



Special charity meetings for Hunt's dependants

writes **BUDDY FULLER**

Johannesburg, Transvaal. FOLLOWING the untimely death of Alan Hunt a special charity meeting was staged at Durban on February 16 and the entire proceeds were donated to his widow, Eve.

This meeting will be staged annually as a benefit for her and the two children. As a mark of respect for Alan all S.R.A. programmes carried a special tribute to him (reproduced above).

An official of the S.R.A. met Vic Ridgeon when he came off the "Winchester Castle" on February 18 and he was due to ride in the next Durban meeting.

Merv and Bryce stole the honours

-Hamilton

crowds return

reports **ALAN CLARK**

Hamilton, N.Z.

MERV Neil and Bryce Subritzky raced at the Forest Lake Stadium, Hamilton, on February 2, and it was as well they did for they boosted from recent 500-600 gates back into the thousands bracket.

In the first race the handicaps were Bryce Subritzky (140), Gordon Anderson (90), Ernie Rose (50), George Wi (10) and Maury Fisher (limit). Wi took the lead from the start and resisted all challenges. Anderson rode a grand race to keep Subritzky pegged back into third spot.

In the next heat the line-up was Merv Neil (160), Rex Sharpe (80), Lon Higgins (40) and D. Taylor (limit). Try as he did, Neil could not catch Sharpe and he had to be content with second place. Higgins rode home third.

In the third race the positions were Merv Neil (160), Bryce Subritzky (140), Gordon Anderson (90), Rex Sharpe (80), George Wi (50). This race had all the fast men competing and Neil made no mistakes as he beat Subritzky and Anderson.

The fourth race had Rex Sharpe (80), Ernie Rose (50), Lon Higgins (40), Murray Fisher (10) and D. Taylor (limit) on parade. Sharpe rode well to come through the field to win from Taylor and Higgins. The



Bester takes helmet

Photo above from Port Elizabeth, South Africa shows Roy Bester (right) wearing the "Golden Helmet" and holding the trophy after his victory in the Eastern Province Championship. Eric Boothroyd (centre) finished second and was presented with the "Silver Gauntlets." Doug Davies (left) took third place.

Short meet at Western Springs

Auckland, N.Z.

A SHORT speedway meeting was run at Western Springs on February as part of the Birthday Carnival of Auckland. The meeting comprised twelve events made up of four solo races, two side-car races, three T.O. races and three midjet races (reports **ALAN CLARK**).

In heat one the riders were M. Neil (50), Jeff Ryan (40), Bob Anderson (30), Lin Herbert (30) and Graham Coombes (limit). Merv took the lead on the first lap and was never in danger of being caught. Ryan came in second while first year rider Coombes did well to take third place. Next outing had Subritzky (50), Fairhurst (50), Jelaca (40), Allen (30) and Scharvi (20). Scharvi held the lead for two laps but when Jelaca fell Scharvi failed to resist Subritzky's challenge. Fairhurst came in third.

The third race was the Junior Handicap and brought out on to the line P. Knight (20), Phil Hewitt (10), Charlie Rolfe (10), Rex Livingston (10) and Michael Gatt (limit). After a false start they eventually made it at the second attempt... save for Gatt who stalled on the gate. Knight took the lead but was passed by Livingston on the third lap and Hewitt on the run in.

The final solo race had Neil, Fairhurst, Subritzky and Ryan on 50 yards, Scharvi on 20 yards. From the start the race developed into a ding-dong struggle between Neil and Subritzky with Neil gaining the advantage on the last lap. Scharvi fell on the last lap. Result was Neil, Subritzky and Fairhurst.

The first side-car race line-up was Jeff Ryan (Bob Soanes) on 100 yards; Goog Allan (Alan Clark) on 80 yards; Ken Worth (J. Bloomfield) on 10 yards; Joe Williamson (Warren Fox) on 20 yards; Bill Leuty (R. Lawrence) on 10 yards.

Worth driving a 1,000 c.c. Vincent took the lead with the field bunched behind him. Ryan passed him on the third lap and Allan only just failed to edge past Worth as well.

In the second side-car race Leuty took the lead but was passed by Allan on the third lap.

fifth solo race, event ten on the programme, featured Merv Neil (160), B. Subritzky (140), G. Anderson (90), R. Sharpe (80), D. Taylor (50). Neil rode a very fast race to come through from the back and his time of 77.2 seconds was a new track record. Anderson took second place from Subritzky. The previous record, 77.4 seconds, was held by Goog Allen.

Next race was a two-lap dash featuring Merv Neil and Gordon Anderson. Idea was to see if either of them could crack open Subritzky's record time of 39 seconds. Neil equalled while Anderson turned in 39.8 seconds.

Out for the next solo event came Lon Higgins (30), George Wi (20), Murray Fisher and George Weygang (10). Fisher took the lead and held it all the way. Weygang put up a grand effort until he fell. Result was Fisher, Wi and Higgins.

The final solo race featured Neil (90), Subritzky (80), Anderson (40), Sharpe (30) and Rose (limit). Neil fell when trying to overtake Subritzky in the same spot that he crashed earlier in the season. This time though he escaped injury. Subritzky won from Anderson and Rose.

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