



The Presidents Occasional Newsletter

Hi,

A Blast from the Past

Five years ago I borrowed a copy of the 22nd May 1935 "Cycling" from Tony Farmborough. It was the "Grand Whitsun Number" with a circulation of over 80'000 weekly, compare that to recent figures, circa 25'000! I guess it was the only magazine catering for our sport in those far off days (88 years ago and costing 2 old pence). There was a lot of advertising, 50 of the 90 pages, with items such as Holdsworth's tourist pyjamas in mercerised poplin for 9 shillings and 11 pence (50p), they roll up very small! This among an amazing variety of bicycles, priced at £5 to £10, mostly single speed, plus tyres and camping accessories, with a revolutionary Cyclo derailleur, a Villiers two speed gearing system and Sturmey Archer hub gears pointing the way to future developments. Some companies advertising survive to this day such as Dawes, Claud Butler, and the Ordnance Survey, but many, indeed most, are no more. Hang on, there is even an advert for Players cigarettes, 20 for 11 1/2 pence (just under 5p), cheap coughing! They did not know any better at the time. A lovely little story found in the mag records a rider on a club run coming across an incident where a child is in difficulty climbing on a cliff at Lulworth Cove. The cyclist is lowered down the cliff on a rope, rescues the child and then continues with his ride. Chapeau.

In the race reports my first club, South Eastern RC, held a "50" won in 2.19.25 with some names I recall, though I was not born at the time the magazine was published! Notably mainly time trial and track results feature as road racing was in it's infancy, however, there is a report of the "First Donington Trial" which was a 49 mile selection event for the World's Road Championship.



The race was held in continuous cold rain with only 5 of the 19 starters finishing! The winner was Percy Stallard, the father of road racing in this country. In fifth place, having been the most aggressive rider throughout, was Richard (Dick) Goodman racing for Luton Whs.

In 1936 Dick and his friend Charlie Cole were selected to represent their country at the World Championships in Spain, however the Spanish Civil War broke out and prevented them competing. Later a notable win for this "track man" was the North Road 24 hour time trial in which he recorded 406 miles. He went on to win many veteran championships before tragically he was killed while cycling over to see Charlie in Dunstable in 1975. Charlie had a bike shop there which I recall passing many times, it had a 'penny farthing' fitted like a pub sign above the entrance!

Dick, father of Goz Goodman, was a founder member of NBRC, a regular grass track rider and prolific time triallist. He won many prizes, some of them large items, which Goz recalls he brought home on his bike! Dick and Goz rode many Gentlemen's 2 up races on the continent, winning many trophies.

Goz rode as a pro for 6 years, 1965/6 for Viking, 1967 Trumann's Steel, 1968 Carlton and 1969/70 Mackeson. After winning many races in the late 1950's, Goz became a name to be reckoned with after victory in the Manx Mannin Veg Race during the Isle of Man Cycling Week in 1960, following this with a Division Championship next year and in 1962 he was 2nd in both the Manx International and the National Champs RR (amateur). In 1963, he won the Bath to London race and the Twickenham International as well as many podiums in big races. As an amateur for five years Goz won 45 road races, 13 time trials and 49 club events.

The year he jumped to pro (1965) Goz recorded 6 notable wins including the North Bucks Grand Prix, the Tour of the Peak, the Ham Hill Road race and the prestigious Criterium des Vainquers (The Race of Winners) in Colchester. 1966 saw a continuation of his winning ways with the Charrington Road Race, Stage 1 of the Huddersfield 2 Day, 2 sections of the Thornhill Crit series, including the overall prize. He won the Golden Wheel Elite Road Series as well as becoming British Professional Road Champion at Paignton, Devon. In all Goz won 11 races this year. After his stellar year wins became fewer but two notable firsts were in 1967, the Oxfordshire Elite RR and the Hugo Koblet Memorial. 1968 saw him winning the Magicote Grand Prix. In 1969 he was victorious in the Keighley Festival Madison with Mick Ives. He was still racing a full season for his team and he placed 4th in the National Championships run locally on the Mentmore circuit.

As a professional Goz won 6 races in 1965, had 11 victories in 1966, 2 in '67 and 1 each in '68 and '69.

Both Dick and Goz served as President of the North Bucks Road Club, a position I am proud to hold currently.

Dick Selley



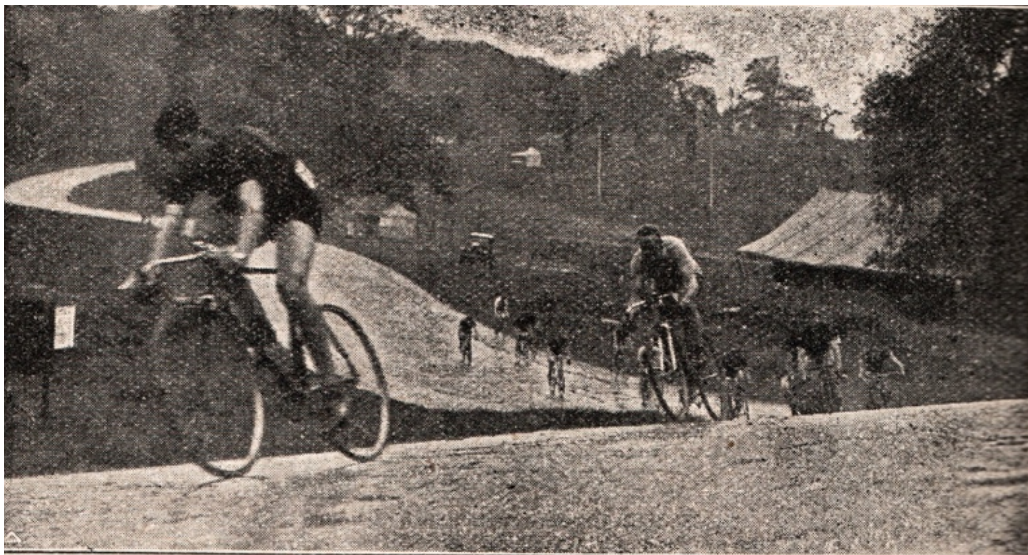
Goz outsprints Bernard Burns and the break to win the Championship



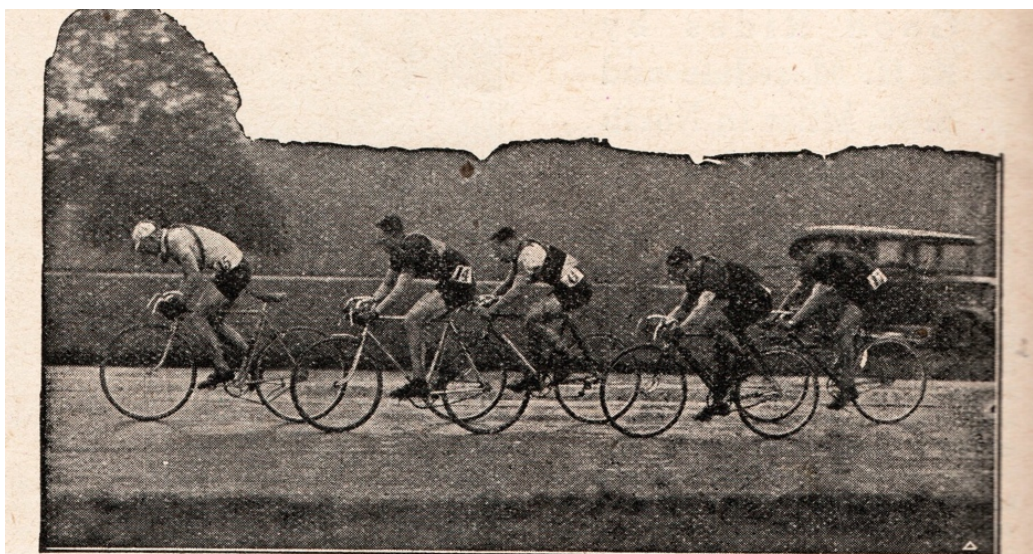
Goz with team mates George Halls and Wes Mason



George Halls, Bill Bradley, Goz, Albert Hitchen, Wes Mason, Billy Holmes and Pete Gordon



R. Goodman, Luton, leading Ghilk and the field in the early stages of last Sunday's Donington Trial.



The first Donington practice race. These five riders, Stallard, Pearce, Hooper, Woodall and Goodman, with eight miles to go, are in the order in which they eventually finished.

FIRST DONINGTON TRIAL

THE first practice race at Donington Park, near Derby, in connection with the World's Road Championship Trial took place last Sunday. Of the 19 starters, P. T. Stallard, Wolverhampton Wheelers, proved his massed-start racing qualities by a convincing win in conditions that could hardly have been worse. Throughout the 19 laps of the 2-mile 1,000-yd. circuit, making a total distance of approximately 49 miles, the continuous rain was accompanied by bitter cold.

Only five riders completed the course, and they finished singly as though the event had been a road time trial. Stallard clocked 2 hrs. 19 mins. 57 secs., which time, slow as it was for the distance, was a creditable ride on the day. His clubmate, L. G. Pearce, was second in 2.20.29, and F. T. Hooper, De Laune, was third with 2.20.44. S. Woodall, Wolverhampton, was fourth, 2.22.14, and R. Goodman, Luton, fifth, 2.22.47.

F. O. Ghilks, Sutton-in-Ashfield, was amongst the starters, but he retired after 11 laps with eye trouble, due to water, probably containing road tar, splashed up by the other riders' wheels. Stallard took the precaution of wearing goggles. W. Barnes, Charlotteville, was

amongst those who retired early. J. Tutton, Wolverhampton, rode well. He punctured in the fourth lap, but kept on in a lone ride, making good progress in the conditions, until, after 12 laps, realizing that he could not catch the leaders, he retired.

The most noteworthy rider for more than half the distance was Goodman, who passed the time-keeper amongst the first three at the end of each of the first 12 laps. He then dropped behind for a time, caught the leaders again at 16 laps and then, when the string-out occurred, he dropped to fifth place and finished as stated above.

The Donington course provides exact road-racing conditions, and the riders agreed that it is better than Brooklands from the point of view of world's championship preparation. The next practice race will be on June 16, whilst the World's Road Championship Trial proper, to which the public will be admitted, takes place on Saturday, June 29, over 39 laps, approximately 100 miles. Entry forms are now available.

This trial is being organized by the Derby and District Motor Club, Ltd., in conjunction with the National Cyclists' Union, Ltd.

2023 Results

New Years Day "10"			
1 st	Ciaron Dorrity	Greenlight PT	26.36
2 nd	Matt Exley	Private member	27.04
3 rd	Jason Lee	TMK	27.11

18.323 Beachampton				1.4.23 Beachampton			
1 st	Robert Saunders	NBRC	28.47	1 st	Simon Cannings	EquipeVelo	26.23
2 nd	Mark Halliday	NBRC	29.17	2 nd	James Richardson	NBRC	27.12
3 rd	David Powell	LBRCC	32.29	3 rd	Robert Saunders	NBRC	28.35
4	Mark Powell	Broughton CG	33.50	4	David Powell	LBRCC	32.00
				5	Trevor Hook	NBRC	32.36

5.4.23 Brogborough				12.4.23 Stony Stratford			
1 st	James Wooldridge	TMK	22.57	1 st	Robert Saunders	NBRC	29.54
2 nd	Robert Saunders	NBRC		2 nd	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	32.56
3 rd	David Powell	LBRCC	26.12	3 rd	Ian Freshwater	Clayton CC	40.11
4	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	26.41				

19.4.23 Astwood				26.4.23 Brogborough			
1 st	Mark Halliday	NBRC	23.54	1 st	Daniel Chambers	BMCC	20.45
2 nd	Robert Saunders	NBRC	24.54	2 nd	Adam Fisher	Cambridge CC	21.11
3 rd	Ian Markham	Chronos RT	26.19	3 rd	David Glossy	Elysium Kalas	21.34
4	Tim Fowler	Prison Services	26.24	4	Mark Halliday	NBRC	22.43
5	Jason Lee	TMK	27.00	5	David Powell	LBRCC	25.00
6	Kevin Creese	Chronos RT	27.37	6	Jason Lee	TMK	25.28
7	David Creese	Chronos RT	28.27	7	Ant Newland	Bossard Whs	26.28
				8	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	27.02
				9	Trevor Watson	Bossard Whs	27.49
				10	Steph Cousins	QN Racing	27.54

3.5.23 Astwood				10.5.23 Brogborough			
1 st	Mark Halliday	NBRC	23.36	1 st	Daniel Chambers	BMCC	21.00
2 nd	Robert Saundeers	NBRC	24.03	2 nd	James Wooldridge	TMK	22.12
3 rd	David Powell	LBRCC	26.02	3 rd	Ant Newland	Bossard Whs	26.27
4	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	27.24	4	Martyn Doublas	Redway Run	26.45
				5	Trevor Watson	Bossard Whs	27.37

17.5.23 Stony Stratford				24.5.23 Astwood			
1 st	Mark Halliday	NBRC	27.39	1 st	Leigh Smith	Equipe Velo	23.22
2 nd	Robert Saunders	NBRC	28.12	2 nd	Mark Halliday	NBRC	23.53
3 rd	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	31.30	3 rd	Robert Saunders	NBRC	24.17
4	Ian Freshwater	Clayton CC	33.57	4	Ian Markham	Chronos RT	26.19
				5	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	27.12
				6	Kevin Creese	Chronos RT	27.53
				7	Martin Day	LBRCC	28.19
				8	Steph Cousins	QN Racing	28.31
				9	Ed Stivala	TMK	29.10

31.5.23 Stoke Hammond				7.6.23 Astwood			
1 st	Robert Saunders	NBRC	24.23	1 st	Mark Halliday	NBRC	23.47
2 nd	Simon Hanrahan	Precision RT	25.26	2 nd	Robert Saunders	NBRC	24.02
3 rd	Richard Moule	Bossard Whs	26.20	3 rd	Simon Hanrahan	Precision RT	24.04
4	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	27.10	4	Alan Crane	Chronos RT	25.34
5	Ant Newland	Bossard Whs	27.21	5	Ian Markham	Chronos RT	26.00
6	Trevor Watson	Bossard Whs	28.03	6	Kevin Creese	Chronos RT	26.29
7	Steph Cousins	QN Racing	28.59	7	Richard Moule	Bossard Whs	26.38
				8	Jason Lee	TMK	26.49
				9	David Creese	Chronos RT	27.29
				10	Martyn Douglas	Redway Run	27.47
				11	Steph Cousins	QNRacing	29.36