New beer-bike course?

Stadium bike track given first test

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In the first of a series of bike races to be held on the new stadium track, Dave Bryan of Will Rice defeated Roy Meals of Hanszen in a 4,000 meter time trial Saturday.

Starting diametrically opposite Meals on the .35 mile track, Bryan picked up a six second lead in the first two laps and held on for a time of 6:04.2. Meals, considered to be the strongest rider on the tough Hanszen bike team, managed only 6:10.8 to fall behind another Will Rice rider, team captain Jim Moyer, who had a 6:08.1.

The new track is twelve feet wide and encloses the playing field on the first concession level. To make up for the lack of banking on the curves, each turn was divided into three tangential arcs with different radii. The arc with the shortest radius (147'-3") occurs in the middle thirty degrees of the turn.

Instrumental in creating the track was Dr. Alan Chapman, chairman of the Outdoor Sports Committee, who obtained successful arrangements with the athletic director and with Buildings and Grounds for the painting of track markings and surface repairs.

It is not yet known what the safe limiting speed on the track will be. As yet none of the riders has had the courage to find out. Bryan’s average speed of 24.2 mph is still several miles per hour short of the speeds attained in the beer-bike race.

The track will be open from 7:45 am to 4:30 pm daily except Sunday. The next event is scheduled for 2:00 pm this Saturday.

4,000 M. Pursuit

1. Jim Boochholdt ..........(7:50.8)
   def. David Hutton ..........(8:19.8)
2. Dave Bryan ...............(6:04.2)
   def. Roy Meals .............(6:10.8)
3. Jim Moyer ...............(6:08.1)
   def. Chuck Younger ..........(6:13.6)
4. John Dawson .............(6:24.9)
   def. Jim Fonda .............(6:46.9)

Order of placement based on times: Bryan, Moyer, Meals, Younger, Dawson, Fonda, Boochholdt, and Hutton.

4,000 M. Team Pursuit

1. Meals-Moyer .............(6:21.5)
   def. Bryan-Younger ..........(6:23.4)