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The annual Turkey Trot meeting at Kimbolton, on December 13th, was well supported with 30 Senior Britains and an excellent entry of 12 Cadets showing that this class has well and truly arrived; the increase in the age maximum should give the latter an extra boost in 1988. The second and final round of the Castrol 125 Challenge produced a slightly improved entry over last month, but the result was still the same — Graham Stevens 1st again and overall winner in spite of some tough opposition.

Cadet. Heat 1 — 1 A. Davidson, 2 D. Wheldon, 3 C. Bogan. Heat 2 — 1 Wheldon, 2 M. Taylor, 3 Davidson.

Wheldon grabbed the lead and Taylor powered through at the first corner to take 2nd from Davidson with Claire Bogan just heading Kevin Hall. Wheldon seemed to have a good lead but Taylor reeled him in and took over on lap 5; with Davidson close behind, these three fiercely contested the premier position.

10 lengths back Claire was just holding on to 4th from Hall and Davies, then with three laps to go Davies nipped past Hall and harried Champion Claire all the way to the line. On the last lap the three leaders encountered a back marker. As they approached Kim, Taylor went to the right and Wheldon to the left and they clashed as they arrived in the corner together. Wheldon kept going to win from Davidson with Davies spluttering home in 3rd place.

Junior Britain 'A'/'B'. Heat 1 — 1 Russell Penn, 2 Oliver Gavin, 3 Andy Hunt. Heat 2 — 1 Andy Cox, 2 Daniel Stilp, 3 Gareth Hession.

Warburton led out the final but Stilp, from grid 2, snatched the early lead from Penn and Cox, leaving Warburton 4th followed by Hession but Gavin moved through from a mid grid position to take 5th with three laps to go. Stilp was precariously holding the lead from Cox when his motor gave out on the straight so at the flag Cox was a comfortable winner from Penn and Warburton.

100 Britain. Heat 1 — 1 Simon Reeks, 2 Dean Caswell, 3 Rupert March. Heat 2 — 1 Martin Collard, 2 Robin Chuter, 3 Darren Kinsey. Heat 3 — 1 Derek Watts, 2 Chris Dagless, 3 Nick Kelly. Heat 4 — 1 No. 55, 2 Marcus Gavin, 3 Tony McCarthy. 'B' final — 1 Mark Piercy, 2 Glenn Taylor, 3 Richard Postins (R), 4 Chris Wildey (R).

A coming together at the first corner put McCarthy and Collard out of the final and gave Kelly the chance to grab a big lead, chased by Reeks, Chuter, Watts, Caswell, Gavin and Dagless. Collard, after his early demise, was battling back into the fray. Reeks got clear of the pack pursued by the advancing Dagless, but neither could make an impression on the leader, Kelly.

Collard was working hard through the packed field and with two laps left was up to 5th. On the last lap Dagless nipped his engine trying to obtain more power and at the flag it was Kelly, comfortably, from Reeks and Chuter. After a fine drive Collard missed out on the prizes in 4th place. Chris Wildey from Norwich was awarded Best Restricted Driver.

125 National. Heat 1 — 1 Roger Goff, 2 Graham Stevens, 3 Steve Puddiphatt. Heat 2 — 1 Goff, 2 Nick Whitehead, 3 Stevens.

The entry was boosted to 13 for the second

and final round of the 125 Castrol Challenge by long circuit exponent, Stuart Ziemelis. But although Stuart drove well he was no match for the short circuit Kimbolton experts which included former British Short Circuit Champion Roger Goff and first round winner Graham Stevens.

Goff made a slow start and Whitehead took the lead from Stevens with Goff 3rd, followed by Puddiphatt and Ziemelis on his new Lazer kart. Stevens closed on Whitehead and went to the front on lap 6 leaving Whitehead heading Goff by a small margin. Goff was 2nd next time around, chasing the flying Stevens, but Whitehead had his sights set on the 2nd place turkey rather than the 3rd place Christmas pud and was soon back in 2nd with a spot of late braking.

Goff battled back and in the heat of the moment the two clashed wheels at Kim as Whitehead left half a gap; Whitehead refused to move over and the impact caused Goff to drop back. As Stevens took the flag Goff dived for the line but Whitehead held on to take 2nd by half a length. Ziemelis took 4th and Bradmore 5th to clean up the trophies.

Stevens' win gave him the overall Castrol Challenge from Goff and Puddiphatt. Let's hope we can continue this as an annual late season event in the future. We anticipate that in 1988 the November meeting will be on the second Sunday to avoid Armistice Day services which should improve entries.

210 National. Heat 1 — 1 Mark Allen, 2 Steve Hurst, 3 Alan Poole. Heat 2 — 1 Allen, 2 Jeremy Pinney, 3 Brian Holloway.

Allen, from pole, made a slow start and after one lap was languishing in 3rd place behind Holloway and Pinney. Holloway came under considerable pressure on the second lap and dropped to 2nd as he was outmanoeuvred by Pinney at Stow and then dropped another place on the same lap as Allen got the inside line through Kim. Allen chased after Pinney but his race came to an early finish when he was warned of a mechanical defect and returned to the pits.

Hurst moved into 2nd ahead of Holloway while a battle developed for 4th as Poole closed on Amps. Poole saw his chance on lap 5 and moved up the order leaving Amps under pressure from Smith and Puddiphatt and these three fought for lap after lap as Amps hung on grimly. Hurst was looking comfortable in 2nd when, with just over two laps left, he took the wrong line through Kim, got on the damp outside edge and hit the tyres very hard. He pirouetted three feet off the ground and landed in a heap, dazed but seemingly unhurt.

Pinney easily took the flag 1st with Holloway recovering 2nd, after the demise of Hurst, and Poole coming home 3rd. Amps just held off Smith and Puddiphatt in a final dash for the line.

250s. Heat 1 — 1 Richard Boston, 2 Roger Goff, 3 Dale Couzens. Heat 2 — 1 Goff, 2 Boston, 3 Chris Beavers.

The front row of the grid looked formidable with the 'O' plate of Boston flanked by Goff on pole and Couzens. Which of these three long circuit experts would be leading after the first fast, furious lap? The answer was 'none', as local Northants driver Beavers headed Boston and Couzens with Goff picking off the backmarkers after spinning. By lap four Goff was up to 5th then 4th. Boston was driving smoothly in 2nd but could make no impression on Beavers, Rotax power giving him the edge over the KTM. Goff closed in on Couzens and powered past on the straight as the Rotax twin again showed its pace against a single cylinder KTM.

Beavers ran out the winner with Boston and Goff picking up the remaining prizes in an excellent race.

100 National. Heat 1 — 1 Richard Gregory, 2 Martin Collard, 3 Bill Tully. Heat 2 — 1 Collard, 2 Gary Blick, 3 Dave Banbury.

Gregory got an excellent start and led after one lap, under pressure from Blick, Collard and Banbury. At the halfway stage Gregory was still battling to hold the lead, but two laps later suddenly found himself fighting to hold 3rd with Banbury closing rapidly — Collard had taken 2nd as they entered Stow and with Gregory in his sights he bombed past, taking Blick with him.

Collard held on to win from Blick with Banbury 3rd in front of Gregory.

Duncan Taylor

Results

Cadet

1 Daniel Wheldon — Allkart/Comer
2 Andrew Davidson — Zip/Comer
3 Matthew Davies — Gillard/Comer

Junior Britain 'A'

1 Verney Wood — Zip/TKM
2 Natalie Whaley — Ferrari/Arrow

Junior Britain 'B'

1 Andrew Cox — Wright/Parilla
2 Russell Penn — Jeta/EME
3 Simon Warburton — Wright/Parilla

100 Britain

1 Nick Kelly — Zip/Parilla
2 Simon Reeks — Gillard/Arrow
3 Robin Chuter — Wright/Parilla

Restricted: Chris Widley — Zip/Parilla

125 National

1 Graham Stevens — Zip/Rotax
2 Nick Whitehead — Zip/Rotax
3 Roger Goff — Zip/Rotax

210 National

1 Jeremy Pinney — Aero/Villiers
2 Brian Holloway — Zip/Villiers
3 Alan Poole — Zip/Villiers

250

1 Chris Beavers — Zip/Rotax
2 Richard Boston — Zip/KTM
3 Roger Goff — Zip/Rotax

100 National

1 Martin Collard — Superdart/Sirio
2 Gary Blick — Sprint/TKM
3 Dave Banbury — Minarelli/TKM

Castrol 125 Challenge: 1 Graham Stevens, 2 Roger Goff, 3 Steve Puddiphatt.

NEW GILLARD

This latest model, the CIK03, has recently been inspected for homologation. The manufacturer advises that "It comes with many special and improved components".

