



## DUNKESWELL RAC 100 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round one of the RAC 100 National Championships on April 25/26 (sponsored at Dunkeswell by "Strand Glassfibre") looked set to be a real thriller, for all the "cream" of this class had entered in a search for vital points. Many new outfits were in evidence, while others stuck with proven equipment. Goodyears were general wear during the dry spells, while a substantial number of Carlisles appeared during the wet sessions.

When drivers and officials arrived or awoke at the track on the Saturday they found the circuit

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## THE STRATOS

Well known for his engine tuning work and as a retailer of karts in all classes, Peter Haywood has become a kart manufacturer under the brand name of Stratos. The model illustrated is a 100cc design made from 28mm tube that is available in various versions priced from £305 in the Britain class up to £385 in its most de-luxe form. The kingpin yokes angle forward and have triplicated bolt holes. According to which you use so you get a change in wheelbase. They are also making a slightly longer frame so in all the wheelbase possibilities range from 101 to 104cm. The front track changes with the wheelbase but this can be altered in the normal way by shims on the stub axle. Another unusual feature is the use of a two

rail chassis and a special two-piece engine mount linked to the axle hanger. Simply slackening one bolt provides for chain adjustment. There is a two-bearing 30mm rear axle ahead of which there is an angled back rear cross member. The vast majority of the accessory items are by KP including the steering wheel, bottle tank and choice of die cast or spun road wheels. Unusually the KP master cylinder is mounted just behind the brake pedal to which it is linked by means of a short rod. The disc brake has a 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " disc whilst the steering column has a nylon bush at the top and a rose joint at the bottom. The Stratos had its debut at Kimbolton and proceeded to win its first event so work is now proceeding apace on a chassis for the gearbox classes.