

Murray Travels 400 Miles For '25'

Manchester rider beaten by Fleming in 1-6-20

SHIPPING publicity clerk Dave Fleming, 18-year-old Kentish Wh., now in his third year of time trialing, won the St. Christopher's Catholic C.C. London section "25" with 1-6-20, despite the cold conditions. Fleming, using an 81in. fixed gear, when variable gears were in general use ("it seemed just right for the morning," he said) had started a minute behind second man, Robin Murray, Manchester district B.A.R. champion, and had him in sight with 11 miles to go. Riding into a heavy snowstorm Fleming overtook Murray three miles from the finish to gain his first open win.

Northerner Dave Whitehead recently in London with the Tooting B.C., had persuaded fellow clubmate Murray to steal a march on his Lancashire rivals and drove over 200 miles each way to the event, winning second and third placings for their trouble.

Barnet C.C.'s new leader, Chris Munford, on scratch had an unlucky start to the season. He led at the 14 miles turn in 35-30, 15sec. up on the eventual winner, but shortly after he punctured and had no spare. He had ridden 2,000 training miles before the event. Other turn times were Murray, 36-0, and Whitehead, 36-30.

Trevor McGavin complained of insufficient training for such a hard day, his 1-10 being way down the list. There were 55 starters and five non-finishers.

D. Fleming, Kentish Wh. 1 6 20
R. W. Murray, Manchester Apollo 1 7 25
D. Whitehead, Manchester Apollo 1 7 45
T. J. Wood, Oxonian C.C. 1 8 11
D. Funnell, Worthing Excel. 1 8 22
D. Kenny, St. Christopher's 1 8 53
P. W. Hogan, Barnet C.C. 1 9 30
C. D. Mason, St. Christopher's 1 9 45
J. Lucas, Worthing Excel. C.C. 1 9 45
R. G. Laidlaw, Horsham U'ty C.C. 1 9 47
 Team.—Worthing Excelsior C.C. (D. Fennell, J. Lucas, G. Atterbury), 3-29-40
 H'cap.—R. A. Potter, West Croxdon Wh (10-0), 1-0-3.



R. Murray, Apollo Wh.

IRISH CLUBS DISCUSS AMALGAMATION

PLANS for the reorganization of cycling in Ireland were put forward at a meeting held in Dublin on Saturday.

The National Cycling Association, which maintains that it controls the sport in the 32 counties of Ireland: *Cumann Rothaidheacht na h-Eireann*, who govern under U.C.I. rules the 26 counties in Eire; and the Northern Ireland Cycling Federation who govern, again under U.C.I. rules, the six counties of Northern Ireland; all met at the week-end to try to solve the difficulties that lie between the unification of the sport. The C.R.E. and the N.C.A. issued an invitation to the N.I.C.F. to discuss certain proposals put forward by the C.R.E. at their annual convention in November to the effect that: (1) they would not only recognize licences issued by the N.I.C.F. but licences issued by N.C.A. as valid for championship and open events of the C.R.E. Further, as the internationally recognized controlling authority for Eire, the present rules governing the granting of international licences to compete outside

the C.R.E. area of jurisdiction would be extended to include holders of current N.C.A. licences. Also that the selection of international teams be based on the best available persons who hold licences. (2) that efforts be made to combine and have one national championship at each of the recognized time trial distances—25, 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours—and road racing titles open to the licence holders of all the Irish cycling associations.

Because the N.I.C.F. delegation had no mandate from their clubs (because of the short time between receiving the invitation to attend and the meeting) and were in attendance in the role of observers rather than negotiators, it was agreed that the following three points should be referred back to the clubs of each association: (1) that the three associations agree to accept riders from each of the other associations during 1962. That N.C.A. riders who wish to compete in C.R.E. or N.I.C.F. events must, first of all, take out a licence of the internationally recognized

body in whose territory they live (the N.C.A. is not recognized by the U.C.I.). If N.I.C.F. or C.R.E. riders want to compete in N.C.A. events they must take out N.C.A. licences. These "extra" licences would be issued free of charge. (2) international teams would be chosen from the three associations by a selection committee appointed from all three bodies. (3) that the position will be reviewed at a meeting of all Irish cycling clubs prior to December 31, 1962. Each association will recognize the suspensions of the other.

Since this meeting the N.I.C.F. executive have decided to write to C.R.E. and N.C.A. asking if they are prepared to stand by the U.C.I. regulation that there must be two separate controlling bodies, one for Northern Ireland and one for Eire. C.R.E. have always accepted this but N.C.A. claim jurisdiction over the whole of Ireland.

If N.C.A. is unwilling to accept this ruling, it is believed to be unlikely that the N.I.C.F. will enter into any new agreement.

HESLOP FASTEST

IN the Cleveland Wh. "50 in 4 hours" tourist trial, held on Sunday, only five of 16 starters reached Castleton inside the time limit. The first pair in were Mick Heslop, Tees-side Clarion and David Watson, of Tees-side R.C., who took three and a half hours for the 50 miles.

M.P. Asks For More Tour Riders

MISS JENNIE LEE, Member of Parliament for Cannock, is to ask the Minister of Transport today (Wednesday) if he will amend his order on the size of road race fields "in order to enable more than 40 competitors to take part in the B.C.F. Tour of Britain."

The Cycle Racing on Highways Regulations, 1960, limits fields to 40, unless the chief constable of the area in which an event is to be held, consents to more. As reported previously, after considerable discussion permission has been given by the chief constables concerned that the field for the Tour in 1962 will be of 77 riders.

In an editorial comment on Miss Lee's question, *The Guardian* stated on Monday: "Once a week, such a race with an unlimited entry would be a nuisance; once a year it is an event."

CYCLO-CROSS HANDICAP

AT the Yorkshire Cyclo-Cross Association dinner on February 24, Bradford R.C.C. members took the lion's share of the awards, Harry Bond winning the Association championship and leading the winning team with clubmates John Rawnsley second and Jeff Whittam fourth.

President Cyril Lockwood, Morley C.C., noted that 14 events had been run this winter by member clubs and that the Yorkshire Cyclo-Cross Association had attracted membership from clubs in Lancashire and the North Midlands. Laurie Armitage, Ravensthorpe C.C., who presented the prizes suggested that, in future, association events might include some handicap races.

Principle prizewinners were: H. Bond, Bradford R.C.C.; John Rawnsley, Bradford R.C.C. and N. Orrell, Flitton C.C.

COVENTRY "100"

SNOW fell most of the time in the S.B.C.F. Coventry Division reliability trial on Sunday, and the last 13 miles were into a blizzard. Of 190 entrants, 146 started and despite the conditions, 48 were inside seven hours, and 30 others inside eight hours. The latter included the only successful woman competitor, Pieterdene Harrold. Trophy for the best club turn-out was won by Three Spires R.C., whose 11 starters all qualified.

HALF MILLION BICYCLES

IN 1961 475,267 British bicycles were exported to the U.S.A., compared with 272,725 in 1960, an increase of 58 per cent, a satisfactory achievement taken against a drop in total imports into the U.S.A.

Britain's success has been at the expense of European competitors, in particular West Germany, Holland and Austria. Japan's imports into the U.S.A. are also falling; against 126,458 in 1960 only 84,802 were imported in January-October 1961.

CHAMPION PAIR

PRIZE recipients at the Bolton Clarion C. and A.C. dinner held on February 10 included: Mrs. Maureen Robey, the Clarion's national 25-mile champion; her husband, J. Robey, club B.A.R.; I. Booth, Clarion national and club junior champion; R. Smith, F. Goodier, and veteran W. Harrison, "100" trophy.

POLHILL R.C. 44M. (final event).—
J. Young, Nonsuch R.C., 19 points, 1;
W. Fraser, London Coureurs, 14 points, 2;
B. O'Leary, London Coureurs, 12 points, 3.
 Team.—London Coureurs (Fraser, O'Leary, Witcomb), 36 points. Overall classification for criterium series: **B. O'Leary, London Coureurs, 33 points, 1;** P. Young, Nonsuch R.C., 30 points, 2; J. King, Nonsuch R.C., 28 points, 3. Team.—London Coureurs.

PERTH CENTRE CHANGE

PERTH United Centre senior and junior road race championship will be run over one event of not less than 10 and 50 miles respectively, it was decided at the Dundee and District Centre a.g.m. recently. J. Souter was appointed chairman. A. Morgan, vice-chairman and Miss I. Gourlay, secretary.

WILTCHER SIGNS

BRYAN WILTCHER, B.B.A.R. in 1954 and 1960, will this year be riding an independent in the colours of Young Cycles, London, S.E.13., together with John Kilby, Pat Maskins, Derek Wright and Roger Munns.

Wiltcher and Munns, both newcomers to the team, will be competing in the Two Rivers road race at Ipswich on March 4.

HOWLING ON CONTINENT

ALF HOWLING left for the Continent on Monday to ride for Stella Economique, trade team for independent under director Paul De Drago, who was formerly responsible for the West France region team in the Tour de France.

HASTIE ABROAD

MALCOLM HASTIE, Dundee Thistle R.C., plans to compete in stage races on the Continent in 1962.

CORONA PROGRAMME

THREE stage races, the London Holyhead race and the national schoolboys' championships are being sponsored by the Corona Soft Drinks organization in 1962.

First of the events is the Merseyside 4-day (April 20-23), based on Kirby, Lanc. organizer K. J. Matthews, 153 Taunton Drive, Aintree, Liverpool. This will be followed by the 4-day Tour of the South West (May 9-12), which starts at Bristol organizer W. Rains, 15 Westwood Road, Brislington, Bristol 4. The 270-mile London-Holyhead race takes place on May 26; its organizer is S. W. Kite, 30 Windmere Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton. On August 18-19 the International 2-day event will be contested, concluding with a afternoon of cycle racing at Crystal Palace.

The national schoolboys' championship will also be held at Crystal Palace. It is expected that last year's record entry of 1,200 will be exceeded. The events will be organized by L. K. Carter, 5 Choumeri Road, London, S.E.15, on July 22.

EAST SUSSEX C.A. 12m.

(Hardriders)

R. French, Hastings C. & A.C. .. 35 4
P. Crowley, Southborough Wh. .. 36 1
K. Stevens, Eastbourne Rovers .. 36 2
L. Chambers, Hastings C. & A.C. .. 36 2
T. Bartlett, Eastbourne Rovers .. 37 1
R. Pye, Southborough Wh. .. 37 1
M. Chambers, Hastings C. & A.C. .. 37 1
G. Lade, Tunbridge Wells R.C. .. 37 2
 Team.—Hastings C. & A.C. 1-49-5
 Second fastest, P. Crowley, described as a hard day with snow falling before and during the event—and the last mile being chased in by a polar bear!

FEATHERSTONE R.C. SCHOOLBOY

CYCLO-CROSS 31M.—**B. Brown, Harwor and Dist. C.C., 28-34, 1;** T. Hodgson, u attached (Dewsbury), at 13sec., 2; S. Whit head, Ravensthorpe C.C., at 1-30, 3; Marley, Featherstone R.C., 4; D. Crothwaite, East Bradford C.C., 5; B. Heald, Featherstone R.C., 6. The five li course in Pontefract Park was cut five to three laps because of heavy snow. Of the 22 entries 17 finished. A. Steed, Castleford, won a year's free membership to the Featherstone.



P. Gordon, winner of his first event as a senior, seen during the B.C.F. training course at Lillishall (see centre pages).