

SPORT

Running Around Indoors



by Peter Hildreth

THIS weekend the A.A.A. Indoor events are to be held at the Wembley Pool. There is a very big entry for this very popular meeting of "runners on boards."

In the 60 yards dash, more than 60 runners will be out to take the title from David Jones. In such a short distance, no runner can afford to make a mistake—a sluggish start by David and he could be beaten by snappy youngsters like Nick Overhead and George Cmla.

Mike Hogan, surprise winner of the 60 yards hurdles last year, will encounter strong opposition from Laurie Taitt of British Guiana, who still seeks his first national title. In the 2-miles, Derek Ibbotson will probably retain his title, but Martin Hyman could well surprise the champion.

In the high jump, Scotland's Crawford Fairbrother will be out to clear 6 ft 9 ins or more. Watch how he straddles over the bar face downwards and lands on his back!

Pole-vaulting, too, is exciting when the athlete's feet look as though they are going clean through the roof! The man whose feet may go highest is Rex Porter, the bespectacled schoolmaster with the big-bend glass-fibre pole.

For novelty there is a tug-of-war this year to rival that other strong-man event—the shot-put.

They both beat France

It's Calcutta Cup time at Twickenham on Saturday, when England meets Scotland for the 78th time.

This match brings together the two sides which surprisingly beat France this season. Both England and Scotland have the chance of taking the International championship title, held by France for the past four seasons (although 1959-60 was shared with England).

Twickenham is not a happy ground for the Scots, who have not won there since 1938.

VETERANS ON THE ROAD TO BRIGHTON

THE road to Brighton will be busy again on Sunday with veteran motor-cycles taking part in the 27th pioneer run of historic motor-cycles.

These vehicles, some of them almost 60 years old, will set off from Epsom, Surrey, at 8.30 a.m. for the run of about 40 miles to Brighton. Some of them may be glad of a stop on the way, while others may want to "keep right on to the end of the road." However, all will have to stop for half an hour at Hickstead, about a dozen miles from Brighton, to give onlookers and passers-by a chance to examine them.

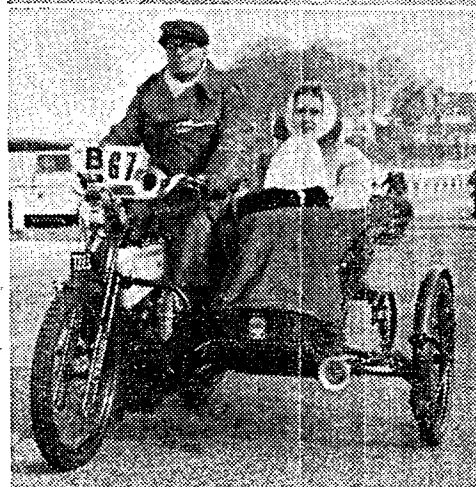
The run is promoted by the Sunbeam Motor-Cycle Club,

whose secretary, Mr. T. E. Hubbeck, says: "It is a timed run and not a race. All machines have to be on the Sunbeam Pioneer Register, which contains 500 machines built before December 1914 and which must be in authentic condition according to the original makers' specifications."

Brighton Corporation regard the event as a town entertainment, and each entrant completing the run receives a souvenir award.



Above: A 1901 Slinger, the only one of its kind.



Left: A motor-cycle made for two—a 1906 Rex machine.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



ALL good things must come to an end! On Saturday the coarse fishing season closes for three months, to allow the fish to breed safely, far from the temptation of a bait-laden hook.

The new season, opening on 16th June, seems a long way off, but I've learned from experience that there are lots of jobs that need attending to during this period.

One of the first is to empty your tackle bag and clean everything before putting it away. Repair jobs, such as mending broken rod rings or dealing with cracked varnish, can be put aside for attention later.

A most important job is to get rid of any worms or maggots still lurking at the bottom of bait tins. Worms can be tipped out on the garden, but maggots must be properly disposed of. I usually put a few out on the bird-table every morning. The birds regard them as very tasty tit-bits and I usually have new visitors as soon as word gets around!

Bait tins need a thorough wash

in hot, soapy water before they are put away. Bait rags, too, warrant a good scrub, unless they are well worn, in which case you should burn them.

Worms make very good bait, and just now is an excellent time to start a worm patch in the garden, where you'll always find plenty of bait without digging holes in the lawn!

Find a shady corner where the soil is loose, and empty tea leaves there regularly, digging them in

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now and then. Add a bit of garden refuse, and some scraps of kitchen rubbish and you'll soon find worms attracted to the spot. A loose turn-over with a fork will usually unearth sufficient bait for a day's fishing.

Always keep the patch damp, especially during very hot weather, and in the cold weather it's a good plan to throw an old piece of sacking over it to keep off the worst of the frost.

If you want to be sure of having really big worms, make up a wooden frame about two feet square and a foot deep with the bottom made of perforated zinc. Bury this with the rim about two inches above the ground and collect worms to keep in it. The zinc bottom will stop them from escaping and, provided you feed the box regularly with scraps and garden rubbish, they'll breed happily.

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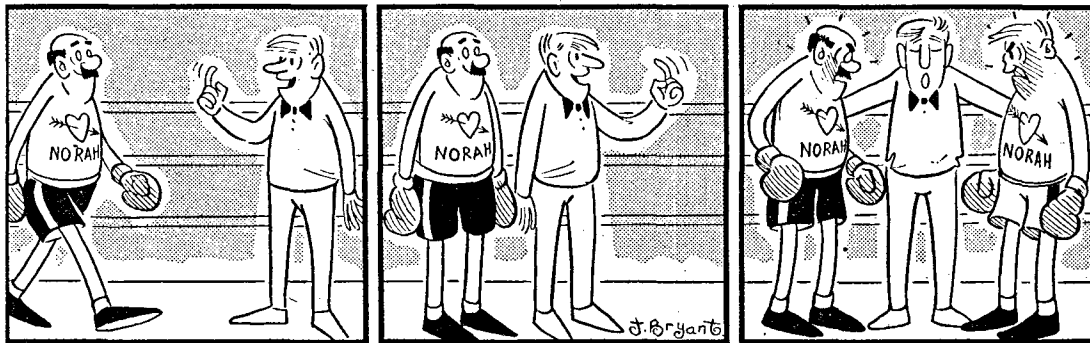
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