

## FAMOUS



## DRIVERS

## No. 2. E. R. HALL

IN 1906, the same year that Sziisz won the Grand Prix on a Renault at 63 miles an hour, E. R. Hall, Yorkshire's famous racing driver began to take an active interest in motoring. Early experiences included the acquiring of a pretty complete mechanical knowledge of the various cars his uncle owned, at that time including the 14 h.p. Argyle and a De Dion engined Core, also the Metalurgique, a very advanced design of car for the period, and an O.H.V. Wolseley Siddeley, the latter owned by his father.

It was not, however, until about 1911 that Eddie Hall began actually to drive, the car being a 10 h.p. two-seater Renault, and before the Great War came, to stop for a period the further development of the British Sports car, he added to his driving knowledge with the help of the "Prince Henry" Vauxhall, introduced in about 1911, and the famous 30/98 Vauxhall which made its appearance in 1913. Added to this were further experiences with the 1913 Hispano Suiza, a really fast car in those days, with a genuine 75 m.p.h. performance.

Between 1920 and 1922 he won

numerous trophies with a 25/50 Talbot, in which one of Percy Lambert's spare racing engines had been fitted. In 1922 he bought a Brescia Bugatti, and later on "Bunny," the famous veteran Aston Martin.

After racing at different periods of his career the 30/98 Vauxhall, the 4½ litre Bentley and the Blown Arrol-Aster he acquired in 1931 one of the first super-charged 750 c.c. M.G. Montlhery Midgets turned out from the factory

The Ulster Tourist Trophy was his first race with the Midget; after leading for two hours engine trouble put him out of the race, but with the same car he finished third in the general classification and first in the 750 class in the B.R.D.C. 500 miles race at 92.17 m.p.h. In the following year he

gained a third place and drove the first Midget home in the Ulster T.T., and has since competed with success at the new Donington Park Road circuit.

To those who visit Shelsley Walsh, E. R. Hall is familiar. On several occasions he has won both the 750 c.c. sports and racing classes with the M.G. Midget, and at the last meeting he made a fast climb on the M.G. Magnette with which he finished second in the J.C.C. International Trophy Race this year at Brooklands.

The standing mile and kilometre records in the International Class "H," taken by the M.G. Midget, also stand to the credit of this versatile driver and thorough sportsman who plays the motor racing game for the love and enjoyment of it.

