

## Test Matches raced *in* Rhodesia - 1950s

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### 1953 Northern Rhodesia v. South Africa

July xx<sup>th</sup> Kitwe (Kitana Stadium), Northern Rhodesia.  
Sept.11<sup>th</sup> Kitwe (Kitana Stadium), Northern Rhodesia.

	Northern Rhodesia	40	South Africa	36
July xx <sup>th</sup>	Bert Clark	10	Toby Boshoff	?
			Harry Serrurier	?
			Fred van Zyl	?
			Team manager : B.Fuller	
Sept.11 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Rhodesia	?	South Africa	?
	Alan Chambers		Bruce Aitken	
	Bert Clark		Johnny Bekker	
	Phillip Liebenberg		Brian Ellis	
	Attie Olivier		Sonny James	
	George Paulsen		Doe Luyendyk	
	Stan Paulsen		Bud Messer	
	Bob Serrurier ©		Doug Serrurier ©	
	Johnny Theron		Allan Thomas	

### 1953 Rhodesia v. South Africa

Bulawayo Showgrounds, Southern Rhodesia.

	Rhodesia	34	South Africa	37
Sept.5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Raw (S A) ©		Doug Serrurier (S A) ©	9
	Johnny Bekker (S R)		Bob Serrurier (S A)	8
	Dave Naude (S A)	10	Sonny James (S A)	
	Joe Blankfield (S A)	9	Harry du Toit (S A)	6
	Toby Boshoff (S A)	8	Doe Luyendyk (S A)	6
	Bert Clark (N R)		Stan Paulsen (N R)	

Royal Show Handicap: Naude, James, Clark  
Rhodesian Golden Helmet Match Race: Bob Raw beat Doug Serrurier

This match, the very first speedway meeting in Southern Rhodesia, was held at the conclusion of the Royal Agricultural Show, and the teams were a mixture of riders from South Africa (S A), Southern Rhodesia (S R), and Northern Rhodesia (N R). The track was 470 yards long and appears to have had four distinct corners.

A 3-lap track record of 70.1 secs was set in the final heat of the match.

The attendance was 12,000 - a record for a sporting event in Bulawayo, and a quarter of the town's population.

Bert Clark, of Northern Rhodesia, became the first Rhodesian to ride in the UK when he rode for the ill-fated Edinburg team in 1954.

The above details have been researched by Ken MacLeod from the Herald (Salisbury) and the Chronicle (Bulawayo).

### 1953-54 Britain v Dominions

Tue 29.12 : Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia (Att: 7,500)

Britain	58	Dominions	50		
1 Freddie Williams (Wal) ©	3 3 2 2 2 3	15+1	1 Trevor Redmond (NZ) ©	2 2 2 0 0 3	9+1
2 Bertie Hall (Sth Rho)	0 1 0 - 1' 0	2+1	2 Harry Serrurier (Sth Af)	1' 3 1 1 2 1	9+2
3 Bill Kitchen (Eng)	2 1 2 3 3 1	12+2	3 Dick Campbell (NZ)	0 1 1 1 1 1	5+2
4 Reg Duval (Eng)	1' 0 3 2 1 2	9+2	4 Roy Bester (Sth Af)	3 2 3 0 3 2	13
5 Ian Williams (Wal)	3 3 3 3 2 1	14	5 Fred Lang (Sth Af)	2 2 1 2 3 3	13
6 Bert Clark (Wal / Nthn Rho)	0 0 0 1 0 2	3	6 Doug Lang (Sth Af)	1' 1 - - -	1+1
7 Howdy Byford (Eng)	3	3	7 Derek Manford (Sth Rho)	0 0 0 0	0

These results from a completed programme, (scores of the minor-points riders differ to Speedway Star.)

Bert Hall is shown as replacing Byford in his other rides, Bert Clark replaces absent Don Perry, and Ian Williams replaces absent Brian Crutcher - all in the Britain team.

RHODESIAN GOLDEN HELMET: Freddie Williams beat Trevor Redmond

### 1954-55 South Africa v British Commonwealth

29.12 : Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

South Africa	52	British Commonwealth	56
Bert Hall (Rho) ©	11	Barry Briggs (NZ)	15
Doug Davies	11	Kan McKinlay (Scott) ©	12
Roy Bester	11	Ronnie Ganz (Eng)	11
Peter Dykes (Rho / NZ)	9	Allan Quinn (Aus)	7
Arthur Duncan	5	Gerald Jackson (Eng)	5
Doug Serrurier	5	Peter Clark (NZ)	5
Neil Mortimer	0	Junior Bainbridge (Aus)	1

South Africa were captained by former Rhodesian road racer Bert Hall for this one-off international match.

Kiwi Peter Dykes had apparently been living in Bulawayo in 1954.

The Commonwealth took 5-1's in each of the last three heats to win.

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### 1955-56 British Commonwealth v Scandinavia

28.12 : Bulawayo Showgrounds, Southern Rhodesia

British Commonwealth	31	Scandinavia	46
Alan Hunt	11	Olle Nygren ©	12
Henry Long	11	Basse Hveem	8
Bev Bird	4	Rune Sormander	7
Fred Wills ©	3	Lasse Petterson	5
Neil Mortimer	2	Dan Forsberg	5
Doug Davies	0	Ulf Ericsson	5
Neil Neilson*	0	Reidar Kristoffersen	3
		Neil Neilson*	1

\* Note : Neil Neilson had one ride for each team.

Also staged :

RHODESIAN GOLDEN HELMET FINAL : 1<sup>st</sup> R.Sormander, 2<sup>nd</sup> A.Hunt, 3<sup>rd</sup> N.Mortimer

### 1956-57 South Africa v. England

England won series 4-3

Fri 30.11 :	Bloemfontein (Railway Grounds)	South Africa	57	England	51
Fri 07.12 :	Johannesburg (Wembley)	South Africa	58	England	49
Sat 15.12 :	Port Elizabeth	South Africa	46	England	57
Fri 28.12 :	Cape Town (Goodwood Shwgrds)	South Africa	50	England	57 (Att: 10,000)
Sat 19.01	Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia	South Africa	49	England	56
Fri 15.02 :	Johannesburg (Wembley)	South Africa	57	England	51
Sat 23.02 :	Durban (Hoy Park)	South Africa	49	England	59

Important - The British speedway press referred to this as a 5-match series, i.e. excluding the matches at Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, which were deemed unofficial. However, research carried out by Ken MacLeod in the South African press - the Star (Johannesburg), the Rand Daily Mail, the Natal Daily News, and Sapa (South African Press Association) - has now confirmed that all seven matches were officially part of the series. However, the programme for the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. match at Bulawayo refers to it as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Test (not 5th). Yes, I'm confused too!  
- This series was run on tracks controlled by Buddy Fuller's South African Riders' Association, and outside the jurisdiction of the South African Control Board, who declared all the matches to be unofficial, and all the competing riders suspended.

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	Total	England	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	Total
Doug Davies	17	14	?	15	0	18	17		Eric Boothroyd	5	13	?	6	15	11	7	
Henry Long ©	15	0	?	7	7	18	14		Ron Mountford*	14	4	?	10	16	11	11	
Roy Bester	8	15	?	16	8	13	9		Alan Hunt ©	11	15	?	11	11	-	-	
Neil Mortimer	14	14	?	-	6	5	-		Peter Williams	8	12	?	10	5	5	6	
Arthur Duncan	0	5	?	6	6	0	4		Jimmy Gooch	7	0	?	5	6	12	14	
Pat McKenzie	0	7	-	3	-	2	0		Jim Lightfoot	0	4	?	9	3	5	13	
Bev Bird (Rhod)	-	-	-	-	9	-	-		Nick Nicholls	6	1	?	3	0	7	5	
Roy Browning	-	-	-	-	-	-	5		Vic Ridgeon	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Toy Edwards	3	3	-	-	-	-	-		Dave Collins	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	
Claude Warne	-	-	?	-	3	-	-										
Johnny Gander	-	-	-	-	-	1	-										
Vern McWilliams	-	-	-	-	-	-	0										
Malcolm Dean	-	-	?	-	-	-	-										
Dave Collins	-	-	-	-	2	-	-										
Johnny Bekker	-	-	-	0	-	-	-										

† Point-scorers for the 4th Test (Cape Town) are based on the slightly incomplete heat details shown below, and do not agree with the final scores.

### 1957-58 South Africa v. Europe

South Africa won series 3½-1½

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25.01 : Durban	South Africa	57	Europe	50
01.02 : Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia	South Africa	40½	Europe	64½
07.02 : Pretoria	South Africa	53	Europe	52
01.03 : Springs (Olympia Park)	South Africa	54	Europe	54
08.03 : Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia	South Africa	(won)	Europe	?

Note :- According to the programme for the 5th Test, the result of the 1st Test (Durban) was 57-49, and of

the 2nd Test (Bulawayo) was 42½-64½.

- Henry Long set a track record of 59.8 sec when beating Ove Fundin in heat 18 of the 5th Test at Bulawayo.

South Africa	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	Total	Europe	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	Total
Trevor Redmond	11	10½	14	18	?		Olle Nygren (Swe)	14	17	17	15	-	63
Henry Long	16	-	13	15	?		Ove Fundin (Swe) ©	15	18	15	14	?	
Trevor Blokdyk	10	10	8	6	?	24	Dennis Newton (Eng)	2	13½	9	10	?	
Roy Bester	13	-	7	4	-		Bob Andrews (Eng)	7	5	3	8	?	
Howdy Cornell	-	4	-	9	?		Roy Bowers (Eng)	10	4	4	4	?	
Toy Edwards	4	9	-	-	?		Des Haswell (Eng)	2	7	4	3	?	
Neil Mortimer	-	-	9	-	-	9	Graham White	0	-	-	-	-	0
Jimmy Scott	-	5	-	-	-	5	Charles Branders (SA)	-	-	-	-	-	?
Bev Bird (Rhod)	-	2	-	-	-	2	Bev Bird (Rhod)	-	-	-	-	-	?
Johnny Ackerman	-	-	-	2	-	2							
Claude Warne	-	-	2	-	-	2							
Gerry Hickson	2	-	-	-	-	2							
Vern McWilliams	1	-	-	-	-	1							
Nick Dornhehl	-	0	-	-	-	0							
Neil Neilson (Rh)	-	0	-	-	-	0							
Arthur Duncan	-	-	-	-	?								
Aubrey Long	-	-	-	-	?								

Scorers for 5th Test not available - scheduled teams indicated by "?" in scores