

OBITUARY

MR. ROY LINDUS

Mr. Roy Lindus, who died on Sunday week, as a result of injuries, was a prominent Newcastle cyclist, and had competed with success in many parts of Australia.

Mr. Lindus was born at Weston, on March 8, 1907, and began his athletic career when 14, as a member of the Premier Amateur Swimming Club. Later he was a member of the Bogey Hole Swimming Club. In 1922 he joined the Newcastle Amateur Cycling Club, and when only 15 came second in an open race of 34 miles, from Mayfield to Maitland and back. In January, 1924, he began his track racing career, winning a half-mile handicap, and coming first and second in mile amateur handicaps at Newcastle Sports Ground. Then he became a professional, and at his first appearance he won a double at Newcastle Sports Ground. He improved rapidly, until he was scratch man for track and road races in the Newcastle district. He held that position for most of his racing career, and he retired from competitive cycling only recently.

A diary kept by Mr. Lindus until the end of 1930 shows that he won 56 first prizes, and came second or third 89 times. In 1924 he was first in Woy Woy Club's annual open road race. He won the Newcastle military championship in 1924 and 1925, and in 1923 he came third in the State military championship, and won the Singleton-Newcastle annual open road race. The following year he won the State military championship, and came fifth in the Goulburn to Sydney open race of 130 miles. He won the Northern district road championship in 1927 and 1929, and came third in the State road championship in 1930. He made a tour of Tasmania for the Christmas and New Year carnivals in 1927-28, and he and his brother, Mr. C. Lindus, won £110. Mr. R. Lindus was the Newcastle Club champion several times, and last year he captained the Newcastle team which won the State road premiership in record time.

The brothers rode to Warrnambool one year, and competed in the handicap race from Warrnambool to Melbourne. Mr. C. Lindus finished 11th in the field of 290 starters, and Mr. R. Lindus finished about 30th, gaining the prize for the fastest rider from another State. In 1929 they went to Bundaberg, where Mr. R. Lindus had a puncture, and fell 30 yards from the post while leading in the Wheel Race of two miles. It was the only time that he broke a pedal. He raced again that afternoon, and at night he gained a place in a scratch race of 10 miles. The three brothers, Frank, Roy, and Cecil, went to Gilgai, near Inverell, for about six years, and competed in the teams race. They were defeated only once. In 1933 Mr. R. Lindus competed in the scratch race from Sydney to Melbourne. He was sick before the start, but did not retire until he reached the last stage. Hubert Opperman, the famous cyclist, was anxious to win the sprint at his home town in Victoria, but Mr. Lindus defeated him. He had a remarkable finishing sprint, and won most of his races in the last few yards.

All Northern district amateur and professional clubs, including Gosford and Greta, were represented at the funeral, which was headed by cyclists who had ridden with Mr. Lindus. They led their racing machines.

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The pall-bearers were Messrs. C. Neave, R. Tresidder, R. Wilson, and H. Scotman, clubmates of Mr. Lindus. The interment was made in the Methodist section of Sandgate Cemetery. The Commonwealth Steel Company was represented by Messrs. W. Shaddel, W. Friend, L. Abel, F. Edwards, and J. Richardson.