

## THE WHEELING WORLD

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A Weekly Survey.

### DICK TURPIN'S RANDOM RECORDS.

**M**ARCH winds and April showers have both been pretty much in evidence during the Easter holidays, the result being that long cycling spins have for the most part been abandoned in favour of modest jaunts. A couple of hard-riding Excelsiorites had planned a trip into Hants and Wilts, but the cold grey dawa which was to view the start brought an unsympathetic head wind and the promise of much rain. So they exhibited that discretion which is the better part of valour—when valour is mud-plugging!

Another pair enjoyed a modest day's run of sixty-odd miles through Arundel to Petworth and Midhurst, returning by Chichester.

The roads could not have been better, and, as luck would have it, they were fortunate in not getting more than the fringes of a couple of showers.

On Monday a party of local wheelmen went to Preston Park to see the Brighton Cyclist Club's Race Meeting, the party being smaller this year than usual, as several of the "boys" had deserted to the Football Match, where they enjoyed seeing Worthing win the Senior Cup.

However, we numbered one competitor—Baruch Blaker, who was motoring—and two officials, in the persons of Field-Stewards Henson and Sam Clark.

In the Half-mile Handicap Offen, of Brighton, finished second to a very warm novice named Giles, of the Lyric C.C., who won in one minute four seconds, despite a troublesome wind.

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In the Five Miles Scratch Race the other Brighton rider, G. N. Charman, secured second place to the great C. B. Kingsbury, who won fairly easily, though clearly not yet in real form. Offen was brought down by another competitor in this race, but was unhurt.

The motor-cycle race provided some thrilling sport, as half-a-dozen riders tore round the track at speeds varying up to thirty-six miles an hour, to an accompaniment of rattling explosions from the engines, which were allowed to be run unmuffled.

The first prize went to Richards, a London rider, our man Blaker finishing second, and Genn, of Wimbledon, third.

Baruch Blaker has now won the second prize in the motor race at these Sports three times. Each time it has taken the form of a salad bowl!

Charman and Offen, though Brighton men, are both members of the Worthing Excelsior Club, so it happens that all four of the second prizes were won by Excelsiorites.

I understand from W. R. Paine that he is undecided whether to race this year or not, as he cannot spare the time for a proper course of training. Some of the younger speedmen in the Club ought to be fit by this time, and I wonder that none of them should have been competing this Easter.

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