

Neil Tuxworth — making no bones about his right to the 250 honours.

Lap record tumbles to 97mph Nicholls

RECORD BREAKING, seemingly a regular feature of the Staverton airport meetings, again formed the highlight as the Cheltenham Motor Club staged its final meeting of the year on Sunday.

The 500cc class record holder, Andy Smith (354 Yamaha), raised his own figure, and then concluded the day with an even faster run to add the unlimited class to his collection.

But star rating must go to Roger Nicholls (352 Yamaha) who on his only unhindered ride of the day added more than three-and-a-half miles per hour to the 1,000cc class and established a new absolute six lap record at a fantastic 97.01mph.

Making one of his rare appearances this season, local ace Roger Corbett opened the day's entertainment with a well judged production win but his next ride — the first unlimited heat — closed

Trevor Hunt at Staverton. Pictures: Mike Kilby

his innings when he parted company with the 750 Trident on the paddock hairpin.

Quick starting gave Andy Smith the chance to build up a good lead in both of his record breaking 500 and unlimited races.

Leaders of the first half of the 350 race, Phil Bosco (347 Yamaha), and Ian Richards (350 Yamaha) found themselves demoted after a quick four cornered scrap as Nicholls and Mick Patrick (347 Coppock Yamaha) burst through to the front.

Equally matched Asa Moyce (749 Norton) and Richard Allen (749 Gollner Special) left the rest of the 750 class.

Neil Tuxworth (250 Yamaha) made no bones about taking the 250 class, and while Nicholls disappeared into the distance to set the new course record he again gave a great performance in holding off the remainder of the opposition to take second place in the 1,000cc class.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Production: 1 R Corbett (750 Trident), 2 C Bevan (497 Kawasaki), 3 A Hockin (500 Suzuki), 4 M Russell (741 BSA), 5 L Dinham (500 Kawasaki), 6 A Hayman (442 Suzuki). **Winner's time:** 6 mins 42.2 secs - 88.61mph.

Vintage: 1 P Whitehead (348 Velocette), 2 J Kidson (248 NSU), 3 I Pearce (596 Scott), 4 S Rogers (499 Norton), 5 J Carter (349 Velocette), 6 D Grant (350 Norton). **Time:** 7 mins 11.4 secs - 82.62mph.

500cc: A Smith (354 Yamaha), 2 R Nicholls (352 Yamaha), 3 I Richards (352 Yamaha), 4 J Goodall (496 Vendetta), 5 K Hanford (500 TWS Suzuki), 6 B Seward

(351 Yamaha). **Time:** 6 mins 20.8 secs - 93.59mph (record).

125cc: 1 C Edwards (125 Yamaha), 2 D Brown (125 Maico), 3 D Stick (124 Yamaha), 4 N Carpenter (124 Yamaha), 5 D Tandy (124 Yamaha), 6 B Kirkwood (124 Maico). **Time:** 7 mins 19.6 secs - 81.07mph.

350cc: 1 R Nicholls (347 Yamaha), 2 M Patrick (347 Coppock Yamaha), 3 I Richards (350 Yamaha), 4 P Bosco (347 Yamaha), 5 N Tuxworth (350 Yamaha), 6 D Pickering (350 Yamaha). **Time:** 6 mins 15.2 secs - 94.99mph.

750cc: 1 A Moyce (749 Norton), 2 R Allen (749 Gollner Special), 3 G Blayney (748 Corbett Dunstall), 4 M Hodgkins (750 BSA), 5 M Russell (750 BSA), 6 A Butler (750 Norton). **Time:** 6 mins 22.6 secs - 92.19mph.

First four stroke: 1 J Goodall (496 Vendetta), 2 M Dunn (497 Seeley), 3 G Ridgeon (497 Seeley), 4 D Pither (499 Norton), 5 D Oldam (350 Aermaacchi), 6 S Gibbs (348 Honda). **Time:** 6 mins 35.8 secs - 90.05mph.

Sidcar "A": 1 A Jackson/S Kirby (988 KGB Imp), 2 D Holmes/M Burgess (900 Honda), 3 T Eade/G Woodcock (850 Weslake), 4 R Udall/J Udall (998 Imp), 5 M Tombs/B Prendergast (998 Imp), 6 P O'Connor/C Cockbill (750 BSA). **Time:** 6 mins 57.2 secs - 85.43mph. **Heats:** B Nicholson/B Gray (Konig), D Holmes.

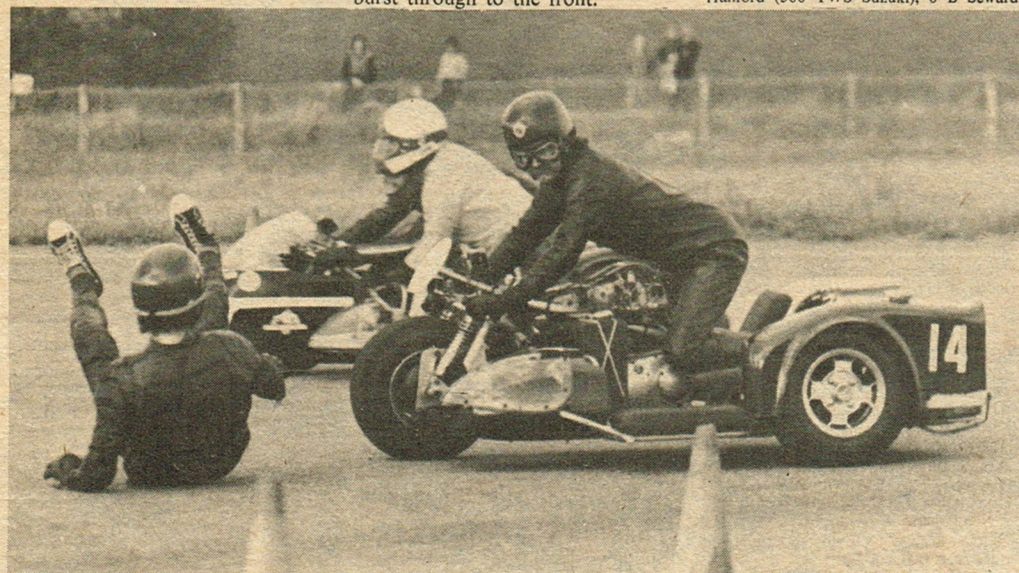
Second four stroke: 1 A Alexander (497 Special), 2 L Castles (498 Honda), 3 R Roebury (498 Honda), 4 R Oldam (344 Aermaacchi), 5 P Whitehead (496 Matchless), 6 J Barnard (349 AJS). **Time:** 6 mins 48.8 secs - 87.27mph.

250cc: 1 N Tuxworth (250 Yamaha), 2 S Davies (247 Yamaha), 3 M Hatherhill (246 Yamaha), 4 P Thorne (247 Yamaha), 5 R Rowlands (247 Yamaha), 6 S Miller (246 Yamaha). **Time:** 6 mins 39.2 secs - 89.28mph. **Heats:** M Hatherhill, N Tuxworth.

1,000cc: 1 R Nicholls (352 Yamaha), 2 N Tuxworth (351 Yamaha), 3 I Richards (352 Yamaha), 4 D Rawlins (352 Yamaha), 5 A Smith (354 Yamaha), 6 J Goodall (496 Vendetta). **Time:** 6 mins 07.4 secs - 97.01mph (new course record). **Heat one — dead heat:** A Smith and R Nichols. **Heat two:** N Tuxworth.

Sidcar "B": 1 G Cook/E Hammonds (650 Triumph), 2 R Collier/F Follows (750 Triumph), 3 N Buckingham/Miss P Goddard (760 BSA), 4 B Pearson/D West (740 Triumph), 5 R Evason/B Davies (650 Triumph), 6 J Eggleton/P Eggleton (650 Tri-Nor). **Time:** 7 mins 47.4 secs - 76.25mph.

Unlimited: 1 A Smith (354 Yamaha), 2 R Nicholls (347 Yamaha), 3 D Rawlins (352 Yamaha), 4 P Bosco (347 Yamaha), 5 K Hanford (500 TWS Suzuki), 6 B Seward (351 Yamaha). **Time:** 6 mins 16.6 secs - 94.64mph (record). **Heats:** R Nicholls, M Patrick (347 Coppock Yamaha), D Rawlins.



Tarmac tango by Bob Mathews, as colleague Robin Hayward looks on disapprovingly.

Cooper's showdown

EVEN THOUGH he stopped on the first and last sections of the Bewdley Club's Ken Warner Trophy Trial Gary Cooper (325 Bultaco) was a clear winner on Sunday. Run over a compact course at Kidderminster the first section—a long hard climb—stopped everyone with the exception of Derek Cooper (325 Bultaco) who managed to foot up once.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Winner: G Cooper (325 Bultaco) 24 marks lost.

First class awards: T Millichap (250 Bultaco) 38, P Hooper (325 Bultaco) 45, P Cooper (325 Bultaco) 48, B Handley (325 Bultaco) 53.

Second class awards: D Jenkins (250 Ossa) 54, L Teague (250 Bultaco) 54, M Allen (250 Montesa) 57, F Evans (250 Montesa) 58, A Shutt (325 Bultaco) 61, R Williams (125 Montesa) 76.

Geoff wins four — but no title

GEOFF MAYES added yet another four brilliant wins to his mounting number of successes on Sunday.

This all took place at the Woodridge MCC Scramble held at Blaxhall Sandpits, Suffolk, on Sunday where the cream of Eastern Centre scramblers gathered to contest the final round of the 250 cc and the 300/500 cc eastern Scramble Championships.

In the 250 class Laury Bird (Husqvarna) led off, Mayes was second, Terry Tomblin (Bultaco) third and the mighty Freddie Mayes (Berrill CZ) fourth.

Half way round the first lap Geoff took over the lead, Bird was second but before the end of the next lap he had been passed by Freddie Mayes.

Bird, despite his own efforts and those of his supporters, fell back

further down the field finally giving it all up.

From the fourth lap the Mayes brothers had it all sewn up—however, towards the end it looked as if Adrian Yallop (AJS) who had dashed from eighth to third was going to upset the Mayes stranglehold but dropped away to stay third.

Freddie's second place gave him a total of 39 points to win the championship. In the 300/500 round it took Geoff Mayes just two laps to overcome the first and second men Chris Ginn and Adrian Yallop respectively.

Once ahead he quickly established an impregnable lead leaving Ginn, Yallop and Freddie Mayes to dispute second place. Yallop held off Freddie mayes for six laps then had to give ground but although he finished fourth his five

points added to the 24 awarded in the other legs gained him top place in this year's 300/500 championship.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Eastern Centre 250 cc final round: 1 G Mayes (Berrill CZ), 2 F Mayes (Berrill CZ), 3 A Yallop (250 AJS), 4 T Tomblin (Bultaco), 5 C Everitt (Husqvarna), 6 J Aim (Bultaco).

Final placings: 1 F Mayes 39 points, 2 A Yallop 26, 3 D Cordle 19, 4 L Bird 15.

300/500 Championship final round: 1 G Mayes (400 Berrill CZ), 2 C Ginn (400 CZ), 4 A Yallop (360 Bultaco), 5 L Bird (360 Husqvarna), 6 J Hills (360 Bultaco).

Final placings: 1 A Yallop 29, 2 F Mayes 27, 3 C Ginn 23, 4 L Bird 15.

Experts and invited Juniors: 1 G Mayes, 2 Ginn, 3 F Mayes, 4 Bird.

Allcomers to 1000 cc: 1 G Mayes, 2 Ginn, 3 F Mayes, 4 A Dykes (500 Cheney Covell).

Juniors to 1000 cc: 1 J Evans (360 Bultaco), 2 J Hills (360 Bultaco), 3 M Stock (360 Bultaco), 4 P Osborne (360 Bultaco).

GOODWIN WINS FIRST LEG

GRAHAM Goodwin, riding his new 250cc Ossa, shook off a hard challenge from Keith Harris (325 Bultaco) to win the first leg of the EM Brian Jones trials championship run by the Gwendraeth Valley Motor Club at Coe-y-Brain Farm, Drefach, near Llanelli on Sunday.

Last year's winner John Richards on his new 350 Bultaco failed to get anywhere near Goodwin.

The course was all on private land with four sections and they competed three laps which included 51 sub-sections.

Goodwin and Harris were level pegging at the end of lap two, with both losing 26 marks. On the third and final lap Goodwin secured his win when he got round the course with a total of 15 marks to Harris's 23.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Winner: J Goodwin (250 Ossa) 60 marks lost.

First class awards: K Harris (250 Bultaco) 73, J Richards (350 Bultaco) 76.

Second class awards: K Norris (325 Bultaco) 84, G Daniels (250 Montesa) 91.

Best novice: P Richards (250 Bultaco) 105.

Slick Gaskell!

JOHN GASKELL won the Duckhams Oil trial run by the Sarn Motor Sports Club in Mid Wales on Sunday. This annual event attracted a 40 strong entry who found the 12 sub three lap course in a fairly easy mood, with Gaskell getting to the third sub from the finish before losing his single dab.

Runner-up Dave Pallas squandered his two in the same sub losing one on the first and one on the last lap.

Great performance from Hereford scambler Rowly Owen in his first trial of the season took him to third place well in front of many established trials riders.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Winner: J Gaskell (350 Bultaco) 1 mark lost.

First class awards: D Pallas (325 Bultaco) 2, R Owen (250 Montesa) 9, G Taylor (250 Ossa) 10, G Lawley (250 Yamaha) 18.

Second class awards: D Vaughan (250 Ossa) 20, K Thompson (250 Montesa) 21, T Challinor (325 GAB Bultaco) 25, P Mountford (250 Ossa) 26.

Novice award: R McLaren (250 Ossa) 35.

ONE MARK WIN

FOR A loss of one mark Tony Cooper (125 TMS Montesa) won the opening trial of the Peterborough MC's current season held last Sunday at Peterborough, Northants.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Winner: T Cooper (125 TMS Montesa) 1 mark lost.

Best novice: V Hamer (250 Bultaco) 2.

First class awards: B Cobby (250 Montesa) 2, J Clarke (325 Bultaco) 2, C Lowe (250 Ossa) 3, D Onion (170 TMS Montesa) 3.

Second class awards: G Rushbrook (250 Bultaco) 4, K Wakefield (250 Bultaco) 5, R Foster (170 Montesa) 5, T Lees (250 Bultaco) 6.

Schoolboy section: Juniors: S Hole (80 Yamaha) 2. Intermediates: A Whiting (80 Yamaha) 1. Seniors: P Wing (250 Ossa) 5.

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