

two club pilots, Charles Ellis, of London, and P. R. Wijewardene, of Cambridge, flew up an industrial valley bristling with thermal-belching chimneys and flopped irrevocably at the end of it. Ellis landed in the grounds of the Borstal Institution at Lowdham Green, outside which was a stern notice absolutely prohibiting all entry without prior application to the Home Office.

The outstanding flight of the day was made by Hans Würth, who took Mrs. Ann Douglas as navigator in the Swiss two-seater, starting as late as 16.10, and landed 106 miles away near York 3½ hours later.

Friday and Saturday brought thundery conditions which there were some unsuccessful attempts to exploit, and a few altitude marks were gained on the final day, Sunday, June 29.

The Results

Philip Wills maintained his lead throughout the contest, finishing with 610 points and gaining Lord Kemsley's £50 prize. Christopher Nicholson, who flew the Navy's Kranich II with Peter Blake as navigator, came second, with 481 points, winning both the Londonderry Cup and the Du Garde Peach Trophy for his Club. Two BARO Weihs came third and fourth, flown by R. C. Forbes and Ian Bourne and by R. E. Claudi and R. M. Williams respectively.

C. P. Ellis, in the Slingsby Gull, won the Firth-Vickers Trophy for the best performance in a sailplane of British design and the Eon Cup, for the Olympia which put up the highest score, went to D. F. Greig and G. H. Stephenson.

Lord Kemsley's biggest money prizes were for Clubs which had brought their own aircraft. The Surrey Club ran away with the first two of these, £100 and £75, by good use of their Weihe and Olympia; the third Club prize of £50 went to Cambridge University.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Londonderry Cup

C. Nicholson—480 pointsNo. 7

L. Du Garde Peach Trophy

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Firth Vickers Trophy

C. A. P. Ellis—82 points.....No. 5

Eon Cup

D. F. Greig—334 pointsNo. 21

Club Cash Prizes

£100—Surrey Gliding Club—No. 10—285 points.

£75 —Surrey Gliding Club—No. 11—282 points.

£50 —Cambridge Gliding Club—No. 2—273 points.

Individual Championship

£50—P. A. Wills—610 points.

£30—C. Nicholson—481 points.

£15—R. C. Forbes & I. Bourne—418 points.

Swiss Moswey would have gotten 397 and 4th place.

Swiss S.25 would have gotten 323 and 7th place.

The Swiss Moswey & S-25 were not officially in the contest.

Daily Prizes

Sunday, June 221. P. A. Wills

2. W. Morison

Monday, June 231. Ann Douglas

2. T. S. Haynes

Tuesday, June 241. R. C. Forbes

2. C. Nicholson

Wednesday, June 25.....1. G. H. Stephenson

2. R. C. G. Slazenger

Thursday, June 261. F. T. Gardiner

2. J. P. Dewsbury

Friday June 27No Contest

Saturday, June 28No Contest

Sunday, June 291. C. Nicholson

2. T. S. Haynes

HOW COMPETITION MARKS WERE AWARDED

The Contest will consist of a series of Goal flights. Each competitor must declare his goal in writing before he sets out. Only the best flight of the day by each pilot will score marks.

1. DISTANCE FLIGHTS—

The distance which will count for marks will be the distance along the line joining the starting site and the declared goal where that line is cut by a projection from the point of actual landing, cutting that line at right angles.

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The average of the three longest flights on any given day will decide the scale by which marks will be awarded for distance flights on that day.

(a) When the "average distance" is less than 50 miles, no marks will be awarded for the first 20 miles of any flight. Thereafter marks will be awarded at the rate of 3 per mile.

(b) When the "average distance" is more than 50 miles, but less than a 100 miles, no marks will be awarded for the first 25 miles of any flight. Thereafter marks will be awarded at the rate of 2 per mile.

(c) When the "average distance" is more than 100 miles no marks will be awarded for the first 30 miles of any flight. Thereafter marks will be awarded at the rate of 1½ per mile.

2. HEIGHT FLIGHTS—

(a) No marks will be awarded for the first 1,500 feet of climb above the point of release.

(b) For climbs of between 1,500 feet and 3,000 feet above the point of release, marks will be awarded at the rate of 1 per 100 feet.

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Outside The Control Tower On The Airfield: Studying the Weather Chart Left to Right: Fred Gardiner (competing in his own Olympia), F/L Cochemé (the meteorological man), R. E. Fender (Gardiner's team mate), Mrs. Wills (who does all the retrieving for her husband), Philip Wills (winner of the contests), Mrs. Gardiner.