

The 1962 Club year will probably be remembered in future mainly as the one in which we ventured into the business of open-time-trial promotion for the first time since 1931, and for the first time ever held an open "50", so it may well become an important milestone in Club history.

However, during the 1962 racing season there were several notable performances by Club members in time trials which should not be forgotten.

Apart from the individual firsts by Bob French in two E.S.C.A. trials, and a new club 12-hour record by John Davies, the most pleasing results were the team wins by Bob, and Lynn and Martin Chambers, in the E.S.C.A. hardriders' event, an E.S.C.A. "25", the K.C.A. team time trial and the Wigmore C.C. open team time trial. These have already been mentioned in the gazette, but a feature of the season that may have escaped notice by some was the improved standard of riding in the longer-distance events shown by the fact that new club team records were made for 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 hours.

The aggregate time of 6h. 28m. 43s. made by J. Davies, L. Chambers and J. Southerden in the Club's open "50" was 9 mins. 20 secs. faster than the previous best made in 1955. The "100" figures of 14h. 9m. 59s. made by J. Davies, J. Southerden and M. Carpenter in the E.S.C.A. trial, despite falls affecting two of these, represented an improvement of 7 mins. 32 secs. on a record winning time made in the East Sussex event of 1954. And a 12-hour total of 692.39 miles made by J. Davies, M. Carpenter and J. Southerden, in making second team place in the K.C.A. "open", was 12.26 miles more than the club record made in 1955, at the time Bob Downey claimed a club individual record.

At the present time it is hard to predict, or even to speculate upon, the future progress of the Club in the cycle-racing sphere, but those members with intentions of racing can at least resolve to do their best to make the 1963 season another good one for the Club, and a reduction of the 25-mile club team record of 3h. 9m. 26s., which has stood since 1955, could be one of their aims.

x 59-9 for 25m.