

KICKSTART

1st



Rothmans Honda ace Steve Saunders became the third Englishman to win Kickstart, following in the wheeltracks of John Lampkin and John Reynolds. Here Steve makes easy work of flicking the log off the stump.

Steve Saunders:

"I'm delighted to have won Kickstart although some of the crowd thought I'd blown it on the first section when I didn't quite get out before dropping the front wheel. I thought the back wheel was out but I saw it on the replay and it was in by quite a way. Last year I did that section and wheelied out too far, losing a

lot of time, so this year I thought I'd drop it down a lot earlier...

"I didn't get out of the water on the second lap although nobody really got that together. Then I fell off the barrels, which wasn't very clever, otherwise I think I rode well."

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John Lampkin:

Winner in 1984, John Lampkin had an impressive looking ride to third place

"It was the bunny hop which I failed both times and those silly little first and last sections that messed me up really. I had sixty seconds of penalties on each lap and once you've had those you can't really catch up. The course wasn't too difficult overall, but it's always like that at Kickstart; a few faults and you've had it. You've got to concentrate very hard."

Eddy Lejeune:

A dip in the Easton Neston pond robbed Eddy Lejeune of his second successive win

"I won Kickstart last year but it's not a big problem finishing second. It's not exactly the World Championship. It was a fairly tough course this year and I had a problem coming out of the water. In fact I fell in the water which lost me some time. I got water in the engine.

"I think with Kickstart you can win one time and another time you make mistakes and lose very quickly. The problem is that when you've lost time you must try to make it up again. I tried hard after falling in the water but I made some mistakes on the following sections."