing in it - Prior, concentrating intently, Sparks, perhaps starting to feel the effects of limited racing, and Hann, probing for a chance to get back. Three laps to go - still no change. Sparks occasionally dropped a few yards, but immediately caught up again.

Tredwell was now clear in fifth, while Cain now led Murphy and Carr, with the midfield starting to string out - Tipping, a late moving Parrington, Edwards, recovering well from his first lap dilemna, and Paul Giddings.

Final lap and the mistake came. Sparks slid fractionally wide, Hann pounced, and it was too late to do anything about it. The three crossed the line as one to end a long, tough, race, with the field pounding through at varying distances - Carr demoting Murphy during the

Dart/DK TKM Gary Prior Neil Hann BM/Hewland Ashley Sparks Fullerton/TF DAP Peter Christo Lane/TKM Mark Tredwell Birel/Fullerton K80

4 points scores: 1st equal; Tredwell and Christo. The front threesome whined by nose-to- 377 points. 3rd; Kenny Churchill, 367 points.

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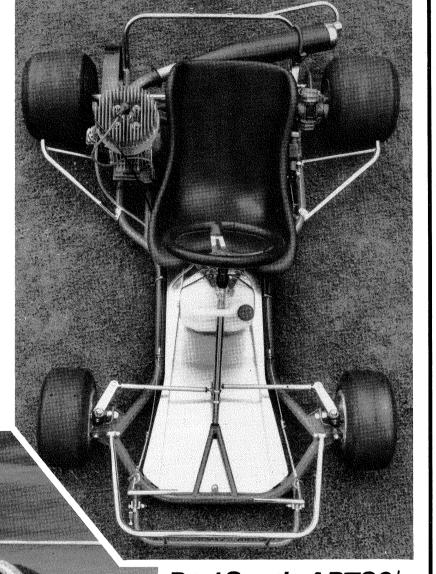
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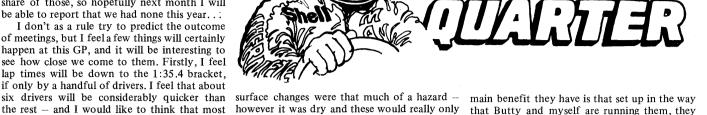
In just the blink of an eye the eagerly awaited Daily Express Hermetite Grand Prix has been and gone. By the time you read this, there will be the normal amount of "ifs", "buts" and "if onlys" going about to sooth away the disappointment of many of the drivers who did not quite make it again, or had one or two of those stupid mechanical failures that only appear once a year - at the major meetings! Over the past 2-3 years I have had my fair share of those, so hopefully next month I will be able to report that we had none this year...

I don't as a rule try to predict the outcome of meetings, but I feel a few things will certainly happen at this GP, and it will be interesting to see how close we come to them. Firstly, I feel lap times will be down to the 1:35.4 bracket. if only by a handful of drivers. I feel that about of these six will be in the Hermetite Zip Team. show up in the wet. Organisation was good, but do seem to run very clean low down I feel that John Rees could well be very quick in all honesty a round of the prestigious British again this year, as obviously will Steve Styrin. I Championships should never be held on a Well what can one say about Thruxton – a think Rob will get it together as will Nigel circuit of the "temporary" type as you can just really superb circuit, but what is wrong with Smith and John Ball. I would also expect to see not get any atmosphere going. It is such a pity an attendance of about 15,000 spectators - that a really good days racing, and very close at which would certainly set a new high for a big that, should only be witnessed by a handful of been virtually washed out! Such a shame as this circuit meeting

predict that it is going to pour with rain, as know of at least one circuit that applied for a about it on the Friday night prior to the event, whenever I predict anything the opposite round but were not given one, yet they have and lots of other local coverage. At 11 a.m., the normally happens, so this should ensure a fine run Championship rounds successfully in the weather looked good and the crowds were sunny day!

I think possibly one of the closest races will be the 210 Villiers Grand Prix, as at a circuit know the outcome of this.

to finish a good second while Paul was third. I but you won't be helping anyone if you are in and offer prize money and really good trophies. gained fourth on the line from Steve Styrin. the Ambulance yourself. The result means that Butty is well clear in trouble, then it would be really wide open.



spectators. It does seem a shame when there year it appeared as though we could have got As for the weather - well I am going to were so many other venues available and I up to 10,000 spectators, as there was a TV splash

Graham Roscoe had a horrific accident Prix is, I hope, going to be excellent, as this is a kart had come to rest in the field, along with this could certainly help it. With the high 125 shocked mechanics ran across the track to help! whether I have found another vocation. . By to be confronted by this mechanic running

but everything really depends on what happens Calvin and myself have been using some new at Oulton - if Dave or myself were to have carbs lately. They are the 38mm Delorto type, and I must admit they seem to be running very As for the round at Carnaby, I must firstly well. They are now available for anyone who say that I did not think the circuit was as would like to try them (from Zip Kart – where bumpy as had been reported, nor did I find else?) The cost is about £120 per pair. The

the weather down there - the only two meetings we have had there and they have both pouring in but then the heavens just opened up and that was that - from a spectators point of view. Now the real big problem with promoting like Silverstone, they all seem to be so close. while going through the ultra-fast chicane and meetings like this is the finances necessary I expect we will see a line of karts slipstreaming ended up some 50 yards off the circuit in a behind it, which are quite colossal. The meeting each other all the way round to the flag. The field. To everyone's complete amazement, at Thruxton lost a considerable amount of Superkart Grand Prix will not have more than within about 15 minutes he was up and about, money due to two main reasons - one was three drivers in the leading bunch, and I feel trying to repair a kart that was virtually flatten- obviously the weather (which is just a gamble that they will probably have a large lead over ed in the accident - however it was in the end vou take), and the second, the lack of entries, the rest of the pack. The 250 National Grand found to be beyond repair. The moment the especially from the Northern parts of England. It is at meetings like this that the organisers very important class to get off the ground and Graham, one of his very worried and indeed really need the support of drivers. It does seem that when there are meetings at Snetterton, Class entry this is really going to be a good race. Now I know he was only worried about Lydden or Thruxton, that there is very little with considerably quicker top speeds than last Graham, but at the same time, Calvin was sitting support from drivers in the northern half of the year. Well, we should know by now whether on my back bumper as we came through the Country. Now I know there are the exceptions, my predictions are just a load of rubbish or chicane at about 110 mph on the last lap, only and I know the cost of getting to meetings is forever rising, but look at the big circuit the way, on Friday the 1st of August there was straight into us! How I missed him I will never meetings in the northern half of the country due to be a meeting with the RAC to discuss know and how Calvin also avoided him is a - you will nearly always find the Turners, the future engine situation for Superkarts. miracle. I have to admit that I have never been Elmores, and the like from the West Country Hopefully next month I will be able to let you so scared on a big circuit in all my life as I was there as well as the Welsh brigade and the Lonat that moment. If we had hit him I am sure at don mob. Obviously it is not quite that imperaleast two of us would have been killed due to tive for meetings like Lydden where they are Well, we have had the 2nd Round of the RAC the speed and his weight hitting us. There have restricted to one grid of 250's anyway, but Championships at Carnaby, and once again been some really horrific accidents in car for meetings like Thruxton and Snetterton it is Dave romped away and showed the field a racing like this, so please think before you cross important, no matter what the class, to get a clean pair of heels. Calvin Fish drove superbly a circuit - I know it is the natural thing to do, good entry to ensure the future of these venues

The next four weeks appear to be something first and I am reasonably well clear in second, I suppose you have probably noticed that Butty, of a hectic month, with four major events all being decided. By the next K & S issue, all the major titles will have been allocated as we have the Superkart final round at Cadwell, 2 weeks later the British Championship final round at Oulton, and the following week the European Championship at Jyllands Ringen.

I wonder if the dreaded Rotax twin engine will turn up there? I reckon a couple of Swedes and maybe a couple of Danes will have them. However, I have heard that some of the Scandinavian entrants are going to boycott the meeting if they do allow them to be used. Sounds like an interesting meeting! For sure it will have bags of atmosphere, (and the night life is normally not too bad!!).

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The two-stroke engine, in general, hasn't had anything really new and exciting happen to it since the invention of C.D.I. electronic ignition. Are we coming to the end of two-stroke development? Not on your life. It is alive and well and living in the mind of Rotax's Dr. Lippitch and sundry other internal combustion geniuses.

Two-stroke tuners won't rest until they achieve fourstroke type B.M.E.P. (Brake Mean Effective Pressure) figures. In theory, because a two-stroke fires twice as often as a fourstroke, for any given capacity we could expect to get twice as much power. In practice this hasn't been achieved but we can expect to get a lot closer — unless something comes along in the meantime which completely supersedes the piston engine as we know it today. The direct drive rotary valve kart engine provides the biggest challenge to the tuner — one not only has to achieve the good horsepower for size figures more attributed to "peaky" racing motorcycle engines, but also a dead flat torque curve, enabling the engine to pull well from very low

It doesn't take much radical thinking to predict that the World Championship kart engine of ten years time will be vastly superior to the time honoured examples in use today. One could expect to see some of the features already incorporated in the all-conquering Rotax. For a start, cast iron has been with us since Biblical times and as a liner material is being superseded. Serious International drivers have to rebore their engines after virtually every meeting, and run (by modern standards) the comparatively larger bore clearance of 3 thou. to get round the differential thermal expansion problems associated with a thick cast iron liner. The logical step forward here will be the Rotax-style Nikasil liner. This is a process developed by Mercedes Benz whereby a hard aluminium barrel is coated with nickel containing particles of hard silicon carbide and then honed to size with a diamond tool. This leaves an extremely hard wearing surface that retains oil and is hard to seize on. If for no other reason, this type of liner would be an advantage as all kart drivers commit the cardinal sin of not using an air cleaner, in the interests of getting at the pure(?) air for maximum power although this allows the ingestion of anything else that happens by. Using a suitably matched high silicon alloy piston, a tighter bore clearance can also be used.

Water cooling is a totally unnecessary sophistication. Tomorrow's higher-power and heat-output engines will run on methanol. Methanol runs cooler, gives a 10-15% increase in bottom-end and mid-range power, and coupled with the ever worsening petrol squeeze is the only logical alternative. The

Americans, South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders have been using "alky" for years and all speak highly of longer engine life through cooler running and increased reliability because of the advantage of being able to use lower ratio gearing and thus lower revs.

Rotax style porting configuration would be the cleverest design around at present. Four transfers, one "TT" port and a single oval exhaust port with two smaller auxilliary ports either side of it will turn up in a kart motor sooner or later. Rotax also utilise unusually flat transfer roof angles in the interests of more efficient cylinder stuffing. Streams of fresh mixture from the transfers collide with each other head on and expand upwards, effectively giving a denser charge.

Undoubtedly the biggest leap forward in power will come through variable timings - port timings, rotary valve timings, exhaust timings, ignition timings — controlled by electronic brains. Although 100cc kart motors are now fed by beautifully made guillotine diaphragm carburettors that meter well throughout the rev range, they are still likely to be superseded by a kind of electronically controlled injection system that meters perfectly.

The brilliant minds at Yamaha have recently come up with "POWERVALVE", a servo-controlled exhaust port restrictor that helps prevent charge loss at low revs and is already in use in their TZ 125 single cylinder engine. The first "kart" engine to utilise this idea will run away and hide...

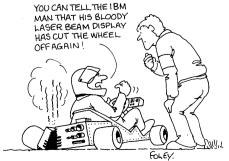
The comparatively straight forward "volume tuned" Vevey exhaust has been with us for about ten years now and barely even makes the grade as an expansion chamber. This is for a very good reason, because with only one gear to play around with, kart drivers cannot afford to have the narrow power band associated with a multi-diffuser chamber. In this case it is better to be "half on" all the time than "all on" half the time. Can you imagine a kind of electronically controlled multi-adjustable expansion chamber that returns the perfect cylinder scavenging and ramming pulse-wave throughout the rev range? It will be a technological nightmare, but it will

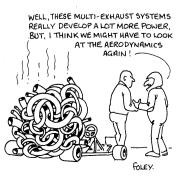
Add to this automatic ignition advance and there you have it - the ideal two stroke!

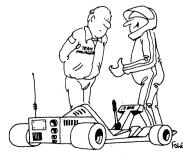
With Silicon Chip technology going ahead in leaps and bounds, the whole workings of this technological masterpiece will probably be controlled by a "magic box" no bigger than a cigarette packet. And who will eventually produce these mind blowing engines? Probably the Japanese. Sales govern development efforts, so we can expect to see any leap forward in karting come as a spin-off from motorcycle development. Yamaha springs to the fore, being big in both bikes and karts. They appear to be the most technically innovative as they experiment to find greater efficiency in order to stay ahead both in bike racing and in complying with stricter anti-pollution requirements in the vast American market.

But don't discount the English. You may be surprised to know that England is right up with the play and exports a lot of computer technology to the U.S. If our electronic Wizards decide to spend some time in the two-stroke field, successful engine manufacturers in this part of the World will be there to take advantage of the new found technology.

However, with the various restrictions of homologation, some of these ideas may never appear in 100cc kart engines - although the planned 135cc class does lend itself to such experimentation...





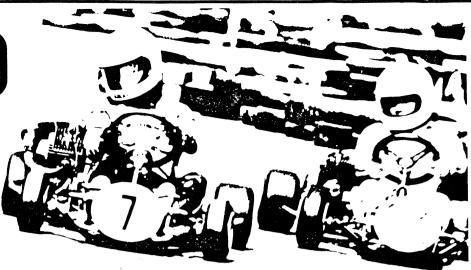


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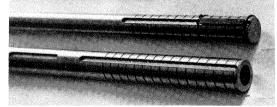
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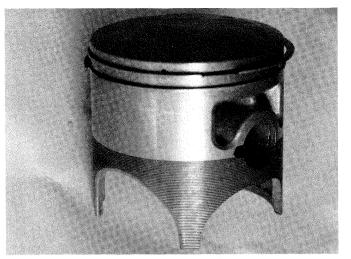
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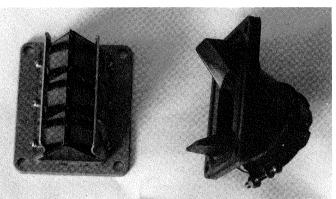


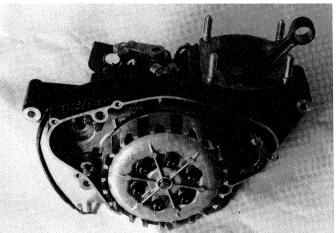
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Top: The piston is grooved around the skirt to retain oil. Middle: Yamaha's patented reed cage (left) and moulded rubber carb mount (right), Bottom: The YZ 250 owes much of its heritage to the 125 - note the helical gear primary

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The 250 YZ

No doubt Gary Deal's recent wins in the 250 National Class with the TVM YZ 250 (F) Yamaha, coupled with Martin Hines' pertinent comments in the June issue, will have created renewed interest in this once waning class. Yamaha's big reed valve motocross motor deserves closer scrutiny.

A detailed look at the YZ 250 F reveals that it is a blown up (poor choice of words!) version of Yamaha's popular 125 unit. It shares the same port configuration, consisting of a single oval exhaust port, four transfers, and an oval induction port with a piston-timed boost port above the induction. Naturally, as with all mass produced units, a few rough edges and restrictions exist here and there, and there appears to be room for basic "cleaning up", with a consequence performance gain.

Unlike the TD3, the YZ 250 F has a permanent cast iron, reborable liner, with four oversizes available, so a prospective owner can expect to get years of life out of his/her barrel.

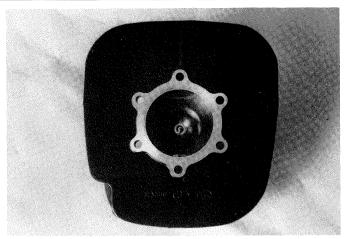
In the tough world of motocross, Yamaha have developed a reliability record second to none and have here a very strong motor. With it's beefy crank, almost unbreakable con rod, silver big end and strong gearbox, major crankcase splits should be few and far between.

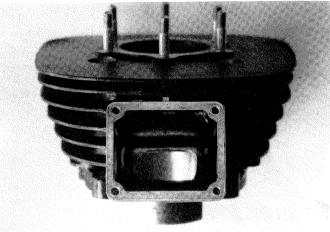
The gearbox itself is of the six speed constant mesh type, with a wet multi-plate clutch. Clutchless gearchanges can be performed with acceptable reliability. As only 5 speeds are permitted in 250 National, one pin in the selector drum is removed by TVM so the pawl cannot engage 6th gear. A small plate is also fitted to prevent any possibility of this gear engaging, should the drum select it by fluke.

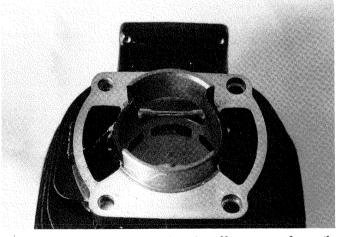
Getting to the business end of the motor, the piston is of high silicon alloy, relieved above the gudgeon pin hole to increase seize tolerance. It has two S.G. cast iron "Keystone" (tapered) piston rings. The cylinder head is of radial finned design with the combustion chamber offset away from the exhaust side in the interests of better heat spread and therefore cooling.

Induction is controlled by Yamaha's patented V6 neoprene coated reed block, with spring steel reeds, which has since been copied by most manufacturers of reed valve units. The standard carburettor is a 38mm Mikuni. Naturally it comes set up for motocross racing, which is more akin to short circuit use. Those intending to use the motor in standard form for long circuit racing are advised to start off with a larger main jet and to replace the standard Champion N2G plug with a colder

Ben Godfrey of TVM, who was successful in gaining homologation for the YZ, advises that the factory claim 38 b.h.p. at 8.500 r.p.m. in standard form, TVM are confident of attaining in the vicinity of 44 b.h.p. at 10,500 r.p.m. after a little development work. One could assume that with power figures like those, the YZ would be a bit of a handful as a motocross motor, but should light up like a Christmas tree on the big circuits! As an illustration of the obvious potential, a bog standard YZ 250 F was recently taken through a standing 1/4 mile in a kart, recording a very respectable 12.9 seconds, with a 96.8 m.p.h. "terminal velocity". Time could well prove this motor to be the saviour of the 250 National Class as it now stands, and more than a match for its Spanish contemporaries. . .







Top: The combustion chamber is offset away from the exhaust port. Middle: The inlet passage angles steeply downwards. Bottom: The port configuration, including the boost port above the inlet.

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE TYPE

Air cooled, 2-stroke reed

valve induction

DISPLACEMENT **BORE & STROKE**

70mm x 64mm **COMPRESSION RATIO** 79:1

246cc

IGNITION C.D.I. Magneto

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Visibility problems and a cautious approach

Rain Dance

Last second win to Styrin as Buttigieg loses a huge lead with providing the entertainment, while Haywood, a puncture. Elmore and Gange back amongst the action for a lap to the gap – eventually finishing some 35 the places. Haywood annihilates 210 field. Myers and Deal seconds clear... take 125 and 250 National. A wet Thruxton Superkart Race of latter fell back with a couple of laps remaining, Champions.

The Hampshire plague descended upon the Thruxton circuit on June 22nd as the cost the Gartmore Racing man one heat, rekarting fraternity paid their second annual sulting in an uncharacteristic third row grid for the final. Ahead were Gordon Douglas (winner visit. Intermittent rain showers or outright at Cadwell), John Hughes, and Colin Mills, along downpours kept the surface somewhere with surprising front row starters Graham and Phil Hemes. between damp and ringing wet Although Mills and Hughes got the jump denying yet again the long-circuit brigade and led as the field disappeared into a haze of a chance to measure up times against the spray, it was inevitable that number 27 would a chance to measure up times against the emerge from the chicane in front at the end of car racing world on one of Britain's lap one. Dead right. Already some yards clear of the weaving bunch, Haywood led. Douglas fastest circuits.

However, one thing a wet meeting headed the chasing pack – Hughes, Mills, Julian Parry, and Phil Hemes – but it would be a does do, presenting as it does a totally hopeless chase. different set of problems to drivers, is sort out the men from the boys - and what an entertaining sort out it turned out to be.

The Beccles Kart Club crew were imported to run the meeting, which they did in their usual smooth manner, with the usual four long-circuit classes being catered for.

Domination or Annihilation?

It must be very disheartening to be racing in any class when someone like Peter Haywood is on the scene. No-one can deny that Peter has certainly got the combination right this year, but the manner in which he can totally and utterly outpace the rest of the 210 brigade could not be better displayed than it was in the wet at Thruxton.

The Superkart Race of Champions field rolls slowly up towards the start line. (Photo: D.

Douglas was destined to go out on the fifth lap, having managed to pull a slight gap over the bunch. This left a duelling Mills and Parry almost boringly, added an incredible 5 seconds

Mills had got the better of Parry before the Report: Chris Lambden and so third was disputed by Chris Anderson and Eddia Continue to the Anderson field in a late charge, and finishing in that order.

> Haywood's complete domination must give cause for concern to the other 210 leading lights. The only one currently likely to give him a run is Gordon Douglas - and he is on an engine tuned by Haywood. . . Could Haywood's secret be those meaty discs on the front of the Aero?

Peter Haywood Gartmore Aero/PH Upton Zip/Burgess Upton Colin Mills

Chris Anderson Zip/WRE Upton

Finish of the day, as Neil Myers (30) forces inside Paul Ansell (31) as the pair exit the chicane, (Photo: D. Smith)



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125 Upset/250 Form

As is often the case, the 125 and 250 National fields raced at the same time, albeit with the 250's starting some 30 seconds behind their smaller, but just as rapid, counterparts.

The 125 final provided the upset of the meeting, with the demise of the Merlin pair, Molloy and Wooldridge. Their domination of this category has been almost machine-like, but the water brought with it problems. This time, the battle - and what a battle - was to be fought between front row pairing Paul Ansell (Barlotti/Rotax) and Neil Myers (Landia/TVM

Immediately the flag fell, the two disappeared off into the mist, Myers taking the early initiative. A few seconds back, Mollov and Wooldridge had the measure of the rest, although not looking likely to make any impact on the lead pair

Ansell took his turn to lead at three-quarters distance and continued to lead as they poured plan, and as they braked for the chicane for the last time, set himself up for a "slow in - fast out" line - and it worked, the Northampton driver slipping neatly inside a stunned Ansell as they powered out towards the line. Certainly a well thought out and well deserved win.

his team-mate, who in turn finished clear of 3 did not arise, as the number one plate did not Mike Henry and Stuart Ziemelis.

Neil Myers Paul Ansell

Landia/TVM Yamaha Barlotti/Rotax Roy Wooldridge Zip/Merlin Rotax



Lap 3, and Nigel Smith wags the tail of the Team Schemes machine as he holds Paul Elmore and Reg Gange at bay. In the background, Styrin can be seen leading Ball – who would have thought he could have won from there... (Photo: D. Smith)

to form. Gary Deal earned pole, sharing the front row with John Sellars, Alan Collard, and Dave Butler, but made rather a mess of the first lap, slithering through some distance behind British Champion Sellars and Collard. The question of whether Deal would have caught Wooldridge meanwhile had worked clear of Sellars, having relieved Collard of second on lap appear at the end of lap 4!

The remaining laps were mainly formality, the leaders main problem being catching and passing some of the slower 125's without incident. Eddie Cortijo - running both 210 and

off onto the last lap. Myers, however, had a In contrast, the 250 National final went much 250 National nowadays - cruised in for third, some way ahead of Bob Phair and Dave Butler.

> Gary Deal Alan Collard Eddie Cortiio

Zip GP/TVM Yamaha Barlotti/Velcro Montessa Lvnx/Honda

Just a Touch Lucky?

Feature of the day was to be the 250 Superkart Race of Champions, and with all the regular front runners - plus a couple of surprises -

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the same time fending off the enthusiastic attentions of Higgins, this group now about five vards clear of Robbie Childs. With five laps to go of the 25, Tring started to close visibly on South as the racing line dried, and Herbert found himself clear of Higgins who promptly spun briefly at the second corner. Gary Moynihan had also fallen back out of contention.

Into the final lap and South, Tring and Herbert were absolutely nose to tail, just as they came up to lap a group of backmarkers. John tried valiantly to take advantage of the confusion, but in fact it was Paul who coolly gained, pulling clear to complete the lap and take a very well deserved win.

Robbie Childs held on to take fourth, but Tim Sugden had driven very well to finish fifth and stay in the lead of the Series, followed in by Andrew Stapley and a recovering Gary Moynihan. The other Series front-runner. Jonty Millward, started the race on grid nine battling solidly right through the race to eventually complete the top ten.

Paul South Simon Tring John Herbert

ART/Hewland DAP/Pearv TKM Cobra/K80

points after 5 rounds: Sugden 528. South 516, Millward 510, Herbert 489, Moynihan 458.

This Time! . . .

through to the main race.

Mellish, alongside Paul Jackson, and Home- clear to run to the flag. wood and Gates sat on row two. Martin Leach Behind this the race was if anything getting and Biff Harris occupied row three, and Alan even more frantic. Dave Evans took homewood

motor seized solid, pitching him into a specta- retook David to have another go at Paul only cular retirement against the tyres at the side of to spin as he tried to outbrake him at the pits the track, but while everyone was watching hairpin. This left Alan Lane still third with

Jackson and Gates! At the end of lap two Allen and Gates (29) dispute the right of way, Mickey made his move and outbraked Jackson into the Allen (1) hurls down the outside - from grid pits hairpin to rapidly disappear into the middle 10! (Photo: G. Sugden) distance in what looked as if it had to be an the pits hairpin they were side by side, but as though...

but seemingly with no real hope of catching drive was over as the chain flipped, coasting for him. Lane and Homewood were nose to tail another couple of hundred yards before pulling behind Paul, while Biff Harris was comfortably sixth, just clear of Spencer and Leach.

Homewood tried to overtake Lane just as running well ahead of Spencer. Lane in turn was making a move on Jackson into the pits hairpin, but what looked to be a and Jackson caught right up on Lane, and Paul bit dodgy resolved itself still in the same order. tried outbraking Lane at the pits hairpin, Homewood tried again at the other end of the jumping out of his seat to urge the kart forward. track and succeeded, these three still bumper to He slid wide though allowing both Lane and

Spencer, and Dave Evans was charging rapidly catching him quite quickly. Into the final lap up the field in a magnificent charge from the and Gates had to win. Mickey though had a 'B' final. Homewood suddenly started to fiddle real problem on his hand from Biff Harris. At with his carburettor, dropping briefly back the far hairpin Biff made his move, shooting while he sorted it out, then closing just as past under braking only to slide a fraction too but dropped right to the back on the first lap, quickly up again on Jackson who had been dropped slightly by Lane. It was now very to the flag with Biff just behind him, and Jackevident that the racing line was beginning to son and Lane were still ahead of Spencer in dry out very quickly, and at this point Allen had about the length of the start straight over Gates. Dave Evans had snatched seventh from Ricky Grice at the far end of the circuit as Rick spun, restarting well down to finish an eventual 12th, and he rapidly closed the gap to Biff Harris, screaming past him under braking to his wage packet, while the runners up this time move into an attacking position on Homewood and Jackson. Spencer had indulged in a spin for no apparent reason at the pits hairpin and was now charging through the pack, thoroughly Early leader in the 100 International 'B' final annoyed with himself for his lapse, and while had been Richard Weatherley ahead of all this was going on Gates had suddenly closed Terry Edgar, Simon Wright and Dave Evans dramatically on Mickey. Alan had gambled on until Weatherley's kart quit under him, and the the rain holding off and had fitted the wide race ran out as a win for Simon ahead of Dave Dunlop rears while Mickey had narrow ones. As Evans who had started halfway down the grid. the rubber visibly darkened on Mickey's tyre so Terry Edgar took third and, making a sort of Alan's came into their own. For three frantic guest appearance on holiday from South Africa, laps Alan weaved about looking for an opening. Guy Lanfear completed the drivers to go He tried everything and eventually his persistence paid off, grabbing a well deserved lead Pole position had been taken by Dave under braking at the far hairpin, pulling rapidly

Lane and Doug Spencer one row further back. to move into fifth and promptly challenge As they tore away from the flag, Lanfear's Jackson, but Paul wasn't having any. Martin this an astonishing Mickey Allen shot right Evans now challenging Jackson hard. Up from

third place out of the first corner, behind First corner, and as Jackson (5), Harris (15),

unchallenged win. Alan Gates had other ideas they went through the left hander that followed Dave just slid a yard too wide, dropping his rear Lap four and Alan snatched second from wheel off the kerb. The sprocket graunched on Jackson, immediately charging off after Mickey, the edge of the track and in a flash his superb off. Biff Harris was still there a bit further back, closing up on Paul, and these three were

As the race approached its end, both Harris Harris to get back, and in fact Biff then scram-Ricky Grice was now moving closer to bled past Lane to set off after Mickey Allen, wide. Mickey dived back through and held on spite of his huge effort to get back with them before the end.

> For his sensational charge up the field, Dave Evans was named as the Green Man Driver of the Day, looking forward to receiving Paul Fletcher's cheque for £75 to supplement were Alan Gates and Doug Spencer.

TKM/TKM Alan Gates 2nd Mickey Allen Sprint/Sirio Biff Harris DAP/DAP

Series points after 5 rounds: Allen 509, Jackson 505, Lane 481, Grice 465, Homewood 462.

The next round isn't until the end of August as we have the RAC Championships at Clay Pigeon intervening (what a race that should be) and from the Championship points position the Series will all get appreciably closer. The scoring system counts the best five out of the seven rounds, and so during the next two rounds the leaders will be unable to significantly improve their totals while the rest will be dropping poor scores in favour of the better results they may get. By the time Little Rissington comes round in October the position in all three Championships is sure to be even more open, and looking at the table it's pretty close

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present on the front rows of the grid (with one notable exception), that is exactly what seemed likely.

Squatting rather confidently on pole was the Hermetite Zip of Dave Buttigieg. Confident, because the only likely challenge to his shattering wet weather pace languished back on the tenth row - Martin Hines, after walking away with the first heat had punctured in his second. And confident, because he had walked both his heats with ease, totally at home in the condi-

Alongside, and confirming a timely return to mechanical form, was Team Schemes' Nigel Smith, showing previously unseen control and pace with second and third in his pair of heats.

Proving the theory that the wet "sorts them out", two more "drivers' drivers" made up the front row - Reg Gange, in the pretty Aerobodied Barlotti and Hermetite regular, Paul Elmore, Ball, Kerkhoven, Fish, and wet weather shiner Richard Dean made up row two, with Styrin - suffering sudden lacks of rear end grip, and starting the final on different tyres - on row three, with Malcolm Turner, impressive ex 100cc pilot Roger White, and John Rees.

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P. Elmore	Gange	Smith	Buttigieg
Dean	Fish	Kerkhoven	Ball
J. Rees	White	Styrin	Turner
George	Bushell	Collier	A. King
Harris	Hall	C. Taylor	Jones
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The light flicked to green, and Buttigieg was gone – clearly free from the howling bunch as they disappeared into the Complex. As they emerged uphill towards the chicane the gap was already some thirty yards. Smith headed the queue, fairly closely attended by a twitchy Elmore, Gange, Styrin, Ball, Fish, Kerkhoven, Dean, White, and Turner - who promptly rotated in front of the chasing pack! The rest filed through, including a pit-bound Hines another flat tyre....

Second time around, and the amazing Buttigieg was six seconds clear - and in fact continued to pull out a further three seconds in every lap. The race was very definitely for second, with Smith still under the close scrutiny of Elmore, who slipped past as they slithered into the chicane for the third time. A few yards gap showed between each of the next group, with Peak Revs backed Brian Heerey joining the battle from a back grid, passing Dean, before spinning it away a lap later.

Things remained fairly static in the middle braked Elmore to retake second, but as he did so, felt his engine tighten. It was no surprise Kerkhoven after a race long chase. therefore when it locked at the fast righthander past the pits, Smith's race over.

baulking Gange, Styrin pounced and passed rear rain tyre had chunked and blown. them both. Ball had gone, with a seized gearbox, and so next in line was Fish, having just repassed as the kart slid onto the final straight, lurching 5th

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Top: Styrin leads a sideways Ball in the early stages. (Photo: D. Smith) Middle: He then broke stages, in terms of positions, but the drama was away and gradually hauled in Gange (10). (Photo: J. Pudney) Bottom: As he struggles with a rear to come in the last two laps. Smith had out-

Buttigieg's Hermetite Zip, but he was overdue. to leave fourth as the consolation . . . Buttigieg began the last lap a huge 21 15 seconds passed, and there he was, weaving seconds in front. Meanwhile, Elmore was suffer- down the straight towards the chicane, striving 1st ing clutch slip and as he hesitated at the chicane, manfully with a crippled machine - the left 2nd

Somehow he got through the chicane, but 4th

on 3 wheels, Styrin was there, snatching victory Heads craned to look for the silver profile of in the last yards. Elmore and Gange also passed,

- Steve Styrin Paul Elmore
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the heats, while Simon Tring and Shaun Egan occupied row two, Philip Paterson and Richard Dean were next ahead of Percy Jordan and Neil Douthwaite, while Championship leader Tim Sugden was far back in 20th spot with a lot of hard work to do.

As the flag shot up it was South, firmly taking his place at the head of the queue and immediately pulling clear of the pack, though with Gary Moynihan in hot pursuit. Simon Tring and Richard Dean led the rest while Kevin Warner was making strenuous efforts to climb up the field in conditions in which he usually excels. As the leaders pulled about five yards clear, Simon Tring was being caught by Dean, Douthwaite and Gary Foster-Jones. Derek Higgins was running next just ahead of John Herbert and Robbie Childs, a fraction clear of David Wright, Andrew Stapley and Tim Sugden. South eased clear of Moynihan, with Tring now enmeshed with Douthwaite and Dean, just clear of Foster-Jones who now had a hint of a threat from Kevin Warner As South pulled clear. Tring closed right up on Moynihan, taking Dean and Douthwaite along with him, while Kevin was now noticeably closer to Gary Foster-Jones until Gary's motor expired terminally.

John Herbert was making strenuous efforts to get past Derek Higgins at the same time as Simon Tring was repeatedly outbraking Moynihan at the pits hairpin. This went on for a closing quite rapidly on Richard Dean to make Crabtree overtook Cotterill to lead the Junior inside Gary only to slide wide and let Gary place! back in without somehow allowing Dean or up to Warner, and in fact these three were getting involved in a spin by Dean. This left



Simon Tring eventually succeeded in his Douthwaite to benefit, in spite of their close efforts, Gary dropping behind Dean and Douth- Tring a bit clear in second place. John Herbert view of the proceedings John Herbert finally waite just before Kevin Warner lost it at the pits was now pressing Neil very hard indeed, and at succeeded in ousting Higgins, promptly closing hairpin trying to get round a back marker and

couple of laps, Simon succeeding in getting a group of seven drivers battling for second Britain final. Following are Prior (16), Dart (17), and Dryden (29). (Photo: G. Sugden)

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good at Felton as he guessed right on his first AP LOCKHEED win.

both dry and wet conditions, dominating doing the same thing in their respective first the Junior National Road & Racing event from pole position in spite of a late picking up two second places from 15th and challenge from Simon Tring and John Herbert, and Nick Crabtree hit the form that only a bit of extra confidence could going to be 'wets' for the rest of the day. This give him to trounce the cream of the Junior Britains.

The warmth of the Northern Organisers more than compensates for the long drive north for us Southerners and, like Rowrah, they couldn't do enough for us. On Saturday (unofficial test day) the track had looked a bit crowded at one point and the Organisers briefly introduced sessions. These have proved to be totally counter-productive to the sort of competitors took their places on the back of the 'A' grid. from all three classes who are following the Series, and after a hurried discussion, the sessions were dropped in favour of the resumption of free practice. It did rain a couple of times as the afternoon progressed which proved between Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe. . .

Sunday dawned brilliantly sunny with no hint of what was to come, and for the 100 who now briefly held on to second before

So Alan Gates got there at last. A season International sponsors, AP Lockheed, the day of knocking on the door finally came started well. All of the first four races were won using their new braking system. Martin Leach (ART 80) taking his first heat after a thrilling tyre choice, powering into an unchallenged three cornered fight with Paul Jackson and Biff lead at two-thirds distance to take his Harris, Paul South (ART 80) powering away from a talent-packed grid to show how he intended his day was going to go, and both Nick Paul South got everything right in Crabtree (Lane) and Martin Prior (Kestrel) events. In fact Martin Prior was magnificent. taking pole position for the Britain final after 24th grids in his other two heats!

Halfway through the afternoon a wall of rain swept across the circuit and it was obviously didn't dampen the fierceness of the racing in the least however, all the main contenders taking it in their stride in spite of this being the first wet Championship round of the year.

Crabtree Scores

The Britain 'B' final was convincingly won by Robin Hooker, and it was he, followed by Steve Filkin, Simon Collins and Jamie Kavanagh who

The front row was shared by Prior and Jeremy Cotterill (determined to get his Championship lead back) while current leader Lee Cranmer languished back on the sixth row. Leading out of the first corner it was Martin most fortuitous, as everyone who had brought Prior, followed very closely by Jeremy C. who televisions in their caravans quickly forgot the promptly took the lead before the lap was karts for a while to watch the mighty battle completed. A few spots of rain were keeping the track greasy and as they completed lap two Jeremy had pulled away from Simon Blessed

Gates (29) makes the first stab inside Allen (1), before going by and pulling away to a clear win (Photo: D Callingham)

Nick Crabtree surged through to begin a hard chase for the lead. Simon's race wasn't to last too long though and he was forced into an abrupt retirement when his engine seized at the end of the straight. Nick closed quickly on Jeremy after only a couple of laps and then looked for a gap. He wasn't about to make the mistake of getting too eager at the start of a long race and eventually timed it nicely to sweep by across the start line and down into the braking area at the pits hairpin, then pulling rapidly away never to be challenged again

Just behind, a queue initially formed, beween Peter Studer, Steve Dart, Martin Prior, Scott Banks, Lee Cranmer, Kerry Thorpe, Steve Brogan, and David Germain. This group resolved itself as Dart worked his way to the front and nulled clear to chase after Cotterill Just a whisker behind came Pete Studer, just about level pegging with Dart, and Lee eventually fought to the front of the group and proceeded to chase after Studer. This racing really was fierce in spite of the conditions and at one point I found myself being nearly mowed down by Lee as he dropped his kart off the edge at the second corner without losing a place or reducing his pace...

Nick Crabtree's only problem seemed to be getting his hand out of the carburettor water guard after choking the carb. I glanced round at one point to see the horrified look on Mike Crabtree's face as Nick went deep into the pits bend braking area with his hand still stuck in the box! He got it out just in time but by his time Mike had his eyes shut! . . .

Martin Prior's engine developed a problem as the seal on the magneto side gave up the ghost and he dropped progressively down the order, and the very lively dice between Kerry Thorpe, Steve Brogan, Scott Banks and David

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Another comfortable winner was Nick Crabtree who ran away from the Junior Britain field. (Photo: D. Callingham).



Above: the Junior National field piles into the second corner, with South (4) shutting out Moynihan (9) to take an early lead. Right: Jackson (5), Lane (24) and Homewood (17) dueled furiously in the early stages. Bottom: The mid-field bunch was congested in the early stages. (Photos: D. Callingham)

Germain ran nose-to-tail right to the end. Robin Hooker did very well to complete the top ten from his 'B' final win, but up at the front a jubilant Crabtree held everything together to win his first ever Championship round, very comfortably ahead of Steve Dart and Jeremy Cotterill (who did never-the-less succeed in retaking his Championship lead).

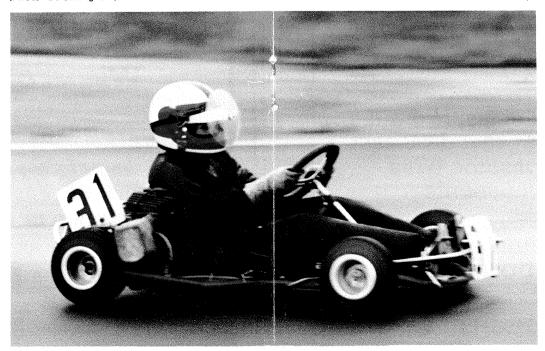
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And so on to the Junior Nationals and it was a confident Paul South sitting in pole position with his works ART 80. Alongside him Gary Moynihan had achieved the same points after







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