

## An **ASTOR** Rider reports :

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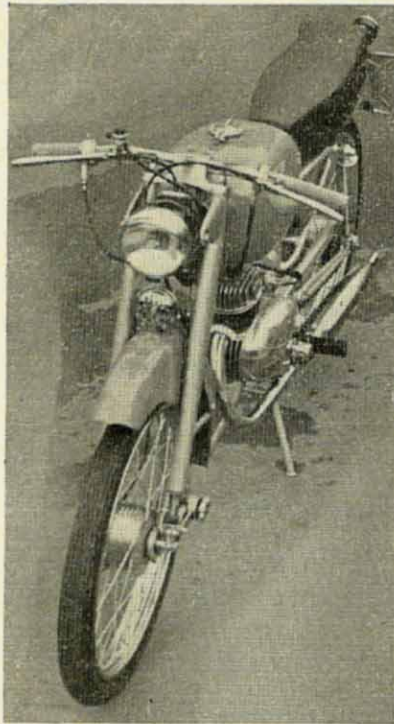
Dear Mr. Barry,

I am enormously pleased with the ITOM "Sports" which has now totted up nearly 1,400 miles. It is doing more than 185 m.p.g. cruised at 35-40 m.p.h. and is as smooth as silk now that it is well run-in. Yesterday I spent with the Itom in my sitting room checking everything from stem to stern and de-carbonising the motor. There was very little carbon deposit in the exhaust port, none on the inlet and transfer ports and a moderate deposit in the cylinder head and piston crown, so I think it should normally run for about 2,000 miles between decokes.

Today I showed the Itom to two of my friends who were most impressed with its appearance and even more astonished by its performance. They both want full particulars, as do several other people I have talked to about it lately, so if you will let me have a bundle of folders and road-test re-prints I shall be only too pleased to distribute them on your behalf.

Incidentally the platinum-pointed Lodge "candle" has completely stopped the "whiskering" nonsense. This morning I did a full-throttle run over a quarter mile slightly UP hill at an indicated speed of 50 m.p.h. with the motor just singing happily! I really think I shall have to go 50 c.c. racing this year !!

Yours sincerely, P. COLEBY



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