

IMPORT Auto TALK



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ROAD AND TRACK MAGAZINE ROAD TESTS
DATSUN 1200 COUPE

We've always looked upon Road & Track magazine as one of the fairest auto mags around. They tell it like it is when they check out cars. And what is most important, they have a panel of testers give the car a thorough going over — the car is not at the mercy of a writer who might have just squabbled with his wife or have a bad hangover. The road test write-up is the combined effort of several knowledgeable journalists. And this is what they said about our Datsun 1200 coupe: "An excellent car — a really practical little fastback at a good price."

"The body form is very good."
"It's on the inside that the Datsun 1200 really comes into its own, with excellent, fully adjustable front seats and a fold-down rear seat that allows an uninterrupted cargo space 54 inches in length and 17 cu. ft. in volume (below the level of the windows — it can be nearly twice that if you're wanting to tote home a potted palm and vision to the rear isn't required). The deck opening is standard size, not including the rear window as on the Vega coupe of 240-Z, but bulky objects can be loaded without too much difficulty. Upholstery is of good-quality black vinyl." All-around vision is good, unobscured by the headrests when in their down position. The windshield washers are tremendously effective. "Driving the car is enlightening. How can a little 4-cylinder engine working hard, remain so smooth and quiet? Datsun engineers deserve great praise for this (as well as close attention from other makers who hope to compete in the small car market — we could mention domestic newcomers with distinctly less refined engines). Datsun is a very light car — the curb weight is only 1645 lbs. — its 69 bhp and 70 lb-ft of torque make it very lively; much livelier, with only a driver aboard, than our test figures indicate. The gear ratios are well chosen for strong pulling with a minimum of shifting: no conscious effort to keep engine speed up is needed."

"Handling and ride are both excellent. The steering is light but positive."

"For both cornering and comfort, the Datsun's suspension is really doing its job."

"The brakes, discs in front and drums at the rear, are strong."

"All in all, the Datsun 1200 is a really driveable, fully usable, sporty family car that's hard to improve upon for around-town daily use. It's economical in first cost and fuel economy and gives every indication of being economical in that more important way — dependable service. It's big enough for a family of four (with more backseat room than some Ponycars) and with the rear seat folded down has St. Bernard-size cargo capability. Most important, everything seems to have been designed for convenience and ease of operation — it's a friendly car that does almost everything well."

These excerpts were taken from the November issue of Road & Track. We have a copy for viewing at our dealership.



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The wonderful world of speed and competition

Nations and manufacturers and people all over the world are always trying to prove something — like they're better, faster, more "achieving" than the competition. Time and time again Japan has proven itself as one of the most "achieving" countries. Its manufacturers have built reputations based on advanced-design fine quality products. Its people are proving they can beat the best in the world at things that are new to the Japanese. One of the most remarkable achievements was that of Moroshita Masaru. He skis. Oh boy, how he skis! In fact, he's the fastest skier in the world. Would you believe 113.887 mph? Masaru (now called "the missile") set a new world record of 113.887 mph in a ski speed competition known as the Kilometro Lanciato, or kilometer flying start on a remote and lofty glacier above Cervina in the Italian Alps. Dressed in a skintight outfit, crash helmet designed with points similar to the prow of a ship, and on a special pair of Kazama 240 cm. downhill skis weighing 20 lbs., he blasted down the mountain like a bullet in a super-streamlined "egg" position. Even his ski pole baskets were cone-shaped to reduce wind drag. The 117-pound champion beat the previous world record of 104.86 mph by a healthy margin. His time was followed closely by Nishi Masaru at 113.733 mph and Satoshi Shimizu at 113.539 mph. What's all this got to do with selling and caring for Datsun cars which is the name of my game? Nothing, I just thought you might be interested. . . Watch for our next Import Auto Talk, Feb. 17

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Puckwomen drop two

By MARG POSTE

Tuesday night the York hockey women travelled to the University of Guelph to take on a strong Gryphonette team. Guelph came out skating and checking hard and outscored York in a 5-1 game. York's only goal was scored by Sharon "Gibber" Gibson, her first of the season.

On Saturday, York hosted the McGill team. In a turnabout from Tuesday night, York came out

strongly and time after time beat McGill to the puck.

York had many scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize on the many rebounds that the McGill goalie allowed. The period ended with York outshooting McGill 12-4 but the score tied at 0-0.

In the second period York left their fire in the dressing room and McGill scored two unanswered goals.

York came back fighting in the

third until a defensive miscue allowed a score by McGill's Joyce Johannson, assisted by Dawn Johannson. The final score was 3-0 for McGill.

GOAL POSTE's — The outstanding player for York was Norma Schritt who skated well and narrowly missed a number of scoring opportunities. . . Liz Bowes and Bev Mabson were two other persistent diggers. . . Next home game is Wednesday against McMaster.

Clark leads Eraser comeback as Idiots held to a 2-2 tie

A last minute goal by Excalibur's hard nosed defenceman Tim Clark enabled the Erasers to tie the team of the Department of Information Dips and the Duplicating Dolphins 2-2 before a deliriously happy crowd at the York Ice Palace Friday.

Wendy Mitchell of the Department of Information opened the scoring in the first period by tipping a rebound past sprawling Eraser goalie Marilyn Smith. Smith had made two brilliant saves before, kicking out hard, low drives to either side. Her failure to cover her rebounds though proved to be her undoing on both Dips' goals.

Tim Clark pulled the Erasers even with a hard, rising shot that picked the top right hand corner from 15 feet towards the end of the first period.

Then a defensive miscue in the Erasers zone allowed the Dolphins and Dips to regain the lead. In an effort to clear, Clark shot the puck at his own net. The startled Eraser goalie made the initial stop, but the rebound came back out on to the stick of the Dips' Jim Park who knocked it into the empty net. A frustrated Marilyn Smith was heard

to say something about Clark's canine ancestry after the game.

The score remained 2-1 in favor of the Dolphins and Dips until the final minute of the game. On a two on one break the speedy Eraser centre, Alan (Rocket) Risen, took the puck in front of the net and blasted a drive which forced the Dolphin goalie to do the splits to make the save. Then after a couple of unsuccessful pokes at the bouncing puck by both Risen and Clark, Clark finally potted the tying goal with just seconds remaining.

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Badminton women travel to Laurentian

York's women's badminton team travelled to Laurentian over the weekend for Part II of the OWIAA Championships. Keen competition from the universities of Waterloo, Waterloo-Lutheran and Queen's limited their success to eight wins in eighteen starts in the singles division and four out of nine in doubles. Sandy Silver, Diane Warriner, Ellen Kliminko, Rita Harley, Rosemary Cashey and Susan Fullerton registered wins for York.

Synch swim team places fourth

York's Suzanne Duchesneau's performance in the solos and figures events gave her possession of third and fifth place respectively, at Windsor's open invitational synchronized swim meet. Debbie Cambell placed fourth in the solos event. York's team routine captured fourth place.

York swimmers edge Waterloo 57-52

York defeated Waterloo 57-52 in a Dual meet held here on Saturday. Winners for York were: Sue Purchase first in the 200 metre individual medley and 400 metre free-style; Paula Thomson, first in the 100 and 200 metre free-style; Lyn Logan, second in the 50 metre free-style and 100 metre butterfly; Karen Shinn, first in the 200 metre backstroke; Kathy Lane, first in one-metre diving and second in three-metre diving; and Elsbeth Bell, first in three-metre diving and second in one-metre diving. York's medley relay team registered a first.

Girls v-ball drops close one

The visiting York girls team dropped a tough 15-8, 15-6, 15-12 match to U of T last Wednesday. The Yeowomen came closest to winning in the third game when they came back from a 11-2 deficit to take a 12-11 lead. York is still second in its division four points behind Toronto.

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