

**CHASEWATER KRC, Membership enquiries to Mrs. B. Beddall, 52 The Poplars, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Race entries to Mrs. P. Kennington, 80 Foulmere Road, Great Birmingham B42 2EA.**

The third meeting of the year at Chasewater had a healthy entry of 66 drivers who were well mixed between classes, and including a few new faces, as well as a couple of drivers making their comebacks. 250 International driver Joanne Cameron, added a touch of glamour to "The Old Man's Class", and before I'm accused of sexist remarks she proved herself to be a very useful driver.

**Junior National and Britain.** Jason Bird proved during the heats that he had lost none of the speed or aggression he had shown at the February meeting, but equally as quick and just as determined to win was Jeremy Evernden on his National outfit. From the start it was Bird making all the running, with Evernden tucked in behind and trying to find a way past. This went on for 8 laps before Jason began to edge away, and in the end finished a fairly easy winner with Jeremy having to settle for 2nd place overall.

**125 National.** With nine karts entered for this class it was decided to give them a race of their own. But before they could start the final, the heavens opened, and it was nine very wet drivers who gingerly set out for an exploratory lap. The conditions were atrocious and it was a feat to keep the machine pointing in the right direction. I must say I admired the steadfast determination of Michael Fowler who refused to be drawn into combat with other seemingly quicker kart/driver combinations and eventually swam in an easy winner, which cannot be said for 2nd place man Steve Shirley, who had a very entertaining drive to the flag. It was pleasing to see a 125 race again at Chase, as of all the gearbox karts these seem the best suited to our circuit. Keep those entries coming in.

**100 Britain and National Novice.** By combining the two classes, another pretty full grid started the third final of the day. The front end of the Britain grid was bolstered by the return to Chase of Mark Beddall. Throughout the heats, Mark showed his class winning the first two heats easily and only being prevented from winning the third by a petrol tap that closed itself. In very tricky conditions Mark showed us all what a good driver he is, firstly pulling out an enormous lead and then picking off the tail end of the field in fine style. 2nd place man Karl Hudson, drove well all day and had the measure of everybody else, so his target for next month is already set.

1st National Novice home was E. Cameron who showed a lot of verve and pace and I'm sure will do even better when he tidies his style of driving up.

**210 National.** Unfortunately what used to be a thriving class at Chasewater had turned into the low point of the meeting, with only 4 drivers contesting the final. Front row man Ed Mellar took the lead from the flag but was soon demoted to 2nd by Tom Thacker Jnr. This was how they stayed until lap 10 when Mellar briefly snatched the lead, only to have lost it again when they appeared from the top bend. 3rd place fell to David Bailey after a lonely race whilst long time 4th place man Carl Atkinson was unfortunate to have his seat break with only a few laps remaining.

**100 National.** With a couple of dry heats and one wet one, it was difficult to forecast the outcome of this one. The track was still damp and this seemed to favour Neil Robinson who had looked very quick in the wet during

his heat. From the start it was Robinson followed by Pritchard and Cooper. On the second lap, 4th place man Derek Shields spun at T-Bar bend but continued without losing too much time. Cooper did not at all look happy in his 3rd place and a queue was forming behind him, but this broke up on the fifth lap. After a couple of drivers spun at the very wet T-Bar bend, it left just Hall and Cooper to battle out 3rd and 4th places.

Meanwhile at the front Pritchard was putting Robinson under increasing pressure and finally slipped through into the lead on lap 6. Hall was all but in Cooper's driving seat now constantly getting alongside but not being able to snatch 3rd place from a determined Mr. Cooper, until on the twelfth lap, Cooper left a gap around the top bend and Hall was through to a hard earned 3rd place. That's how it stayed until the chequered flag by which time Pritchard had a fairly sizeable lead after a very good drive.

**250 International and National.** Unfortunately our lady competitor did not make the final. After a seize in heat 2, 250 National competitor Stu Eason, thought discretion was the better part of valour and put his kart onto its trailer whilst it was still in one piece. The front row of the grid was made up of Bob Kennings and that other Chasewater regular Alan Mills, with Geoff Maddock making a welcome return and joining them, his equipment looking as immaculate as ever. From the start Bob set about building an unassailable lead and so quick was his progress he had lapped the entire field by lap

13. Alan Mills drove steadily into 2nd whilst sole 250 National competitor Ken Mason did his best to stay on terms with his more powerful brothers.

So ended a day when the weather did its utmost to dampen everybody's enthusiasm, but the efforts of the drivers and officials won out in the end. Special thanks go to those officials who stood out in the rain.

I'm off to the shops for snorkel and flippers for next month. Motto: Be Prepared.

**Les Latham**

## RESULTS

**Junior National**  
1 Jeremy Evernden — Sprint/TKM

**Junior Britain**  
1 Jason Bird — Zip/Arrow

**125 National**  
1 Michael Fowler — Zip/Honda  
2 Steve Shirley — Goff/Yamaha

**100 Britain**  
1 Mark Beddall — Zip/Arrow  
2 Karl Hudson — Zip/Arrow

**100 National Novice**  
1 Ewen Cameron — Sirio/TKM

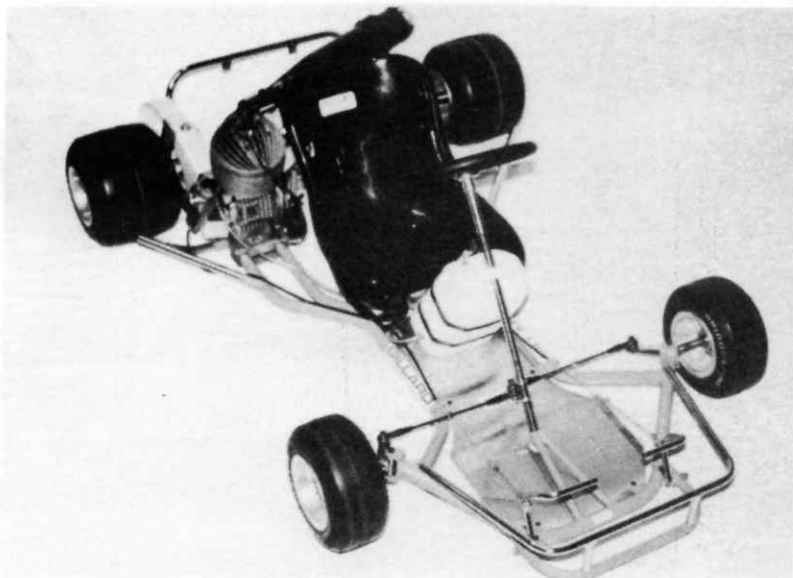
**210 National**  
1 Tom Thacker Jnr — Zip/Villiers

**100 National**  
1 Mick Pritchard — Sprint/Arrow  
2 Neil Robinson — TKM/Parilla  
3 Stephen Hall — DMA/Parilla

**250 National**  
1 Kev Mason — Zip/Yamaha

**250 International**  
1 Bob Kennings — Sprint/Yamaha  
2 Alan Mills — Barlotti/Yamaha

## THE NEW GILLARD



This is the new version of the Gillard class 1 kart. A different design of stub axle, lower centre of gravity and improved brake mounting are the major changes.

