

SPEEDWAY ACTION AT—

## TOLMER SPEEDWAY

BORDERTOWN

First Meeting for the Season

Sunday, 27th November at 1.30 p.m.

Improved spectator facilities — Car parking on all mounds.

Admission: \$1.50 Adults, 50c Children

## Speedway Commences This Sunday

Speedway racing will start one month earlier this season, with the opening meeting this Sunday. Speedway fans will see that a great many improvements have been made to the track and to the spectator mounds since last season.

In order to cater for cars to be parked on the mounds surrounding the track, the existing mounds have been enlarged and the trough that existed between the track and spectator area has been filled with soil.

An inspection by senior members of the Racing Drives Association was made last weekend and they complimented the club on the improvements.

The filling for the mounds was taken from the infield of the track and this has levelled the centre out quite considerably. A new bike track has been formed which the club feels will make this class of racing more exciting for both competitors and spectators.

The club is indebted to Robert Webb and Roger Eifenbein for the time and work they have put into the upgrading of these facilities.

### TRACK SURFACE UPGRADED

Quite a deal of work has been done during the winter on upgrading the racing surface. The track has been ripped, reformed and reshaped and it is hoped that the amount of work put into the track will improve even further the standard of racing seen here at Bordertown.

The club is grateful to Deryk Colwill for the use of his ripper which has proved to be ideal for the type of ripping required.

Doug Maney recently carted two loads of crude gypsum from Jeparit which has been added to the track to make the clay more porous.

A number of new cars and drivers will be seen at the first meeting. Jan Krop and John Fisher must

be commended on the work they have done on their HR Holden. Jan Krop will be racing his car in the Modified section this year and if last Saturday night's racing at Mount Gambier is any guide this car will be hard to beat this season.

Competing in Modified grade Krop gained two seconds and a third placing. Kevin and Chris Colbert will have their first time out in an HR Holden as will Judith Fisher in the ex-Doug Maney EH Holden. Trevor Marshall will be driving an EH Holden in standard grade. This car was previously raced by his brother Graham.

Graham will be driving a Torana XU1 this season, but due to a delay in the arrival of engine parts he may not be racing on Sunday. Ken Rogers has purchased a Mount Gam-

bier car, a Torana XU1, previously raced at Bordertown by Max Clarke, and Daryl Pilgrim will be driving the ex-Darrell Stein Falcon.

In the economy class two FC Holdens driven by Bruce Hunter and Woolshed Inn proprietor Dean Bennett will be seen.

Nominations are to hand from Nhill, Mount Gambier and Adelaide for this meeting.

The mini-bike lads from Keith will be competing this season. Although many will be competing at Port Pirie this weekend in the last of the winter meetings there will be events for mini-bikes.

Despite increased charges at all other speedways in SA, the club has not raised its admission charges for adults which remain at \$1.50. A ten cent increase to fifty cents for children will apply.

In the standard saloon races were two rookie drivers in Ken Rogers (Torana) and Judith Fisher (EH Holden). Both of these drivers started a little apprehensively but it did not take long to get the feel of the track and both were very competitive by the end of the day. A welcome re-appearance to driving was made by Trevor Marshall driving an EH Holden. Top driver for the day in this grade was regular competitor Rodney Colbert from Nhill driving a very fast FB Holden.

Next meeting on January 22 will see a definite increase in cars as a further six local cars will be ready in time for this meeting. A notable absentee from last Sunday's events was the Torana XU1 driven by Roger and Jill Bennett. Two weeks ago at Nhill Speedway, Roger's car suffered considerable motor damage and he is waiting for parts to arrive.

## Speedway Meeting Cancelled

After a track inspection last Saturday morning, it was decided to cancel the opening meeting for the season at Tolmer Speedway. During the week prior to a race meeting, the track surface must be flooded with water.

Until last Friday, over 30,000 gallons of water had been placed on the track. However, the inspection on Saturday morning revealed the surface to be very dry, whereas normally at that time it is so wet it is like mud.

Rather than risk having the track break up, which it will do when dry, the club decided to cancel the meeting.

Despite the addition of crude gypsum to the track, which allows the water to pass through the surface to the base of the track, some nine inches below the surface, the base was still dry. Lack of rain during the late winter months was the main factor causing the base to be so dry.

The track will definitely benefit from the rains received over the weekend and will be watered every night until next meeting, scheduled for December 12. During the period up to this meeting it is expected that almost 80,000 gallons of water will be placed on the track. This will ensure that it is in first class condition.

Over the weekend, several of Australia's top outfit riders passed through Bordertown and called in on the track. These riders along with the speedway solos, race on the track itself and not on the scramble type track. They all complimented the club on preparation of the track and grounds. They require a surface to slide their machines around the corners, and they are interested in racing here one meeting during the season if the track is suitable.

Members are advised that a general cleanup working bee will be held this Saturday.

## Speedway Season Opens

The first meeting for this season was held last Sunday at Tolmer Speedway. Over the past several months club members have been busy improving the track and spectator mounds and their efforts were not wasted as the track was in excellent condition and improved spectator facilities received favourable comment.

It was unfortunate that some 12 cars either did not arrive as promised or were late cancellations. The number of cars present did produce good racing with times very close to record. Both modified and standard cars were only several seconds outside the lap record for six laps.

The mini bikes again put on an excellent display of racing in both A and B grades with a total of 15 bikes in attendance. The A-grade bikes top rider for the day was S.A. and Vic titleholder Andy Caldecott who was placed in every event, winning five of the seven races. Top rider in B-grade was Jeffery Kivett with three wins. The B-grade events are mostly handicapped, which gives some of the less experienced riders a chance to win.

Two girls were competing, Tania Ingerson and Jodie Graetz, and each won a race. Steven Buckley, who competed here last year, was a very disappointed boy watching from the sidelines after injuring his leg in a fall last week.

The mini-bikes are becoming increasingly popular as last Sunday has shown. Being too young is no barrier, as several of the riders competing were only nine years old.

The modified events were very closely contested with the lead changing several times in each race. A regular visitor from Adelaide in Roger Flatman took the trophy for the top point scorer for the day. The trophy was donated by John Lloyd of Golden Piece.

Flatman scored four wins from six starts with Jan Krop and Ian Sullivan in HR Holdens each winning a race in their grades. G. Marshall had a few teething troubles with the new motor in his Torana and just when he had it firing he was involved in a crash and was forced to withdraw.

The feature event for all cars was run over eight laps for a trophy donated by Dean Bennett. The event was won by Jan Krop.



