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The A.-C.U. 1952 NATIONAL RALLY

MOTOR CYCLING



Two representatives of Mini-Motor (Gt. Britain) Ltd., though not eligible for awards, used the Rally to test endurance qualities of the well-known Croydon-made power unit—and enjoyed the outing.

Two first-time entries were the "clip-ons" of George Denton, sales manager, Mini-Motor (Great Britain), Ltd., and his friend, K. Mercer, who, representing manufacturers, were ineligible for awards, of course, but whose 150-odd-mile test to Rally standards had, they said, taught them quite a lot. Nottingham dealer J. V. Jebson, and J. C. Underwood, using "Mosquitos," reported a trouble-free 160-mile trip.

Whilst the crowd gathered at Alton Towers to gaze at the 686 finishers (821 entered), to hear tales of midnight adventure in the Pennines or Pimlico, competitors themselves compared notes or slept. Rain, which had been threatening since the blustering, grey dawn, held off its onslaught and, whilst the A.-C.U. calculated the results tabulated below, the Nottingham Tornado M.C. set its stage for a short, but first-class "grass" event starring E. Midlands talent, including S. F. Minty, A. J. Cresswell, A. R. Ellison and the popular R. Pritchard, who put up fastest time of the day.

And then, in the calm of a summer Sunday evening, the long trek home commenced.