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The N.Z. Tourist Trophy Race SEVENTH ANNUAL CONTEST

Unpleasant Weather Conditions

Remarkably good times were clocked by the competitors at Waiheke Island on Anniversary Day, considering that they rode in a continuous down-pour of rain. Alf Mattson (Velocette) scored his second win in this event, taking only 17min 57sec longer than C. Goldberg's record time last year.

The following riders started at intervals of 30s:—L. Sowerby (Levis), L. E. Dixon (Levis), L. Albrecht (Excelsior), C. Buchanan (Velocette), M. C. P. Jones (Norton), A. Carlinson (Norton), O. L. Cox (J.A.P), A. Mattson (Velocette), H. C. Fitzgerald (H.R.D.), J. Dale (Rudge), L. Perry (Excelsior), A. Dean (Norton), W. Grey (Norton), A. V. Melhuish (James), P. Mossman (J.A.P.), H. Matthews (Rudge).

In driving rain all the riders got away well with the exception of Len Perry, who experienced plug trouble. Jones failed to complete the first lap owing to a smashed gearbox. Quite a number of riders took things easily in the first few laps with the exception of Sowerby, Fitzgerald and Dixon, all of whom were making the pace a hot one until the latter was slowed down by his pit assistants. Buchanan, after completing the first lap, punctured and dropped out. Cox retired owing to broken gears after completing five laps. This lap saw Albrecht's retirement owing to water in the magneto.

Sowerby called at the pits for goggles, where he lost a good eighteen minutes, finally abandoning

the race after the ninth lap. Thirteen proved an unlucky number for Matthews, as in this lap water in the magneto caused his retirement. A broken clutch cable in the fifteenth forced Dixon out and he was followed to the pits by Fitzgerald, magneto trouble spelling finis to his fine effort.

Perry had trouble with the oil pump, forcing his retirement at the end of the eighteenth lap. At this juncture Mattson was well in the lead, followed by Carlinson with Grey riding in great style next and Mossman close behind Grey.

Dale did not look too happy as mud thrown up on to the plug by a competition front tyre caused him seven stops to clean it off.

BATTLE OF TACTICS.

Plenty of interest was displayed in the tactical battle for a place which was fought out by Mossman and Grey in the last five laps until, in the last lap, loose tank bolts and a broken petrol pipe rendered Grey hors de combat.

Mattson maintained his comfortable lead and went on to win with Dean filling second place, Carlinson third, Mossman fourth, and Dale fifth and fastest lap, the only other rider to finish being Melhuish, who won the Sealed Handicap. Matthews was awarded the first year rider's trophy.

LAP TIMES—1937 T.T.

Sowerby—7.48, 8.13, 8.29, 26.56, 8.01, 7.54, 8.20, 9.06, 12.52; total 97.39.

Dixon—7.30, 8.24, 8.07, 8.01, 8.08, 8.23, 8.08, 8.21, 11.26, 8.11, 8.31, 8.25, 8.02, 8.34, 17.49; total, 136.00.

Albrecht—8.44, 8.48, 8.53, 9.09, 9.02; total, 44.36.

Buchanan—10.29.

Jones—

Carlinson—8.32, 8.41, 8.37, 8.44, 10.12, 8.41, 8.32, 8.26, 8.18, 8.19, 8.23, 8.58, 8.25, 8.25, 9.21, 8.25, 8.21, 8.35, 8.27, 8.22, 8.24, 8.27, 8.23, 8.22, 8.00; total 214.20.

Cox—8.14, 8.31, 10.01, 8.40, 8.36; total 44.02.

Mattson—8.22, 8.16, 8.22, 8.09, 8.15, 8.12, 8.14, 8.14, 8.15, 8.23, 8.28, 8.18, 8.11, 8.18, 8.08, 8.17, 8.17, 8.21, 8.18, 8.29, 8.20, 8.16, 8.21, 8.26, 8.25; total 207.35.

Fitzgerald—7.58, 8.16, 8.07, 8.10, 8.03, 7.57, 7.59, 7.57, 8.00, 7.53, 8.06, 9.37, 10.55, 7.57, 8.02, 8.04, total 133.01.

Melhuish—8.34, 8.37, 8.40, 8.58, 8.55, 9.03, 9.05, 9.01, 9.12, 9.07, 9.11, 9.17, 9.20, 10.55, 9.25, 9.29, 9.53, 9.10, 8.59, 9.08, 8.59, 8.57, 8.55, 9.10, 9.00; total, 229.00.

Mossman—8.17, 8.26, 8.21, 8.31, 8.25, 8.33, 8.26, 8.31, 8.25, 8.32, 9.36, 8.29, 8.31, 8.37, 8.27, 8.38, 8.39, 8.33, 11.09, 8.42, 8.36, 8.26, 8.08, 8.22, 9.30; total, 216.50.

Matthews—8.53, 8.20, 8.17, 8.21, 8.19, 8.17, 10.08, 8.37, 10.48, 9.07, 10.25, 9.13, 9.18; total 118.03.



A WEIGHTY PROBLEM

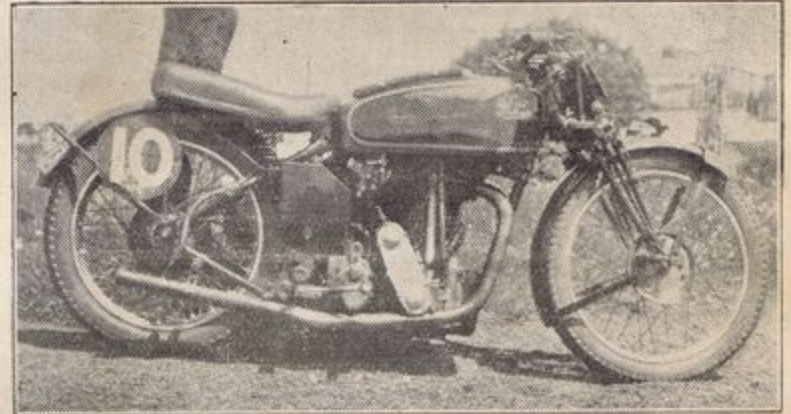
Mr. Chas. Allen, popular President of the A.M.C.C., going ashore for the T.T. at Waiheke Island.

Dale—8.22, 12.52, 8.20, 14.25, 8.41, 8.25, 8.19, 9.26, 8.25, 8.25, 10.57, 8.10, 7.43, 8.23, 8.44, 8.27, 9.01, 9.01, 9.00, 9.11, 9.03, 9.09, 8.11, 9.40, 8.15; total, 227.35.

Perry—12.04, 8.09, 8.11, 8.02, 8.00, 8.10, 8.12, 8.06, 8.21, 8.09, 9.19, 8.18, 8.19, 8.22, 8.56, 8.05, 10.20, 8.22; total, 155.25.

Dean—8.15, 8.23, 8.38, 8.48, 8.40, 8.31, 10.13, 8.11, 8.24, 8.24, 8.17, 8.17, 8.19, 8.22, 8.22, 8.16, 8.21, 8.32, 9.11, 8.21, 8.08, 8.07, 8.10, 8.13, 8.07; total, 211.30.

Grey—8.22, 9.05, 8.24, 8.07, 8.07, 8.24, 8.59, 10.57, 7.47, 8.05, 8.01, 8.04, 8.07, 7.59, 9.02, 8.12, 8.12, 9.14, 8.44, 8.20, 11.12, 9.08, 8.30, 8.36; total, 207.38.



The special 500 cc. Velocette ridden by A. Mattson in the N.Z.T.T. This motor was used by the famous Irish star, Rusk, when he won the Ulster Grand Prix in 1934. Note the huge saddle extending over the rear guard.

NEW MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

FIRST SPORTS DAY A SUCCESS

Hutt Valley motor cycle enthusiasts turned up in full force to a meeting at Petone on January 20th. The various speakers met with an enthusiastic reception, and it was decided to form a motor-cycle club, which is to be known as the Manx Motor Cycling Club.

Thirty-five members turned out for the first Sports Day, which was held on Sunday, January 31, at Pukaratai Valley. Four events were held; the results were:

Fast Serpentine—E. Henderson (Norton), 1st; H. Triplow (Norton), 2nd.

Slow Serpentine—E. Henderson, 1st; T. Torrens (Rudge), 2nd.

Bun Eating Competition—K. Jonassen (A.J.S.), 1st; E. Henderson, 2nd.

Judge the Distance—G. Bryenton (Ariel), 1st; K. Upton (A.J.S.), 2nd.

This journal extends best wishes to this new club for its success and thanks to brother K. Upton, the secretary, for his club's support of the "N.Z. Motor Cycle and Cycle Magazine."

Percy Vere-ance

Percy Vere, in the Lightweight T.T. at Adelaide, had the race in his keeping with only a couple of laps to go, but two successive falls forced him to retire.

AUCKLAND MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Henning's Speedway is now open for practice, and a meeting will be held there shortly, probably on Saturday, March 6. Further particulars and entry forms are available from Secretary Jack Hedley.

Sunday, February 21, is the date set down for the Beach Championships at Muriwai, a satisfactory tide having been ordered for that day.

Mr Jack Dale has presented a cup for competition among riders of touring motor cycles.



AUNTIE'S IDEA OF THE T.T.

A good muster of the motor cycle fraternity assembled at the club rooms on Thursday, 11th inst., for the presentation of the T.T. trophies by Mr Chas. Allen, the President. An informal smoke-o was held, the liquid refreshments being provided by Messrs W. White and J. Dale. Items were given by Messrs Sheldon (ventriloquist) and V. Crowder (vocal). Stories were told and the usual smoke-o ditties were lustily sung—in fact, a good time was had by all.

WANGANUI SPORTS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

FIRST SEASON'S RELIABILITY TRIAL

Over the week-end this event was run off in fine weather, the 80-mile course embracing a comprehensive circuit of the city, Kauangaroa via Fordell, Makirikiri via clay tracks, Maxwell via Brunswick, and the city via Okehu, mostly by way of stock routes and tracks. The standard of riding on the heavy surfaces was remarkably good, there being seven finishers from the twelve starters. Placings at the 40-mile were C. Perrett (Norton) 4½ points lost, J. Woods (Calthorpe) 5½; L. Stevens (Triumph) 6; L. Mitchell (B.S.A.), 7; A. Nicolls (Norton) 7½; W. Pritchard (Triumph) 8; C. Glenny (Rudge) 17½; L. Williams (Norton) 26½.

At this stage B. Lawrence (O.K. Supreme) was out with a seized valve, while Williams (Norton)



ALF MATTSON

Well known to all speedway fans. He has also achieved fame as a T.T. rider, having won this year's N.Z.T.T., and was first in 1932 and second in the fifth contest.

was experiencing magneto trouble, and Stevens (Triumph) had lost his passenger.

At the sixty-mile Glenny went out with judder trouble, to be shortly joined by Pritchard (Triumph), who somersaulted over a bank, involving Perrett (Norton) in the subsequent mix-up.

The finalists were: L. Stevens, lost 10 points, 1st; L. Mitchell, lost 10½, 2nd; J. Woods, lost 11½, 3rd; A. Nicholls, lost 14, 4th; C. Perrett, lost 15, 5th; L. Williams, lost 40, 6th.

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