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## EDITORIAL

THE magic of Le Mans is undeniable. To the majority of motor racing enthusiasts it is the greatest event of the year, and many thousands make the annual pilgrimage to watch the world's fastest sports cars on the incomparable Sarthe circuit. The exodus from Great Britain will be greater than ever before, the glorious Jaguar success in 1953 having stimulated interest to a .tremendous degree. Victory at Le Mans brings incalculable prestige to the manufacturer concerned, provided, of course, that the organization behind the winning car can take full advantage of the worldwide publicity to satisfy the demand for its products, and back it by a properly directed sales staff. Every entrant for the 24 Hours Race must face the facts. The very presence of his cars indicates to the world at large that an effort is being made to prove that his products are worthy of attention. Moreover, outright victory focuses immediate attention on all products of the successful nation-and if it so happens that other classes of machine from the same nation's factories are moderately successful, then they too must benefit from the general publicity. In another sphere, that is what makes Grand Prix racing so invaluable from a prestige point of view; it is a most important method of advertizing the excellence of a national automobile industry's products.
Despite the absence of Alfa Romeo, the withdrawal of Mercedes-Benz and the defection of Lancia and Austin-Healey, the entry list contains the fastest sports cars built in Great Britain, France and the U.S.A., whilst the smaller-capacity classes will be even more hotly contested. This country's representatives are Jaguar, Lagonda and Aston Martin in the bigger categories, and Frazer-Nash, Bristol, Kieft and a lone Triumph in the medium and smaller capacity classes. Italy's most powerful contenders are the 4.9 -litre Ferraris, with Maserati, Osca, Nardi and other types of Ferrari to back up the 360 b.h.p. machines. France's very fast straight-eight 3 -litre Gordini is supported by $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Talbots, other Gordinis and a host of small Panhard- and Renault-based machines, the last-named being more interested in the Index of Performance. America is represented by the fine, and very rapid Cunninghams, which must always be looked upon as serious challengers. Germany has the Porsches, whose struggle with the Italian Oscas may result in lap speeds exceeding $100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. in the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre class.

Who will win? Jaguar must start favourites, but there is nothing more unpredictable than a long-distance motor race. Anyway, Autosport hopes that it will have the proud honour to sport a cover in Britain's Green for next week's special Le Mans report number.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

CROWDED: In the lively Le Mans start of the Johnson Trophy Race at Goodwood, Jimmy Stewart (26) makes a magnificent getaway from twelfth position, followed closely by team-mate Ninian Sanderson (25). They finished first and second with their Ecurie Ecosse Jaguars.

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THst excellent film "Le Mans, 1952", will be shown on TV tomorrow night, 12th June, from 9 to 9.30 p.m.
Mercedes-benz will be conductıng tests of their Formula 1 car on the Rheims circuit on 15 th and 16 th June, prior to entering officially for the French G.P.
Business preoccupations will curtail Horace Gould's activities in racing this season, following the death of his father.
THE 90-lap, 270-mile Formula 1 British 1 G.P. at Silverstone on 17th July will be supported by two sports car races, for up to, and over, 1,500 c.c., and a 17-lap Formula 3 race.
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## PIT \& PADDOCK

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The news of the Mercedes-Benz team's intention to take part will add tremendously to the interest in the British G.P. Will Lancias come too?

Prince bernhard of the Netherlands has graciously consented to open "The Model Engineer" Exhibition, to be held at the New Horticultural Hall, London, from 18th to 28th August.
Entrants in next year's Marcel Becquart International Trophy competition will be obliged to enter the 1955 Evian-Mt. Blanc Rally, we are informed by the B.T.D.A.
Fangio recently arrived by air at Paris from Buenos Aires. Next stop Unterturkheim?
Currency exchange and the purchase of travellers' cheques can now be effected at the R.A.C.'s Travel Office in Pall Mall, and at County or Port offices, following new arrangements between the R.A.C. and Thomas Cook \& Son, Ltd.
Wedding bells for Clive Lones's daughter Betty, who married Patrick Dunlop of Thame, Oxon, on 29th May.
L ORD TEDDER, G.C.b., has accepted the invitation to become chairman of the Standard Motor Co., Ltd.

PACE MAKER and Indianapolis winner at record speed was Bill Vukovich, here taking the winner's flag, while Jimmy Bryan, second home a lap behind, runs level as they cross the line.

Derby story: Bart Shaw-Kennedy, seeking bits and pieces for Bira's Maserati prior to the latter's victory at Chimay, was unable to locate someone by telephone. When the switchboard operator suggested that he should abandon the attempt, he replied that his motto was "Never Say Die". "That's running today at Epsom," said the girl. "Good,". replied Bart, "I'll have 10 bob each way." Some people have all the luck.
$M_{\text {ike hawthorn has asked us to con- }}^{\text {hent }}$
vey his thanks to all those who were kind enough to write to him, and those who visited him during his sojourn in hospital.
Light car club of Australia plan another major race meeting on the Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne, in late November. Overseas entries will be welcome. The course, probably the finest in Australia, was used for last year's Australian G.P.
B.B.C. wil probably arrange coverEurope in Germany on 1st August, with commentary by Raymond Baxter.


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## SPORTS-NEWS



## MERCEDES G.P. PROGRAMME

Team Expected at Silverstone
Following the début of the $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Grand Prix Mercedes-Benz at Rheims on 4th July for the French G.P., the German team's proposed programme will take in the British G.P. at Silverstone on 17th July, G.P. of Europe at Nürburgring on 1st August, Swiss G.P. at Berne on 22nd August, the Italian G.P. at Monza on 5th September, and the Spanish G.P. at Barcelona on 24th October. Juan Fangio is to be No. 1 driver, his teammates being Hermann Lang, Karl Kling, Hans Herrmann and Fritz Riess.

## B.R.M. FOR SHELSLEY WALSH

Hill-climb Champion Ken Wharton will drive a Mk. II B.R.M. in the Midland A.C.'s Shelsley Walsh National hill-climb on 20th June. This will not be his only mount -he has also entered his record-holding blown Cooper twin, a 2-litre E.R.A. (probably the ex-Mays, ex-Flockhart R4D) and a $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre sports car.

Eight E.R.A.s will contest the Ray mond Mays E.R.A. Challenge Trophy, amongst them the Peter Bell car to be driven by Michael Christie, and another by Peter Walker. No less than 18 Coopers are down to run, six of them big twins. Entries total 101 cars.

## RHEIMS 12 HOURS RACE

JAGUAR are reported to have entered four $J_{\text {cars for the }} 12$ Hours sports car race at Rheims on 3rd/4th July. Two H.W.M.Jaguars and two Ecurie Ecosse XK 120 Cs are other British entries in the over 2 -litre class. They will be opposed by two works 4.9 -litre Ferraris, Rosier's $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre car, two works Gordinis and a Talbot or two. Cunningham entries are expected shortly.

The 2-litre class nominations include Alan Brown (Cooper-Bristol), three works Bristols, Gatsonides (FrazerNash), a works Gordini, three independent Ferraris, and four independent Maseratis. A Connaught, a Kieft, two

BRITISH WINS at the recent Hedemora race meeting in Sweden were gained by Michael Head (right), who took the unlimited capacity series sports car race in his white XK 120 C Jaguar and (below) Eric Brandon (Mark 8 Cooper) here in close company with teammate Rodney Nuckey in the Formula 3 race.


Oscas, a blown D.B., a Porsche and a works Gordini are amongst 751-1,600 c.c. entries, and a works Borgward team is also expected. A host of Panhards, D.B.s, and Renault derivatives will contest the smallest class.

The Rheims-Gueux circuit is again being improved in detail, a section at Thillois being modified and resurfaced with tarmac. Total lap distance is now 8.301 .75 km . ( 5.158 miles). New, highspeed refuelling apparatus in the pits is being installed by Shell.


A WIN FOR BIRA

THat pleasantly informal Belgian affair, the G. P. des Frontières run over the 6.7 mile Chimay circuit, suffered this year from a considerable number of nonstarters, the original entry of 17 ending up a mere nine at starting time. A keen race resulted, nevertheless, with the young French driver Jacques Pollet in a works Gordini setting off in fine style. Unfortunately a stone struck his goggles, smashing a lens, and forcing him to the pits after three legs of the circuit.

Bira's $2 \frac{1}{2}$ litre Maserati thereafter held a clear lead, although Pollet subsequently set a new Chimay lap record at $102 \cdot 17$ m.p.h., a fine performance for a " trainee "driver. Following Bira came André Pilette in a second Gordini "six" bearing Belgian colours, and a highly creditable third with Sir Jeremy Boles's Formula 2 2-litre Connaught was Donald Beauman, heading the Belgian Legat home by a wide margin.

## Provisional Results

1, B. Bira (Maserati), 20 laps, 134.8 miles, in 1 hr. 22 mins. 15 secs., 98.19 m. p.h.; 2, A. Pilette (Gordini), 1 hr. 22 mins. 50 secs; 3, D. Beauman 3 laps behind.
Fastest lap: Pollet (Gordini), 3 mins. 51 secs. Fastest lap:
$102.17 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.

## DEATH OF FIRST WORLD RECORD HOLDER

The Marquis Louis de ChasseloupLaubat, who died recently in France at the age of 91 , was renowned in the motoring world as creator of the first world's land speed record in 1898, when he achieved a speed of $39.24 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. over a flying kilometre at Achères, driving a Jeantaud electric car. During subsequent struggles for the record in 1899 with the Belgian driver Camille Jenatzy, Chasseloup-Laubat first recorded 43.69 m.p.h., then $57.6 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. in his last competitive appearance.

The Marquis played a vital part in the founding of the Automobile Club de France, in company with de Dion and others. He became an Officer of the Legion d'Honneur and was a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. His son François is renowned as one of France's finest runners.

NASH-HEALEY "LE MANS": The latest hardtop sports model by Nash of Detroit has a 140 b.h.p. "Dual Jetfire" engine in a chassis embodying Healeytype trailing link front suspension.

## OULTON PARK TOMORROW

AREMARKABLE entry of over 130 has been received by the Mid-Cheshire M.C. for their National race meeting at Oulton Park circuit tomorrow, 12th June. Six races form the programme: a 60 miles Formule Libre event, three 40 -mile races for up to 1,500 c.c., $1,501-$ 2,700 c.c. and over 2,700 c.c. sports cars, and two 35 -mile Formula 3 races, one for the faster Norton-engined machines, the other for "juniors".

A glance at the entry list suggests a really good day's racing should result. Formule Libre runners include Bob Gerard and Leston with two Coopers of widely differing type-one a 2 -litre "six", the other an 1,100 c.c. V-twin; the Ecurie Ecosse have their three Jaguars and a Connaught, Richardson his R.R.A. and Ulsterman Sidney Durbidge the exBaird Griffin.

The Ecosse "Jags" appear again in the big capacity sports car race, together with Scragg's Alta-Jaguar, a Connaught, an Aston Martin, sundry fast Cooper Bristols, Jack Walton's Frazer-Nash, etc Several of these cars compete again in the up to 2,700 c.c. event, whilst the $1 \frac{1}{2}$ litre race has Coombs's Connaught, Chapman's Lotus, Reece's Osca, Gallagher's Gordini, Alan Moore's Tojeiro and other rapid machinery.

The Formula 3 races have drawn a tremendous entry, the lists containing Bicknell (Revis), Gerard, Leston, Tyrrell and many others in Coopers, Parker, D. Walker, Higham, etc., with Kiefts, Headland's Martin and Sanderson and four other Staride exponents. Racing begins at 1 p.m.

## STOCK CAR RACING

ON Friday, 28th May, an excellent evening's sport was enjoyed by the stock car racing fans. The rain poured in torrents throughout, but that did not damp the ardour of the surprisingly large crowd. Continuous wheelspin and broadside skidding were added to the usual hazards, and if speeds were lower than usual, the number of excitements per lap were even higher.

In the first heat, Tony Rumfitt-now known as "unlucky Rumfitt"-led all the way and then, in passing a slower car, hooked bumpers. This piece of involuntary towing dropped him to second place behind "Oily" Wells, with K. Gane third.

The second heat went to "Whiskers" Woolnough, with "Hell Cat" Brine (very aristocratic, these names!) second, and S. A. Hiscock third. The next heat was
dominated by Tanya Crouch, who can control a sliding car in a manner that defies description. She is a brilliant driver, and ought to have a future in more orthodox motoring events. Bell and Hayden, second and third, could do little to compete with her.

The fourth heat was truly international, with S. Stepenovic of Jugoslavia first, J. Wright of U.S.A. second, and our own V. Cater third. A Novices' Race then provided tremendous value, and the order was: first, R. Falce; second, G. Baker; third, B. Waters.

The Final was an awe-inspiring sight, with 25 cars on a 230 -yard circuit! The drive of the evening was that of Tanya Crouch, who came through from the 11th row of the grid to finish second. J. Brise was first and Quinn third.

This was the last of the New Cross series, stock car racing having now moved to more commodious premises at Harringay. The first meeting there took place on the evening of Saturday, 5th June.
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## GRENZLANDRING RACES CANCELLED

Germany's Grenzlandring races, due to take place on 5th September, have been cancelled. High court proceedings are about to commence re the terrible accident there two years ago, so further race promotion is out of the question at present

# FERRARI FIRST AT HYERES 

Gaze/Abecassis (H.W.M.) Disqualified when Lying Second in French 12 Hours Race

Last Sunday's 12 Hours Sports Car race on the 7.3 km . Circuit des Iles d'Or at Hyères in the South of France was won by Maurice Trintignant and Piotti with a works 3-litre Ferrari at a speed of 81.89 m.p.h. The 2 -litre "Mondial" Ferrari of Pierre Picard and Charles Pozzi was second home, winning its class, the two Ferraris also finishing first and second on Index of Performance.

British competitors met mixed fortunes. Peter Whitehead's Cooper-Jaguar broke its crankshaft during practice, and although another was flown over from England, there was insufficient time to repair the car. The H.W.M.-Jaguar of Tony Gaze and George Abecassis met worse fortune, in that it went strongly throughout the 12 hours race, and was lying second to the Ferrari with 20 minutes to go, only to suffer disqualification on grounds that the use of four men at refuelling contravened the regulations.
Nigel Mann and Charles Brackenbury brought the former's coupé-bodied DB3 through to sixth place in general classification, taking second place to Trintignant/Piotti in the over 2-litre class.

John Green (Kieft) and Pat Griffith (Aston Martin) both crashed, the latter suffering injuries sufficient to keep him out of Le Mans. Amongst the numerous other retirements were Alan Brown (Cooper-Bristol), Elie Bayol (D.B.), Georges Houel, Jacques Peron (Osca), von Frankenburg (Porsche) and L.-J. Rosier (Renault). Only 10 cars were left in the race when the Ferrari crossed the line.

## Provisional Results

General Classification: 1, Trintignant/Piotti (Ferrari), 1,581.4 km., 131.78 k.p.h. (81.89 m.p.h.); 2, Picard/Pozzi (Ferrari), 1,515.28 km.; 3, Armengaud/Abbo (Osca), $1,417.37 \mathrm{~km}$.; 4, Jeser / Tessin (Porsche), 1.344 .78 km ; 5 , Chancel/Navarro (Panhard), 1,331.62 km.; 6, N. H. Mann/C. Brackenbury (Aston Martin), ${ }^{*} 1,285.554 \mathrm{~km} . ; 7$
Cornet/Storez (D.B.); 8 , Blouin Blouin (D B); 9 Grand/Grand (VM); 10, Faure/de Burnay (D.B.)
Index of Performance: 1, Trintignant/Piotti Index
of
Ferrari) $2_{2}$ Performance: 1, Trintignant/Piotti (Ferrari); 2, Picard/Pozzi (Ferrari); 3 Armengaud), 8th.

## Class Placings

Over 2,000 c.c.: 1, Trintignant/Piotti (Ferrari); 2, Mann/Brackenbury (Aston Martin).
1,600-2,000 c.c.: 1, Picard/Pozzi (Ferrari).
1,300-1,600 c.c.: 1, Jeser/Tessin (Porsche).
1,000-1,300 c.c.: 1 , Armengaud/Abbo (Osca).
Up to 750 c.c.: 1, Chancel/Navarro (Panhard).


ILL-FORTUNE for Hans Herrmann, testing the new Grand Prix Mercedes-Benz at Hockenheim. Hot oil from a burst pipe caused him to lose control, and to avoid two small girls he crashed into a wall. What appears to be an inboard front brake is exposed in the wreck.


# THE 13th ROME GRAND PRIX 

Marimon (Maserati) Wins at 106.2 m.p.h. on Eternal City's<br>New Circuit-Moss Has Bad Luck-New Lancias Non-starters

ONOFRE MARIMON scored his first major success in Formula 1 racing, by winning the 13th Grand Prix of Rome, which was held on the very fast new 6.6 kilometres circuit at Castelfusano, Rome's famous Lido. Stirling Moss, holding a secure second place, over a lap ahead of the third man, Harry Schell, suffered a broken final drive seven laps from the end, but did not cross the line until the end, thus ranking as a finisher. Moss's drive may well have earned for him a place in the official Maserati team, as Signors Alfieri and Bertocchi were most impressed with his performance.
Unfortunately, the new Lancia was a nonstarter; it is said to be suffering from rearsuspension bothers which were not rectified in time. Also posted as a non-starter was the new six-cylinder Ferrari, which Gonzalez was to have driven. Fangio was unable to arrive in Italy in time for the race, the official Maserati team comprising the three "Ms": Marimon, Mantovani and Musso.
Fastest in practice was Marimon with 2 mins. 15.4 secs., after breaking his final drive the day before. Second best was Robert Manzon (Ferrari) with 2 mins. 17.2 secs.; Moss was next with 2 mins. 17.3 secs. The circuit was obviously tremendously fast, but drivers complained of bumps on the back leg.

## Turbo Fiat Demonstrated

Just before the start of the race an impressive demonstration was given of the beautifully streamlined Fiat Turbovettura; this white and red gas-turbine-powered machine looks the very essence of modernity -if not futurity, and, during its almost soundless passage, reached about 150 m. p.h. on the fast straight. It was uncanny to watch this machine, which flashed past with only a slight hissing sound emitted from the exhaust port in the tail.
Various mechanical troubles reduced the field to 15 starters, of which several were rather out-moded F2 cars, and the interesting but not particularly rapid supercharged 750 c.c. Giaur. The field lined up as follows:

|  | Starting Grid |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Behra (Gordini) | Moss <br> (Maserati) | Manzon (Ferrari) | Marimon <br> (Maserati) |
| Rosier (Ferrari) | Schell (Maserati) |  | Simon (Gordini) |
| De Riu (Maserati) | Musso (Maserati) | Mières (Maserati) | Mantovani (Maserati) |
| Serena (Ferrari) | G. Mancini (Ferrari) |  | Taraschi (Giaur) Mancini (Ferrari) |

Jean Behra (Gordini) made a tremendous start, and shot into the lead at the fall of the flag, pursued by Robert Manzon (Ferrari), Onofre Marimon (Maserati), André Simon (Gordini), Stirling Moss (Maserati), Harry Schell (Maserati) and Roberto Mieres (Maserati), in that order. When the field roared by on lap 1, Behra led from Marimon by a few feet, with the others in close company behind. De Riu (Maserati) and Serena (Ferrari) stopped after only one lap. Behra's standing lap was covered at the remarkable pace of 99.8 m.p.h.

However, the blue car's lead didn't last long; Marimon hurtled past, to lap at 106.5 m.p.h., and Mieres (Maserati) scraped ahead of Moss to take sixth place,
obviously out to drive his older-type machine to the limit. Simon, Manzon and Mieres became involved in a wheel-to-wheel battle, with Moss wisely playing a waiting game. Mantovani and Musso seemed to be rather out of their class with the team cars, and neither could keep up with Schell's non-de-Dion car.
The pace was fast and furious; gradually Marimon settled down to lap at about 2 secs. quicker than Behra; on lap 6 Mantovani lost nearly a minute changing plugs, and three tours later the dashing Mieres swept into third place in pursuit of Behra; this didn't suit Manzon, who immediately repassed, with Mieres, Moss and Simon right on his tail. Obviously Mieres' furious pace couldn't last, and on lap 13 the blue and yellow machine came into the pits, leaving behind an ominous trail of oil. Not long afterwards it was pushed away. The Giaur passed out on the back leg, and the makeweights rapidly disappeared, leaving only nine serious challengers in the race, with Mantovani rapidly overhauling the slowish Rosier (Ferrari). Indeed, so tardy was the blue Ferrari's progress that Marimon lapped him on the 14th tour.
Manzon came into the pits with a loose exhaust pipe after 15 laps, and two laps later Behra had a lucky escape from disaster when his offside front stub-axle snapped and the wheel shot off. Moss, coming up fast behind, was almost blinded by the showers of dust and sparks as the Gordini was successfully brought to rest on three wheels from over 100 m.p.h.

Thus, with just over a quarter of the distance covered, only eight cars remained, and Simon's Gordini in third place didn't sound all that healthy. Marimon was driving a very fast and consistent race, and at 20 laps led Moss by 55 secs., with Simon third, and Schell and Musso having a dingdong for fourth place.
Moss, driving a fine tactical race, refused to over-rev his motor, realizing that Marimon's " works " car was much faster than his own. Schell was making Musso motor faster than ever, so fast that eventually the team car began to emit vast clouds of smoke. Thicker and thicker became the smoke screen till at last Bertocchi pulled him in to repair a leaking union which was depositing oil on the exhaust pipes.
Simon's engine began spluttering worse than before, and Schell drew nearer to the Gordini. Marimon and Moss continued to thrill the very large crowd with their artistry, both being in a class by themselves. Moss put in a lap at 2 mins. 17 secs., which was immediately communicated to Marimon, who pulled out all the stops to record the day's fastest, 2 mins. 15.7 secs.
At half distance ( 30 laps), Marimon led Moss by 55 secs., who in turn was 44 secs. ahead of Simon. Both Mantovani and Manzon, after their pit stops, overtook Rosier. Not long afterwards Musso came


in, and the car was pushed to the dead park, leaving seven cars to fight it out.
Mieres assumed the duties of chef d'equipe in Schell's pit, with a couple of snappy French film actresses to lend glamour to the activities. In Moss's pit Alf Francis continually kept Moss informed of his exact position, to the amazement of the official Maserati team and their battery of stopwatches.
Simon at last came in (36 laps) with his ailing Gordini; plugs were changed and Behra took over; Simon, incidentally, has not fully recovered from serious burns received several months ago in a garage fire. This let Schell into third placenearly a lap behind Moss, who was keeping around the minute mark from Marimon.

## Trouble for Moss

Apart from Manzon stopping to add water, and Mantovani creeping up on Schell, the race settled down to a procession. Marimon was slowed down a trifle. Then came a blow to Moss's hopes. He went past the pits on lap 52 with a clanking noise coming from the transmission.
Marimon shot past, a lap ahead. The seconds ticked past-no Moss! Then came Schell-a lap behind with Mantovani a few seconds behind. Marimon appeared again, and then Moss coasted up almost to the line. Maserati mechanics made to push him to the pits, but his own boys waved them off. He would finish, at any rate!

Marimon received a tremendous ovation when he crossed the line-and almost immediately his fuel tank split. Schell was almost caught by Mantovani who put on a spurt on the last lap. Behra trundled in on five cylinders, followed by the plugging Rosier, with Moss in sixth place-last of the finishers.

The race showed that if Maserati intends to challenge Ferrari, and eventually Lancia and Mercedes, they have a serious driver problem, which could only be solved by giving Marimon adequate support in the way of top-line men.

Gregor Grant

## Result

1. Onofre Marimon (Maserati) 2 hrs. 18 mins 48.6 secs., 170.907 k.p.h. ( 106.2 m.p.h.).
2. Harry Schell (Maserati), 2 laps behind.
3. S. Mantovani (Maserati), 2 laps behind.
4. André Simon/Jean Behra (Gordini), 3 laps André
behind.
behind.
5. Louis Rosier (Ferrari), 3 laps behind.
6. Stirling Moss (Maserati), 7 laps behind.

Fastest lap: Marimon, 2 mins. 15.7 secs., 174.826 k.p.h. (108.63 m.p.h.).


BURNING RUBBER: (Left) The exciting start of the Formule Libre event. Collins (3) and Wharton (1) are still fighting with wheelspin, while Flockhart (2) is slightly in front. He led the Thinwall for four laps.
similarly mounted. Dunham caught and passed Sanderson after two laps and led him for seven, after which the Scottish driver regained his position.

The race was full of interest and incident. Michael Head drove his C-type extremely well to hold fourth place until displaced by Salvadori on the eighth lap, and Colin Chapman's remarkably fleet "streamliner" Lotus-M.G. pushed Sir Jeremy Boles (DB3) out of sixth place on the twelfth round, winning the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre category in really sweeping fashion with eight larger cars between himself and his nearest $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre rival, who finished two

## WHIT MONDAY AT GOODWOOD

Stewart (Jaguar) Wins Johnson Trophy Race for Sports Cars-Collins (Thinwall) Beats Flockhart (B.R.M.) in Formule Libre Event-Class Record for Salvadori (Maserati) in B.A.R.C. Meeting

ACROWD estimated at 27,000 saw some excellent driving at Goodwood on Whit Monday, in a programme of six scratch and handicap races. The main event of the day, the 21-lap sports car race for the Johnson Trophy, was won most convincingly by Jimmy Stewart in his Ecurie Ecosse C-type Jaguar, the same marque occupying second and third places in front of Salvadori (Maserati); the latter, after a poor start, set the fastest lap at 87.27 m.p.h., his time of 1 min. 39 secs. falling short of Moss's (C-type) sports car record by a mere one-fifth of a second. Salvadori was on top of his form, and broke the Goodwood Class D record with the F1 Maserati in a five-lap event, after another late start.

But the greatest excitement of the day was, perhaps, Peter Collins's splendid duel with Ron Flockhart in the 15-lap Formule Libre race. Despite threatening clouds, the weather held good until almost the last event, and the Thinwall/ B.R.M. argument was decided-in favour of the Vandervell machine-under excellent conditions. Collins's handling of the formidable Thinwall, in his second appearance with the car, called forth praise from every quarter.

The meeting got off to a poor start with the 500 c.c. race, in which there were 11 entrants, eight starters, and only six finishers. Bicknell went out in front from the fall of the flag, and stayed there for the full 15 laps to win by more than 20 secs. from J. K. Hall, who had taken second place from R. K. Tyrrell on the fourth lap. Nuckey distinguished himself by spinning twice on his first lap-once at St. Mary's and once at Woodcote-after which he retired. Brandon also spun on his first round, but went on to take fourth place, while Leston and Jopp (Emeryson) argued the toss as to who was going to be last.

TROPHY GOES NORTH: (Right) "Wilkie", David Murray, Jimmy Stewart and the Ecurie Ecosse mechanics pose with the Johnson Trophy after the 21lap sports car race. Stewart's lead was unassailable.

Salvadori's driving of Sid Greene's Maserati was the highlight of the second race, for unblown cars of up to $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litres capacity. At the start, he had the wretched ill-luck to find his clutch inoperative, so that he had to force the car into gear, and was almost last away Yet, at the end of the first lap, he was already in third position behind Parnell (Ferrari) and Somervail (Cooper-Bristol), and on the second time round was only 5 secs. behind the Derby man. With a fastest lap at 90.95 m.p.h., a new Class D record for the Goodwood track, he continued to overhaul Parnell, and finished the 5-lap race a mere three-fifths of a second in arrears. Somervail retained his third place, winning the 2 -litre class.

Astonishingly enough, Salvadori made another late start with the sports Maserati in the 21-lap Johnson Trophy Race, and again established a record lap in trying to regain lost time. But although he worked his way up to fuurth place, he was unable to make any impression on the first three. Jimmy Stewart stayed firmly in the lead all the way with his Ecurie Ecosse C-type, while teammate Ninian Sanderson battled for second position with Gerry Dunham,
laps behind him. Sir James ScottDouglas, the third Ecurie Ecosse representative, had to stop at his pit after one lap and finished two laps behind his team-mates. Rogers (Cooper-Bristol) dealt the chicane a mighty blow on the fifth lap, Keeling (C-type) also swiped it on the next round, and C. A. S. Brooks's Frazer-Nash lost a wheel at Woodcote three laps later.
So to the 15-lap Formule Libre event, the start of which will long be remembered by those who saw it. Collins was in pole position on the inside of the front grid, with Wharton beside him and Flockhart on the outside. All three shot away with immense acceleration when the flag dropped, Wharton fighting furiously against wheelspin in the middle, but getting into Madgwick ahead of Collins and behind Flockhart. However, he lost his second place to the Thinwall before the lap had ended, and was also taken by Salvadori (Maserati) at Lavant Straight on the second round.
It seemed that the Thinwall had the edge on Flockhart's B.R.M., and Peter Collins was driving the big car superbly. After two laps he had closed in on Flockhart, to wage a terrific duel until,



CHICANE: Gerry Dunham's C-type Jaguar leads that of Ninian Sanderson in the Johnson Trophy Race. The two had a keen duel, which was won by Sanderson.


ST. MARY'S: Roy Salvadori leads another Scottish driver, Jimmy Somervail (Cooper-Bristol), in the event for unsupercharged $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre racing cars.
on the fifth round, he succeeded in getting past. The $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre machine then drew comfortably ahead, while Flockhart's second place was also comfortable until, at half-distance, he was slowed by some back markers and Salvadori drew momentarily closer, only to go on the grass on the ninth lap.

Wharton's B.R.M. stayed firmly in fourth place, followed at some distance by Parnell's Ferrari, and J. K. Hall (Cooper-Bristol), lying sixth, was lapped by the first five at the finish. The E.R.A.s of Holt and Somervail retired, and Richardson spun his R.R.A. into retirement on the eighth lap. Collins's fastest lap was at $93.30 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. , impressively close to Hawthorn's Goodwood record of 94.53 m.p.h. with the same car.

There followed two 5-lap handicaps for sports cars, in the first of which Sir Jeremy Boles ( 1 min .) gained and retained the lead on the second lap from limit man Ravenshaw (XK 120, 1 min. 12 secs.), with Protheroe's XK 120 (57 secs.) second and Michael Head's C-type ( 35 secs.) third. Salvadori reashed
fourth place from the 15 -second mark, but the fastest lap was made by scratch man Jimmy Stewart.
In the second handicap, Ulsterman Desmond Titterington (Triumph TR2) drove neatly and well in familiar rain to pass limit man Strickland (Riley Spl.) on the final lap, Basil de Mattos (A.C. Ace) pulling into second place and P. H. Scarf (TR2) just pipping Strickland for third. The meeting ended on a humorous note, when D. G. Groves crossed the line with most of the outer chicane fence wrapped round the front of his Vauxhall Special.
F. W. McC.

## Results

500 c.c. Race ( 15 laps, scratch): 1, R. G. Bicknell (Revis) 26 mins. 27.2 secs. ( $81.66 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ); 2 , Tyrell (Cooper) 26 mins. 56.4 secs.; 4, E, Brandon (Cooper), 27 mins. 9.8 secs.: 5, L. Leston (Cooper), 28 mins. 7 secs. Fastest lap: Bicknell, 1 min. 44.2 secs. ( 82.92 m.p.h.).

Racing, up to 2,500 c.c. U/s (5 laps, scratch): 1, R. Parnell (Ferrari), 8 mins. 13.2 secs. ( 87.63 m.p.h.); 2, R. F. Salvadori (Maserati), 8 mins. $\begin{array}{lll}13.8 \\ \text { mins. } 38.8 & \text { secs. } 2,000 \text { c.c. Class: J. Somervail. }\end{array}$

Fastest lap: Salvadori, 1 min. 35 secs. (90.95 m.p.h.).-Class D Record.

Johnson Sports Car Challenge Trophy Race (21 laps, scratch): 1, J. R. Stewart (Jaguar XK 120 C ) 36 mins. 38.4 secs. ( $82.52 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.); 2 , N. Sanderson (Jaguar XK 120C). 36 mins. 59 secs.; 3, G. R. F. Salvadori (Maserati), 37 mins, 27.8 secs.; 4 R.500 c.c. Class: A, C. B. Chapman (Lotus), 20 laps. Fastest lap: Salvadori, 1 min .39 secs (87.27 m.p.h.).

Whitsun Trophy Race (Formule Libre, 15 laps, scratch): 1, P. J. Collins (Ferrari Thin Wall Spl.), 23 mins. 35.4 secs. ( $91.53 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.$) ; 2, R. Flockhart$ (B.R.M.), 23 mins. 50.4 secs.; 3, R. F. Salvadori (Maserati), 23 mins. 58 secs,; 4, K. Wharton B.R.M.), 24 mins. 33 secs. 2,000 c.e. Class: 1 , J. K. Hall (Cooper-Bristol), 14 laps; 2, M. F. Young (Connaught). Fastest lap: Collins, 1 min. 2.6 secs. ( $93.30 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.

First Whitsun Handicap (Sports cars, 5 laps): 1, Sir J. Boles (Aston Martin DB3), rec'd. 1 min., 9 mins. 40.4 secs ( $76.06 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ); 2 , E. Protheroe (Jaguar XK 120), rec'd 57 secs., 9 mins. 41 secs.; 3, M. W. Head (Jaguar XK 120C), rec'd 35 secs., XK 120 C ), 1 min .43 .4 secs. ( $83.56 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ) Second Whitsun Handicap (Sports cars, 5 laps): 1, J. D. Titterington (Triumph TR2), rec'd 1 min. 22 secs., 11 mins. 21.8 secs. ( 70.99 m.p.h.); 2, secs., 11 mins. 30.4 secs.; 3, P. H. Scarf (Triumph TR2), rec'd 1 min. 22 secs., 11 mins. 33 secs. Fastest lap: A. P. O. Rogers (Cooper-Bristol), i min. 49.6 secs. ( 78.83 m.p.h.).

## B.T.D. SHARED AT SYONFIN

## Durbidge and Quinn Tie in Omagh Hill-climb

Syd durbidge (Maserati-Griffen) and Joe Quinn (Mercury-engined S.A.M.) were the "stars" of the Omagh Motor Club's hill-climb at Syonfin, Co. Tyrone, on Saturday, 5th June, each making a climb in 63.2 secs. This time was best of the day, but 2.4 secs. outside the hill record held by Desmond Titterington (J2 Allard).

Two of the fastest cars entered failed to show up. Laurie McGladery is still convalescing from his crash at Farmer's Cross and, consequently, the McCandless was scratched. Redmond Gallagher's blown Leprechaun was allocated the scratch mark, but it, too, failed to materialize. Thus Durbidge, Quinn and Alf Carroll (497 c.c. J.P.) shared virtual scratch mark. Another interesting machine at the hill was Jim Meikle's 660 c.c. Cooper, now sporting a power unit which once acted as a generating set on a German U-boat (top revs. something under 5,000 ). Charles Maunsell's Riley-engined H.R.G. was seen to have acquired four Amal carburetters during the winter.

Syonfin hill is about 1,500 yards long, with an average gradient of one in 15 . Probably the worst bend on the climb
is McDermott's Corner, a tricky left followed at once by a right-hander. It was here that most of the incident of the afternoon was experienced, the most serious being when Mrs. R. Waterson, making one of the last climbs of the afternoon, overturned her husband's B.H.W. Special. The car trapped its driver underneath, but she was speedily extricated and removed to hospital for examination, and everyone was relieved to hear that she was not seriously hurt. It was at this spot, too, that Denis Wilkins pranged his Consul-engined Lotus, but was able to repair the damage and continue.

The meeting was carried through expeditiously and, with classes to segregate almost everybody from everybody else, a sizeable award list was published to bring to a close one more enjoyable Syonfin meeting.
W. A. McMaster.
B.T.D.: Tie between S . Durbidge (Griffen S .) and J. Quinn ( 4,250 S.A.M.), 63.2 secs. 2 , R. McMilian ( 497 c.c. J.P.), $64.2 ; 3, \mathrm{C}$. W. E. Maunsell (H.R.G. / Riley), 64.8.
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90.2 secs.: c.c.:
2 (Morris Minor), 117.8 . Up to Miss $\mathbf{1 , 3 0 0}$ e. Gallagher Barkley (Hillman Minx), 91.4; 2, D. Waterson
(Hillman Minx), 95.6 ; 3 , W. Beatty (Hillman Minx),
Keatley
103.2.
(Sunbeam-Talbot) Keatley (Sunbeam-Talbot), $79.4 ; 2$, B, R. Nelson
(Ford Zephyr), 79.6; 3, J. P. Robinson (Vauxhall (Ford Zephyr), 79.6; 3, J. P. Robinson (Vauxhall Oelox), 80.6.
Open cars, up to 1,500 c.c.: $1, S$. Moore (Dellow), 70.4 secs.; 2, H. Reilly (M.G.). 73.2 3, 3, H. McWhir (H.R.G.), 73.6. Up to 2,500 c.e.: $1, \mathrm{D}$. Eagleson (Triumph TR2), 68.4; 2, J. Howe (Morgan ${ }^{\text {Plour), }} 72.4$. Ford-based Cars: 1 , Moore (Dellow) and J. Neilson (M.M.) 70.6: 2, R. Turner (Ford Spl.), 73.4 . Non-racing, up to 1,500 c.c.: 1, C. W. E. Maunsell (H.R.G./Riley), 64.8; 2, I. Titterington (Lotus), 66.4; 3, D. A. Wilkins (Lotus), 68.2 . Over 1,500 e.c.: 1, J. Quinn (4,250 S.A.M.), $63.2 ; 2$, C. W. E, Maunsell (H.R.G./Riley), 64.8 ; 3, S. Porter ( 4,467 Invicta), Han
S. Moore (Dellow), net time 56.4 secs.; 2, J. Neilson (M.M.), 56.6; 3, H. Reilly
(M.G.), 57.2.

## LESLIE HAWTHORN

We very much regret to record that Mike Hawthorn's father, Leslie Hawthorn, who was seriously injured in a car crash at Hindhead, Surrey, when returning from the Goodwood meeting on Monday last, died the following evening in Haslemere Hospital.
Leslie Hawthorn, an ex-racing motor-cyclist and racing driver, and an expert tuner, was mentor and guide to his son in the latter's early racing activities, which laid the foundation for his present position in Grand Prix racing.


# 500s, SPORTS CARS AND FORMULE LIBRE AT BRANDS HATCH 

Successes for Don Parker (Kieft), A. J. Barrett (Emeryson), Peter Gammon (Lotus) and Bill Whitehouse (Connaught) at Half-Litre Club Whitsun Meeting

500s: (Above) Two of the day's most vigorous performers, A. J. Barrett (Emeryson) and $A$. A. Butler (Staride), duel for the lead, with J. Caddey's Emeryson in close attendance.

SPORTS CARS: (Right) A Lotus between two pre-war Aston Martins, and Sleeman's A40 Sports during the 20-lap $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre race won by Gammon.

paper, appear a dull race but which, in reality, was anything but.

So to the Formule Libre 30 lapper, a thoroughly satisfying event, with a big 3-litre G.P. Maserati, a delightfully raucous E.R.A., two F. 2 Connaughts and other lusty machinery as novel and welcome visitors to "the cradle of 500 c.c. racing". Amazingly, it was Gammon's cheeky little Lotus, stripped of three of its four wings, which led the truly Heinzian field on the opening lap. Don Beauman got him on the next round, and Whitehouse on lap 5, but no one else managed it. R. Searles in the exMoss 1,100 Cooper was unlucky, his motor stalling on the line, then going sick with a detached magneto lead after several very fast laps, during one of which his offside rear wheel contacted S. F. Pile's Aston Martin, sending it on the grass.

The leaders were lapping the tailenders after six laps, and by the end

The large crowd which attended the Half-Litre Club's National meeting at Brands Hatch on Whit-Monday beheld some very fine racing with some excitingly close finishes. A driver named Parker won two races in a Kieft, and another driver named Gammon was a firm first with a Lotus in the 1,500 c.c. sports car race, but these results were less of a surprise than some others during the day. The Formule Libre race -the first ever at Brands-looked a safe bet for Don Beauman (Connaught) until Bill Whitehouse an old F. 3 hand at the "old" Kentish Mile-tore through to first place in another Connaught during the last three of the 30 laps. The bearded A. J. Barrett, in a most attractive red Emeryson, was another outstanding performer, while Archie Scott-Brown handled the Lister magnificently during his chase of Peter Gammon, considerably enlivening the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre sports car race.

Race 1, the first heat of the Open Challenge Race, was indisputably Don Parker's, though S. Lewis-Evans, N. Berrow-Johnson and J. Russell had to work hard to prise A. Cowley's older Cooper from second place behind the maroon Kieft. Heat 2 was disappointing for George Wicken and the crowd, much intrigued by his imposing new streamlined fibreglass Cooper 500, which oiled a plug and declined to start. A. J. Barrett (Emeryson) and A. A. Butler (Staride) disputed the lead awhile, until a very determined Dennis Taylor insinuated his Staride past both at Paddock Bend, his example being followed before the finish by Caddey in the cream Emeryson. Berrow-Johnson's very fleet Martin led the Final for two hardfought rounds, when the inevitable Parker came through to win. Caddey's Emeryson cast away a useful wheel-and 5 th place-at Clearways on the final round.
R. A. Anderson, in his smart blue Staride, led Heat 1 of the Junior event from start to finish, pursued consistently

FORMULE LIBRE: (Right) Two 1953 F2 Connaughts dispute the lead in the longest race of the day, Don Beauman leading Bill Whitehouse, the eventual winner.
but unavailingly by Mackenzie - Lo w's well-driven Cooper. Heat 2 saw a tremendous dice by A. J. Barrett, who challenged Butler's leading Staride on the last lap, and provided a terrific photofinish, the Emeryson leading across the line by perhaps three inches. When the 10-lap Final was fought out, it was Barrett again who won, with Butler heading Eccles's similar Staride home.

The Seniors' session ensued, and in this Don Parker showed he and his Kieft were right back in their old Brands form by leading from lap one to lap 10 and the chequered flag. Despite this supremacy the race was a tense one, with D. Taylor driving grandly in second place, never letting up on Parker until his Staride's gearbox locked solid on the final lap, breaking a chain. BerrowJohnson and Russell thereupon swooped past into 2nd and 3rd places, and poor Taylor coasted home 4th.

The sports car 20 lapper proved yet another benefit for that Caracciola of $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre sports car racing, Peter Gammon, and his Lotus. It was notable, too, for the aural relief it afforded after the unrelenting crackle of five F. 3 races in succession, and for the very fine effort by disabled Archie Scott-Brown, back in racing with the Lister-M.G. In this car he took second place, at one stage getting within 2 secs. of the leading Lotus and thoroughly animating what could, on

some were three rounds in arrears. By lap 26 Bill Whitehouse, in the fuelinjection Connaught, was worrying at Beauman's tail; soon to sprint past at Paddock Bend, Beauman ceding several valuable lengths by sliding along the grass verge on the bottom downhill swoop. Whitehouse lapped at 71.08 m.p.h. during his chase, but his winning average was less than that of Parker's Kieft in the Senior 500 c.c. race.
S. W. Creamer's very trim Creamer 500 took the lead in the all-J.A.P. race halfway through the opening lap, going on to win despite valiant efforts on the part of G. M. Jones (Cooper). R. C. Smith followed in, and Gerry Meharey, forsaking the camera for the cockpit, was fourth in a neat white Cooper.

## Results

Open Challenge Race, F3 cars, Heat 1 (7 laps): 1, D. Parker (Kieft), 7 mins. 37 secs. 68.37 m.p..; 2, S. Lewis-Evans (Cooper); 3, N. BerrowJohnson (Martin), 4, J. Russell (Coper).
Heat 2 ( laps): 1 D. Taylor (Staride).
Heat 2 ( 7 laps): i, D. Taylor (Staride), 7 mins.
42.4 secs, 67.59 m.p.h.; 2, J. Caddey (Emeryson): 42.4 secs, 67.59 m.p.h.; 2, J. Caddey (Emeryson);
3, A. J. Barrett (Emeryson); 4, A. A. Butler (Staride).
Final (10 laps): 1, D. Parker (Kieft), 10 mins.
46.8 secs., 69.02 m.p.h. 46.8 secs., 69.02 m.p.h.; 2, J. Russell (Cooper);
3 N. Berrow-Johnson (Martin). ${ }^{3}$ (Staride); 5 , J. Brown (Staride); 6, S. S. Lewis-Evans (Cooper).

(Staride); 3, A. Eccles (Staride); 4, G. Hill (Kieft); 5, A. Zains (Cooper); 6, R. C. Smith (J.B.S.).
Senior Race, F3 ( $\mathbf{1 0}$ laps): 1, D. Parker (Kieft), 10 mins. 42.4 secs., 69.49 m.p.h.; 2, N. Berrow-
Johnson (Martin); 3, J, Russell (Cooper); 4. D. Taylor (Staride): 5, ${ }^{3}$ Rewis-Evans (Cooper): 6 J. Brown (Staride).

Sports Cars up to 1,500 c.c. ( 20 laps): 1, P. D A Scott-Brown (Lister); 53.4 secs., 65.01 m.p.h.

4, R. Watling-Greenwood (R.W.G.); 5, R. L. Manwaring (Lotus); 6, F. G. Nichols (C.S.M.). Formule Libre Racing Cars (30 laps): 1, W. J. Whitehouse (Connaught), 32 mins. 29.6 sees., 68.69 m.p.h.; 2, D. Beauman (Connaught); 3, P. D.
Gammon (Lotus); 4, H. C. Spero (Maserati); 5 , Gammon (Lotus); 4, H. C. Spero (Maserati); 5,
M. Anthony (Lotus); 6, R. L. Manwaring (Lotus). M. Anthony (Lotus); 6, R. L. Manwaring (Lotus). F3 Cars, J.A.P. engines ( 10 laps): 1, S. W. Creamer (Creamer), 11 mins. 28.2 secs., 64.86 (J.B S.). 4 G F Menarey (Cooper), C. Smith

## M.M.E.C. AT

## SILVERSTONE

Five"Firsts" for PeterGammon(Lotus) in Saturday Twelve-Race Programme

The opportunity to watch every type of racing, from sports cars and Formula 3 to Formule Libre, for a modest car-park fee is good value for anybody's money, and the M.M.E.C. provided all this in good measure at Silverstone on Saturday. They also set the scene for a Gammon Benefit, that astonishing young man from Guildford taking five firsts and a second place with his Lotus M.G., in the teeth of stiff opposition!
R. Watling-Greenwood won the first scratch race for sports cars under 1,100 c.c. with his handsome little R.W.G., F. C. Hill (Lotus) snatching second place by one-fifth second from Nurse's Riley. Gammon scored his first win of the day in the under 1,500 c.c. race which followed, after a promising scrap with E. J. Newton's Killeen had terminated when Newton saw a wheel overtake him at Copse, and found he was driving a tricycle! The Killeen, which had been going extremely well, thereupon departed into a cornfield, and the Lotus-M.G. won comfort ably from the R.W.G. and J. P. Hack ing's Cooper-M.G.

Moor's Wasp led an eight-lap 500 c.c. race, until displaced by Headland's Martin Headland and the Arengo, but fought back to second place behind Headland, Anderson's Staride finally getting into third spot. Next came the under 3,000 c.c. six-lap sports car scratch race, in which Gammon was opposed by Clairmonte's 1,996 c.c. Connaught-engined Clairmonte, Jackson's ex-Davis CooperM.G. and a host of Austin-Healeys and Triumph T.R.2s. Gammon and Clairmonte fought out a tremendous battle, the latter gaining ground on the straights and Gammon clawing it back by late braking and desperate cornering, to snatch a grand win by one-fifth second on the last heart-stopping scramble round Woodcote.

Headland won again in a six-lap affair for racing cars up to 2,000 c.c., after both Gammon and Clairmonte had fallen out, and Moor and Wake renewed their battle of two weeks before, the AltaBristol going considerably better and pipping the Wasp into second place. Refreshed by its brief breather, the Lotus-M.G. came out again for the unlimited 10 -lap sports car race. Clairmonte was still in trouble and retired early, whereupon Gammon disposed of Baxter's C-type Jaguar and Stevens's DB3 Aston Martin and won as he liked; meanwhile Burton's old Bentley staved off a Jaguar and shook the DB3 more than somewhat!
The Gammon-Lotus combination, having returned to the paddock merely


THAT MAN AGAIN: Peter Gammon in his indefatigable Lotus-M.G. goes for Woodcote on the inside, during his scrap with C. M. Clairmonte in the fourth race.
as a matter of form, now came out to see what it could do with Formule Libre, mainly in the shape of Richardson's E.R.A.-engined R.R.A. As things turned out, Richardson settled the matter himself, after a rasping first lap, when his brakes failed at 120 m.p.h. on the approach to Woodcote. He landed in the Grandstand bunker, from which it took him three laps to "chip out". This took some of the sting out of things, as Clairmonte, despite furious work on his rear axle between races, was not on form, and could only manage third place behind Baxter's Jaguar, Gammon meanwhile still further overcrowded his groaning sideboard with another win, being credited with a lap at some 77 m.p.h. in the process.
D. H. Small won nicely from Walshaw's Lotus in a combined 1,172750 Formula race, in which there were no 750 s, Walshaw winning the handicap which followed. Everard's DB3 Aston scored from the scratch mark in race 10 and That Man Again brought the Lotus through the field from the same mark to scoop the racing car handicap from Wake's Alta-Bristol and the Martin Headland.
The final handicap for sports cars was run in a long-threatened thunder-storm, in which everyone drove with commendable restraint. Austin Nurse thoroughly deserved his win for a beautiful drive in unpleasant conditions, cornering his Riley on the limit with no mistakes, and the day ended with a fighting finish for the places, in which Gammon, once more on scratch, succeeded in pushing his radiator ahead of White's Austin-Healey by a matter of inches.
G. H. Deason.

## Results

Race 1. Sports car up to 1,100 c.c. U/s, 750 c.c. S ( 5 laps): 1, R. Watling-Greenwood (R.W.G.), 7 mins. 3.8 secs.; 2, F. C. Hill (Lotus), 7 mins. 12 ecs., 3, A. J. Nurse (Riley), 7 mins. 12.2 secs
Race 2. Sports cars up to 1,500 c.c. U/s, 1,100 c.c. S ( 6 laps): 1, P. D. Gammon (Lotus), 8 mins. 22 secs.; 2, R, Watling-Greenwood (R.W.G.), 8 mins. 29.4 secs.; 3, J. P. Hacking (Cooper-M.G.)
8 mins. 31.8 secs.

Race 3. Formula 3 Racing cars (8 laps): C. D. Headland (Martin-Headland), 10 mins. 33.8 secs.; 2, E. J. Moor (Wasp), 10 mins. 36.8 secs.
3, R. A. Anderson (Staride), 10 mins. 39 secs.
Race 4. Sports cars up to $\mathbf{3 , 0 0 0}$ c.c. U/s, 1,500 c.c. S (6 laps): 1, P. D. Gammon (Lotus), 7 mins. $\begin{array}{ll}51.8 & \text { secs.; 2, C. M. Clairmonte (Clairmonte), } 7 \\ \text { mins. } 52 & \text { secs. } \\ \text { P }\end{array}$ mins. 23.2 secs.
Race 5. Racing cars up to 2,000 c.c. U/s ( 6 48.6 secs. secs secs.; 2, A. Wake (Alta-Bristol), 7 mins. 57
Race 6. Sports cars, any capacity ( 10 laps) P. D. Gammon (Lotus), 13 mins 8.2 laps): 1 , Baxter (Jaguar) (Lotus), 13 mins. 8.2 secs.; 2, B. Baxter (Jaguar), 13 mins. 12 secs.; 3, J. Stevens
(Aston Martin), 13 mins, 40.6 secs.
Race 7. Formule Libre ( 10 laps): 1, P. D. Gammon (Lotus), 13 mins. 14.4 secs.; 2, B. Baxter (Jaguar), 13 mins. 21 secs.; 3, C. M.
Clairmonte (Clairmonte), 13 mins. 40 secs.
Race 8. 1,172 Formula ( 5 laps): 1, D. H. Small (D.H.S.), ${ }^{7}$ mins. 31.2 secs.; 2, R. Walshaw (Lotus), 7 mins. 32.4 secs.; 3, A. E. Marsh
(Dellow), 7 mins. 32.6 secs.
Race 9. Sports cars, handicap, Heat 1 ( 5 laps): 1, R. Walshaw (Lotus); 2, A. J. Nurse (Riley); , A. E. Marsh (Dellow).
Race 10. Heat 2 (5 laps): 1, P. A. Everard (Aston Martin); 2, P. D. Gammon (Lotus); 3, D. S. Shale (Austin-Healey).

Race 11. Racing car handicap (5 laps): 1, P. D. Gammon (Lotus), scr.; 2, A. Wake (Alta-Bristol); 3, C. D. Headland (Martin-Headland).
Race 12. Sports car handicap, Final (10 laps): 1. A. J. Nurse (Riley), 62.67 m.p.h.; 2, P. D.


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## SUNSHINE

## and SALVADORI

## Victories in Maserati and Jaguar at Snetterton

SUNSHINE and Salvadori was the order of the day at the West Essex Car Club's Spring Race Meeting held at Snetterton on 5 th June, with the former shining brightly all day, completely breaking the usual W.E.C.C. weather jinx , and the latter winning no fewer than four of the nine races in the programme and taking second and third places in two more!

Proceedings opened with the five-lap


2,493 c.c. (Above) In Sid Green's F1 Maserati, Roy Salvadori won two races at the West Essex C.C.'s Snetterton meeting.

3,442 c.c. (Left) With an Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar, he scored two more victories and gained third place in the W. Lyons Trophy Handicap, rounding off the list with a second place in the sports Maserati.
scratch race for sports cars up to 1,500 c.c., in which the lead was taken from the start by J. B. Naylor's neat Cooper-M.G., with Jack Sears in the Lister-M.G. pressing him hard for three laps, until the Cooper lost a cylinder and dropped to second place.
Event 2, the ten-lap Jaguar handicap for the W. Lyons Trophy, saw the three Ecurie Ecosse cars and Mike Connell's newly acquired XK 120 C giving 1 min . 20 secs. start to five standard XK 120s. From the flag fall Bob Berry made good use of this advantage and set such a cracking pace that even Roy Salvadori's rapid driving of the leading "Ecosse " car could do no better than land a third place. "New boy " to the blue cars Desmond Titterington duelled enthusiastically throughout with team mate Sir James Scott-Douglas.
Event 3, the half-litre race, was undoubtedly the most exciting of the day. For the whole 10 laps Don Parker (Kieft), Jim Russell, J. K. Hall (Coopers) and D. Taylor (Staride) waged such a cut-throat battle that right up to the last lap, when Russell made his final but unsuccessful challenge and Taylor spun off in attempting the same, the result was quite unpredictable.
After such a race the next event, for sports cars up to 2 litres, might well have been an anti-climax, but was enlivened by a further round in the Crook-Salvadori

OUT OF THE ESSES: (Right) Surbiton, in the shape of Coopers driven by Hall and Russell, chases Wolverhampton, in the form of Don Parker's Kieft. The finishing order was Parker, Hall, Russell -but it was a determined struggle to the end.
duel, the narrow-bodied maroon machine again leading the more exotic Italian one. Dicky Stoop took third place with his five-year-old Mille Miglia 'Nash, displaying better road holding with its rebuilt rear end and more knots than before.

The Curtis Trophy race for Formula 1 cars came next and began the run of Salvadori successes. Driving the $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Maserati, he had matters so much his own way that he finished nearly a minute ahead of second man, Bill Whitehouse, who seemed very much at home in his new Connaught.

The big sports car race which, on paper, looked like being an Ecurie Ecosse benefit,
was brightened by Crook's sitting impertinently in second place throughout, in his little 2-litre car.
Credit goes to the handicapper for the success of both sports car handicaps. In the first Naylor's Cooper, now running on all four cylinders again, just managed to stay ahead of Jack Sears after taking the lead in Lap 3. David Blakely in LOY 501, the original Leonard-M.G., duelled throughout with Tom Dargue's rebodied M.G. The second handicap was again won by the irrepressible Salvadori, who came through from scratch to take the lead from Dicky Stoop in the last few hundred yards.

And the last race-the Formule Libre? Why, of course-Roy entered, Roy started and Roy won! It seemed that second place would be filled by Crook's sports CooperBristol, but two laps from the end Bill Whitehouse's Connaught displaced it. The E.R.A.s in the race, which were also competing for points towards the E.R.A. Anniversary Trophy, were somewhat disappointing, the highest placed being Alastair Birrell (R.1.A.) in seventh place, while Somervail misfired throughout and Lewis retired with a flat rear tyre.
J. Richard Aley.

## RESULTS

Race 1. Sports cars up to 1,500 c.c. ( 5 laps): 1, J. G. S. Sears (Lister), 10 mins. 48.8 secs., mins, 3.6 secs.: 3 , D. Blakely (Leonard-M.G.), 11 mins. 3.6 secs.; 3, D. Blakely (Leonard-M.G.), ${ }^{11}$ mins. 7.6 secs.; ${ }^{4}$, 18.4 secs. Fastest lapa Sears, $77.14 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. Race 2. W. Lyons Trophy, Jaguar XK 120 cars (10-lap handicap): 1, R. E. Berry, 20 mins. 31.6 secs., 78.92 m.p.h.; 2, E. Protheroe, 20 mins. 39 seccs; 3, R. Salvadori (C-type), 20 mins. 42.6 secs.; 4, J. D. Titterington (C-type), 21 mins. 24.6 secs. Fastest lap: Salvadori, $84.82 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.


Race 3. Formula 3 Racing cars ( 10 laps): 1 , D. Parker (Kieft), 20 mins. 21.4 secs., 79.58 m.p.h.; 2, J. K. Hall (Cooper), 20 mins. 21.6 secs.: 3, J. Russell (Cooper), 20 mins. 22.6 secs.; 4, l. L. Bueb (Cooper), 20 mins. 36.4 secs Taylor (Staride), $80.87 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.

Race 4. Sports cars up to 2,000 c.c. ( 5 laps)s 1, T. A. D. Crook (Cooper-Bristol), 9 mins. 57.2 secs., 81.38 m.p.h.; 2, R. Salvadori (Maserati), 9 10 mins. 14.4 sees.; 4 , C. A. S. Brooks (FrazerNers) 10 mins 16.2 secs. Fastest lap: Crook and Salvadori, $83.08 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
Race 5. Formula 1 Racing cars (10 laps): 1, R. Salvadori (Maserati), 18 mins. 26.4 secs, 87.85 m.p.h.; 2, W. J. Whitehouse (Connaught), 19
mins. 20.8 secs.; 3, J. A. Somervail (CooperBristol), 19 mins. 27.4 secs.; 4, T. A. D. Crook (Cooper-Bristol), 19 mins 48.4 secs Fastest lap Calvadori, 89,34 m.p.h
Race 6. Sports cars, any capacity (5 laps): 1 R. Salvadori (Jaguar), 9 mins. 36.8 secs., 84.26 mins. 44.2 secs. A. D. Crook (Cooper-Bristol), 9 mins. 50.6 secs.; 4 , J. Sir J. Scott-Douglas (Jaguar) 9 mins. 50.6 secs.; 4, Sir J. Scott-Douglas (Jaguar)
9 mins. 58.6 secs. Fastest lap: Salvadori, 85.56 m.p.h.

Race 7. Sports cars up to 1,500 c.c. handicap ( 5 laps): 1, J. B. Naylor (Cooper-M.G.), 11 mins 14.8 secs., 74.79 m.p.h.; 2, J. G. S. Sears (Lister) 11 mins. 16.4 secs.; 3, D. Blakely (Leonard-M.G.) mins. 29.8 secs. Fastest lap: Sears, 77.64 m.p.h

Race 8. Sports cars, over 1,500 c.c. handicap (5 laps): 1, R. Salvadori (Jaguar), 10 mins. 29.8 secs., $85.29 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ; 2$, J. R. Stoop (Frazer-Nash) 10 mins 39 ,., A. A. Brooks Frazer-Nash 10 mins, 47.4 secs. Fastest lap: Salvadori, 86.79 m.p.h.

Race 9. Formule Libre Racing cars (10 laps): , R. Salvadori (Maserati), 18 mins. 29.2 secs. 87.63 m.p.h.; 2, W. J. Whitehouse (Connaught) 19 mins. 2.6 secs.; 3, T. A. D. Crook (Cooper (col, 19 mins. 4.2 secs.; 4, C. D. Boulton Connaught), 19 mins E.R.A. Annivereary
mins. 47.2 esary Trophy: 1, A. Wirrell 19 mins. 47.2 secs.; 2, J, A. Somervail, 6 laps.

## FORMULA 3 AT CADWELL PARK

H. C.Allison (Mk. 8 Cooper) Wins Scratch Race at Short Lincolnshire Circuit

DRENCHING rain storms, hail and thunder marred the Louth and D.M.C.C.'s road races at Cadwell Park on Whit-Monday. A wet track, made greasy by mud carried on the feet of crossing spectators and the tyres of cars and combinations which clipped the numerous corners just a little too close, made conditions both difficult and hazardous, and speeds were understandably low. However, the large gathering of spectators saw a good programme of racing on a track which must surely be the nearest approach to a genuine road circuit in this country.

The car events consisted of a scratch race, over eight laps of the $1 \frac{1}{4}$-mile, twisting, hilly circuit, divided into two heats and a final, and a subsidiary 8 -lap handicap race towards the end of the programme. Heat One saw six starters only, Hirons, Harris, Moor, Demot and Gardner being all nonstarters. The race started in a terrific cloud of spray from the waterlogged track, and P. Robinson (Cooper) quickly jumped into the lead, being hotly pursued by R. T. Spreckley up the long hill on the extension to the track. By the end of the first lap, Spreckley had succeeded in getting past into the first place which he held until the end of
the straight from Barn Corner, he disappeared up the hill in a cloud of spray. Allison now began to press Robinson up the Mountain, and by the end of lap seven he had got through into second place, only to be passed again on the straight. Burnett (Emeryson) had meanwhile retired, leaving only four cars in the race.
1, R. T. Spreckley (Cooper); 2, P. Robinson (Cooper); 3, H. C. Allison (Cooper); 4, B. A Manning (Mackson).
Heat Two saw C. A. N. May a nonstarter, reducing the number of cars to seven. W. Howard (Cooper) and R. Parker (Cooper) were first away from the line, with C. M. Gresham (Cooper) bringing up the rear. At the end of the first lap all the cars were close together, with Howard in the lead and Charles Headland (Martin-Headland) second. S. Bloor (Cooper) retired on the Esses on the third lap, and shortly afterwards J. Higham (Kieft), who was lying a comfortable third, spun round coming out of the second bend on the Mountain, letting E.H. L. Thornton's Cooper past. However, a lap later Higham had got by again into third place. Meanwhile Headland, driving extremely well, overtook Howard for the lead, and the race finished without further alteration of position.
 E. H. L. Thornton (Cooper),

A further heavy shower occurred before the final of the scratch race, and the track was now extremely tricky. A full field of eight cars came up to the starting line, only to shed poor Robinson immediately when his engine failed to fire. At the end of the

the race, with Robinson second and E. Phillipson (Staride) in third position. Phillipson retired with engine failure halfway up the Mountain on the third lap, letting Allison (Cooper) through into third place. The end of the fourth lap saw Spreckley leading Robinson by nearly a hundred yards and, moving very fast down
(Left) Heat 2 winner Charles Headland presses $W$. Howard in the Mountain section on the fourth lap.
first lap the order was Headland, Higham, Howard, Thornton, Spreckley, Allison and Manning. Allison, who knows Cadwell Park well from his motor-cycling days, then began to move up through the field, and by the end of the fourth lap was in second place. Two laps later he was pressing Headland down the straight from Barn Corner, and by the end of the next lap he had got through into the lead. Meanwhile Thornton was falling further and further behind, while Howard's motor sounded very sick. The finish found Allison comfortably in the lead, with Headland still in second place.
2, ${ }^{\text {1, }}$ C. H. C. Allison (Cooper), 11 mins. 30.8 secs.; 2, C. Headland (Martin-Headland), 11 mins. 37.8 secs. ; 3, J, Higham (Kieft), 11 mins. 45 secs.; 4 .
E. Thornton (Cooper), 11 mins, 58.4 secs.

The handicap race brought seven starters to the line, the number being reduced to six when Robinson's engine once again refused to start. Howard and Headland both retired with engine trouble on the first lap, and it became apparent that the hills and corners of Cadwell, aided and abetted by the atrocious weather conditions, had taken their toll. The handicaps were too much for anyone to overcome, and the field finished in the order in which they had started.
1, J. S. Burnett (Emeryson); 2, S. . Bloor (Cooper); 3, J. Higham (Kieft); 4, R. T. Spreckley (Cooper).
I. C. B. Pearce.

## STOCK CAR RACING IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

A CROWD estimated at 50,000 attended the North of England's first stock car race meeting, which was held in Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on 26th May. The promoters are being backed financially by L.A.C. Shiffner, who in civilian life is Sir Henry D. Shiffner, Bart., and meetings will be held at Manchester on 16th June, Liverpool on 18th June, Bradford on 23rd June, and also at Sheffield and Newcastle. Winner of the last meeting was Brian Naylor of Stockport, with J. Wrigley second and B. Drew third.


## $\mathscr{L}_{a}$

AFEW weeks ago the Editor appealed to me, on behalf of Autosport readers, to underiake an assignment. Would I, he asked, be willing to ge abroad and test some cars? Anyway, eventually he managed to talk me into staying in Paris; it took him about a hundredth of a second

Now, although road tests were the official reason for the visit, there was racing at Montlhéry that week-end, and I soon became involved with the people who were there for that purpose. A racing motorist in London at once gravitates to the Steering Wheel, where he can discuss understeer and oversteer to his heart's content. In Paris, he has two bets. He can either visit the rather chaste bar of the A.G.A.C.I. in the Boulevard de la Somme, or he can go to l'Action Automobile in the Avenue "'Iena,, which is madly gay. At "Agaci" one sits with one's back to the television and discusses l'amour; whereas at "l'Action" there are pictures of racers all over the wall (including one labelled "Stirling Moos"), and one also discusses l'amour.
Among the racers who were gathered together, the British were prominent. There was one called "'Ameeltone", who was driving a "Shagwar", and there
were the Ecurie Bull Frog boys. These consisted of John Keeling, with a C-type,

## BY JOHN BOLSTER

"Hitch" Hitchings with a Healey, Jabby Crombac (Lotus), Roy Clarkson (Morgan) and John Horridge. Horridge spent all day and all night working on his pride and joy, which was basically a Riley-engined Jupiter of somewhat seafaring appearance. He was ably assisted by Georges Trouis and his mechanic, René, who performed near-miracles in building up a usable self-change gearbox out of two broken ones.

On arrival at Montlhéry, it was interesting to compare the organization with a typical British event. Frankly, there was no comparison. The races never started within half an hour of the advertised time, and the officials mostly had little idea of how to carry out their jobs. In particular, the flag marshalling was appalling. The light-hearted use of the red flag filled me with horror; it was, for instance, suddenly waved in front of a bunch of cars merely to tell them that practice was over!


Three of the men who dug out the Jaguar at Montlhéry, Messieurs Bolster, Keeling and Hitchings.

I hope that I shall never see A Jaguar hanging in a tree"

In the paddock there was somehow not quite the "atmosphere" that one gets at Goodwood or Silverstone. There were, however, some interesting cars. The French 500s are astonishingly ineffective for some odd reason, though one of them, with a flat-twin Zundapp engine, went moderately quickly. The fact that they ran in the same race as the 750 c.c. sports cars, and were hopelessly beaten by them, underlines my point. Unfortunately, the British Arnott entry was excluded from this race, because only two of the events on the programme were international.

Of course, most of the small sports cars were of Renault or Panhard origin, an exception being the pretty little Moretti 750 c.c. coupé, with twin o.h.c. and Rudge wheels. The fastest 750 s, however, were the Ferrys, which can be described roughly as front-engined Renaults.

The 2-litre race was a runaway victory for the open Le Mans-type $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Porsche, with the engine ahead of the swing axles, instead of behind them. It was immensely fast, and though it still visibly oversteered, it was obviously more controllable than earlier models of the same make. Clarkson's Morgan coupé was extremely impressive, till it burnt a couple of pistons due to weak mixture.

It is history that Duncan Hamilton won the big race. What was almost as historic, though, was the accident that Keeling had in the other Jaguar. Entering a downhill corner stock car styleby which I mean backwards at high velocity-he passed a Citroën, shot up an almost vertical bank, and plunged tail-first into a deep ditch. The driver was unhurt, and the "Jag" was only prevented from sinking deeper by a small tree.

At first it appeared that nothing but a powerful helicopter could recover the car, and there was talk of presenting it to the French nation. Eventually a large gang of willing helpers was organized and the machine was jacked, levered, and manhandled back to terra firma. Incredible to relate, the damage was negligible, and the Jaguar was driven home. Much later that evening the Bull Frog boys were singing:
'I hope that I shall never see
A Jaguar hanging in a tree".
Paris is a wonderful place; things happened there that couldn't happen anywhere else. For instance, Serge Pozzoli drove me through the evening traffic in his very super-tuned 750 Renault, and I noticed, on one of the very few occasions when my eyes were not tightly shut, that we were doing 7,200 r.p.m. in second gear. Just try that in London! Then there are those theatrical shows; very artistic they are, and you don't see them in London, either. Speaking of theatricals, there was even a rumour that a British journalist had been seen dancing the can-can in a Montparnasse night club.

Perhaps the most Parisian thing of all was the English translation of their catalogue that a famous firm proudly gave me. It explained that their sports model ... "makes the amateur a really dangerous contestant in all sporting and competitive events."

# POOR MAN'S LE MANS 

The Adventures of the Ecurie Bull Frog Entries in the Bol d'Or 24 Hours Race at Montlhéry

THE move from the traditional singlehanded driving in the Bol d'Or was a welcome one this year, for 24 hours at racing speed is a very arduous task, and after something like 12 hours, enjoyment gives way to a hope that the race is soon finished. I know, for I have done it already . . . and on a 75 c.c. motor-cycle at that
After the Coupe de Paris disaster, when the Ecurie Bull Frog's Lotus suffered a very badly damaged engine, and with the withdrawal of Alan Moore's and Issard-Davies's Tojeiro-M.G., which suffered a similar fate, the chances of seeing an English car in the running rested solely on John Horridge's Riley special "Jehu", which is a home-made concoction of Riley engine in a Jupiter chassis, with a dish-cover body. Frenchman Georges Trouis abandoned the drive of his T.T. class winner D.B.Panhard to co-drive "Jehu". Then, thanks to Colin Chapman, a further last-minute entry was accepted by the organizer, this being a Lotus similar to the Ecurie's car, though a bit slower. The car was entered in the racing 1,100 c.c. class, its cycle type wings not being allowed in sports car racing on the Continent. Dick Hardy, the owner of this Lotus, accepted me as co-driver, and this decision was later proved as most unfortunate for his car.
The last few hours before the race were even more panicky than usual, for the Lotus arrived a day late from London, and the Riley developed gearbox trouble. At the actual drop of the flag, both cars were still being worked upon furiously, eventually joining the race a lap in arrears. . . . At this stage, the future was not very bright for the Ecurie Bull Frog, particularly as Olivier had entered his very fast Porsche 1,500 , and this car seemed so fast as to ban all hopes of success for the Riley.
But 24 hours are quite a long time, and soon the field started dropping out Unfortunately the Lotus struck trouble at sunset and we had great trouble in cleaning the clutch plate of an excess of oil after we had overfilled the sump in a pit stop. Later on a gasket was changed, quite a simple job on this sidevalve engine anyway. The Riley was
going very well, but the Porsche was still an easy leader.
The sun was just rising when the Lotus started boiling and spitting steam and water at the driver on the corners. Blinded for a split second, I let my mind wander from cornering and in no time I was hard and fast in the bottom of a ditch, and very lucky to be unhurt too. The front suspension was damaged, so immediately we set off for Paris to dismantle damaged parts on the Ecurie's car that was lying in a garage. On returning, and to comply with the regulations, Dick Hardy had to carry all the spares and tools by himself, and to effect the whole repair single-handed. This he successfully achieved within a couple of hours and by $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. we had the car running again, albeit on a very erratic course, for the chassis was bent also.

TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE: "Jabby" Crombac, author of this article, politely raises his hat as he passes the camera in Dick Hardy's Lotus.

We carried on in order to complete the qualifying distance, which we managed by about 3 o'clock. In the meantime quite a few changes had occurred amongst the leaders. The Porsche had retired with a broken crown-wheel and pinion, and the 750 c.c. Ferry-Renault which had moved into the lead stopped at the pits, and was unable to restart on the starter motor. Furious arguments ensued, and advice was sought and tendered freely.

Ferry's pit manager then went to wake up M. Mauve, the manager of the race, who was sound asleep, and ultimately the ear was push-started. Some competitors were now preparing to lodge official protests, when the car coasted into the pit with a con-rod protruding from the side of the engine. . . . The M.D. was now first, followed by the Riley and this was to last until the end of the race.

Ten minutes before the end the leading car could be seen coasting towards the finishing line with a very sick engine. Unfortunately the Riley was too far behind to make up the distance, but had the race lasted a few minutes more it would have won easily. As for the Lotus, much to everybody's astonishment, it was going round at an incredible pace, driven by Dick Hardy, and despite the necessity of using all the road for himself he was easily the fastest lapper of the whole field.

Gérard Crombac

JOAN OF ARC RALLY, FRANCE
Results
1, Georges Houel (Alfa Romeo); 2, Masson (Panhard); 3, Monnier (Renault); 4, Lelong (Panhard); 5, Rambaux (D.B.-Panhard); 6, Meigne (Panhard).

## TIIE DAVIDSTOW MEETING

## Heavy Rain Mars Cornwall's Whitsun Racing

ONCE again Davidstow has been plagued with bad weather. On the last occasion it was fog which delayed and almost ruined Cornwall Motor Racing Ltd.'s meeting; on Whit Monday it was rain, which fell heavily throughout the day. To add to the organizer's misfortunes, a service van collided with the footbridge, causing it to collapse on to the track; as a result, the final of the unlimited sports car race had to be cancelled.

## RESULTS

Sports Cars up to 1,500 c.c., Heat 1: 1, J Risely-Prichard (Cooper-Connaught), $66.11 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. 2. P. Jackson (Cooper-M.G.); 3, B. H. Halfor (Riley Sprite): 4, W. A. Cleave (Morris Spl.).

Fastest lap: Risely-Prichard, 69.72 m.p.h.
Heat 2: 1. J. Coombs (Connaught), $68.31 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h} . ;$ 2. J. B. Naylor (Cooper-M.G.); 3, P. Bailey (Bailey Spl.); 4, A. Moore (Tojeiro).

Fastest lap: Coombs, 70.01 m.p.h.
Final: 1, J. Coombs (Connaught); 2, J. Risely Prichard (Cooper-Connaught); 3, J. B. Naylor (Cooper-M.G.); 4, A. Moore (Tojeiro).

Sports Cars, unlimited capacity, Heat 1: 1, J. H Walton (Cooper-Bristol), 71.61 m.p.h.; 2, H. H Gould (Kieft); 3, J. Coombs (Connaught); 4, D Watts (Cooper-Bristol)

Fastest lap: Walton, 72.29 m p.h.
Heat 2: 1, J. Risely-Prichard (Cooper-Connaught), 66.92 m.p.h.; 2, P. J. Simpson (Healey);
3, P. Jackson (Cooper-M.G.); 4, J. Epstein (Alta).

Fastest lap: Risely-Prichard, 69.57 m.p.h.
Heat 3: 1, T. Sopwith (Sphinx), 71.42 m.p.h. 2, G. S. Scali (H.W.M.-Jaguar); 3, G.p. G. McDonald (Bentley); 4, J. Buncombe (Jaguar XK 120)
Fastest lap: Scali, 74.06 m.p.h.
Final: Cancelled.
Formule Libre ( 20 laps, h'cap): 1, G. S. Scali H.W.M.-Jaguar); 2, A. Brooke (H.W.M.); 3, J. (E.R.A.)

Formula 1 (20 laps, scratch): 1, J. RiselyPrichard (Connaught), 74.21 m.p.h.; 2. J. H. Walton (Cooper-Bristol); 3, A. Brooke (H.W.M.); 4, D. Watts (Cooper-Bristol)
Fastest lap: Risely-Prichard, 75.92 m.p.h.
Formula 2 ( 20 laps. scratch): 1, J. RiselyPrichard (Connaught), 73.90 m.p.h.; 2, L. Marr Connaught); 3, C. D. Boulton (Connaught); 4, . Coombs (Connaught).
Fastest lap: H. H. Gould (Cooper-Bristol), 8.25 m.p.h.

Formula 3 ( 20 laps, scratch): 1, A. Loens Staride). 66.66 m.p.h. 2, D. Watts (Cooper); 3, J. F. Westcott (Kieft); 4, A. Denlev (Cooper).


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The fantastic speeds obtained by Jaguar during preliminary trials on the Le Mans circuit have made their new sports-racing type general favourites to win the great 24 Hours race, which starts tomorrow at 4 p.m. Driving the prototype, Tony Rolt lapped at over 115 m.p.h., or some $5 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. faster than Villoresi's 1953 record with the $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ferrari. What is more to the point, however, is that all Jaguar's team of drivers are capable of circulating at these remarkable speeds.
Ferrari's formidable 4.9-litre cars may, of course, be even faster than Coventry's $3 \frac{1}{2}$-litre machines, but the Modena concern has serious driver difficulties for these very powerful projectiles. Both Farina and. Hawthorn are doubtful starters, leaving Gonzalez and Trintignant as first team drivers, and Maglioli as the only remaining recognized works pilot. The Marzotto brothers will doubtless be given one of the two 3 -litre cars. Nevertheless, with Italian prestige being at stake, it would not occasion a great deal of surprise if Lancia released Ascari for the occasion, to drive one of the 4.9-litre cars.
The David Brown organization is represented by one V-12 $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Lagonda
and four DB3S Martins, one of which is to be supercharged. If this car starts, its driver will almost certainly be Reg Parnell, although his name has been linked with the Lagonda. The latter is very much in the prototype stage, and Silverstone showed that several teething troubles have yet to be overcome. One is inclined to fancy the chances of the supercharged car more than the V-12, as it is unlikely that Feltham will encounter the troubles which beset Lancia last year when superchargers were added as a last-minute measure. Nevertheless, the unsupercharged DB3S models are most impressive machines, and one cannot foresee a repetition of the misfortunes which beset the marque n 1953.

Amedée Gordini will carry the hopes of France with the specially prepared 3 -litre straight-eight machine, which is to be driven by Behra and Simon, and a couple of the now very reliable $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre cars will support the fastest entry. The $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Talbots now have 280 b.h.p. 40 more than last year-and better brakes. Whether Briggs Cunningham's

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$4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ferrari-engined car will be ready in time will not be known till the finish of practising, but the $5 \frac{1}{2}$-litre machines are known to be very fast indeed. Cunningham has a good team of drivers, comprising Walters, Spear, Benett, Johnston, Fitch and Briggs himself.

Well, there it is. One must anticipate that the winner will come from the cars mentioned, with any bookmakers being disinclined to offer any odds whatsoever on Jaguar of Coventry.

Still and all, the race is not always to the swiftest, and the history of motor racing is full of hopes blasted, and Davids beating Goliaths. If the superfast stuff falls by the way, smaller engined machines will come into prominence. The new $2 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Maseratis are very much unknown quantities, and the names of Juan Manuel Fangio and Onofre Marimon have been linked with


FORMIDABLE RIVALS: (Above) America's reliable Cunninghams may well step in when brittle pacemakers drop out of the long race. One of their 1954 cars has a Ferrari engine.
(Left) The very swift and powerful 4.9-litre Ferraris will vie strongly with Jaguar for fastest lap speeds.

## Rines mil vavs

recast Winning Speeds Will Exceed 110 m.p.h. - Jaguar for Outright Victory-Ferrari Driver Difficulties-Gordinis Martins Likely to Challenge Large-capacity Machines



EAD of Britain's attack will come from Jaguar, In 1951 and 1953. This year's aerodynamic bodied, ted cars have already lapped the Sarthe circuit at record speeds of over 115 m.p.h.
one of the entries; the other is down to be handled by the Frenchmen, Johnny Simone and Mike Sparken. Bristols' 2-litre cars are said to be much faster than the 1953 editions, whilst FrazerNash has a fine record at Le Mans.

The battle for the "Index" should produce some interesting contests. Although the amazingly rapid little 610 c.c. Panhard, of the type driven by the Chancel brothers, is regarded as favourite, the Porsche v. Osca struggle in the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre class may put the speeds of these 1,500 c.c. machines up to a considerable
degree. The 4-o.h.c. Porsche is known to be capable of well over $135 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. ., and some say that the latest Osca is even quicker.

Britain's two 1,100 c.c. entries, the Coventry Climax and M.G.-engined Kiefts, are largely experimental; they will be opposed by Porsche and Bonnet's new aerodynamic, 850 c.c. D.B.-Panhard. Amongst privately-entered cars are the ex-Sparken, Vignale-bodied Aston Martin (Colas/Ramos) with S-type engine, a Swedish-owned Frazer-Nash, Mouche's Peugeot-based Constantin, Rosier's exG.P. $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Ferrari, and the Wadsworth/ Wallwork TR2 Triumph.

French experts say that, given favourable weather, the race may be won at over $110 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$. , and one or two even prophesy a two-miles-a-minute lap speed.

Certainly there is every indication that the 1954 Le Mans should be the fastest race ever run for sports cars on a road circuit.

Gregor Grant.

[^0]Over 5-litres: Cunningham, $4,020.230$ kiloms., at 167.514 k.p.h.
3,001-5,000 c.c.: Jaguar, 4,088.060 kiloms.s at 170.336 k.p.h. (Outright record for the Le Mans circuit.)
$164.394 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$.
1,501-2,000 c.c.: Frazer-Nash, $3,410.920$ kiloms., at 142.122 k.p.h.
1,101-1,500 c.c.: Porsche, $3,330.650$ kiloms., at 138.777 k.p.h.

751-1,100 c.c.: Osca, $3,127.050$ kiloms., at 30.294 k.p.h.
$501-750$ c.c.: D.B.-Panhard, $3,191.010$ kiloms., t 133.000 k.p.h.
Record Lap: Ferrari (Villoresi), 4 mins. 27.4 secs., 181.642 k.p.h.

## THE ENTRIES <br> Great Britain

Aston Martin (2.9 litres, 4). Drivers include Parnell, Collins, Poore, A. G. Whitehead, Thompson; also Colas/da Silva Ramos (2.9-litreengined DB2),
Bristol (3).
Mayers / Keen.
Frazer-Nash (2 litres, 3) - Peacock/Ruddock
Grazonides/Becquart. Notorp/I Andersson
Lagonda (4.5 litres, 1). Salvadori or Parnell.
(Continued overleaf)


FROM ISLEWORTH
(Left) Although FrazerNash's Sapphire-engined car is not ready, three privately-owned 2-litre models will compete.

FROM MODENA (Right) Three Maseratis are due to run, two of them new $2 \frac{1}{2}$ litre cars and one a 2-litre, as shown. The latter should be amongst the fastest in its class.



REDIGREE PRODUCTS: Two marques famed for their Le Mans successes, Lagonda and Aron Martin, are strongly represented. One 12-cylinder Lagonda (left), and four DB3S Aston Martins, two of them coupés (right), and two open, are down to run under David Brown's


HOME DEFENCE: France's fastest representative, apart from the $4 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Talbots, should be the 3-litre, 8-cylinder Gordini, here seen while still not completed.
 ENCE: The famous Deutsch-Bonnet concern have produced sleek central-seated sports cars for Le Mans around both Panhard and Renault power units. On the right, the front-engined, front-drive D.B.Panhard, one of which will have an 850 c.c. engine, the other $a$ 750. On the left, the 750 c.c. rear-engined, rear-drive D.B.-Renault.

NO RELATION to the above, Nigel Mann's special-bodied DB3 Aston Martin (right) bears a family likeness to the works DB3S models in its lightweight wire-mesh radiator grille.
Jaguar (3.5 litres, 4) Moss/Walker; Rolt/ Hamilton
Swaters.
Kieft (1.1 litres, 2). Rippon/Black; Hitchings/ Triumph (2 litres, 1). Wadsworth/Wallwork.

## France

Talbot ( $4 \frac{1}{2}$ litres, 3). Levegh/Fayen; Grignard/ Blanc; L. C. Rosier/X.

Gordini (one 3 -litre, two 2.5 litres, one 1.1 -litre). Behra / Simon; Guelfi / Pollet; Moynet / Rinen; Gendebien/Thirion.

Constantin (2 litres, 1). Mouche/Poche.
V.P. Renault (750 c.c., 1). Giraud-Cabantous/ Vernet.
D.R. Renault (750 c.c., 2). Heldé/Bayol; X/X. D.B. Panhard (one 850 c.c., one 750 c.c.). Bonnet/X; Gignoux/Cornet.
Panhard ( 610 c.c., 4). P. Chancel/R. Chancel; Cotton/Guiraud; Pallier/Dewer; Plantivaux/Dussous Panhard-Monopole (610 c.c., 1). Flahaut/ Hémard.
Renault (750 c.c., 1). Guillard/Michel.
Renault-B.G. (750 c.c.). Preuil/Py

## Italy

Ferrari (two 4.9 litres, two 3 litres). Drivers include Gonzalez, Trintignant, Maglioli, G. Mar-

zotto, P. Marzotto, Carini. Farina and Hawthorn also nominated.
Ferrari (4.5 litres). L. Rosier/X.
Maserati (2.5 litres, 2). X/X; Simone/Sparken. (2 litres) $\mathrm{X} / \mathrm{X}$.
Osca (two 1.5 litres, two 1.1 litres). Drivers include Rubirosa, Lindon, Simpson, Péron Laroche, Chinetti, Farnaud
Nardi (750 c.c., 1). Damonte/Gacon.
U.S.A.

Cunningham (two 5.4 litres. Chrysler engines), one 4.5 litres (Ferrari-engine). Cunningham/ Johnson; Spear/Bennet; Walters/Fitch.

## Germany

Porsche (1,500 c.c.). Claes/Polensky; Stasse/ Glockler; Herrmann/Duntov; (1,100 c.c.): Von Frankenberg/Olivier.

## LE MANS ON THE AIR

Saturday, 12th June; Light Programme Commentary from the Press Stand, by Raymond Baxter
3.50-4.15 p.m.-The Start. 6.35 app.-6.45-"The Third Hour" 10.15-10.30-"Lights On" 11.45-11.50- "Sixteen to Go".

Sunday, 13th June; Light Programme 8.50-5.0 a.m.-"Morning Post". 12.0-12.05 p.m.-"High Noon" 2.25-2.30 p.m.-"Last Phase" 4.29-4.31-"Results" 10.15-10.30-"Summing Up"


## THE AUSTIN-healey racing Withdrawal

## A LETTER FROM DONALD HEALEY

$\mathrm{A}^{s}$ there has been considerable comment and A some criticism in a French newspaper of the statement issued last week by the Austin Motor Company and myself, I feel that as the
entrant of the team at Le Mans I should amplify the brief statement issued.
The chief criticism has come from the French sporting journal L'Equipe which states that the Austin-Healey cars entered were prototypes and themselies bear no resemblance to production cars of this make. I can only repeat that the Austin-Healeys are basically production cars and their introduction have been such.
Last year the two cars which performed so well at Le Mans were completely standard chassis and bodies, and the few modifications carried out on the engine-change of axle ratios, etc.-have all been made available to the public, and have since been supplied in large quantities to owners.
The majority of the cars admitted to the Mille Miglia in the Sports Category were literally racing cars. Less than three weeks to allow single seaters to suit the designs of one Italian manufacturer. The descriptions of some of the cars being specially built for Le Mans are of a type which could never be made and sold to the public on a production basis -due to their elaborate design and prohibitive cost-and bear not the slightest resemblance to cars sold. They certainly will provide a great race spectacle for the racing pubs
advertisement material for their makers.
advertisement material for the cars are admitted to enter the Le Mans race as prototypes, but the entry form is accompanied by a letter from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders which states: "The Society accepts your assurance that the . cars you propose to enter for the above will be prototypes of cars you intend to put in production'. Is this august body year after year without any intention of keeping year after y
The Austin-Healey cars under preparation for this year's event were basically production models but, if we were to keep pace with our competitors, I found they would have to have such radical alterations as special high compression cylinder heads and multiple nonBritish carburetters, multi-pad-type disc brakes
with complicated servo system and special wheels to suit close ratio gearboxes and ratios quite unsuitable for normal use. The bodies seater shells. The resulting car would bear no resemblance to our production model with its expensive specification-brakes alone would cost more than a complete production car. Would our assurance to the S.M.M. \& T. be worth much?
I therefore decided to stop their preparation and to withdraw my entry as a protest against regulations which admit such changes and test into a race of hand-built prototype racing
cars. My withdrawal from the race was made in ample time to allow the organizers to admit their reserve entries; this will at least admit a few genuine private entries who have been on the reserve list. My deposit is forfeited and 1gnore the French paper assertion of unfair 30 years and in the past five years my little company has spent more than $£ 30,000$ in the preparation and running of cars in this event! I feel I am fully entitled to make a decision of this kind, which is made with the one idea of trying to bring sports car racing back to a more realistic basis.
Motor sport in America is often criticized owing to their comparatively short experience of it, but they do try and control the cars admitted in sports car races so that the instance, in the S.S.C A a chance. For production car must be airfield races a cannot even be run "modified", catalogued and has proof that the manuf cturer has sold 500 such modification kits. Stock cars for record attempts are selected from random agents' stocks by the A.A.A. and only running-in and adjustments are allowed under very strict supervision.
We sell sports cars to the buying public Which have to be suitable for everyday use,
but they are sports cars and the owner is entitled to expect them to be eligible for sports car races; he often wants to compete in such events but is frightened off by the manufacturer's entry which he knows will be to an entirely different specification.

Warwick
1st June, 1954

## Indianapolis "500"



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BIG NEW ZEALAND RELIABILITY TRIAL MOOTED
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The trial, for which the first prize will be $£ 1,000$ cash, will be conducted over main and subsidiary road systems through the South Island, New Zealand,

These machines were spotted by a Canadian reader during a motor trip between racing fixtures last year: (Right) The engine of this very "dirt-track" special, standing outside a garage, is from an S.S. Jaguar "100"

involving some 2,500 miles and offering an exacting variety of terrain and conditions for cars, drivers, and navigators alike.

A complete prospectus and entry form will be available this year and anyone interested may apply to the Secretary, Southland Sports Car Club Inc., 342 Yarrow Street, Invercargill, New Zealand.

## THE NEW LIGHTING REGULATIONS

Twin Reflectors This Year, Twin Rear Lights by 1956
Two red reflectors by 1st October, 1954, two red rear lights by 1st October 1956-those are the new rear lighting requirements of the Minister of Transport, in essence.
Details, in respect of existing motor cars, and existing goods vehicles of which the unladen weight does not exceed 30 cwt ., are as follows:-

1. As from the 1st October, 1954, in addition to the normal rear light(s), two red reflectors must e carried as follows:-
(a) one on each side of the centre line of
(b) between 15 ins. and 3 ft .6 ins. from ground -both reflectors at the same height
(c) not more than 30 ins. from extreme rear of vehicle (including luggage grid and tailboard)
(d) not less than 21 ins, apart
(e) no part of reflector more than 16 ins. from outer edge of vehicle on same side
(f) vertical and facing squarely to rear, clean,
unobscured and plainly visible. unobscured and plainly visible.
Reflectors, if circular, must have a reflecting surface not less than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ins. in diameter; or, if any other shape, not less than the equivalent area, and must be of such shape as to contain a 1 inch diameter circle. The whole of the reflecting surface must lie within a circle of 6 ins. diameter.
Reflectors composed of several reflecting units in a single fitting are regarded as a single reflector but the aggregate area must comply with the There are other
There are other detailed requirements in regard
(Right) Another M.G., a TD, but with a G.M.C. truck engine fitted with three carburetters, etc.
(Below) Here is the same G.M.C./TD in action at the Orangeville hillclimb, Canada, where it put up an excellent time.

to the reflectors and their optical efficiency, with which the manufacturers must comply.
No letter, number, or other mark shall be reflected.
2. As from the 1st October, 1956, in addition o the reflectors required by para. 1 above, two ed rear lights must be carried as follows:
(a) one on each side of centre line of vehicle
(b) not more than 3 ft . 6 ins. from groundnot more than 3 ft . 6 ins. from
both lights at the same height
(c) not more than 30 ins. from extreme rear of not more the vehicle
(d) not less than 21 ins. apart
(e) no part of the rear light more than 24 ins. from outer edge of vehicle on the same side.

The size of the glass must be at least 2 ins. iameter if circular, or of equivalent area if of any other shape. If not circular, shape must be such as to contain a 1 inch diameter circle. The bulbs must each be not less than 6 watts and be indelibly marked with their wattage. The wiring must be so arranged that the failure of In addition the lamps must be similar in light. size and shape.
size and shape.
If the rear light is installed in a sloping posithe rear must be not less than that prescribed
3. The rear lights and reflectors may be combined provided that they comply with all the


## and character that goes deep

To watch hard-boiled sporting motorists becoming starry-eyed at their first sight of the T.F. Midget is quite a touching experience! And undoubtedly she is a car to fall in love with. Her line is enhanced by a slightly longer and lower bonnet and a new bow-fronted radiator adds a touch of contemporary elegance. Headlamps are now gracefully streamlined into the wings. But, of course, it is in performance that the M.G. shows her breeding. Here in the T.F. you have all the vivid power and verve you expect, plus a new, more vigorous acceleration that will surprise
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## NEWS from tie CLUBS

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Members of the Coventry and Warwickshire M.C. will tour the Lotus factory on Thursday, 14th October. As this will come as rather a surprise to Colin Chapman, I should explain that they will be examining veldtschoen, not rennwagens-and there is no need to make any special preparations at Hornsey.

## ROUND THE CORNER

## Details of Coming Events

THE North London Enthusiasts' C.C.'s Radcap Rally on 19th/20th June is open to Cemian, Hants and Berks, Public Schools', S.O.D.C., Chiltern, M.G.C.C. (S.E.) and Riley club members; 330 -mile route, starting from London, and all non-damaging. Entries close 12th June, and go to G. Bance, 11 Bath Road, Reading. . . . Coventry and Warwicks M.C.'s Attleborough Cup will this year be awarded for driving tests on 27th June; details from C. P. Nichols, 5 Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. . . . Veteran C.C. of Gt. Britain's S. F. Edge Trophy Meeting, at Bexhill-on-Sea on 19th June, has attracted 84 entries; speed trials will commence at 2.30 p.m., after an inspection by the Mayor. Entries close 12th June for the Yeovil Rally on 3rd July, and should be sent to Miss J. E. Nagle, c/o Kingston Works, Yeovil. ... Wolseley Hornet Special Club's "Tour de Hants" on 4th July will cover some 60 miles, starting near Basingstoke, and entries should arrive with J. L. MacArthur, 3 The Bungalows, Hook Road, Ampfield, nr. Romsey, by 26th June.
Mercedes-Benz Club members who are taking part in the non-competitive Stuttgart Rally will leave Dover on 28th July, and drive across Belgium to Germany. They will attend the Grand Prix of Europe at Nürburgring on 1st August, and then go to the factory at Stuttgart; 40 cars have been entered. ... Hants and Berks M.C. and 750 M.C. join forces to run the 80 -mile Dawn Handicap Rally again on 27 th June; entries close 21 st June with Ken Welfare, 56 Harrow Road, Bedfont, Middx. . . . Guildford M.C.'s Night Point-to-Point on 19th/20th June will start from Compton; David Cobbett, 5 Harvey Road, Guildford, awaits entries-at increased fee after 14th June. . . . B.A.R.C. remind members that entries for the Eastbourne Rally on 26th/27th June closes tomorrow, 12th June. . . M.C.C. invite entries from members of the Bentley D.C., M.G.C.C., B.A.R.C., A.M.O.C., C.S.M.A. and V.S.C.C. for their Silverstone meeting on 3rd July; short notice, but entries close tomorrow with Jackie Masters (SLOane 9087). . . . Worthing M.C. are planning a 150 -mile rally for 27 th June; details from B. Hardwick, 32 Lavington Road, Worthing. . . . Chiltern C.C.'s autocross meeting on 4th July will be held at Vale Farm, Ashton, near Towcester.


THEY'RE OFF! Burnett (Emeryson), Robinson (Cooper), Manning (Mackson), Allison (Cooper), Phillipson (Staride) and Spreckley (Cooper) tackle the tricky uphill start at Cadwell Park, in Heat 1 of the Louth and D.M.C.C.'s Whit-Monday meeting.

## ROVER RALLY

THe Rover Sports Register's second rally was held on 29th/30th May, a social evening at Chipping Campden being followed, next morning, by driving tests at Cheltenham and an easy-going run through the northern Cotswolds.

## BOLTON-LE-MOORS TRIAL

$A^{n}$ unusual, spiral course was used for the Bolton-le-Moors C.C.'s Midnight Trial on 29th May, so that 100 miles were covered within a 15 -mile radius of Bolton. From the halfway point, competitors had to make their way by reading their route cards in reverse. R. Hebden was unpenalized at this stage, but gave up his chances of winning in order to assist another competitor, who had been misguided enough to take to the railway lines. Results were: 1, J. Armstrong (Ford Consul); 2, J. M. Smith (Sunbeam-Talbot); 3, L. S. Cordingley (Triumph TR2).

## MARGATE RALLY

THe Margate and D.C.C.'s Hawkes Cup Rally on 30th May covered a 110mile route defined by map references; it started from Birchington and finished at the George Hotel, Cranbrook. W. Carter (Standard) was the winner, with R. E. Bass (Ford Consul) and A. G. Ray (Morris Oxford) second and third.

## N.L.E.C.C. MEMBERS' MEETING

The 25 competitors had two attempts at each of six driving tests, during the North London Enthusiasts' C.C.'s Members' Meeting on 30th May. As usual, the tests were held at Whelpley Hill, near Chesham. E. J. Rainbird's Ford Popular made the best performance of the day, but only class awards were presented.

## Results

Under 1,500 c.c., Open: M. F. Ault (M.G. TD) 181.6 pts. lost. Closed: 1, E. J. Rainbird (Ford Popular), 179; 2, S. A. Hiscock (Ford Anglia) 180.8 ; ${ }^{3}$ F. H. Arthur (Ford Anglia), 188.9 Over 1,500 c.c., Open: F. E. Owen (OwenTriumph), 180.6. Closed: F. W. Chipperfield (Ford Zephyr), 204.2

## DE LACY M.C. RALLY

Twenty-eight members of the De Lacy Motor Club of Pontefract took part in the club's second annual rally on 23rd May, covering a route of some 170 miles through typical Peak District country. Certain sections of the route had to be covered in regularity tests, whilst various driving tests were also included in the route.

## Results

Starfield Trophy: 1, J. C. Hanson (Morris Minor); 2, J. S. Wordsworth (Ford Spl.); 3, H. Moorhouse (M.G.); 4, B. Lee (Standard Vanguard).
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FINAL TESTS: (Right) S. R. G. Jeffery tackles a bit of manœuvring with his Triumph TR2 on the sea-front at Torquay, in a recent rally held by the Torbay M.C.


(Illustrations are actual size)

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## FELIXSTOWE RALLY

THE Eastern Counties M.C.'s Felixstowe Rally of 1954 was held on 29th/30th May in its customary sunshine. Even the organizers felt rather doubtful about this when the Chelmsford starters left in a torrential downpour, but by the time the usual tests at Felixstowe had been reached all was well.
As to the rally itself, it was remarked last year that the fatality rate among rabbits and the sickness rate among navigators were both stupendous, so this year the route had rather fewer corners, resulting in an easier rally. Because of the simpler route, 36 of the 101 entries got round with clean sheets. The results, therefore, were decided amongst these 36 by their times in the driving tests-a proceeding that would naturally tend to favour the smaller cars, but S. Moore and Miss Chesterton put up such an excellent show, regardless of class, that they had a very well deserved win.

The cars started from Chelmsford, Newmarket and King's Lynn from 3 p.m. on Saturday and proceeded to Felixstowe for the first three driving tests. There followed a simple cross-country run to Snetterton for Test 4.
A time control in the Norfolk Fen country caught the unwary, but no general trouble was experienced. Control 5 , unfortunately, held no marshal, and this control was cancelled completely. After supper at Northampton, the convoy turned east again to the trickiest piece of the route, which led to a rather nasty little reversing-between-pylons test in the dark. During this section, K. Cotterel and J. Abbot suffered the final misfortune of a long series of incidents. They had contended with punctures and a series of fuse troubles and were still on schedule when a loud explosion from the rear brought them to a screaming halt. Investigation failed to reveal anything at first, but the sense of smell solved the problem-a bottle of beer had burst in the boot!
Some interesting route reading and fast motoring on the narrowest and most winding of Suffolk byways led to Bentwaters airfield, where the U.S.A.A.F. organized the final two tests and provided very welcome coffee. A final, short sharp run down to Felixstowe completed the rally, and the results were announced at the rally lunch.
(Results published in last week's issue)

## M.G.C.C. "EXPERTS BARRED" TRIAL

Last January the M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) were obliged to postpone their open "Experts Barred" trial, so, as Saturday, 15th May, was free, they transferred the event to that date Regulations said "This trial is being run with the object of providing a competition for followers of the sport who do not regularly compete in trials, and is suitable for newcomers." There were a number of newcomers amongst the 16 starters, as well as several who give so much of their time to officiating that they cannot be classed as regular competitors. Let it be said, also, that there were a few "hairy old newcomers" amongst the entry. However, Irish M.G.C.C. events are nothing if not flexible, so newcomers, "irregulars" and hairy old newcomers were all welcome

# COMING ATTRACTIONS 

June 11th/13th. Venetian Rally, Italy.
June 12th. Mid-Cheshire M.C. National Race Meeting, Oulton Park, nr. Tarporley, Ches. Start, 1 p.m.
750 M.C./M.G.C.C. Race Meeting, Silverstone, nr. Towcester. Start, 12.30 p.m.

Sunbeam-Talbot O.C. 5th Sccttish Rally.
June 12th/13th. XXIInd Le Mans 24-hours Race, Sarthe, France. Austrian Alpine Rally.
S.C.C.A. Race Meeting, Westover A.F.B., Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.

Thames Estuary A.C. Southend Rally.
North London M.C. Night Navigation Run. Start, Odeon Garage, Barnet Hill, 10 p.m.
Dublin University M.C. Hill-climb, Eire.
500 M.R.C.I. Speed Event, N. Ireland.
June 13th. Parma Poggio di Berceto Hill-climb (S), Italy.
Bugatti O.C. Members' Hill-climb, Prescott, nr. Cheltenham. Start, 2 p.m.
Lancs and Cheshire C.C. Captain Stott Trophy Trial.
Chiltern C.C. Annual Touring Rally. 750 M.C. Inter-Centre Driving Tests, Shennington Airfield, nr. Silverstone. Start, 10 a.m.
Public Schools' M.C./Inc. Auctioneers' C.C. Navigational Run.
Brighton and Hove M.C. Concours d'Elégance, Madeira Drive, Brighton. Assembly, 1.30 p.m.
June $16 \mathrm{th} / 20$ th. Rally of the Midnight Sun, Sweden.
London M.C. "Petit Rallye" and French Sporting Trial, Annecy, Haute Savoie, France.
to enjoy the weather, the scenery and the not-so-stiff series of tests laid on by Jimmy Millard and his helpers.

The dyed, $30-\mathrm{mile}$ route led from Old Bawn through Stonecross, Sallygap and Annacarter to the Glenview Hotel, and competitors were asked to average about 24 m.p.h. and do six tests that involved varying amounts of dashing forwards and backwards. Beginners found an agreeable lack of pylons; in fact, except at the figure-of-eight test near Annacarter, there were no pylons anywhere to get in the way, but dust there was a-plenty.

The standard of driving was commendably high all round, but 50 per cent. of the entry lost marks through being late at the finish. Paddy (hairy old newcomer) Hopkirk made no mistakes anywhere with his Volkswagen, and, in fact, was fastest of his class in five out of the six tests. N. Jenkins (Prefect) won the newcomer's award by showing consistently good driving ability in all tests.
J. O'D.

## RESULTS

Saloon Class: 1, H. P. Hopkirk (Volkswagen); ${ }^{70}$ marks; 2, W. Sanders (Ford), 51 ; 3, Miss S . O'Cleary (Renault), ${ }^{43 \text {. Open Car Class: F. H. M. }}$ Logan (M.G.), 22. Newomer's Award: N. D. Logan (M.G.), 22. Nenkins (Ford Prefect), 43 .

## CAMBRIDGE '50 CLUB RALLY

Small closed cars filled the first four places in the Cambridge '50 Club's May Rally on 30th May. Time schedules were tight, and most competitors lost marks on the 200 -mile road section. Philip Witherow scored another victory with his Morris 8, with M. B. Bosher (Ford Popular) and E. Turner (Standard 8) second and third.

## CIRCUIT OF DOWN

The Newry Motor Club's Circuit of Down trial on Saturday, 29th May, was won by Dr. J. D. Keatley (SunbeamTalbot) from W. T. Todd (Ford Anglia) and R. C. McKinney (Citroën).

The route covered was one of approximately 200 miles, with starting points at Newry and Belfast. The growing popularity of this annual trial was reflected in the fact that 52 starters took part. To give everyone a chance, a handicap system was employed, with small saloons setting par figures, large saloons losing an additional five per cent. of marks lost on tests and open cars graded on a scale of plus five per cent. if over 1,500 c.c., 10 per cent. if under 1,500 c.c. and, if of the marque Dellow or a "Special", 12 per cent.

Weather conditions were appalling at the due starting time, heavy rain lashing down incessantly. Later in the day, however, considerably brighter conditions prevailed. Six driving tests were held at various points throughout the journey, which ended at Rostrevor, while a timed section was included in the section from Hilltown to Warrenpoint.

This timed section extracted almost universal penalty, only Denis Wilkins (M.G. saloon) and Barry Ross (Ford Prefect) getting through unscathed. Several were also caught out by the tightness of the speed schedule in the section immediately following the end of the timed section and arrived late at Warrenpoint.
W. A. McM.

Shiells Cup: 1, Results $\quad$ D. J. Keatey (SunbearmTalbot), total marks iost 121 , net loss $114.95 ; 2$, W. T. Todd (Ford Anglia), 120.4-120.4; 3, R. C. McKinney (Citroën), 128.6-122.17; 4, C. E. Robb Ford Anglia) 123-123; 5, W. Chesney (Austin A30) -124.768.
Team Prize: "The Architects" [E. W. Beaumont (Austin A30), J. A. Hyde (Ford Anglia) and G. Sloane, (Ford Zodiac)]. Runners-up: "South (Sunbeam-Talbot) and M. Glover' (Dellow)].
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## CLUB FIXTURES

Bentley D.C.-Meetings: 12th June, R.A.F. Mess, Detling, nr . Maidstone, Kent, 8.30 p.m.; Hare and Hounds, Westonbirt, Glos, 7.30 p.m.; 17th June, King's Head, Roehampton, London, 8 p.m. Peterborough M.C.-Ladies' Day, 13th June.
750 M.C.-Meetings: 14th June, Abbey Hotel, Stonebridge Park, N.W.10; Maybush Inn, Standlake; Royal Thorn Hotel, Wythenshawe, Manchester; 15th June, Dog and Gun Hotel, Banbury; Railway Inn, Patchway, Bristol; 16th June, Bell Inn, Brook, nr. Lyndhurst.
Bristol M.C. and L.C.C.-Talk, 15th June, Full Moon Hotel, Stokes Croft, Bristol, 1.
Liverpool M.C.-Meeting, 16th June, Childwall Abbey Hotel, Liverpool.
Alvis Register.-Meeting, 16th June, White Swan, Apperley, Glos.
Singer O.C.-Meetings: 16th June, Ashton's Hotel,
Praed Street, W. 2: 17 th June, Prince of Wales Praed Street, W.2; 17th June, Prince of Wales Hotel, Carterknowle Road, Sheffield.
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Their reputation was certainly enhanced by these performances and I have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that sales benefit considerably also.

In addition, I must say that I think that, in making the decision at such a time as this, Donald Healey has shown a lamentable lack of consideration for the organizers of the races from which he has withdrawn his cars.

Finally, I would like to express, through your columns, my hearty disagreement with some of the remarks of your correspondent "Pro Bono Publico". I fear that he fails to understand the first principles of sports car racing, which are to test future production models "at the limit" and to perfect such devices as discbrakes, thereby hastening the day when production cars will be fitted with these improvements. To test a high-performance sports car "at the limit" requires a degree of driving skill to be found only in such drivers as Ascari, Moss, Gonzalez and Parnell.

Loren Butt.
Clifton, Bristol.

MAY I say that I agree with "Pro Bono Publico" about the Austin-Healey decision to retire from Le Mans on the grounds that the other cars resemble too closely actual racing cars.

However, he seems to have been sadly misinformed about the drivers. His solemn* statement that drivers such as Moss, Ascari and Gonzalez should be banned from races such as the Sarthe saga because they have more skill and experience than ageing (ageing, mark you) amateurs is perfectly outrageous! Does he realize that the very drivers he named began as amateurs and gained their experierice in races like Le Mans?

Also, if the major races in the calendar are to be confined to ageing amateurs I am afraid that there will be a marked drop in the popularity of modern motor racing. One of the greatest attractions at many tracks is the very presence of world-famous maestros.

However, to avoid being unfair, may I take this opportunity of wishing all the old gentlemen competing in the oncoming 24 -hour race the very best of luck.

Francis A. C. Barnard.
Tonbridge, Kent.
P.S.-I have yet to see a Bond Minicar entered for Le Mans!
*We feel that "Pro Bono Publico" was waxing gently ironical in his letter.-ED.

## Wanted-a Modern Sports $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre Engine

Iread with interest the letter from Mr. David Knight, of Ontario Canada, in your issue of 4th June. The lack of suitable engines in this country, particularly in the $1 \frac{1}{2}$-litre class, is all too apparent. Only the two makes who have had the courage to produce their own sports engines of post-war design, Jaguar and Aston Martin, have really achieved anything at all, and they are in the bigge capacities anyway.

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## ENNISKERRY WATERPALL

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The whole story of the day hinges around the beastliness of the weather. Lovell-Butt, Durbidge and Gallagher could not use the power of their machines as effectively as the smaller fry; Joe Flynn, who sold his beloved supercharged TC some weeks ago, borrowed the car from its new owner and established B.T.D. with a 52.40 secs. climb of the 0.7 -mile hill.
Incidents there were a-plenty. Edmond Gill (Zephyr) crossed the finishing line on his second climb in a series of heartstopping slides, needing all the available road and a considerable amount of driving skill to cope with them, but gaining first place in the large saloon class. His time of 57.88 secs. gave him second place in the unlimited handicap, too. A most impressive climb was that of M. D. Heather, in one of the new 1,089 c.c.


INCIDENT ABOUT TO HAPPEN-to Billy Lacey (M.G. TD), who hit the banks on both sides of the Enniskerry course, but continued undaunted to the top of the hill!

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Dick Lovell-Butt took his K. 3 Magnette to the top in 54.27 secs. on his first run, but came unstuck at the first bend during his second attempt, damaging the front end on a particularly solid wall. Billy Lacey came into the second bend much too fast, hit the right-hand wall good and hard, walloped the other side just as vigorously, and pressed on as if nothing had happened to climb in approximately 60 secs. The scrutineers
inspected the M.G.'s wounds, and banished Lacey from another attempt because "his tyres were slightly worn"!

Joe Flynn certainly had a field day, making two brilliant and determined climbs in his borrowed M.G. On his first climb he arrived around the final bend in a prodigious slide, foot hard down, and laughing his head off at the sight of waterlogged officials scattering in all directions. However, Joe knew precisely where he was going, and got there in 53.18 secs. On his second run Joe took a mere 52.40 secs., to score best time of the day.

Jack O'Donoghue.
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## 21st/22nd May

Finishers: G. F. Simpson (Ford Model T), J. Ahern (Invicta), S, W. Facks (Rover), C. W. A. Slater (Alvis), E. W. Choldcroft (Riley), A. A. Attwood (Riley), C. B. Moss-Blundell (Hillman), G. E. Hughesman (Standard), C.J. Girling (Allard), J. P. Davis (Allard), R. Guillaume (Jowett), J. E. De Looper (Morris), P. W. White (Vauxhall), W. A. Jacobs (Jaguar), G. R. J. Stevens (G.R.S.), C. G Wakefield (Humber), H. E. Rumsey (Stancara), P. A. Thornton (Standard), J. F. Haarer (M.G.), J. L. Horrel (Vauxhall), E. P. Salz (Ford), J. R Whailey (Ford), J. P. Hill (Jaguar), P.'H. G Morgan (Morgan), B. A. Roy (Morgan), A. E.
Bowyer-Lowe
(Ford), Bowyer-Lowe
(Standard), R. Gore (M.G.), G. Patrick (Ford).

FYLDE M.S.C. MIDNIGHT TRIAL

## 29th/30th May

Premier Award: F. Gradwell (Volkswagen), 0 mks. lost; 2, P. Heywood (Austin A40); 3, and best in tests, A. Williams (M.G. TF). Navigator's

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 29th/30th May Premier Award: W. J. W. Stokes (Ford Consul),280 points. Best open car: D. Gray (M.G.), 100 . Ladies' Award: Mrs. S. J. Fleetwood (Ford Anglia), 235. Novice Award: C. W. Lawson (Bristol), 220. Team Award: J. R. J. Mansbridge (XK 120 Jaguar), P. Lee (XK 120 Jaguar) and D. J. G. Hindle (Sunbeam-Talbot), 555 .
Open, up to 1,500 c.c.: F. G. Bird (Ford), 70 ${ }_{\text {praints. }}$ OVer 1,500 c.c.: A. R. Brown (Triumph (Morris), 175 Up to $\mathbf{1 , 3 0 0}$ c.c.: C. A. Plumtree (Ford Popular), 235 . Up to $\mathbf{2 , 5 0 0}$ c.c.: J. J.
 Mansbridge (XK 120 Jaguar), 255.

MID-CHESHIRE M.C. AUTOCROSS
Pott Shrigley, Nr. Macclesfield, 30th May
Finals: 1, P. B. Reece (Morgan), 1 min. 24.2 secs.; ${ }^{2,1}$ J. J. Gore (M.G. TD), ${ }_{\text {Event }}^{1}$ min. ${ }^{32}$ secs.
Winners: 1, P. B. Reece; 2, F. Q. C. Sandys ${ }_{(\text {Stutz) })} 1$ min $35.8^{\circ}$ secs.; 3, P. Jackson (Standard ${ }_{8)}, 2$ mins. 7 secs.; 4, E. Lister (Volkswagen), 2 mins. 6.4 secs. 5 5, 5 , Mitchell (Standard Vanguard), 2 mins. 51 secs.; 6 , P. Clegg (Clegg), 1 min. 39 secs., and A. W.' Liliey (Ford Spl.), 1

RRENT YALE MC DRIVING TESTS
Greenford, Middx, 30th May
Best Performance: S. Perkins (Ford). Novice Award: A. Barker (Standard). Ladies' Prize: Miss Derkins; 2, A. Gardner (Triumph). Class I: 1 , $\mathbf{S}$. Perkins; 2, A. Gardner (Iriumph). Class
Perkins: $2, ~ A . ~ B a r k e r ; ~ 3, ~ R . ~ D r a k e ~(S t a n d a r d) . ~$ Perkins: 2, A. Barker; ${ }^{\text {Class II: }}$, A. Drake (Standara) 3, M. Saint (rriumph); 4, A. Murray-Russell (Hillman). Class III: 1, R. Watling (Wolseley); 2, D. Schiller (Riley). Class IV: 1, F. Mays (Triumph); 2, D. Cooper (Vauxhall); 3, C. Hall (Ford).
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Up to 1,200 c.c.: $1, R$. Walshaw (Lotus), 57.5 secs.: 2, W. Binns (Buckler), $00.0 ; 3, \mathrm{R}$. W Phillips (Le Tout), 60.8. Best closed car: K. Scales (Ford Anglia 10). 1,201-1,500 c.c.: 1, J. Tompson (M.G.), 1,501-2.500 c.c. 1 H. L Yates (F.N.-BMW) 54.7 1, $2, \mathrm{E}$. Sneath (Morgan) $62.6 ; 3$, E. Wadsworth (Healey), 63.4. Best closed car: E. Wadsworth. Over 2,500 c.c.: 1, P. Chapman (Chapman-Mercury), $51.5 ; 2$, J. Berry (Bugatti), 53.0; 3, Ed Dibble (XK 120 Jaguar), 57.2. Best closed car: G. Tyrer (XK 120 Jaguar), 59.1.
B.T.D.: P. Chapman (Chapman Mercury).

SUNBAC DOUBLE SPORTING HALF-DAY

> Atherstone Airfield, 30th May

Car Section-Best Performance: A. E. Marsh (Dellow S), 185.4 mks. lost. Class A: 1, A. E. Marsh; ${ }^{2}$, S. Cracknell (H.P ${ }^{2}$ Sp.), 206.2 . Casps (Triumph) 250.2 Class C: 1, B. Williams (Austin A40, $240.4: 2$ B. A. M. Gilbert (Austin A30), 241.4 Novice Awards: N. Nightingale (Dellow), 210.6; W. Tunnicliffe (Morris), 260.6 ; M. King (Standard), 254. Ladies' Award: Mrs. D. Tracey (Standard Vanguard), 300.6.

LIMERICK M.C. CIRCUIT OF MUNSTER 6th/7th June
Premier Award: W. T. Todd (Ford Anglia), 255 marks lost. G. Carroll (M.G. TD), 256; 2, D.
Class I: 1, . Conway (M.G. TD), 257.6; 3, A. Malcolm (Buckler), 258.2. Class II: 1, D. Jurst (Austin A30), 272.4; 2, J. Millard (Austin A30), 277.4; 3, J. Cooke (Austin A30). 290.4 . Class 19 . ${ }^{19}$ W. T. Todd; 2, H. Newenham (Ford Angila), 25,1 3. P. McGonigle (Volkswagen), 262 . Class (Woiseley), $384.8 ; 3$, G. Baker (Ford Zephyr), 427. Ladies' Prize: Miss E. Ingram (M.G. TD) Veteran Competitor's Prize: Colm Hogan (Ford Anglia). Members' Cup: V. Baker (Ford Special).

RHYL AND D.M.C. DRIVING TESTS Kinmel Park Camp, 5th June
Premier Award: Dr. Kiff (Triumph TR2), 165 mks. lost in 4 tests; 2, B. Hickman (AustinHealey). 167; 3, O. G. Stirling (Sunbeam-Talbot), 169. Special Award: T. R. Gold (Triumph TR2), 130 in 3 tests.



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