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**BRITISH
MOTOCROSS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1969

in association with the A.C.U.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



Foreword by **G.C. Kent**
Marketing and Sales Director
John Player & Sons,
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After the successful sponsorship by Player's No.6 of the British Motocross Championships in 1968 I am only too delighted that Player's No.6 are again sponsoring these Championships in 1969.

I am sure that both competitors and spectators will all agree that the 10 rounds that comprise the Championships are the best organised events of the year; held on demanding courses that necessitate the riders' full concentration and ability. By associating ourselves with one of the most thrilling spectacles in motor-cycle sport we are indeed maintaining our policy of 'being where the action is', a policy that Player's No.6 follows throughout the sporting spectrum.

The tremendous challenge offered

by the Motocross Championships is also of great importance to manufacturers so that they can discover first hand how machines stand up to the battering they receive. Practical research of this kind enables them to improve production models and leads to higher standards of performance, safety and road worthiness.

A word of caution. I would ask those spectators attending this event to remember that public road conditions are rather different from course conditions and to drive with care and consideration for others when returning home — and indeed, at all times.

If you wish to demonstrate your skill — the answer is to join a club affiliated to the A.C.U. and compete in events such as you are seeing today.

MOTOCROSS

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The "Players No. 6" British Motocross Championships comprise two classes — up to 250 c.c. and up to 500 c.c. Riders scoring points in each of the classes at five different events throughout the season. The champion in each class will be awarded not only prize money but a superb "Players No. 6" Trophy which he will win outright. This series of ten events, taking place on some of the toughest and most demanding courses in the country, will attract the cream of British Motocross competitors.

These Championships have been held for many years under different titles; a background synopsis of the history of the Championships along with a list of previous winners appears on the Inside Back Cover of this programme.

Classes: The "Players No. 6" British Motocross Championships will be contested by riders in two classes:

Class 1. Solo machines up to 250 c.c.

Class 2. Solo machines from 320 c.c. to 500 c.c.

Points: Every rider in the Qualifying Rounds will score points as follows:

1st	8	2nd	6	3rd	4
4th	3	5th	2	6th	1

Duration of races: A signal will be exhibited when the race leader crosses the finishing line having completed thirty minutes, he and other riders are then given the 'plus two laps' signal board.



PRIZES AND TROPHIES PRESENTED BY PLAYER'S N°6

Prizes, in each Class for each race:

1st place.....£30	6th place.....£5
2nd place.....£20	7th place.....£4
3rd place.....£15	8th place.....£3
4th place.....£10	9th place.....£2
5th place.....£7	10th place.....£1

In addition to the prize money the overall winner of each meeting, on a points basis, will receive a Players No. 6 Trophy. The overall Champion in each class at the end of the series will receive £50 and the Players No. 6 British Motocross Championship Trophy. This cup will be won outright.

GLOUCESTER & COTSWOLD MOTOR CLUB

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAND NATIONAL SCRAMBLE

at CORSE HILL FARM, Nr. TIRLEY, GLOS.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

Held under the G.C. Rules (10th Edition), The Standing Regulations 1966 (Edition) of the A.C.U. and the Supplementary Regulations of the Promoting Club, Permit No. 94, T.T.C. No. 253.

OFFICIALS

Stewards :

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L. Davis and W. E. Jackson (Appointed by the Club)

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Gate Stewards	G. Henning and Club Members
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Programmes	Ladies of the Club
Marshals	Club Members of the A.C.U. Western Centre
First Aid	St. John Ambulance
Secretary of the Meeting	F. Smith

137 Barton St., Gloucester.

MISS WORLD



MISS WORLD, 19-year-old Australian **Penny Plummer**, worked as a librarian in Sydney, New South Wales, before winning the Miss Australia title, followed by Miss World 1968/69 title.

She is 5 ft. 8 in. tall, weighs 9 st. 7 lbs., has a 35 - 24 - 35 figure and is blond with blue eyes. Her hobbies are motor sport, surf riding and interior decorating.

Since winning the world title, she has been to Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam with the Bob Hope Christmas Show, and to Malta, South Africa, Venezuela and New Zealand.

Miss World will fly from Glasgow this morning and arriving here at approximately 16.00 hours, will present the awards to the winners of the Player's No. 6 250 cc. British Moto Cross Championship Final at the end of the meeting.

LIST OF RIDERS

Supporting Entries

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Machine</i>	<i>Town</i>
41.	C. Ward	360 Husky	Cirencester
42.	J. Ward	500 Metisse	Cirencester
43.	R. Cheshire	440 B.S.A.	Cheltenham
44.	C. Nield	250 Greeve	Cheltenham
45.	M. Brown	500 Triumph	Tewkesbury
46.	D. Munn	500 Triumph	Tewkesbury
47.	G. Nicholls	500 B.S.A.	Staunton
48.	A. Gaunt	360 C.Z.	Cheltenham
49.	A. Smith	360 C.Z.	Churchdown
50.	R. Owen	360 C.Z.	Hereford
51.	R. McLaren	360 C.Z.	Hereford
52.	R. Mitchell	441 Victor	Cheltenham
53.	D. Jervis	500 Metisse	Tewkesbury
54.	G. Fry	500 Tristar	Dursley
55.	M. Moores	247 Husky	Needingworth
56.	J. Cloutman	380 Greeve	Winchester
57.	R. Gibbons	360 C.Z.	Studley
58.	C. Price	360 Husky	Gloucester
59.	J. York	360 C.Z.	Solihull
60.	D. Wickens	500 Metisse	Gloucester
61.	M. Wickens	440 Metisse	Gloucester
62.	P. Stratford	380 Greeves	Wroughton
63.	A. Brunsdon	441 B.S.A.	Tibberton
64.	R. Hoare	500 Tri Wasp	Wootton Bassett
65.	D. Cooper	250 B.S.A.	Bromsberrow
66.	E. Worthington	360 Bultaco	Thatcham
67.	M. Howard	441 Cee-R-B.S.A.	Romford
68.	R. Hankins	360 C.Z.	Ledbury
69.	R. Gough	441 B.S.A.	Hanbury
70.	M. Nicol	390 Greeves	New Malden
71.	J. Cook	250 Cotton	Gloucester
72.	D. Smith	500 Metisse	Hartley Wintney
73.	D. Walter	440 B.S.A.	Hartley Wintney
74.	C. Brunsdon	441 B.S.A.	Staunton
75.	J. Smart <i>Stuart</i>	380 Cheney	East Moseley
76.	D. Tyler	250 Husky	Solihull
77.	D. Thomas	360 G.Z.	Llangorse

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**EVENT 1. INVITATION RACE up to 1,300 c.c.
6 laps**

41. C. Ward	55. M. Moores	69. R. Gough
42. J. Ward	56. J. Cloutman	70. M. Nicol
43. R. Cheshire	57. R. Gibbons	71. J. Cook
44. C. Nield	58. C. Price	72. D. Smith
45. M. Brown	59. J. York	73. D. Walter
46. D. Munn	60. D. Wickens	74. C. Brunsdon
47. G. Nicholls	61. M. Wickens	75. J. Smart
48. A. Gaunt	62. P. Stratford	76. D. Tyler
49. A. Smith	63. A. Brunsdon	32. P. Midwinter
50. R. Owen	64. R. Hoare	33. C. Gardiner
51. R. McLaren	<u>65. D. Cooper</u>	34. P. Greenwood
52. R. Mitchell	66. E. Worthington	35. A. Graham
53. D. Jervis	67. M. Howard	
54. G. Fry	68. R. Hankins	

Reserves : 77, 4, 6, 12, 14, 18, 21, 24 in this order.

1st... 50 2nd... 75 3rd... 51 4th... 47 5th... 56 6th... 55
12 43 24 18 52 48

**EVENT 3. INVITATION RACE up to 1,300 c.c.
6 laps**

41. C. Ward	56. J. Cloutman	71. J. Cook
42. J. Ward	57. R. Gibbons	72. D. Smith
43. R. Cheshire	58. C. Price	73. D. Walter
44. C. Nield	59. J. York	74. C. Brunsdon
45. M. Brown	60. D. Wickens	75. J. Smart
46. D. Munn	61. M. Wickens	4. D. Sturdy
47. G. Nicholls	62. P. Stratford	6. M. Woodward
48. A. Gaunt	63. A. Brunsdon	12. D. Jeremiah
49. A. Smith	64. R. Hoare	18. M. Rathmell
50. R. Owen	66. E. Worthington	21. C. Hearn
51. R. McLaren	67. M. Howard	24. D. Caines
52. R. Mitchell	68. R. Hankins	14. P. York
53. D. Jervis	69. R. Gough	
55. M. Moores	70. M. Nicol	

Reserves :—76, 20, 25, 32, 33, 34, 35 in this order.

1st... 50 2nd... 75 3rd... 51 4th... 24 5th... 66 6th... 35

INTERVAL 20 MINUTES

EVENT 2. FINAL ROUND PLAYERS No. 6 250 c.c. CHAMPIONSHIP

No.	Driver	Machine	Town	Points to date	First Leg Points	Second Leg Points	Final Position
1.	A. Clough	250 Husqvarna	Poynton	25			
2.	B. Goss	250 Husqvarna	Sherborne	24	6	1	31
3.	M. Ballard	250 Husqvarna	Battle				
4.	D. Sturdy	250 Husqvarna	Dartford				
5.	M. West	250 Husqvarna	Cirencester				
6.	M. Woodward	250 Husqvarna	Winchcombe				
7.	D. Bickers	250 C.Z.	Ispwich	20	1	3	24
8.	M. Davis	250 C.Z.	Gloucester	23	8	4	35
9.	A. Davis	250 C.Z.	Gloucester				
10.	J. Aird	250 C.Z.	Kirkcaldy	4			
11.	F. Mayes	250 C.Z.	Cambridge				
12.	D. Jerimiah	250 C.Z.	Cwmbran				
N/S 14.	P. York	250 C.Z.	Chipping Norton				
15.	A. Browning	250 Greeves	Birmingham	17	2		
16.	B. Wade	250 Greeves	Nailsworth	27	4	8	39
17.	V. Allan	250 Greeves	Thames Ditton	22			
18.	M. Rathmell	250 Greeves	Otley	1			
19.	D. Clayton	250 Greeves	Wigan	3			
20.	M. Dearn	250 Greeves	Charlewood				
21.	C. Hearn	250 Greeves	Birmingham				
N/S 22.	D. Hodges	250 Greeves	Hawkesbury				
23.	D. Brown	250 Bultaco	Wotton-under-Edge				
24.	D. Caines	250 Bultaco	New Milton				
25.	R. Skinner	250 Bultaco	Ebley				
26.	A. Roberton	250 A.J.S.	Stroud	9	3	4	16
N/S 27.	G. Brown	250 A.J.S.	Wotton-under-Edge				
28.	R. Crofts	250 A.J.S.	Birmingham				
29.	T. Challinor	250 Maico	Pontesbury				
N/S 30.	J. Brown	250 Sprite	Wotton-under-Edge				
31.	D. Wright	250 Cotton	Earls Croome				
N/S 32.	P. Midwinter	250 Bultaco	Cheltenham				
33.	C. Gardiner	250 Bultaco	Churchdown				
34.	P. Greenwood	250 Husqvarna	Bromsgrove				
35.	A. Graham	250 C.Z.	Alcester				
36.	B. Grossi	250 Greeves	U.S.A.				
37.							
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Points Scoring : 1st 8, 2nd 6, 3rd 4, 4th 3, 5th 2, 6th 1.

EACH LEG 30 MINUTES PLUS 2 LAPS.

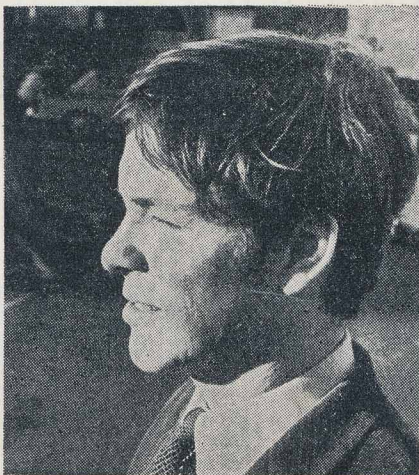
Prize Money each leg : 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £15, 4th £10, 5th £7, 6th £5, 7th £4, 8th £3, 9th £2, 10th £1.

The above Prize Money kindly donated by Players No. 6 together with a Trophy which will be presented by Miss World at the end of the Meeting.

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EVENT 4. TIRLEY CHAMPIONSHIP up to 500 c.c. **8 1/2 laps**

HEAT 1. 3 laps

1. A. Clough	27. G. Brown	55. M. Moores
3. M. Ballard	29. T. Challinor	57. R. Gibbons
5. M. West	31. D. Wright	59. J. York
7. D. Bickers	33. C. Gardiner	61. M. Wickens
9. A. Davis	35. Graham	63. A. Brunsdon
11. F. Mayes	41. C. Ward	67. M. Howard
15. A. Browning	43. R. Cheshire	69. R. Gough
17. V. Allan	45. M. Brown	71. J. Cook
19. D. Clayton	47. G. Nicholls	73. D. Walter
21. C. Hearn	49. A. Smith	75. J. Smart
23. D. Brown	51. R. McLaren	77. D. Thomas
25. R. Skinner	53. D. Jervis	

1st... 7 2nd... 17 3rd... 3 4th... 15 5th... 29 6th... 75 7th... 11 8th... 51
9th... 55 10th... 19 11th... 49 12th... 42 13th... 61 14th... 77 15th... 43

1st 15 into the Final.

HEAT 2. 3 laps

2. B. Goss	26. A. Robertson	58. C. Price
4. D. Sturdy	28. R. Crofts	60. D. Wickens
6. Woodward	30. J. Brown	62. P. Stratford
8. M. Davis	32. P. Midwinter	64. R. Hoare
10. J. Aird	34. Greenwood	66. E. Worthington
12. D. Jerimiah	42. J. Ward	68. R. Hankins
14. P. York	44. Nield	70. M. Nicol
16. B. Wade	46. D. Munn	72. D. Smith
18. M. Rathmell	48. A. Gaunt	74. C. Brunsdon
20. M. Dearn	50. R. Owen	76. D. Tyler
22. D. Hodges	52. R. Mitchell	
24. D. Caines	56. J. Cloutman	

1st... 50 2nd... 26 3rd... 9 4th... 10 5th... 24 6th... 18 7th... 12 8th... 68
9th... 52 10th... 56 11th... 36 12th... 66 13th... 34 14th... 62 15th... 64

1st 15 into the Final.

Final Positions :

1st... 7	2nd... 17	3rd... 26	4th... 10	5th... 15	6th... 3	7th.....	8th.....
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SPECTATORS DIGEST

Forty years on. It was a dull Thursday afternoon in November, 1929, when the first ever Gloucestershire Grand National was held here at Tirley.

The event attracted 17 riders of which only 4 finished the course. Among this small band of heroes was a young man making his debut riding a 250 cc. Excelsior—a make of motor-cycle long since forgotten.

This remarkable young man—Dennis Cooper from nearby Dymock, continued to compete at Tirley without a break until 1965, winning the Gloucester City Trophy for the fastest time in the 250 cc. class no less than 3 times in succession, 4 times in all. Those who can remember the bumpy mole-hill strewn course of those far off days will agree that even to finish a race was quite an achievement. His attempt to make it 4 in a row was frustrated by a broken gear change lever and the best Dennis could manage on that occasion was 2nd place.

Dennis, who always rode Excelsiors, had many successes during his long career including several fastest 250 cc. times at the Red Marley Hill Climbs. He was also one of the many riders who contested the very first Wessex Scramble held on Salisbury Plain in the Spring of 1929.

In 1966, his long unbroken run at Tirley was halted when a large barrel of beer dropped on his foot. (Dennis was Mine Host at The Bell Inn, Broms-borrow Heath). For the first time, Dennis was here as a spectator. Now, in 1969 and at the age of 65, determined to compete in the 40th year of scrambles held here at Tirley, he has entered in event 1 in your programme. This must, without doubt, be his Swan Song and we wish him a safe and enjoyable ride.

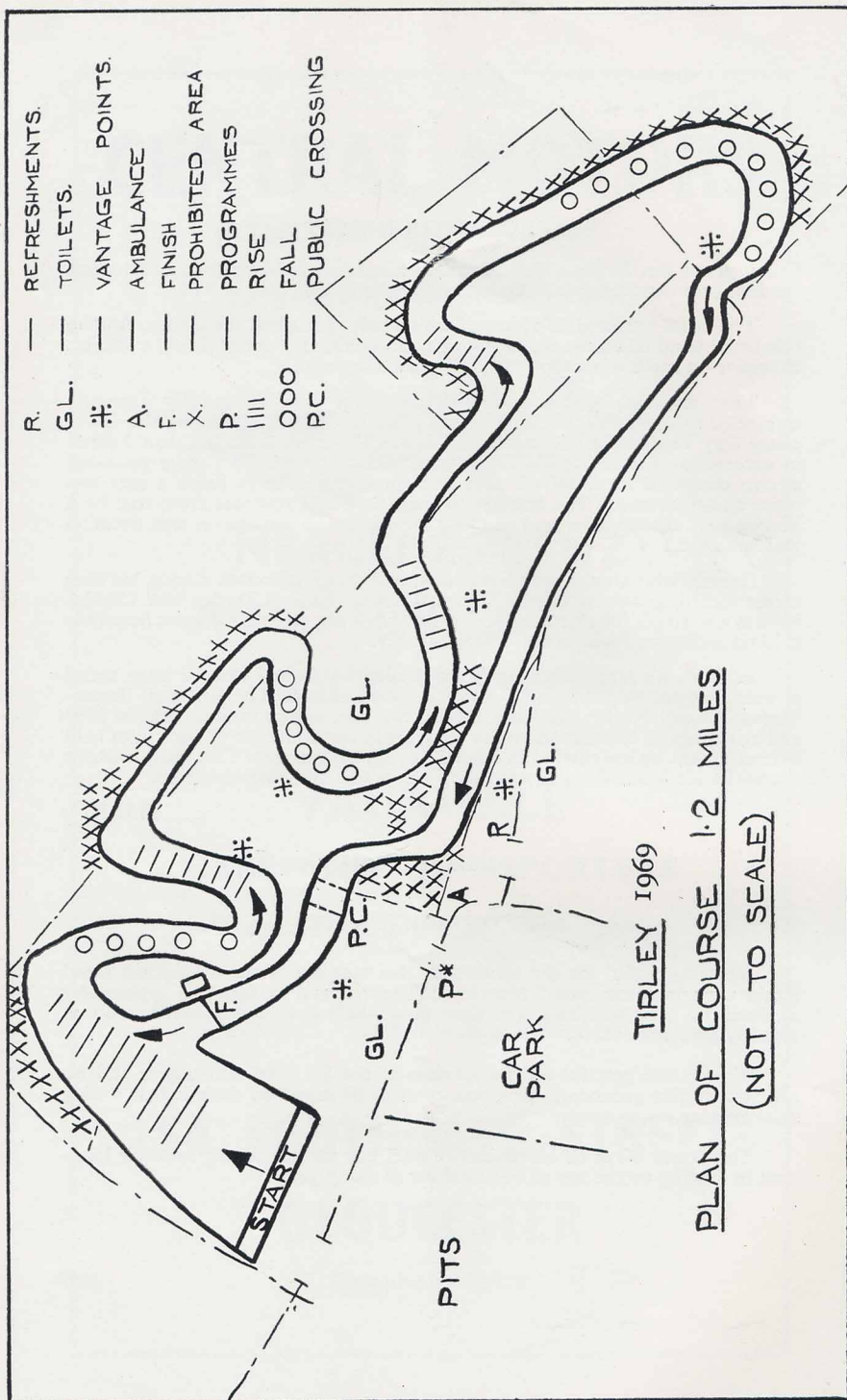
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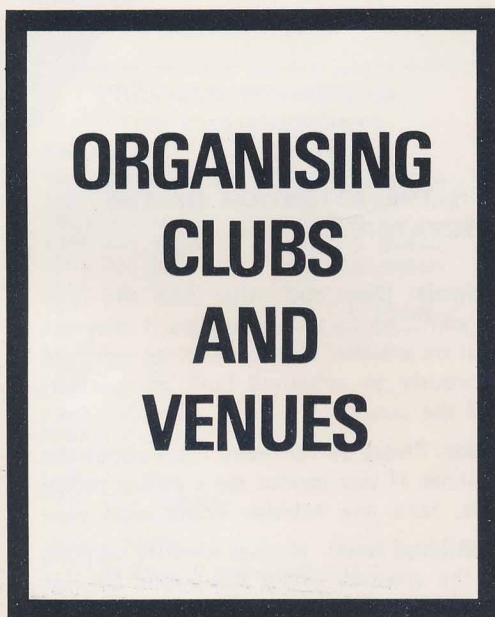
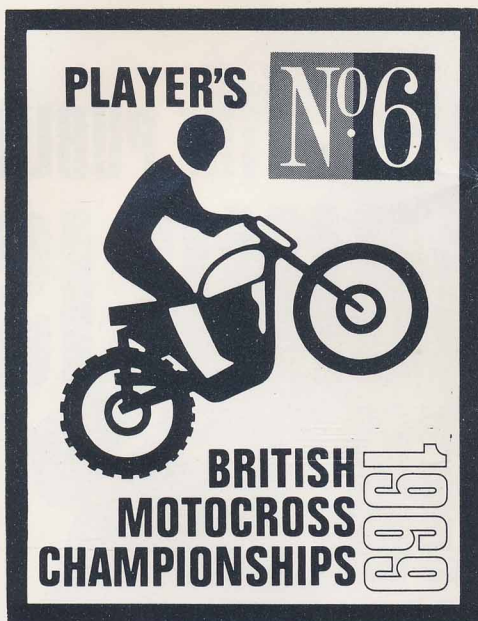
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful for the services at this meeting of the "Midland Land Rover Owners Association" recovery unit service and we take this opportunity to thank all their members who have given their time and vehicles to be on standby duty here today.

We are also grateful for the services of the St. John Ambulance and we ask you to give generously in a collection to be made on their behalf during this meeting.

To Messrs W. & E. Merchant we offer our sincere thanks for their kindness in loaning us the use of this land for so many years.





250 c.c. CLASS

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| 9th March | Leicester Query M.C.
Tilton Scramble,
Springfield Hill Farm,
Tilton, Leicestershire. |
| 30th March | Nantwich & D.M.C.
Cheshire Motocross,
Hatherton Hall Farm,
Hatherton, Nr. Nantwich. |
| 26th May | Southend & D.M.C.
Southend Spring Scramble,
Chapel Lane,
Hadleigh, Essex. |
| 6th July | Stroud Valley M.C.
Cotswold Scramble,
Nymphsfield,
Nr. Stroud, Glos. |
| 31st August | Gloucester & Cotswold M.C.
Gloucestershire Grand National,
Tirley, Nr. Gloucester. |

500 c.c. CLASS

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| 7th April | Cumberland County M.C.
Cumberland Grand National,
Brownrigg Fell, Plumpton,
Penrith, Cumberland. |
| 27th April | Halstead & D.M.C. & L.C.C.
Essex Motocross,
Little Loveney Hall,
Wakes Colne, Essex. |
| 27th July | North Western Centre A.C.U.
Lancs Grand National,
Cuerden Park, Bamber Bridge,
Preston, Lancashire. |
| 12th October | Mortimer & D.M.C.
Jackpot Scramble,
Beenham Park, Berkshire. |
| 19th October | Builth Wells M.C.
Kidstone Scramble,
Aberduhonw, Builth Wells,
Breconshire. |

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SPECTATOR:

Animals: Dogs and other pets will only be admitted to the enclosures if they are kept on a leash. This rule will be enforced rigorously to safeguard both competitors and the public.

Litter: Please do not leave litter about the grounds. If you cannot see a proper receptacle, take any rubbish home with you.

Prohibited Area: Notices identify sections of the grounds where the public are not admitted.



BRITISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

500 c.c. Class

1951 G.H. Ward
 1952 J.C. Avery
 1953 G.H. Ward
 1954 G.H. Ward
 1955 J.V. Smith
 1956 J.V. Smith
 1957 *
 1958 D.G. Curtis
 1959 A.J. Lampkin
 1960 J.V. Smith
 1961 J.V. Smith
 1962 J.V. Smith
 1963 J.V. Smith
 1964 J.V. Smith
 1965 J.V. Smith
 1966 D.G. Bickers
 1967 J.V. Smith
 1968 J. Banks

250 c.c. Class

1960 D.G. Bickers
 1961 A.J. Lampkin
 1962 D.G. Bickers
 1963 D.G. Bickers
 1964 D.G. Bickers
 1965
 1966 F.K. Mayes
 1967 A. Clough
 1968 M. Davies

* Not held due to petrol rationing

These Championships were instituted in 1951 for the up to 500 c.c. class and 1960 for the 250 c.c. class. Many famous names in the world of scrambling have featured in the awards list; most notable being Jeff Smith who has won the 500 c.c. class on no fewer than nine occasions. Of these six were in the consecutive years 1960–65.

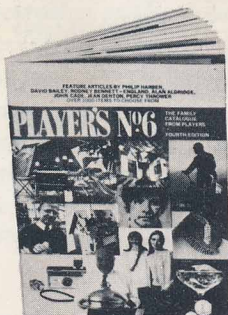
In previous years the Championships have gone under the title of the "A.C.U. Scrambles Drivers Stars" and more recently "British Scramble Drivers Championships". In 1968 the title was up-dated to include the internationally accepted description of the Sport 'Motocross'.

1969 is the second year that the Championships have been sponsored by Player's No.6.

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