

ASTON MARTINS' GOODWOOD WIN

9HR INTERNATIONAL

From Our Special Correspondent
GOODWOOD, Sussex, Sunday.

Two of the new DB3S Aston Martin sports cars scored an impressive victory in the Second International Nine-Hour race which finished here at midnight last night. After gaining the lead in the closing laps of this gruelling event, they finished first and second.

A works-entered Jaguar was third. The two well prepared Jaguars entered by Ecurie Ecosse finished fourth and fifth. The class-winning Frazer-Nash of Gerard and Clarke was in sixth place.

The winning Aston Martin averaged 78.94 m.p.h. It was driven by Reg Parnell and Eric Thompson.

The second Aston Martin was driven by Peter Collins and Pat Griffith, the youthful combination which won the race last year.

Results:

OVER 2,000 c.c.: 1, Parnell and Thompson (Aston Martin), 297 laps, 78.94 m.p.h.; 2, Collins and Griffith (Aston Martin), 295 laps; 3, Whitehead and Stewart (Jaguar), 295 laps.

UP TO 2,000 c.c.: 1, Gerard and Clarke (Frazer-Nash), 280 laps; 2, Brown and Currie (Cooper Bristol), 276 laps; 3, Stoop and Wilson (Frazer-Nash), 276 laps. Team award, Frazer-Nash.

TYRE TROUBLE HITS NINE-HOUR RACE

By BASIL CARDEW

THE second Nine-Hour International car race finished on the two-and-a-half-mile Goodwood circuit early yesterday with a big question for drivers, officials, and car component men.

The question: Why did the tyres wear out so quickly compared with last year in the same race on the same course?

For this second Nine-Hour meeting was dominated by tyre trouble, irrespective of make of tyre or make of car.

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Every competitor in the 30-car field who kept going long enough experienced tremendous tyre wear—so acute that some of the stocks in the pits ran low, and one car maker had to telephone to London for extra supplies.

Tom Meyer, an amateur who races for the fun of it, said he had to make nine tyre changes. The faster men had to make up to 14.

According to the official race record, no fewer than 177 tyres were replaced before the final flag made Reg Parnell and Eric Thompson the winners at 78.94 miles an hour in a works-backed Aston Martin.

The winners covered 712.8 miles. The other competitors did not go

so far. So the wear was hardly due to distance.

"If only it would rain," said one tyre man. "That at least would save the tyres being worn so quickly."

Two works-entered Jaguar sports cars led for eight hours. But in quick succession they retired 50 minutes from the end with lack of oil pressure and damaged engines.

So 41-year-old Reg Parnell, of Derby, who is having a wonderful season, with four successive wins, raced on to win.

Another Aston Martin, driven by Peter Collins and Pat Griffith, was second. Third was a Jaguar driven by Peter Whitehead and Ian Stewart.

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