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COMMENTARY

In more ways than one this Easter was more like Christmas certainly the sun was seen only in small doses, conspicuous mainly by its absence. The snow was falling at both the meetings 'Yours Truly' attended, and it was very plain to see that many a karter had spent his hard earned cash on tyres rather than on Easter eggs, and his time unwrapping the latest Bridgestone S.L. tyres.

The Wombwell meeting was the first round of the Bridgestone Kart & Superkart Championship and every one of the 86 entries had at least one set of the tyres. It is many years since I last attended a meeting where every driver appeared to be completely satisfied with the wear and performance of the tyres he was using. The only complaint appeared to be that the tyres were in short supply. This situation was fortunately only of a temporary nature, and was caused by the late arrival of a consignment by sea from Japan. As the port closed down on the Thursday, the tyres could not be cleared before the weekend.

The officials at Wombwell are to be congratulated on the first class promotion of the meeting, and the help they gave in making sure that all drivers did have tyres to enable them to take part in this meeting.

From Wombwell I travelled across country to the meeting at Cadwell where once again the sun was shining, sorry, the snow was falling. I don't know how fast karters travel on the roads in Britain, but Nigel Edwards informed me, with what seemed like assurity, that it would only take me one hour to get to Cadwell from Wombwell. I must remember to let him into a secret – my helicopter is out of order!

I did get to Cadwell in time to see the final, which certainly produced some very good racing from the very full grids in all classes. But my God, was it cold? As I said, it was more like Christmas than Easter.

MARK HINES

FRONT COVER:

Controversial, but always competitive, Derek Higgins featured in the action at the opening round of the Bridgestone/K & S Championship. Our coverage begins on page 5. (Photo: R. Calvert)

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Derek Price

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NEXT MONTH*

Snetterton Superkarts K & S Round 2 "Super One" series

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Without a major sponsor, Nigel Smith, here leading Gange in race 1, took the opportunity it wasn't a day for the establishment, with the to advertise for one . . . (Pic: R. Calvert)

Smith Scores TV Times Opener

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TELLME - WHAT IS THIS SECRET WEAPON THAT CAROLYNN IS THREATENING TO USE TO DISTRACT THE OPPOSITION?

Apart from TV race specialist Nigel Smith. result that several new names made a welcome appearance in the picture.

After Martin Hines' usual TV race luck sidelined him in race one, it was left to Smith and Reg Gange to dispute the lead. Further back Steve Styrin circulated alone, while Carolynn Grant-Sale got the best of a battle with Malcolm Belbin for fourth. Up front, Gange inched nearer to leader Smith, diving inside at the final corner to win - by two hundredths of a second . . .

Race two could almost have been conducted at a stock car oval . . . Hines couldn't start his replacement engine, while at the first corner Chris Lambden was punted out of the competition. Two hundred yards on and the same fate befell Gange! Styrin was out with mechanical problems - which left Smith to try and catch lead pair Graham Roscoe and Belbin.

An almighty clash between Smith and Belbin - for which neither could specifically be blamed - saw the latter spinning along the grass, but fortunately keeping the engine going and restarting for a fine third. Smith survived to move in on Roscoe, going past with three laps to go. But it wasn't over . . . A big slide over the kerbs let Roscoe back, and it took another lap before Smith could squeeze past. "The Rocket" looked to be struggling a little with a twitchy chassis - later to be revealed as a broken seat stay - and it was a shame to see him rotate out of the contest on the last

This left Nigel well clear from . . . yes, Carolynn Grant-Sale, circulating rapidly for second and second overall for the day, ahead of the annoyed Belbin, Richard Arnold and Mark Hood

Overall Result, TV Times Superkart Challenge Round One

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RAC News

Items of interest emanating from the April meeting of the Kart Committee are:

Formula E. The RAC MSA has made the following clarification of article 34 of the CIK Annuaire, the bodywork rule:

- 1) While the bubble shield may join the bodywork, it must be detatchable.
- 2) When detatched, the bubble shield must comply with the size regulations (ie. not wider than 500mm)
- 3) With the bubble shield removed, the bodywork must not cover any part of the driver seated in the normal position.
- 4) When in place, the bubble shield must not totally cover the driver's legs (ie. at least the bottom part of the leg above ankle must be exposed).

Formula E Weights. The final paragraph of the CIK Annuaire article 34 is ambiguous in that it could be construed to mean that a floortray was classed as bodywork and that a floortray alone could qualify a kart for the with bodywork' weight. This is not the case. and provided the floortray complies with article 19 it is not classed as bodywork.

Formula E Side Bumpers. The RAC MSA clarification of CIK article 18 is as follows: "A competitor must present the kart for scrutiny to comply with the quadrilateral ruling. However, this does not preclude later track adjustment or the use of tyres of different widths. However, at no time may any bodywork extend beyond the quadrilateral.

The following additions and alterations to section R6 of the Blue Book were approved for 1984. However, as they are safety measures. clubs may impose the alterations immediately if they so wish:

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CLUB SCENE

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Junior Britain

The first heat of the day was won by Stewart Massie, who had to settle for thirds in the racing! remaining two heats which were won by Jonny McDonald. Ryan Reeves was well up with these 210 National two with a second and fourth. Graham Garden, This class, also lacking in numbers, provided brothers Alan and Ian Innes and the other set of brothers in this class, David and Richard Scott, all finished in the top four over the three heats

In the final, McDonald set the pace off pole position. Massie and Alan Innes came second and third and these three began to pull away from fourth and fifth men Reeves and Ian Innes. Another gap and the battling trio of Garden David Scott and Stewart followed A few laps on and we lost Allan Innes from third. Reeves and Ian Innes battled for third as the laps rolled past. McDonald held his lead to the flag with Massie second, Reeves third and Ian Innes fourth.

125 National

With a full grid of 125s the heats were very close, and competition was fierce. Sandy Taylor emerged the winner of two of the heats and Peter Gray won the third. Paul Cook, Ian Pratt Mathie was the only 210 to qualify, the and Alex Pettigrew each had a second place. Gordon Petrie, Billy Stoddart and John Thomson also finished in top four places. For the final it was Taylor on pole, Pratt second, Cook third and in fourth spot a novice driver Bernie Sheppard who has driven incredibly well as a novice and who proved it in the final. Completing lap one it was Taylor, Sheppard, Stoddart, Gray, Pratt, Douglas and Petrie. A lap on and Gray had taken Stoddart for third. Next lap and Stoddart had disappeared and Pratt had nipped past Gray. Taylor meanwhile had pulled away from the rest of the pack who were being held off by Sheppard who was not intimidated by Gray and Pratt snapping at his heels to get past. On lap five Pratt, intent on demoting Sheppard, left the way clear for Gray to slip back into third!

On lap eight Gray made it past Sheppard and was now second. Lap ten saw Pratt still in fourth and Petrie taking Douglas for fifth and sixth respectively. Taylor meanwhile cruised home to take the chequered flag.

100 National

As usual in this class the heats were closely fought. Andrew Graham, Pete Cartwright and Niall Smith came out on top with a win each and seconds and thirds. Jim Baillie and Ian Mowatt were never far from the front over the

In the final the first six on the grid held their positions till lap three when Smith took Cartwright for the lead. In third came Graham. Baillie, Mowatt and Searles. On lap nine Smith had not shaken off Cartwright and Graham who piled on the pressure. Lap ten and the leading trio had caught the backmarkers and Graham seized the chance to slip through into second spot. On the last lap it all happened. At the hairpin Graham challenged Smith whose exhaust had worked loose, there was a coming together and Cartwright, steering clear of trouble, emerged from the hairpin in the lead with half a lap to go! Graham recovered to hold second spot, Baillie was third and Smith nursed his motor home to hold fourth.

250 International

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Paul Williamson had a clean sweep of the heats.

Beven Fraser had consistent seconds and Bruce Gibson thirds. Williamson led the final from start to finish, his driving was excellent but never really challenged by Fraser, second in the Yamaha. Hopefully numbers should increase in this class and introduce more competitive

some closely fought out heats between Alistair Mathie and Sandy Pratt. It was good to see Alistair racing this side of the border again as he stormed home ahead of Pratt in two of the heats. Pratt won the third heat with Brian Swankie second, Alistair Baillie third and Peter White fourth.

The final was led by Pratt until lap three when Mathie stormed up the inside on the straight. A couple of laps on and Pratt slowed down, leaving Baillie second. Mathie however pulled away from the rest of the field to take the final.

Granville Grubb Memorial Race

This race is open to gearbox classes with grid positions decided by ballot. A time penalty is enforced, with 210s leaving the grid five seconds ahead of the 125s, who in turn have a ten second gap ahead of the 250s. Alistair majority of the field was made up of 125s with three 250s taking up the rear. Sandy Taylor emerged as the man 250 driver Paul Williamson had to catch as each left their respective classes in the lead.

The race was over 25 laps and the spectators were totally engrossed as the 'dog' chased the 'rabbit'. Williamson was catching Taylor lap by lap but backmarkers slowed Taylor on the straight whereas Williamson stormed past with his more powerful outfit. It was lap seventeen however before Williamson caught Taylor and the backmarkers were Taylor's undoing. Williamson closed right up behind Taylor and there were three backmarkers going up the straight ahead of them. Williamson charged through and Taylor "left" the track at the hairpin after a brilliant defence of the Granville Trophy. Williamson cruised home after that, a well driven race to take the title.

Final Results

100 Junior Britain

1st Jonny McDonald Bob Kart/Kwik Arrow 2nd Stewart Massis Zip/MW Arrow 3rd Ryan Reeves Zip/Rochford Arrow

125 National

Zip/SRS Rotax 1st Sandy Taylor 2nd Peter Gray Zip/Rotax 3rd Bernie Sheppard Barlotti/SRS Rotax

100 National

Zip/TKM DB 1st Pete Cartwright 2nd Andrew Graham Birel/Rochford Arrow 3rd Jim Baillie Premier/TKM Hewland

250 International

1st Paul Williamson Zip GP/SRS Rotax Zip GP/W/G Yamaha 2nd Bevan Fraser 3rd Bruce Gibson Zip GP/B&S Yamaha

210 National

1st Alistair Mathie Zip GP/APV

Granville Grubb Memorial Trophy

1st Paul Williamson

Kalendar

WOMBWELL (Dorothy Hyman Stadium, nr Barnsley) Eastbourne K.C. Series, Round 2 (100 Int)

CHASEWATER (Pleasure Park, Brownhills, off A5)

ROWRAH (nr Frizington, Cumbria)

KIMBOLTON (10 Miles s.w. of Huntingdon)

TILBURY (Dunlop Road)

CADWELL PARK (midway Horncastle and Louth on A153). RAC Long Circuit Championships, Round 2.

> JESOLO (Italy) 135 International European G.P. Series.

BOYNDIE (Banff).

NUTHAMPSTEAD (1½ miles east of Barkway, off B1368 Cambridge - Ware Road).

SHENINGTON (8 miles from Banbury).

STRANRAER K.C. (on A75, 3 miles east of Stranraer).

THREE SISTERS (off Junction 25, M6) Bolton K.C.

SNETTERTON (15 miles south west of Norwich, on A11) Kart and Superkart Series, Round 3.

> FUI BECK (8 miles from Newark) LLANDOW (4 miles south west of Cowbridge, off A48).

> NUTTS CORNER (Ulster K.C.)

FELTON (8 miles north of Morpeth on A1) Super One Series, Round 4.

> CRAIL - West of Scotland Club. DUNKESWELL (5 miles from Honiton, Devon)

LYDDEN - Ace Kart Club.

MORECAMBE Superkart World Cup - Short Circuit.

JUNE

JYLLANDS RINGEN (DENMARK)
Superkart World Champi Round 1.

> FELTON (8 miles north of Morpeth, on A1).

> LITTLE RISSINGTON (Air Force Base, Near Stow).

SUMMERLEE — West of Scotland Club.

HAMBURG (GERMANY) 100 International European Team Championships.

> CHASEWATER (Pleasure Park, Brownhills, off A45).

KIMBOLTON (10 miles south west of Huntingdon).

(Near Frizington, ROWRAH Cumbria).

New Venue For RAC Open Day

Following several years of request, the RAC have moved the Kart Open Day to a Saturday and a more centralised venue, to encourage greater karter participation. The date is Saturday 11th June: the venue is Redgate Lodge at Donington Park, and kick-off is at 11 a.m. year, to 1985.)

This is your chance to confront the governing body directly with your opinions and ideas on the future improvements to the sport. Items for discussion at the meeting should be submitted as soon as possible, in any case no later than a week before the meeting.

The Kart Committee themselves are initiating a major topic for discussion, on the structure of Junior Karting as a whole. A basic proposal, resulting from a working group on the subject, is due to be circulated shortly to clubs for discussion before and at the Open Day. The basics of the proposal are as follows:

With current reduced grids there is no desire to increase the number of Junior classes, and

RICHARD TAPPER

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Richard "Ricardo" Tapper, 26 in a road accident in his home town of Christ church, New Zealand.

Having driven his first kart at the age of 4 yes 4! - Ricardo was an addicted karter, and won both 100cc and 250cc New Zealand titles and N.Z. Kart Sportsman of the Year before coming to England early in 1980. He competed in the last 100cc World Championship at Nivelles, that year, but the moved into the sphere for which he became best known in the UK – as preparation man behind Nigel Smith's Superkart efforts, playing a major part in Nigel's elevation to the status of front runner and race winner.

Midway through 1982, he parted with the team, and in fact entered the Silverstone GP himself at the wheel of a friend's Zip/Yamaha, before returning to New Zealand and campaigning a chassis of his own design in the recent Lep International series.

Ricardo (the nickname was coined in 100cc days to give him a better "in" with the Italian engine manufacturers!) was one of the sport' characters, both here and in New Zealand, and his friendship and infectious humour will be sorely missed by an awful lot of people.

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while there seems some interest in a Junior Gearbox class, the feeling is that now is probably not the time to introduce it. "Britain" classes must be made simpler and

cheaper, and if this can be achieved. Junior Britain age could reduce to 10.

The proposal for the new Junior Britain class centres around use of "out of the box" completely standard engines, taking effect at the beginning of 1984. (To allow a gradual phase out of current '83 spec. engines, Senior Britain will continue as present, with introduction of "stock ruling" delayed by a further

With Junior Britain thus ranging from 10-16 years of age, it is felt that a split into two categories, say A and B, would be desirable with the break coming at 13 to coincide with a recommended reduction of the Junior International age (to allow some experience of the class before international competition) and the phasing out of Junior National.

The whole structure is designed to create a smooth flow through the ranks to Senior karting, with a choice of routes, and with minimal changeover expense. It is best illustrated by the accompanying diagram.

NEW JUNIOR BRITAIN 'A' (10th birthday)

NEW JUNIOR JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL BRITAIN 'B' (13th birthday) (13th birthday) SENIOR 100/135

100 NATIONAL

INTER-NATIONAL

(16th birthday) (16th birthday) (16th birthday) Anyone interested in the future of Junior kart-

ing should thus avail themselves of a copy of the RAC proposal (available as this is published) and be at the Open Day, 11th June.

Hines At Snetterton

BRITAIN

The RAC Long Circuit Championships got under way at Snetterton on April 24th, with the Superkart final providing a resounding win, and the Martyn Merritt Memorial Trophy, for Martin Hines. Hermetite team-mate Reg Gange charged hard for second, with Rob Kerkhoven returning to the fray for third. Kurt Luby took the 125 race, John Newton the 210's and Richard Boston the 250 National points. Full coverage next month.

Photo Caption Competition .

The winner of last month's photo caption competition (with over 100 entries) and recipient of a new Everoak Racemaster helmet is P. Wilkinson, of Stockport, Cheshire:

"He won the heats, but my Dad will win the

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ANOTHER CAPTION COMPETITION

K&SRd2 To Hann!

Dunkeswell was damp and soggy for the second round of the Bridgestone/K & S Championship on 24th April. With poleman and early leader Gary Till taken out, victory went, in a close contest to the often so unlucky Neil Hann. Steve Tillett and Norman Box took the places from Fletcher and Edwards. Full coverage next month

Entry forms for round 3 at Snetterton, May 22nd, may be obtained by sending an s.a.e. to this office, or the Norfolk & Suffolk K.C., 13 Debenham Road, Crowfield, Ipswich, Suffolk.

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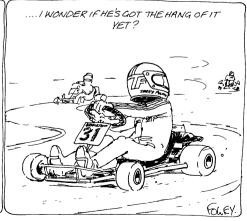
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ı	Kevin Routh	20 points
	Duo Martin	18 points
	Dennis Osborne	18
Į	G. Spavins	16 points
İ	Jeff Darlow	16 points
	Graham Poultney	15 points
	David Bailey	14 points
	Andy Martin	12 points
	lan Bowman	12 points
	lan Hunter	10 points
-	Mark Lockley	10 points
	Harry Maddison	9 points
	Chris Beards	9 points
	Bob Rawden	7 points
	P. Robinson	7 points

BY BARRY FOLEY

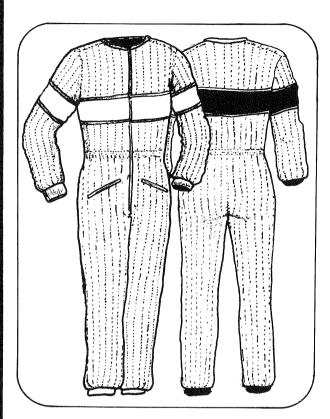
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Eric Butler put in a bid for second place, got off line and allowed Mike Devine the chance he was looking for. Further down the running order Simon Bennett was under seige from Duncan Kier. Duncan managed to pass Simon on lap five. The race throughout was close and exciting and right down to nineteenth place noone was lapped. A very controlled piece of driving by Darrell Beasley gave the second win of the day to the Beasley family.

100 National

We are growing accustomed to see a really first class turn out of 100 National drivers and with 41 entries in this class the 20th March was no exception. There was a really good mix of experienced drivers and newcomers to karting. The large entry meant a 'B' final and this was won by Barry Benham, with Richard Blackburn, George Brown and Adrian Game also repercharged to the 'A' final. Stephen Wright won two heats, Paul Wilkes won a heat and was A full grid of 210s took part, the heat credits second and Andrew Colson won a heat and was fourth. The pole position man, Stephen Wright, led three rolling laps whils Paul Wilkes desperately tried to sort out his carburettor. The race began without Paul. Stephen Wright took the lead from Andrew Colson, Ron Cox, Andrew Clarke and Ray Lewis. The final was closely fought with duels throughout the field. Barry Benham flew through to ninth from twentyfirst on his first lap but was forced to retire when he lost a brake pad. Vincent Young moved forward to tenth. Neil Robinson gained eight and Richard Knox pushed forward five places to seventh. Our attention was particularly drawn to Andrew Colson to see how he would fare in a National kart. Andy was close behind Stephen Wright from the start. Andy finally outbraked Stephen into the top hairpin with two laps to go, and became the new race leader. Ron Cox held a solid third place just ahead of Mark Woolford. The race long contest between Andrew Clark and Ray Lewis was eventually broken up when Bob Moon came between them on the last lap. Congratulations to Andrew Colson, we look forward to a triple race between Paul Wilkes, Stephen Wright and Andy Colson. (The race we were denied.)

125 P & R Championship First Round

Shenington hosted the first round of the P & R 125 National Championship. Heat wins were claimed by Chris Tomkinson with Ian Bickerton runner up in both. Richard Davies and Richard Bridgeman had a third place apiece. The final was obviously going to centre around Ian and Chris. Half a lap completed and Chris Tomkinson and Ian Bickerton entered the chicane side by side. Chris had the outside line and appeared to leave his braking far too late. It is not possible to get through the chicane at Shenington two abreast and the guy on the outside is always the one who comes to grief. from the final. Ian Bickerton now appeared to have a clear run ahead of him. Lying in second Fautnum. The drama was not over and on lap four David Logan caught the bales in the pit's complex and flipped his kart. David landed

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eventually passed Ron Shone in the top hairpin. some changes at the back of the field. Ian The Internations were briefly led by Stephen Bickerton must have been relieved to see the finish flag without further mishap.

125 National

combination was under no stress, winning the heats. Both John Cooke and Chris Tomkinson could not get themselves sorted out in the heats and continued with their difficulties into the final. Apart from a first lap shake down the final's race order was rather processional. Keith Bisp went into the lead with Kevin Pope lying second. Phil Jenkins was in third spot followed by Barry Fautnum fourth and Alan Phillips fifth. The driver in sixth place, Tony Wilkins was under fierce attack from Ian Penn throughout the final, but no change occurred. It must be the most interesting race Tony Wilkins has 1st Jamie Beasley had for some time. An easy win for Keith Bisp.

going to Mark Allen with two firsts and Steve Hurst and Colin Poole taking a second place each. It was Mark Allen who went into the lead from the flag. Colin Poole was second from Glen Clarke, George Wright, Margaret Dell, Steve Hurst, Adrian Chapman and Dave Ridge. In the early laps Mark Allen and Colin Poole pulled out a substantial lead. Colin, however he tried, could not close the gap. Steve Hurst lost several places off the start and by lap three was 1st Andrew Colson putting all his effort into passing Glen Clarke. Whilst Glen was concentrating on out driving Andrew Worton in third place. Lap four and we had lost Glen. Rod Ellis, George Wright and Maggie Dell had all caught Andrew Worton and Steve Hurst. The driving of Paul Woodward had brought him through well and he finally passed Maggie on the last lap fast closing the distance to George Wright but it was too late to improve his position further. On the final lap it was clear that Colin Poole had a problem with his exhaust. He fortunately managed to keep running, he must have been very relieved that he had pulled out such a lead over Andrew Worton 2nd Colin Kay in the early stages of the final. Once again a victory to Mark Allen. Mark suffered a great many problems last season, he has started this 210 National year well with two wins on the trot.

250 National and 250 International

The 250 classes ran together with nine drivers competing for the Nationals and four Internationals. The 250 National heat successes were 1st Pat Tomkinson spread with a win to John Ottrey and a win to Paul Klaassen. As the Nationals left the start line it was Paul Klaassen who showed a clean pair of heels to Pat Tomkinson, Andrew Knott 250 International and John Ottrey. Paul Klaassen's usual reli- 1st Pete Hammond ability evaded him and he retired on the third lap with a suspicious cloud of smoke from his engine. This left Pat Tomkinson a comfortable lead. The second place spot was now taken over by Andrew Knott, John Ottrey was beginning Chris and his kart caterpulted over the bales to give Andrew Knott something to think and landed heavily, removing Chris Tomkinson about. The last lap board was out, would Andrew stay ahead? John made an attempt into the top hairpin and came out ahead; it had been place now was Colin Kay followed by Barry quite a chase. A win for Pat Tomkinson with John Ottrey second and Andrew Knott, third.

The 250 Internationals ran along with the Nationals. The heats were won by John Collins painfully on his rear with his kart on top of from Bromsgrove Kart Club and Stephen May him. He was blocking the driving line. The race from Chasewater Kart Club. The local lad, Pete was stopped to be able to move Dave Logan Hammond was going to have to sort this one safely. He was pronounced sore but otherwise out. The Internationals set off after the race order remained the same at the front with inroads into the tail end of the 250 Nationals. | cold.

May but he spun away his lead in the Pit's bend but he managed to keep going and only dropped a couple of places. He handed premier position to Pete Hammond and second place to Keith Bisp driving his winning Barlotti-Rotax John Collins, taking up third himself. Steve Welling bringing up the rear. No further mishaps and the drivers finished the race in the same order.

> Many thanks to one and all for making the March meeting so worthwhile, we look forward to seeing you all again on May 15th.

Junior Britain

BM/Arrow 2nd Adam Phillpotts BM/Arrow 3rd Simon Richardson Dart/Arrow Junior Novice Award - Gary Butler

Junior National

1st Peter Woolford Ferrari/DAP

1st Darrell Beasley Barlotti/Arrow 2nd David Pone Barlotti/Arrow 3rd Mike Devine Rema/Arrow

100 National

Dart/Arrow TKM/TKM 2nd Stephen Wright 3rd Ron Cox Zip/DAP

100 National 'B' Final

1st Barry Benham BM/Parilla

125 National

1st Keith Bisp Barlotti/Rotax 2nd Kevin Pope Kingfisher/Rotax 3rd Phil Jenkins Zip/Rotax

125 National P & R Championship First Round

1st Ian Bickerton Star/Yamaha Yamaha

3rd Barry Fauntnum Barlotti/Honda

1st Mark Allen Dale/Villiers 2nd Colin Poole Zip/Villiers 3rd Andrew Worton Dale/Villiers

250 National

Dino/KTM 2nd John Ottrey Barlotti/Yamaha 3rd Andrew Knott Aero/Bultaco

Zip/Rotax

Boyndie

THE GRANVILLE GRUBB MEMORIAL MEETING

April's meeting at Boyndie included (for the second year) the Granville Grubb Memorial Race. The trophy was presented by his widow Audrey, after his untimely death racing at Ingliston in October 1981. It is a handicap race with 210s, 125s and 250s in one race with time penalties.

This meeting was well supported, especially in the 125 class which increases in numbers at all right. The race restarted minus David. The Nationals. After one lap they began to make each meeting! Again the weather was dry but

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and John Gosling all chased, but simply lacked the speed to get on terms with the flying Thornell

Alec Sutcliffe, the Club's Champ, had a terrible day, with just about every possible gremlin rearing its ugly head.

125/250 Combined

The front runners in this class were quick, the mid-field guvs were colourful - but that's about all there is to tell!

Not a lot of action, but of interest was Andy Bundy having his first taste of 250 International power. Bundy just pipped Keith Bisp on the line to win the final from the 125 exponent but not until after Bisp had wor three heats with his Rotax.

Results

Juni	iors
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1st K. Taylor Kestrel/Clevely Arrow 2nd M. Hution Barlotti/DAP 3rd S. Sparkes Zip/Arrow

Senior Britain

1st D. Maple ART/Arrow 2nd C. Taylor Dart/Dart Arrow 3rd P. Dearden BM/Arrow

100 National 1st A. Pallister

Jeta/Tabur DAP 2nd J. Crawford Zip/DAP BM/Arrow 3rd N. Symes

210 National

1st S. Thornell Barlotti/ Zip/Upton Dale/ 2nd G. Brodie 3rd F. Tarr

125/250 Combined

1st A. Bundy 2nd K. Bisp 3rd A. Pearse

Zip/Yamaha 250 Barlotti/Rotax 125 Zip/Rotax 125

Rowrah

10th April 1983

Before starting I would like to thank the Club for their wedding present to my future wife Results and I. Thanks also to Mike Ballantyne for getting me smashed on the Friday night before Junior Britain the race meeting, and taking me home in a 1st V. Starkey shopping trolley ...

54 drivers signed on for racing as the clouds 3rd R. Scott thickened and the heavens opened and stayed

First out were Junior Britains who had three 1st Lloyd Ross different heat winners in Lloyd Ross, Vicky 2nd W. Smith Starkey and P. Chappel. The final was a good flag to flag win for our lady novice Vicky Starkey with K. McBride second and R. Scott

Next up were the Junior Nationals with 2nd Ian Williams Lloyd Ross winning two heats and finishing 3rd George Ashurst second in the other. W. Smith won the other heat. The only incident of note in the heats was 100 Britain the errant driverless kart which nearly mowed 1st Glyn Ellis down the starter in heat two. No-one was hurt 2nd Ray Robson

however, but the kart took no further part in

The final was a flag to flag victory for Lloyd Ross, leaving W. Smith and Ian McLeish to 210 National scrap for second, and to finish in that order. 1st Fraser Barbour

100 National was very closely contested with Ian Williams securing pole position on his return to Rowrah with a win, second and fourth in the heats. Other heat wins went to 250 International George Ashurst and Louis Di Resta.

Ian Williams led into the chicane from the flag but at the end of lap one Jim Forsyth was 250 National leading with Williams second, then a gap to the battle for third which was really open until 2nd I. Reading about lap ten when things sorted themselves out. At the chequered flag it was Forsyth from Williams followed by Ashurst, Grieve, Di Resta

As the 100 Britain heats were poorly supported and thus rather processional, the final was run behind the 100 Nationals, Glvn Ellis took the honours from Ray "Champ" Robson.

125 produced a surprise victor in Mrs. Berni Stoney who romped away with two heat wins and the final, defeating two Rotaxes in the process. (She was piloting a 125 P & R Honda!!) Novice C. Barnes took the other heat win but dropped out of the final.

In 210, Fraser Barbour won two heats and was second to K. Thompson in the third. From the final flag Barbour and Thompson roared away together and stayed very close until lap six when Barbour opened up an every increasing gap over Thompson with Anthony Bar

British Short and Long Circuit Champion in 250 National, Chris Stoney, entered his Barlotti Rotax in International as an engine shakedown after badly seizing at Cadwell the previous weekend. He took a win and a third before borrowing his wife's 125 to take the third heat. Alan Tinnion won the other heat but was awarded heat three because Stoney had changed his kart and engine after heat two. On the final, Stoney (still in the 125) romped away from Tinnion who was the only 250 International to finish so he was awarded the

Chris didn't seem to mind as he later said "I only wanted to see what a P & R Honda would do against a Rotax twin."

The 250 National final was left between two drivers when M. McDowell did not join the circuit until lap three and was promptly disqualified unser Section 6.3.3 of the regs. E. Moffat took the flag from a fairly distant Ian Reading.

2nd K. McBride

Junior National 3rd I. McLeish

100 National 1st Jim Forsyth

Dart Parilla Sprint Newark Arrow

Premier TT Arrow

Spectre Rutherford

Arrow Rapide Manx

Tetta DAP

TKM/TKM

Star TKM

Zip TKM

Zip Arrow

Dart TKM

125 National

Barlotti Honda

2nd K. Thompson 3rd Anthony Bar

Star Villiers Villiers Barlotti Villiers

1st Alan Tinnion

Zip GP Rotax

1st G Moffat

Aero Honda Barlotti Honda

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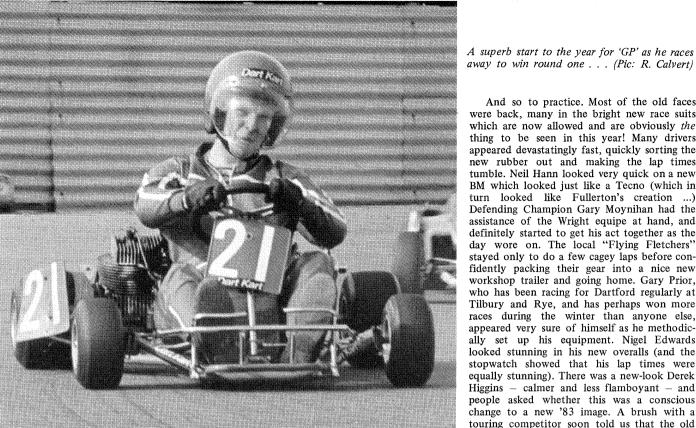
The 20th March heralded Shenington's second meeting of the year. 152 drivers signed on to race in the morning, we were very pleased to see such a good turn out for the March meeting. The weather was typically unkind. It dawned cold but dry. As practice got under way it began to rain. The heats were wet affairs, but as the afternoon progressed it began to dry out, but it remained very cold.

Junior Britain/Junior National

The Junior Britain heats were won decisively by Jamie Beasley who was considerably quicker than the main pack. Philip Wood and Martin Howell were the heat runners-up. Phil Wood dropped a heat and was starting from a low grid position, so he was obviously someone to watch. Martin Howell made the best start but it was short lived and once out of cafe corner Jamie Beasley passed him to take the reins. At the end of the first lap the order was Beasley, Phillpotts, Richardson, Cattell, Jackson, Varley, G. Wood, P. Wood, Hudson, Alden and Butler. As predicted Phil Wood was coming through and finally gained fifth. Jamie Beasley was in control and he took the chequered flag well ahead. A good piece of driving by Adam Phillpotts gave him second. Third place to Simon Richardson and a surprise fourth place to John Cattell in only his sixth kart race. The youngest driver in the race at just 11 years of age was Gary Butler, he was awarded a special novice award. The Junior Nationals were only two in number. Neither Scott Bevis nor Peter Woolford finished their heats. In the final it was Scott Bevis who got ahead first and Peter Woolford could not make any impression. Peter got himself stuck behind Junior Britain driver, Carl Hudson. Once Peter was ahead of Carl he concentrated on passing Scott. On the last lap he just managed it. A win for Peter Woolford.

100 Senior Britain

There was a big entry in the Senior Britain class. The heats went to Simon Bennett and Nigel Cleveley (2). David Pope finished second and fifth, Darrell Beasley finished second and third and Ron Shone finished second and ninth. Nigel Cleaveley was on pole, he sadly failed to get his kart started and the starter reluctantly decided to let the race go off without him. Darrell Beasley was the early leader pursued by Dave Pope, Gary Chapman, Eric Butler, Ron Shone and Simon Bennett. Eric Butler rearranged the order in the top hairpin passing Gary Chapman. The race leader Darrell Beasley eased away from Dave Pope who was under considerable pressure from Eric Butler and Ron Shone. Mike Devine drove splendidly through to throw in his challenge for second place. Mike



Prior's Pearler

Bridgestone/K&S victory to Gary Prior. Derek Higgins settles for second, from ex-Britain Champ Andrew Colson, Both Fletchers suffer from "incidents"... Report: Paul Carr

The beginning of a new racing season brings to the fore all the questions people have been turning over in their minds during the season of goodwill, good food, and good drink - who will be quick?. which motor will be the one to beat?, which kart to buy?, which airbox? ... This year, too, there was the same old question to consider - tyres! The new Bridgestone SL compound and size combination had been adopted for the Kart & Superkart Championship, in the hope that this would dispel the chaos of previous years. In my opinion, the earlier choice of Goodvears was disastrous - they went off badly, and either didn't work at all, or wore out in a handful of laps - there seemed little consistency. Okay, they were cheap, or at least they were advertised at low prices, but I suspect the majority of karters paid around £14+ for each cover. I for one was very pleased to hear that Bridgestone had what appeared to be the ideal tyre, and that the Japanese were keen to sponsor the major British 100cc Championship. (Of course they were - 100 National must be perhaps the best tyre market in Europe, and you can be sure they won't let it slip away easily!)

And so the first round of the 1983 Championship got under way at Wombwell, offering the first real opportunity for some of those questions to be answered and for most people to run the new SL tyres in Saturday's practice. Setting up in the cool Yorkshire conditions for SL's seemed rather like setting up for Goodyears when the weather was warm and the tyres working well - you needed fractionally lower tyre pressures and the kart a little wider all round. General response from the drivers seemed promising, with many people commenting on how little the tyres were wearing. In fact, the new Championship ruling of one set per meeting seemed rather unnecessary - one

And so to practice. Most of the old faces were back, many in the bright new race suits which are now allowed and are obviously the thing to be seen in this year! Many drivers appeared devastatingly fast, quickly sorting the new rubber out and making the lap times tumble. Neil Hann looked very quick on a new BM which looked just like a Tecno (which in turn looked like Fullerton's creation ...) Defending Champion Gary Movnihan had the assistance of the Wright equipe at hand, and definitely started to get his act together as the day wore on. The local "Flying Fletchers" stayed only to do a few cagey laps before confidently packing their gear into a nice new workshop trailer and going home. Gary Prior, who has been racing for Dartford regularly at Tilbury and Rye, and has perhaps won more races during the winter than anyone else, appeared very sure of himself as he methodically set up his equipment. Nigel Edwards looked stunning in his new overalls (and the stopwatch showed that his lap times were equally stunning). There was a new-look Derek Higgins - calmer and less flambovant - and people asked whether this was a conscious change to a new '83 image. A brush with a touring competitor soon told us that the old

Steve Tillett had stayed with the same combination of Gillard karts and Mick Fullerton motors, and he circulated at the same sort of speeds he was achieving towards the end of last season. Simon Sutton, flying the Gillard banner, had received a face lift in the form of a new helmet; his team looked more professional than ever, but Simon looked plain rusty, lacking his usual flair. There were several newcomers, too. From the Britain brigade came both Rochford and Colson, who were both very quick indeed - proving that the Britains are as good as anybody. Mark my words, both of them will win rounds this season. Up from Juniors was young Crabtree on ART karts and engines, romping happily among the 'old men'.

Higgins is still lurking, thankfully!

EASTER SUNDAY

Luckily the overnight snow(!) melted to the sound of breaking Easter eggs, and the usual array of karts lined up to do battle. "Tupperware" really should sponsor a meeting or two -

Former SAM Britain Champ Rochford had an



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Local contender Steve Sykes earned a midgrid start in the 'A' Final (Pic: R, Calvert)

they seem to be the leading manufacturer of airboxes! They may or may not help noise, but they certainly do nothing for the appearance of karting generally.

With over 90 entries there was the usual

quick people taking a good result in one and just not being able to get through the field in the others - such was the standard of com- The 'A' Final grid held all the stars. Nicky petition. Unfortunately there were several Fletcher had produced a superb set of heat accidents during the day. Neil Hann ended results to claim pole from the plucky young an atrocious day with a brake pad escaping and Kerry Thorpe from Leeds. The overwhelming in the process took the unfortunate Sutton out truth of the meeting was that even those at the with him. The Pegasus man also had his fair back of the grid had good heat results - usually share of brake problems, resulting in the sufficient to make the first two rows. hilarious spectacle of the guy being thrown from his kart at breathtaking speed and landing release the mob, and both Nicky Fletcher and on his feet! Unbelievable ... Poor old Brian Thorpe plunged into the first 90 degree left

the worst accidents I've ever seen when lapping a rather infamous ex 250 National backmarker in the C final. Luckily Hooley was only badly shaken, but his departure allowed Rochford, Church, Hall and Edwards through to the 'B'.

My dislike for 'B' finals is well known they usually resemble the famous Chariot Race from 'Ben Hur', and this one could easily have been the third final of a World Championship (with all the big names to prove it!) From the flag Wilkes took the lead, closely followed by Tillett, Sutton, Murphy, Needham, Williams, "JR" Knell, Wilson and Marsden – as close as that. After three laps, Wilkes was still just leading from Tillett, Sutton and Murphy, all nose to tail, and these four had pulled out a couple of lengths from Marsden, who was storming forward, and Edwards who was flying through the field from the back. On lap five Wilkes made a slight error which allowed Tillett, Marsden and Sutton through; Gary Till and Nigel Edwards joined the train. On lap nine Sutton exited the top hairpin a little wide and caught a marker tyre, causing a tangled mess, with Wilkes' Zip flying through the air. This promoted Till and Edwards to the 'A' final with Tillett and Marsden. Great stuff! The A final would have to be quite a race to better that ...

Two rolling laps were judged enough to complicated system of heats with many of the Hooley deserves a mention for surviving one of abreast, with Higgins nosing up the inside. The

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CLUB SCENE

Nuthampstead

The Castrol Sponsored Spring Meeting of the Cambridge Kart Club was held on Sunday the 17th April 1983. The day began cloudy and grey and as is usual now for the Club meetings the rain decided to wait until the first heats were practically over before causing havoc amongst competitors. There was again some good driving to be seen and this gave the spectators who had braced the weather some good entertainment. The results were as follows:

Junior Britain

1st Nicky Kyriakides Dino/MRE Arrow 2nd Steve Ricketts Zip/Arrow (Novice)

Junior National

1st Jean-Pierre Bundle Dart/TKM

100 Britain

1st Darren Gibbs Dart/Arrow 2nd Allen Reeves RWM 831B/Arrow

100 National 'A'

1st Pat Reynolds Gillard TKM 2nd Robbie Adams Dart/DK Arrow 3rd Gary Ricketts Dart/Parilla

100 National 'B'

1st Tony Cole Zip/K88 Zip/Zip 2nd Graham Leo 3rd Mick Snowling Sprint/K77

125 National 1st Ian Fisher

250 International 1st P. Smith

210 National 1st M. Garner

2nd Ron Bettis

M.E. Curry (Mrs)

Magnum/Rotax

Barlotti/Bultaco

Barlotti/RWM

Zip/Yamaha

(Novice)

Ellough

On Good Friday, 1st April, the Beccles Kart Club held a "Special Trophy" event for the 100cc National class in with the normal meeting. In the programme it said "It can surely not be a wetter day than our last meeting", but it was! It really bucketed down, so much so that the meeting was abandoned after the third heats at which point a friend of mine in the crowd of spectators who races powerboats said "I've got a hydrofoil at home which would go better out on the track than your karts", and he was probably right. Actually we thought it was an "April Fool" but even after we finished and went home it still poured and poured ..

Juniors

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I think the fathers had the hardest job in the Junior racing rushing to and fro pushing spun out karts back into the race. Steven Webb won the first heat by a large margin from Marian Rump the first National driver home, with Darren Wenn third. Heat two was another flag to flag win for Steven Webb with Marian Rump again in second place with Shaun Nicholson third. Heat three was a bit of a disaster for two of the front runners when Shaun Nicholson dropped out on lap two, leaving Steven Webb in recovered and restarted Andrew Wilson third.

the lead but after five laps he dropped out Result leaving Marian Rump to take the chequered 1st Andrew Wilson flag with Darren Wenn second and Neil Gordon 2nd Kevin Keable in only his second meeting in third place. 3rd Ray Lincoln

Junior National

1st Marian Rump Mustang/Parilla 2nd Darren Wenn Lancer/TKM

Junior Britain

Dart/TKM 1st Neil Gordon

125 National

There are no two ways about it, these Rotax's don't like taking in H2O with their air/fuel mixture and with the carb on the side it is inevitable I am afraid. In the first heat the water problem was not so bad, so everyone who started managed to finish. Nigel Wigg won by a large margin from Boyd Barrington in second. Peter Bennett third and John Davies fourth. these last three having had a tremendous race long dice, swapping places on every lap. Heat two was a fairly short one with Roger and Boyd Barrington dropping out on the first lap, leaving Peter Bennett and John Davies dicing for the lead, which John won after Peter spun out at the hairpin on lap four, leaving John Davies to win as he was the only kart left on the circuit. The third heat was more or less a repeat of the second with another win for John Davies and a lot of questions being asked as to how he managed to keep it going.

Result

1st John Davies Lancer/Rotax 2nd Nigel Wigg Wright/Rotax

210 National

Ian Jackson went straight into an early lead in heat one but on lap five succumbed to pressure from Jon Sapev who went on to win with Ian second and Jon Minns third. Heat two was a closer race with Jon Minns taking an early lead which he held for four laps, then it was Ian Jackson's turn at the front as Jon spun back to fourth. It looked as if Ian would hold off Jon Sapey for the rest of the race but on the very last lap Jon slipped through to take the flag with Ian in second place and a recovered Jon Minns third. In heat three it was Ian Jackson off into an early lead with the two Jon's in close attendance and on lap seven it was Jon Sapev who got past to take the lead as Jon Minns retired with water trouble, leaving Ian in second place.

Result

1st Jon Sapev Bullitt/Villiers Aero/Villiers 2nd Ian Jackson 3rd Jon Minns Bullitt/Villiers

100 National

The first heat of the "Special Trophy" class got off to a good start for Gordon Chennery with a flag to flag win with Miles Townsend second and Andy Wilson a close third. Ray Lincoln drove a steady race to finish fourth. Miles Townsend led the second heat right up until the last lap when he went missing and Ray Lincoln came round to take the chequered flag with Andrew Wilson a close second and Bob Kett third. Heat three was very spaced out. Andrew Wilson got off to a good start but had a spin on lap three, leaving Kevin Keable to lead for the rest of the race with Read second and a

Cord/Yamaha Dart/TKM

We must apologise for the weather - it was our second wet meeting in a row. One or two people were upset that the meeting was abandoned after the heats, and the results taken there and then, as they qualified in the first heat and were "saving it" for the final ... A big thank you must go to the marshals who stuck the weather well and to the lap scorers who were shivering in the caravan and having a battle to stop the windows steaming up. Let's hope it's better next time.

John Davies

Dunkeswell

The Committee - and press ganged workers had made an excellent job of 'Spring cleaning' Dunkeswell in time for the opening meeting of the 1983 season. The drivers were welcomed by an extended pit area, painted kerbs and new fencing. It all looked very smart.

Kim Taylor (Kestrel/Arrow) dominated this class with two heat wins, a good placing, and the 'A' final win, Mart Hutton (Barlotti/DAP) and Clive Elmore (Dino/DAP) were her two main rivals, but with Elmore seizing on the opening lap of the final and Hutton simply not having the power to keep close, Kim scored a comparatively easy victory.

Senior Britain

Action aplenty in this class. No less than six different men shared the seven heat wins, using six different makes of chassis.

Going indecently fast in his first Senior event was Darren Maple (ART/DAP). He really rubbed the regulars' noses in it by scoring two heat wins, the 'A' final AND setting FTD to

The final itself was excellent, with separate battles going on right throughout the field behind the disappearing Maple. Derek Cowee and Adam Bamford raced hard for second place for many a lap, while up through the field came a storming Ron Shone (Jeta/DAP). Just when things looked set for a great finish, Bamford made a hairy move that took out himself, Cowee and Shone. The battle for fourth was now a battle for second and it was Chris Taylor (Dart/Arrow) who elbowed his way through at the flag.

100 National

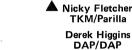
As 'Britain' increases its fields in the West, so 100 National decreases! A pity, as this used to be a cracker of a class.

There were a handful of highlights, but generally it was a bit processional, with Arthur Wood (BM/Arrow) and Andrew Pallister (Jeta/ DAP 'Britain') making the front running.

210 National

Much improved in appearance and quality over last year. Lots of fibre-glass and colour from this once nearly extinct class - got to be a good

Steve Thornell was the only guy on the day to score a maximum of four wins, and he set FTD too. Guy Brodie, Fred Tarr, Les Ruddy



George Price DAP/DAP Nick Crabtree

Art/Arrow Dave Harridge Heron/Parilla

Nigel Hennery Zip/DAP **Andy Buchan**

Zip/DAP Peter Stevens Gillard/Parilla

Peter Giddings Dart/Parilla

Nick Parrington Reema/PCF Steve Tillett

Gillard/Parilla Gary Till Zip/Zip

Nigel Edwards DAP/DAP inevitable touch resulted in chaos, with both Thorpe and Fletcher spinning and causing a

Kerry Thorpe

Andy Colson

Dart/Arrow

Gary Prior

Dart/Parilla

Paul Fletcher

TKM/Parilla

Paul Mace

Ferrari/Parilla

Steve Sykes

Wilson/Parilla

Ray Wright

Gillard/DAP

Gary Moynihan

Robert Owen

Gillard/Parilla

Norman Box

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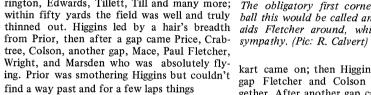
Lewis Marsden

DAP/DAP

almost at walking pace. This took out Par-Fourth and fifth in the series last year, both

strange domino effect right down the field,

Tillett (7) and Edwards (87) "got in the back door" via the "B" Final (Pic: R. Calvert) pulling out two to three tenths per lap as his



remained constant with this duo pulling themselves clear of the battling Price and Crabtree

Unfortunately Marsden's heroic drive was over while Colson watched closely. As Crabtree's ART kart gradually began to 'come on' he simply walked past George Price and quickly began to close the large gap on the leaders; at one third distance the new 'slimline' G.P. hounded Higgins and on several occasions came up alongside only to think better of his move. Twice this pair of hard drivers swapped places only to outfox each other on braking for the hairpin. While all this was happening Crabtree closed and latched on to the leaders; Fletcher senior and new boy Colson, tussling hard, had overtaken Price, who was now fending off the attentions of Mace with Marsden well fired-up and about to make hm move.

When Prior became aware of Crabtree's bumper he realised the waiting game was over and feinted to Higgins' right. Derek eased over and this allowed G.P. through - he was soon off into the distance, leaving Higgins to the attentions of Crabtree. However, this duel didn't last long; the hugely unfortunate Crabtree had his exhaust part company with the Arrow's cylinder and his superb drive ended with the inevitable black flag.

At two third's distance, Prior still led,

rington, Edwards, Tillett, Till and many more; The obligatory first corner shunt. In basketwithin fifty yards the field was well and truly ball this would be called an "assist", as Higgins thinned out. Higgins led by a hair's breadth aids Fletcher around, while Thorpe spins in

> kart came on; then Higgins, and after a large gap Fletcher and Colson seemingly tied together. After another gap came Price, followed by Hennery who was having an excellent race. with an engine problem, and he was left to ponder - third place would have been a distinct possibility ... The last ten laps reeled away with Prior in

> complete control and leading Higgins by five seconds; Higgins in turn was three seconds in front of the Fletcher/Colson battle, some ten seconds ahead of the rest. At the chequered flag a jubilant Prior, beaming from ear to ear, led a contented Higgins home, but the battle for third was not over and coming out of the hairpin Fletcher came upon a parked kart. In swerving to avoid the obstacle he allowed Colson through to claim third - an irritating end to a hard-fought race.

> The new season is well and truly with us. The tyres are fantastic and the racing promises to be second to none. Roll on round two ...

Dart/Parilla 1st Gary Prior 2nd Derek Higgins DAP/DAP 3rd Andrew Colson Dart/Arrow

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Two twe	round.	
Position	Driver	Points
1st	Gary Prior	101
2nd	Derek Higgins	98
3rd	Andrew Colson	95
4th	George Price	91
5th	Paul Fletcher	90
6th	Kerry Thorpe	88
7th	Dave Harridge	86
8th	Nicky Fletcher	85

Andy Buchan Nick Crabtree 81 10th= Gary Moynihan 81 10th= 80 76 74 12th Norman Box 13th Peter Giddings 14th= Nigel Hennery 74 Paul Mace 14th= 73 16th Steve Sykes Ray Wright 71 17th 70 18th Peter Stephens 19th Rob Owen 69 Nick Parrington 68





Martin Hines guns the Hermetite Zip out of Cadwell's bumpy hairpin, victory in sight . . .

Hines' Happy Easter

Easter Cadwell meeting to a dominant Hines. Gange and Smith take the places, from Arnold and Collier. Styrin impressive on his return. Class wins to Luby (125), Newton (210) and Rodgers (250 National). Report: Mike Smith Pics: Rodger Calvert

Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire was the venue for the Easter Sunday Club Championships being held for the 22nd year. The weather was typical Easter fare with sunny intervals giving way to very heavy showers of rain, sleet and snow! The sun did however manage to make a more lengthy showing in the afternoon, and a dry track was on offer for the finals.

The Cadwell Club had received an excellent entry with over 200 names in the programme over the four classes. The largest number once again was in the 125 class where 80 competitors had assembled. The meeting was also the second round of the Cadwell Annual Championships for all classes.

Pit Patter

Perhaps the two most notable additions to the paddock scene were Nigel Smith and Steve Styrin. Both drivers were making their first racing appearance of the season with Steve partnering Ed Duckett in the Dino UK Team and Nigel running a Zip with a Peter Berry prepared Rotax. The latter's outfit certainly looked different being almost devoid of advertising material except for Burris tyre logos. Nigel was of course his usual cheerful self and looking forward to the season ahead. Steve

expressed satisfaction with the Dino and with a few minor modifications made to suit personal taste he was feeling fairly confident about the

Hermetite Zip teamster Carolynn Grant Sale was happily back in the driving seat after that off' at Snetterton, the only legacy being a slight soreness in the neck, especially around the quicker sections such as Charlie's.

Derek Price had at last secured what he described as a substantial sponsorship deal and the name of Ellisons appeared on the Zip/ Rotax, along with Burris tyres. However Derek's day ended in a not too happy way with a fractured rear hub causing a big 'off' exiting Charlie's in the second hear. Outfit and driver were pitched backwards into the earth banking and Derek suffered severe chest bruising and a nasty gash on the leg, as a seat stay broke through the seat. After hospital treatment locally and again in Lancashire on Easter Monday Derek was, by Monday evening, looking forward to being back in the hot seat for the next Snetterton, which will have passed by the time you read this.

The 125 class continues to grow at a great pace with ever increasing numbers entering. This meeting signalled the end of Ian Rushforth's connection with the Lancer marque in that class - Ian is now to go his own way but still with Boyd Barrington and Peter Tippell as his drivers.

Both the 250 Nationals and 210's were better supported at this meeting with entries in the upper 30's in both classes.

Derek's Day

The 250 Nationals were the first out when racing started and with just two heats and a ten lap final, Derek Rodgers aboard his Peak Revs Zip/Yamaha comfortably annexed pole position for the final with a couple of heat wins. Paul Taylor and Peter King made up the front row for the ten lapper with Paul taking a second and a third whilst Peter netted a second and a fifth. Mr. Peak Revs himself, Alan Cheetham started from the second row after a third and a fifth with Pete Featherstone and Duncan Pearcey completing the row. Marathon Man Richard Boston had poor heat results which placed his on the fourth row for the final.

So with the sun shining and the tarmac dry, a good race was in prospect as the field crept forward to the flag. At the off it was Paul Taylor who got the best of it, leading Peter King and Derek Rodgers into the hairpin for the first time. The Peak Revs driver was quickly through inside a lap to lead with Pearcey, Kevin Priest and Ablewhite behind King and Taylor.

Rodgers soon asserted his superiority and a gap was evident at the front from the second lap onwards. Temple Motors' Richard Boston was making rapid progress and by the end of two laps was up to fifth and charging hard. The first five were in fact looking reasonably secure with ex Superkarter Paul Sadotti leading the next bunch which included Colin Fletcher, Priest and Tony Taylor.

For the second half of the race Derek Rodgers consolidated his position and looked to be in no real danger. Peter King and Paul Taylor were still next but the man to watch was Richard Boston. He was really trying hard and as they appeared at Mansfield corner to complete eight laps he was up to third. That same lap had brought Kevin Priest and Tony Taylor just a little bit too close together at the hairpin with Priest ending hsi race there and then ...

For the remaining two laps Rodgers pressed on and at the flag he was almost eight seconds clear of second placed Peter King with Richard Boston earning third spot a further three

Zip/Peak Revs 1st Derek Rodgers Yamaha

2nd Peter King Zip/Zip Yamaha 3rd Richard Boston Zip/CKS Yamaha Fastest Lap ... Derek Rodgers 1m 7.1s. (80.47 mph Record)

Newton's 210

Two names dominated the Villiers class -Dunstonian Garages' John Newton and British Champion Tim Doble. Newton took both heats to sit on pole position for the final with Doble and George Bett sharing the front row. The Barlotti of John Haigh was on the inside of the second row with Alan Ogden's similar chassis and the Dale of Andrew Worton all sitting behind the Zip front row. Always consistent, Vincent Munday was on the third line along with Robert Clarke and Graham Hemes. GP plate holder Richard Boston was not enjoying the best of fortunes and languished on the sixth row with a lot to do ...

Ten laps then and it was Dunstonian

Garages' Newton hitting the front early followed by Doble, Bett, Haigh and Ogden. Newton and Doble were not hanging about and soon pulled out a lead over the rest. Simon Quance had moved up quickly too, and by the completion of three laps was settled into fifth place behind Ogden. Haigh, Munday and John Brennan led the chasers but the field, as is often the case in 210's was now reasonably well spread out.

By half distance Newton was encountering backmarkers with young Doble hanging on grimly to second place but not quite being able

CLUB SCENE

New Circuit At Nutts Corner

This year the Ulster Karting Club is celebrating 25 years of successful karting and the occasion is highlighted by the recent news that their races will be staged on a brand new and top class race circuit, reported to be not only the best in Europe, but one of the leading race tracks in the world!

For the past two years the Club have been negotiating with Antrim Borough Council for the provision of a new track. Now, it seems their dream has finally come true, for the Council have agreed to proceed with phase one, of a three-phase scheme, with the new track being built at Nutts Corner.

The new circuit, which has just come under "starter's orders", will not solely be used by the kart club but will also be available to the motor cycle, rally, motor racing and scrambline fraternities who have all expressed a keen interest in the provision of the circuit.

The track was originally the brainchild of the Ulster Kart Club whose then Vice Chairman, Mr Frank Stewart, approached Antrim Borough Council in September 1980. After listening to their plea for a new track the Recreation Officer to the Council, Mr Alan Moneypenny, decided to develop the track on a much larger scale to help facilitate all forms of racing. Now, after two years of negotiations and discussions the Council have finally given the green light for the work to start on the first phase of the scheme.

This will involve the provision of 1,000 metres of track which will be eight metres wide, and with the first phase due for imminent completion, the stage is set for drop of the flag for the first kart races. The second phase of the scheme, which will be completed by the end of 1983, will see the motor car and motor cycling enthusiasts taking their positions on the circuit which should be 1½ miles long.

Plymouth

KARTSPRINT - April 17th

When running an event with Plymouth Sound as a backdrop (including Falklands veteran RFA Regent at anchor), it's hard to gowrong - and so it proved with the Plymouth K.C.'s first ever Kartsprint. A beautiful day, 3,000 Senior Britain spectators, and sponsorship from South West A very competitive class, with just 1.37 secs. Kitchens all contributed to make the day a

Andy Bundy and Dave Hockey were among the 30 drivers who took part in the event, and 30 drivers seemed to be just about the right of the Hoe to warm up - took about 2 minutes, so the 3 runs for each competitor took about 3 hours and filled the afternoon nicely.

Clive Elmore (Dino/DAP) was consistently faster than his rivals, taking the junior victory with a best run of 64.15. This was just 0.69 quicker than Mark Hutton in second place, while local man Gavin Wills took third with 65.31 secs.



Tilbury

APRIL 10th - RESULTS

Junior Britain 1st Graham Duncombe Kestrel/Arrow

Dart/Arrow

Kestrel/Arrow

Ferrari/Arrow

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Zip/NTV

Zip/Honda

100 Britain 1st Russ Malkin 2nd David Shannon 3rd Ray Wake

100 National Novice 1st Peter Romaine Dart/TKM 2nd Graeme Wooley Dart/TKM

100 National 'B' 1st Mervin Sterry

3rd David Stibbards

Dart/Arrow 2nd Adrian Cole Dart/TKM 3rd Ashley Sinclair Dart/TKM

100 National 'A' 1st Gary Prior 2nd Martin Prior

Dart/TKM Zip/Arrow 3rd Chris Callingham Cobra/Parilla

Class 4 210 Nick Caley 125/250:

Melvin Spree 250 International:

Glen Standing Zip/Yamaha

eventually covering the first five men. Martin Keslale (Barlotti/Arrow) and Andy Vicary were both tying for the lead after two runs, but it was Chris Taylor (Dart/DK Arrow) whogambled all on one last successful sideways run to stop number. Each run - including a couple of laps the clock at 64.39. Keslake took second from Vicary by just 0.22 sec. . .

Combined Gearbox

The crowd pleaser was the gearbox class. Most spectacular were Alec Sutcliffe and Ernie Winn, who slid and slithered through the cone sin fine style, with different wheels waving to the crowd at different corners. The "Roundabout" (twice round, anti-clockwise) was a favourite viewing spot as practically all the gearbox boys went round this flat in 2nd on 3 wheels!

Above: Junior Britain winner Duncombe. Below: Gary Prior took 100 National 'A', while (bottom) Russ Malkin was the top award winner in 100 Senior Britain. New names at Tilbury . . .





Although only managing to record 72.7, Trevor Vicary really entertained the crowd with his ex-Malcolm Turner Zip/Yamaha wheelieing off the line, and tyre-smoking out of each turn -very spectacular viewing, with all credit to the hard working driver . . .

Despite all these antics, it was Andy Bundy (Rotax 125) who drove quickly and cleanly to set the only sub-one minute time of the day at 59.78 - pretty to watch. Alec Sutcliffe took second with a tail-wagging 63.92, while hero of the Exeter speedway meeting Les Ruddy

Some lessons were learnt from the event. and if, as is hoped, another Kartsprint is run in July, the course will be more open and faster!

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advantage over Ogden. As in the 250 National final Boston was making progress and at the end of eight laps was in fourth place.

Two laps from home and Doble had closed up on Newton but we had lost both Quance own and looking home and dry. The last lap and Richard Boston's luck deserted him, his race ending prematurely. At the flag it was Newton a mere second clear of Doble but a massive forty seconds ahead of third placed Ogden, who in turn had a thirteen second advantage over Haigh.

1st John Newton Zip/APV 2nd Tim Doble Zip/Longtune Villiers 3rd Alan Odden Barlotti/Villiers Fastest lap ... Newton 1m 9.3s

(77.92 mph - Record)

The Phoenix Rises ...

With such a large entry, two split heats and a qualifier were needed to sort out final grid positions. The heats produced three different winners - Wigan Kart Centre's Chas Walker took the first, Air Kilroe driver Kurt Luby headed the next two aboard the LD Phoenix, and Mark Allen took the last heat on his Dino.

Kurt Luby therefore had pole position for the ten lapper with Mark Allen and Chris King sharing the front row. Mark One Racing's King had earned that spot with a couple of good second places to Luby in the heats. Lancer driver Boyd Barrington sat in the middle of the second row after a pair of third places in his heats with Chas Walker and Keith Glendenning either side of him. This class certainly uses a variety of chassis, for on the third row sat the CTRP of Ian Brown making that five different marques on the first three rows! A couple of rows further back was yet another - the Barlotti of Kenny Tibbs. Young Ian Beaumont, who showed so well at Snetterton in March again performed admirably in such competent company to put the Lancer on the seventh row.

The eight lap qualifier also incorporated the P & R Final, and that was won by the Barlotti/ Honda of Steve Cowell followed by local lads Graham Barker and Tony Martin, both Barlotti/ Yamaha mounted. The six to go forward to the main final grid were: Colin Bird, Malcolm Clarke, Les Cooper, Mark Webster, Dave Haughton and Jeremy Pilkington.

As the starter dropped the flag to signal the start of ten laps of now customary 125 action it was Mark Allen who got the jump to lead into

huge gap now appeared between second man him were Luby, Glendenning, Walker, King, purple patch, leads a Superkart heat into Doble and Bett with the latter having a big Barrington and the rest. By the time the pack appeared at Mansfield corner to complete one lap the Phoenix had risen, and Kurt Luby held sway with the Air Kilroe colours ahead of Allen, Glendenning and Barry Train just behind Barrington. Chris King had not had the best of and Bett, leaving the two leaders out on their starts and was down in tenth place behind voung Ian Beaumont.

> As things began to settle Luby still held the lead after four laps with Allen settled into second spot ahead of Glendenning. A little gap then appeared before Train lead a hard charging King with Mike Ballantyne, Barrington, Walker, Brown, Beaumont and now Andy Cowgill scrapping for the places.

Lap six: Luby was still showing Allen the way round, Glendenning was still there and King had edged his way up to fourth. Ian Brown overdid things at the hairpin and had to do a smart about turn, losing places in the process. Graham Thacker and Guido Basile were unfortunately removed from the race when Guido lost it and was thrown from his kart. The outfit spun across the track and into a spinning Thacker. Thankfully both drivers 3rd Keith Glendenning Zip/Rotax appeared at the time to be not seriously hurt. You certainly see some action at the hairpin! ...

Back to the racing action and Luby was now looking much less under threat at the front. Chris King, though, was still on his charge and Steve Styrin was right on the pace with the relegating Allen, Glendenning and the rest. slicks, during a downpour.

Cadwell's action-packed hairpin . . .

Lap nine and young Beaumont gyrated out at, yes, you've guessed, the hairpin. Andy Cowgill was pushing hard on the last couple of laps and managed to get ahead of Barrington into sixth spot on the last tour. Luby meanwhile motored on to give the new Phoenix chassis its first long circuit success of '83. If Jim Luby has found those few extra r.p.m. he believes are available yet, it probably won't be the last.

Chris King, after a terrific drive claimed second some eight seconds down on Luby and a second ahead of Glendenning, Mark Allen had been pushed back to fourth with Mike Ballantyne fifth and a charging Andy Cowgill

Luby established a new lap record in his second heat at 1m 7.3s, a speed of 80.23 mph.

1st Kurt Luby Air Kilroe Phoenix/LD Rotax 2nd Chris King Zip/Hood Rotax Fastest lap ... Luby and King, 1m 8.1s (79.29 mph)

at the end of eight laps was up to second place Dino. Here he heads for a tricky heat win, on



Martin Zips It Up

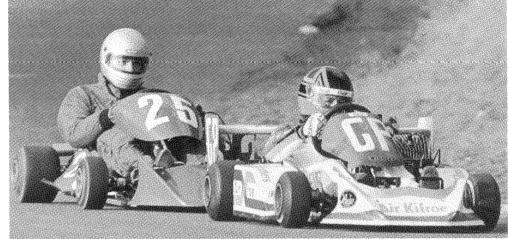
With an entry of over fifty, the Superkarts also enjoyed two split heats and a qualifier before the 12 lap final grid was decided.

The two names to emerge with most credit from the heats were those of Hermetite Zip's Martin Hines and the Dino UK entry of Steve Styrin. Both drivers took two wins each to line up alongside on the front row with Hines taking pole. Steve Styrin certainly didn't look to have lost anything of his old form despite the long winter lay off and gave an excellent account of himself in the heats. His second six lapper was run in dreadful conditions with snow, sleet and rain in abundance. The name of the game was to stay mobile and finish and that was just what the Leeds driver did. Martin Hines certainly looked quick in the drier of his two outings, although Styrin matched his quickest heat lap of 1m 1s. Mark One Racing's Richard Dean took the third spot on the front row having taken a second and a fourth. Nigel Smith played himself in to a second row start along with Gordon Douglas and Phil Ansell. The early season pace-setter Hermetite's Reggie Gange. was back on the sixth row due to a rod going on the Rotax in the second heat after a storming drive to the front, on slicks - in the wet! A third place was Reggie's in the first heat. The third Hermetite Zip driver, Carolynn, notched a couple of seventh places to line up on the fourth row. After the qualifier, Mick Walker, Charles Atherton, Graham Joy, Gary Lyons, Mike Rutledge and Clive Barker made up the last two rows for the final. The front of the grid looked like this:

		ANDREA
Dean	Styrin	Hines
Ansell	Douglas	Smith
Arnold	Hemes	Rawson
Ridley	Grant-Sale	Parrott
Papworth	Holmes	Barber
George	Gange	Mitchell

Twelve laps of the 1.5 mile Club circuit was to be the finale of the Easter meeting, and as the starter dropped the flag to set them on their way it was Hines and Styrin leading the drag off the line and down to the tight hairpin. Side by side as they approached, it was Hines who had the edge as they accelerated up Coppice for the first time. Gordon Douglas led the rest with Smith, Dean, Rawson, Ansell and Gange in purusit. One lap was all Styrin managed for as leader Hines appeared out of Mansfield corner,

The exceptionally pretty Circuit Travel full bodied Zip unfortunately ended the day somewhat crumpled.





Top: Luby (GP) had to fend off Mark Allen in the opening laps of the 125 final. Above: 250 National blast off, with Taylor (11) and King (5) getting the better of eventual winner Rodgers.

with what was later reported to be a broken laps. rod. What had looked like a great battle developing between Hines and Styrin was all over and the Hermetite man was away. By the Gange and Smith were also well separated in end of two tours Hines had the race by the the next two spots with a gaggle of half a dozen scruff of the neck and looked almost uncatchable at that early stage. Douglas was in second taking backmarkers for the second time, while spot after two laps with Gange up to third and Smith, Rawson, Dean and Ansell next.

missing, elevating Gange to second but still some way behind the flying Hines. Smith

he was all alone and well clear of the pack, and Dean. Douglas was still there but had Styrin pulled off opposite the commentary box slipped down to about tenth at the end of four

Half distance, six laps gone, Hermitite Hines could almost be forgotten such was his lead. following. Two more laps gone and Hines was Gange pressed on in second with Smith still third. The Rotax of Phil Ansell cried enough on Ouarter distance and Douglas had gone lap nine, Richard Dean going out as well.

Three miles left then and barring mechanical gremlins it looked all over. No one looked settled in third with Mark Hood and was going to catch Hines. The poor tail enders Richard Arnold now behind Rawson, Ansell were being lapped yet again. With the demise of Ansell and Dean, Arnold was now in fourth ahead of Collier. Some way back came Malcolm Belbin, Phil Hemes and Doug Rees.

Hines motoring in more than 10 seconds clear of Gange, who in turn was twenty seconds ahead of Smith. A rather surprising fact is that this was Martin Hines' first full UK long circuit final victory since his success at Mallory last May. He did of course take victory at Zandvoort and the BRSCC Snetterton events both held last September.

1st Martin Hines Hermetite Zip/Rotax 2nd Reg Gange Hermetite Zip/Rotax Zip/Berry Rotax 3rd Nigel Smith 4th Richard Arnold Zip/Rotax 5th Donovan Collier Zip/Rotax Winner's Time ... 12m 21s (87.44 mph) Fastest lap ... Martin Hines 1m 00.3s (89.55 mph)

That was the order at the flag with Martin

Home and Away ...

One TV race down and two to go. Once again

Nigel came up with the goods when the all

important TV cameras were there. Equally I

had the most disastrous day I have had for nine

months – just when everything seemed to have

clicked right at Cadwell. It would seem I am

just not destined to win races in front of the

cameras ... Carolynn however had a marvellous

day by coming second overall and putting the

rest of the Hermetite Team firmly in their

TV Times, Superkarting can look forward to a great boost as I believe there will be some good

articles in the TV Times, and hopefully many

more TV races in years to come. Certainly

really getting things together for us on the box.

With any luck he will be able to get us some

practice early in the morning on the day of the

races, or even at lunch time, rather than ten

minutes before! ... I must through this column

congratulate my team manager Russell, the

ever-cheerful Steve Eaton and Gary Harrison

for an incredible effort in fitting a new motor

in 14 minutes from start to finish (only for me

to go out and blow it up), and then fit another

one in similar time! It really does put a lot of

pressure on a driver to do well when your team

backs you up so well. When it all goes wrong,

it's bad enough for the driver, but what about

the mechanics who have slaved away yet got

none of the excitement on the circuit. Why do

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pleased they do! So when you have had an

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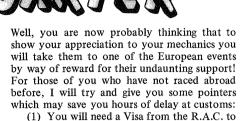
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(3) Once you have got the above documents sorted out it is just things like a warning triangle for the car or van in case of breakdown (compulsory in many countries), GB plates and the French (or whatever) phrase book not of course forgetting your Competition Licence and Medical Certificate.

So now that is done, a recap on the events that are now confirmed for Europe. It is interesting that in Holland and Belgium the events shown also have a 250cc Single Cylinder class. I am not exactly sure what their class regulations are for this 250cc "National" class, but I will find out for next month's issue, as I am sure some of you 250 National drivers would love to participate at Zandvoort and Zolder. At the same time, I will find out what events in France and perhaps other countries intend to run 125cc classes, be it watercooled or aircooled. I am sure some of our 125s would give them a good run for their money.

For those of you that want to get in some testing just before the Grand Prix, there will be a test day on 14th June at Snetterton. The usual fee of £25.00 per day, or £22.50 for Central Kart Club members, will apply and the circuit is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and does not close for lunch.

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May 28th/29th Zandvoort. June 4th/5th Jyllands Ring, Danish G.P., World Series. July 16th/17th Zolder

August 20th/21st Zandvoort, Dutch G.P., Non-Championship Event

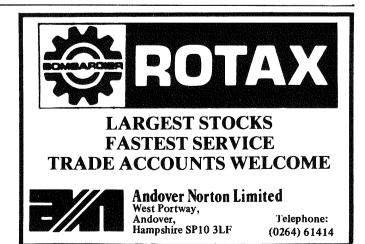
Zolder, Belgian G.P. August 27th/28th Non-Championship Event.

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After all the work and effort Martin Hines has put into the present day image that Superkarts have it would not be natural for him not to enjoy a few laps and perhaps a win when the television cameras were at Donington. But the "iinx" never fails to strike him out of the action on every occasion so far. As one person put it, you can only regard it as bizarre - even the commentator Andrew Marriott (who used to share a flat with Chris Lambert in Sloane Street) remarked upon Hines' awful luck at every televised meeting to date. Congratulations must go to Nigel Smith – in contrast he always comes good when there is the prospect of having a microphone stuffed in front of him! We are very fortunate to have such interviewable and well spoken ambassadors for our sport sport - both Nigel and Carolynn Grant-Sale come over exceptionally well when interviewed and in my opinion that alone does as much to lift the image of karting as the racing itself. Nothing is worse and more embarrassing than seeing a sportsman in whatever field perform an impossible, earth-shattering, record breaking feat, only to destroy the whole illusion of invincibility by an interview that shatters that picture in seconds, "well, er, um - yeah", boxers — with the exception of Henry Cooper and Cassius Clay to name but a few!

Whilst the near accident that Nigel Smith nearly had in the second race was clearly not of his doing, his style of driving is no different this year from how it was summarised in the top ten ratings for last year! Good to watch though...

The requirement of Super Licences for drivers to compete in the World Championship may on the surface seem logical, but in the less elitest quarters of Superkart drivers it is causing quite justifiable resentment. Though I understand that a few exceptions will be made for competitors who do not automatically qualify for such a licence on past performances, they will be considered for a Super Licence if their reputation is of sufficient pedigree!

There are two very plausible schools of thought, for and against.

The case for Super Licence holders only is I assume purely on the basis of safety, in not having the leading bunch lapping hordes of relative "wallies" after only a short period of the race. This is hardly likely to happen at Silverstone or Paul Ricard, though it would be a possibility at the Danish Round, it being an

Andy Marriott talks to Carolynn at the Donington race — good PR . . . (Pic: Calvert)



appreciably shorter circuit. That having been said, I can think of no other good reason for Super Licences. The case for slightly more latitude in the acceptance of entries by comparison is decidedly more widespread. If karting or Superkarting is still largely a participant sport rather than a spectator sport, whils I in no way would advocate novices, the biggest meeting should be open to all who have done two or three years of fast circuit racing. It is a great thrill to participate at international level - to restrict the entries in what is only the first year of the World Championship is a premature step which I feel will be regretted. In particular the Silverstone race which has taken over the roll of the annual "must" by all enthusiasts, loses half of the attraction if before the start, half of the entry in 250 International is barred from the "big one". When it comes to the two "away" meetings, it is true to say that in many cases the "lesser mortals" are more able to afford the expense and the time away from work than some of the top men. Some of the lesser ranks sometimes rise to the occasion and put up a "maverick" performance after some of the stars have fallen by the wayside . . .

A compromise could easily be arranged to satisfy all, by having the seeded drivers in one set of heats and the non-seeded in another set of heats to qualify for, say, the rear quarter of the final grid. A lot more people would thereby

take part in the meeting to the benefit of all. Possibly after a couple of years of the World Championship entry should be by Super Licence only — to insist upon it from the outset will achieve little in enhancing the stature. Not knowing the number of people from other countries who qualify, but assuming they don't amount to a great many from the more distant countries — Spain, Finland, Norway, etc., their absence alone would detract from the atmosphere of the three rounds.

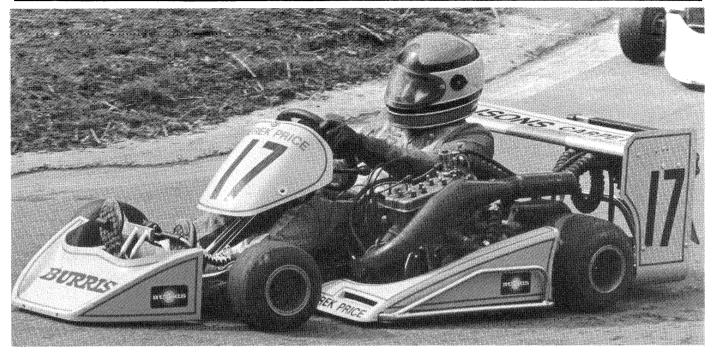
The Long Beach Grand Prix was well covered

on television, with a very well done documentary a week or two before the race, entitled "An Englishman, an Irishman and a Motor Race", all about the background to the 1982 race, briefly showing the kart race. This year's kart race was won by Lynn Haddock, the same Yank who spannered for Lake Speed when he won the World Championship. In addition to the kart race there was an exhibition of karts covering most of the classes including Superkarts. Zip's interests were looked after by Jim Hall Jnr., son of Jim Hall of Chapparal Cars fame, the American oil millionaire who in his way is probably the greatest innovator the American racing world has ever thrown up ground effect, skirts, fan cars, automatic transmission (that worked) and of course wings, well before the European circus had ever dreamt of them. Did you know that the Chapparal Fan Car's (J2 I think) fan was powered by a JLO engine? No? Never mind! The relevance of that to newcomers to karting is simply that many years ago JLO engines were widely and successfully used in karting. I digress . . . Back to Long Beach. Long Beach Grand Prix International is the brainchild of Chris Pook, and one of the reasons karts get a look in at downtown Long Beach is that Chris Pook handles the Hewland kart engine for that area of America. via the importer Carl Haas, My informant told me that Hewlands, along with the reed valve TKM are establishing a good reputation in America. The kart exhibition was visited by an estimated 40-50,000 people. Though next year's meeting is for Indy cars rather than the Grand Prix racers, Chris Pook is more than interested in the accompanying kart race to be for Superkarts if sufficient interest can be raised. The twin engined karts this year were about 20 seconds slower than Formula 1 times. the Yank racers are, I am told, a little "sassy" about the solid concrete scenery! Nigel Smith where are you? . . .

The World Cup is looming up again. The annual classic is likely to be adversely affected in terms of entries by its close proximity (the following weekend) to the Jyllandsring race. Two previous winners, Reg Gange and Lennart Bohlin, will not be racing, though I would expect Alan Kronow will be there to upset the form book, and should start as favourite. Never before, other than of course the first World Cups, has the meeting not been attended by the majority of the previous winners - the distinction still only applies to seven men of a very special brand: Liddle, Bohlin, Hesketh, Gange, Buttigieg, Cullimore and Kronow. Reg Gange would like it to be understood that his absence from the meeting is nothing to do with his Zip Team's past aversion to the Heysham track - it is purely a matter of the World Championship having priority the following weekend.

The lengthy tale I told last month, on the confessions of an ancient engine builder, was only put in to illustrate what some people are likely to get up to when engine regulations are either vague or confusing. The reason for all this was due to there being a letter of great





away from his first big class victory. The Bolton Boy didn't have to wait too long for that first win, although it did come about through a certain Mr. Buttigeig's retirement at the Easter Cadwell. But, as is well known, you have to finish in order to win and Derek did just that. After a hectic dice for second with John Ball, Derek took advantage of Butty's demise and with three laps remaining took the lead and hung

Unfortunately the remainder of the season was full of problems, and the yellow Wigan Kart Centre outfit was rarely seen amongst the leaders at the chequered flag. Derek did however bow out of the '82 season with his second win, this time in France at the VSD meeting. That one gave him a lot of pleasure too — he beat Martin Hines!!

Derek is like most people in karting in that he has a job unrelated to the sport and much of the cost of racing is met from his own earnings. That can take quite a lump, especially with today's travelling costs and the frequency of meetings.

However, despite a later start to this season he has managed to secure a sponsorship deal which will see him compete in the World Series and most of the major British events. Ellison's Carpets is the name which will be seen on the Wigan Kart Centre prepared Zip/Rotax in 1983 and it is a name with which Derek has long associations. David Ellison is the man now at the head of the carpet company in Bolton but it was David's late father who was responsible for preparing Derek Price's engines way back in his Junior days.

away from his first big class victory. The Bolton Boy didn't Derek Price, 1983 style - backing from Ellisons Carpets and have to wait too long for that first win, although it did come Burris, and a top Superkart contender. (Pic: R. Calvert)

It was from a chat about karting matters generally that the offer of assistance came about and together with some help from Burris Tyres in the way of rubber and sprockets etc., a 'substantial deal' was put together.

Snetterton was Derek's first outing this year and after a five month lay-off he was delighted with his own performance and that of the outfit. The Easter Cadwell brought only bad luck though, with a big 'off' leaving Derek with a very sore and bruised chest and a stitched up leg — not to mention a kart which was a total write off! ...Undeterred however, and as he points out "that was my first really big incident in twelve or thirteen years, so I haven't done so badly really", he hopes to be quickly back in the driving seat.

Derek would like 1983 to be the year when he wins his first special number plate. He came pretty close last year to Dane Allan Krownow at the World Cup, so who knows, that ambition may well be achieved. If it isn't it certainly won't be through any lack of effort. That then is Bolton's Derek Price—one who has packed a lot of experience at all levels into his karting activities and one who is regarded by many as being a very capable driver and firmly established amongst the front runners.

Mike Smith

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Derek Price

The North West of England and Lancashire in particular has produced some very well known names in many different spheres during the past, and indeed continues to do so. In the world of karting one of those names is that of Derek Price, 27 year old Mechanical Engineer from Bolton. This Lancashire Lad is single and lives with his parents in Bolton, the town where he was born. His parents are also well known around the karting scene through Bolton Kart Club, and can be regularly seen around the circuits.

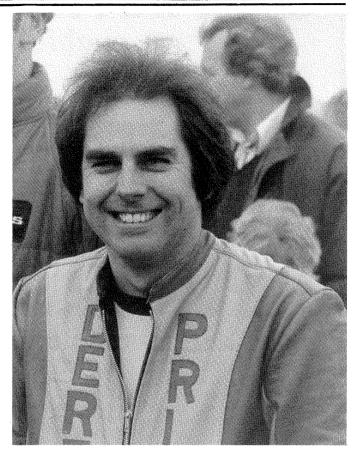
Derek first took up karting in the middle of 1969 at the age of 14 with a Zip/Parilla S 13 which cost the princely sum of £65! For a couple of years a gentleman by the name of Mitchell assisted with the cost of racing until wedding bells summoned and ended his involvement with young Mr. Price. 1970 to 1972 saw Derek firmly established in the Junior British Team and scoring a good third place in the World Junior Championships in Germany in '71.

Progression to the Senior Team soon followed and for the next four years, 1972 to 1976. Derek was a member of both the four and seven man teams. The World Champs at Paul Ricard in the deep south of France almost brought total disaster to the Price family. Having travelled all those miles they were the victims of a thief at the circuit and lost almost everything - the car window was smashed and as a result Derek had to borrow helmet, leathers and day clothes in order to compete and look decent. It took the family about six months to recover from that little episode! ...

After another couple of years in the non-gearbox class, Derek moved up to the 125's in 1979 having secured a sponsorship deal with Haydock Park Motorcycles. The chassis was a Sprint and the power unit a Honda.

February 1980 was the time when Derek really made his presence felt on the long circuit scene, although it wasn't with a 125. At the opening meeting of that season at Cadwell Park. Haydock Park Motor Cycles unveiled the Honda Double - and the storm winds blew ... Without going into the arguments for and against the idea of two 125 engines mounted one either side of the driver, Derek recalls that day in February, "I had a third in the first heat and finished sixth in the final. I still believe that given sufficient time to thoroughly sort the idea, it was workable and could have proved very competitive." However that was not to be and by October of 1980, Haydock Park Motorcycles were no longer in business ... Derek was left with a Sprint chassis into which he placed a 125 Rotax.

1981 began with our man having no sponsorship at all for the first three months but in late March he secured a deal with Wigan Kart Centre to run their colours in the 125 class. He ran very competitively throughout the year having some good scraps with the likes of Wooldridge, Hill and Ziemelis. The Heysham Spring Bank Holiday World Cup meeting brought Derek his second 125 success, having won the previous year as well. Morecambe is something of a permanent fixture in the Price karting calender with Derek having appeared every year from Junior ranks up to 250 International last year. He can also claim a couple of wins whilst in the Junior entry, so it's fair to say that he is one of the most accomplished drivers on the tight confines of the World Cup venue.



His driving ability is recognised by many of his fellow drivers and I remember when talking to Stuart Ziemelis at the end of last year that Stuart recalled the many good dices he had enjoyed with Derek during 1981. "They were good clean scraps and I always knew Derek wouldn't do anything silly however close we were."

1982 was quite a noteworthy year for Derek as at the beginning of the season he had, with Wigan Kart Centre's assistance, moved into the 250 International class. Many people were of the opinion he would do well, and he didn't disappoint them. At the opening meeting at Cadwell he had a terrific race-long scrap with Martin Hines, set the fastest lap time of that final and finished a good second, only inches

A decade ago - D. Price, British 4 Man Team Member, Munich. September 1973 . . .



a certain Mr. Marshall, requested the Editor to this context. clarify the regulations on whether he could use

One assumes it is permissible instead to re- issue of Kart and Superkart! . . . chrome a bore - thereby adding or replacing material?!?! Whilst the class is not in a state of

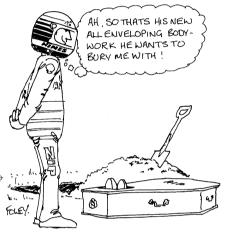
relevance to the Editor in the March issue of months been aware of these various modifi- Roscoe, accompanied by Richard Hope, whom Karting magazine. For some reason the late cations to basic engines, it is the duty of these he didn't previously know, went up to the Zip departed editor of Kart & Superkart, Adrian various bodies to define concisely what you van for some tyres at Donington, Richard said Lumb, saw fit to cut this most relevant part may or may not use, and not flounder about you could see Martin working out that from my column! The letter in question, from after a protest, should one ever be lodged in

After reading the Editor's answer to the a Terry Shepherd Yamaha for the 1983 season. enquiry a couple of times, I get the feeling from and a cocktail party wave of acknowledgement! The Shepherd Yamaha is a disc valve converits tone that it is a commendably subtle "red Richard, who has no illusions about his chassis sion to the TZ Yamaha, involving the use of warning light" of potential disputes and that he or himself for that matter, through none of his specially cast crankcases to take Yamaha would not have let such ambiguous and contra- own doings, now feels a little uneasy about internals. The lengthy reply is interesting read-dictory words (let alone the French text differing, though somewhat ambiguous in that it ing from the English) be printed, when he was attempts to suggest certain contradictions in instrumental in such affairs when he was on the disclosed the various "irregularities" of the the wording of the relevant paragraphs in the CIK! Four years ago it should be remembered, rules dealing with engine eligibility. For some supposedly inadequate definition in regulations Bohlin! . . . time now, the rule has existed whereby you were contributory factors in two kart businesses may remove but you may not add material - going into liquidation, and also were responsible this I assume is intended to relate to crankcase for a still active libel case. Having digested that stuffing and linering of bores (the latter you will see the relevance of my experiences on practice is a particularly stupid one to exclude). the subject of engine regulations in the April

using homologated engines, but instead keeps To conclude . . . once more Graham Roscoe out "one off" specials by requiring 100 units provides the subject matter, together with the of a particular specification to have been ex-Bohlin rear mounted Aero chassis, the produced, Alan Burgess suggests one can disproperty of Richard Hope, which was recently regard this aspect of the regulation, at the mentioned on this page. Whilst the new bodymoment. So when does a Rotax become a work is not completed the chassis is a runner. Waddon and at what stage does a Yamaha Richard managed to buy an '81 Rotax from a become a Shepherd Yamaha bearing in mind bike racer, and has taken it out at Three Sisters that the major components of the engine itself, and Cadwell testing. Friend Roscoe expressed both moving parts and castings with the interest and had a drive in it. He was so impresexception of the piston must be on the manused by the fruits of the total winter rebuild that facturer's list? Clearly, a Waddon head does not he went into action with the "make friends and appear on the Rotax Engine parts list. If fitting influence people routine", and in the course of a different head does not constitute adding a telephone conversation the following day material. I would like to know what does! I with Zip's, he cooly informed the Hoddesdon don't have strong feelings either way, but when concern that "my mate's kart is going to bury competitors and the governing bodies of the yours!" It would seem that Hines has through sport, both at RAC and CIK level have for 12 the years developed broad shoulders, as when

Graham's friend by his side was probably the 'mate' whose chassis was going to bury his. He gave Richard a friendly but mischievous grin. Roscoe's claim to Zip's, and decidedly awkward when in the vicinity of any Aero kart after I chassis' original form as it came from

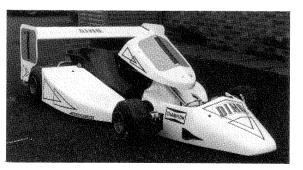
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Wilson's 135 Opener

Opening 135 GP to Mike Wilson after surviving a collision with Fullerton. Forsman second again. Dane Bollingtoft shows well for third. Alcorn a good fifth.

Report: Eddie George

financial climate at a time when 135cc follows: racing appears to be in a decline in Great Britain, the rest of Europe appears to be much more enthusiastic. The first round of this championship attracted 54 entries from 11 countries with all their usual high-tech back-up in large Mercedes

The Valence circuit is fairly typical of those found abroad - reasonably smooth, a driver's Weatherley (G.B.) 48.251 track, and with good facilities. Terry Fullerton as usual spearheaded the British team, backed up by John Alcorn, Jackie Brown, Mark Bailey and Richard Weatherley. In practice they had all been putting in reasonable times except Richard, who spent a lot of time experimenting with Dunlop tyres that ultimately proved unsuitable and a switch to Bridgestones brought about an instant cure.

law – after three days of practising in the dry – it rained! So out came the wet karts and the drivers were sent out three at a time. When the Fullerton, Bailey, Alcorn and Brown.

I suppose it is symptomatic of the current times were posted up the first ten read as

Wilson (Italy)	46.902	(0.4)	noise	penalty)
Fullerton (G.B.)	47.195	(0.4)	noise	penalty)
Bollingtoft (Den.)	47.538			
Andersen (Den.)	47.775			
Dona (Lux.)	47.913	(0.2)	noise	penalty)
Bailey (G.B.)	47.922			•

Forsman (Swed.) 47.952 De Leeuv (Bel.) 48.011 (0.8 noise penalty) Neubert (Ger.) 48.020 (0.4 noise penalty) Alcorn (G.B.) 48.081 (0.2 noise penalty)

Brown (G.B.)

Wilson gained some advantage when at the end of his two laps he was waved on to do two more as the timing gear had failed. His fastest lap was one of those extras ...

By the time the heats started, the weather was definitely getting worse. It was colder cold enough to see your breath in the air, and Things started in earnest on Saturday morn- as each heat went out the rain gained in ing with timed practice run on a two-laps-each intensity. The field was divided into four basis, and as always happens under Murphy's groups, A, B, C and D and as it happened all the British interest was in A, with "half-Brit' Wilson and Weatherley, and B which contained

A v B: From pole position Wilson won by a street. The expected battle with Fullerton never materialised as Terry was involved in a shunt and finished seventh.

Second home was Boulineau who had earlier displaced John Alcorn who was to prove to be the revelation of the meeting. The rest of the Britons had a miserable time - Weatherley failing to make the start when his engine flooded, and Bailey and Brown were both involved in "offs".

Result: Wilson, Boulineau, Alcorn, Neubert, Dumolin, Grudchaux.

B v C: On pole this time, Terry Fullerton was up and away with Ballingtoft trailing in his wake and Forsman third. John Alcorn held fourth place for a while but dropped back to around ninth before a little luck with other drivers falling off restored him to sixth. Brown and Bailey were still out of luck and finished well back.

Result: Fullerton, Bollingtoft, Ducati, Bott, Haase, Alcorn.

B v D: In a determined effort to prevent Fullerton gaining too much of an advantage, Andersen got a bit physical, but Terry survived and shot away to win by a distance too great to estimate in anything less than furlongs ... De Leeuv, the Belgian driver, came out best of

Wilson (52) and Fullerton (46 - unfamiliar in full-face helmet) lead the final field round.





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the other some 50 metres back between Emily Newman, O'Hara and Price. By half distance Beasley had caught the second group and after half a lap on their tail made two beautiful moves to be out front and aiming for Connelly.

Just when it all looked as if the race had settled down, Elliott caught a group of backmarkers and while getting by was put off line and scrabbling for traction. By the time he was sorted, Radford was past. On the next corner Elliott charged down the inside and regained the lead though from then on he was under constant pressure from Radford. Behind these two at the finish came Cuff, Connelly, the never say die Beasley, Price, the still battling Newman and O'Hara and McNish.

1st Jason Elliott 2nd Tom Radford 3rd David Cuff

Premier/Arrow Kestrel/Arrow Sprint/Arrow

100 BRITAIN

Andrew Clark sat on pole with two seconds and fifth heat finishes, and alongside was Adrian Cotterill with first, fourth and fifth, Second row was filled by Mark Beddall - first, fourth and seventh and Miles Hall - first, second and ninth. David Smith, another heat winner, was the turnout of his kit. A credit to your No. 1 plate Mr Negal. The other heat winners were: Keith Baines, grid 15, and Mark Salter, grid 16, both looking to the front of the grid and knowing they could do better. Scott Banks and Andrew Stapley had also had bad days which had just seen them into the final to be joined by Paul Browning, Dean Roberts, Andrew Wilson and P. Cooke, through from the B final.

Cotterill	Clark
Hall	Beddall
Negal	Smith
Thomas	Goodyear
Pollard	Duncan
Powell	Cunningham
Magee	Cox
Salter	Baines
Germain	Budd
Banks	Faulder
Browning	Stapley
Wilson	Roberts
	Cooke

As the flag went up for the start, Cotterill was ahead of the pace man and together with Hall took full advantage to dive into the first corner ahead of Clark. Negal made a breathtaking move around the outside that didn't come off and when the pack had slithered through the first corners we were left with Salter, Banks, Browning and Cooke unable to restart. First time around and it was Cotterill, Hall, then a small gap to Clark, Beddall, Smith, Powell (grid 12) and Baines (grid 15) while Negal was third from last. Lap two, and the front runners were in the same order apart from Baines taking Powell. With the leading pair beginning to break away, Cotterill's kart snapped sideways in the corner after the straight and he and Hall were off. Hall was able to restart in 13th

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place while Cotterill had to wait for the pack Once again, as the grid came round on the to pass and called it a day a few laps later. second rolling lap, the starter was being in-Clark however, now in the lead, was beginning to warm to his task and was putting in fast must go this time, and as before he duly obliged consistent laps that no-one could match. driving away from the third lap to a comfortable win.

Further down the field it was anything but comfortable - Pollard, Smith, Roberts and Germain were fighting tooth and nail for every inch of the track while Hall, followed a few places behind by Negal, was charging up the order, never more entertaining than when their task was to get through the action going on between Pollard & Co. But with most of the field having been spread out by the incidents of the first couple of laps, the weather conditions dictated that the major places were place. never to be in doubt. And so it was that Clark came home some 200 metres ahead of Thomas who in turn was the same distance ahead of looked like becoming, the conditions were so Baines, followed by Stapley, Hall and Negal.

1st Andrew Clark 2nd Gary Thomas 3rd Keith Baines

BM/Arrow Reema/Arrow Kestrel/Arrow

100 NATIONAL

With the light failing fast, the 100 Nationals formed up on the grid. On pole was the irrepressible Gary Prior, looking more like a on grid 5, while British Champion Tony Negal coal-face worker . . . Alongside him was Paul on 6, was looking to be the only contender able Fletcher, having moved from International to win a Concourse d'Elegance award, such was to National, showing that there's no substitute for experience.

P. Fletcher	Prior
Moynihan	Rochford
Reynolds	Chenery
Price	Christo
Dart	N. Fletcher
Wright	Woolford
Crawford	Sykes
Palmer	Brown
Hann	Jennings
Hooker	Kershaw
Allan	Keenan
Adams	Box
	Bond

Price and Crawford lead eventual final winner Chenery during the heats. (Pic: R. Calvert)

structed from the sidelines that the field and probably the worst start I have ever seen took place . . . As they crossed the line, not only was Prior ahead of Fletcher, but also Rochford from grid 3, while Chenery from grid 5 was almost alongside, causing turmoil at the first corner as everyone tried to change to the faster inside line! As they streamed down the straight for the first time, Prior had made a break, while Rochford and Movnihan were tripping over each other contesting second place. Fourth was Chenery, from Price. Christo, Nicky Fletcher, and Sykes, while Paul Fletcher had been rudely deposited to last

Lap two; and it had to happen - as entertaining as Rochford and Movnihan's battle bad that it could not last, and off they went. leaving Prior with what looked like a safe cushion. But as the laps reeled by, it could be seen that Chenery was closing on the leader, and at the same time, Fletcher - now in third - was closing on both, while Christo was fourth.

With two laps to go, the first three were together, but Prior had it where it mattered be it gearing or technique, ha was able to pull away some 2-3 metres coming onto the main straight, and keep the others at bay though they were with him again before the end of the straight, and there seemed nowhere else that anyone had any advantage.

Last lap, last corner, and Prior's motor faltered for that split second, and his advantage didn't come. As they dragged up to the line, Chenery was jumping out of his seat to gain those extra revs which enabled him to grab a one foot lead as they crossed the line - and Fletcher was down the other side of Prior and only half a length back!

1st Gordon Chenery 2nd Gary Prior 3rd Nicky Fletcher

Dart/Arrow Dart/TKM TKM/Parilla

135 INTERNATIONAL

kegretably it was decided on the Sunday morning before racing started that to run a depleted entry of 135's would be of no benefit to the meeting, the sport, or the drivers, and therefore their races were cancelled. Make no mistake, the International problems are only a magnification of those in Class 1 in general and the writing is on the wall that every effort will have to be made to safeguard International karting, in and outside the UK . . .



the rest to take second place while John Alcorn had his worst result of the day in eighth place but still quite respectable. Brown and Bailey were in trouble again with quite lowly positions. Result: Fullerton, De Leeuv, Vacira, Brouard, Goudchoux, Delia.

A v D: Number two man Andersen threw away his chances when he came off at the first bend leaving Wilson to do his own thing, well out in front of the field led by De Leeuv. Richard Weatherley had a better time and from a ninth grid moved up to sixth.

Result: Wilson, De Leeuv, Neubert, Dona, De Bruyn, Weatherley.

A v C: Another easy win for Wilson after Bollingtoft had tried hard to hang on in the early laps. A third place for Forsman kept him in the running but no luck for Richard Weatherley who spun off while holding a good fifth place.

Result: Wilson, Bollingtoft, Forsman, Haase, Danielson, Neubert.

C v D: Bollingtoft once again demonstrated that his third place in timed practice was no fluke, and without the superior tactics of Wilson and Fullerton to bother him, came in an easy winner from Forsman and Deila.

Result: Bollingtoft, Forsman, Deila, Haase, Ducati, De Bruyn,

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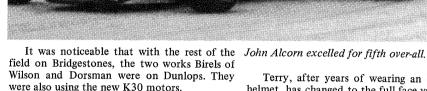
Well at least it had stopped raining on Sunday choice of tyres something of a lottery. As a result a 50/50 split between wets and dries went off, Richard Weatherley lost several places before the line was reached, and although Final: Jackie Brown survived the early laps he was eventually sidelined

A mixture of wets and dries crossed the matter too much and the six qualifiers for the pre-final were:

Hugon.

Pre-Final:

A blackening of the sky and a heavy sleet shower during the lunch break was fortunately followed by one of those rapid changes of warm the tyres they were away.



As they came into the first bend, Wilson's pole position put him in the lead with Bollingtoft, Neubert, Fullerton and Forsman in close attendance. In the early laps Wilson and Bollingtoft broke away as Neubert held Terry Fullerton back. Once round him though, Terry was very quick and set about making up the deficit. At the front a gap had appeared between Wilson and Bollingtoft and in a remarkably short time Fullerton was in a morning, although a damp track made the position to challenge for second place, accompanied by Forsman who had also overtaken Neubert. At the 15 lap mark Terry made his appeared on the grid. The start had to be seen move and was off in purusit of Wilson. Forsman to be believed - it was a battle to hold your took a little longer to pass the Dane with the grid on the rolling laps, and as they approached nett result that they were all well spread out

As they took their places on the grid for the ultimate test, an outburst of Italian temperafinish line so the choice of tyres seemed not to ment was followed by Forsman's kart being taken away for a change of fuel. John Alcorn had had a good run in the pre-final and was on a fine performance by Peter De Bruyn who Orlandi, Danielson, Cuminatti, Lyps, Moser, grid seven, while reigning European Champion came through to sixth. Peter De Bruyn was right at the back after a spark plug failure had preventing him starting him trying right to the end, but fourteenth was the pre-final.

With the return of Forsman things got under way, and as the flag went up it was Fullerton who nosed ahead and stole the vital first bend from Wilson. Not only did he gain the lead, but weather that so often occur near mountains. he opened a gap of a few yards to cushion him The sun shone, albeit weakly, as the drivers from pressure. That was until a mistake at the were presented and after the usual two laps to bottom end of the circuit allowed Wilson to challenge as they came up the straight.

Terry, after years of wearing an open face helmet, has changed to the full face variety and as they approached the hairpin, was unable to see that Mike was on his inside and moved over, the resultant interlocking of wheels shot Terry into the chain link fence that separates the two halves of the hairpin. Forsman took the chance to snatch the lead, while Wilson somehow kept going. So hard had Terry hit the fence that it took some time for him to disentangle from it, by which time the field had passed. After spending so much time following Mike Wilson you would have thought that Forsman would have hung on to his lead, but a lap later at the same hairpin where he had gained it, he left enough room for Wilson to nip through, and we then had a repeat of the last two workd championships with Wilson holding the lead by the start line all hell broke loose. Mark Bailey and lacking enough laps to advance fourth. a whisker as Forsman pressured him all the

In third place Bollingtoft was safely clear of Martin Bott, while in fifth place John Alcorn was driving the race of his life. The remainder of the race ran out without any change at the front, but those who could tear their eyes away from the Wilson/Forsman epic were treated to

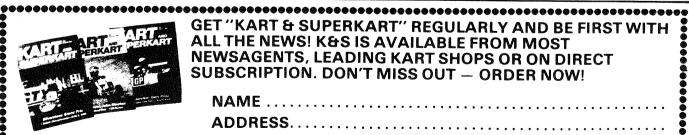
Terry Fullerton's never say die attitude kept the best he could do.

Eddie George

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Final Result - European Championship Round 1

1st	Wilson	Italy
2nd	Forsman	Sweden
3rd	Bollingtoft	Denmark
4th	Bott	Germany
5th	Alcorn	Great Britain



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Snetterton Super One

New format 100cc series gets underway, with class wins to Chenery (100 Nat.), Cotterill (Jun. Int.), Elliott (Jun. Britain) and Clark (100 Britain). 135 category cancelled through lack

Report: Alan Evans

the Super One Series. The new series includes Junior Britain and 135 International carried over from the Green Man Championships of last year and the introduction of the new Junior International. Added to these are the 100 Britain Class previously run as the SAM series and the ever popular 100 National Class. Eight rounds have been organised with the best six to count. Points are awarded for all heats and finals, with the emphasis on finishing each race, the greatest penalty being for not finishing.

At the end of the weekend we all looked back on the closest finish I can ever remember in karting from the 100 Nationals, the dilemma of 135 Internationals with only four drivers being available for racing, and some of the most atrocious weather conditions for the competitors to contend with.

It had taken most 'teams' all of a dry but blustery Saturday to get handling anything near their liking on the very bumpy sections of the track. As a group the Junior Internationals obviously had the hardest task for this was the first race meeting for the class, with most never having turned a wheel on their brand new CIK SL tyres. The wear rate on the Bridgestones I inspected was very low - Jeremy Cotterill for example having completed close to 50 laps on Saturday morning, with the mould marks still being faintly visible on the tread! Where some went wrong was setting up their karts on full international rubber and therefore giving the impression of being very quick and then going back to SL's and trying to obtain the same

Race day dawned with heavy rain, and gale force winds, leaving those who had spent all the day before on a dry track to start all over again.

After a delay of close on one and a half hours caused through misunderstanding, mainly by the RAC Steward of the day, the heats got under way, obviously without much enthusiasm showing through to those on the sidelines. For no reason that anyone can explain with the forming up of the first final, the meeting seemed to change gear and the atmosphere was much more in keeping with the championship round that it was.

Junior International Final

With consistent heat finishes of two thirds and a fourth Rowan Dewhurst was on pole. Alongside on the front row sat Steve Murphy with second, sixth and a seventh, underlining the need for finishing all heats with the newly introduced points system. The second row of Gary Jordan with third, fifth and ninth and Piers Hunnisett (fourth, sixth and eighth) confirmed the thinking behind the new system. On row three were, without doubt, the two drivers who had been clearly fastest on Saturday. Sammy Hunt's knowledge of the circuit and therefore "Honest John's" ability to set up the kart accordingly must have had something to do with his progress but few seemed to be learning from the way Sammy was passing them

With the Class 1 circus on the road once more, in the most unlikely places even during the Snetterton Kartway staged the first round of latter part of Saturday when all were getting close to their final set-up. The same could not be said for Jason Plato's pace - he was clearly very quick, as had been the case on those occasions when he had forayed into "blue plate" racing last year. Steve Brogan started the day by showing a clean pair of heels to all his opposition. But after a second in heat two, a non-finish in the third put him back on row five. The two other front runners of the latter part of last year, Messrs. Jeremy Cotterill and Jamie Kavanagh, were at the tail end of the grid, both having the most disastrous day. Jamie had looked very quick and smooth on Saturday but was left to race on a rather sad set of 'wets' and therefore was never quite on the pace throughout race day. Jeremy on the other hand looked to be having the most atrocious luck all weekend, for this most professional of teams seemed to have inherited In contrast to the Junior Internationals, the the Munster family's pet black cloud, and by Saturday evening the Redhill Racing transporter did not seem a happy place. After two heats on Sunday nothing seemed to have changed, for Jeremy had finished neither. The third heat however was a different story with a clean confident win and all seemed ready for the final, but he was a long way back . . .

Murphy	Dewhurst
Hunnisett	Jordan
Hunt	Plato
Ross	Woolford
Charnell	Brogan
Cotterill	Collins
Sampson	Kavanagh

On the rolling lap Murphy needed some attention but was running again almost immediately, desperately trying to get back to his front row place. He was never given the opportunity, for as he caught the pack in front of the pits the starter was being instructed that they must go this time and obediently up went the flag. Hunnisett took full advantage of the situation and powered past the pole man and into the lead. With both Brogan and Cotterill making their customary first lap progress, they crossed the line on the first lap with Hunnisett having a slight advantage from Dewhurst, Brogan, Hunt, Cotterill, Plato, Jordan and Kavanagh. Lap two: Hunnisett made a slight mistake, Dewhurst pushed through and with Brogan taking advantage of Hunnisett still scrabbling to get back on line, Piers was back to third. Plato was really on the move and was into fourth with Cotterill fifth, Hunt sixth and Kavanagh through to seventh.

Next time round and Brogan was looking for a way by at every opportunity. Plato now in third place was closing fast with Cotterill measuring up Hunnisett for fourth, while Hunt was slipping down the order, his kart looking

distinctly wayward at the pit bends and the end of the straight.

On lap five Brogan's carburettor faltered, while still pressing for the lead. With Plato's charge having eased the rest of the field had spread out, and it looked a comfortable cruise for Dewhurst who for the next six laps began to pull away from the field. But then on lap 12 it happened; first Plato had an excursion that moved him from second to fifth and as Dewhurst exited the chicane he let it get away from him and did a complete 360 degree spin and while he desperately kept his motor going, Cotterill swept through to take the lead, never to be challenged. With the field spread out around the circuit the last three laps were run off with everyone driving to finish, only Hunnisett not being successful, his exhaust coming loose whilst in a comfortable fourth. Cotterill's black weekend had turned full circle, though the points system kept him down in 11th place overall!!

1st Jeremy Cotterill 2nd Rowan Dewhurst 3rd Jamie Kavanagh

BM/Yamaha Sprint/Parilla Ferrari/Parilla

JUNIOR BRITAIN

grid order with few exceptions was a true



YOU SHOULD COME AND RACE IN THE SUPER ONE SERIES, IT'S MORE DEMOCRATIC, EVEN THE POINTS SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE SLOWEST DRIVER A CHANCE OF WINNING.

reflection of the competition, for Andrew Guye-Johnson sat firmly on pole, with two convincing wins and a third in his heats and Jason Elliott his partner on the front row had collected first, second and fourth. Such was the high scoring of the front four/five rows that Jamie Beasley with two heat wins and Tom Radford, one win and two high finishes, found themselves on the third and fourth rows respectively. If there was a way to capitalize on this new points system then these young fliers

Elliott	Guye-Johnson
Turner	Kyriakides
Beasley	Knight
Radford	McNish
Connelly	Newman
Webb	Nicholson
Cuff	McEwen-King
Parker	Stewart
Price	Philpott
O'Hara	Baker
	Kemp

Once again on the rolling laps for the final we were given an exhibition of good close grid formation, and when the starter's flag went up it was to be the only final of the day where nobody was to gain an unfair advantage. From his pole position Guye-Johnson took the first corner leading Elliott and the fast starting Radford while Turner, Kyriakides and Knight had been dismissed to the back of the grid, all their hard work in the heats lost in these first few seconds. But disaster didn't stop there for with the track awash in places, Guye-Johnson was taking this first lap cautiously. With no-one to guide him, he lifted off early for the chicane. Elliott, very aware of Radford's presence. was taken by surprise and caught the leader's rear bumper, unsettling Andrew enough for him to slide wide and collect the straw bales at the pits. At the end of the first lap therefore it was Elliott, Radford and Beasley from Cuff, McEwen-King, Connelly, Newman, Stewart and the pack streaming by as one.

Over the next few laps, Elliott was able to gradually extend his lead over Radford by perhaps 10-12 metres while Beasley had his moment on lap three which put him down to 15th place, and his charge was on. With a clear track ahead of him Elliott was pulling clear. Radford in turn was also leaving Cuff but behind these three were two great battles, the first between McEwen-King and Connelly, and





Pics. Top: Junior Britain heat action - Connelly (73), Stewart (52), and Beasley (11) head the grid formation. (Pic: R. Calvert). Above: Senior Britain final - winner Clark (18) inside Baines (35), Below: Junior International – Dewhurst, Kavanagh, and Brogan (Pics: F. Sampson), Left: 100 National heat action - Sykes (70), Hann (18), Box (91), Moynihan (11) and Brown (38). (Pic: R. Calvert)



