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Recent Polo results show that all is well on the Playing Fields of Purley where the Croydon Winter League is being fought out. The A team beat Woodberry A on scratch 10 – 7 but lost 10 – 14 on handicap. They then beat Palace 8 – 5 on both scratch and handicap. The actual result of the match against the B Team is not given but it was rather large! The B Team lost to Benfield and Woodberry on both systems. The Junior C Team beat Woodberry B 5 – 1 and Aces B 7 – 6 and 5 – 2 on the return match.

At the recent Bicycle Polo Association dinner George Ongley was awarded the George Brake Memorial Trophy for his services to Polo. As George has just retired from the Presidency this is a well-deserved reward for his years of work for this side of our sport.

The B Team is still losing matches, 14 – 22 to Benfield and 15 – 18 to Clarencourt. The A Team are still winning; 21 – 9 against Woodberry A and the Juniors have beaten Beulah by 10 – 9.

On a snowbound and deeply frozen Shirley Hills Phil Griffin was 8<sup>th</sup> behind Don Stone (34<sup>th</sup> Nomads) in the Morden cyclo-cross on Shirley Hills. Once again he rode the Bagshot Scramble and improved on his 1958 performance by coming 8<sup>th</sup> only 3.15 behind Don Stone. Encouraged by this Phil rode the South of England Championship but on the frozen wastes of Kenley Common he buckled a wheel and was unable to finish. So severe were the conditions that only 15 riders managed to cross the Finish line.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> saw our lads in action on the road for the first time this year. The Castlenau '25' was the occasion for the leg stretching. John Fisher was our fastest man in 12<sup>th</sup> spot with a 1.5.50 whilst Keith Butler came in 44<sup>th</sup> with a 1.11.40 after having some minutes rest in Cobham on the way out to dispose of his breakfast.

The A Team has beaten Aces A 13 – 9 but has lost to Ravens 8 – 10 (actual 8 – 4 win). The B Team lost to Palace 14 – 18 and Aces B 10 – 18. The C Team beat Aces B 4 – 3, Woodberry B 7 – 6 and Beulah 7 – 6 but lost the return match at Woodberry 6 – 9.

This Club event season started with a Medium Gear '25'. Whilst only 5 managed to get round the course it was a close run affair. Dave Wood made fastest time with 1.6.40 beating John Fisher by 29". Chris Gray came 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.7.39 and Alan Bristow 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.7.59. Dave Wood also collected the Handicap in 1.4.10 from Alan Bristow, 1.4.59, and Harry Patmore 1.6.07. Alan Sturgess rode a private trial and did a 1.5.13.

Keith Butler started the season well following an extended Tour of Wales, the Pennines and East Anglia with John Fisher. Seven days riding with 600 miles covered set the scene for a good season. In the Southern Road 'Premier Road Race' Keith got clear with a small group of riders then with 10 miles to go when the bunch was bearing down on the escapees he took off. At the Finish he was 42" clear of the remaining 18 riders. Bruce Smith was 16<sup>th</sup> at 1.10 and John Barclay 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.00.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March John Fisher came 7<sup>th</sup> in the SCCU '25' with a 1.3.13. Len Saunders was close up with a 1.3.50 and Alan Bristow came in with a 1.6.10. The Brighton Trophy road race was also held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and cold wet conditions welcomed the riders to Purley Playing fields for the Start. The Mayor of Croydon (Ald. H Lock Kendall) sent the riders on their way at 8am. Early breakaway attempts came to nought and John Blunsdon (Silchester) took the first prime on Caterham by-pass. On the climb to Wych Cross Terry Nimmo (RAFCA), his teammate Hart and John Blunsdon got clear. There was nearly a catastrophe in Uckfield when the level crossing gates closed just as the riders came down the High Street. The whole field had to take to the footbridge! By Polegate the whole field was together again ready for the climb over the South Downs. Blunsdon attacked again, winning the prime and carrying on. The field strung out to chase and it was an extremely fast descent to Seaford and along to Newhaven. Disaster struck some at Newhaven when a number of riders crashed on the wet railway lines including last year's winner Mike Gambrell (Clarence). This was the signal for the main attack and the leaders came up from the seafront stringing the field into one long line. John Blunsdon, Barry Willoughby (Croydon RC) Alf Howling (Castile) and Keith Butler forced the pace and got clear. At Peacehaven Blunsdon ran out of luck as he punctured. Even though he made a rapid change he could not regain the lost ground and he eventually finished 14<sup>th</sup>. The three leaders kept up the speed until Rottingdean when an attack by Keith Butler got rid of Alf Howling. This left Willoughby and Butler in the lead but in the sprint Butler had no answer to Willoughby's jump. Howling came in 3<sup>rd</sup> some 11 seconds behind and the next group of 6 riders were led in by L Cook (CC Islington) 1.41 behind. Of our riders Alan Sturgess had gear troubles and desisted at about 25 miles. Robin Buchan finished 26<sup>th</sup> and Gerry Pearl 32<sup>nd</sup>. It was rather prophetic but the Croydon Advertiser Reporter took pictures of Willoughby and Butler together at the Start. It made his job easier too when the race report came in!

An A.M. Chapman appears in the results of the Kentish Whs Novices recording a 1.14.28. He is listed as a Paragon member but we did not receive his membership form until after the event! There is confidence for you! In the First '25' John Fisher came 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.1.24, Alan Sturgess returned a 1.2.51 and Alan Bristow 1.5.25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team award. Keith Butler and Robin Buchan rode the Archer Grand Prix against a top class field that included many Independents. They stayed with the leaders the whole way around the course that looped its way around the Chiltern Hill before coming back down the A490 to Finish in Ickenham. While able to stay with the leaders on the hills they were both outclassed in the sprint coming in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively in a nine-man sprint!

Easter came around and Robin Buchan kept to time trials and collected two third places. In the Fountain he did 1.0.07 leading Alan Sturgess 1.2.31, John Fisher 1.3.03, Chris Gray and Len Saunders both clocked 1.5.09 and Alan Norris 1.10.17. That was Sunday's result. On the Monday he collected his other 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Actonia '25. This time he recorded a 58.46 with John Fisher on 1.0.28, Alan Sturgess 1.2.39 and Chris Gray 1.3.01. Keith Butler rode the Bournemouth 3-day as a member of the winning Army CU team. His best position was 2<sup>nd</sup> on Stage 1.

The Polo team had an eventful Easter when they went to Swansea together with members of the Croydon Aces to play some exhibition matches. The pitch left a lot to be desired and with rain every day it was almost unplayable. Therefore one

understands that a great time was had by all but it was an advantage if you could swim and see underwater if you dropped your mallet. Various games were played but the highlight of the week-end was a match against Solihull. These gentlemen came down on the Monday to play. It was touch and go whether a match could be played at all but it was. Splashing an opponent was considered 'dirty play' and 'hardly cricket' so there was a great deal of casual water flying about. Solihull scored first just before half time and it was not until the fifth chukka (of six) that Charlie Watkins scored the equaliser. So at full time the score was 1 – 1. Extra time was supposed to be played but in the conditions and continual rain a draw was considered a fair result. Those that went to Welsh Wales were Charlie Watkins, Dave Bengierfield, Keith Ongley, Pete Durbin and Pete Wall. These lads were great ambassadors for the sport and would play anywhere.

Other match results The A Team beat Clarencourt 15 – 11, Aces A 13 – 8 and Palace 17 – 15. The B Team have beaten Aces B 5- 4 and lost to Ravens 19 – 13. One should note when reading these scores that they are the Handicapped Result. The A Team played off Scratch so what you read as their score is the number of times they put the ball in the net. The opposition has their handicap, in goals, added on. One can see by this that the A team were head and shoulders better than most of their opposition.

Keith Butler and Robin Buchan rode the Croydon Advertiser road race this weekend. Robin was an early attacker getting away with a group of eight riders. With about 16 miles to go he was dropped with Mike Gambrell and from then rode into the Finish. Keith Butler was in the main bunch not doing anything until he heard that Robin was in trouble. He immediately attacked even though the leading group had a lead of some 4 minutes. Storming over Botley Hill and down through Warlingham to Sanderstead, Selsdon and Addington he and his fellow chasers cut back the deficit. Up Spout Hill left to Shirley Hills, passing The Sandrock, and the leaders were in sight. Down Gravel Hill and then left and right up Lodge Lane to the Finish but to no avail. The remaining three leaders just kept clear by 20 seconds. The iron-man Dave Bedwell won Keith came in 5<sup>th</sup>.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Addiscombe's Sportsmans Evening Dave Wood beat the Grand Prix of London winner Mike Armour (Tottenham Phoenix) in both the roller Finals. He did 31" for the 880 yards scratch and 13.4 for 440 yards flying start!

The Jim Fox Cup on 5<sup>th</sup> April saw Robin Buchan in his usual devastating form. A 1.0.32 kept him a very respectful distance away from the rest of the field. Len Saunders came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1.4.12 just ahead of Bruce Smith, 1.4.20. Bruce Smith had 4.15 handicap and this enabled him to win the Handicap award by 27" from Robin with Harry Patmore finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1.0.48.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Clarence Whs held their annual '25' and we had a Team race win. Alan Sturgess was 7<sup>th</sup> in 1.1.24, John Fisher 8<sup>th</sup> in 1.1.37 and Chris Gray made up the team with a 1.2.59. John Cleeve was our best rider in the Apollo Middlemarkers with a 1.9.00 followed by A Chapman (now a member) 1.13.00 and Bob King 1.15 something.

Robin Buchan tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Bec '25' with Norman Hill (Kentish Whs) in 1.0.40. Alan Sturgess came in with a 1.1.52 and John Fisher 1.2.02 to complete the winning Team.

In contrast to the Jim Fox '25' there was a very close race for fastest time in the Dave London Trophy '30'. John Fisher beat Alan Sturgess by just 19", 1.13.38 to 1.13.57 with Chris Gray 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.15.40. With 30" handicap Alan Sturgess had done enough to take the Trophy in 1.13.27 by just 7" from John Cleeve, 1.13.34, Phil Griffin 1.13.35 and John Fisher 1.13.38. They don't get much closer than that! In a pilgrimage to Lee-on-Solent Gerry Pearl and Ron Stempfner finished equal 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100kms event. Keith Butler came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lancing road race with Les Black in 18<sup>th</sup>. Robin Buchan finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3 miles race at the Velo Sacchi Meeting at Herne Hill.

John Fisher was 4<sup>th</sup> in the SCCU '50' with a 2.9.26 with John Cleeve finishing in 2.25.58 and Bruce Smith 2.34.02 including 13 minutes late start on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. A road racing team went up to Wellingborough for their 66 miles road race and a change of scenery. A four-man break went on the first lap including Robin Buchan and Keith Butler and they gradually pulled away from the rest of the pack. On the last lap Robin Buchan took off to win with ease whilst Keith sat back and watched. He eventually finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and then Alan Sturgess won the bunch sprint for 5<sup>th</sup> and the Team race was ours. In 15<sup>th</sup> place was Len Saunders. On the same day Les Black (9<sup>th</sup>) Pete Smith and Dave Morley (14<sup>th</sup> equal) won the Team race in the Ashdown road race over 50 miles.

The A Team won the Croydon Winter League scoring 168 goals with only 50 against. The B Team scored 49 and let in 173! The A Team finished off their programme with a win against Bendfield 19 – 6. Then in a re-arranged Final of the 1958 (!) Surrey Cup they lost 15 – 1 to Crystal Palace. (What happened there then?). In their last National League fixtures The B Team lost to Croydon Aces 1 – 11 and the A Team lost to Solihull 4 – 8. At Whitsun three Paragon riders played for London Provinces against a Croydon District Combination in an Exhibition match at Luton. Alec Bird, Dave Benjerfield and Pete Wall were our three and they won 4 – 3 with Pete scoring 3 of the goals.

Robin Buchan showed excellent form in the Tour of the North Downs with a 5<sup>th</sup> place against Continental opposition. Keith Butler broke a bolt on his saddle pin that caused it to point upwards. Fortunately he had some friends in the bunch that warned him whilst he was out of the saddle on Vigo Hill. He borrowed a bike from an interested spectator and chased and returned to the bunch only to have the gear wire snap as he tried to engage top gear. The bike he was riding had an 'old fashioned' gear with one large spring, not the Campagnolo parallelogram model. This meant that when released the spring pushed the chain into bottom gear. You cannot keep up with top class riders on a 54" gear for any length of time so Keith called it a day. (He then had to find his own bike and explain to the man whose gears he had wrecked that it was all in a good cause!)

Dave Wood came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Portsmouth '25' on a windswept Emsworth course. His 1.3.57 bettered the times of Alan Bristow 1.6.24 and Bruce Smith 1.6.35 but together they were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Team race. At Crystal Palace Les Black and Mark Fisher were

placed equal 7<sup>th</sup> in the 25-lap event. Bob King came 20<sup>th</sup> in the Evening race at Crystal Palace on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May Keith Butler came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Army Championship '25' on the new O2 course with 59.49. It is strange to recall that when he finished he was the first man to have beaten the hour on this course. Later it became synonymous with fast times and competition records. Mike Chapman came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his heat for the London Schoolboys Championship on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The following Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, the Paragon had a team in the Brentwood '50' on the Southend Road. John Fisher was the first to finish with a personal best time of 2.5.57. Twenty minutes later Robin Buchan finished in 2.1.38. Fifteen minutes after Robin Keith Butler came storming home in a new Club Record time of 1.56.45 and 5 minutes improvement. At 30 miles he was 1½ minutes down on an in-form Ken Craven (Crescent). With 5 miles to go he had closed this to 30 seconds and although making use of his 96" top gear he could not bring it all back. At the Finish Ken Craven had beaten Keith by just 15 seconds. The Paragon took the team award with new Team Record of 6.4.20 and, just by the way, Keith took 2<sup>nd</sup> Handicap missing 1<sup>st</sup> handicap by 15 seconds as well! Gerry Pearl came 10<sup>th</sup> in the Aquila road race over 73 miles.

By way of contrast the Army had a '50' on exactly the same course on the following Wednesday. Keith Butler decided to do a bit of experimenting and instead of riding his gear bike, as in the Brentwood '50', he opted for his track bike and 84.4 fixed wheel. Conditions were as identical as one could ask. Even his finishing position was the same as Keith came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The difference was the time! On the Wednesday Keith 'only' produced a 1.58.48 some 35" slower than the winner. He said he could not increase his pace towards the end of the race and so in future he would always opt for gears in time trials above 25 miles.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May Alan Sturgess finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Invitation 10 minutes Pursuit at the De Laune Meeting. On the Sunday Bruce Smith won the 3 miles Scratch at Southampton. Then on the Bank holiday Monday Chris Gray won the 550 yards handicap at the Chichester AAC Meeting with John Barclay in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the Farnham '25' on the 17<sup>th</sup> May John Fisher clocked his fastest 25 of the year with a 1.0.08. In the Bellingham '25' Chris Gray was our fastest with a 1.2.24 from Len Saunders 1.3.01, Tony Kerss 1.3.35 and Brian Newcombe 1.6.26. Over the Whitsun Bank Holiday Keith Butler rode the Whitewebbs 3-day for the Army CU and was placed 1<sup>st</sup> on General Classification. He was 4<sup>th</sup> on Stage 1 after 85 miles of racing. He took the race lead after Stage 2, a 26 miles time trial around the North Road Hardriders course. In the afternoon Stage 3, another 85 miles he came 2<sup>nd</sup> consolidating his lead. Yet another 85 miles was cover on Stage 4 but Keith worked his way into the leading break and crossed the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place to take the overall win. While the race itself was hard enough being held over 280 miles of the North London hills Keith reckoned that the worst part of the event was getting back to South Norwood. As a National Serviceman money was in very short supply so he had to ride to and from the race HQ at Enfield. Not too difficult a task normally as it is, after all, only about 25 miles each way. However after the Race Finishing Ceremonies, he also had the winners Laurel wreath and Sash draped over his shoulders and had a

large bouquet to carry. Just to round things off part of Keith's share of the Team race was 4 bottles of Robinsons Barley Water. They are heavy and had to join the rest of his race gear in his shoulder bag. It made the journey back through London interminable but Lady Luck had not finished with him. 'It was one of the most embarrassing rides of my life' he said. For just as he reached Crystal Palace Parade all the crowds were streaming out of the Park after the Motor Racing. 'I was applauded and cheered the whole length of the Parade!' Gerry Pearl came 4<sup>th</sup> and Ron Stempfer 10<sup>th</sup> at Lee-on-Solent.

Robin Buchan was selected to ride for a London team to race in Aarhus, Denmark. The others were John Ralph, (Poly), Brian Laughton (Catford) and Brian Dacey (De Laune). Some tandem events and team pursuits will be amongst the races for the 3 days of Competition on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May.

May 24<sup>th</sup> was a Triple Win Day for the Paragon. Keith Butler won the BCF South West London and Surrey Division Road Race Championship, John Fisher won the same Division's Time Trial Championship and Gerry Pearl won the Meon Valley Grand Prix Road race. This was John Fisher's first Championship and Open Event win. He recorded a 1.2.02 that on first glance appear rather slow but road works necessitated a detour and the course was therefore longer than the stipulated 25 miles and the wind blew rather strongly. Alan Sturgess came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1.2.24 and Chris Gray 6<sup>th</sup> in 1.4.21 then came Tony Kerss 1.5.40, Bruce Smith 1.5.41, Brian Newcombe 1.9.22, John Cleeve 1.9.42 and Dick Langenbruch 1.12.31 to ensure the Paragon took the Team award as well. Gerry Pearl won his event in a rather hectic and fiercely contested sprint after a fast but hilly 54 miles covered in 2.15.59. Len Saunders was 14<sup>th</sup> and Dave Morley 18<sup>th</sup>. The Division Road race Championships were held over 4 laps of the large Ashdown Forest Circuit. A total distance of 96 miles had to be covered. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit a small group escaped on the climb to the 'Pylons' (These have now disappeared but it is the climb from Fairwarp to Kingstanding). Keith Butler went after them and joined them before the descent to Groombridge. The group of eight gradually pulled away from the bunch under the influence of Butler and Finch (Ross Whs). Then, on the climb from Colemans Hatch to Wych Cross, Butler attacked. Only Finch could stay with him and they piled on the pace through Nutley and up the last climb to the Pylons. The 'coup de grace' was administered on the rise between Lye Green and Motts Mill. Finch fluffed a gear change and Butler was gone. From there to the finish he put 2.19 into Finch in 7 miles and 5.56 into Ken Warren (Thames Velo) and Tony Mills (Southern Elite). The 5<sup>th</sup> man was at 9.48 and the remainder of the 23 finishers trickled in over the next 15 minutes. It was a demonstration of real fitness and power.

At the Poly Evening Meeting Alan Sturgess surprised himself, and probably the Handicapper, by winning the 550 yards handicap. Robin came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5 miles scratch.

The Juniors also had their first event on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. This was a Scratch 10 miles event. Adrian Herbert won in 26.20 from Bob King, 27.23, and Alan Chapman 27.53. Adrian had only joined the Club a week previously and had never raced before. This was quite an auspicious beginning.

The Polo team(s) keeps playing and in the South Western League the Paragon beat Aces 7 –2. In the National League (North) the Paragon A Team beat Solihull 6 – 3 and in the return match at Solihull won again 5 –4. In the English Cup (Round Two) the Paragon beat Norland 12 –1 and in the Croydon Summer League they beat Aces 12 –2 with Reg Wilson scoring 10 of them.

Four Paragon riders only contested the Walter Moon ‘50’ on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Tony Kerss was fastest with a 2.10.11. John Cleeve made 2<sup>nd</sup> best time with a 2.14.45, Harry Patmore 2.19.10 and Dick Langenbruch 2.31.17 after ‘blowing-up’ but finishing for the Team. We are glad he did for on Handicap times they had done a sufficiently fast time to take first team. John Cleeve was 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap with a 1.54.55; Harry Patmore was on 1.58.40, Tony Kerss 2.3.41 and Dick Langenbruch on 2.10.17. Four riders went up to ride the National Championship ‘25’. It was a much faster day and course than last year. Keith Butler came in with a 58.35 for 35<sup>th</sup> place! Alan Sturgess improved a few seconds to 59.10 and John Fisher did a 59.21. Chris Gray finished in 1.1.41. The Team time of 2.57.06 would have won the Championship last year but in 1959 they were well down! Four men went west to the Middlesex Clarion ‘25’. Bruce Smith clocked 1.1.28, Les Black 1.1.33, Wally Happy 1.2.10 and Len Saunders 1.2.50. Dave Wood came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5 miles scratch at the Monday Competition.

We had a team in the Oxonian ‘50’ but a super fast ride for Keith Butler was wrecked as he punctured after 10 miles and his spare developed a slow that required stops to re-inflate so he was rather disappointed with his 2.6.41. Chris Gray beat John Fisher with 2.8.28 and 2.8.37 respectively. On the same day Robin Buchan was unplaced in the Romford ‘25’ with a 59.11 but Bruce Smith improved by 17 seconds with a 1.1.11. Tony Kerss also finished with a 1.1.28. Harry Patmore did his fastest ‘25’ since the War in the VTTA ‘25’ when he clocked a 1.7.17. John Cleeve rode the Surrey RCC ‘25’ and finished in 1.9.40.

At the Poly Saturday meeting Robin Buchan finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Invitation 10 miles Scratch race. Chris Gray came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the BCF SW London & Surrey 5 miles grass Championship at the Hawker Meeting in Kingston.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June Keith Butler won the Army 50 miles Championship on the West Meon – Farnham course with a 2.2.20. In the evening at Herne Hill the Paragon were beaten by the Poly in a League match by 13 – 15.

Chris Gray won a camera at the East Sussex Police Sports for the lap prize in the 5 miles scratch but would not tell anyone where it was held! Len Saunders finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 10 miles scratch at the Monday Competition meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. John Fisher qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the London Region Individual Pursuit.

Twenty-four riders sent in their forms for the Purley to Brighton and twenty-two of them faced the starter. Those that started were rewarded with a tail wind and very rapid times were recorded. John Fisher took pride of place with a Record time of 1.30.28 (nearly 27 mph) taking 3 minutes of Keith Butler’s old record. Len Saunders came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1.32.52 that admittedly was 2’ slower than John but it was 14.23 faster than his winning ride in 1958. Alan Bristow was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.34.12 holding off Alan Sturgess by 15”. S Hamblen took the handicap with a 16’ allowance to get a nett 1.20.48. The Handicapping Committee had given evergreen Fred Sams an extremely

charitable 25' so with his 1.46.46 he collected 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on handicap and Mark Fisher came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1.22.45 just beating Adrian Herbert by 2". Bruce Smith recorded a 1.2.51 and Chris Gray a 1.4.06 in the Prestonville Nomads '25' on the Lancing course.

The Paragon B Team beat Croydon Aces B by 10 –2 to go into the Final of the Surrey Cup. There is a possibility that they will meet the A Team! The A Team have beaten Clarendon 13 –7 but lost to Croydon Aces 2 - 9 in the South Western League, lost to Solihull 1 – 5 and Palace 3 – 7 in the National League (north) and lost to Crystal Palace in the Croydon Summer League 6 –1. The B Team lost to Aces 3 – 7 in the Croydon Summer League and 4 –14 in the National League (South).

At the De Laune Meeting Robin Buchan and John Fisher were 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 laps Invitation Pursuit. Robin was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 10 miles Scratch and the Paragon Team won their match against the Clarence, Kentish Whs and Poly.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June the Club had four riders accepted for the National Championship '50' promoted by the Walsall Roads. Mick Ward (Haverhill) was the favourite and he rode as one. At 12½ miles he led the field in 27.41. Robin Buchan was at 50", Keith Butler at 1.02, John Fisher at 1.34 and Chris Gray 2.54. Ward extended his lead so by 25 miles he went through in 55.43. Robin was now 1.36 behind, Keith 2.03, John 3.04 and Chris 5.40. At 37½ miles Ward took 1.26.58 with Robin at 2.32 in 14<sup>th</sup> place, Keith at 4.0, John at 5.05 and Chris 9.30. The last 12½ miles were back down the old A5 straight into the wind. Even Mick Ward took 30.24 to cover these miles to finish with 1.57.22. Others took somewhat longer. Those, like Keith, who had ridden the Manx International on the Friday, were in a sorry state along this section. Robin took 33.57 to finish in 25<sup>th</sup> place with a 2.3.27. John Fisher took 34.15 to finish in 2.6.18 for 54<sup>th</sup> place. All eyes were now for Keith because with a short 2.1.0, well within his capabilities the Paragon could win the Team race. Unfortunately his Manx exertions proved fatal and it took Keith some 33.39 to complete the last leg and he finished with a 2.4.37 for a disappointing 34<sup>th</sup> place. The Paragon was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Team race behind the 34<sup>th</sup> Nomads. Chris Gray finished in 2.16.17 for 100<sup>th</sup> place.

In an Inter-Club Italian Pursuit competition our team of Wally Happy, Gerry Edmunds, Robin Buchan and Alan Sturgess produced the fastest time of the evening with a 2.9.0 and beat the Poly in the Final. They also won the League match.

Robin Buchan paired with John Ralph (Poly) came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Tandem Sprint Championship at Manchester (Fallowfield). Robin also rode in the Classic 10 miles Muratti Gold Cup race and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Team Pursuit squad were fastest qualifiers in the London Region Championship with a 5.6.3 ride. The team on this occasion was Wally Happy, John Fisher, Chris Gray and Alan Sturgess). Dave Wood came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 440 yards handicap at the Royal Ordnance Factories Sports.

John Fisher went down to Somerset for the Clevedon '25' and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 59.44. Alan Bristow clocked 1.6.20. Then on 5<sup>th</sup> July John tried his hand at long distance racing when he entered the South Ruislip '100'. An excellent 4.32.25 was the result. Seven Paragon riders rode the Kingston '25' on the Portsmouth Road with



Robin Buchan tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 59.42. Les Black finished with 1.2.16, Bruce Smith 1.2.26, Chris Gray 1.2.37, Len Saunders 1.3.52, Brian Newcombe 1.4.14 and Tony Kerss 1.5.23. Wally Happy did a 59.42 in the Bournemouth Jubilee '25' but missed his start time and reported some 2½ minutes late so is down on the results as a 1.2.12. Harry Patmore continues to improve his 1940 times with a 1.6.04 on the Cherry Tree course in the Bec Veterans '25'. Robin Buchan and Keith Butler rode the National Championship road race on a flat course south of Solihull. The course did not suit their style of racing. Robin retired but Keith finished about 18<sup>th</sup> in a mass sprint.

The Club Evening Meeting started a little behind schedule, as the Programmes did not arrive on time. However the racing was excellent. The London Region Sprint Championship was won by Dave Handley (Poly) from John Ralph (Poly) with Laurie Norman (Dulwich Paragon) a surprise 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dave Handley, Mike Gambrill (Clarence) and Robin Buchan teamed up for the 10 miles Madison and made it look easy.

Alan Sturgess won the AEU Cup for the 550 yards Sprint holding off Gerry Edmunds and Robin Buchan in a close tussle down the home straight. In the 550 yards Handicap limit man Len Thompson made the most of his advantage with fast finishing Alan Sturgess and Keith Butler just not catching him to collect the FA Burton Cup. John Fisher and Keith Butler took off in the 5 miles eventually lapping the others. In the dual for the Points John Fisher came out on top to take the George Colget Cup but he could not hold Keith in the sprint for the Ravensbourne Cup. Alan Sturgess came out of the ruck to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At the SCCU Meeting Len Thompson won the Mansfield Novices Shield for the Sprint and Keith Butler won the lap prize in the Roadman's 25 miles event.

Late Starts seem to be in fashion as Alan Sturgess recorded a 1.21.57 in the De Laune '25' instead of the 1.1.57 he actually took to ride the course and John Cleeve should have improved to a 1.7.04 but for a 30" late start. John Fisher was on time in Alan's race and came in with a 1.0.31 whilst Brian Newcombe accompanied John Cleeve with a 1.6.10 in the Grover Manor event. Gerry Pearl came 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lee-on-Solent in a 50 miles race and is closing on Keith Butler for the Masses Start Championship.

John Fisher ventured into the long-distance time trial world when he entered the SCCU '100' and Goss Green Cup event on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. However class will always tell and he romped home in 4.29.53 to win our race and come 4<sup>th</sup> in the SCCU event with Phil Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4.36.02, and Wally Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4.36.56. Phil took both Open and Club handicap awards with ease winning by 11' in 4.13.02 from John Vallack, 4.24.43, and Pete Wall 4.26.37. As Phil rode the old school bike he also uses for cyclo-cross events this was a remarkable achievement but proves the point that it is the man not the machine that counts. He also took the Bill Saggars prize for the best ride by a Novice at 100 miles. John Cleeve finished his first '100' in 4.47.28. Dave Wood came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Unknown Distance race at the Borough of Bexley Sports. Alan Sturgess was 9<sup>th</sup> and Robin Buchan 19<sup>th</sup> in the Epsom road race on the Ashdown Forest circuit over 73 miles.

Competing on the Rollers at Southampton Bruce Smith and Dave Woods collected four placings between them. In the 2 miles Pursuit Bruce was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dave 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 660 yards Handicap Bruce was 2<sup>nd</sup> and in the 660 yards scratch Dave was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan went to Manchester on the 25<sup>th</sup> July to ride the National 4000m Individual Pursuit. Alan recorded 5.21.5 and Robin 5.24.8 but neither reached the quarter-finals. In the 10 miles scratch Robin salvaged some self-respect by coming 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Seventeen riders went down to the Portsmouth Road on the 26<sup>th</sup> July for the Club '25'. On a not too fast a morning Wally Happy came out on top with a 1.2.15, Les Black came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1.2.34, Tony Kerss 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.2.58 and Chris Gray 4<sup>th</sup> in 1.2.59. The Handicap was also very close. John McNee after deducting his 5.30 came 1<sup>st</sup> with 59.58. Phil Griffin was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1.0.00, John Vallack 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1.0.12 and Pete Wall 4<sup>th</sup> in 1.0.46. There were another seven riders in the next minute! In the Croydon Summer League the A Team were back to strength and hammered Aces B Team 16 –2 with Bob Reddin scoring 10 times and 12 –1 in the return match. Then they beat Crystal Palace 7 –6. In the South Western League they beat Clarendon 6 –2. The B Team lost to Aces B 4 –5 but won the return match 6 - 4 in the Summer League but beat Aces A 6 –5. They also beat Norland 6 - 5 in the National League (South). The Team also went up North for the Albert Lusty Memorial Tournament but the sweltering heat coupled with the travelling meant that by the time they played the preliminary matches and reached the Final, against Solihull, they had run out of get-up-and go. The Solihull gave them no mercy and the lads went down 15 –4. They also lost to Solihull in the Semi-finals of the English Cup 5 –2 after a very close fought match. John Fisher rode the Belle Vue '50' in 2.8.59. Alan Bristow finished the Cambridgeshire '50' in 2.16.41 and Robin Buchan clocked a 59.57 in the Bolton Clarion '25'.

Alan Sturgess finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1 lap scratch at the Sydenham Meeting. John Barclay came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 440 yards handicap and Wally Happy took the laps prize in the 5 miles scratch at the Borough of Bexley Meeting.

The Open '50' was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Robin Buchan had his revenge on Keith Butler for 1958. He went through the 25 miles point in 1.1.25 just 11" faster than Keith and then increased his lead in the second half of the race. He won in 2.2.34 but he had beaten Keith Butler into 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 29". A young Dave Bonner, starting from #12 on the card came 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 2.5.18. Other Paragon times were Tony Kerss 2.8.17, Harry Patmore 2.20.10, John Cleeve 2.20.22 and Alan Bristow 2.24.31 after a puncture. Nevertheless the Paragon won the Team race. Chris Gray got 'under' for the first time in 1959 with a 59.55 in the Crest '25'. Alan Sturgess did 1.0.08 and Bruce Smith 1.0.26. Gerry Pearl finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Salisbury 55 miles road race.

Dave Woods became our 3<sup>rd</sup> area Champion when he took the BCF SW London & Surrey 440 Grass title with John Barclay in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Dave also won the 880 yards handicap. Down at Portsmouth Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan won the Tandem Sprint and the 10 minutes Pursuit. In the solo events Robin won the 660 yards handicap with Alan in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Alan then came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 440 yards handicap and to finish off the day John Fisher came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 5 miles Scratch.

Wally Happy improved his best '25' by 3.17 to a 56.26 in the Army Eastern Command event. This was an Army record. Keith Butler held the old record with a 57.11 so we kept it in the family. Wally's time actually beat Robin Buchan's Club Record but could not be counted because it was not done in an Open event. Neither was Wally riding in the name of the Club. Alan Sturgess was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 440 yards handicap at the Poly Meeting and by coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the League Match won the London Cycle Racing League Championship from the Poly with De Laune in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Dave Woods finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North Midds & Herts 440 Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 550 yards handicap. Chris Gray took the lap prize in the 5 miles scratch.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> Robin Buchan took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Leyton CRC '25' with a 57.45. Alan Sturgess produced his fastest time ever with a 58.37 and with Wally Happy recording a 1.0.07 the Paragon won the Team race. Bruce Smith also produced a personal best with a 1.0.17 on the Cherry Tree course. Chris Gray finished in 1.0.26, Tony Kerss 1.0.34, Len Saunders 1.3.22 and Brian Newcombe 1.4.02. John Cleeve improved his 12 hours distance with 235 miles in the South Eastern event whilst Harry Patmore completed the VTTA London '100' in 4.55.30. Phil Griffin rode his first Open 25 miles time trial (after riding the SCCU '100'!). In the Oval event he finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place with a 1.5.01.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> Wally Happy had a crack at Frank Southall's 1 hour tandem paced record but failed by just 749 yards covering 31 miles 708 yards in the hour. He intends to have another go at a later date. In the following race Meeting Alan Sturgess was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 550 yards handicap and then teamed with Robin Buchan they came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Madison Pursuit. The Paragon are also in the Finals of the North Midds & Herts Team Pursuit Championship. In the Club Pursuit Championship Semi-Final round Robin Buchan beat Chris Gray and Alan Sturgess beat John Fisher.

Vin Callanan was on hand in Pangbourne Lane when Keith Butler broke his 9-year-old 100 miles Record in the Westerley event. Keith finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place with a 4.16.31 taking 1.35 from Vin's record. Nearer home the Paragon collected another Team race in the Farnborough '25'. Robin Buchan was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 57.36, Alan Sturgess 6<sup>th</sup> in 58.48, Tony Kerss 1.1.41 and Bruce Smith 1.2.18. Another eight riders took part in the SCCU '50' on the same morning. Chris Gray was 6<sup>th</sup> in the event with a 2.5.56, and then came Les Black 2.9.18, Phil Griffin 2.10.23 (his first '50'), John Fisher 2.12.03, Harry Patmore 2.17.16, John Cleeve 2.17.47, Brian Newcombe 2.23.46 and Pete Wall 2.23.57. The Addiscombe won the Team race beating our lads by some 4 minutes. In the Croydon Summer League the A Team beat the B Team by 11 to 1 and the one B Team goal was an own goal by the A Team. So very generous are these lads! The Croydon Advertiser reports that the Track men have had 25 placing in the first 3 from mid July to Mid August and has won the London Cycle Racing League.

At the Redmon Meeting Alan Sturgess won the 550 yards handicap then came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 10 miles Points Race. In this event Robin Buchan came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Robin Buchan led the winning team in the Aylesbury '25' with a 58.7. John Fisher was our next rider with 59.57, Bruce Smith improved to a 1.0.05, Alan Sturgess

1.0.22, Chris Gray 1.1.11 and Tony Kerss 1.1.38. In the SCCU 2<sup>nd</sup> Class '50' Harry Patmore clocked 2.18.29 and Pete Wall 2.23.30.

Dave Woods won the 1 mile handicap at the Sussex Police Sports and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 880 yards handicap.

The Rotherham Cup on the 30<sup>th</sup> August was poorly supported in that only four riders entered and only two finished. Pete Wall, 218.72, beating Harry Patmore, 213.68. In fairness it should be added that it was Pete Wall's best ride at the distance. Robin Buchan won the 29<sup>th</sup> Whs '25' in 58.08. Len Saunders covered the distance in 1.1.30 and Brian Newcombe 1.6.10. On the Southend Road the Becontree Whs had their '25' and we just missed the team prize. John Fisher came in with a 1.1.10, Tony Kerss 1.2.20 and Wally Happy 1.2.30. It was a hard morning in Essex that accounts for the comparatively slow times. At the Invitation Velo Sacchi Meeting Robin Buchan, Alan Sturgess and Keith Butler each won a £3 lap prime then in the 2 miles Scratch Alan Sturgess took off with 1½ laps to go but was caught with 50 yards to go by Robin Buchan to give us a 1 – 2. Alan Sturgess teamed up with Alan Rowe (De Laune) for the Madison and won some primes but the bulk of these went to Robin Buchan and Mike Gambrill (Clarence) who also won the race.

A junior '15 was held some time during the year but only attracted 2 riders. Adrian Herbert, 39.20, beating Laurie Parker, 39.55.

The Team Pursuit lads established a new track record at Welwyn when winning the North Midds & Herts Championship in 5.8.7 beating the Poly into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The team was Robin Buchan, John Fisher, Wally Happy and Chris Gray. Later in the Meeting in the 5 miles event all the primes were shared between messrs Fisher, Gray and Black. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September they beat the Poly again at Paddington to win the West London title just failing to catch their opponents. The team was Alan Sturgess, Wally Happy, Chris Gray and Les Black. In the London Region Championship they put out the Poly in the semi-finals in the fastest time done by any team this year of 4.56.1.

In the Club Individual Pursuit Robin Buchan beat Alan Sturgess by 3.3 seconds and broke Club Record with a 5.19.7. John Fisher beat Chris Gray in 5.26.5 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Club Track Championship was a win for Alan Sturgess from Robin Buchan with Keith Butler and John Fisher tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the 1000m time trial ride-off Keith, 1.16.2 beat John 1.17.3.

Keith Butler found a slot in his post-National Service activities to ride the Fryco Cup '50' and showed his form by winning very comfortably in the Pound Hill course record time of 2.4.13. Len Saunders was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2.11.17 and John Cleeve 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2.17.10. Harry Patmore took the Handicap with a nett 2.3.53 from John Cleeve, 2.4.10, and Keith Butler, 2.4.13. Robin Buchan won the ECCA '25' with a 58.20 with John Fisher on 1.1.15. Alan Bristow went down to Exeter for the Efford Whs '25' and was rewarded with a personal best of 1.2.49. Alan Sturgess went down to Lee-on-Solent and shook up the field to win the 50 miles road race.

Keith Butler was selected to ride for England in the Tour of Scotland. This was supposed to be 3 by 100 miles stages it turned out to be a mere 380 miles! Suffering

with a summer cold Keith survived the hills, spills and rain on the Scottish Border country to finish in 12<sup>th</sup> place. He lost time on the first and second stages to his teammates who were far more experienced but finish 4<sup>th</sup> on Stage 3 into Glasgow.

At the Meeting of Champions Robin Buchan was selected to ride the All Star Omnium against Dave Bedwell, John Geddes, Denis Tarr, Ron Coe and Jim Hinds. In the Points race Robin was joint 3<sup>rd</sup> and in the Devil-take-the-hindmost he was 4<sup>th</sup>. His best ride was in the 20 laps Motor paced event. Robin took the lead from Bedwell at the half way point. He held this lead until a lap to go when Denis Tarr got past him but Robin held off Bedwell to come 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Omnium Robin came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alan Sturgess then had a crack at the national 1000m record but in the unfavourable conditions he failed but his 1.13.3 beat the existing Club Record for a morsel of consolation. The final event of the afternoon was the 10 miles Scratch in which we had Keith Butler. The field split in two early on with Keith in the wrong half but with some attacking riding he crossed the gap. Once with the leaders Keith whipped up the pace so much so that it looked more of a team pursuit than a scratch race. On the last lap Keith mis-timed his effort but came through very fast to get 3<sup>rd</sup> spot behind Bernard Pusey and Denis Tarr. Time for the race was 21 minutes 2.7 seconds.

John Fisher did his second fastest '25' when he came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Dartmoor RC '25' near Exeter on 13<sup>th</sup> September. He completed the course in 58.36; Alan Bristow did 1.3.19 and Bruce Smith 1.3.47. Robin Buchan did a 2.3.01 in the Viking '50' and Len Saunders a 2.8.30. Keith Butler reached the 25 miles point in just under the hour but punctured on the return and 'retired'. Harry Patmore did a 1.7.03 in the Anerley '25' whilst Pete Wall was on a 1.11.13 after stopping for a rest to unravel a chain.

We had eight finishers in the WLCA '25' on the Farnham course. Fastest of these was Keith Butler with a 1.0.04. John Fisher did 1.0.22, Alan Sturgess 1.0.45, Les Black 1.1.13 (a personal best), Len Saunders 1.1.55, Alan Bristow 1.3.21, Tony Kerss 1.3.41, Chris Gray 1.4.00 and Pete Wall 1.11.01. Les Black's effort also enabled him to collect 3<sup>rd</sup> place on handicap.

In the George Brake Memorial Tournament we had three teams in action. (A, B and D – no C!) (Many uncomplimentary remarks come to mind on this.....!) All teams came through the first round but in Round 2 Team D were pitted against Team B and beat them. It should be added here that Ching Allin had turned out to play for the D team. In the Semi-finals the A Team beat Selhurst 1 – 0 and the D team went down 1 – 2 against the run of play to Crystal Palace. (Read this as 'we wuz robbed'). In the Final the A Team of Charlie Watkins, Bob Reddin, Dave Bengerfield and Alec Bird hammered Crystal Palace 6 – 2 with Alec scoring 2 and Charlie 4. A good hard fought match to finish of a really fine afternoon's Polo.

Six Juniors took part in a Handicap '10' on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and three other club members rode time trials. Now the Club records show Laurie Parker as the winner by 10 seconds from Adrian Herbert (26.10 and 26.20) but the 'Blah' reports that Laurie Parker tied with Adrian Herbert. Both recorded 26.10 with Bob King 3<sup>rd</sup> in 27.45. The Records say that Alan Carpenter won the handicap with a nett 25.35 by 5". Adrian Herbert was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Laurie Parker 3<sup>rd</sup> but the 'Blah' reports that Parker won the Handicap and brought teas for everyone later in the day. Who or what was the correct answer? On a sunny but bitterly cold morning John Fisher and Keith Butler

rode the Epsom Tandem '30' on the Portsmouth Road. Starting at No.5 they went through the field well before the turn to finish many many minutes before the next pair in 1.3.51. This enabled them to win the race by a comfortable 2.13. A feature of the Finish was that as each pair cross the line the rear man sat up cupped his private parts in both hands and moaned in pain; it was so cold on the back of a tandem that morning. Alan Bristow rode the Hounslow '25' and improved yet again to 1.2.05 whilst Chris Gray finished in 1.2.21 and Len Saunders 1.3.36. A team rode the Redhill '50' and for the record Phil Griffin was our fastest in 2.11.22, Tony Kerss did 2.14.38 and Pete Wall 2.28.58.

Mayne Cup day was the 4<sup>th</sup> October and it was not a good morning. Only 16 of the 20 entries started and only 13 reached the Finish. Keith Butler was fastest in 1.0.36 but Les Black was close with a personal best of 1.0.51. These two were well ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> placed man Alan Bristow, 1.3.20. However Les had done enough to be Man of the Day by taking the Mayne Cup. It was another close-run thing. Les had a nett 59.21, Laurie Parker 59.29, John McNee 59.58 and John Vallack 1.0.25. Alan Sturgess rode the Comet '25' and finished 5<sup>th</sup> with a 59.10.

Ten riders lightened their bikes at the bottom of Ranmore for the Club Hill Climb and, yet again, it was Les Black who got to the top in the shortest time for the third successive year. His 4.05 was 2<sup>nd</sup> too good for John Fisher, 4.07, Phil Griffin, 4.17, and Keith Butler 4.19. It is interesting to note that whilst Keith won 'King of the Mountains' competitions and Hill Prizes in many National and International events he never won the Club Hill Climb. Alan Sturgess finished his season with a personal best in the Brentwood '25' but his 58.21 was only good enough for 13<sup>th</sup> place!

On October 18<sup>th</sup> we had a team in the Catford Hill Climb. John Fisher climbed Yorks Hill in 2.13.6 (20<sup>th</sup>) and turned the tables on Les Black who could 'only' do a 2.17.6 (30<sup>th</sup>). Phil Griffin made up the team with a 2.20.0 for 40<sup>th</sup> place. The following week Les Black came 5<sup>th</sup> in the BCF SW London & Surrey Hill Climb with Phil Griffin in 10<sup>th</sup> place..

The A Team won the Croydon Summer League and the B Team won the Handicap section. Q.E.D. The Winter League has started with two losses by the B Team to Aces B 4 – 8 and the Novices C Team went down to Bendfield 20 – 0 (ouch!) Better news came in the Surrey Cup where both A and B Teams reached the Final. The skill and dash of the A Team cruelly showed the deficiencies of the B Team. The B Team were 7 – 1 down at half time and had to endure a Polo tutorial in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as the A Team went on to net 19 goals. Charlie Watkins got 10 of them whilst Bob Reddin, Alec Bird and Reg Wilson got a hat-trick apiece.

Mixed results were attained in November with the B Team losing to Selhurst 2 – 5 and Crystal Palace 5 – 7 but beating Aces A by 7 – 6. The A team beat Bendfield by 17 – 1 with Bob Reddin scoring 10 goals. A team of Juniors played a friendly (!) against Woodberry B and just lost by 9 – 10. and the C Team (novices) lost to Norland 16 – 3.

Phil Griffin began his cyclo-cross season with a bit of a disappointment as he was given a time in the De Laune time trial event that put him in virtual last place. As he had caught and passed the race winner, Ken Fuller De Laune, he had some

justification in his complaint! To make up for this bit of bad luck he then came 6<sup>th</sup> in the East Surrey cyclo-cross on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. No bad one would think. However Phil found in the first 100 yards of the race that he had a loose top tube on the 'special' machine that he uses. (Read - 'old school bike'). Undeterred he continued the race with the aforementioned result. The man must be crazy! Chris Gray was not so lucky as he went off to hospital with concussion and facial abrasions. Later in the season he came 14<sup>th</sup> in the Chequers event at Chobham. In the Bagshot Scramble Phil broke his handlebars and was unable to finish. (This from a man who can race with a broken crossbar!)

The A Team beat Woodberry 20 – 2 with Alec Bird scoring 13 of them and 9 – 3 in the return match then beat Crystal Palace 8 – 2. The B Team have beaten Bendfield 8 – 7 but lost to Selhurst 6 – 13.

Laurie Parker won the Junior Championship with an average speed of 22.606 mph. Adrian Herbert was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an average of 22.551 mph. It was rather close,

John Cleeve won the Open Road Time Trial Championship with 21.813 mph and personal best rides at all three distances, Harry Patmore came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 20.518 mph and Pete Wall was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 20.037 mph. The Massed Start Championship was a win for Keith Butler (19 pts) from Gerry Pearl (14 pts) and a tie between Alan Sturgess and Robin Buchan for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 8 pts each.

### Club Time Trial Results

	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Medium Gear</b>				
5	Entries	<b>8.3.59</b>				
5	Starters					
5	Finishers					
1	Wood D	1.06.40	1	Wood D	2.30	1.04.10
2	Fisher WJ	1.07.09	2	Bristow AA	3.00	1.04.59
3	Gray C	1.07.39	3	Patmore H	7.00	1.06.07
4	Bristow AA	1.07.59	4	Fisher WJ	Scratch	1.07.09
5	Patmore H	1.13.07	5	Gray C	0.30	1.07.09
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Jim Fox Cup</b>				
15	Entries	<b>5.4.59</b>				
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Buchan R	1.00.32	1	Smith B	4.15	1.00.05
2	Saunders L	1.04.12	2	Buchan R	Scratch	1.00.32
3	Smith B	1.04.20	3	Patmore H	10.00	1.00.48
4	Wood D	1.06.03	4	Newcombe B	6.00	1.01.45
5	Edmunds G	1.06.42	5	Wood D	4.00	1.02.03
6	Bristow AA	1.06.56	6	Saunders L	2.00	1.02.12
7	Fisher WJ	1.06.59	7	Edmunds G	4.30	1.02.12
8	Newcombe B	1.07.45	8	Bristow AA	4.00	1.02.56
9	Patmore H	1.10.48	9	Hill A	11.00	1.04.42
10	Hill A	1.15.42	10	Fisher WJ	1.00	1.05.57

	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>30 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Dave London Trophy</b>				
13	Entries	<b>3.5.59</b>				
9	Starters					
9	Finishers					
1	Fisher WJ	1.13.38	1	Sturgess A	0.30	1.13.27
2	Sturgess A	1.13.57	2	Cleeve J	7.00	1.13.34
3	Gray C	1.15.40	3	Griffin P	7.00	1.13.35
4	Saunders L	1.16.24	4	Fisher WJ	Scratch	1.13.38
5	Kerss AD	1.17.03	5	Saunders L	2.00	1.14.24
6	Newcombe B	1.19.35	6	Newcombe B	5.00	1.14.35
7	Cleeve J	1.20.34	7	Gray C	0.30	1.14.40
8	Griffin P	1.20.35	8	Patmore H	8.00	1.14.50
9	Patmore H	1.22.50	9	Kerss AD	1.00	1.16.03
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>50 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>31.5.59</b>		<b>Walter Moon Trophy</b>		
4	Entries					
4	Starters					
4	Finishers					
1	Kerss AD	2.10.11		Cleeve J	20.00	1.54.45
2	Cleeve J	2.14.45		Patmore H	20.30	1.58.40
3	Patmore H	2.19.10		Kerss AD	6.30	2.03.41
4	Langenbruch R	2.31.17		Langenbruch R	21.00	2.10.17
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>Purley to Brighton</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>14 6.59</b>				
24	Entries					
22	Starters					
22	Finishers					
1	Fisher WJ	1.30.28	1	Hamblen S	18.00	1.20.48
2	Saunders L	1.32.52	2	Sams F	25.00	1.21.46
3	Bristow AA	1.34.12	3	Fisher M	16.00	1.22.45
4	Sturgess A	1.34.27	4	Herbert A	16.00	1.22.47
5	Newcombe B	1.35.37	5	Parker L	17.00	1.23.48
6	McNee J	1.35.55	6	McNee J	12.00	1.23.55
7	Vallack J	1.36.59	7	Vallack J	13.00	1.23.59
8	Cleeve J	1.37.12	8	Newcombe B	10.00	1.25.37
9	Fisher M	1.38.45	9	Wall P	20.00	1.25.46
10	Herbert A	1.38.47	10	Fisher WJ	4.00	1.26.28
11	Hamblen S	1.38.48	11	Vallack M	16.00	1.26.42
12	Patmore H	1.40.39	12	Bristow AA	7.00	1.27.12
13	Parker L	1.40.48	13	Langenbruch R	18.00	1.27.37
14	Vallack M	1.42.42	14	Patmore H	13.00	1.27.39
15	Langenbruch R	1.45.37	15	Saunders L	5.00	1.27.52
16	Wall P	1.45.46	16	Cleeve J	9.00	1.28.12
17	Sams F	1.46.46	17	Sturgess A	4.00	1.30.27
18	Wood J	1.47.15	18	Wood J	16.00	1.31.15
19	Carpenter A	1.51.39	19	Osborn G	22.00	1.33.19
20	Nash E	1.52.57	20	Carpenter A	16.00	1.35.39
21	Sharp P	1.54.43	21	Nash E	16.00	1.36.57
22	Osborn G	1.55.19	22	Sharp P	16.00	1.38.43



	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>100 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
7	Entries	<b>Goss Green Cup</b>				
7	Starters	<b>19.7.59</b>				
7	Finishers					
1	Fisher WJ	4.29.53	1	Griffin P	23.00	4.13.02
2	Griffin P	4.36.02	2	Vallack J	20.00	4.24.43
3	Happy W	4.36.56	3	Wall P	35.00	4.26.37
4	Vallack J	4.44.23	4	Cleeve J	20.00	4.27.28
5	Cleeve J	4.47.28	5	Patmore H	30.00	4.27.36
6	Patmore H	4.57.36	6	Fisher WJ	1.00	4.28.53
7	Wall P	5.01.37		Happy W		T.T.
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>26.7.59</b>				
19	Entries					
17	Starters					
17	Finishers					
1	Happy W	1.02.15	1	McNee J	5.30	0.59.58
2	Black L	1.02.34	2	Griffin P	5.00	1.00.00
3	Kerss AD	1.02.58	3	Vallack J	6.00	1.00.12
4	Gray C	1.02.59	4	Wall P	9.00	1.00.46
5	Wood D	1.03.31	5	Patmore H	6.00	1.01.12
6	Griffin P	1.05.00	6	Black L	1.15	1.01.19
7	McNee J	1.05.28	7	Sams F	9.00	1.01.24
8	Vallack J	1.06.12	8	Cleeve J	5.30	1.01.27
9	Thompson L	1.06.41	9	Wood D	2.00	1.01.31
10	Cleeve J	1.06.57	10	Thompson L	5.00	1.01.41
11	Patmore H	1.07.12	11	Fisher M	5.30	1.01.45
12	Fisher M	1.07.15	12	Herbert A	5.30	1.02.12
13	Herbert A	1.07.42	13	Kerss AD	0.30	1.02.28
14	Norris A	1.07.56	14	Gray C	0.30	1.02.29
15	Wall P	1.09.46	15	Norris A	4.00	1.03.56
16	Sams F	1.10.24	16	Happy W	owe 2.00	1.04.15
17	Sharp P	1.17.20	17	Sharp P	10.00	1.07.20
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>12 hours</b>				
		<b>Rotherham Cup</b>				
4	Entries	<b>30.8.59</b>				
2	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Wall P		218.72			
2	Patmore H		213.68			
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>50 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Fryco Cup</b>				
8	Entries	<b>6.9.59</b>				
7	Starters					
7	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	2.04.13	1	Patmore H	15.00	2.03.53
2	Saunders L	2.11.17	2	Cleeve J	13.00	2.04.10
3	Cleeve J	2.17.10	3	Butler KS	Scratch	2.04.13
4	Newcombe B	2.17.55	4	Fisher M	14.00	2.04.13
5	Fisher M	2.18.13	5	Saunders L	7.00	2.04.17

6	Patmore H	2.18.53	6	Newcombe B	12.00	2.05.55
7	Wall P	2.24.40	7	Wall P	18.00	2.06.40
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>25 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>4.10.59</b>		<b>Mayne Cup</b>		
20	Entries					
16	Starters					
13	Finishers					
1	Butler KS	1.00.36	1	Black L	1.30	0.59.21
2	Black L	1.00.51	2	Parker L	7.00	0.59.29
3	Bristow AA	1.03.20	3	McNee J	5.30	0.59.58
4	Griffin P	1.04.56	4	Vallack J	6.30	1.00.25
5	McNee J	1.05.28	5	Butler KS	Scratch	1.00.36
6	Newcombe B	1.05.57	6	Hamblen S	8.00	1.00.46
7	Parker L	1.06.29	7	Bristow AA	2.15	1.01.05
8	Vallack J	1.06.55	8	Griffin P	3.45	1.01.11
9	Patmore H	1.07.57	9	Patmore H	6.00	1.01.57
10	Hamblen S	1.08.46	10	Newcombe B	3.30	1.02.27
11	Fisher M	1.10.21	11	Wall P	9.00	1.03.24
12	Wall P	1.12.24	12	Fisher M	6.30	1.03.51
13	Langenbruch R	1.15.15	13	Langenbruch R	8.00	1.07.15
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>10 Scr</b>				
		<b>Junior</b>				
5	Entries	<b>24.5.59</b>				
5	Starters					
4	Finishers					
1	Herbert A	26.20				
2	King R	27.23				
3	Chapman A	27.53				
4	Carpenter A	30.48				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>15 Scr</b>				
		<b>Junior</b>				
2	Entries					
2	Starters					
2	Finishers					
1	Herbert A	39.20				
2	Parker L	39.55				
	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>10 h/c</b>		<b>Handicap Result</b>		
		<b>Junior</b>				
6	Entries	<b>27.9.59</b>				
6	Starters					
6	Finishers					
1	Parker L	26.10	1	Carpenter A	2.30	25.35
2	Herbert A	26.20	2	Herbert A	0.30	25.40
3	King R	27.45	3	Parker L	Scratch	26.10
4	Carpenter A	28.05	4	King R	1.00	26.45
5	Wood J	30.14	5	Wood J	2.30	27.34
6	Sharp P	30.45	6	Sharp P	3.00	27.45
	Newcombe B	25.46		Time Trial		
	Watkins L	27.24		Time Trial		
	Bigg R	30.32		Time Trial		

	<b>Scratch Result</b>	<b>Hill Climb</b>				
		<b>11.10.59</b>				
10	Entries					
10	Starters					
10	Finishers					
1	Black L	4.05				
2	Fisher WJ	4.07				
3	Griffin P	4.17				
4	Butler KS	4.19				
5	Bristow AA	4.47				
6	Kerss AD	4.50				
7	Parker L	4.54				
8	Herbert A	5.09				
9	Sharp P	5.31				
	Hamblen S	5.31				