

C MONTHLY C

WARDS—
HING MUST BE
(See Page 3)

E STAFF
D RIDE!

C. GIVE
UPPORT

Bullet's DOWN
WAY: Coventry

e Tables and
s on back page

Different
wheel Freddy

orts from:
OUTH AFRICA
LES
SGOW
NBURGH
ME AREAS

NO. 7.



"Ghostly Glen" (D. T. Glen Dower) of Dagenham's Foxland Panthers has his nut screwed on the right way. Photo : News Chronicle.

STE
SOMETH
DONE!

THE
TO

L.C.
SU

Roy B
YOUR V

League
Results

A
Freev

Repa
SOU
WA
GLA
EDI
and
HOB

VOL. 1

OF

**NO CARDS
OR BOARD**

Played with 22 miniature men, ball and goals. All the thrills of real Football. Dribbling, corner and penalty kicks, offside, goal saves, injuries, etc. Colours of all league clubs available. Send 3d. stamp for full details.

**P. A. ADOLPH, 12 The Lodge, Langton
Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent**

Photographs in this issue taken by our official photographers, HENRY MESSUM and GORDON WRIGHT, are available as clear, glossy prints.

8½ x 6½ - - 2/-

Send to: Glossy Prints, Cycle Speedway Monthly, 15 Locket Road, Walsdane, Harrow, Middlesex, enclosing correct money.

A 20-word Classified
Advertisement in

COSTS ONLY 3/4

Box No. 6d. extra. Capitals 3d.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

CYCLE SPEEDWAY NECKTIES

6/9d. each. Boys size, 3/9d.

Your Club Design and Nickname.

Send Postal Order and full particulars to:

CLUB TIE COMPANY (C.S.)

28 Avondale Road, London, E.17

D. Talbot, of East London, wishes to inform readers through this column that the rumour from an unknown source stating East London is breaking away from the London and Home Counties Board is definitely untrue. Good luck, East London.

The WONDER of the Age

“Nu-Silver”

Plating Powder

deposits **PURE SILVER** on **BRASS, COPPER, NICKLE, CHROME, etc.** For use by the Housewife, Cyclist, Motorist, etc. Just rub it on with a damp cloth and deposit **PURE SILVER** on the article you wish to plate.

Send for extra large box 4/6d.
post free to:

"NU-SILVER" PRODUCTS (Dept. CSM), 325, City Road, London, E.C.1
(Trade enquiries invited)

Owing to enormous demand all orders will be taken in strict rotation

DON'T MISS

NEXT MONTH'S

CYCLE SPEEDWAY MONTHLY

On Sale October 15

★

THE PRESENT TRACK
PROBLEM THOROUGHLY
INVESTIGATED

★

A Startling Report !

THE HARROW CYCLE SPECIALIST

FOR ALL YOUR

SPEEDWAY REQUIREMENTS

MICHELIN ENDURANCE
All Sizes

7/4 each

**THE LARGEST RANGE
OF CYCLE ACCESSORIES
IN MIDDLESEX**

BARS, WHEELS, PEDALS, CHAINS, etc.

WHEELS 26" x 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Black

22/6 pair

IVOR J. CLARK *at*

136 PINNER ROAD
WEST HARROW
MIDDLESEX

14 BROAD WALK
(next door to Post Office)
NORTH HARROW

68-70 ST. ANN'S ROAD
HARROW
(near Harrow Met. Station)



CYCLE SPEEDWAY MONTHLY

SEPT-OCT, 1949 Vol. 1, No. 7

Editor - G. PAYNE
Asst. Edt. - C. TAYLOR

15 Locket Road, Wealdstone
Harrow, Middlesex
Tel.: UNDERhill 0098

Ooopps!



HERE COMES THE STAFF!

SINCE the "Monthly" was first formed, many readers have asked if any of the staff has ever ridden a cycle speedway machine. The answer to this somewhat delicate question has always been NO! But to cause good fun and entertainment we are willing to form a team out of the "Monthly" staff and some of its contributors and challenge a team of mixed celebrities on a neutral track.

Any would-be contestants in the London area should write to us immediately, stating age, experience and who they ride for at present, and how many points they average a meeting.

Among the "stars" in our team will be Graham Payne, captain. (I have never ridden before in my life, and I value my life very much!), Charles Taylor (it all depends on whether I can survive my medical), Colin Finlay, new member of the Staff (in spite of my glass eye, fractured skull and wooden leg, I am determined to fight with my boot on), Roy Bullet (I hope to live up to my name, and am able to leave the tapes like a bullet), the others to be named later.

Altogether it should be a highly comical, if not crazy, meeting. So come along, all you riders and fans, don't forget to roll up and see us win. There will be programmes and refreshments on sale

Track, time and date will be announced later.

G. PAYNE'S SHOULDER TALK

STEWARDED— WE MUST ACT NOW

THIS season has seen an increase in criticisms levelled at stewards' decisions, and doubtless riders and fans will continue to argue unless something is done about it, and done soon.

Many teams at present appoint stewards from their own supporters or even non-riding members of their team; consequently, when the occasion calls for a split second decision, these appointed persons more often than not give one that is greatly biased, and usually ends up with the opposing team lodging a complaint.

To avoid this, I suggest no steward be elected from either team racing, or be chosen from those club's supporters. The job of appointing a steward should be carried out long before the match is due to start, and not left to the last moment.

Write to your local speedway track; many have been lucky enough to have well-known riders steward their matches. Alternatively, you could call upon a nearby manager or captain, who will probably be only too pleased to help you. Whatever you do, get a neutral steward, and one that knows his job thoroughly.

THREE NEEDED

Really, three stewards are needed. The senior one to take up his usual position, the others to position themselves at the bends. Bend stewards are in operation at most tracks, but they are not all doing their job correctly. The senior steward must rely on the bend stewards' decisions, particularly as most of the incidents occur at the bends. Common sense tells one that the senior steward cannot possibly be in the ideal position to see all that goes on.

The main suggestion is that we institute a National Association of Stewards, or put it to District Control Boards to appoint area stewards and give them matches to attend each week. Something like the present referee system in soccer.

An example of the chaos sometimes caused by bad stewarding and complete misinterpretation of ruling comes from staff reporter James Prentice.

Prentice mentions no names, but feels sure the teams concerned will recognise the reference made. Not so long ago, when he visited a track in the Walthamstow area, a dispute arose as to whether a certain race should be re-run. Instead of the offended team's manager lodging a complaint and leaving the decision to the steward, this is what happened.

The entire members of both teams, including the managers, clustered round the steward in the centre of the track and as many as

fifteen spectators joined the irate group, all expressing their opinions.

The solution, as I have stated, is to get all stewards accustomed with the rules until they know them inside out. Our young sport must have adult supervision to keep it on the ladder of success—that's still a bit shaky. Surely among the thousands that watch, quite a few are willing to offer their services to better the sport. I shall be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in stewarding cycle speedway matches. Write to me to-day, giving an area where it is most convenient to work.

We cannot afford to degrade the sport by letting the present state of affairs continue. Only by getting the right stewards in charge will we ever hope to minimise the recent spate of doubtful decisions.



GAZETTE CLUB
FOUNDED 1949

Are you a BADGER?

Everybody is joining the new International Speedway CHUMS CLUB organised by SPEEDWAY GAZETTE and wearing the distinctive red, white and gold badge pictured above.

Founder and Badger No. 1

BASIL STOREY

EDITOR OF SPEEDWAY GAZETTE &
DAILY EXPRESS SPEEDWAY REPORTER

FULL DETAILS OF HOW TO JOIN
EVERY THURSDAY IN

SPEEDWAY Gazette

Order from your newsagent or look for it
at the speedway. Price 6d.

COVENTRY BEES LOST THEIR STING

by
**ROY
BULLET**

COVENTRY, long interested in cycle speedway, came further into the limelight when they arranged their home and away match with Wembley last month. The Coventry Control Board has been very active and they were grateful of the help from Mr. C. Ochiltree of Coventry Speedway, who generously offered to place the Stadium Buffet at the lads' disposal and provided refreshments for both teams.

The match at Wembley was a thrilling affair. Coventry wore the traditional Bees as breastplates and Wembley, Lions. From the start, Wembley, who won the match 78-42, were the more aggressive, and three 5-1 wins put them 15-3 up by heat three. I won't go into detail, but I must say that I thought Coventry's W. Judd was the day's outstanding rider. He showed us great determination despite his team's poor performance.

THIRD OF TOTAL

He won two and notched three seconds in his six rides scoring 13 points, a third of his team's total. He swept up the opposition—F. Smallwood, R. Howard, R. Rogers and L. Dean—while his partner, B. Higginson could do no more than score 2.

The match at Coventry was again a success for Judd, who scored 12 of his side's points. Unfortunately, the Bees lost 51-68, Roy Howard notching a maximum 18. Wembley won the series on aggregate of 146-93, Judd scoring 25 for Coventry, and Howard 34 for the Lions. Both teams were introduced to the Mayor of Coventry at the start of the match.

I was very impressed with these Coventry lads, and decided to assemble more facts about their cycle speedway circles. I find it very hard to distinguish the most outstanding team up there, they are all so good. Yet recent results tend to suggest that the Black Pad Panthers from Stoke are setting a cracking pace. Panthers' captain, Gardner, snatches maximums with cool indifference and usually is the start of a Panther's victory.

Many new teams are coming into

operation, among them being the Longford Hounds. They have just succeeded in getting their track ready for use and are determined to regain their old form despite the

THIS MONTH: COVENTRY

delay in racing. Boat Bantams, formed by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, of the Boat Inn, have a track on land adjoining the Inn. They are hoping to return the centre with flower beds and fix starting gates and floodlights to help the teams practice after dark.

NEW TEAMS

Enthusiasm in Coventry has started a spread to Warwick. The Portobello Panthers are making great progress and their new ground was recently opened by the Mayor of Warwick (Councillor T. T. Bromwich). A large crowd greeted the opening meeting and the Mayor praised the initiative of the youngsters and wished them success.

The Blue Pythons have temporarily been out of racing due to the loss of track. They hope to obtain a plot of land near Deedmore Road. One of their top riders, R. Heath, kept the name of the Pythons flying when he qualified for the final of the Walsgrave Invitation Cup. He was successful in three of his heats.

Organisation is the one big word in Coventry. Already Flying Aces have a Supporters' Club with a membership of over 200. Badges and cards on sale at a cheap price, and a Grand Dance is planned for October.



"Unbeatens" Beat Racers

"WE haven't lost a match home or away for two years," Mr. Dunford, manager of the Gem Pirates from Poole told me. "We've beaten everyone we have met so far, including the Stratford Hammers when they came down after they won the World Cup. Yes, I've a grand bunch of lads."

He certainly has. The Pirates overwhelmed London's White City Racers (pictured above) by 49½-44½ at the Racers' track on Sunday, August 28, after a keenly contested match.

Starts were appalling. In the last nominated heat, I counted over seven false getaways between Wilman and Bunter. Les Wilman,

Racers' captain, had many false starts, but he showed the Pirates the way round when he got going. R. Bunter was undoubtedly the best rider for the Pirates and the afternoon. He scored 4 firsts and a second in his 5 rides. Jim Gale, Pirates' captain, has scored over 25 maximums this season.

The Pirates are top of the Dorset League, and ride at home on their square track. "We get a crowd of over 3,000 every week to see who will be the first to beat us," Manager Dunford exclaimed. "We're racing the Stratford Hammers at Janson Road soon, and we think they might be the first to lower our colours." The Pirates have since arranged a match at New Cross.

MEET OUR FRIENDS

Introduces you to some of Cycle Speedway's personalities—who are our friends

TEX VAN PRAAG

OVER at South Harrow, at the Greyhounds track, you'll see a lad shifting the cinders in a Lionel Van Praag manner. That will be **TEX WALLIS**, 1946 exponent of the sport in his area.

In 1947 he joined the Malvern Monarchs and was elected captain, in which position he led his team through twenty-one games, winning fifteen. He finished top scorer with 205 out of a possible 264; he also held the Club's match race championship for 1947-48 and was capped for Harrow in test matches.

Tex then retired indefinitely, but this urge for the cinders saw him joining the South Harrow Greyhounds at the beginning of this year, where he is now one of their most consistent scorers.

"TEAMLESS JACK"

JACKIE HOLBORN first started riding in 1947, when, with his brother, he formed the Kingsley Stars, and although not in the league they did quite well. However, his brother entered the Forces, leaving the team without a manager or captain.

After a long search they eventually obtained a manager, and Jackie took over the captaincy. The team, now renamed the Castleton Stars, entered the North London League, but unfortunately did nothing very spectacular, and after a time were forced to disband. This left Jackie without a team, but not for long, for it was then he joined the Walthamstow Lions, and has done full credit to himself and the team in the short time he has ridden for them.

ONCE A RESERVE

HEAT leader and most consistent rider for the Oldfield Hammers is **BRIAN COOMBS**. He has represented Bath in test matches against Bristol three times, and with Oldfield's captain, Terry Pemberton, he won the league Best Pairs championship last December.

Brian makes up for any lack of speed by brilliant starts at the gate. His advent into cycle speedway came with a reserve berth in the now

disbanded Avon Aces, but when the Hammers were formed he at once joined their ranks. Seventeen, Brian has scored 239 points in 26 matches for the Hammers. This fine record includes several maximums.

'FLOOD' OF POINTS

MALCOLM FLOOD, captain of last year's Norwich League champions, the Earlham Eagles, has for the past two seasons been right in the top flight of Norwich riders.

He finished the 1948 season as the league's second highest scorer, and headed the list of averages with 9.7

KEN RODE BACK IN '38

points per match. After a trial for Norwich speedway, Malcolm returned this season to cycle speedway and has been a high scorer in all of his matches since, this including top points in the Norwich versus East London match on June 26th. His recent successes include the breaking of the Eagles' long standing track record, and a flawless maximum against the Ripple Greyhounds.

MAYBE some still think that cycle speedway originated in 1946, but **KEN MAJOR**, of the Wimbledon Wildcats, rode his first

K
E
N
M
A
J
O
R



season with the Headington Hammers in 1938 until the outbreak of war. Then came a break in his cycle speedway activities of eleven years, but Ken resumed racing again recently and is fast hitting his pre-war form. With the Irish flyer, Pat O'Donoghue, Ken is setting up a fine partnership.

'Gorgeous' and his Frills

THE other night I saw the Mottingham Cyclones, a non-league club who hope to enter the S.E. League next season, play Eltham Royals, writes B. Stockman, our special reporter. Although the Royals won by 56-35, the score in no way suggests their supremacy. Both teams have an impressive record: Cyclones winning 24 home matches out of 28, and the Royals have lost only once at home in 20 matches.

The Cyclones were formed only six months ago and their track is 88 yards long. Track record for three laps is held by Stan Flemming with 31.5 secs. The crowd's hero is "Gorgeous" Stevie Chapman. He is greeted with yells from the girls and he's not a bad rider, either! Other Cyclones are A. Perry, T. Farrel (captain), D. Batters, J. Hill,

G. Mucle and E. Chapman.

The Royals owe their successes to Mr. Hards, who works as his name suggests. He improved the track and built a fence to keep the crowds back. His hardest task is to secure riders. "As soon as I think I've a complete team, a couple of them are called up," he told me. "We are willing to accept any offers from a team in the Woolwich or Eltham area," he went on.

His team consists of: P. Martin (captain), "Speedy" Glover, B. Brettsmith, V. Brunt, R. Ward, J. Hards, T. Brettsmith and N. Dobson. Their record win is 63-32 against Blue Stars, and their greatest loss 54-42 in the hands of Cray Tiger Cubs, but they later reversed the issue twice. "Speedy" Glover was involved in two nasty crashes recently but went on to notch 12 points. They breed 'em tough this way.

NORWICH NOTE

By
WOG VICKERS

LAST month I told you how the sport seems to have lost a considerable amount of interest this season in Norwich. Well, up here the season is drawing to a close, and looking back I must honestly admit that it has not been as successful as expected. Nevertheless, a greater number of teams have been riding than Norwich has ever known before, and I see no reason why the sport should not progress in the future as it has done in the past few years.

No plans have yet been made for the Winter League, but several teams are willing to take part. Plans for league racing for the last two winter seasons fell through, but all are determined that this time there will be plenty of activity during the winter in readiness for the 1950 league.

Harvey Lane Rangers still head Division I of the Norwich League, and, with the end in sight, appear to be in an unassailable position. Rangers also won the Willmott Cup, a handsome silver trophy, which was presented to the Norwich Control Board by Mr. Willmott, the President. Report of the match appears elsewhere on this page.

The Rangers, in company with the Red Devils, share the Hall Road Harriers' track, and are searching for new tracks, as they will all be



Billy Barnes (Costessey Comets) leads team-mate Jack Leggett in a practice spin at their Norwich track.

WINTER LEAGUE THIS TIME WE HOPE

"homeless" by the end of the season. I hope that their new tracks will be longer than the old, which were only 68 and 78 yards respectively. I think a minimum track length of about 85 yards would make racing far more interesting.

At the time of writing, Waterloo Tigers have taken the lead in Division II. Saxlingham Stars, who have not enjoyed a successful sea-

son, have shown tremendous improvement of late and caused a sensation recently when they beat Brunswick Diamonds on the Diamonds' track.

Jack (Rocky) Howard, who is at present in the R.A.F., will soon be demobbed and hopes to make a come-back. Jack was riding long before most Norwich riders can remember. Best of luck, Jack.

TRANSFER FEES NOT WANTED

Say Our Readers

IT is clear from many readers' replies to James Prentice's article last month, that transfer fees are NOT wanted. Reader A. Weedon, of Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, thinks that a ceiling price be imposed if we are to have transfer fees at all; 5/- is ample, he adds.

Let the fees keep for the professional sports, he says, and let me issue a warning before we follow their ridiculous path.

L. A. Miles, secretary of the Surrey C.B., says that Surrey are definitely against transfers in the period the leagues are in operation. Every rider must sign on for a minimum period of six months.

I am strictly against financial transactions in transfers, he goes on. Certain riders suffer from what is known as "swelled head." What

CYRIL PRINCE from **BECKTON ACES** to **STRATFORD HAMMERS.**

JOHN GOLDSMITH from **WEST HAM EAGLES** to **WARWICK LIONS.**

EDDIE BUCKLAND from **WIMBLEDON WOLVES** to **WIMBLEDON STARS.**

PETE BALL from **NEWCASTLE PIRATES** to **HARTSHILL HAMMERS.**

BLUEY WORTH from the **LONDON PIRATES** to **WEST END WANDERERS.**

could be worse than to encourage top-fee transfers and a win-at-all-costs attitude?

Well, readers, what are your views?

THE second leg of the Norwich Trophy Final took place at Hall Road Stadium on August 17th. In the first leg of the match Harvey Lane Rangers had been held to a lead of nine points. Unfortunately for them, however, they were unable to match the Rangers at the starting gate and became victims of an epidemic of falls.

Result: Hall Road Harriers 49; Harvey Lane Rangers 59.

Aggregate score: Rangers 116½; Harriers 97½.

Scorers: **HARRIERS**—Sands 12; Slaughter 10; Archer 8; McIntosh 8; Coe (res.) 5; Dessertine 3; Palmer (res.) 3; Bell 0.

RANGERS—Ramsbottom 11; Snelling 11; Hayden 9; Bunn 8; Crick 8; Barnes 7; Howard (res.) 4; Allen (res.) 1.

The trophy, which was generously donated by Mr. Willmott, who is President of Norwich Speedway Supporters' Club, and also of Norwich Cycle Speedways, was presented to the Rangers' captain by Dick Wise.

QUALITY QUIZ 2

FOLLOWING up last month's Quality Quiz for the rider, we now publish one for the spectator. What kind of spectator? Get out your pencil and answer the following six specially arranged questions honestly by putting a cross next to (a), (b) or (c). Then turn to page 12 and see what your fate is. It's only a page of fun, so come on, join in.

THIS MONTH THE SUPPORTER

1 You are watching a heat with your favourite rider involved; he is attempting to overtake. Do you:

-(a) Yell madly, and let everyone know you are sticking up for him?
-(b) Keep controlled and simply cross your fingers?
-(c) Look away, unable to watch what happened?

2 In one heat, one of your team men collide with an opponent. Would you:

-(a) Say either rider is to blame?
-(b) Think of the safety of both riders?
-(c) Swear that it was the other team rider's fault?

3 Your team has an important away fixture, and they will probably need all the support and cheering-on they can get. Would you:

-(a) Travel because you have never missed a match yet?
-(b) Go even though your pocket money is low?
-(c) Go because there is nothing else to do.

4 At your track they come round for a collection to help the team funds. Do you:

-(a) Give a little something you can spare?
-(b) Give something because people are watching you?
-(c) Don't give anything because the smallest you have is a shilling?

5 Do you think turning up at a match in team coloured scarves and hats is:

-(a) Good fun?
-(b) Ridiculous?
-(c) All right if there are not many present?

6 After the match is over, and you walk home with your friends, do you:

-(a) Look forward to the next match?
-(b) Gossip about something that has nothing to do with cycle speedway?
-(c) Talk about the match you have just seen?

3 CYCLE SPEEDWAY MONTHLY
CHUMS COUPON

CHUMS CORNER

THE name, address and details of any regular readers of "Cycle Speedway Monthly" can be inserted in this column free. All you have to do is enclose the coupon below with your application and send it to: Chums' Corner, "Cycle Speedway Monthly," 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middx.

Winston Halstead, 258 Wakefield Road, Bailiff Bridge, near Brighouse, Yorks., wants girl p.p. anywhere (age 15-16). r.f. Bailiff Bridge Dragons. o.i. sports. m.a. 15½. p.r.

Stan Woods, 48 Kingsley Road, Walthamstow, E.17, wants girl p.p. anywhere. s. Walthamstow Lions. o.i. speedway, football. m.a. 18, p.r.

Tony Haines, 41 Oxhey Street, Watford, Herts., wants girl p.p. anywhere. s. Northwood Broadsiders. o.i. All sports. m.a. 17, p.r.

Elwyn Cullen, 61a Dointon Road, Balham, London, S.W.12, wants boy p.p. Scotland. s. Tooting Tigers. o.i. Films, football. m.a. 17, p.r.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIGERS

From C. F. TAYLOR

SEPTEMBER 10th saw the passing of the first milestone in the history of the Tooting Tigers, for they had their first birthday. This, their first year in cycle speedway, has seen them with a creditable record. Out of 44 matches played, 30 have been won, one drawn and 13 lost. On top of this they were in the last eight of the Speedway World Trophy.

Those founder members of the

It's a good job-it's ROBBIALAC SYNTHETIC FINISH

Make your old bike look new
—with Robbialac

- Extra hard gloss
- Quicker drying
- Easier to use
- No brush marks
- Also ideal for painting models

In black, white and six attractive colours.
From all Cycle Dealers and Stores.

2/3

quarter-pint tin

3/10½

half-pint tin

Write for free leaflet
"How to Paint your Cycle"
to Jenson & Nicholson
Ltd., Dept. H., Carpenters
Road, Stratford, London,
E.15.



Club still riding are Jackie Giddings, Roy Reader, Tony Pusey, Del Carter; one of the other original members of the Club, Derek Cattle, has unfortunately just been called up for the Services and takes his place with the other members of the team who have had to go, namely, S. Breckell, R. Crooks, A. Peachey. The rest of the team is as follows: A. Newsom, D. England, Norman Cook and Johnny Savill.



DRAMATIC ONE POINT WIN IN PLYMOUTH CUP

Writes J. BRICKNELL

FOULSTON Eagles gained a dramatic one point win over the Flying Devils in the Plymouth Cup Final. Aggregate scores were 81-80.

Both teams were victims of bad luck, Ray Hood, Devil's captain, having machine trouble three times when well placed. Everything depended on the last race. Mitchell (Devils) led into the bend, with Osbourne and Tucker (Eagles) and Bricknell (Devils) in close attendance. They stayed in that order to the finish, and the Eagles had won.

Match was stewarded by C. C. Mason, the A.C.U. steward, and 5,500 spectators were present.

6000 SEE LIGHTNINGS WIN

AMONG the 6,000 spectators that were present to watch a best pairs championship recently held at the Flying Devils' track, Plymouth, were the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough (Mr. and Mrs. Trebilcock) writes our Plymouth correspondent, Johnny Bricknell.

Representing their teams at this meeting were Al. Dabinette and Archie Green (Manadon Lightnings), Ray Hood and Bob Lawrence (Flying Devils), Dave and Bob Kellaway (Flying Diamonds), Gerry Hooper and Dave Mownder

(Dockland Aces), Dave and Laurie Tucker (Foulston Eagles), Dave Richards and Ginger Brooks (Pennycross Pirates), Maurice Hyde and John Garrett (Green Aces), Ivor Northfield and "Darkie" Greenwood (Luira Wasps).

Winners of the match were the Manadon pair, Dabinette and Gorman, who were presented with propelling pens and pencils by Pete Lansdale, of the Plymouth Devils. This is a praiseworthy effort of the Manadon boys, especially so, as their team has a very humble position in the league table.

DEVIL'S 2nd

Following up the Lightnings, who scored 21 points, were the Flying Devils pair, Ray Hood and Bob Lawrence, who between them scored 19 points. Bob twice lowered the track record, previously held by his team mate Pete Coleman, and it now stands at 44 4/5 seconds.

Tying for third place were the Eagles, Wasps and Pirates, closely followed by the Diamonds and Dockland Aces. This left the Green Aces pair to bring up the rear, although in their case it must be said that bad luck and numerous spills played a prominent part in their defeat.

This match stands as the most successful ever staged in Plymouth, and all proceeds from the very good collection that was made went to increase the funds of the Plymouth Cycle Speedway League.

SPRINGBOK'S RARIN' TO GO

From N. MORTIMER

HERE in South Africa, we are preparing for the coming season which is due to start in October. There are still only a few regular riders, but it is our intention to get help from the Wembley Speedway in Johannesburg.

Our track in Transvaal is only 74 yards long. Short, you say? Don't forget it is quite tiring in the heat. Track surface is a thin layer of sand which we sweep to the inside every two races.

It is fast moving, and speeds are good. The one lap rolling start record is jointly held by my brother Dennis and myself, and stands at 10.5 secs. The two lap "clutch" start record is 22.1 secs. and Dennis is yet to be bettered.

Although we are every bit as keen over here, I do not think there is any likelihood of our forming a league just yet. There are not enough of us taking an active interest. But we shall continue with our friendlies and challenge matches and keep the sport going. We'll soon be creating an impression, don't worry, and we're simply rarin' to go!

CYCLE SPEEDWAY LOOK YOU

AFTER three years, the urge from the cinders has reached Prestatyn, North Wales, where Bryan Jones is attempting to form a team and league.

But so far it looks like an uphill struggle, for there are so many obstacles to overcome. I am sure there are no cycle speedway teams or tracks within 40 miles of here, says Bryan, the nearest perhaps being Liverpool, and you must admit it is pretty hopeless arranging fixtures so far away.

The chief reason that cycle speedway is not a "tried sport" in North Wales is that with no speedway most people are ignorant of the rules and facilities needed.

Prestatyn has a population of over 8,000 people, and in the summer swells to nearly twice that amount, and the nearby Rhyl has a winter population of roughly 18,000, so there is no reason why cycle speedway should not be a success there.

Bryan would like to hear from anyone in his area who is interested in the formation of a club and league, and also from our Welsh readers who might be interested. Bryan lives at: Thirlmere, Grosvenor Road, Prestatyn, Nth. Wales. Come on, Wales, don't let the sport down.



Chap on the ground (Partridge, Wimbledon Wildcats) led once, and Carpendar (Clapham Cubs) wants to keep him company. Smith (Cubs) swung round and goes on to win. Wildcats won, however, 67-32.



**C
R
A
S
H
!**

Bath Championship off to Good Start

By
T. S. VOWLES

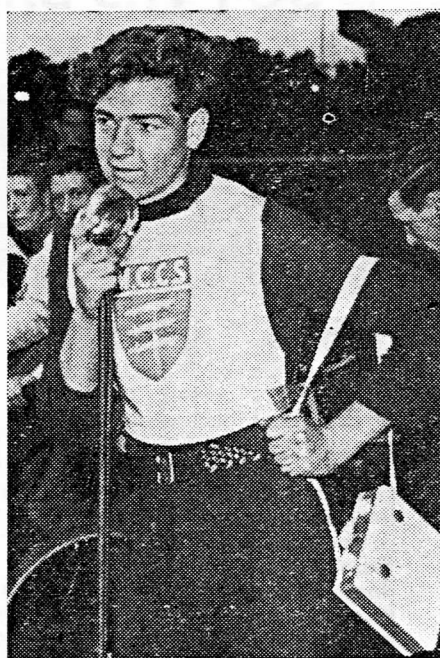
BATH and District League Riders' Individual Championship, with rounds at Frome, Southwick, Norton St. Philip and Weston, and with the final of Odd Down has got off to an impressive start.

Riders with ten points or over qualify for the final, and those scoring eight have to ride another round. **First Round results at Frome** are: B. Jones (Odd Down Rockets) 15 pts.; G. Pitt (Norton Knights) 12; P. Greenland (Norton Knights) 11; R. Leek (Odd Down Rockets) 9; J. Windsor (Knights) 8.

Round Two results at Southwick: T. Cullen (Frome Stars) 12; P. Anstel (Weston Tigers) 12; T. Trueman (Southwick Tigers) 12; T. White (Knights) 12; A. Moon (Odd Down Rockets) 10; G. Cole (Southwick Tigers) 9.

Round Three at Norton: D. Tucker (Weston Tigers) 12; G. Angell (Knights) 12; S. Curtis (Tigers) 12; L. Lander (Southwick) 12; P. Kelson (Tigers) 11; A. Applegate (Knights) 10; J. Barnard (Corsham) 8; S. Wood (Corsham) 8.

WHERE'S THE MUSIC?



Johnny Murch holding the Echo Portable. When is it to be contested for?

LONDON WIN

ON one of the cleanest and best-looking tracks yet seen, the first of the Inter-League test matches, sponsored by the London and Home Counties Cycle Speedway Association, took place. This match, held on the Warwick Lions ground on August 28th, was between the East London boys and the boys from Harrow, and went to prove two things to the large crowd of spectators. Firstly, the strength of the East London lads, and secondly the fighting spirit of the Harrow team. For although Harrow went down 74-33, they certainly made the London lads fight for their points.

Outstanding for East London were the Warwick Lions' own Vic. White, who finished with 16 points, and his team partner, another Lion, Alan Catley, who finished with 13 points.

ACES STRIKE BAD PATCH

COMPETING in the North London League, the Leyton Aces who commenced the season in brilliant form, have had the ill-luck to strike a bad patch. For, after winning their first two matches by defeating the Caledonian Lions at home and away, they then fought a draw with the Enfield Panthers at the Panthers' home track. After this fine start they were beaten by the narrow margin of five points by the 1948 League champions, the West End Wanderers, this also being away from home. Harringay Tigers were the next to beat them, when the Aces went down to them with a score of 31-64, yet again in an away match.

MAINSTAYS

Mainstays of the Aces are their skipper, Bert Parsons, whose skill can always be relied upon, Mick (debonair) Wellspring, Terry Clarke, Bert (Tiger) Scott, and the smallest but by no means the least of them, wee Harry Taylor. The latter pair have recently left the team, however, and now ride for the Walthamstow Lions.

The Aces second team, the Leyton Vampires, are going great guns, and have to date won four of their six matches played. Upholding his position well is the captain of the Vampires, Ron Gearing, whose twin brother Bill is another active member of the club, being manager and press secretary. Leading point scorer for the Vampires is Bert Banham, who with stylist George Ponsonby, Cyril Knowles and Jim Carroll, go to make up the backbone of the team. Completing the riders are the young, up and coming, Bern Walsh, Ron Carroll, and Ivan Spendlow.

It's all your fault, Johnny

THERE'S a sudden stampede for riders up here, and the Yukon Gold Rush has nothing on it. Jocular Giant, John Weinman has caused Glasgow's biggest trek for new team blood in years.

Johnny has announced that next season he will start a new team, Pollockshield, and the riders he's signed! Ralph Livingston (Giants and Scotland); Bob Paterson (Eagles); and Alex Miller (Shieldhall and Glasgow); Howard Shaw (Eagles and Glasgow). Five first strings in one team; what chance have we others?

The instant result of this news has caused Craigton Eagles and Shieldhall Stars to talk of amalgamating for next season. Crossmyloof may join forces with Charing Cross and, taking into consideration that there will be two new teams entering the league, and with only one ex-league rider in each, and what with Paisley Aces losing their star, Red Monteith, to the Forces, Johnny is very confident of winning the league with Pollockshield.

I can remember when Waverley Wasps won the 1948 Junior League—Johnny was in the team. This year the Giants have run off with the league honours—and Johnny was in the team. I'm thinking of next season already, Johnny is riding for Pollockshield, but maybe I'm just superstitious.

I learned from my rider-pal, George Sutherland, that the manager of the Paddington Panthers was at Ashfield Giants speedway recently and he told George that he was coming to Glasgow to live. All teams are mysteriously saying they've a new manager now. Wonder why?

Over at Crossmyloof's track we saw Pete Bell's Select lose to Bill Ritchie's team by 56-76. Peculiarity of the match was the mysterious loss of form by all the "best" riders, except for George Sutherland, Will Hutton and Alex Miller, all of whom rode for Bill's team.

A Best Pairs Championship (not official) was run off recently. Will Hutton and Yours Truly were the winners, and a decider had to be run before we saw Red Monteith and Ian Blackhurst come second. Ian had to retire, but not before

BARRY

(right)

"They still call me Spiv."



BARRY SHAPLEYS GLASGOW ROUND-UP

they had amassed 15 points from three rides.

A silver cup was put up for a championship. Pete Bell pinched Bill Ritchie's copyright of 15 points (maximum), and brought it back to Glasgow. Bill only got 6. Yes, Bill is thinking of putting a copyright on his regular maximums!!

From Edinburgh comes the news that "tearaway" Danny McGrath has been elected the Scottish Match

Race Champion; a special match is being staged at Glasgow to find his challenger.

Pete Bell is rapidly hitting his best form, and won the Scotstown Individual Championship with 15 points out of five rides. Later, Bill Ritchie and Alex Miller won the Scotstown Best Pairs Trophy with 24 points. I wonder what will happen when Pete and Bill meet at Scotstown?

George Sutherland, Sam Frazer, Ian Blackhurst, Red Monteith, Jim Brown and many others have not got the London widespread-type handle bars. Will Hutton is riding in a very bright red football shirt.

CHATTER

THE Stratford Hammers' second team are very proud indeed. They have just been issued with a brand new set of colours. Plain red with white crossed hammers. Do they look smart! All the first team now want to enter the second.

If only more teams could get hold of some good colours, you'd be surprised the difference it would make. Besides making the team appear neater it would make the rider feel better, and consequently it might have an effect on his racing.

* * *

THE first rounds of the Dagenham Riders' Championship were recently raced off, before large crowds of enthusiastic supporters. No actual surprises occurred in the qualifiers.

JUMPED UP,— BUT HIS BIKE HAD GONE

IN heat five of the third Glasgow v. Edinburgh Test Match at Crossmyloof, Edin-McGrath overslid when lead-burgh's tearaway Danny ing Bill Ritchie. Danny, unhurt, quickly jumped up and went to retrieve his fallen machine, but it had apparently vanished! Raker Sam Frazer had pulled it to the grass verge for the safety of the other riders, and so Danny had to walk back to the pits. Edinburgh's certain three all in that heat became a 3-2 for Glasgow.

Five hundred came to watch Glasgow beat Edinburgh 65-42 in one of the best matches of the season. Heat Nine, and Edinburgh were only four points behind, but they began to tire towards the end and so Glasgow were able to forge ahead.

Bill Ritchie notched his famous maximum for Glasgow, while Wilf Newburn got 10. One of the best races was Heat 12, when Bill Ritchie fell while leading partner John Weinman. John, by superb team riding, managed to hold off the attack of Wilf Newburn and Ian Henderson until Bill had remounted and had rode back to the front for another Glasgow 5-1.

Complete scores: **GLASGOW** (65)—B. Ritchie 33333-18; P. Bell 23233-16; B. Shapley (Capt.) 3323ns0-11; R. Monteith 2F32F2-9; J. Weinman 1dis2202-7; B. Browning F1021dis-4. **EDINBURGH** (42)—W. Newburn 223012-10; I. Duncan 321111-9; D. McGrath, 1F3FF3-7; I. Henderson 011121-6; T. McNeill F01220-5; B. Ross (Capt.) 1210F1-5.



HELLO, chaps. James Prentice calling. Here's another of my On The Spot series. I hope you like it. Every month I mention some of the amusing incidents that happen at tracks. You know what I mean. A bike snaps, handlebars break, tyre swells out; in fact, anything that will give the readers of the "Monthly" a good laugh. This month I have included a not-so-funny tale from Acton as well.

Why not watch out for something funny at your track and post it on to me for inclusion in this feature? Send it to me, c/o "Cycle Speedway Monthly," 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middx., and mark your envelopes "On The Spot." Cheerio.

AT a recent match on the Walthamstow track, where Stratford Hammers were competing against the home team, Ken Lewis (Hammers) helped to ease the tense atmosphere that was being felt by everyone. For in one of his heats Ken was involved in a crash on the first bend; he remounted and rode on, only to find that his handlebars had twisted and were now at right angles to his body. Having no time to get off and put them right he rode the remaining laps looking like a cross between an acrobat and a contortionist. Much to the amusement of the spectators. Nevertheless, he got round and came back to the pits with a point to his credit, signifying a very fine third place.

Prentice sums up: *I have seen some peculiar ways of riding a bike, but never once have I seen one like this. It looked more as though he was wrestling with it than riding on it.*

OH calamity! Another rider hit the dust during an exciting All Star Best Pairs Contest held the other week at Clapham.

It was novice Al Carpenter, of the Clapham Panther Cubs, who was trying to demonstrate to his teammates how to broadside like veteran Oliver Hart.

Prentice sums up: *Poor old dust, he's always getting hit. He might hit back one of these days.*



JAMES PRENTICE'S ON THE SPOT

IT'S NOT A NOISE, ANNOYS NOYES!

IN the eighth heat of the first of the Inter-League test matches that was held at the Warwick Lions track recently, an amusing incident occurred.

As the riders were coming round into the second lap, Noyes (Harrow) overslid and fell. His partner, Martin, swerved cleverly to avoid a collision and it seemed as though everything would end happily. But no, for a wall of dust fanned by a strong gust of wind blew across the track and straight into Martin's face. His eyes filled with grit, he let go of his handlebars and started to rub his eyes. Now as you may know when riding a bike at speed, it is essential to hold the handlebars. Martin didn't, and the inevitable happened; he careered from one side to the other and then piled up at the end of the track. Unlucky Martin had only one consolation, his partner was able to remount and ride into third place. But as for Martin, the race finished before he finally cleared his eyes and could go back to his pits.

Prentice's sum up: *Seems to me to be a variation of the old melody, "Smoke gets in your eyes."*



UNLUCKIEST team in the Acton area are the Acton Acorns, who for their last half-dozen or so matches have had nothing but bad luck. At a recent home fixture their bad period started, for it was then one of the Acorns second stringers, Pete Smith, fell backwards off his bike while featuring in a close finish and when examined was found to have fractured his arm. This means Pete will be out of the saddle for some time.

"Prepared to Support You" — L.C.C.

WITH the news that the L.C.C., Britain's largest and most powerful Council, has officially recognised cycle speedway, many clubs are getting down to reorganising and clearing up.

In a message to the Hackney Trades Council, the L.C.C. stated they have reconsidered their original view on cycle speedway and were prepared to support all teams where practicable, providing the teams were officially supervised.

Club managers are seeing to it that everyone helps to pave the way to better organisation. The Northwood Council were the first to realise cycle speedway's help in solving juvenile crime problems, and they built the local team a fine track in the playing fields.

Mr. E. D. Jordan, of Hackney's Warwick Lions, is mainly responsible for the L.C.C.'s attitude. With the aid of C. H. Darke, of the Hackney Trade Council, Jordan asserted enough pressure on the L.C.C. to bring them to their new decision.

It is to be hoped that other Councils will follow the example of the main body, so as to establish cycle speedway

On top of this, when the Acorns visited the Wembley Panthers track last, Verd Pope bit the dust after a collision with a Wembley rider; on being helped to his feet he complained that his thumb was aching; but apart from a cut face there was nothing amiss. However, after spending a sleepless night, Verd thought a visit to the doctor would do no harm, and so he paid a visit to the Park Royal Hospital, to find that he was the unfortunate possessor of a broken thumb.

Despite all these setbacks, the Acorns are fighting like Demons but "it never rains but it pours" for just lately they turned up at their track only to find that a certain party had kindly dug their track up right, left and centre. Ho-hum!

Prentice's sum up:

For once in my life humour fails me. Hard luck, Acorns, keep in there pitching.

SAGES KNOW THEIR ONIONS

BATTLE royal at Temple Cloud, Bristol, the home of the Clutton Pirates, when they recently staged a competition for a shield to be presented by Mr. Watts.

Last year's winner, Jim Kerley, was not able to ride as he is in the Forces. Two riders, Michael and Ray Sage, proved that at least the Sages know their onions! They put up a grand show to finish first and second respectively.

Mrs. Sage, Pirates' manager, must be very proud of her two riders. She was in charge of the Pirates when they constructed their present track last year. It is certainly one of the best in that part of the country.

Eddie Hill, who has taken a fancy to the popular "So Tired" tune, should, after this performance, select another. He was simply dynamic, and a different Eddie everyone knew a while ago. Rennie Flower gave a tear-away display which earned him a place near the leaders.

Donald Corp had the misfortune to be left at the gate in his first ride, but caught up to finish joint third with Hill and Flower.

Top Scorers: M. Sage 14; R. Sage 13; E. Hill, R. Flower, D. Corp 11 points each.

ACTON are having a spot of bad luck lately. Acton Stars disbanded suddenly and many joined the Eagles. D. Angliss, Stars captain, fell in his first ride and sprained his foot. Acton Cobras saw their track being ploughed up for building purposes, as did the famous Acton Acorns. The Acorns were lucky enough to secure another at Hendon.

CYCLE Speedway has come to High Wycombe and the recent Hazlemere Championship was won by Tiger Rigley, of the Belfield Boomers, with Alan Page, of the Hazlemere Hurricanes, runner-up. Turning point came in Heat 10 when Ratsey Ruston (Wycombe Flyers), hitherto unbeaten, was disqualified for crossing the white line.

BEFORE a very large crowd the Dagenham test team beat the Ripple Greyhounds 73-57. National and local press were present and many and varied were the expressions of the Dagenham Girl Pipers who were also present. Team riding was superior and the verdict of the crowd indicated that it was the best ever seen in Dagenham.

Dagenham scorers: G. Dower 13, T. Risley 12, D. Hubble 11, S. Gam-mage (Capt.) 10, A. Ratcliffe 8, T.

TRACK CHAT

Jones 7, D. Baker (r.) 9, A. Sim-mons (r.) 3.

Greyhounds: Tanner 12, R. Olds 11, Etches (r.) 10, Black (r.) 8, Holloway 8, Murrell 5, Ward 2, McKinley 1.

Teddy Jones won the Barking Carnival Trophy recently. Ted Risley leads the qualifiers for the Dagenham riders' championship with 51 points out of a possible 60. Terry Coell and Glen Dower have won cups in a Harold Wood carnival meeting.

Key to Quiz on Page 7

Questions 1-3 score (a) 2 points, (b) 4 points, (c) 0 points. **In questions 4-6 score** (a) 4 points, (b) 0 points, (c) 2 points. Total your points.

18-24 points. A top-notch supporter; you follow your team faithfully. Nevertheless, you are always ready to give credit to another team when you think the credit is due.

10-17 points. You follow your team closely, but your favourites can do no wrong. You have the makings of fine supporter; don't let this bias spoil you. For you must admit you will argue that your team is right, whether it is or not.

Below 9 points. An unreliable supporter, you will watch your team, but if anything else turns up, whether it is important or not, you would not hesitate to cancel your visit to the track. Unless you are prepared to put a bit more into supporting the team, cycle speed-way is no place for you.

HELP

THINKING about challenging someone? Do you urgently need riders? Have you a machine and desire to join a team in your area? If so, write and let us know immediately so that we may enter your wants in this column.

Send now to: "Help," "Cycle Speedway Monthly," 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middx.

BRISTOL (Knowle).

The Clutton Pirates will be pleased to hear from any team in the radius of 25 miles around Bristol with a view to arranging a challenge match. Visitors to provide their own means of transport. Pirates may be contacted through their Secretary, Miss S. Hawketts, 21 Cadogan Rd, Knowle, Bristol, 4.

HAMPSHIRE (Farnborough)

Robert B. Campbell is trying to get a team together, and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested. He would also like to hear from team already formed in his area. Robert lives at R.A.E. College Hostel, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hants.

YORKS (Bailiff Bridge).

W. Halstead, of 258 Wakefield Road, Bailiff Bridge, Nr. Brighouse, Yorks., would like to hear from anybody with ideas as to the material and making of team colours.

STAFFS (Newcastle-under-Lyme).

Newcastle Pirates would like to arrange a match with a team from another district on a home and away basis. Those interested please contact L. Staton, 74 Stafford Cres., Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

LONDON (Sth. Tottenham).

Riders wanted by Tottenham Boomerangs. Please contact A. Williams, 61 North Grove, St. Anns Road, Sth. Tottenham, N.15.

SOUND EQUIPMENT at your Track . . .

Give Race Results and other items the Vocal Touch

SOUND EQUIPMENT Inc.

★ Amplifiers ★ Mikes ★ Speakers, etc.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE ANYTIME—ANYWHERE

Inquiries cordially invited

1 GOLDSBOROUGH CRESCENT, CHINGFORD, E.4 (SILverthorne 4289)

SURREY BEAT VALLEY IN THRILLED - PACKED MATCH

HELLO, you fellow cycle speedway maniacs. Let me introduce you to a new feature which I hope will give you the latest news, views, personalities and gossip from the cycle speedways each month.

At first I found it a little difficult to discover a suitable story to open the series, but after racking my brainbox, I hit upon the brilliant idea of the Thames Valley versus Surrey Test Match at the Walton Swans' track in Sudbury Lane, Walton.

I therefore endeavoured to secure myself accommodation on the Surrey test team's lorry. Well, I do not know if many of you have tried sitting on hard floorboards with a bike pedal digging into your back when travelling twenty miles.

I UNWIND

But if you ever have done it, then please accept my congratulations. It certainly is an ordeal, and by the time the team reaches its destination the poor riders are either stiff with cramp or flat as sardines.

However, we eventually arrived. What a relief! After unwinding myself, I had a job to get through the crowd—there was at least 1,500—to the centre of the track, where I was introduced to the announcer, V. Heventhall, and the timekeeper, J. Wright. (No, madam, a timekeeper is not a man that shouts "Time, gentleman, please!")

Well, after both teams had watched the dicky bird and had their photos taken, the spectators were introduced to the riders, and the match started.

After the first few races, Thames Valley were leading by 14-9, but Surrey pulled away with terrific racing in Heat 5 to lead 31-28. Brilliant scoring and riding by both teams following, but Surrey finally won the match 65-54. Arthur Newsom was outstanding for Surrey, scoring 16 points; whilst for Thames Valley E. Tupper was highest with 14.

Complete scorers: **THAMES VALLEY** (54)—E. Tupper (Walton Swans) 14; S. Perrin (Feltham Lions) 11; D. Cooper (Molesey Meteors) 9; B. Cherry (Feltham Lions) 8; J. Markskell (Greenford Aces) 6; R. Bird (Feltham Lions) 2; J. Wright (Walton Swans) 2; L. Thorogood (Teddington Tigers) 2.

ROUND and ABOUT

With

COLIN FINLAY

SURREY (65)—A. Newsom (Tooting Tigers) 16; J. Cooper (Clapham Panthers) 13; K. Shepherd (Morden Meteors) 10; B. Larue (Mitcham Broadsiders) 9; B. Fry (Tooting Tiger Cubs) 7; J. Giddings (Tooting Tigers) 5; R. Goodsell (Morden Meteors) 5; B. MacVitie (Tooting Tiger Cubs) 0.

HOSPITAL COLLECTION

Credit must be awarded to the following officials who, in the interval, passed hats amongst the crowd collecting money in aid of two members of the Teddington Tigers who had recently crashed and were at present in hospital. Manager: W. G. Wright; Flags: Miss Wiles; Pit Marshal: J. Turner; Scorer: D. Keates; Timekeeper: J. Wright; Announcer: V. Leventhall; First Aid: Mr. Rumbottom; Mechanic: Mr. Head; Stewards: N. Lewis, H. Goodhall, G. Young.

After the Surrey team had practically killed themselves in the scratch races, and were all seated in the lorry, we wended our way homeward.



Showing his form in the North this season is Cliff Bartlett (Woodbury Tigers). Cliff is shown here demonstrating his skill in a broadside.

DOWN TO THE SEA

I HEAR that the celebrated Tooting Tigers travelled to Southend the other week, where they contested the local team, the Eastwood Meteors. However, being unaccustomed with the track, they went down fighting. Hard luck, Tigers, but keep up the good work. If only more teams would follow your example and travel around, cycle speedway would certainly hit the public eye.

ACE SAY

SINCE A. Britton and B. Vennai have re-organised the South Ruislip Aces, Middlesex, the team has certainly hit the high spots, defeating the White City Racers and gaining twelve points out of a possible fourteen.

SAINTS ARE PRAYING HARD

Says ROY BULLET

"THEY said we were noisy," Roy Delaney, captain of the Edmonton Eagles told me after the council had ploughed up his track.

Too noisy! It makes you laugh, doesn't it? It seems that the complainants would rather the boys rake the streets than enjoy a couple of nights' excitement on the cinders.

We read in the papers that speedway is accused of being noisy and certain tracks should close down. If that happened, it would simply mean that certain grown men would lose pots of money every week. But when they close down the cycle speedway sites they are doing far greater harm: they are depriving youngsters of their way of fun. They are, in fact, turning them out on to the streets and saloons.

Roy Delaney means to prove those moaning willies wrong. And he and his team donned their full riding gear and cycled round Edmonton to collect signatures for a petition

to the council. "Get us a track," they are saying. "These signatures prove cycle speedway must continue."

Some Saints don't bother to pray, but the Edmonton Saints are praying overtime for somewhere to practice.

Now that the L.C.C. have promised to help, I hope this state of affairs will end. Of course, boys must remember that if they are trespassing, then off they must go. Some people have a grudge against cycle speedway, and to term it noisy is more than funny. Believe me, rushing and yelling in the streets can be far more irritating, and football twice as loud.

Some have taken to football and others cycle speedway. Football is a nation recognised sport and no complaints are heard. Cycle speedway is still struggling for recognition—struggling hard—and the willies are moaning.

WOMEN & WHEELS

By
C. F. TAYLOR

FROM the photographs it is obvious that Miss Peggy Smith, Secretary to the Foxland Panthers, is more than a little interested in cycle speedway. Apart from looking after the Panther's cuts and bruises, all their correspondence and their colours, she is quite capable of holding her own against any reserve rider. And the team have every confidence in her ability; so much in fact that they do not hesitate to put her into the team at a moment's notice, and only too often has she upheld that confidence.

As well as all this, Peggy is an active member of the Dagenham and District Control Board, being Minutes Secretary for that body. And what sterling work she is doing for them by typing out pages

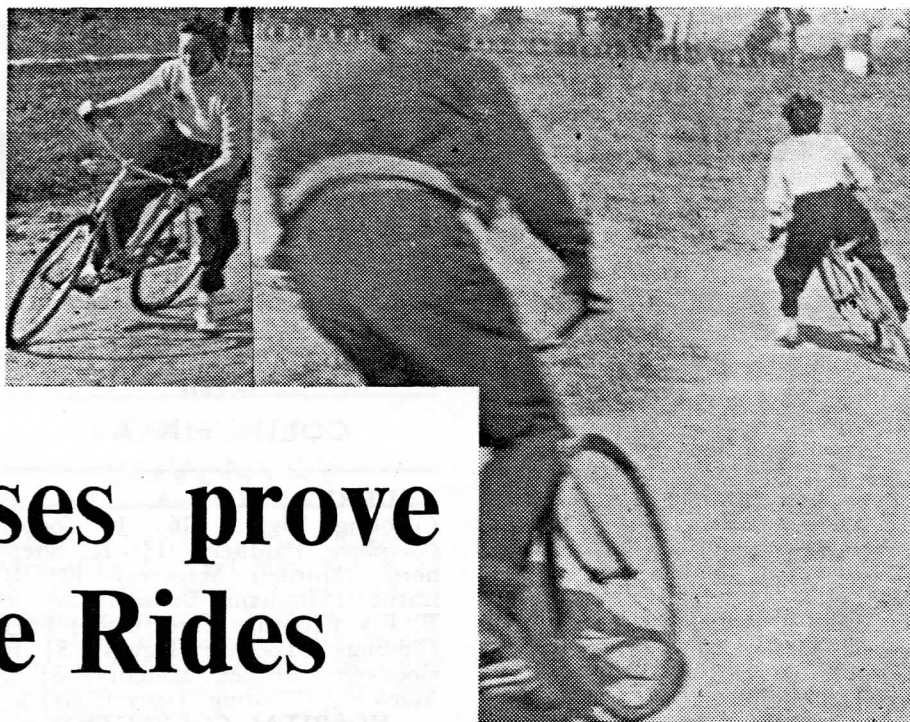
LETTER

As Secretary of the Surrey and S.W. London Leagues, I have, for the past few months, endeavoured to contact members of the Battersea and District League. Stan Blackwell, formerly of the Battersea Racers, St. Helier Saints, Clapham Panthers and Battersea Badgers, is apparently the organising genius behind this league.

On page 8 of the last issue of the "Monthly," a "final league table" was published. The general opinion of many members of the Surrey and S.W. London organisation is that this league is one that exists in imagination only.

It seems strange (and we may be wrong), but why the shroud of secrecy around this Battersea organisation? I have met Stan Blackwell on many occasions, in fact, he has attended several meetings of our C.B., but I have never yet had more than one address of a secretary of one of his clubs—the Graham Aces—and the letter sent to this individual was returned to me—"address unknown."

What, then, are the facts behind this league? Now, Stan, here is your chance, uphold your reputation and let us all in to your "Secret Organisation"!—L. A. Miles, Secretary, Surrey and S.W. London.



Bruises prove she Rides

of information on each meeting. This is done, of course, while the boss is not looking.

Not being able to afford to buy spares for a track bike, Peggy has had to wait until quite recently, when she was presented with an old machine, which is now being converted into a trackworthy steed.

Now that the Panthers are at the top of their form it is more than she dare do to miss a match, as she is looked upon as the team's lucky mascot. For every time Peggy has missed a match the Panthers have lost; not only in the league, but in the Speedway World Cup.

Peggy Smith, one of Foxland Panthers ardent supporters got a speedway bike and practiced hard at every opportunity. Now she is a standby for Panthers first team. Above she is leading a Panther into first bend.

Scars on Peggy's arms and legs all bear witness to her numerous tumbles on the track, but, like the true cycle speedwayite, she still comes back for more.

A well-known figure to all Dagenham riders, and a popular person with other outside teams, she is a worthy addition to the Women and Wheels line-up.

MAKE SURE OF YOUR *Cycle Speedway Monthly*

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE OCTOBER 15

Regular monthly copies of "Cycle Speedway Monthly" will be certain to reach you promptly by filling up either of the forms below **NOW!**

TO YOUR NEWSAGENT

Please deliver / reserve me
.....copies of every issue of
"Cycle Speedway Monthly"
starting with the.....issue.

TO THE NEWSAGENT:— Your Wholesaler can easily meet your order. In case of difficulty write to: Circ. Manager, "C.S.M.", 15 Locket Rd., Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex, and supplies will be arranged.

To Circulation Manager
"Cycle Speedway Monthly"
15 Locket Road, Wealdstone
Harrow, Middx.

Please send me "Cycle Speedway Monthly" for.....
months commencing with the
.....issue. I enclose re-
mittance value.....

Name

Address.....

6 months subscription 3/6 (post free)
12 months subscription 7/- (post free)

These Geordies Are Tough 'uns

Says JACK CULLEN

WE lost the third test with Glasgow, but it was a good match. After a delayed start owing to gate trouble, the teams produced some of the fastest racing I have ever seen. Glasgow took the lead from the start with a 5-1 win, and held on grimly till the interval, when Edinburgh got within three points of equalizing. But then Bill Ritchie and Johnny Weinman scored another 5-1 and their team went on to win by 65-42.

Our Danny McGrath was challenged by Bill Ritchie for his Scottish Individual Championship and lost by two straight runs. Bill won by sheer brilliant riding and his

bend control was nigh perfect. I am sure that if Danny should lose in the return there is no rider he would rather see win his crown than the good-natured Bill.

At Wallyford recently, on the Council built track, Edinburgh met Newcastle in the first International Challenge Test to be run in Scotland. Newcastle opened with a fine 4-2 win, Bill Bird, Newcastle's captain, getting the better of Bill Ross after a tremendous battle.

Incidentally, these two were their team's highest scorers, both notching 14 points each. Edinburgh reserve, Johnny Higgins, who is in

the Forces, did well to score 5 points from his three rides. Edinburgh boys fought hard, Heats 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 resulting in tied scores of 15 all, 18 all, 21 all, 24 all, and 33 all respectively.

Ray Dobson and Bill Bird then took a 5-1 win and Newcastle never looked back, to win by 58-49. The Edinburgh lads were tired after their strenuous night at Glasgow and in some way can be excused for their falling off form towards the end.

I am offering no excuses for the riders; believe me, the best team won. I am looking forward to the return match at Newcastle in September. Make no mistake, this will be a thriller all the way, for these Geordies are good!

Here are the teams:—NEWCASTLE: B. Bird (Capt.), A. Cooper, T. Coutts, R. Dobson, A. Temple, G. Moody; J. Parker and B. Hodgson (Res.). EDINBURGH: B. Ross (Capt.), D. McGrath, W. Newburn, I. Henderson, T. McNeill, I. Duncan, J. Higgins and D. Anderson (Res.).

There is talk that Wallyford Aces will reorganise. Things have not been going too well lately; Skipper Tommy McNeill is off form but objects to the reserve berth. We may hear of a new man in the helm soon. The Council have laid a new tarmac starting area and automatic starting gate on the Wallyford track now; it seems we are getting some of the recognition we badly want at last.

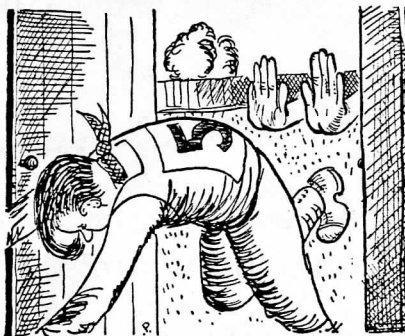
FREEWHEEL FREDDY

By CINDERS

Scoop to the Rescue

WHEN we launched Freewheel Freddy last March, we hoped to introduce you to a character cycle speedway would never forget, and we think we have succeeded. And although our young artist, Cinders, did his best to put to you the adventures as he thought you would appreciate most, it would seem he has failed to get your praise. From your letters, we gather you like Freddy's adventure, and most of you have suggested him to continue in story form.

The story so far: Freewheel Freddy, our cycle speedway hero, who is to inherit a fabulous sum of money when he is 21, has been imprisoned and impersonated by his double, Mike Smirk, an employee of



Freddy's wicked guardian, Shylock Domes.

Mike horrifies Freddy's supporters by his dirty riding, and makes Billy Skid, Freddy's pal, suspicious. Billy and Mike are talking outside the barn where Freddy is imprisoned. Hearing a banging coming from the inside, Billy goes to investigate. . . . Now read on.

BILLY thrust open the door and peered around in the dark interior. At first he saw nothing, then he noticed a bound figure lying on the

floor. Before he could investigate further, he was pushed forward and the door slammed and locked behind him.

Finding escape impossible he groped his way forward to the bound figure and suc-

ceeded in loosening the bonds.

"Billy, thank goodness you've come," came a gasp. And Billy realised it was Freewheel Freddy speaking. Then who was the person outside?

At that moment the door swung open to reveal Scoop Stevens, ace photographer and Freddy's friend, pushing a struggling form before him.

"It's all right, boys," he grinned. "Lucky I was passing this way and saw what happened. Come out and get a good look at the person who's been causing all the trouble."

They made their way out, and Freddy gaped as he came face to face with his double.

"Don't be surprised, Freddy," laughed Scoop. "Let me introduce you to Mike Smirk. Quite a likeness, eh?"

"So that's it," growled Billy. "It gave me quite a shock to see 'Freddy' leg trailing this afternoon."

"Yes," remarked Scoop. "This young rip has been pulling quite a few fast ones to-day."

Then he went on to explain the afternoon's happenings to the very bewildered Freddy. And on Scoop's suggestion, they made their way back to the track where Scoop himself squared things up to the crowd by an explanation over the loudspeaker. Although Freddy was narrowly beaten in the final, he made his way back to the others contented with his second place.

When he reached them, he rolled up his sleeves and walked over to the subdued Mike. "Now," he said, "I'm going to teach you a lesson."

SEE NEXT MONTH

RESULTS AND TABLES

SURREY & S.W. LONDON

Division I	P	W	D	L	Pt
MORDEN METEORS ...	9	9	0	0	18
Tooting Tiger Cubs ...	8	7	0	1	14
Clapham Panthers ...	9	5	1	3	11
Manor Broadriders ...	10	3	1	6	7
Wimbledon Wolves ...	6	2	1	3	5
Tooting Tigers ...	7	1	1	5	3
Chessington Eagles ...	6	1	0	5	2
Mitcham Broadriders ...	5	0	0	5	0

Division II	P	W	D	L	Pt
WIMBLEDON W/CATS ...	7	5	0	2	10
Streatham Wolves ...	8	4	0	4	8
Wandsworth Eagles ...	4	3	0	1	6
Wimbledon Stars ...	7	3	0	4	6
Battersea Racers ...	5	2	0	3	4
Manor Stars ...	6	2	0	4	4
Mitcham Bdsider Cubs ...	3	1	0	2	2

Division III	P	W	D	L	Pt
WASHINGTON WASPS ...	11	11	0	0	22
St. Helier Saints ...	13	7	0	6	14
Wandsworth Aces ...	9	6	1	2	13
Wandle Wasps ...	9	5	2	2	12
Putney Panthers ...	7	3	0	4	6
Battersea Rockets ...	8	2	2	4	6
Carshalton Comets ...	10	3	0	7	6
Wandsworth Shmoos ...	6	2	0	4	4
Thornton Heath Tigers ...	3	1	0	2	2
Colliers Wood Wolves ...	10	0	1	9	1

NORTH STAFFS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
ETRURIA JETS ...	13	11	0	2	22
Wolves ...	11	8	0	3	16
Stoke Stars ...	11	7	0	4	14
Barlaston Aces ...	7	4	0	3	8
Newcastle Pirates ...	9	4	0	5	8
Stockton Brk. Racers ...	9	3	0	6	6
Cobridge Cobras ...	8	2	0	6	4
Hartshill Hammers ...	12	1	0	11	2

Leagues and results are official and are correct at the time the area Control Board issued them. All results and tables should reach this office by the third day of next month, latest for inclusion on this page.

HANTS. & DORSET LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Pt
GEM PIRATES ...	5	4	1	0	9
Pennington Jets ...	5	4	1	0	9
Broadstone Bulldogs ...	5	3	0	2	6
Newtown Eagles ...	3	3	0	0	6
Wallisdown Whippets ...	4	3	0	1	6
Wareham Dragons ...	5	2	0	3	4
Rossmore Tigers ...	4	1	2	1	4
Melbury Lions ...	5	1	0	4	2
Fordingbridge Saints ...	3	1	0	2	2
Ibsley Eagles ...	5	0	0	5	0
Ringwood Aces ...	4	0	0	4	0

BAILIFF BRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

Inter-Town Representative Match.
Bri'gehouse 147½, Halifax 82½. Chief scorers: Bridgehouse: S. Hendry 29½, W. Halstead 28, A. Bottomley 16, E. Greenwood 14, E. Binns 10, M. Scott 9, H. Wolstenholme 8, C. Clarer (res.) 8, C. Arthur 7, G. Mitchell (res.) 7, B. Griffiths 6, M. Ingram 5. Halifax: E. Drake 23, S. Hole 14, G. Dyson 14, A. Code 10½, R. Wade 7, W. Emmett (res.) 6, L. Moody 5, L. Varley 2, R. Congreve (res.) 1, S. Barracough (res.) 0.

BATH & DISTRICT RESULTS.

Weston Tigers 48½ (Kelson 12), Wellsway Hawks 33½ (Doody 11), Odd Down Rockets 49 (Jones 9), Norton Knights 35 (White 9), Otfield Hammers 40 (Clements 8), South-

wick Tigers 44 (Lander 12), Weston Tigers 48 (Kelson 10), Frome Stars 35 (Castle 9), Odd Down Rockets 37 (Jones 11), Southwick Tigers 46 (Lander and Snook 8).

SURREY RESULTS.

Battersea Racers 53 (Archer 15), Wildcats 41 (Jaycock 8), Manor Stars 41 (Lipscombe 12), Wildcats 54 (O'Donoghue 12), Tooting Tigers 37 (Newson 12), Eastwood Meteors 58 (Tait 12), Wandsworth Eagles 54 (Price 14), Wimbledon Stars 40, Higham Hill Falcons 36 (Corrington 9), Whips Cross Comets II 60 (Clark 12), Ripple Greyhounds 49 (Larkis 8), Walthamstow Wolves 34 (Russell 9), Lennox Lightnings 61 (Bird 13), Red Devils 33, Walthamstow Lions 56, Leyton Vampires 40.

Walthamstow Wolves C.S. All Stars Championship:

E. Pyram 15, R. Archies 13, J. Heard 12, A. Veal 12, J. Duligan 11, C. Kaufman 10, A. Russell 9, M. Wellspring 6, L. Finch 5, D. Sheridan 5, B. Parsons 4, D. Day 4, R. Massey 4, M. Seymour 3, R. Wilmore 2, B. Scorer 2, T. Gee 1.

Really Superb!

GENTS

GREEN RALEIGH "SUPERBE"

HARDLY USED - 10 MONTHS OLD

- ★ Dyna De Luxe Lighting
- ★ S.A. 3-speed, flick con rol
- ★ Caliper Brakes, perfect c.ndt.

GUARANTEED UNCONDITIONALLY

Can be seen:

Mr. Shacklaey, 3&5 Earlsfield Rd., Earlsfield, London, S.W.1&.

PRICE: £18 0 0 or nearest offer (original cost, £25)

THE LEADING LIGHTWEIGHT SHOP IN N.W. LONDON

★ **CYCLES.** All the leading makes for road and track.

Easy payment terms arranged.

★ **EQUIPMENT.** Stocks include everything for the racing man and the tourist. English and Continental gears, wheels, hubs, rims, tubulars, saddles, maps, etc. Dynamos and lamps in great variety. Wheel building and gear fitting our speciality.

★ **LIGHTWEIGHT FRAME SETS.** A variety of makes always in stock—Hobbs, Harrison, Holdsworth, Ephgrave, Taylor, and the best of them all

THE FLEMING JET

George's own design, based on his long and successful racing experience.

★ **CLOTHING.** CORD SHORTS, plusses, zip jackets, alpacas.
Path and touring shoes, capes and leggings.

AUTHORISED BY N.C.U. TO ENROL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

★ **GEORGE FLEMING**, England's greatest 50 miler, will be pleased to give advice on any cycling problems

Our windows have a wide range of interesting accessories—a visit is always worthwhile

Bunting's
FOR CYCLE SALES & SERVICE

the Clubman's Rendezvous

STAPLES CORNER N.W.2

Phone: GLAdstone 3872