

## 2018 Speed Championship – Round 3 Prescott

Sunday 27 May

### 'Jan Nycz overcomes British weather.'

Jan Nycz dominated Round 3 of the Speed Championship at Prescott on 27 May with a brave drive on a questionable dry final run up the iconic Gloucestershire hill.

Nine 500s and a brace of V-twins were entered at the BOC's 'La vie en bleu' meeting. A damp P1 then a wet surface after heavier rain on P2 kept practice times down, which were headed by Alistair Dent, John Dent and Andy Raynor. Marcus Black unfortunately clipped the barrier on the exit of Pardon on P1 which tipped the Mk.7 V-twin onto its side. He was unhurt and damage to the car minimal, but in the interests of safety he decided to call it a day. Also in the practice wars on P2 was Mike Wood who spun the lota at the Esses damaging only the nose of the car and some pride.

After a monsoon style downpour at lunch the track remained wet for the first timed runs when newcomer Vic Deane lead the class, followed by Andy Raynor and Alistair Dent, all within ½ a second of each other. Unfortunately John Dent's Mk.9 suffered a suspect sticking throttle and went off at Pardon.

Come the final run of the day, the track had dried considerably as the sun shone and the mercury climbed, so results would surely hinge on this run alone – a real shoot-out, yet how dry would it really be under the trees.....?

First out was Alistair Dent, eliminated going to the line with a broken final drive. Then came Andy Raynor, but with no time recorded a re-run followed. Next up were Mike Wood and Robin Baxter who respectively lopped 4 and 7 seconds off their T1 times followed by Jan Nycz who lit up the tyres as the Staride squatted to gain Norton traction and record the only sub 56 sec run of the day. Finally came young Jonathan Lawrence who had experienced different surface conditions on each run of his first visit to Prescott and took a commendable 4th whilst last up the hill in the class was Vic Deane who provisionally took 2nd spot. Meanwhile, Andy Raynor quickly refuelled and was back on the start line for his rerun which notched him 3rd slot, just ¼ sec behind Vic Deane.

Like the weather, a day of highs and lows for everyone (especially the Dents) as Jan received the 'Driver of the Day' award for his remarkable performance.

### Results:

#### Up to 500 cc

(Current record: Nick Reynolds – 51.91 on 28.05.17)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Jan Nycz	Staride Mk.III Norton	59.89	60.90	61.09	55.94	<b>55.94</b>
2	Vic Deane	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	63.03	61.84	60.28	58.19	<b>58.19</b>
3	Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk.5 JAP	58.51	62.27	60.52	58.36	<b>58.36</b>
4	Jonathan Lawrence	Cooper Mk.8 JAP	62.73	63.70	63.02	60.29	<b>60.29</b>
5	Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	62.03	F	64.16	60.33	<b>60.33</b>
6	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	58.78	66.80	60.75		<b>60.75</b>
7	Robin Baxter	Staride JAP	67.67	65.86	68.96	61.93	<b>61.93</b>
8	John Dent	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	59.14	61.95	F		
NS	Mark Riley	Creamer JAP					

#### Over 500cc

(Current record: Charles Reynolds – 51.33 on 30.07.16)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	53.85	56.95	55.30	52.22	<b>52.22</b>
	Marcus Black	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	F				

A full report will appear in the next edition of 'The 500'