

only for a duff plug then, as he put it, "happening to be behind when the flag dropped." At that moment his wife Jenny was taking her stint at the front helped by a terrific weight advantage and the fact that the incentive of "last one over the line washes the dishes" was too good a chance to miss.

The smallest class, for up to 125 cc, had a wide selection of machines with several Vega and Cometa 75 cc, a tweaked 80 cc Capri ridden by P. G. Lee of Stratford and the high revving Moto Rumi of Stevens Scooter Mart. Hottest of the lot was George Pearce's 125 Supertune which was ridden to the front from three laps out to lead all the way in the second race, and only pressed by John Ronald who blew up with expensive sounds round Gerrards on lap eight. The modified Vega of Nev Frost led at the end of lap one in each race but had to be content with runner-up to the flying George.

The average speed for the 125 class was 56.7 mph overall, some going for a small machine and no wonder they were about a lap adrift at the finish but the 150 boys were no better off. The red and gold metal-flake "Super 'S' Type" of Nick Barnes did colourful battle with the chrome, blue and yellow Wildcat of Frank Ball. A persistent misfire with a rough plug spoilt the first dice which was won by the Hampshire rider and

Top—Hampshire Union kneeler in the sidecar class sucked in too much water for its health and retired. Second picture—Nick Barnes, 150 Class winner on his red and gold "Super S". Third picture—Peter Roberts, Specials winner, in full flight during the first outing. Bottom picture—Flying Supertune Moss, winner of the 200 class with no bother.

on the second stint a bad start on the crowded grid put Frank out of harms way so that Nick had no worries and in fact leading out by over half a minute at the end.

The huge field for the 200 event went away each time without incident, each time Ron Moss led from the line and each time Mike Clark was runner-up but the consistence of the Supertune winner had to be seen to be believed. His lap time never varied by more than a part of a second after the first time round and he came up to the line just as the flag went out.

John Forster, riding in the 125 class on a Vega as well as his home-tuned 200 Special, was the furthest travelled of the day with a total of 15 laps, over 60 mph average start to finish. He had a spell with wet electrics in the first outing which dropped him from first to eleventh place after lap 4, in five laps he had moved up as many places but then retired. His second outing was untroubled. Winner of the class was Peter Roberts, Companions, who had blown up his own scooter on the way to the meeting. He borrowed a Special and with a first and second did enough to win.

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