

Ron Kiddell likewise secured places in the Semi, but these were the only 'safe 8's' for the rest, it was the usual story of eight heats divided into two segments each from which the fastest eight overall went up into a final eliminator to select the fastest four for the Semi.

Big Steve who just scraped into the final eliminator sportingly stepped down to allow far-travelled Ed Lewis a chance for the gold as a result of which Ed won to move up into the Semi. Ronnie Spencer Sr., made the Semi too, as did Michael Rason and Phil Lee. Young Steve Hall, Brian Heath, Martin Finnessey and ex-Tottenham Open winner Bob Hallums were K.O.'d in this final eliminator and the Semi-final line up was Roland Leonard with Bill Clark, Michael Rason, Vic Elms, Phil Lee, Ron Spencer Sr., and Ron Kiddell. Phil Lee took the first segment of this four-segment race with 53 laps 8 parts, closely trailed by Roland Leonard just one part of a lap behind. Then came a scruffling Ed Lewis with 52 laps 15 parts and Ron Sr. with 52.14. In segment two, Ed Lewis's hopes were dashed and he returned a rather tame 46 laps 10 parts; this segment went to Roland Leonard with a flying 54 laps 17 parts, second was Bill Clark with 52 laps 17½ parts, third Ron Sr., 51 laps 16 parts, and fourth was shared by Ron Kiddell and Phil Lee on 49 laps 17½ parts each. Poor Michael Rason only returned 14 laps and in the next segment was to do only slightly better with 25.5, thus putting him well out of any hope for the final.

Third segment results saw an overall lead for Roland Leonard who had amassed 138 laps 5 parts with Ron Spencer Sr. on 104 laps 10½ parts, Phil Lee 103.6½ parts and Ron Kiddell 100 laps 18½ parts. Roland Leonard on blue lane returned a scorching 55 laps 8½ parts which was to clinch a win for him in the Semi, despite his fourth run which was only a 50 lap 14½ part distance. Bill Clark turned in a 53 lap 16½ parts and Vic Elms a 53 lap 14½ parts run but neither of these were good enough to give them a chance for the final. At the end it was Roland Leonard with 214 laps 8 parts first, Ron Spencer Sr. 208 laps 7½ parts second, Phil Lee 206 laps 1½ parts third, and Ron Kiddell 202 laps 16½ parts fourth and these four all went through to the Final.

From top times of 53 laps in the Semi we went straight up to 58 laps 5 parts from Micky Graves in the first segment of the final, Ronnie Spencer Junior was close behind on 57 laps 16½ parts, Barry Magee 57 laps 10 parts and Mark Moser in fourth 56 laps 8 parts. Second segment saw a win on green lane for Barry Magee with a flying 28 laps 15 parts; Ron Spencer Sr. ran into trouble and only returned a 23 lap 7½ total in this segment but Micky Graves with 56 laps 12 parts and Mark Moser 56 laps



Line up for the final - the drivers and their cars. Nearest the camera is Barry Magee and diminishing away into the distance of the drivers' rostrum come Bill Clark, Ronnie Spencer Junior, Ronnie Spencer Senior, eventual winner Micky Graves, Phil Lee, Mark Moser and Ron Kiddell.

1 part were keeping the pressure on. Segment three went to Mark Moser with 57 laps 8½ parts on green lane and trailing in this segment were Micky Graves 56 laps 13 parts, Barry Magee 53 laps 17½ parts and Roland Leonard 54 laps 10½ parts. The totals at the end of the third segment and before the final run were Barry Magee 172 laps 13½ parts, Roland Leonard 159 laps 13½ parts, Ron Junior 160 laps 15 parts, Ron Senior 124 laps 4 parts, Micky Graves 171 laps 10 parts, Phil Lee 152 laps 14½ parts, Mark Moser 169 laps 17½ parts, and Ron Kiddell 152 laps 9 parts.

So there we had Barry Magee, Micky Graves and Mark Moser out ahead and still very much in touch; it was all down to this final run. And what a run it was! Micky Graves on green lane returned a 57 lap 6½ part run and Mark a 57 lap 5½ result. Barry Magee with 56 laps 8½ parts gave himself a really good chance for a win - the drivers did not know their scores up until the results were announced. As it turned out, Micky Graves with 228 laps 16½ parts had just pulled it off from Barry Magee who was only 4 parts of a lap behind - an incredible result and the closest ever at Tottenham. Third went to Mark Moser on 227 laps 3 parts and, way down in fourth, was Ron Spencer Junior on 215 laps 7½ parts. The full finishing order together with car specifications is in the Tech. Chart.

Sponsors for this first of 1970's Tottenham Open Meets were Champion of Europe, Davenport and Fordham, G.T. Models, M.R.C.C., Richard Kohnstam Limited, John Winch, Bruce Paschal, and Ronnie Spencer Senior who provided fruit & booze prizes of bananas - he's in the grocery business! Tottenham Models Limited of course, provided prizes and Model Cars magazine put up the attractive trophies.

The Concours prize went to Peter Stratford with John Winch second and Reg Crafts third.

Ron Kiddell's 7th place Lotus 1988. Again conventional photo wire and brass sheet anglewinder construction was used and Ron drove this Mura 'B' powered Flyer through a 1 amp 10 controller.

