Stapley on the sidelines. In lap 5 Mark had wrested the lead from Graham who unfortunately came off and was left trailing. Colin Crabtree soon appeared on the scene rounding Steve and Simon and set off in hot pursuit of Mark Windle, but to no avail and at the chequered flag it was Mark Windle, Colin Crabtree, Simon Sutton and Stephen Stapley with Andrew Clark slipping into 5th place.

Junior Britain. With the biggest entry ever seen at Rye House of four white plates and four novice J.B.s, they had their own race. Heat 1 was won in the last lap by Derek Higgins from Nigel Mitchell with Alan Page 3rd, best novice was Kenneth Steward, Alan Page beat Derek Higgins and Nigel Mitchell in heat 2. Kenneth Steward again the best novice. In heat 3 Alan Page defeated Nigel Mitchell, with Kenneth Steward again best novice. The three main contenders were on the front row of the grid for the final and the lead swopped about between Nigel Mitchell, Derek Higgins with Alan Page always in contention. At the final line Derek kept the lead to win handsomely from Alan Page with poor Nigel, who had given a good afternoon's driving, having to be content with 3rd trophy. Kenneth Steward, a bit further back, capped a fine day's driving by taking 1st Novice award.

100cc National Group "A". Douggie Gough beat John Wellsted and Alan Hughes in heat 1. Steve Chittenden took the lead in lap 4 of heat 2 and ran out winner from Bobby Cox and Dougie Gough. Heat 3 and Brian Snelling this time showed the way, Alan Hughes 2nd and John Wellsted 3rd. The Final and 18 on the rolling up laps, John Wellsted got a 'flyer' and increased his lead lap after lap to win by a comfortable margin. 2nd spot was initially held by Douggie Gough but young Steve Chittenden, one of the club's Junior World Cup representatives, pulled up well from 4th place on lap 1 to run out 2nd. Bobby Cox, another serious contender at Rye who had been 'knocked off' in the first heat, came up well from the middle of the grid to take 3rd and poor Douggie, who had literally driven his wheels off, had to be content with 4th place just ahead of Pave Harridge.

100cc Nationals Group "B" & Novices. Heat 1 was won by Simon Wright easily from Graham Howard and John Aitkenhead (not long since a novice) Malcolm Budd was fastest novice. Heat 2 and again Simon Wright triumphed this time over John Aitkenhead and Leslie Howes. Jeremy Claydon fastest novice. Simon Wright (it's that man again) out-classed the opposition to win heat 3 by a large margin from Graham Howard and Nick Povey. Jeremy Claydon quickest novice. It would seem the final must be a foregone conclusion barring mechanical mishap or loss of weight owing to the heat! And so it came to pass, Simon Wright did not put the proverbial wheel wrong and won every lap comfortably. 2nd place was well taken by John Aitkenhead (this lad certainly has style) and wasn't seriously troubled by Graham Howard who in turn finished comfortably ahead of Alan Reeves. A battle in the novice section ended with Malcolm Budd crossing the line with a big grin with Jeremy Claydon taking 2nd from Michael Plume.

Class 4 210 and 250. In heat 1 early leader John Onslow was deposed by Alan Godfrey who in turn was passed in the last lap by Colin Mills. David Brewster, the lone 125cc kart in the race, finished 3rd only one 250 was good enough to pass all the 210s, that was a Rapid Movement's driver, Harry Goodman. 2nd was Tony Taylor, 3rd Chris Gillespie, Heat 2 Vic Parrott made this race his own, winning every lap beating Colin Mills into 2nd place with John Onslow 3rd. In the 250s Rapid Movement driver Shaun Deal beat Peter Featherstone. Vic Parrott did a repeat performance in heat 3 and won every lap (he wanted to finish 1st because he had volunteered to be one of the drivers treated by the girls of St. John's perhaps he was expecting the kiss of life!!!) 2nd was Alan Godfrey and 3rd John Onslow. Fastest 250 again was Shaun Deal. Vic Parrott led the final for 3 laps and then disappeared from the lap sheets (gone back for some more artificial respiration), this left the door open for Colin Mills, who went on to win easily. Alan Godfrey was 2nd, with 125cc David Brewster 3rd. In the 250 section, Shaun Deal made the most of a bit of mechanical trouble by his team-mate Harry Goodman to win the 250 section with Chris Gillespie 2nd, Ray Miller 3rd and Harry Goodman in 4th place. Today the class 4s were run in front of the Internationals Continued on page 186



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