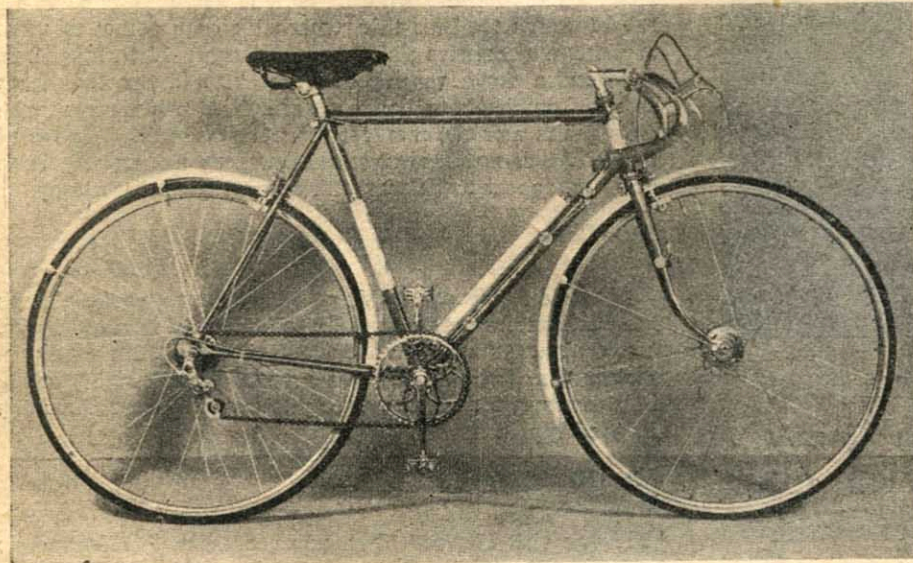


CYCLING ROAD TEST By "NIMROD"

B.S.A. "TOUR OF BRITAIN SPORTS"



In this Latest Road Test a Product from B.S.A. is under Review. The Verdict—A Sound, Likeable and Reasonably Priced Machine.

SPECIFICATION

Frame: 21½ in. or 22½ in. 72° head and 70° seat angles. Reynolds 531 tubing; entirely brazed-up with cut-away lugs and brazed-on cable eyelets; inserted head races. **Fork:** D to round blades with 2½-in. rake and solid ends. **Wheels:** 27-in. H.P. with D/B spokes and B.S.A. wide-flanged hubs. **Tyres:** Dunlop High Pressure. **Crank:** 6½-in. B.S.A. forged fluted. **Chainwheel:** B.S.A. five-pin flanged 46T. **Pedals:** B.S.A. Quill Racing. **Handlebar:** G.B. Maitland 15/16-in. bend taped and plugged on G.B. 2¾-in. alloy extension. **Brakes:** G.B. Sports. **Saddle:** Brooks' B.15. **Mudguards:** White plastic with mudflap; reflector on rear guard. **Finish:** Flamboyant, amaranth. **Equipment:** Inflator. **Price:** Single-speed, £19 19s. 11d.; Benelux three-speed, £22 0s. 9d.; Benelux three-speed and double chainwheel, £23 18s. 3d.

I HAVE been recapturing, in my test of the B.S.A. "Tour of Britain Sports" machine recently introduced, the earlier days of my ambitions, for this is a smart and very rideable bicycle which has all the attributes of a thoroughbred general-purpose mount at an attractive price.

Its title is inspiring, its specification good, its appearance "sporty," and a test through which it came with satisfaction was its easy riding over some of London's cobblestones due, no doubt, to its longish 41½-in. wheelbase. It is certainly a comfortable mount and I can imagine many a young fellow enjoying his first introduction to faster pleasure riding on this new model.

Equipment is of First Quality

The specification is lavish for such a reasonable price, a price well within the pocket of most youngsters, or at any rate, their father's, when considering a new cycle. The influence of the road-racing and record-breaking team is obvious in the sensibly designed frame available in 21½-in. and 22½-in. sizes. The chromium-ended fork blades have a 2½-in. rake and are in "D" to round pattern. The lug work on the frame is of pleasing design and brazed-on lamp bracket boss, and brake stops are fitted although it is to be

queried why gear cable eyes did not complete the "cleaning-up" fittings.

One of the finest parts of this machine is the transmission. The chainset and pedals are of B.S.A. manufacture, both being well known since pre-war days as fittings of the best possible standard. The fluted chainset, with its five-pin fixing, is a popular choice of many trackmen, for its rigidity and finish are hard to beat. Perfect balance is an essential of a good pedal and the quill pattern fitted to the test model is an example of a well-designed and well-executed fitment.

Wheels Up to High Standard

From the transmission we are led, via the chain, to the gear, an optional extra. The Cyclo "Benelux" four-speed fitted, responded to bursts of varying degrees of urgency exerted with completely satisfactory results and slipped noiselessly from the lowest ratio of 62 in. to the highest of 88 in. with a minimum of fuss.

It is in the direction of wheels that many "sports" cycles have advanced most during recent years and here we find the "Tour of Britain Sports" no exception. Steel 27 in. High Pressure rims fitted with Dunlop road-racing tyres combine with the new B.S.A. wide-flanged hubs to form a set of wheels any clubman would be proud to possess. The hubs, although not

of pencil type, run well and are obviously built to take that extra wear.

In the "handlebar and anchorage department" G.B. components fit the bill admirably. Bob Maitland-type alloy 'bars, taped and plugged, fitted to a 2¼-in. alloy extension, give a comfortable if somewhat short reach (for a tall fellow such as me) whilst the G.B. Sport brakes provide the reliable stopping medium.

New "Flyer" Saddle Fitted

Seating is by Brooks, although the normal B.15 model was exchanged for the new B.15 "Flyer" for the purposes of the road test. With a saddle it is impossible to gain an accurate picture of its true worth during a short test, the years and one's own anatomy combining to pronounce final judgment. However, the B.15 "Flyer" has all the outward attributes of its older, highly popular predecessor, the B.17 "Flyer," and gave every indication of giving as long and faithful service. The smart ensemble of the "Tour of Britain Sports," available in four different flamboyant finishes, is completed by white guards, fitted with reflector, and 15-in. inflator.

In all, this is a good cycle. A neat appearance is backed up by an efficient performance and the whole becomes a machine any owner, particularly a young owner, would be proud to possess.

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