

MANNIN BEG

“IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY!”

MAGNETTES OCCUPY FIRST FIVE PLACES
SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT FINISHERS M.G.S



Norman Black receiving the chequered flag as he flashes over the finishing line.

IN regarding the 1934 Mannin Beg Race in retrospect, it is a little difficult to see it in its true perspective, for the final placings proved such a sweeping victory for us that we are naturally somewhat apt to forget that, just as last year's race provided Hamilton with a glorious defeat in the hour of victory, so, this year, Fate dealt similarly with Freddie Dixon.

This is not the place in which to refer to the tragic events which preceded the race itself, and a tribute to poor Frank Tayler appears elsewhere in this issue; but obviously no report of the race would be complete without a further expression of our sincere grief that so well-liked and capable a man should thus have been taken from among us.

The morning of the race, Wednesday, 30th May, dawned bright and clear over Douglas,

but misty out over the sea, with promise of another day of perfect weather.

Even if a competitor or two found that his promise of a no-trouble run was broken, the promise of a bone-dry course and brilliant sunshine most certainly was fulfilled.

In our last issue we dealt with the alterations to the course, which made this year's circuit so much faster than last year's.

In practice, Handley had lapped at 74.82 m.p.h. (a speed never equalled by anyone during the

race), so the prospects of a terrifically fast race seemed excellent.

This year's race consisted of 50 laps of the 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ miles circuit (185 miles in all).

Nineteen cars started and only eight completed the course—but of these eight, seven were M.G.s, and we succeeded in capturing the first five places.

Norman Black, the winner, is no stranger to successes in international events at the wheel of M.G. cars, for it was he who won both the big Irish races in 1931.

In the Mannin Beg he took the lead on the forty-sixth lap and brought his super-charged Magnette home in first place at an average speed of 70.99 m.p.h., having completed the course in 2 hours 34 minutes 37 seconds.

C. J. P. Dodson, also on a "blown" Magnette, and who

RESULTS			
Pos.	Car	Driver	Speed
			m.p.h.
1	M.G. Magnette (S)	N. Black ...	70.99
2	M.G. Magnette (S)	C. J. P. Dodson	70.20
3	M.G. Magnette (S)	G. E. T. Eyston	69.93
4	M.G. Magnette (S)	C. E. C. Martin	68.11
5	M.G. Magnette (S)	R. H. Eccles	66.78
6	Riley ...	C. Paul ...	66.67
7	M.G. Magnette (S)	R. T. Horton	65.55
8	M.G. Midget (S) ...	W. G. Everitt	63.30

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