

GAULT'S IMPRESSIVE AT AINTREE

ALLEX GAULT is yet another teenager to impress at Aintree this season. The young Scot won both Formula 400 races over seasoned favourites Tim Kermode and Colin Skillicorn and he almost took second spot in the 500cc Championship race at the Liverpool circuit until a last lap disaster.

In the Formula 400 points race, Gault led from the start with Alan Oversby chasing hard for all seven laps to finish within 0.1 of a second as they crossed the finish line.

The battle between first and second left a one second gap before third man Tim Kermode crossed the line.

Gault had already shown what he was capable of by winning the earlier F400 qualifier.

In the 500cc Championship race,

Gault was chasing Ian Perks, who was on-board his amazingly quick Honda 125, when the Honda 400 engine of Gault's overheated and he had to pull up at Bechers.

The qualifier for the 500cc class was red-flagged and the four lap re-run was not long enough for Perks to get the better of winner Tim Kermode, although he did fight his way through to second.

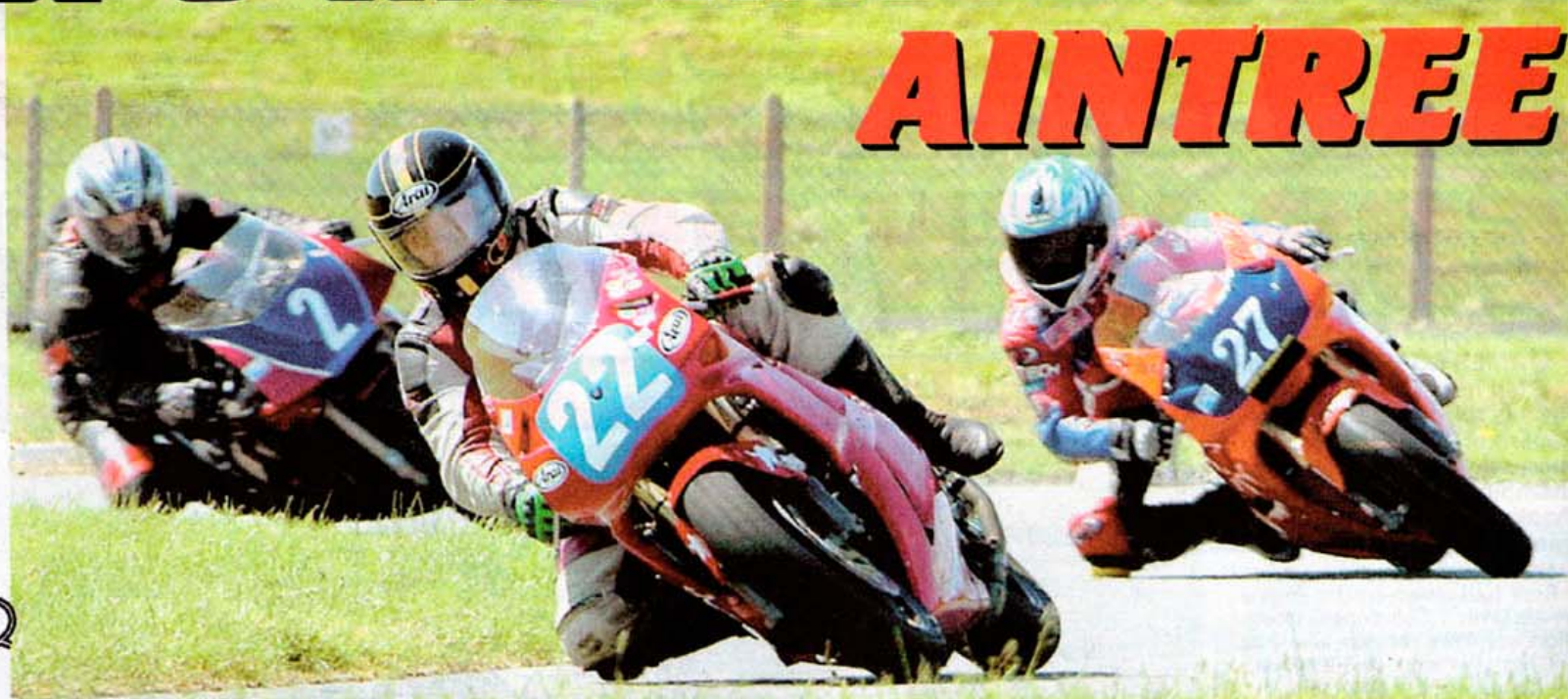
Perks was first off the line for the points race with Kermode, Alan Oversby, Colin Skillicorn and Gault in hot pursuit.

With Gault going out on the last lap, Oversby took second place.

Reigning 125cc Champion Perks is heading towards retaining his title after he took another 15 points to add to his first round maximum.

The 250 and 350cc battle continued between Ian Jones and Colin Wilcock, but this time Craig Kelly and Mark Heckles added to the excitement.

Heckles, trying out his new



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● **Geoff Martin (22, Suzuki) and Alex Gault (27, Honda).** *Pictura: fastrackimages.*

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new Yamaha, he clawed his way up to third.

Heckles suffered clutch problems in the 350cc qualifier so it was Wilcock who took pole-position from Jones.

Run with the Steel-Frame class, it was Andy Lovatt who led for the first lap with Wilcock and Jones following.

Lovatt was reeled-in by Jones and Wilcock and later by Kelly. Jones' front wheel was level with Wilcock's rear wheel on lap five and only half a second split the two at the flag in Wilcock's favour.

Lovatt was the best of the Steel-Frame runners in fourth overall.

David Bath had an easier time winning both 600 races with no

at the first round, Antony Jones and Glen Chapman.

Beggs and Jones won their heats, while the unlucky Lewis was rammed by a novice rider at Bechers, knocking him back to eighth.

Only one second split the first three riders after the seven laps, with Beggs crossing the line ahead of Walker who had overtaken Jones on the last lap.

Chapman now heads the championship table by just two points from Jones.

Lewis did regain some pride in the 1300 Four-Stroke final.

Starting from the back of the grid, Lewis overhauled most of the field to finish fifth but it was Beggs who took the top points after a seven lap battle with Walker.

The big Ducati with Walker on-board led for five of the seven laps

Results:

125cc

First race (All races 7 laps - 10.75 miles unless stated)

(5 laps - 7.68 miles) (All Honda):
1 Ian Perks 5m 33.17s - 82.33mph,
2 Joel Williams, 3 Alex Heaton,
4 Russ Mountford, 5 Garth Wood,
6 Rob Mawbey, 7 James Edwards,
8 Andy Crowther, 9 Paul Daley,
10 Jim McIvor. FL: Perks 1m 02.00s - 89.5mph.

Second:

1 Perks 7m 32.21s - 85.54mph,
2 Mountford, 3 Williams, 4 Heaton,
5 James Edwards, 6 Mawbey,
7 Crowther, 8 Jamie Edwards,
9 Daley, 10 Wood. FL: Perks 1m 02.75s - 88.78mph.

250cc

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Mark Heckles (Yamaha) 4m 58.22s - 92.65mph, 2 Ian Jones (Honda),
3 Craig Kelly (Honda), 4 Eric Bennett (Honda), 5 Paul Brandon (Honda),
6 Martin Kelly (Honda), 7 Stuart Thomas (Honda), 8 Dan Watson (Honda), 9 Steve Hall (Honda),
10 Keith Shannon (Yamaha). FL: Jones 1m 00.28s - 91.67mph.

Second:

1 Kelly 7m 07.00s - 90.59mph,
2 Jones, 3 Colin Wilcock (Yamaha),
4 Heckles, 5 Brandon, 6 Watson,
7 Shannon, 8 Bennett, 9 Hall, 10 Phil Gorman (Honda). FL: Heckles 58.05s - 95.12mph.

350cc

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Colin Wilcock (Yamaha) 5m 06.32s -

5 Byatt, 6 Cameron, 7 Shipley,
8 Fletcher, 9 Wayne Griffiths (Honda),
10 Lovatt. FL: Bath 57.91s - 95.42mph.

Steel-Frame up to 750cc

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Las Harrison (Ducati) 5m 18.24s - 86.82mph, 2 John Francom (Honda),
3 Andy Lovatt, 4 Steve Mountford (Honda), 5 Mark Hodge (Suzuki),
6 John Davis (Honda), 7 James Hargreaves (Honda), 8 David Calwell (Honda), 9 Glen Adams (Honda),
10 John Holt (Honda). FL: Harrison 1m 01.60s - 89.72mph.

Second:

1 Lovatt 7m 09.21s - 90.12mph,
2 Harrison, 3 Francom, 4 Russell Brown (Honda), 5 Mountford,
6 Hodge, 7 Danny Halliwell (Honda),
8 Calwell, 9 Davis, 10 Holt. FL: Lovatt 1m 00.28s - 91.28mph.

401-1300cc

A final:

1 Craig Beggs (Yamaha 1000) 6m 48.08s, 2 Mike Walker (Ducati 999),
3 Antony Jones (Yamaha 1000),
4 Glen Chapman (Yamaha 1000),
5 David Bath (Honda 600), 6 Tony Rainford (Yamaha 1000), 7 Simon Courtney (Suzuki 1000), 8 Dan Kneen (Honda 600), 9 Tye Kinton (Honda 600),
10 James Shipley (Honda 600). FL: Jones 57.48s - 96.14mph.

B final (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Colin Dalby (Suzuki 1000) 5m 07.17s - 89.95mph, 2 Dennis Sholcar (Yamaha 1000), 3 Andrew Bird (Yamaha 1000), 4 Martin Collinge (Suzuki 600), 5 John Davis (Honda),

FL: Whitehouse 1m 10.27s - 78.64mph.

Classic 250cc Twins

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 David Smith (Yamaha) 5m 46.37s - 79.77mph, 2 Terry Kermode (Yamaha),
3 Ellis Moore (Kawasaki), 4 Neil Eatough (Suzuki), 5 Ken Hankey (Suzuki), 6 Alan Brooks (Honda),
7 Karl Fox (Suzuki), 8 Robert Aspden (Honda). FL: Smith 1m 07.76s - 81.55mph.

Second:

1 Moore 8m 05.64s - 79.65mph,
2 Kermode, 3 Smith, 4 Eatough,
5 Hankey, 6 Brooks. FL: Kermode 1m 07.77s - 81.54mph.

350cc Classic

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Jason Caunce (Honda) 5m 43.90s - 80.34mph, 2 Barry Edwards (Honda),
3 Aly Croft (Honda), 4 Stu Melling (Greaves), 5 John Stephens (Honda),
6 Dave Spencer (Honda), 7 Ray Evans (Honda), 8 Dave Whitehouse (Aermacchi), 9 Neil Eatough (Honda),
10 Alan Brooks (Honda). FL: Caunce 1m 06.92s - 82.57mph.

Second:

1 Steve Ferguson (Honda) 7m 50.33s - 82.24mph, 2 Caunce, 3 Edwards,
4 Croft, 5 Spencer, 6 Stephens,
7 Melling, 8 Cooper, 9 Eatough,
10 Ray Evans (Honda). FL: Ferguson 1m 06.00s - 83.75mph.

Unlimited Classic

First race (5 laps - 7.68 miles):

1 Gary Thwaites (Norton 920) 5m 25.13s - 84.98mph, 2 Alan Oversby