

## Wheelers Try Out "Flying Saucer"

Ipswich Amateur Wheelers last Sunday morning tried out their new "flying saucer" bitumen track at Woodend, and were quite satisfied with the result.

There were some good half-mile sprints, heat winners being M. Kingston, C. Bell, E. Brown, and V. Schulte; and the final was won by V. Schulte. A three-mile event went to E. Brown.

Even veteran Harold Schulte was tempted to take part in the races, and coached the young riders in the finer points of the game. Max Kingston is sprinting well. He gained fastest time honours in last Saturday's 10 mile road race, and looks like developing into a first-class rider.

The consistent Graham Counter had another good win in the 10-miler, with Ken. Brown second, and Max Kingston third. Fastest senior time honours went to Hilary Pocock. Kingston's fastest junior time was the best for the race.

Robert Robb, a new arrival from Scotland, did well at his first start.

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Although last Saturday's senior and junior sprint championships were run at a slow pace, the finishes were fast and thrilling. In

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a tyre width, with Merv. Herick a half-wheel away third, and only inches ahead of Sid. Buckley, followed by Col. Shanks and Des. Hickey. All six riders finished within a half a cycle's length of the winner at a speed well in excess of 40 miles per hour.

In the junior event, Bill Ebert made his final dash from the crossroad, to win going away by a half-length from Peter Bell, Kev. Wallace, and Max Howard. Bill recently won the five mile Queensland junior championship, Peter Bell the 5-mile South Queensland junior championship; Kev. Wallace, the 14 mile club un-paced championship; and Max Howard the 15 mile South Queensland championship. With such a field of champions to defeat, the winner deserves high praise. It is interesting to note that

It is interesting to note that Bill Ebert is being coached by Bob Dowse, and they have rehearsed the sprint several times over the past few weeks. It is little wonder that both did well in Saturday's events.

These events terminated the road season for 1952, and from next Sunday, riders will concentrate on track racing.

Star attraction is likely to be Bruce Opperman, brother of world-famous "Oppy." However, more than one Crescent rider is likely to extend Bruce to his very best performance. Col. Rossner should be a high rated star this season.