

### Sexton's beat

AFTER a long journey up from Devon Mike Sexton (250 Ossa), who was riding in his first event for twelve months, won the fourth round of the National Police trials championship at the weekend. A two day event, the first day was at Crestwood, Glos., while the second day took in the rocks of the Cleve hills in Shropshire.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**Winner:** M Sexton (250 Ossa) 45 marks lost, runner-up: A Gardner (250 Montesa) 85.  
**Best intermediate:** P Leach (325 Bultaco) 129, A Williams (250 Bultaco) 162.  
**Best Novice:** K Worden (250 Ossa) 116, M Thornsbey (250 Bultaco) 153.  
**Best West Midland Member:** D Morrish (170 Montesa) 158.  
**Best Team:** Devon and Cornwall 337 (Sexton, Worden, P Keen (250 Bultaco) 176).

### Bernie best

BERNARD GORE (250 Ossa) won the Fred Rist Trial held at Cedoston Neath on Sunday run by the Neath Motor Club. The event was run over three laps of six sections with a lot of mud which made the going very heavy.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**Winner:** B Gore (250 Pip Ayles Ossa) 43, runner-up: Roy Davies (238 Bale Bultaco) 51.  
**First class awards:** G Moses (238 Bultaco) 53, 4 K Harris (250 Suzuki) 55.  
**Best novice:** A Macklen (250 Kawasaki) 68.  
**Best West South Wales rider:** G Jones (250 R W Ossa) 63.  
**Best East South Wales rider:** C Page (250 Bultaco) 59.  
**Best Mid Wales rider:** J Bally (348 Montesa) 99.  
**President's shield team:** Neath Motor Club 251 marks.

### John's tally

AMCA 750cc CHAMPIONSHIP leader John Williams added a further 34 points to his lead at the Kinver Auto scramble on Sunday.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**Juniors odd numbers:** 1 R Miles (410 AJS), 2 C Wright (250 Kawasaki), 3 M Hunt (400 Husqvarna).  
**Juniors even numbers:** 1 R Bullock (250 Husqvarna), 2 R Robinson (750 Montesa), 3 M Davies (250 Bultaco).  
**Seniors 250cc:** 1 C Ecclestone (250 Maico), 2 P Lewis (250 Maico), 3 P Bate-man (250 Suzuki).  
**Seniors 750cc:** 1 C Woolley (400 Maico), 2 Matthews, 3 M Sanders (400 Maico).  
**Experts 250cc:** 1 M Hewitt (250 Maico), 2 P Hewitt (250 Maico), 3 R Clemson (250 Maico).  
**Experts 750cc:** 1 J Williams (400 Maico), 2 B Stringer (580 CCM), 3 L Wright (400 Maico).

## Oxford Ixion moto cross by Ron Pearson. Picture Malcolm Rouse.

# SUPER NOYCE!

**BRITISH CHAMPION Graham Noyce ruled Bletchingdon on Sunday by winning both legs of the Doug Wheeler Expert Trophy Scramble, and the invitation solo race.**

After a bad start in the first leg, Noyce took his 400 Maico to first place by lap six in brilliant style, taking the lead from Rob Hooper, who led from the start of the second.

Gradually, Noyce widened the gap between him and Hooper until on the ninth lap, Hooper scorched into the lead.

"I managed to get past Noyce, then a backmarker all but fell off in front of me, and I had to slow, letting Noyce through on the inside. Then he roared away, leaving me stuck behind the backmarker," Hooper said.

From there Noyce didn't look back, and he finished with Hooper chasing him all the way to the chequered flag.

Down in third place was John Banks' Maico rider Geoff Mayes, who also fought his way through the field after a slow start.

A very tired Irishman Rob Wilkinson finished fourth, after taking the overnight ferry from Ireland, where he rode two half hour races on Saturday, and wrecked his engine. He spent Sunday morning

before practice fitting his spare.

Fifth man home, Vaughan Semmens, flattened and cracked his exhaust pipe in practice, and was losing a lot of power. He led for the first couple of laps, but slid off and had to restart.

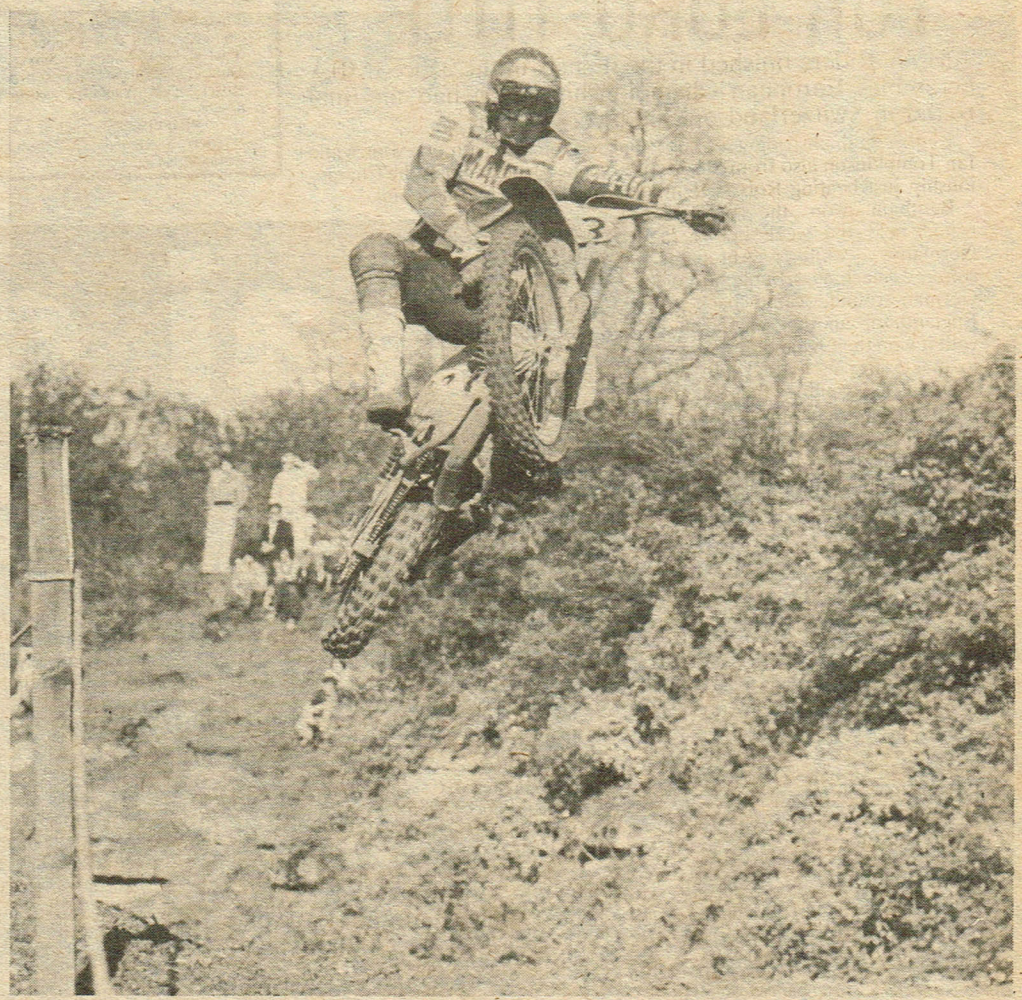
Bill Aldridge was going well, but fell when his front brake failed, burning his leg badly on the exhaust. He retired in obvious pain after 20 laps.

The second leg was one of the most exciting races seen on this tight but very fast circuit. Noyce led from start to finish, but the man the large crowd were watching was Rob Hooper. He crashed at about 55mph on lap two. He decided to retire, then changed his mind, and by the time he got his bike started, was one-and-a-half laps behind everyone.

With amazing skill and speed he fought his way back to finish seventh.

The man Noyce had to fear in this leg was Roger Harvey, who, despite losing half his exhaust pipe in the early stages, stayed right behind him for the 22 laps. Exhaust problems also caught up with Semmens, whose entire exhaust system was hanging on by no more than a prayer as he finished fourth.

Mayes again came in third, with Terry Challinor and Steve Howe



Graham Noyce indulges in some spectacular aerobatics on his way to a triple win.

fourth and fifth.

John Hayden won the Doug Wheeler Junior event, with a first in leg one and a second in leg two. Dick Tomkins won the second leg after falling on the first lap and fighting back from last position.

John Roberts was unlucky in the first sidecar race after leading all the way, to be baulked by a backmarker, letting through Pete Weait. Roberts did not make the same mistake in the second race, and the rivals finished with Roberts in front.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**First leg experts:** 1 G Noyce (400 Maico), 2 R Hooper (400 Maico), 3 G Mayes (400 Maico), 4 R Wilkinson (400 EMC), 5 V Semmens (370 Bultaco), 6 R Harvey (400 Maico).

**Second leg experts:** 1 Noyce, 2 Harvey, 3 Mayes, 4 Semmens, 5 T Challinor, 6 S Howe (500 CCM).

**First leg, juniors:** 1 J Hayden (400 Maico), 2 B Cooper (250 KTM), 3 J Clarke, 4 R Tomkins (250 Bultaco), 5 R Ferguson (250 Ossa), 6 D Toogood (400 CZ).

**Second leg, juniors:** 1 Tomkins, 2 Hayden, 3 T Austin (370 Bultaco), 4 Clarke, 5 Toogood, 6 R Humphreys (Kawasaki 400).  
**Heats:** 1 Toogood, 2 Hayden, 3 Cooper, 4 Tomkins.

**First sidecars:** 1 P Weait/J Willczek (750 Wasp), 2 J Roberts/K Eaton (Pegasus Norton), 3 R Nash/R Nash (750 Norton Wasp), 4 I Horne/S Brooks (750 Norton Wasp), 5 S Newport/M Williams (750 Norton Wasp), 6 B Davenport/J King.

**Second sidecars:** 1 Roberts, 2 Weait, 3 Horne, 4 Davenport, 5 J Batt/P Mossman (620 Hedlund Wasp), 6 Nash.

**Junior non qualifiers final:** 1 A Cook (250 Bultaco), 2 K Hanson (400 Maico), 3 R Humphreys (400 Kawasaki), 4 G Chalice, 5 B Stanton (250 KTM), 6 D Desborough (500 CCM).

**Sidecars invitation (handicapped):** 1 Batt, 2 Roberts, 3 Weait, 4 Davenport, 5 Horne, 6 Newport.

**Solos invitation:** 1 Noyce, 2 Wilkinson, 3 Semmens (250 Bultaco), 4 T Stone (400 Maico), 5 Mayes, 6 Hayden.

# HUDSON SUPREME

**BRISTOL'S Neil Hudson (400 Maico) was in devastating form at Sunday's International Benson and Hedges moto cross when he convincingly won both thirty minutes plus two laps races at the North Dublin Club event.**

Hudson led all the way in the first race, with Bob Wright (Maico) and Paul Harrison (Maico) scrapping for second place. Jimmy Aird (CCM) was back in sixteenth place, but he soon made up ground to snatch second place at the end, while Stuart Nunn, despite a puncture, took third spot. Punctures also put Harrison and Wright off the leader board.

It was Hudson all the way in race two, with Aird behind until three laps from the end when his CCM clutch failed letting Wright take over.

Montesa's Pete Mathia borrowed Trevor Lyon's 360 Bultaco and was well satisfied with an unexpected third. Harrison and Simpson, handicapped by rear wheel punctures, were next, as Stuart Nunn, nursing a broken finger from race one, filled sixth place.

Hero of both races was Belfast motor cycle dealer Ray Spence, who despite his advancing years was best of the Irish riders.

In the supporting races 16-year-old Stephen Russell excelled himself with three beautifully judged victories.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**Under 21 race:** 1 S Russell (Suzuki), 2 S Doran (Suzuki), 3 K Doran (Suzuki), 4 D White (Husqvarna), 5 D Hunt (Maico), 6 G Crichton (CZ).

**Benson and Hedges International race one:** 1 N Hudson (Maico), 2 J Aird (Maico), 3 S Nunn (Kawasaki), 4 W Simpson (Maico), 5 R Spence (CCM), 6 P Harrison (CZ).

**Second Benson and Hedges International:** 1 Hudson, 2 B Wright (Maico), 3 P Mathia (Bultaco), 4 Harrison, 5 Simpson, 6 Nunn.

**Supporting Race A:** 1 Russell, 2 K Doran, 3 S Doran, 4 Fox (CZ), 5 I Scott (Maico), 6 W McCutcheon (Husqvarna).

**Supporting Race B:** 1 J Dowling (CCM), 2 M Brown (Husqvarna), 3 J Thompson (Suzuki), 4 W Johnston (Suzuki), 5 J Savage (Kawasaki), 6 F Shortall (Yamaha).

**Supporting Race A:** 1 Russell, 2 McCutcheon, 3 Fox, 4 Scott, 5 E Steenson (Maico), 6 Shortall.

**Supporting Race B:** 1 M Spendlove (KTM), 2 J Thompson, 3 W Johnston (Husqvarna), 4 S Martelli (Suzuki), 5 Shortall, 6 Stewart.

# SNAPE SNATCHES BOLTON BIG ONE

MOST impressive display at an AMCA northern moto cross league fixture organised by the North Staffs Club at their Bidulph track was that of Martin Snape of the Bolton club, in the 750cc experts class. Astride his 400cc Maico he held off all opposition to take first place in each of his three races.

The result of the 250cc experts event was not quite so clear cut, Charlie Holmes (250 Maico) just taking it from Mick Oddy (250 Suzuki) by virtue of a better position in his last race.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

**Experts 750cc:** 1 M Snape (400 Maico), 2 P Evans (400 Maico), 3 S Hague (500 BSA), 4 R France (580 CCM), 5 K Harding (400 CZ), 6 V Price (400 Kawasaki).

**Experts 250cc:** 1 C Holmes (250 Maico), 2 M Oddy (250 Suzuki), 3 D Dewhurst (250 Suzuki), 4 C Handley (250 Montesa), 5 D Bower (250 Suzuki), 6 K Reece (250 Maico).

**Seniors 750cc:** 1 J Wright (410 AJS), 2 K

Harper (360 Bultaco), 3 S Farrar (600 CCM), 4 D Connolly (500 CCM), 5 B Hayes (400 Maico), 6 N Broughton (400 Suzuki).

**Seniors 250cc:** 1 A Adderley (250 Kawasaki), 2 N Dalley (125 Honda), 3 F Withington (250 Ossa), 4 L Parrott (250 Maico), 5 A Basford (250 Bultaco), 6 K Depitch (250 Kawasaki).

**Juniors even numbers:** 1 C Yates (250 Bultaco), 2 C Lees (250 Montesa), 3 K McGuinness (250 Kawasaki), 4 G Bullock (250 Husqvarna), 5 K Broom (250 Rickman), 6 T Allen (360 Bultaco).

**Juniors odd numbers:** 1 T Oang (250 Maico), 2 J Turner (400 Husqvarna), 3 P Robson (400 CZ), 4 P Harrison (360 Bultaco), 5 G Marshall (125 Honda), 6 M Gibson (250 Bultaco).

**Sidecars:** 1 R Round/G Hodgetts (850 Wasp), 2 J Wolverson/M Rushton (850 Wasp), 3 T Davies/G Mosley (850 Wasp), 4 J Snape/R Todd (850 Wasp), 5 C Kulikowski/S Racz (850 Wasp).

**AMCA Northern moto cross league results:** 1 Glossop 286 points, 2 Manchester 204, 3 Bolton 141, 4 Macclesfield 115, 5 North Staffs 98, 6 High Peak 83.

**League positions:** 1 Manchester 143 points, 2 Bolton 125, 3 Glossop 114, 4 Chester 85, 5 Macclesfield 78, 6 North Staffs 43, 7 High Peak 39, 8 Lancaster 36.

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