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Dublin rider Ian Williams (Ariel) who rides in to-morrow's Hurst Cup International Trial at Conling, Belfast.

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1.2. Hurst Cup Trial Has Big English Entry

By BASIL BRINDLEY

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WITH an entry of 79 for to-morrow's Hurst Cup Trial, officials of the Knock Motor Cycle Club must be feeling very happy, as 80 is the maximum figure specified on the regulations.

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The international event will be held over a number of laps in the Clandeboy Estate, Belfast, and total distance will be somewhat less than 50 miles.

English competitors did exceptionally well last year and, judging by the increase in their numbers on this occasion, they intend to return with the valuable perpetual trophy for another 12 months.

The Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club is responsible for no less than seven members of the eighteen-strong cross -Channel challenge. Included in this team are Johnny Brittain (Royal Enfield), P. H. Alves (Triumph), B. W. Martin (B.S.A.) and the Wicken brothers who will be Norman and Triumph-mounted.

Scotsman J. H. Birrell has entered a junior "Gold Star" while other visitors of note are E. Usher (Matchless), G. L. Jackson (A.J.S.), E. W. Smith (Francis Barnett) and J. V. Smith (B.S.A.)

Leinster will be represented by practically every outstanding rider in the province and regulars like Dudley Ryder (Matchless), Joe Dawson (B.S.A.), Mick Tracey (Norton), Freddie Dickson (Sun) and Kevin Keegan (B.S.A.) may be relied upon to acquit themselves well.

1.5. Strong Ulster Bid

Travelling up from the south also

with good reputations are Dave Felton (Francis Barnett), Ian Williams, Reg Armstrong (Gilera) and James exponents Ernie Lyons, Doug Ewen and Aubrey Archer.

With over 50 p.c. of the entry, Ulster is in a strong position and if a Six-County man is to win the event, it's odds on Sammy Miller from Belfast being the one to do it. Riding a 197 c.c. James, this road racing and trials star has proved himself almost invincible during the season and he must have an outstanding chance tomorrow.

Able support will come from Bill Clark (Royal Enfield). Tommy Robb (Francis Barnett), W. J. Hutton (Greeves), Terry Hill (B.S.A.), Brian McClery (Royal Enfield) and Bertie Mann (Francis Barnett), all of whom have been figuring well in this year's events.

The trial begins at 12 o'clock and starting point is near the Lead Mines, Conling.

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Entries: A.J.S. —G. L. Jackson, H. N. Niblock. Ariel — D. Bradley, I. Williams, W. Stewart. B.S.A. — A. Woods (or James), J. H. Birrell, R. T. Hill, J. V. Smith, B. W. Martin, G. J. Draper, J. L. Crossle, E. Gill, I. Creighton, J. C. Dawson. K. Keegan, P. C. O. Stanfield. Dot—A Clarke, T. J. B. Stronge, I. Millar. Francis-Barnett—N. D. Metcalfe: B. Crawford, G. E. Fisher, T. H. Robb, B. Mann C. Bell, B. J. Andrews, D. R. Felton, E. W. Smith. A Shutt, D. J. Campbell, R. Jackson, N. Bell. Gilera—R. Armstrong. Greeves—H. C. Parkinson, W. J. Hutton, D. G. Mayne, R. Stewart. H.J.H.—D. Andrews. James—R. Stevenson, M. Brosnan, H. Dunlop. S. H. Miller N. W. Greenaway, S. Moore, D. C. Ewen, A. H. L. Archer, E. Lyons, B. McConnell (or B.S.A.). J. M. Simpson. W. H. Martin, J. B. Haughton. Lambretta—W. Peden. Matchless—E. Usher, D. F. Ryder, D. R. O'Neill. H. Dickson. Norman—R. W. [P]eacock, S. Wicken, I. Boal[?]Beal[?], J. S. Quigg. Norton—R. J. McKee. M. G. Tracey, J. S. Tyrrell. E. L. Theorin. W. R. Chamberlain. O.E.C.-N. McKeag. Royal Enfield-J. Brittain, W. J. M.

Clark, B. H. McClery, C. D. Metcalfe.
 Sun- F. C. Dickson, E. Rice.
 Triumph-S. Spence, P. H. Alves,
 [J]. Giles, J. E. Wicken.

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"B.B.. RUSSEL" TROPHY: The winner this year is Ia[n]
 deserved,he was placed at every
 meeting except the
 20 1/2 points. Runner-up is Ernie Lyons who won the cu[p]
 with 15
 1/2 points; followed by D. C. Ewen, 8 points; F
 C. Coard, E. Callaghan and M. Tracey with 6 points.

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3.1. Slade Scramble

By BASIL BRINDLEY

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LONG handicap man, Stan Tracey,
 scored a comfortable win from
 the near scratch pair, Freddie Dickson
 and Edmund Gill, in the Nicholson
 Memorial Scramble at, the Slade
 yesterday.

The event was run over fifteen laps
 and was preceded by the shorter
 distance Carville Cup race, where
 honours went to C. Childs on an
 Ariel.

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**Results—Nicholson Memorial Trophy . . (15 laps)—1, S. A. Tracey (Sun) (loss
 obsv. 36)(lost time 16) (h'cap. 70)
 (net 518) 2, F. C. Dickson (Sun)
 (47) (nil) (30) (483); 3, E. P. Gill
 (B.S.A.) (37) (13) (480).
 Best on time—M. G. Tracey (Nor-
 ton) (35) (10) (scr.) (455). Best on
 observation—I. Creighton (B.S.A.)
 (30) (27) (30) (473). 250 c.c. class— A.
 H. L. Archer (James) (49) (32) (40)
 (4559). 350 c.c. class - D. Ryder
 Matchless) (39) (14) (scr.) (447). 500
 c.c. class—I. [Williams] (Ariel) (88)
 (25) (50) (437).
 CARVILLE CUP (8 laps) — 1, C.
 Childs (Ariel) (58) (25) (70) (487) ; 2,
 G. F. Scarlett (Dot) (46) (1) (10)
 (463)[?]; 3. D. Cullen (Norton) (88) (1)
 [(501)][?] (461).**

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SMILES FROM DAVID TYE AND MYSELF AT BRAY SCRAMBLE

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3.1. Ian Williams

Beats Brother

IAN WILLIAMS returned to grass track racing in sparkling form and at the Dublin University grass track races at Powerscourt yesterday his victories included an exciting finish in the handicap final where he beat his brother Eric by half a wheel.

3.2.

Graded Scratch Race A-- 1. K. Cotter (248 Excelsior); 2, M. D. Thornton (197 Dot); 3, J. D. Poynton (197 Dot). 5 mins. 42 secs. **Graded Scratch Race B**--1, G. F. Scarlett (197 Dot); 2,F. C. Dickson (197 Dot); 3,J. Barkley (197 Dot). 5 mins 28 secs. **Graded Scratch Race C**—1, R. Williams (197 Aerial); 2 E. Williams (497 Aerial); 3,D. J. Dixon (344 Norton Jap). 5 mins. 5 secs.

Open Handicap- Heat 1 - 1 W. Hogan (197 Dot); 2, I. Williams (497 Aerial); 3 L. Armstrong (500 Jap). 5 mins. 47 secs. **Heat 2**—1. F. C. Dixon (197 Dot); 2. S. Foody (348 B.S.A.); 3. J- D. Roche (348 B.S.A.). 5 mins. 22 secs. **Heat 3**—1 E Williams (497 Aerial); 2, G. B. Scarlett (197 Dot); 3. K. Cotter (244 Excelsior). 5 mins. 7 secs. **Handicap Final** — 1. I Williams (497 Aerial); 2 E. Williams (497 Aerial); 3, G. F. Scarlett (197 Dot). 5 mins. dead.

250 c.c. Scratch Race—Heat 1—1s, D. Pearson (248 N.S.U.). **Heat 2**- G. F. Scarlett (197 Dot.). **Final** --1,G. F. Scarlett (197 Dot.); 2. F. C. 'Dickson (197 Dot.); 3.D. Pearson (248 N.S.U.). 5 mins. 17s.

350 c.c. scratch race—1, D. Dixon (344 Norton Jap.); 2, S. Foody (348 B.S.A.); 3, W. E. Harris (348 B.S.A.). 5 mins. 11s. **500 c.c. scratch race**—1. I. Williams (497 Aerial); 2,

E. Williams (497 Ariel); 3, J. Porter (500 Jap.). 4 mins 58 secs.

4. Results of Autocross

THE M.G. Car Club held an autocross At Lynch Dark. Saggart, Co. Dublin yesterday. The course was 1/2 mile long and each race was over 4 laps. Results: -
 Saloon Class — Scratch — J. C. Millarad (Fiat 600). 4 mins. 17 secs.
 Handicap—Miss E. Penston (V.W.), 4 mins. 22 secs. ,
 Open Class—Scratch—M. Hayes (Triumph TR2). 4 mins, 46 secs.
 Handicap—M. Kennedy (Triumph TR2). 4 mins. 45 secs.
 Specials—Scratch—B. K. Hood (Ford Special), 4 mins. 9 secs.
 Handicap—S. V. Baker (Ford Special). 4 mins. 17 secs; R. Redmond (Ford Special), 4 mms. 18 secs.

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2.2. Motor Sport ReviewMoto-Cross Was Great Success

BY BARRY MASON

2.3.

THE outstanding success of the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club's Moto-Cross last Saturday indicated that there is a bright future in this country for such an event

Irish riders' lack of practice was obvious and if they are to hold their own in the future there must be more events for training. It was very interesting to see how quickly some of them "caught on" last Saturday. The outstanding Irish competitor was Ian Williams, who has had some experience recently in England, where he was riding for the Ariel factory.

The most obvious things that our men have to learn are. keeping the taps open and front wheel control. It was wonderful to see how the British experts could control their bikes at higher speeds than those at which many of our men were losing control of their machines.

Front wheel lifting seems to be the answer. At one particularly tricky point, the course crossed a lane. Here the less experienced were "jumping" their machines at the start of the crossing, landing on the far side of the lane and "jumping" a second time

2.4. MUCH QUICKER

THE experts took it much faster, cleared the lot with one jump and landed on the back wheel, keeping the front wheel off the ground until they had things perfectly under control.

Alex Woods was another of Irish competitors who showed up well earning fourth place in the 350 race and fifth, after Williams, in the 500 race on his fast 350 machine. Ernie Lyons did well to drive a "wedge" amongst the four Dot works men in the 250 race but it appeared to me that his N.S.U. did not have the speed of the Dots, and he appeared to tire, possibl[y] through having to work so hard with a slower machine.

The surprise of the meeting was the great improvement in the riding of Eric Williams, brother of Ian. His win in the handicap was well merited.

Revenue is a big difficulty for clubs here as the big events are road races where no admission charge is possible, but I think that more events of the Moto-Cross variety, which are run on enclosed circuits where a charge can be collected, may at least be part of the answer.

2.5. BIG ATTENDANCE

THIS type of sport is a novelty to Irish people, but there was quite a big attendance on Satu[r-] day, and as word gets around as to its value its appeal will increase.

I know that the calendar is already very full, but it might be worth while dropping some other events in favour of the Moto-Cross, and now is the time to plan.

With the last of the racing season events on Saturday, the 500 M.R.C.I. car meeting in Ulster, the trials season opens in a big way this month.

For bikes there are three championship trials in October, the Belfast and District Club's, Barr Trophy (6th), the Dublin and District Club's, Moran Cup (13th), and the Ulster President's Cup (27th).

On Saturday in the Dublin area there is the Dublin University Club's, Fall Trial, starting from Lamb Doyles(3.0). For cars on Saturday there is the Leinster Club's, Vigzol Cup Trial, a non-observed event, starting from the Phoenix Monument (3.0).

On Sunday there is the first of the trials counting towards this season's Hewison Trophy competition, the Limerick Club's Circuit of Clare, which this year takes the place in the series of the same club's Circuit of Munster. The other Hewison event this month is the Kilkenny Winter Trial (28th).

1. Dublin And District Motor Cycle Club Had Day Out

1.1.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club whose International Moto Cross meeting on Saturday last was one of the most entertaining fixtures of the season. the course at Redbog was ideally suited for this sport and many of the English works ridersdescribed it as one of the best in Europe.

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In the light og such an enthusiastic reception it is now very much more than a possibility that next year's meeting will be included on the world championship table with the result that we may have a unique invasion of manufacturers teams including leading English and Continental exponents.

As expected the B.S.A and the Dot nominees made a clean sweep in the last three scratch races on Saturday last but quite a few names were made by Irishmen whose previous experience was gained from dabbling in other branches of the game together with a mere handful of scrambles.

Perhaps the most impressive was Harry O'Reilly's son, Frank, who rode his Lightweight Tandon with an unbounded exuberance which made quite a few of the stars, and in particular Bill Barugh og the Dot team, sit up and take note After figuring prominently in the qualifying heat Frank put everything he knew into the final and going into the lead on the third lap he stayed in front until the last half mile where he was headed by Eric Williams on the Mountjoy entered Ariel.

1.3. FIGURED PROMINENTLY

If he continues to improve at the present rate there is little doubt that Frank O'Reilly could turn out to be a really top class Moto Cross and Road Racing star He has certainly put his Grasstrack experience to great use and his long distance road racing debut on the Brian Somers **B.S.A** at this year's Skerries "100" gave some indication of the Dubliner's ability

The Williams brothers, Ian and Eric also caught the eye on Saturday last and both of them figured prominently in the awards list. Indeed were it not for the fact that Eric

had shown such a terrific improvement in his riding he could never have overhauled Frank O'Reilly in order to capture the Freeman Trophy in the general handicap final.

Ian, who rode at several cross Channel meetings last season was the fastest Irishman of the date as he took Ted Barret's other Ariel into fourth place in the Senior scratch race despite a heavy tumble en route. He also occupied a similar position in the general handicap and considering that he was riding off such a short mark of one and a half minutes he did extremely well to get the flag so near to Brian Stonebridge the B.S.A. expert.

The evergreen Ernie Lyons gave the huge crowds plenty to enthuse over in the 250 c.c. event and his fourth position behind three of the Dot men and in front of another of them calls for honourable mention. Unfortunately Freddie Dixon who was also expected to do well in the same event broke his frame on the first lap and took no further part in the proceedings.

1.4. NORTHERN SUCCESSES

Several Ulster riders hit the headlines during the afternoon, the most successful of them being Alex McFarland Woods from Belfast who finished fourth to the **B.S.A.** team in the 350 c.c. scratch race fifth to Ian Williams and the same trio in the Senior event and sixth in the general handicap all on a Junior 'Gold Star'.

Alan Bradshaw made news with his Francis-Barnett when taking a very creditable sixth in the opening encounter and he finished up the day as eighth man home in the general handicap with a comparatively short allowance of one lap.

The Car Trials season gets into its stride this weekend when the Leinster Motor Club holds its Vigzol Cup meeting over a 60 mile course starting in the Phoenix Park at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Navigation by Ordnance Survey sheets No. 16 and 13 will play an important part in proceedings and references by the old and new grid system will be supplied to competitors.

Sunday's Circuit of Clare T which starts from Limerick at a.m. marks the beginning of the Hewison Trophy competition and because of this all leading Dublin and Provincial enthusiasts are expected to make the journey for this well supported fixture.

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3.1. WILLIAMS BROTHERS IN FORM

3.2.

The Dublin University Club held a grass-track race meeting in Powerscourt on Saturday. The Williams Brother had a good day with three wins and three places between them. Ian Williams and Ernie Lyons again had some close tussles, Lyons winning the graded scratch race and Williams the 500 c.c. scratch in the best time of the day. Results:-

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Graded Scratch 1 – 1, S.A. Tracey (James), 5m. 28. s.; 2. G.T. Nolan (James); 3. D. Hughes (James).

Graded Scratch 2 – 1, E. Williams(Ariel), 5m. 11. s.; 2. C. Pearson (B.S.A.); 3, >G.T. Scarlett (Sun).

Graded Scratch 3 – 1, E. Lyons(Triumph-J.A.P.), 4m. 48. s.; 2. I. Williams (Ariel); 3, >E.A. Callaghan (R./Einfield).

Open Handicap – 1, E. Williams(Ariel), handicap 30s., time 5m. 0s.; 2. I. Williams (Ariel), 2s.; 3. G.T. Scarlett (Sun), 35s.

200 c.c. Scratch – 1, F.C. Dickinson (Sun), 5m. 3s.; 2. J. Pitchford (Dot); 3, G.T. Scarlett (Sun).

350 c.c. Scratch – 1, J. D. Roche (B.S.A.), 5m. 8s.; 2. C. Pearson (B.S.A.); 3, R. Rennicks (B.S.A.).

500 c.c. Scratch – 1, I. Williams(Ariel), 4m. 39s.; 2. E. Lyons (Triumph-J.A.P.); 3, E. Williams (Ariel).

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4.1. Terrific Motor Cycle Finish

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HIGHLIGHT of the Dun Laoghaire motor cycle

club's grass track meeting at Rochestown Avenue yesterday was a terrific neck - and - neck struggle between Ian Williams (Ariel) and Mervyn Hayes (Royal Enfield) in the senior race. For lap after lap the pair fought it out. Williams got the verdict by a fraction of a second.

500 c.c. Scr. – 1, I. Williams (Ariel); 2. M. Hayes (Royal Enfield); 3, E. Williams (Ariel).

350 c.c. Class – 1, D. Dixon (Jap); 2. M. Foran (B.S.A); 3, D. Byrne (B.S.A).

250 c.c. Class – 1, H. Buchanan (Francis Barnett); 2. F. O'Reilly (Tandom); 3, C. O'Neill (Dot).

250 c.c. heat winners–Buchanan and J. McCaffe (Dot).

General Handicap winner–M. Foran (B.S.A.).

1. The sky's the limit . . . so thinks Ian Williams as he directs his Ariel into space.

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3.1. WILLIAMS'S TREBLE

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At the Dublin University Motor-cycle and Light Car Club's grass-track race meeting, held in Powerscourt, Co. Wicklow, on Saturday. Ian Williams (Ariel) scored a treble and made fastest time of the day. Other winners included C.F. Scarlett, who won two events. Results:—

Graded Scratch No. 1 – 1, K. Cotter (Excelsior); 2. M. D. Thornton (Dot); 3, J. Poyrton (Dot)., 5 mins. 42 secs.

Graded Scratch No. 2 – 1, G. F. Scarlett (Dot), 2. F. C. Dickinson (Dot); 3, J. Barkley (Sun)., 5 mins. 28 secs.

Graded Scratch No. 3 – 1, I. Williams (Ariel), 2. E. Williams (Ariel); 3, D. J. Dixon (Norton/Jap). 5 mins. 5 secs.

Allcomers' Handicap Final – 1, I. Williams (Ariel), scr.; 2. E. Williams (Ariel), h'cap 5 secs.; 3, G. F. Scarlett (Dot), 18 secs. 5 mins. 0 secs.

250 c.c. scratch – 1, G. F. Scarlett (Dot); 2. F.C. Dickinson (Dot); 3, D. Pearson(N.S.U.) 5 mins, 17 secs.

350 c.c. scratch – 1, D. J. Dixon (Norton/Jap); 2. S. Foody (B.S.A.); 3, W. E. Harris(B.S.A.) 5 mins, 11 secs.

500 c.c. scratch – 1, I. Williams (Ariel); 2. E. Williams (Ariel); 3, J. Porter(Jap), 4 mins, 58 secs.

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3.1. B.S.A. Works Team For D. And D. Meeting

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B.S.A.'s have just announced their intention of sending over an official works team for the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club's International Moto Cross meeting over the new course at Red Bog later in the month and this news will certainly give a terrific boost to the already highly interesting programme.

The Birmingham factory will be represented by the high ranking English stars, Brian Stonebridge, David Tye and Terry Cheshire all of whom will be supplied with Senior and Junior " Gold Stars." Cheshire and Tye were both seen in action at the Curragh last year, but Stonebridge, who is in the world championship class will be making his first appearance on our soil.

Enquiries have also been received from Dutch and German riders and it is quite possible that a number of them will make the trip to Ireland immediately after the conclusion of the International Six Days' Trial on the Continent. Well-known Ulster men already included in the colourful line-up are Alex McFarland-Woods, Brian Cross and Alan Bradshaw while the cross-Channel Dot team have asked for special permission to compete in all classes. Fortunately there is a clause in the regulations which makes a proviso giving visitors a special concession in this respect so that Bill Barugh and his team mates will be able to face the starter as often as they wish.

And indeed, judging by some of their outstanding performances in the past, it is safe to say that these 197 c.c. two-strokers will be more than a match for many of their heavyweight rivals.

One of the strongest Irish teams should be the Ariel trio, nominated by Mr. Ted Barrett, of Mountjoy Motor Cycles, Ltd. This very fast line-up consists of Des. Cullen and the Williams' brothers, Ian and Eric, who have been riding with such distinction during the past few seasons. The Phibsboro' sponsor has always been very closely connected with the sport, and any successes gained by his B.S.A. or Ariel nominees have been very well received by followers of all branches of the game.

Most of the leading Dublin exponents have already sent in their entries, but it should be noted that the list will finally close on Saturday, and no late entries can possibly be considered after that date. Indeed, by the looks of things, it may well happen that some prospective competitors will have to be included amongst the reserves if nominations continue to pour in at the present.

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2.1. MOTOR CYCLE AND SCOOTER NOTES

2.2. The best Last.

For some reason, as yet unexplained, the graded scratch races which normally open the programme, where the last events to be contested at Sunday's open grass track, organised by the Dalcassian M.C.C., and run over an entirely new course at Clonmoney, bunn-ratty. And, whereas the official programme proclaimed that four of these events should be run, in fact, there were only two.

It was the second and fastest of these that the finest racing of the season so far was witnessed. For nearly three laps, Willie Harris, that most likeable lanky County Dublin farmer – whose extreme shyness in company contrasts strangely with his tigerish determination in the saddle – held an incredible lead over Mervyn Hayes and Ian Williams. The magnitude of Harris's achievement will be obvious when it is realised that both Williams and Hayes straddled highly specialised J.A.P. engined grass-track specials of 500 c.c., while Harris was mounted on a virtually standard – though admittedly dope-burning – Gold Star B.S.A. of only 350 c.c.

Eventually, both J.A.P.'s got past the B.S.A. and spectator interest shifted from incredulous admiration of Harris's David versus Goliath act, to palpitations apprehension regarding the outcome of the fierce struggle between Williams and Hayes. For two laps Williams, unused to defeat in any class, strove mightily to get past his opponent, who enjoyed the advantage of an early lead. But Hayes, one of the jolliest of men, grinning impishly all the time, was as willing to ride on the verge of disaster as the other, and won narrowly. The gallant Harris was third.... This was a great race! * * *

2.3. The Other Events.

Only less exciting by comparison with such heart-stopping stuff were the other events on the programme. Ian Williams had damaged the rear suspension of his

fleet Barnett in practice, and was a non-starter in the 250 class, as were the Freddie Dickson-Geary Scarlet Dot equippe, who failed to turn up, so the reliable Jimmy Kavanagh had a little {troulbe} in bringing his Francis Barnett (the only one in the country besides William's) into first place.

He was followed hime by Michael Smurfit on the screaming Dodder (a twin-cylinder Akder engine in a Dot frame). Third place went to Limerick's Don Kelly on the ex-Harrington James. There wasn't much real opposition in this class – Tommy Griffin's Excelsior was windbroken. Corkman Pat O'Shea's Jawa-engined special was temperamental. {and}, despite neat riding, Joe MacMahon could do little on an underpowered James.

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Spills and Other Things

Ian Williams beat Mervyn Hayes in the 500 c.c. scratch race. Eric Williams, on another J.A.P, was a comfortable second until he spilled. George Harris was a good third. Two lads from Cork Club found their way into the Munster riders' handicap, and took first and second places, after Don Kelly, who was leading by a street, spilled through over-eagerness. Actually the Naas men should not have been allowed to ride in this event, which was originally intended for residents in the province of Munster only. That remark is not intended to belittle the achievement of Con Hederman, who also took first place in the all-comer's handicap, in which event [D]ermot Byrne of Dublin, out for t[he] first time since sustaining a thumb injury at the last Dalcassian meeting in Nenagh, took second place, as well as winning his heat.

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Byrne, in fact, had a real field day, because he also took first place in graded scratch race A, and Limerick's Dan Kelly had the distinction of running into more places than any other rider. Of the remaining Limerickmen, Mick MacEoin was foolish enough to meddle in a major way with his peak-conquering James on the day before the event, in quest of more speed, with the result that the unfortunate engine gave up the ghost of Sunday during the first practice lap. Matt Murphy did his best with

the same detuned James as Joe McMahon.

The Automobile Association sign-posing was, if anything, better than ever, and the Red Cross and Garda Siochana played their expected reliable parts Without these and other voluntary helpers, including the timekeepers, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses O'Reilly, it would be impossible to run a decent grasstrack. May their generosity be rewarded!

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250 c.c. (scr.)—J. M. Kavanagh (Dublin) (247 Francis Barnet), 1; M Smurfit (Dublin) (247 Dodder), 2; D. Kelly (Limerick) (197 James), 3. 4.56

350 c.c. (scr.)— W.E. Harris (Clondalkin) (B.S.A.), 1; J.L. Hickey (Naas) (B.S.A.), 2; K. Hilton (Dublin) (B.S.A.), 4. 4.37.

500 c.c. (scr.) – 1, Williams (Dublin) (497 Ariel Jap), 1; M J. Hayes (497 B.S.A Jap), 2; G. C. Harris (497 Ariel), 3. 4.35.

All-Comers Handicap—C. Hedderman (Naas) (499 B.S.A.), 1; D. J. Byrne (Dublin) (497 Jap), 2; D. Kelly (Limerick). 3.

Graded ScratchA: – Byrne, 1; Smurfit, 2; Kelly, 3. 4.35. B—Hayes, 1; {William}, 2; W. Harris, 3. 4.10.

"Munster" Riders' Handicap – 1, Hedderman; 2, Hickey; 3, Kelly.

After the grasstrack, the awards were presented in the Desmond Hotel by Ald. G.E. Russel, T.D., Hon. President of the Dalcassians

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1.1. Few finishers in scrambles

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[HEAV]Y rain made the going
[diffi]cult in yesterday's Dublin
[Dis]trict Motor Cycle Club's
les[?] at Red Bog, near
Blessington. and the distance of
the races was shortened.

Even then there were very few finishers: in the main event only eight finished out of 23 starters.

One of the two Belfast visitors,
Brian Cross (B.S.A.), won the
second graded scratch race, the
third going to Ian Williams
(Francis-Barnett), who made best
lap of the day in 3 m. 56 s. In the
open handicap he made a fast
start and then retired.

Bob Thompson (Triumph), who
had won the first scratch race,
led the handicap from a long mark
for eight of the ten laps and then
ran into trouble. Brian Lamb, the
only surviving backmarker, came
right through the field and took
the lead on lap nine to win by
nearly two minutes. Results:—

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Graded Scratch Race No. 1 (3
laps) — R. R. Thompson. 199 Triumph.
17 m. 27 s., 1; M. Flynn. 347 Match-
less, 18 m. 26 s., 2; G. D. Dixon, 197
Dot, 18 m. 36 s., 3; K. Cotter, 246
Excelsior, 23 m., 50 s., 4.

Graded Scratch Race 2—B.N. Cross,
348 B.S.A. , 13 m. 40 s., 2; 1: L. S. Gill
347 Matchless. 14 m. 3 s. 2:W. H.
Russel. 347 Matchless. 14 m. 7 s., 3;
C.Childs.[?]. 497 Ariel. 14 m. 43 s., 4;
D. C. Ewen, 347 A.J.S., 15 m. 27 s.,
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Graded Scratch Race 3—I. Williams
249 F/Barnett, 11m. 56s., 1; M. G.
Tracey. 497 Ariel. 12m. 32s.. 2;
F. C. Dickson, 249 Dot. 12m. 48s.,
3; E Williams. 497 Ariel. 13m.
18s., 4; B.G. Lamb, 497 Ariel. 13m.
49 s., 5

General Handicap (10 laps) — B. G.
Lamb. 497 Ariel (2 mins.), 45m.
59s., 1; J. L. Hickey. 348 B.S.A
(1 lap), 47 m. 50s., (2m. 30s). 2: Childs
49m. 2s.,[?] 4; D. C. Ewen.. 347 A.J.S.

(1 lap)[?]and 1m 45s.) 54m. 57s., 7;
R. R. Thompson. 199 Triumph (2
laps[?] and 3m), **59m. 10s., 8.**

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2.1. GRASS TRACK RACINGM. Hayes takes two mile title

2.2.

The two mile 500 c.c. grass-track championship of the Southern Centre Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, contested at the Irish M.C.C. meeting at Terenure College, Dublin. yesterday, was a very fast race, mainly fought out by [Ian] Williams (Ariel) and Mercyn Hapes (J.A.P.), who outpaced the Belfast rider, W J. Agnew (J.A.P.).

Williams made a good start and led for the most of the race. but was passed by Hayes on the last lap and narrowly beaten.

Williams had previously beaten Hayes in a graded scratch race, which he won bt four seconds in best time of the day 3m. 42s. He collected another place when finishing second from scratch in the general handicap.

Southern Centre, M.C.U.I., 500 c.c. Two-mile Championship (5 laps) – M. J. Hayes (J.A.P., 1; I. Williams (Ariel).[?] 2; W. J. Agnew (J.A.P.), 3. 3m 5s: won by .2s.

Graded Scratch Race 1 (6 laps) – J. Pitchford (F/Barnett). 1: M. Kavanagh (Dot). 2; W. J. Walshe (A.J.S) .3. 4m 18s; won by 1s.

Graded Scratch Race 2 – H. Buchanan (Triumph). 1: J. Barkley (Sun). 2; E. A. Callaghan (Sun). 3. 4m 5s: won by .2s.

Graded Scratch Race 3 – F. O'Reilly (Tandon). 1; D. Pearson (N.S.U.). 2; D. Monson (Adler). 3. 4m 6s; won by 2s.

Graded Scratch Race 4 – I. Williams (Ariel). 1; M. J. Hayes (J.A.P.), 2; E. Williams (Ariel). 3. 3m 42s; won by 4s.

250 c.c. Scratch – J. M. Kavanagh (Sun), 1; D. Pearson (N.S.U.), 2; J. Barkley (Sun).3. 4m 3s; won by 3.4s.

350 c.c. Scratch – D. J. Dixon (Norton-J.A.P.), 1; W. J. Agnew (J.A.P.), 2; W. E. Harris (B.S.A.), 3; 3m. 49s; won by 4s.

Allcomers' Handicap Final (12 laps) – J. M. Kavanagh (Sun), h'cap .64s. 1: I. Williams (Ariel). scr,2: J. Barkley (Sun), 64s, 2 8m 4s: won by 3.8s.... 3. 4m 6s; won by 2s.

Bob Fallon Trophy (interclub team race – M.C.C. (I. Williams. D. Dixon, F. O'Reilly), 14 points; Dun Laoghaire, 17; Leinster, 31.

3.

3.1. Rider, machine part company

3.2.

Ian Williams (Dublin) was going well before taking this tumble during the Irish championships grass-track meeting, organised by the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club, at Butlin's Holiday Camp, yesterday. After examinations Ian was discovered to have broken his collar bone.

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1.1. Motor cyclingLong just misses hat-trick

1.2.

DAVID LONG (Dodler) had a most successful day at the Irish M.C.C. grasstrack races at Bloomfield, Merriam road, Dublin, yesterday, winning the first race, a graded scratch event, and the last, the allcomers' handicap, in which he passed the limit man, C. O'Connor (Francis-Barnett) at half-distance and went on to win by nine seconds. He nearly won the 250 c.c. scratch race also, but was brought off on the last lap by G. F. Scarlett (Dot), who was attempting to pass him. Fastest riders were the Williams brothers, Ian beating Eric to win his graded scratch race in best time of the day, 2m. 38s., and Eric turning the tables in the 500 c.c. scratch, which he won in the same time.

1.3.

Results :—
Graded Scratch Race A—1, D. Long (247 Dodler); 2, C. O'Connor (197 F/Barnett); 3, J. D. Roche (197 Dot). Winner's time, 3m. 3s.
Graded Scratch B—1, A. Conlon (348 B.S.A.); 2, J. M. Kavanagh (249 F/Barnett); 3, D. McGowan (348 B.S.A.). 2.49.
Graded Scratch C—1, D. J. Dixon (499 B.S.A.); 2, A. Marr (499 B.S.A.); 3, I. Williams (249 F/Barnett). 2.44.
Graded Scratch D—1, I. Williams (497 Ariel); 2, E. Williams (497 J.A.P.); 3, D. Hughes (497 J.A.P.). 2.38.
[20]0 c.c. Scratch—1, R. J. G. Kidd (Sun); 2, H. Mooney (Triumph); 3, C. O'Connor (F. Barnett). 3.0.
[250 c.c.] Scratch—1, I. Williams (F/Barnett); 2, J. M. Kavanagh (F/Barnett); 3, D. Long (Dodler). 2.48.
350 c.c. Scratch—1, W. E. Harris (B.S.A.); 2, D. J. Dixon (Norton-J.A.P.); 3, S. Foody (B.S.A.). 2.40.
500 c.c. Scratch—1, E. Williams (J.A.P.); 2, I. Williams (Ariel); 3, D. Hughes (J.A.P.). 2.38.
General Handicap Final—1, D. Long (247 Dodler). h'cap 68s.; 2, G. D. Forde (24)4 Excelsior, 72s.; 3, C. O'Connor (19)7 F/Barnett, 80s.; 6.38.

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2.1.

SUNDAY REVIEW

2.2. MOTOR-CYCLING...Big Test Nenagh

BY BR

2.3.

AT three o'clock this afternoon, the first 1958 motor-cycle grass-track event will get under way at Drummin Field, just outside Nenagh town.

2.4.

This is the first time that such an honour has fallen to a provincial club.

And it is due to the fact that the I.M.C.Irish Motorcycle Club. date scheduled for yesterday was abandoned because the usual course at Hazelhatch was not available.

The Ormond M.C.C.Motorcycle Club, who organise to-day's event, are a newly-formed club and have never run any kind of open event before.

2.5. DOT TWINS

Some idea of the fare to be expected can be had from the performances in last week's Dunlop scramble.

Chief interest is in the 250 c.c. class, where the newly imported Dot twins in the hands of Jack Kavenagh and Gerald Scarlett do battle with the new A.M.C.Associated Motorcycles engined Francis Barnetts, ridden by Ian Williams and Jim Kavenagh.

Ian Williams is Ariel-mounted in the 500 c.c. class.

The competition comes from his brother, Eric, who rides either an Ariel or a JAP-engined special, and George Harps, also Ariel-mounted.

Dermot Byrne rides his recently acquired JAP.

2.6. LOCAL MEN

Local interest is in

Dalcassian Dalcassian Motorcycle Club riders McEoin (James), Kelly (James), Lennon (Norton).

Early entries close tomorrow for the Limerick Motor Club's Circuit of Munster, the annual car rally held over the Whit week-end.

This year's event takes the same form as that of previous years—about 600 miles of driving in two days.

here are four starting points — Cork, Limerick, Dublin, and Urlingford.

2.7. BIG ENTRY

THERE is a big entry for the Athlone Hockey Club's annual mixed 6-a-side tournament at Grace Park, Athlone, to-day.

3.

3.1. Isle of Man Win For Miller?

3.2.

THIS week sees the annual mecca of motorcyclists in full swing. The Isle of Man TTTourist Trophy week is just as attractive as ever and Irishmen are likely to be as prominent as usual.

3.3.

We stand a good chance of seeing Sammy Miller finish in front this year. He will be riding a 125 c.c. Ducati in the ultra light-weight event over Clypse on Wednesday.

In the 250 c.c. event he rides a Czechoslovakian CZ and his competition will include two other Ulster riders who should not be too far behind—Tommy Robb and Davy Andrews, who ride N.S.U.s entered by Tommy Hill.

3.4. FAVOURITE

Another Ulsterman rides in both senior and junior events on an A.J.S. (350) and a Norton (500).

Judging by practice times

last week, it seems that John [] must be a favourite for the senior honours of the week on a works M.V. Augusta.

Irish fans, returning from the Island immediately after the I.O.M. Isle of Man racing, will move straight to Butlin's Holiday Camp, Mosney, where the Dublin and District M.C.C. Motorcycle Club hold their annual championship meeting next Saturday.

3.5. BIG SURPRISE

Included in the programme will be the National two-mile 500 c.c. and 250 c.c. championships, as well as the 350 c.c. southern centre one.

I expect Davy Dixon to retain this title, but if a southerner comes out on top in either of the others it will be a big surprise.

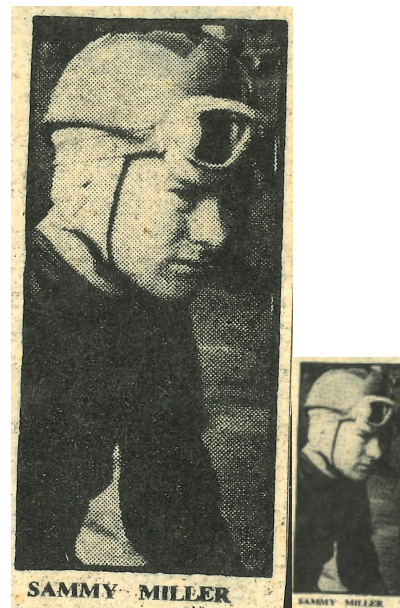


Figure 1.

Ian Williams, on the Francis Barnett, might just manage it in the 250 race.

Racing starts at 3.30 and will conclude at about 5.45 p.m.

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