

# GAULT, LEWIS & POOLE PUT ON A GREAT SHOW

**Y**OUTHFUL exuberance and experience came together in the first Ace of Aintree meeting of the season when young Alex Gault came up against Greg Lewis and Tim Poole in the Superbike and Powerbike races.

Gault did win his Superbike heat, but the final was a three man battle, with just a fifth of a second dividing the trio for most of the race.

Gault kept ahead of Poole, then Lewis and then Poole again.

Lewis set two fastest laps and Poole one but neither could get passed Gault.

The rest of the field was led by Pete Whiteside who won his earlier heat with a faster time than Gault.

Starting from second spot on the grid, Whiteside found the pace of the leaders a little too hot.

Lap record holder Mike Walker dropped his Suzuki at Club, while Whiteside and Tony Rainford had their own private battle.

Whiteside finally got the edge on Rainford and pulled out a three seconds gap, but he could not narrow the gap between himself and the three riders ahead.

It was the same pattern in the Powerbike points race - Gault was again first off the line from Lewis, who was on pole after resisting a coming-together with Gault in the qualifying race.

Poole set the fastest second lap, while Lewis out-braked Gault on the third circuit and set a fastest lap despite problems at Bechers to take the lead.

Poole then tried to get passed the youngster, but Gault resisted the challenge.

So hot was the pace, the three had built-up a ten seconds gap over the rest of the field.

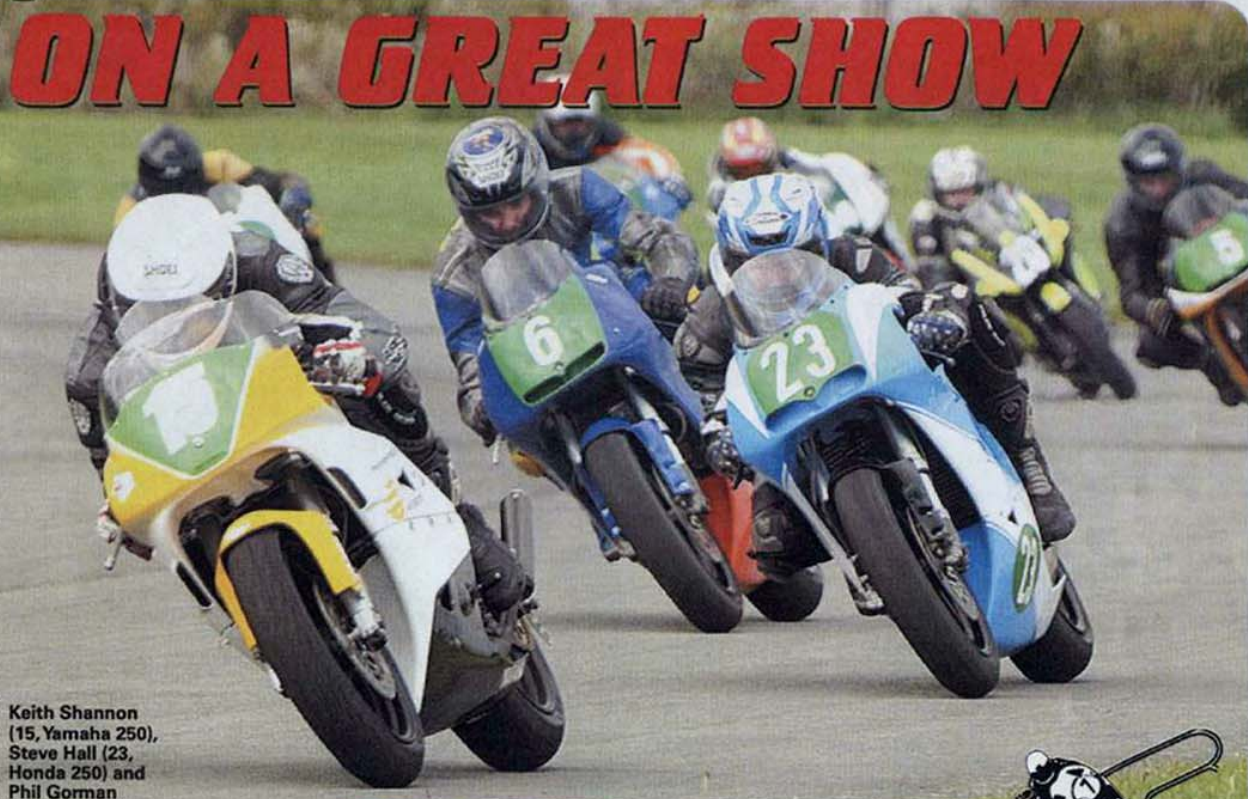
Gault went under Lewis at Club on the last lap, and in doing so he caught Lewis with his handlebar.

Lewis was pushed wide and lost the lead, with Gault snatching the victory with Poole third, though hardly a wheel length separated them over the finish line.

Rainford and Whiteside battled for fourth spot again, with Rainford getting the verdict this time.

Poole again shone in the Formula 600 races, closely chased by Roy Richardson.

Poole was fastest for the second and third laps, but Richardson fought



Picture: Fastrackimages.

● Keith Shannon (15, Yamaha 250), Steve Hall (23, Honda 250) and Phil Gorman (6, Honda 250).

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Crow/Cox, to put another maximum F1 class points-haul under their belts.

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back on the fourth as he clipped a fifth of a second off Poole's fastest lap, but it was the wily Poole who took the win.

Richardson did not go away empty handed, though, as he powered a 350 Aermacchi around in first place in both 350cc Classic races, beating all the 350cc Hondas by two seconds over the five laps.

It was not a good day for father and son, Terry and Tim Kermode.

Tim, having reached second spot on the grid next to pole setter Mark Woodman in the Formula 400s, was first off the line and kept his nose

ahead of Woodman for four of the seven laps.

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### Results:

**125cc**  
First race (All races 5 laps - 7.67 miles unless stated) (All Honda):  
1 Rob Hodson 5m 20.17s - 87.14mph,  
2 Steven Howard, FL: Hodson 1m 02.82s - 82.23mph.  
**Second (7 laps - 10.74 miles):**  
1 Hodson 7m 22.43s - 87.43mph,  
2 Dave Thomas, 3 Peter Broadbent,  
4 Howard, 5 Adam Culshaw,  
FL: Hodson 1m 01.56s - 89.76mph.  
**250cc**  
First race (All Honda unless stated):  
1 Eric Bennett 5m 14.07s - 87.97mph,  
2 Phil Gorman, 3 Carl Roberts  
(Yamaha), 4 Steve Hall, 5 Rob  
Wright, 6 Stuart Thomas, 7 Dave  
Wright (Yamaha), 8 Keith Shannon  
(Yamaha), 9 Steve Green, 10 Mike  
Hose, FL: Gorman 1m 00.22s -  
90.25mph.  
**Second (7 laps - 10.74 miles):**  
1 Hose 7m 11.12s - 89.72mph,  
2 Bennett, 3 Hall, 4 Gorman,  
5 Maybery, 6 Thomas, 7 Wright,  
8 Green, 9 Chris Moore (Yamaha),  
10 Neil Chadwick (Yamaha).  
FL: Hall 59.24s - 93.22mph.  
**Formula 400**  
First race:  
1 Mark Woodman (Kawasaki) 5m  
33.05s - 82.96mph, 2 Tim Kermode  
(Yamaha), 3 Christian Peck  
(Kawasaki), 4 Dave Taylor  
(Yamaha), 5 John Byatt (Honda),  
6 Steve Ferguson (Honda), 7 Karl  
Bovill (Yamaha), 8 Steve Porter  
(Kawasaki), 9 Colin Purslow  
(Honda), 10 Graham Rickman  
(Honda). FL: Kermode 1m 03.65s -  
86.80mph.  
**Second (7 laps - 10.74 miles):**  
1 Gault 7m 41.77s - 88.09mph,  
2 Poole, 3 Lewis, 4 Whiteside,  
5 Rainford, 6 Cox, 7 Wilson, 8 Jones,  
9 Gibbons, 10 S. Walker, FL: Poole  
55.32s - 89.97mph.  
**FL Sidecars**  
First race:  
1 Dave Halburton/Andy Woodward

(Yamaha) 5m 40.02s - 81.26mph,  
2 Charlie Morphett/Lee Woodward  
(Konig 500), 3 Graham/Kevin Adams  
(Yamaha), 4 Gary Wilson/Carl  
Schofield (Yamaha), 5 Adrian  
Holey/Steve Taylor (Suzuki) 500.  
FL: Dave Holden/Rob Coward  
(Suzuki) 1100 1m 02.52s - 89.23mph.  
**Second (7 laps - 10.74 miles):**  
1 Holden/Coward 7m 12.65s -  
89.40mph, 2 Adams/Adams,  
3 Halburton/Woodward, 4 Morphet/  
Woodward, 5 Holey/Taylor,  
6 Wilson/Schofield, FL: Holden/  
Coward 59.38s - 93.05mph.  
**Third (4 laps - 6.14 miles):**  
1 Holden/Coward 4m 00.50s -  
89.63mph, 2 Adams/Adams,  
3 Morphett/Woodward, 4 Holey/  
Taylor, FL: Holden/Coward 58.55s -  
93.72mph.  
**FL Sidecars**  
First race:  
1 Nick Crowe/Mark Cox (Yamaha)  
5m 12.43s - 88.43mph, 2 Craig  
Hawson/Dave Beattie (Yamaha),  
3 Trevor Robinson/Richard Stewart  
(Honda), 4 Dave Calvert/Ban  
Sergeant (Honda), 5 Rod Hulme/Dave  
Ruffley (Suzuki), 6 Kev Thornton/  
Mark Wynne (Yamaha), 7 Steve  
Ramsden/John McWhir (Honda),  
8 Alan Molyneux/Andy Hallwood  
(Honda), 9 John/James Shipley  
(Yamaha), 10 Mike Schofield/Tony  
Broadley (Honda). FL: Crowe/Cox  
1m 00.19s - 91.80mph.  
**Second (7 laps - 10.74 miles):**  
1 Crowe/Cox 7m 01.43s - 91.78mph,  
2 Robinson/Stewart, 3 Hauweill/  
Beattie, 4 Calvert/Sergeant,  
5 Ramsden/McWhir, 6 Thornton/  
Wynne, 7 Molyneux/Halwood,  
8 Schofield/Broadley, 9 Pate  
Tomson/Blynn Jones (Suzuki),  
10 Alan Langton/Dave Bolton  
(Yamaha). FL: Crowe/Cox 59.12s -  
93.40mph.  
**Third (4 laps - 6.14 miles):**  
1 Crowe/Cox 3m 58.25s - 92.67mph,

1 Phil Gorman 5m 33.48s - 82.85mph,  
2 Mike Hose, 3 Eric Bennett, 4 Rob  
Mawby, 5 Chris Moore (Yamaha  
250), 6 Stuart Thomas, 7 Steve Hall,  
8 Alec Cottam, 9 Rosco Travis  
(Yamaha 250), 10 Dave Wright  
(Yamaha 249). FL: Hose 1m 03.12s -  
87.54mph.  
**Classics 125-250cc**  
First race:  
1 Hose 5m 07.52s - 89.84mph,  
2 Gorman, 3 Bennett, 4 Mawby,  
5 Thomas, 6 Hall, 7 Cottam, 8 Travis,  
9 Scott Macfarlane, FL: Gorman 1m  
00.04s - 92.02mph.  
**Formula 600 Steel-Frame**  
First race (All Honda unless stated):  
1 Karl Owen 5m 21.48s - 85.94mph,  
2 Miller, 3 Andy Lovett, 4 Wes  
Merrill, 5 John Davis, 6 Steve  
Price, 7 James Coward, 8 Stephan  
Maddocks (Ducati 748), FL: Lovett  
1m 01.80s - 89.40mph.  
**Second:**  
1 Owen 5m 08.60s - 89.53mph,  
2 Miller, 3 Merrill, 4 Lovett,  
5 Coward, 6 Davis, 7 Price,  
8 Graeme Bell, FL: Miller 1m 00.52s -  
91.21mph.  
**Classics 500cc**  
First race:  
1 Steve Ferguson (Honda) 5m 42.80s  
- 80.600mph, 2 Neil MacDonal  
(Matchless), 3 David Swallow  
(Norton), 4 Paul Coward (Honda),  
5 Bill Swallow (Norton), 6 Keith  
Dixon (Sawley), 7 Norman  
Williamson (Suzuki), 8 Paul  
Johnson (Suzuki), 9 Mark  
Butterworth (BSA), 10 Brian Cooper  
(Matchless). FL: Ferguson 1m 06.36s  
- 82.49mph.  
**Second (6 laps - 9.21 miles):**  
1 Ferguson 6m 45.02s - 81.26mph,  
2 Coward, 3 D. Swallow,  
4 MacDonal, 5 Williamson, 6 Phil  
Woodall (Seeley), 7 Dixon,  
8 Johnson, 9 John Fy (Seeley),  
10 Karl Fox (Honda). FL: Ferguson  
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1 Stephen Atkin (Triumph 930) 5m  
37.24s - 81.90mph, 2 Tony Rainford  
(Triumph 750), 3 Mick Crompton  
(BSA 750), 4 Mark Morgan (Norton  
830), 5 Alec Whitwell (Honda 350),  
6 Richard Stott (Norton 940),  
7 Jason Caunce (Honda 350),  
8 Dave Croft (Honda 350), 9 Trevor  
Anderson (Norton 750). FL: Atkin 1m  
05.03s - 84.97mph.  
**Second (6 laps - 9.21 miles):**  
1 Atkin 6m 35.19s - 83.89mph,  
2 Crompton, 3 Rainford, 4 Whitwell,  
5 Stott, 6 Morgan, 7 Caunce,  
8 Anderson, FL: Crompton 1m 04.66s  
- 85.45mph.  
**Formula 600**  
First race:  
1 Tim Poole (Kawasaki) 4m 57.80s -  
92.76mph, 2 Roy Richardson  
(Yamaha), 3 Andrew Cameron  
(Kawasaki), 4 James Shipley  
(Yamaha), 5 Graeme Winstanley  
(Honda), 6 Sam Walker (Yamaha),  
7 Lance Cronshaw (Yamaha), 8 Matt  
Miller (Honda), 9 Scott Wilson  
(Yamaha), 10 Martin Kelly  
(Kawasaki). FL: Richardson 58.22s -  
94.91mph.  
**Second:**  
1 Poole 4m 52.67s - 94.40mph,  
2 Richardson, 3 Shipley, 5 Walker,  
6 Wilson, 7 Winstanley, 7 Cameron,  
8 Cronshaw, 9 Eddie Marshall  
Miller (Honda), 9 Scott Wilson  
(Yamaha), 10 Martin Kelly  
(Kawasaki). FL: Richardson 58.22s -  
94.91mph.

1 Richardson 5m 31.98s - 83.22mph,  
2 Hose, 3 B. Swallow, 4 Richard  
Stott (Ducati), 5 D. Swallow,  
6 Reville, 7 Russell, FL: Richardson  
1m 06.13s - 84.83mph.  
**Up to 350cc Classics**  
First race (All Honda 350 unless stated):  
1 Mark Sharrock 5m 38.58s -  
81.60mph, 2 Ken Davis, 3 Alec  
Whitwell, 4 James Coward,  
5 Stephen Atkin, 6 Jason Caunce,  
7 Peter Casey, 8 Ken Hankey  
(Suzuki 247), 9 Brian Cooper,  
10 Dave Croft, FL: Sharrock 1m  
08.49s - 82.21mph.  
**Second:**  
1 Sharrock 5m 38.58s - 81.60mph,  
2 Davis, 3 Coward, 4 Whitwell,  
10 Cooper, FL: Sharrock 1m 06.05s -  
83.66mph.  
**Powerbikes 501-1300cc**  
First race:  
1 Greg Lewis (Yamaha 1000) 4m  
48.55s - 95.71mph, 2 Alex Gault  
(Kawasaki 1000), 3 Tim Poole  
(Kawasaki 1000), 4 Pete Whiteside  
(Honda 600), 5 Antony Jones

(Yamaha 1000), 6 Scott Wilson  
(Suzuki 1000), 7 Tony Rainford  
(Suzuki 1000), 8 Mike Walker  
(Suzuki 1000), 9 Matthew Cox  
(Suzuki 1000), 10 Andrew Gibbon  
(Yamaha 1000). FL: Lewis 55.97s -  
98.71mph.  
**Second:**  
1 Gault 4m 44.21s - 97.21mph,  
2 Lewis, 3 Poole, 4 Rainford,  
5 Whiteside, 6 Jones, 7 Cox,  
8 Gibbon, 9 Wilson, 10 Jay Miller  
(Yamaha 1000). FL: Gault 55.80s -  
99.03mph.  
**Forgotten ER Superbikes**  
First race:  
1 Dennis Sholler (Yamaha 1000) 5m  
13.92s - 88.01mph, 2 Steve Cava  
(Yamaha 1000), 3 Mick Crompton  
(BSA 750), 4 Anthony Stott (Suzuki  
748), 5 Darrell Walsh (Suzuki 1100),  
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5m 31.51s - 83.34mph, 2 Mark  
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4 Keith Shannon (Yamaha 250),  
5 Steve Latham (Yamaha 400),  
6 Dave Thomas (Yamaha 250), 7 Karl  
Bovill (Yamaha 400), 8 Mick Coker  
(Yamaha 250), 9 Stuart Osbourne  
(Yamaha 400), 10 Andy Kay (Suzuki  
250). FL: Woodman 1m 04.97s -  
85.04mph.  
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1 Ferguson 5m 25.90s - 84.77mph,  
2 Shannon, 3 Murray, 4 Thomas,  
5 Coker, 6 Latham, 7 Osbourne,  
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