

Harry Reynolds joined Solihull Cycling Club in 1951. By 1953 he had won the National Junior Mass-Start Championships, then in '54 he took the club's silver Jubilee M/S Championship - just pipping Dick Bowes - as well as the Dawes Memorial "25" and sundry road race firsts in events like the Concorde, Eppynt and Birchfield circuit races.

By 1955 Harry was into the big time, taking 7th place in the Isle of Man International road race and - with the able support of Pete Janes and Dick Bowes - ensuring Solihull came away with first club team award.

In 56 he was picked for both the world championships and for the Melbourne Olympic Games, winning a team silver medal for the road race.

That same year had him winning the solihull Open road race as well as taking 4th place in the 1.0.M. International.

1957 and it was 3rd for "H" in the National R.R. Championships, while in the World championships staged this year at Warayen in Belgium - he had the misfortune to puncture on the last lap when he was nicely set up to finish in the top 10..

Even with this he still came home in 30th place..

1958 and our man was 5th in the Tour of Britain, 8th in the Tour of Belgium (wearing yellow jersey part of the time) and, what must have been very satisfying for his c.o., winning the Army 5-day road race with an incredible first on every stage.

On the basis of these results Harry was selected for the world professional Road Race but his Independent licence at that time debarred him from competing. Still, being a little upset like that didn't stop him enjoying a mountain bash in that year's Dauphine Libéré.

The pinnacle was 1960, the year that saw Harry competing in the Tour de France.

That year the race took the anticlockwise route.

All went well until the 12th stage going through the Pyrenees when there was a crash coming down off the Port d'Aspet pass. Harry went out with a broken collarbone.

After that and for a few years there was a slight lull. But, surprise surprise, by 1978 and at the tender age of 42 he was back in action taking 2nd place in the Vets National Championship road race, putting up fastest time in the vets. National "10°" and filling top spots in both the Club Road Race Championship and by returning a 57-55 in the club "25" Championship.

1979 saw him again achieving honours in the Isle of Man, this time winning the Vets National Road Race championship. his accumulated record provided the club with ample justification for electing him to Honorary Life membership - nicely coinciding with Solihull CC's Golden Jubilee.