

RACING

TUNSTALL RUNS AWAY

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Malcolme Tunstall, on the Syd's Cycles of St. Petersbrug, Florida, sponsored Ducati, breezed to the overall win and the GP class win in the Battle of the Twins event. Kevin Bracken and Joe Mills, both Ducati mounted, mounted a last lap battle for second overall and the win in the Expert Modified class that went in Bracken's favor by a slim margin.

"I rode a conservative race," said Tunstall, although he had nearly one minute and ten seconds on the second place finisher. "I kept getting signs that I was way ahead, but I wasn't going to slack off even on bit,"

"We had a good battle going," said Bracken, who rides out of Woods Motor Shop in Glendale, California. "I think I had a little motor on Mills."

"We're running a conservative engine," said Mills. "We want to finish so we aren't as yet trying to get as much power as possible. Sponsors make the sport and I want to thank Vernon's Cycle Shop in Gretna, Louisiana, and Castrol for their help."

Tunstall went immediately from winner's circle to the grid for the Formula One event. "That's why I'm drinking a soda and not a beer right now," said Tunstall.

Tunstall put his Ducati into overdrive off the start to take the early lead. Defending series champ Jimmy Adamo, also Ducati mounted, started very slowly and was about 20th as the field hit turn one. Tunstall had nearly six seconds on the field as they completed lap one.

Adamo coasted into the pits for a hurried inspection by owner/tuner Reno Leoni. "The engine began popping and sputtering just after I left the line," said Adamo. "We're not sure what the problem is." After a quick change of jetting Adamo went back out.

By the end of lap four Tunstall had pulled out a 35 second lead over Mills, who was the Expert Modified class leader. Tunstall ran in the GP ranks.

The halfway flags saw Tunstall continue to put space between himself and the rest of the field. Adamo, a lap down, was now running strongly. Doug Lantz had moved his way into third behind Mills.

Tunstall was cranking it out at 90.338 mph over the first five laps and held a 45 second advantage on Mills with Lantz a distance back. Doug Gross held the lead in the Amateur Modified class and sixth overall behind GP leader Jon Minonno. However, Minonno's ride was quickly coming to a halt with a sick engine.

On the white flag lap it was Tunstall with over one minute lead and not backing off one bit. Mills continued his ride in second ahead of Kevin Bracken, who had put in a consistent ride. Lantz had slipped off the pace.

Tunstall didn't let off until he saw the checkered flag. Bracken didn't slack off either, and his persistence paid off as he nipped Mills for second by about five bike lengths at the flag.

RESULTS

GP: 1. Malcolme Tunstall (Duc); 2. Doug Lantz (Duc); 3. Jimmy Adamo (Duc); 4. Jon Minonno (Tri); 5. William Roseth.

EXP. MOD.: 1. Kevin Bracken (Duc); 2. Joey Mills (Duc); 3. Walt Schaefer (Tri); 4. Winfried Hopp (Duc); 5. Devin Battley (BMW).

AM. MOD: 1. Douglas Gross (Duc); 2. Bruce Dufrene; 3. David Vendola (M-G); 4. Ronald Raymond (Duc); 5. Daniel Luchon.

STOCK: 1. David McClure; 2. Chris Steward (Yam); 3. Peter Bray (BMW); 4. Stephen Hall (H-D); 5. Mark Mercandante (M-G)

TIME: 27 Min., 0042 sec.
AVERAGE SPEED: 88.886 mph.

THE TWINS UPDATE

By Jess O'Brien

The only new blood at Loudon was Winfried Hopp, Ducati. Congratulations on your first BOTT National Championship win!

In G.P. it was all James Adamo. He didn't even work hard! But even so, he put 45 second lead on the 2nd place Harley, ridden by Hal Coleman. This is the best Harley-Davidson has been able to do in two years. Cal Rayborn would be totally embarrassed to see what has happened to his motorcycle. The power plant is built by Robinson's Harley-Davidson and sponsored by Daytona International Speedway.

For Malcolme Tunstall, a broken battery terminal forced him out of the race and put him 18 points behind Adamo and Dough Lantz who is only 7 points from taking Malcolme's second place position.

For Joey Mill's Ducati, he better look over his shoulder for would you believe, a Triumph (ridden by Walter Schaeffer) has been practicing his Navy fighter maneuvers again and put away his second National in a row. If he wins the next National, he'll tie David Emde's record of three consecutive wins. But one person that may stand in his way is another Ducati from Canada, ridden by Chris Bannister-Brown, who is 4 points out of the lead. Chris Steward, factory team Yamaha, should give half of the purse money from Yamaha to David McClure for staying home. I can't believe no one but David



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