

THE HENRY LONG COLLECTION

Part 7 – 1952/'53 Season

The 1952/53 season started earlier than any other with Roy Bester winning the Spring Trophy at Wembley on 5th September. The reason was that for the first time there would be two international sides visiting the Union with a Combined Europe team scheduled to tour from October to December and a New Zealand side from December until March 1953. South Africa won both Test series by the same 3-2 margin. The internationals were closely fought with the outcome of both going down to the last Test. The Springboks showed they were a force in world speedway but luck was with them as the touring sides suffered with injuries to key men; the Dutch ace Tinus Metzelaar of Combined Europe broke a leg having ridden in only one Test whilst Jack Cunningham experienced an identical injury shortly before the Kiwis first Test. The Englishman Bill Dalton, the Durban Hornets captain, replaced Metzelaar for the remaining four Tests of that series with New Zealand using local replacements as and when necessary. A triangular international was also staged between all three teams, New Zealand winning from the Springboks.

Three riders dominated the stage - Henry Long, Basse Hveem and Ronnie Moore. Although in the latter stages of his career Hveem, winner of multiple Norwegian and Scandinavian titles in both speedway and long track, set the local scene alight and his accomplishments in his short stay were immense. Prime achievement was his 6 consecutive maximums for Durban Hornets in the SA National League. With Hveem's return to Europe, Moore took his place at Durban and he proceeded to guide the Natal team to the first National League Championship. Henry Long was not overshadowed by these two world stars and although not as prolific in trophy gathering as the previous season still emphasised his stature as the man to beat in South Africa. After having earlier forfeited the Wembley Golden Helmet due to his overseas commitments, he regained the match-race title in February by defeating Ronnie Moore and successfully held it until season's end. Long retained the National, Transvaal and Wembley Open championships but surrendered the National Handicap title to Fred Lang at Boksburg. The Natal Championship continued to elude Long, as a fall in his last heat handed the honours to Bob Serrurier.

Besides the Golden Helmet at Wembley, Durban and Boksburg continued to stage their own match race championships first introduced in 1951/52. The prize at both was a Silver Helmet, and contests to claim the trophies were keen, none more so than when Ronnie Moore challenged Roy Bester in January 1953 for the East Rand (Boksburg) title. The 'best of three' contest saw Moore victorious by 1-0 with the other two races judged to be dead-heats as the referee could not split the riders as they crossed the finish line.

The junior scene was vibrant and a second National Junior competition was staged, – Doug Lang emerging victorious – , together with Transvaal and Natal Junior Championships. The work performed at the Vlakplaats training track was bearing fruit.

The emergence of a Durban Hornets team enabled the Transvaal League to be consigned to history and a National League of four teams was formed. The Germiston Stars, Wembley Lions and Boksburg Bees retained their league membership with the Hornets replacing the Pretoria Tigers. The coastal side were comfortable winners of the new competition and secured the title with a victory over Boksburg Bees at their own Hoy Park track in February.

Again growth of the sport was on the drawing board. After successful appearances at the Springs Show in 1953 and the two years before that, moves were being made to set the sport up at a permanent base in the far East Rand. On the West Rand local authorities were involved in discussions for a track to be built at Randfontein. The potential spread of speedway was not confined within the Union's borders. For many years there had been rumours and proposals for the sport to be introduced into Southern Rhodesia, none of which had thus far come to fruition. All forms of motorcycle racing north of the Limpopo River were very popular and various events were held around the country at venues such as Umgusa near Bulawayo. The domestic off-season would finally herald the birth of speedway in Central Africa.

1952/'53 season Roll of Honour

Test Series:	- S Africa 3 Combined Europe 2; - S Africa 3 New Zealand 2
SA National Championship :	- Henry Long @ Wembley
SA National Handicap Chmpshp (Yanx Trophy):	- Fred Lang @ Boksburg
SA National Junior Championship:	- Doug Lang @ Wembley
Transvaal Championship:	- Henry Long @ Boksburg
Natal Championship:	- Bob Serrurier @ Hoy Park, Durban
Wembley Open Championship:	- Henry Long
Wembley Match Race Chmpshp E-o-S Holder:	- Henry Long
East Rand (Boksburg) Match Race Chmpshp, E-o-S Holder:	- Ronnie Moore
Durban Match Race Championship E-o-S Holder:	- Ronnie Moore
SA National League Champions:	- Durban Hornets

Wills regains speedway title

*Saturday
Sept. 13
1952*

FRED WILLS, the former national speedway champion, is back to form and will be the first man to tackle the redoubtable Henry Long when the title holder returns from England.

Wills won the right to defend the match race championship against Long when he convincingly defeated Roy Bester in straight heats at Wembley Stadium last night. He dashed from the gate in both heats—the second in a re-run after Bester had fallen in the first lap—on a machine which many people mistook for Buddy Fuller's.

Fuller worked on the engine during the morning with the assistance of Bester, who ruefully admitted that the result was a combination of man and machine which he could not match.

MAXIMUM POINTS

Winning the match race event was not the end of Wills's success for he scored a maximum in the national league match between Boksburg Bees and Germiston Stars. Unfortunately his team did not give him great support and Boksburg were beaten by 35 points to 43.



F. Wills

For six weeks the score was level but from then on the Germiston team forged ahead. Sonny James, the former road racer won the reserves race and later in the evening won a heat in the scratch series. He rode a machine which was used by the American, Ernie Rococo, when he was killed on a track in England recently. Fuller brought the machine to South Africa.

James finds speedway more tiring than road racing but likes it much better. With his even style he should be able to get into a higher class in the near future.

There were flashes of great riding from other riders. Harry Serrurier beat three internationals in heat three and made a grand effort to catch Bester in the final heat of the final event. Joe Blankfield was the highest scorer among the second string riders and his brother, Alec, scored more points than anybody except Wills.

RESULTS

The heat winners in the league match were: F. Wills (B.), 78.2sec.; B. Raw (B.), 78.6sec.; H. Serrurier (B.), 79.8sec.; B. Raw (B.), 78.8sec.; T. Boshoff (G.), 79.7sec.; F. Wills (B.), 79.2sec.; D. Serrurier (G.), 79.6 sec.; S. James (G.), 83.2sec.; F. Wills (B.), 79.9sec.; J. Blankfield (G.), 81.2sec.; A. Blankfield (G.), 79.9sec.; J. Blankfield (G.), 81.4sec.; F. Wills (B.), 77.9sec.

The individual point scoring table was: Germiston Stars—A. Blankfield 9, D. Serrurier 8, J. Blankfield 8, T. Boshoff 7, A. Gould 4, S. James 4, D. Lang 2, A. Klootwyk 1, total 43. Boksburg Bees—F. Wills 12, B. Raw 8, F. van Zyl 6, H. Serrurier 6, D. Naude 2, G. Matthews 1, D. Collins 0, J. Pinto 0, total 35.

Hveem makes Wills break speedway record in match races

*Saturday
Oct. 11
1952*

"IT IS NO GOOD," said Reidar Kristoffersen, the youngest of the touring Continental speedway riders when asked how his engine reacted at the gate after last night's meeting at Wembley. "This Basse Hveem, he take all these riders when his engine goes," was his final summing up with a touch of pride as he spoke of his Norwegian club captain.

Members of previous touring teams have had the same initial troubles, but none of them has made a first appearance on the Wembley track to compare with Hveem's performance in his challenge match race with Fred Wills. Wills won in straight heats, but on both occasions he had to beat the record to stay in front of the Norwegian.

Hveem almost took the lead in the final lap of the second heat but his speed took him wide at the bend and Wills kept on the inside to win by two lengths. Wills's winning times were 56.5 and 56.9sec. against the former record of 57.4sec. held by Henry Andersen.

HARD RIDERS

Sluggishness from the gate made Bertil Carlsson fight from the back in his races in the four-man team competition. But he put up the fastest four-lap time of the meeting and proved himself to be a hard rider who never gives up. The same can be said of the other two visitors, Kristoffersen and Evert Anderson. Once they settle down they will give the South Africans strong competition in the test matches.

Germiston Stars won the team event, Joe Blankfield scoring 11 points and being unlucky to miss his maximum. Then Alec Blankfield and Carlsson dropped only two points between them, scoring three 5-1 wins.

RESULTS

The scores were: Germiston Stars 33 (J. Blankfield 11, B. Carlsson 10, A. Blankfield 8, T. Boshoff 4); Boksburg Bees 21 (F. van Zyl 8, E. Anderson 7, H. Serrurier 6, D. Collins 0); Wembley Lions 15 (H. du Toit 8, R. Kristoffersen 6, D. Wolfe 3, F. McKenzie 1).

The heat winners were: F. van Zyl, 79.8sec.; E. Anderson, 79.8sec.; A. Blankfield, 78.4sec.; J. Blankfield, 78.7sec.; B. Carlsson, 78.3sec.; J. Blankfield, 78.8sec.; H. Serrurier, 79.9sec.; A. Blankfield, 78.8sec.; J. Blankfield, 79.6sec.; A. Carlsson, 79.3sec.; H. du Toit, 79.9sec.; F. van Zyl, 79.7sec.

First S.A. test team

The South African team for the first speedway test match against the Continental team, to be decided at Wembley on Friday, is: Fred Wills (capt.), Bob Raw, Doug Serrurier, Roy Bester, Joe Blankfield and Buddy Fuller. Reserves: Harry du Toit and Alec Blankfield.

Determined S. Africans equal record score in winning speedway test

*Tuesday
Oct. 21
1952*

FROM THE TIME the tapes flew up for the first heat, the Continental speedway team never had a chance of beating South Africa in the first test at Wembley Stadium last night. The final score of 65-42 equalled South Africa's previous best which was against the Holland team in 1950-51.

Beaten from the gate in practically every one of the 18 heats the tourists continually faced a struggle to break through the South Africans' team riding and it was only brilliant riding by Basse Hveem and tenacious work by Tienus Metzelaar which prevented a string of 5-1 wins for the national side.

Hveem lost a point in the first heat when he was kept out by Fred Wills but from then on he was the master. During his next five rides he recorded the two best times of the season—his second heat being only half a second outside Henry Long's record. He set the seal on a great performance when he went past Roy Bester and Doug Serrurier with his throttle wide open to win the 13th heat. Without him the visitors would have been in a plight for Evert Anderson was the only other member of the team to win a heat.

DETERMINATION

South African riders have never surmounted their misfortunes with greater determination. Wills crashed into the safety fence in the sixth heat and received a bad gash on the knee but refused to go to hospital until after the meeting. He rode in another heat which he won.

Fuller said before the match that if he failed he was "washed up" as a test rider. After a good start an old hip injury recurred but he was still full of fight. Serrurier dropped his machine to the cinders to prevent a crash with Metzelaar and Karl Killmeyer rode into him. But, with a bandaged hip, Serrurier still won another

BUSY RESERVE

As a result of all the casualties Harry du Toit became a busy reserve and rose to the occasion in fine style. He had four different partners in his five rides and was third on the South Africa scoring list.

Bester won the last heat to beat Joe Blankfield by one point and become top point scorer for South Africa. They were the only men in the team to complete their programme of six rides.

HEAT RESULTS

The results of the heats were—Heat 1: F. Wills (SA) 1, B. Hveem (C) 2, B. Fuller (SA) 3, 78.2sec. Heat 2: R. Bester (SA) 1, D. Serrurier (SA) 2, B. Carlsson (C) 3, 79.7sec. Heat 3: J. Blankfield (SA) 1, T. Metzelaar (C) 2, J. Hofmeister (C) 3, 77.9sec. Heat 4: B. Hveem (C) 1, R. Bester (SA) 2, D. Serrurier (SA) 3, 75.9sec. Heat 5: J. Blankfield (SA) 1, H. du Toit (SA) 2, B. Carlsson (C) 3, 79.8sec. Heat 6: B. Fuller (SA) 1, T. Metzelaar (C) 2, 79.6sec. Heat 7: B. Hveem (C) 1, B. Raw (SA) 2, J. Blankfield (SA) 3, 76.8sec. Heat 8: H. du Toit (SA) 1, B. Carlsson (C) 2, E. Anderson (C) 3, 80.6sec. Heat 9: R. Bester (SA) 1, T. Metzelaar (C) 2, K. Killmeyer (C) 3, 77.9sec. Heat 10: B. Hveem (C) 1, H. du Toit (SA) 2, B. Fuller (SA) 3, 79.0sec. Heat 11: D. Serrurier (SA) 1, R. Bester (SA) 2, E. Anderson (C) 3, 80.5sec. Heat 12: B. Raw (SA) 1, J. Blankfield (SA) 2, T. Metzelaar (C) 3, 79.4sec. Heat 13: B. Hveem (C) 4, R. Bester (SA) 2, R. Kristoffersen (C) 3, 79.2sec. Heat 14: J. Blankfield (SA) 1, B. Raw (SA) 2, E. Anderson (C) 3, 79.4sec. Heat 15: F. Wills (SA) 1, T. Metzelaar (C) 2, H. du Toit (SA) 3, 80.0sec. Heat 16: B. Hveem (C) 1, J. Blankfield (SA) 2, B. Raw (SA) 3, 78.9sec. Heat 17: E. Anderson (C) 1, B. Fuller (SA) 2, B. Carlsson (C) 3, 79.6sec. Heat 18: R. Bester (SA) 1, T. Metzelaar (C) 2, H. du Toit (SA) 3, 78.9sec.

POINT SCORING

The individual point scoring was—South Africa—R. Bester 15, J. Blankfield 14, H. du Toit 9, B. Raw 8, B. Fuller 7, D. Serrurier 6, F. Wills 6, Total, 65. Combined European Team—B. Hveem 17, T. Metzelaar 11, E. Anderson 6, B. Carlsson 5, R. Kristoffersen 1, J. Hofmeister 1, K. Killmeyer 1, Total, 42.



Speedway Prize on Offer Today

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DUE to the waterlogged track, the speedway match scheduled for Hoy Park last night was postponed. It will be held this (Sunday) afternoon, when Miriam Smith, daughter of the promoter, shows the "Silver Helmet" prize for the match race, to Bob Raw (left) who will ride for it against Basse Hveem. Buddy Fuller (centre) looks on.



Basse Hveem (left), the captain of the Combined European speedway team, was full of smiles as he was congratulated by Doug Serrurier, the captain of the South African team, after the Continental riders had won the second test match by 55 points to 52 at Wembley Stadium last night.

RAIN HELPS EUROPEAN TEAM WIN SECOND SPEEDWAY TEST

BY WINNING THREE of the last five heats by a 5-1 margin the Combined European speedway team reversed the result of the first test against South Africa at Wembley Stadium last night when they won the second match 55-52.

Results

THE heat results in the second speedway test match were: Heat 1—R. Hveem (E.) 1, A. Blankfield (S.A.) 2, R. Kristoffersen (E.) 3 (76.1sec.). Heat 2—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, J. Blankfield (S.A.) 2, K. Killmeyer (E.) 3 (78.7sec.). Heat 3—B. Raw (S.A.) 1, H. du Toit (S.A.) 2, E. Anderson (E.) 3 (78.4sec.). Heat 4—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, J. Blankfield (S.A.) 2 (79.0sec.). Heat 5—B. Raw (S.A.) 1, K. Killmeyer (E.) 2, H. du Toit (S.A.) 3 (78.1sec.). Heat 6—D. Serrurier (S.A.) 1, A. Blankfield (S.A.) 2, E. Anderson (E.) 3 (79.5sec.). Heat 7—B. Hveem (E.) 1, B. Raw (S.A.) 2, H. du Toit (S.A.) 3 (78.1sec.). Heat 8—B. Carlsson (E.) 1, D. Serrurier (S.A.) 2, K. Killmeyer (E.) 3 (78.4sec.). Heat 9—E. Anderson (E.) 1, W. Dalton (E.) 2, R. Bester (S.A.) 3 (78.2sec.). Heat 10—B. Hveem (E.) 1, W. Dalton (E.) 2, A. Blankfield (S.A.) 3 (79.9sec.). Heat 11—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, B. Carlsson (E.) 2, K. Killmeyer (E.) 3 (79.5sec.). Heat 12—E. Anderson (E.) 1, B. Raw (S.A.) 2, H. du Toit (S.A.) 3 (80.5sec.). Heat 13—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, B. Hveem (E.) 2, R. Kristoffersen (E.) 3 (81.5sec.). Heat 14—B. Carlsson (E.) 1, K. Killmeyer (E.) 2, B. Raw (S.A.) 3 (81.6sec.). Heat 15—E. Anderson (E.) 1, W. Dalton (E.) 2, van Zyl (S.A.) 3 (81.8sec.). Heat 16—B. Hveem (E.) 1, B. Raw (S.A.) 2, H. du Toit (S.A.) 3 (83.4sec.). Heat 17—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, K. Killmeyer (E.) 2, F. van Zyl (S.A.) 3 (81.8sec.). Heat 18—R. Bester (S.A.) 1, W. Dalton (E.) 2, J. Blankfield (S.A.) 3 (83.2sec.).

The individual point-scoring list was: Combined Europe—B. Hveem 14, B. Carlsson 11, E. Anderson 11, K. Killmeyer 9, W. Dalton 8, R. Kristoffersen 2, J. Hofmeister 0; total, 55. South Africa—R. Bester 16, B. Raw 13, H. du Toit 6, D. Serrurier 5, A. Blankfield 5, J. Blankfield 5, F. van Zyl 2; total, 52.

Hveem in open event at Boksburg

Basse Hveem, Bertil Carlsson, Josef Hofmeister and Karl Killmeyer, members of the Continental speedway team, will make their first appearance on the Boksburg track when they compete for the Kamillen trophy competition tonight. They are among the 16 nominated riders to take part in the 20-heat programme under championship conditions.

With the track likely to be wet they should do well and Hofmeister, who is the German long track champion, might find his proper form at Boksburg.

At the end of the seventh heat they were 17 points down and appeared likely to suffer a worse defeat than they did in the first test. But, from then on, all the visiting riders, with the exception of Josef Hofmeister, improved on their previous efforts at Wembley and their points deficit was gradually whittled down. Rain fell before the 12th heat when the tourists were only seven points behind and taking advantage of their superior skill on a wet track, they went into the lead in the 15th.

It was a just reward for Bill Dalton, the Combined European guest reserve, that he should help his team into the lead in this heat, for he completed a full programme of six rides and was always in the forefront after he borrowed Buddy Fuller's machine—a loan made necessary by a seized engine in his first race.

OBVIOUS MASTERS

Two falls and three engine failures in the first seven heats were responsible for the Europeans' bad start, but they never let their misfortunes affect their dash and they were the obvious masters when the track conditions deteriorated.

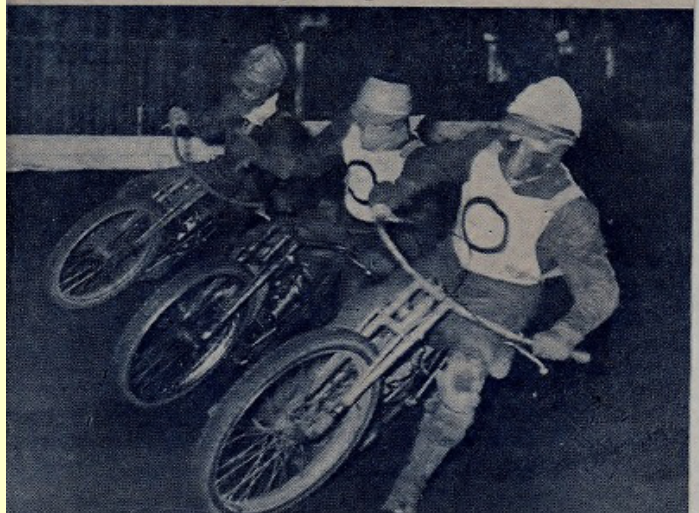
Roy Bester was the only South African to give them any trouble throughout the programme and his 13th heat win over Hveem was the result of determined riding. This enabled him to become the highest point scorer of the match, his only failure being when Evert Anderson and Dalton beat him in the ninth heat.

STARTED WELL

Bob Raw started well but lacked fire after the rain and Doug Serrurier could only ride in three heats. The Blankfield brothers also showed that the South Africans could do with more experience on a difficult track.

The ability of Carlsson, Anderson and Killmeyer has been stressed during the tour and they showed last night that, given the opportunity, they will be hard opponents for South Africa in the remaining matches.

No Sign of Henry Long—But He Was First



HVEEM SETS RECORD, GETS MAXIMUM—AND EUROPE WINS TEST

Saturday Nov. 22, 1952. By Eric Litchfield

South Africa 52 Combined Europe 55

BASSE HVEEM, a little man (5ft. 6ins.) but a mighty speedway rider, inspired Combined Europe to victory in the third speedway Test at Wembley Stadium last night with perhaps the finest individual six-heat performance ever put up by an overseas rider in South Africa.

During the course of an amazing night's riding, Hveem accomplished these remarkable things:

Set a new four-lap record of 74.7 seconds, beating the previous best time set by himself by three-tenths of a second.

Twice beat Henry Long on the Springbok captain's return to racing in South Africa.

Scored the maximum 18 points—and never looked like being beaten.

Hveem set his record in the very first heat when he had his first clash with Long on a South African track. The Norwegian was first away and won by a comfortable margin. The same thing happened when the "giants" clashed in Heat 10.

Although these were the only defeats for Hustling Henry, it did appear that he wasn't getting quite as fast as he can do but, no doubt, it won't take the South African champion long to correct this defect and any Long-Hveem duel promises a close finish.

Tourists Lead 2-1

Although there were only two points in it at the finish, a margin that was sufficient to send Combined Europe into a 2-1 lead in the five-Test series, the tourists always had a few points to spare from the time they gained 5-3 wins in Heats 2 and 3.

In fact, for a long stretch during the second half, they held an 8-point lead, and it was only the excellent team riding of Wills and Joe Blankfield (Heat 7), Long and Fuller (16), and Bester and Raw (18) that enabled the Springboks to get within two points of the tourists.

ONLY three riders in heat four—Buddy Fuller (extreme left, and on the outside), Karl Killmeyer (centre) and Bertil Carlsson hugging the white line. Where was Henry Long, Fuller's heat partner? He was tucked in behind Carlsson in this third speedway Test incident at Wembley last night. But Henry came through on the inside on the second lap to win the heat.

Maybe the individual brilliance of Hveem—a firm favourite with the 12,000 crowd—overshadowed other performances in this thrilling Test. Yet, he will be the first to admit that he received strong support from every one of his team-mates.

The overseas riders, almost unrecognisable from their first few outings, together with the help of "guest" rider Bill Dalton, have moulded themselves into a strong combination.

Machine troubles hampered both Buddy Fuller and Bob Raw, who has withdrawn from the fourth Test in Durban to-night. Harry du Toit comes into the Springbok team.

Fred Wills, after missing out in his first heat, and Roy Bester scored consistently—but it just wasn't good enough.

Heat Winners: Hveem (C.E.) 74.7 (record); Killmeyer (C.E.) 76.3; Dalton (C.E.) 78.6; Long (S.A.) 76.2; J. Blankfield (S.A.) 77.7; Hveem (C.E.) 77.8; Long (S.A.) 78.4; Hveem (C.E.) 77.0; Bester (S.A.) 78.1.

Point scorers: Combined Europe: Hveem 18, Killmeyer 9, Carlsson 8, Anderson 7, Kristoffersen 5, Hofmeister 1. Total 55.

South Africa: Long 15, Wills 12, Bester 12, J. Blankfield 7, Fuller, Raw 3. Total 52.

Doug Lang wins junior speedway championship

Saturday Jan. 31 1953
BUT FOR ONE ENGINE FAILURE it would have been a happy day for the two Lang brothers, Doug and Fred, yesterday for they finished first and equal third respectively in the South African junior speedway championship at Wembley last night.

Had Fred's machine not given him trouble in his first heat he would probably have been riding for first place against his brother in the final heat. In spite of an injury he received in Durban a week ago which started to give him trouble in his third ride, Doug scored a maximum and must now be ranked as a certain South African rider of the future.

Dave Naude was beaten by Doug Lang and Pat McKenzie in his third ride but apart from that race—which cost him the title—he rode with exceptional dash for a man who has had few opportunities.

Maurice Fenton and Sid van der Vyver tied with Fred Lang for third place and won some of their races in a manner reminiscent of their best performances in the past.

BETTER STANDARD

The standard was much better than it was last year when Roy Bester won the title. The times recorded were faster, the competitors appeared to be more safely and there were fewer delays through engine failures.

There is little to fear about the replacement of some of the leading men when they retire. Selwyn Nelson, Harry Bremner, Dave Collins and Pat McKenzie all showed that a little more encouragement would be a good investment for the improvement of speedway.

MATCH RACE

Ronnie Moore followed his defeat of Fred Willis in the Durban match race championship on Thursday with another win in his Wembley challenge. Willis had to use Bester's machine as his own was not available, but this did not make much difference. Moore took the lead from the gate in both heats and was not seriously threatened at any time.

HEAT WINNERS

The heat winners were: S. van der Vyver, 81.5sec.; P. McKenzie, 80.5sec.; D. Naude, 80.5sec.; L. Lang, 79.4sec.; D. Naude, 78.5sec.; D. Lang, 78.5sec.; F. Lang, 78.5sec.; G. Matthews, 82.4sec.; F. Lang, 78.5sec.; S. van der Vyver, 80.5sec.; D. Lang, 79.4sec.; M. Fenton, 83.5sec.; D. Lang, 79.4sec.; L. Lang, 78.5sec.; M. Fenton, 83.5sec.; D. Naude, 81.5sec.; S. Nelson, 80.5sec.; D. Lang, 79.4sec. Individual point scores were: D. Lang, 15; S. van der Vyver, 11; G. Matthews, 9; D. Collins, 8; Nelson, 8; H. Bremner, 6; J. Becker, 5; R. Hatcher, 5; P. McKenzie, 5; D. Lueders, 4; R. Messer, 3; B. Todd, 2; S. Smith, 2.

South Africa score finest win in international speedway

Saturday Jan. 31 1953
RECORD-BREAKING RIDES BY HENRY LONG, a spectacular crash in front of the stand, a sporting gesture from the New Zealanders in allowing Alec Blankfield to ride full efforts by most of the South Africans were the highlights of an exciting speedway test at Wembley last night.

South Africa won 55-53 and achieved their most meritorious success in any international meeting.

Long laid the foundations when he smashed the record in the first heat and followed with two more wins in times which were better than the previous record. His third win—against Ronnie Moore—was an exceptional performance for the beat Moore by a quarter of a lap.

South Africa were two points up when Joe Blankfield and Harry du Toit were following Moore closely in the 11th heat. But Blankfield wobbled badly and Du Toit crashed into him. Both men were unable to ride again and South Africa had only five riders left.

NO OBJECTIONS

With the result in the balance Trevor Redmond raised no objections when it was suggested that Alec Blankfield be allowed to take his brother's place.

Alec rode three times and scored two wins. In the final heat, with South Africa needing a 3-3 score to hold on to their two-point lead, he went to the front and stopped Barry Riggs from breaking through.

Buddy Fuller scored only five points, but two of them, scored in the 11th heat when Long's engine let him down and stopped him from getting a maximum, were as essential as any.

BROKEN FRAME

The only South African who failed to score well was Fred Willis but he can be excused for a break in his frame was discovered after his second ride.

The New Zealand head leaders showed the better skill and it was only lack of support which prevented them from winning. The line riding of Redmond, Moore and Campbell nearly gave them the lead and it was fortunate for South Africa that Bob Raw and Alec Blankfield could win two heats by less than half a length.

LONG DEFEATS MOORE TO REGAIN SPEEDWAY MATCH RACE TITLE

Saturday Jan. 31 1953
HENRY LONG made three heat starts in his Golden Helmet match race challenge against Ronnie Moore at Wembley speedway last night but he won the last two heats to regain the title for South Africa.

Heat winners

Starting from the outside, Moore cut in front of Long in the first heat at the first bend. Long was forced to the outside and took a slight lead in the back-straight on the final lap but Moore hung on to the line and gained a narrow win in a time which equalled Fred Willis's record of 56.3sec.

Moore again showed up in front in the second heat, but Long came out of the second bend very fast and, keeping to the centre of the track, had too much pace for the line-hungry Moore.

The third heat was one of Long's best races at Wembley. He was again beaten out of the gate and trailed for the first lap. When Moore drifted out in the second lap Long immediately seized the opportunity to get through. He won by the largest margin of the three heats.

EVEN LEGUE MATCH

Germiston Stars almost sprung a major surprise when they failed by only two points in their league match with Wembley Lions. For 10 heats they managed to keep the score even and it was only a grand ride by Fred Lang in the final heat which prevented them from drawing level.

The New Zealanders, Peter Dykes and Frank Boyle, showed improved form, especially Boyle, but the most gratifying feature was the way Fred Lang, for Lions, and his brother Doug, for Stars, hung on to the leaders in most of their races.

The heat winners were: H. Long (W) 77.5sec.; R. Bester (W) 77.5sec.; B. Briggs (W) 77.5sec.; S. James (G) 81.0sec.; F. Boyle (G) 78.5sec.; P. Dykes (G) 78.4sec.; T. Redmond (G) 77.5sec.; R. Bester (W) 77.5sec.; H. Long (W) 77.5sec.; R. Bester (W) 77.5sec.; F. Boyle (G) 78.8sec.; F. Lang (W) 79.2sec.

The individual scoring was: WEMBLEY LIONS—R. Bester 11, H. Long 10, B. Briggs 9, F. Lang 7, M. Fenton 5, S. Nelson 2, H. du Toit 1, D. Naude 1, Total 45.

GERMISTON STARS—F. Boyle 11, T. Redmond 9, P. Dykes 7, D. Lang 6, A. Blankfield 4, S. James 3, J. Boshoff 2, J. Becker 1, Total 41.

NEW ZEALAND WIN EXCITING SPEEDWAY TEST

Saturday Jan. 31 1953

NEW ZEALAND won the second speedway test against South Africa at Wembley Stadium last night by 58 points to 50. To do so they had to win one of the best matches seen at Wembley. Only one or two races were won with something to spare and very few points were conceded without a thrilling struggle.

The score chart shows that only Roy Bester and Henry Long scored well for South Africa but it gives no indication of some stirring, but unfortunately unsuccessful, attempts by the local riders to match the New Zealanders.

The tourists reached a standard they had not previously attained in the Union and their tactics, especially by their second string men, came as a revelation to those who had seen them in their earlier matches.

CAPTAIN'S EFFORT

Roy Bester, as though to justify his selection as South Africa's captain, had the best performance of his career. When Ronnie Moore stopped in the first heat, Bester prevented Frank Boyle from challenging Fred van Zyl with a fine display of team riding.

On more than one occasion in later heats Bester attempted to repeat the performance but when one of the New Zealanders did split the pair he went ahead to win the heat. Bester dropped a point in the 10th heat when Moore rode a truly grand race to pass Van Zyl on the inside and then Bester on the outside. Apart from that lapse Bester had the answer to every move made by his opponents.

Long also missed a maximum by one point dropped to Moore. In the fourth heat the two men were locked together until Moore gained a slight advantage at the end of the first lap. When they met in the 13th heat Long gained his revenge through holding off repeated challenges to win by half a wheel.

CONSISTENCY

Dick Campbell was the outstanding example of the New Zealanders' consistency. He won his first heat and followed with five seconds. Barry Briggs started well with five points in two rides and was placed in his next four. Boyle and Peter Dykes were not overshadowed by their partners and were always battling to improve their positions.

Their dash was too much for the second strings in the South African team and it is because of this factor that the tourists won.

A satisfactory feature of the match was that on only one occasion did a rider fail to complete the course, Dykes having to pull up in his fourth ride.

The results

The results in the speedway test match at Wembley Stadium last night: Heat 1: R. Bester (S.A.) 1, F. van Zyl (N.Z.) 2, F. Boyle (N.Z.) 3, 78.5sec. Heat 2: H. Long (S.A.) 1, R. Briggs (N.Z.) 2, T. Redmond (N.Z.) 3, 76.5sec. Heat 3: D. Campbell (N.Z.) 1, R. Bester (S.A.) 2, F. Boyle (N.Z.) 3, 79.8sec. Heat 4: R. Moore (N.Z.) 1, H. Long (S.A.) 2, F. Boyle (N.Z.) 3, 74.4sec. Heat 5: B. Briggs (N.Z.) 1, T. Redmond (N.Z.) 2, F. Willis (S.A.) 3, 79.9sec. Heat 6: R. Bester (S.A.) 1, D. Campbell (N.Z.) 2, F. van Zyl (S.A.) 3, 76.4sec. Heat 7: F. Boyle (N.Z.) 1, R. Moore (N.Z.) 2, F. Willis (S.A.) 3, 77.5sec. Heat 8: R. Bester (S.A.) 1, T. Redmond (N.Z.) 2, B. Briggs (N.Z.) 3, 76.7sec. Heat 9: H. Long (S.A.) 1, D. Campbell (N.Z.) 2, P. Dykes (N.Z.) 3, 77.5sec. Heat 10: R. Bester (S.A.) 1, R. Bester (S.A.) 2, P. Dykes (N.Z.) 3, 77.5sec. Heat 11: H. Long (S.A.) 1, T. Redmond (N.Z.) 2, F. van Zyl (S.A.) 3, 77.5sec. Heat 12: F. Willis (S.A.) 1, D. Campbell (N.Z.) 2, F. Boyle (N.Z.) 3, 77.5sec. Heat 13: H. Long (S.A.) 1, R. Moore (N.Z.) 2, F. Boyle (N.Z.) 3, 76.5sec. Heat 14: T. Redmond (N.Z.) 1, A. Blankfield (S.A.) 2, B. Briggs (N.Z.) 3, 79.8sec. Heat 15: P. Dykes (N.Z.) 1, F. Campbell (N.Z.) 2, P. Dykes (N.Z.) 3, 78.9sec. Heat 16: R. Moore (N.Z.) 1, F. Willis (S.A.) 2, H. du Toit (S.A.) 3, 78.5sec. Heat 17: R. Bester (S.A.) 1, T. Redmond (N.Z.) 2, B. Briggs (N.Z.) 3, 76.9sec. Heat 18: H. Long (S.A.) 1, D. Campbell (N.Z.) 2, P. Dykes (N.Z.) 3, 77.5sec.

The individual point scoring list was: New Zealand—R. Moore 13, D. Campbell 11, T. Redmond 12, B. Briggs 9, F. Boyle 6, P. Dykes 5, Total 48. South Africa—R. Bester 17, H. Long 17, F. Willis 8, F. van Zyl 4, H. du Toit 2, A. Blankfield 2, Total 50.

Experience beats Bester on speedway

Sat. Feb. 7 1953

AT the end of the speedway test a last week Roy Bester said that he had learnt "quite a lot", but he probably learnt far more when falling in his match race challenge against Henry Long at Wembley last night.

Long won in two straight heats, the time for both being 56.4sec. only one-tenth of a second outside the record. Experience alone prevented Bester from making an exciting race of the first heat. He took the lead, relinquished it and again went ahead, but he made the mistake of going for the line when Long was less than a length behind.

Had Bester kept to the centre of the track and made Long cover more ground the result may have been different. In the second heat Bester made an effort to pass on the inside but Long held him off and won more easily than expected.

FULLER IMPROVES

In a match between teams captained by Ronnie Moore and Trevor Redmond, Buddy Fuller had his most successful evening for many months. He put himself back into the limelight for test selection even though he only finished third in one heat which he should have won.

Bob Serrurier also gave indications that it will not be long before he regains his best Wembley form.

The biggest excitement at the meeting was in the ninth heat which was won by Pat McKenzie in the fastest time of the night. Coming out of the last bend McKenzie could not hold his machine and it "looped" as he passed the line. Man and rider crashed to the cinders and McKenzie stopped 20 yards away and the machine came to rest 50 yards past the post. McKenzie's first concern was the machine—loaned to him for the race by Buddy Fuller.

THE RESULTS

The heat winners were: T. Redmond, 79.5sec.; B. Serrurier, 77.5sec.; F. Boyle, 77.5sec.; G. Matthews, 79.5sec.; R. Moore, 77.5sec.; B. Briggs, 78.0sec.; P. Boyle, 78.0sec.; B. Briggs, 77.5sec.; P. McKenzie, 76.5sec.; R. Briggs, 78.4sec.; B. Fuller, 78.8sec.; R. Moore, 79.5sec.; F. Boyle, 78.5sec.; B. Fuller, 80.3sec.

The individual point scoring list was: Moore's team: B. Briggs 11, F. Boyle 10, R. Moore 9, B. Fuller 9, T. Boshoff 5, H. Serrurier 2, M. Fenton 1, Total 45. Redmond's team: T. Redmond 9, P. Dykes 7, D. Campbell 6, B. Serrurier 6, S. James 3, P. McKenzie 3, G. Matthews 3, D. Naude 2, Total 39.

Engine failures spoil third speedway test but South Africa deserve success

Saturday Feb. 31 1953

SOUTH AFRICA won the third speedway test against New Zealand at Wembley last night by 60 points to 41, but there was little satisfaction to be derived from their success. Engine failures dogged the tourists throughout the evening and at one time they had only one serviceable machine between them.

There is little doubt but that South Africa would have won had the visitors been able to ride their own machines throughout the match, but both riders and spectators would have appreciated more keenly contested heats.

New Zealand's troubles started in the first heat when Dick Campbell's engine seized when he was leading Fred Willis. In the following heats he rode five different machines. He rode his own again in the 16th heat but he "looped" at the gate.

The 14th heat was the culminating point for the New Zealanders. Ronnie Moore, riding Buddy Fuller's machine, took the lead from Roy Bester but the front wheel came out of the forks and Moore had a nasty fall.

MACHINES IN DEMAND

The South African's machines were in great demand towards the end of the meeting and there were heats in which all four machines were those of local riders.

But there must be no deduction from the merit of the South African success. The heat leaders—Willis, Long and Bester—scored well. Long beat Moore twice when the New Zealanders were riding good machines and he would have scored a maximum of 18 points

The results

The results of last night's speedway test were: HENRY LIONS—R. Bester 11, H. Long 10, B. Briggs 9, F. Lang 7, M. Fenton 5, S. Nelson 2, H. du Toit 1, D. Naude 1, Total 45.

GERMISTON STARS—F. Boyle 11, T. Redmond 9, P. Dykes 7, D. Lang 6, A. Blankfield 4, S. James 3, J. Boshoff 2, J. Becker 1, Total 41.

The individual scoring was: South Africa—H. Long 15, R. Bester 11, F. Willis 11, B. Serrurier 8, A. Blankfield 7, B. Fuller 4, H. du Toit 2, total 60.

New Zealand—R. Moore 13, B. Briggs 9, D. Campbell 6, P. Dykes 6, T. Redmond 6, F. Boyle 1, total 41.

had his engine not failed in his second heat.

Bob Serrurier and Alec Blankfield were always on hand to support their partners and even some crashing riding by Betty Briggs in the closing heats failed tolegate them to a pointless position.

Speedway Title To Hornets

Sunday Tribune
Sunday 22 Feb 1953
DURBAN HORNETS became first winners of the South African Speedway Championship when they scored a crushing 47-23 victory over Boksburg Bees at Hoy Park last night.

The final National League log reads:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Hornets	9	6	0	3 356 313 12
Bees	9	4	1	4 338 336 9
Stars	9	4	1	4 332 348 9
Lions	9	3	0	6 348 367 6

Hornets started in tearaway fashion and built up a 10-point lead in the first four heats. They continued to rattle up the points against a side hampered by many machine failures until an unassailable lead of 34-18 had been established with three heats still to go.

It was fitting that the brilliant New Zealander, Ronnie Moore, should make the issue safe for Hornets by streaking away to a quarter-lap victory in heat nine, for his "maximum" of 12 points was yet another instance of his value to the Durban team this season.

Scorers were:

Hornets: Moore (12), Dalton (10), Bob Serrurier (8), Van der Vyver (8), Dykes (4), McWilliam (4), Hatcher (1)—47.

Bees: Campbell (10), Raw (6), Wills (2), Harry Serrurier (2), Nelson (2), Collins (1), Naude (0).

Moore also won the scratch race final in simple fashion. This event was marred by a fall in which Vern McWilliam was injured and had to be taken to Addington Hospital for observation.

Easy win for Long in match on speedway

Sat. Feb 28 1953

THE ease with which Henry Long beat Ronnie Moore in the Wembley speedway match race championship last night makes one wonder if there is any man, including the world champion, Jock Young, who would be able to get the measures of Long on the Wembley track.

In the first heat Long was on the inside and he took the lead coming out of the bend and won easily, equalling the record of 56.3sec.

Moore was in front for a lap in the second heat and had every chance but Long made no attempt to crowd the line and passed Moore in front of the stand and scored another easy win in the same time as the first heat.

Second-string riders help New Zealand win fourth speedway test

Saturday March 7 1953

NEW ZEALAND won the fourth speedway test against South Africa at Wembley last night by 57 points to 51 and thus levelled the score in the series to 2-2 because their second-string riders rode better than they have done in any meeting since they started their tour.

Barry Briggs and Frank Boyle started off with a 5-1 win over Fred Wills and Doug Serrurier in the first heat and thereafter lost only five points in their remaining five rides together. The only man in the South African side who could stop them was Henry Long, who once again showed that he is the outstanding rider at Wembley. Only once was Long beaten out of the gate—in the fourth heat when Boyle led for 100 yards—and he won all his heats in less than 75 seconds.

Bob Raw proved to be the most successful partner Long has had in an international match and but for an engine failure in the 13th heat, when Raw stopped at the gate, the pair would have been more prolific scorers than Briggs and Boyle.

DIKES RIDES WELL

Peter Dykes also did far better than expected and when Dick Campbell hurt his knee just after the interval he took control of the remaining heats and scored five points.

The disappointment for South Africa was the poor showing of Fred Wills. His own machine had been packed for dispatch to Liverpool and he borrowed a machine which is normally in good order.

Heat results

THE results of the heats in the fourth speedway test at Wembley last night were: Heat 1: B. Briggs (N.Z.), 1; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 2; F. Wills (S.A.), 3; 77.6sec. Heat 2: H. Long (S.A.), 1; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 74.6sec. Heat 3: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; R. Bester (S.A.), 2; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 3; 76.2sec. Heat 4: H. Long (S.A.), 1; B. Briggs (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 74.3sec. Heat 5: B. Serrurier (N.Z.), 1; R. Bester (S.A.), 2; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 3; 77.5sec. Heat 6: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; D. Serrurier (S.A.), 2; F. Wills (N.Z.), 3; 76.2sec. Heat 7: B. Briggs (N.Z.), 1; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 2; B. Serrurier (S.A.), 3; 77.5sec. Heat 8: F. Boyle (N.Z.), 1; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 2; 117.9sec. Heat 9: H. Long (S.A.), 1; B. Raw (S.A.), 2; R. Moore (N.Z.), 3; 73.9sec. Heat 10: B. Briggs (N.Z.), 1; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 2; D. Serrurier (S.A.), 3; 76.8sec. Heat 11: H. Long (S.A.), 1; B. Raw (S.A.), 2; P. Dykes (N.Z.), 3; 74.2sec. Heat 12: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; R. Bester (S.A.), 2; 1; Redmond (N.Z.), 3; 76.3sec. Heat 13: H. Long (S.A.), 1; B. Briggs (N.Z.), 2; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 3; 74.7sec. Heat 14: R. Bester (S.A.), 1; P. Dyke (N.Z.), 2; B. Serrurier (S.A.), 3; 76.7sec. Heat 15: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 2; D. Serrurier (S.A.), 3; 77.4sec. Heat 16: B. Briggs (N.Z.), 1; F. Boyle (N.Z.), 2; R. Bester (S.A.), 3; 77.5sec. Heat 17: P. Dykes (N.Z.), 1; D. Serrurier (S.A.), 2; F. Wills (S.A.), 3; 77.9sec. Heat 18: H. Long (S.A.), 1; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 74.4sec.

The individual point scoring was:

NEW ZEALAND—B. Briggs 16, R. Moore 13, F. Boyle 9, P. Dykes 9, D. Campbell 5, T. Redmond 5. Total 57.

SOUTH AFRICA—H. Long 18, R. Bester 6, F. Wills 3. Total 50.

Three riders in speedway trophy run-off

Monday March 30 1953

The performance of some of the younger speedway riders in the Yanx trophy event at Boksburg on Saturday must have been pleasing to those who are looking for stars for the future.

Fred Lang won the trophy after failing to score in his first heat, but only after he won a run-off against Alec Blankfield and Toy Edwards. Edwards, the Transvaal junior champion, had an engine failure when leading in his fourth heat, but in his other four rides he never allowed the back markers to catch him. He finished last in the run-off but his unexpected high scoring gave him the cup for the best performance of the evening.

HEAT WINNERS

The heat winners were: T. Edwards (10yd. behind), 60.2sec.; R. Bester (40), 59.7sec.; B. Fuller (30), 60.6sec.; H. Serrurier (20), 59.9sec.; T. Edwards (10), 59.5sec.; B. Fuller (30), 60.3sec.; A. Blankfield (30), 58.8sec.; F. Lang (30), 58.1sec.; T. Edwards (10), 59.1sec.; F. Lang (30), 57.8sec.; F. Lang (30), 57.8sec.; T. Boshoff (20), 58.5sec.; P. McKenzie (20), 60.5sec.; T. Boshoff (20), 59.2sec.; H. Long (40), 58.8sec.; B. Raw (30), 61.2sec.; T. Edwards (10), 59.1sec.; A. Blankfield (30), 60.3sec.; F. Lang (30), 59.5sec.; R. Bester (40), 59.7sec. Run-off: F. Lang, 1; A. Blankfield, 2; T. Edwards (fell) 58.6sec.

The point scoring was: F. Lang, 12; A. Blankfield, 12; T. Edwards, 12; B. Fuller, 11; T. Boshoff, 10; R. Bester, 9; H. du Toit, 8; H. Serrurier, 8; F. van Zyl, 7; P. M. McKenzie, 7; B. Raw, 7; H. Long, 4; D. Serrurier, 2; L. Bekker, 2; D. Lang, 1; D. Lourens, 1; B. Serrurier, 1.

Henry Long retains South African speedway title

Saturday May 2 1953

HENRY LONG looked every bit the champion and had no difficulty in retaining his South African title in the final speedway meeting of the season at Wembley Stadium last night. Besides scoring maximum points, Long also returned the fastest heat time (75.6sec.)

It was not until the final heat that Long became champion. Roy Bester had kept level with him in point scoring but times show that Long was riding the better of the two. Long's times for the first four rounds were 75.6sec, 77.4sec, 77.1sec, and 77.8sec, as compared with Bester's 76.1sec, 78.9sec, 79.9sec, and 80.2sec.

It was not Bester, however, who chased Long in the final heat, but Bob Serrurier. Long got away to his usual fast start and looked like having an easy win, with Bester second. Coming up fast, however, Serrurier passed Bester on the first corner of the second lap and chased Long all the way to the finishing post.

This second place enabled Serrurier to take third place, two points behind Bester. Had it not been for engine trouble in the third heat, Serrurier would most probably have been placed second. Riding against S. James, who won the heat, and Alec Blankfield, Serrurier looked a winner when his engine failed and he was forced to retire. A win in this heat would have given him maximum points up to the last heat along with Long and Bester.

Fred Lang never looked like being happy. He lost his first heat to Harry du Toit and crashed in the 15th heat when trying to take the first position away from Bob Raw, who rode well throughout the meeting to be placed fourth.

Roy Bester left this morning to take up his appointment with the Edinburgh Monarchs.



Henry Long

The results

The results of the championship were: Heat winners: R. Bester (76.1sec.), F. Lang (75.6sec.), S. James (84.4sec.), H. Long (75.6sec.), H. du Toit (77.6sec.), H. Long (77.4sec.), B. Serrurier (78.3sec.), R. Bester (78.9sec.), B. Serrurier (76.6sec.), F. Lang (78.3sec.), H. Long (77.1sec.), R. Bester (79.9sec.), H. Long (77.8sec.), B. Serrurier (79.9sec.), B. Raw (79.5sec.), R. Bester (80.2sec.), D. Serrurier (80.3sec.), B. Raw (80.2sec.), F. van Zyl (80.3sec.), H. Long (77.1sec.).

Points scores: H. Long 15, R. Bester 13, B. Serrurier 11, B. Raw 10, D. Lang 9, B. Fuller 9, S. James 8, H. du Toit 8, F. Lang 8, D. Serrurier 7, F. van Zyl 6, A. Blankfield 5, T. Boshoff 4, A. Duncan 2, D. Wolfe 2, G. Matthews 1.

S. Africa win last test by two points

Sat. March 21 1953

SOUTH AFRICA won the fifth and final speedway test against New Zealand at Wembley last night by two points but the difference would have been greater had it not been for the points scored by the two local men who were riding as "guests" in the visiting team.

Fred Lang was drafted into the New Zealand team because of an injury to Frank Boyle and won two heats which included a fine victory over Henry Long. Lang fell twice when trying to go round the outside of the field—had he succeeded in his efforts it is possible that he may have been able to swing the scoring in New Zealand's favour.

The South African team were deservedly 12 points ahead at the interval but only just managed to hold on to their lead during the second half when the visitors made the best efforts.

Roy Bester and Bob Serrurier were the most successful pair in the South African team and never lost an opportunity of riding together. When Bester struck trouble after the interval Serrurier went off on his own and he rode one of his best races to beat Moore in the 11th heat.

The heat winners were—

Heat 1: H. Long (S.A.), 1; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 76.3sec. Heat 2: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; B. Serrurier (S.A.), 2; R. Bester (S.A.), 3; 76.4sec. Heat 3: H. du Toit (S.A.), 1; B. Briggs (N.Z.), 2; B. Fuller (S.A.), 3; 73.9sec. Heat 4: R. Bester (S.A.), 1; B. Serrurier (S.A.), 2; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 3; 77.9sec. Heat 5: B. Fuller (S.A.), 1; H. du Toit (S.A.), 2; B. Lang (N.Z.), 3; 76.5sec. Heat 6: F. Lang (N.Z.), 1; H. Long (S.A.), 2; B. Campbell (N.Z.), 3; 76.5sec. Heat 7: H. du Toit (S.A.), 1; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 2; B. Fuller (S.A.), 3; 77.3sec. Heat 8: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 77.6sec. Heat 9: B. Serrurier (S.A.), 1; R. Bester (S.A.), 2; B. Briggs (N.Z.), 3; 78.5sec. Heat 10: H. Long (S.A.), 1; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 2; B. Raw (S.A.), 3; 75.6sec. Heat 11: B. Serrurier (S.A.), 1; R. Moore (N.Z.), 2; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 3; 77.9sec. Heat 12: F. Lang (N.Z.), 1; B. Briggs (N.Z.), 2; B. Fuller (S.A.), 3; 76.9sec. Heat 13: A. Blankfield (N.Z.), 1; B. Serrurier (S.A.), 2; T. Redmond (N.Z.), 3; 77.5sec. Heat 14: R. Moore (N.Z.), 1; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 2; H. du Toit (S.A.), 3; 79.6sec. Heat 15: H. Long (S.A.), 1; F. Lang (N.Z.), 2; D. Campbell (N.Z.), 3; 75.7sec. Heat 16: B. Briggs (N.Z.), 1; R. Bester (S.A.), 2; F. Lang (N.Z.), 3; 79.5sec.

The individual point scoring was—

SOUTH AFRICA—H. Long 14; B. Serrurier 12; H. du Toit 11; R. Bester 8; B. Fuller 7; B. Raw 7. Total 55.

NEW ZEALAND—R. Moore 13; T. Redmond 11; B. Briggs 10; F. Lang 9; D. Campbell 7; A. Blankfield, 3; P. Dykes, 0. Total 53.

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