

RACING CONT.

David Roper, aboard the Robinson Harley-Davidson (Daytona Beach, Florida) Harley, placed second and had been Adamo's early challenger. He and third place Malcolm Tunstall staged a good fight for second. Tunstall was aboard the Syd's Cycles (St. Pete, Fla) Ducati.

"I made a mistake in gearing," said Tunstall. "With the wind as it was I couldn't get as much top speed as I needed."

Adamo held the pole position for the start of the Twin final with Rick Swiderski, Jerry Dean, Tunstall and Roper alongside. Swiderski and Roper were on the only two Harley-Davidsons on grid.

Tunstall grabbed the lead as Swiderski did a wheelstand on the start, saved the bike from going over backwards and scared Adamo into backing off slightly. Adamo quickly remedied that problem and was up to third behind Roper heading into the second lap. Roper put his Harley power to use taking the lead into the chicane. Adamo then dropped Tunstall to third and set out after Roper, taking the lead as the two crossed the start/finish line to begin lap three.

Joe Mills and Fred Hopp were engaged in a battle for fourth and the win in the Expert Modified division as well. Adamo turned the gas on to quickly open a two second lead, although he was not able to shake Roper off as early as he had planned. Bit by bit he moved away.

At the halfway flags, Adamo had managed his magic and held a six second margin over Roper with Tunstall a further two seconds back.

Of note was the entry of Touch of Class BMW ridden by Paul Krikorian. The bike was a stock BMW GS80 with Avon tires. The bike had been ridden in the Baja 500 off-road race earlier in the year.

Mills continued to lead the Expert Modified class with Hopp in tow while Doug Gross, back in about tenth, was the Amateur Modified leader. The speed at the end of ten laps was 90.574 mph.

Adamo carried a 13 second lead on the battle for second as he headed to the checkered flag. Tunstall closed to Roper's rear wheel in the infield. Roper had power on the back straight then Tunstall caught up in the chicane, but lost the drag race to the flag by 20 bike lengths.

Gross lost his class leading position with a stop at the pit wall just prior to taking the white flag. He pulled back onto the track, and put in a strong lap to overtake Alan Cathcart and score the class win.

RESULTS:

GP: 1. Jim Adamo (Duc); 2. Dave Roper (H-D); 3. Malcolm Tunstall (Duc); 4. Dough Lantz (Duc); 5. Rick Swiderski (HD).

EXP. MOD: 1. Joe Mills (Duc); 2. Winfried Hopp (Duc); 3. Ron Sbordone (Duc); 4. Dwayne Wilson (Nor); 5. Bill Atkinson (BMW).

AM Mod; 1. Dough Gross (Duc); 2. Alan Cathcart; 3. Fred Augustin (Duc); 4. Chris Bannister-Brown (Duc); 5. Bo Dufresne Duc.

STOCK: 1. Jeff Charlesworth (Duc); 2. Wayne Reiss (BMW); 3. John Wheeler (Duc); 4. Paul Harrison (BMW); 5. Paul Krikorian (BMW).

WILLIAMS WINS IN A WALKAWAY

By Dale Brown (CYCLE NEWS)

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JOHN WILLIAMS KEPT HIS DALE NEWTON-SPONSORED (Cook Neilson's legendary #31, which Paul Ritter use to ride. Ed.) IN SIGHT OF LEADER JIMMY ADAMO THROUGH MOST OF THE 18-LAP BATTLE OF THE TWINS EVENT. And when Adamo pulled off the track with a few laps to go due to mechanical troubles, Williams was right there to take the overall and GP class win.

For Williams, who suffered a broken arm in a club race on the same bike a few months ago, this race and the second

he took behind Adamo a month ago at Sears Point marked an upswing in his career.

The race had begun with Rhys Howard taking the Bob Work-tuned Yamaha XV920 to an early lead of Williams & Adamo. That only lasted a lap before Adamo had taken over the lead and begun to pull away. Howard's ride only lasted four laps before he crashed (serves him right for trying to mess with a Duke - piece of Jap crap..Ed.) and was forced to retire.

By the midway point in the race, Adamo and Williams had pulled such a lead on the rest of the slim field that it was difficult to tell what the order was behind them. Local rider Brian Sutton was doing well on a Triumph until he crashed. Ducati rider Joe Mills had led the Expert Modified class from the drop of the flag and he appeared to be up in the overall order. As usual, Yamaha's Chris Steward was leading the stock class.

Adamo, who wrapped up the GP class championship in the previous round at Sears Point, saw his hopes for this event go away about four laps from the finish. "I don't know what went wrong. I just coasted into the pits. We'll go back to New Jersey and get ready to head down to Florida for the last two rounds, where we'll be doing some testing," said Adamo.

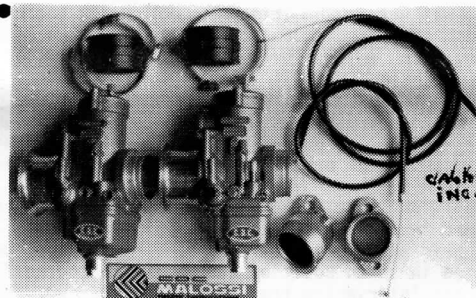
Adamo's demise left Williams the easy winner. "My luck has turned around a little bit this year, I've had a lot of problems since Daytona and have gone through a lot of different sponsors. Dale Newton is a sponsor who really enjoys my riding and really helps me out. I'm looking forward to a bright future," Williams also thanked Vanson Leathers and Arai Helmets.

Williams was the only finisher in the GP class. (No doubt this is one of the most popular B.O.T.T. events. Ed)

RESULTS (Everybody try and keep a straight face now)

GP: 1. John Williams (Duc).

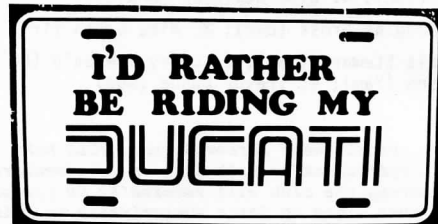
Ex Mod: 1 Joe Mills (Duc); 2 Bill Atkinson



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