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# It's Barter's title as rain spoils Meredith's challenge

THE FINAL round of the Guyson/BARC hillclimb championship, held at Harewood on Sunday turned out to be something of an anti-climax due to typical Yorkshire weather. At one stage the meeting had to be halted for an hour due to a passing thunderstorm which also meant that hardly anybody added to their championship points score. Despite this, Charles Barter became a very deserved champion for the second year running but runner-up by less than a point, John Meredith, must have been disappointed not to have had another chance at overhauling his rival.

Despite gaining F.T.D. with a very commendable 41.45s run on a very slippery track Roy Lane had to give best to Alister Douglas-Osborn (who was present but not competing after his excursion at Doune) in the Guyson/BARC F.T.D. award series.

The first timed runs were held in the morning and on a damp but drying track. The second runs commenced on an almost dry track before the rains came down and halted the meeting for almost an hour after which the track began to dry out again.

This led to several rather strange results with Pete Nicholson beating Terry Tattam in

the up to 1500cc Touring Car category. Another new face to win was Dave Dunford who beat both Charles Barter and his brother Robert, whilst Bob Forth (having an almost dry run) beat John Meredith in the car they share. Ian Curtis showed what a good driver he is by beating both Tony Boshier-Jones and Brian Moyse in the clubmans class. It was also pleasing to see autocross champion Nick Seymour record a victory in the Turbo Volnik.

As usual Peter Kaye took the up to 1600cc racing car class to gain his 26th victory out of 27 starts after a fantastic season which has netted him fourth place in the

F.T.D. series.

A battle royal however took place between Roy Lane and Chris Cramer for F.T.D. Cramer hurled his March up the hill to beat Lane in the class runs but Lane turned the tables on him on his last run in the Top 8 Run-Off to gain F.T.D.

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FTD: R. Lane (March 741 DFV), 41.46s.

Class winners: P. Nicholson (Mini Clubman), 50.45s; C. Moore (Ford Escort RS2000), 55.00s; D. Dunford (Chrysler Imp), 48.52s; B. Forth (Leyland Cooper S), 48.32s; J. Gardner (M.G. Midget), 56.96s; M. Schofield (Lotus Elan), 52.04s; M. Robson (Morgan Plus 8), 51.00s; C. Seaman (M.G. Midget), 51.19s; J. Sadler (Porsche 911 Carrera), 53.03s; I. Curtis (Mallock U2), 48.79s; R. Simpson (Marog Ford), 54.16s; J. Robinson (Mallock U2), 49.01s; N. Seymour (Turbo Volnik), 49.45s; C. Bush (Photoco PH2), 49.99s; P. Kaye (Brabham BT 35XP), 46.81s; C. Cramer (March 76A), 43.49s.

#### TOP TEN RUN-OFF

1, D. Smith (M.G. Midget), 57.12s; 2, C. Seaman (MG. Midget), 57.72s; 3, P. Nicholson (Mini Clubman), 51.91s.

#### TOP EIGHT RUN-OFF

1, R. Lane (March 741), 41.46s; 2, C. Cramer (March 76A), 42.30s; 3, P. Kaye (Brabham BT35XP), 43.50s; 4, R. Jones (Surtees TS10), 44.27s; 5, J. Johnstone (Brabham BT18), 45.70s; 6, J. Campbell (Brabham BT35), 45.91s; 7, J. Barrett (Beta 03), 47.41s; 8, J. Robinson (Mallock U2), 47.68s.

#### FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS GUYSON/BARC CHAMPIONSHIP

1, Charles Barter, 82.31; 2, John Meredith, 81.36; 3, Josh Sadler, 78.56; 4, John Milford, 76.21; 5, Tony Boshier Jones, 75.21; 6, Stuart Watts, 72.78; 7, Robert Barter, 71.18; 8, Terry Tattam, 70.74; 9, Brian Moyse, 69.92; 10, Roy Lane, 66.01.

#### GUYSON/BARC F.T.D. AWARD SERIES

1, Alister Douglas Osborn, 71; 2, Roy Lane, 67; 3, Chris Cramer, 62; 4, Peter Kaye, 45; 5, Martyn Griffiths, 38; 6, Malcolm Dungworth, 28; 7, Rob Turnbull, 24; 8, David Franklin, 21.