

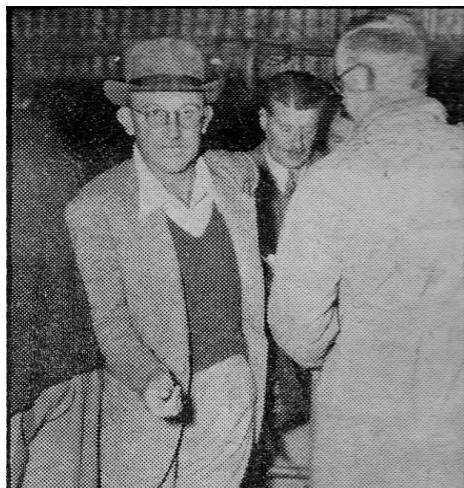
SPEEDWAY NOVICE

1. His Arrival



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2. The Fan



An eager enthusiast passes through the turnstiles. He is an artisan in private life who likes speed and thrills and wouldn't miss a Friday night at Wembley for worlds. As many as 10,000 people have been to the stadium on a single speedway night and the average weekly attendance is 5,000. After an unavailing effort to make headway in the Union before the War the sport has procured a foothold in the Union with a vengeance.

3. The Kids Love It.



Every Friday the kids of Johannesburg gets its night off to see the thrills and spills. Hundreds of young schoolgirls have taken to the sport, as they have in Britain, and even the chaperons confess with a grin that they get a thrill out of the riding.

4. One of the Best

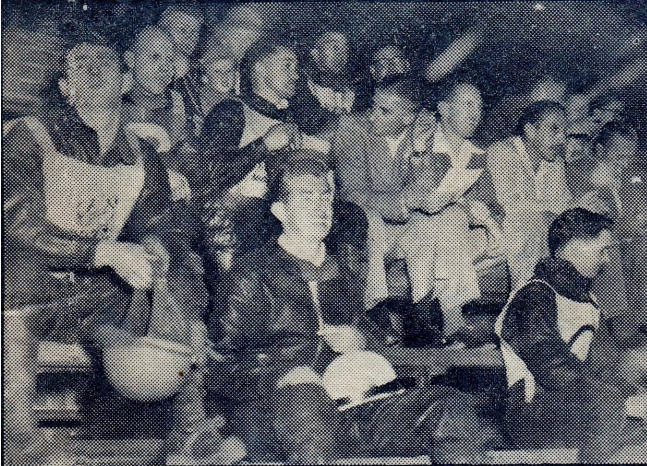


It's popular Henry Long (above) in action. He's the son of that old South African motor racing stalwart Alf Long and since the war he's been setting the cinders alight with some magnificent performances. In the winter he goes to Britain and rides in the first division for Belle Vue, - with success.

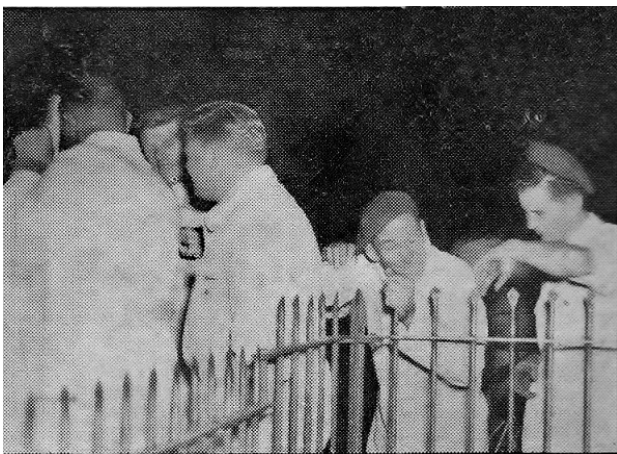
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5. With New 'Pals'



Novice Bobby sits in the special enclosure for competitors at the stadium, waiting for his turn to ride. He's nervous, before the huge crowd, but "veterans" like Alec Gould (Lt.) and Alec Blankfield (above Millan's head,) both of Pretoria Tigers, and Reg Duval, of Liverpool, (bottom Rt.) a member of the present visiting international side are his "pals" now.



6. "Ugh, Those Cinders"

The pit attendants on the safe side of the fence grimace in defence against cinders churned up, as riders make their 'glide' around a bend. In the last five years one death only has been recorded at Wembley. Riders are urged not to take dangerous unnecessary risks. In any event, ambulances and first aid attendants are always ready.

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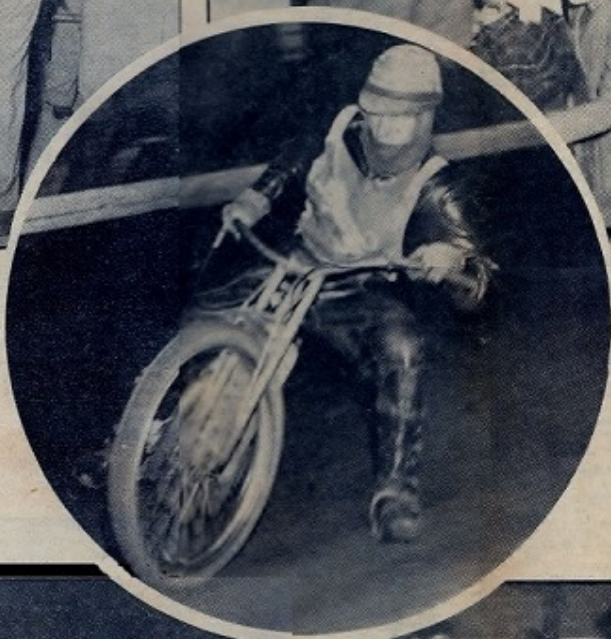


EVERY Friday night the cinders fly, highly-tuned engines roar, and thousands of fans yell and scream as riders provide thrills and spills at the Wembley speedway, Johannesburg. It was resuscitated by Mr. Gilbert Brown in 1947. The sport is mainly amateur. Riders are given an allowance because of the big costs involved in petrol, oil, machines, "leathers" etcetera, but they are not paid for winning races. About 50 South African riders compete, and recently "Spotlight" went along with a novice. Read his story on these pages.

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