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MODEL JETS PUT A ZIP IN FLYING

The midgets take over Radlett Aerodrome from the big kites, at the All Herts "Model Aircraft" Rally. Elastic-powered models show they can still fly with the best, though the accent of the rally's on mechanisation. A parasol-wing aircraft takes off in the "Open Rubber Duration" championship.

As it comes to grief and crashes on the airstrip, attention switches to a radio-controlled aircraft, which underlines the tremendous strides made over 45 years, since aero-modelling first caught on. All praise is due to the enthusiasm of spare-time engineers, whose models have frequently pioneered major developments in aeronautical design.

But the big attraction among the thousand entries from all parts of Britain, are the pint-size jet aircraft. And sure enough, during the day, a new record is established, the fastest British time of 120-miles-an-hour - nearly 40-miles-an-hour in advance of another new record, in the two to five c.c. engine class. Like an angry wasp, a jet takes off on its control line.

Not quite a Brabazon - but with 'planes like these Britain holds her supremacy in the air.