



BOLTON KC. Membership Enquiries and Race Entries to Mrs. E. Price, 25 Walnut Street, Bolton. Tel: Bolton 28630.

Bolton KC held a Restricted meeting on the 21st March at Three Sisters. It was one of those days when you stood outside and didn't realise that it was raining until you came in soaked through after five minutes. The track, at times, was very wet, and then it would just be damp enough for slick tyres to slip and wet tyres to wear out very rapidly. The racing however was just as exciting as usual, and over 100 karters took to the track.

Juniors. Unusually, the Juniors had three flag-to-flag leaders in the heats, with Nationals Phil Foster winning two heats and Steve Brogan the other one, these two being head and shoulders above the rest. Of the Britains, Stephen Murphy was in top form winning three heats, and pocketing overall placings of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Wayne Smith was his nearest challenger with a 4th and a 5th overall. Steven Key, usually a top contender, looked a little off form and probably determined to improve on his places of a 2nd and two 5ths. Andrew Follows also showed some promise, as did Jason Elliott and Allan McNish.

Come the final, the miserable wet conditions that had been with us all day, were compounded by a fine drizzle making the track very greasy. Phil Foster took the lead, sliding through to head the lap chart from Brogan, Simon Haworth, Phil Margerison, and the Brits, already led clearly by British Champion Murphy with Smith worrying McNish who, in turn was being worried by Jason Elliott. This trio was just in front of Andrew Follows and novices Neil Gardom, Graham Latham and Dale Spruce. Brogan took the lead on the second lap and all the other positions remained the same, except for Smith and Elliott displacing McNish for 2nd and 3rd.

100 National. After the heats, Steve Skyes looked the 'man most likely' as he scored three sparkling heat wins, with John Aldred scoring two 2nds and a 3rd, Ian Williams with a win, 6th and 7th, Adrian Wood with a 1st and 2nd and Mike Mulhearn with a win, 4th and 11th. Included in the Nationals were the 100 Britains, who, due to the wet conditions, were pushing through well to get up to around 10th from the back in the heats.

The repechage was first off with the 100 Britain final running from the rear. David Hague took an early lead from the two leading Britains, Martin Royle and Glyn Ellis, who in turn were followed by Paul Grice, Chris Burns (Brit) and A. Smith. By lap 2, Royle and Ellis had caught Hague and started to probe for gaps whilst still fighting hard for the Britain trophy. On lap 3, Royle took the lead and unfortunately, Ellis, trying hard to pass Hague to get into contention with Royle, had the door shut firmly and they both collided to leave Royle to take a fine win by a clear 200 yards from Britain Chris Burns, Paul Grice and Sylvia Miller, these being the only four still running.

In the final, Steve Skyes lead through from John Aldred, Carl Ayriss, Ian Williams, Graham Kershaw and Derek Price, who was racing for the first time in 100 National. By lap 4 Aldred was in striking distance of Skyes and passed him on lap 5. Skyes then fell back and disappeared on lap 8. This left Aldred to take a well-deserved win from Williams, Price, N. Smith, Phil Pattison and Lyndon Barton.

125 National. The first heat was a flag-to-flag win for Mark Webster, followed home by Jon Henry, Neil Harper, Gregan Thurston and Gary Rawlinson, but Henry was found to be underweight. The second heat again saw Webster up front, but he disappeared on lap 4 leaving Duncan Birch to take the flag from Henry with Harper again finishing 3rd. Webster had certainly got it together again and repeated his first heat win, this time being followed by Birch, Harper and Henry.

Webster showed his talent in the sodden final, streaking away from the flag, never to be headed. This time Henry was 2nd, making sure of his weights this time, followed home by Craig Haines, Neil Harper, Duncan Birch and Gregan Thurston, these being the last of the unappreciated runners.

210 National. Again the usual pace-setters were up front, with John Haigh sitting confidently on pole, having won all three heats. Alongside was Ian Hunter with two 2nds and a 3rd, with Tony Suthers on the outside with a 2nd and two 3rds, hoping to improve in the final. From the flag it was Suthers who got it right, charging through to head the lap charts for the first lap and taking the

win ten laps later. Haigh and Hunter chased valiantly and gave us the best racing in this class this year. Bryan Field, Chris Cattermole, John Cheeseman and Bill Gibson contended for the places. It just goes to show that Sanatogen really works (in the fuel)!

250 International and National. This was certainly a class in which the form book was well and truly upset. Chris Stoney was running his National single cylinder outfit, and he showed his class in a flag-to-flag win in heat one from Alan Timion and David Davidson. Heat two again saw Stoney challenging but eventually he had to settle for 2nd behind Denis Barnes, with John Ashe and Bernard Baxter. Stoney again showed that a National can compete by driving round the outside of Pit Chicane to lead. John Ashe came 2nd about a quarter of a lap back, trailed by Denis Barnes.

In the final, Chris Stoney simply drove away into the distance, with Ashe a distant 2nd and Gerald Rushton a lap down in 3rd place. The only other finisher was Barnes who was three laps down.

Note to the Drivers

The numbers on the karts are sometimes very difficult to read, especially when the rain is streaming down the windows of the lap box. As a special plea from the lap scorers PLEASE will you drive with clear numbers on the FRONT, BACK and SIDE. It is very easy to mistake 19 for 79 when they are not very clear, as Mr. Williams now appreciates. Many thanks to the marshals and officials who braved the terrible weather.

Glyn Ellis

Junior Britain

- 1 Stephen Murphy — Premier/TKM
- 2 Wayne Smith — Star/Parilla
- 3 Jason Elliot — Jeta/TKM

100 National

- 1 John Aldred — Premier/Parilla
- 2 Ian Williams — Premier/Arrow
- 3 Derek Price — Lane/Apple Karts Arrow
- 4 N. Smith — Dart/Arrow
- 5 Phil Pattison — Sprint/BPH Arrow
- 6 Lyndon Barton — Zip/TKM

Junior National

- 1 Steve Brogan — Premier/WRE Arrow
- 2 Phil Foster — Wright/Wright Yamaha
- 3 Simon Haworth — Premier/PCR

125 National

- 1 Mark Webster — Barloti/Rotax
- 2 Jon Henry —
- 3 Craig Haines — Dino/Rotax

100 Britain

- 1 Martin Royle — Zip/Arrow

210 National

- 1 Tony Suthers — Dino/Villiers
- 2 John Haigh — Barloti/Villiers
- 3 Ian Hunter — Zip/Villiers

250 National

- 1 Chris Stoney

250 International

- 1 John Ashe — Star/Yamaha
- 2 Gerald Rushton —

LATE NEWS

Last minute results. The second round of the FSO sponsored televised 250 International Series was held at Oulton Park. The first final was won by Dave Buttigieg with first round winner, Nigel Smith, coming 3rd using a Waddon/Ehrlich. Reg Gange won the second final for Vingtt Trois also using a Waddon/Ehrlich. Philips sponsored the Global Cup at Rye House again this year which attracted an enormous number of spectators. Terry Fullerton won the 135cc event.

Whilst the Summerlee track is closed for repairs and an extension meetings continue at the Crail circuit.

Round 3 of the PR (Piston and Reed) 125cc Championship is at Fulbeck on May 23rd.

Bob Banbury has been busy selling air intake silencer boxes to just about every European country — except for the UK, perhaps we don't have a noise problem! Two new brakes have been introduced called the KP Super. The hydraulic one has quickly removable pads using a wishbone spring and the caliper has three alternative mountings so it can replace other makes and be used at both front and rear. The

master cylinder has a secondary cylinder with a slotted screw, adjustment of which alters the pad position. A new mechanical brake incorporates many of the features of the hydraulic model and following the successful use of this type of operation at the World Championship, there is increasing demand for this pattern, particularly from the French.

