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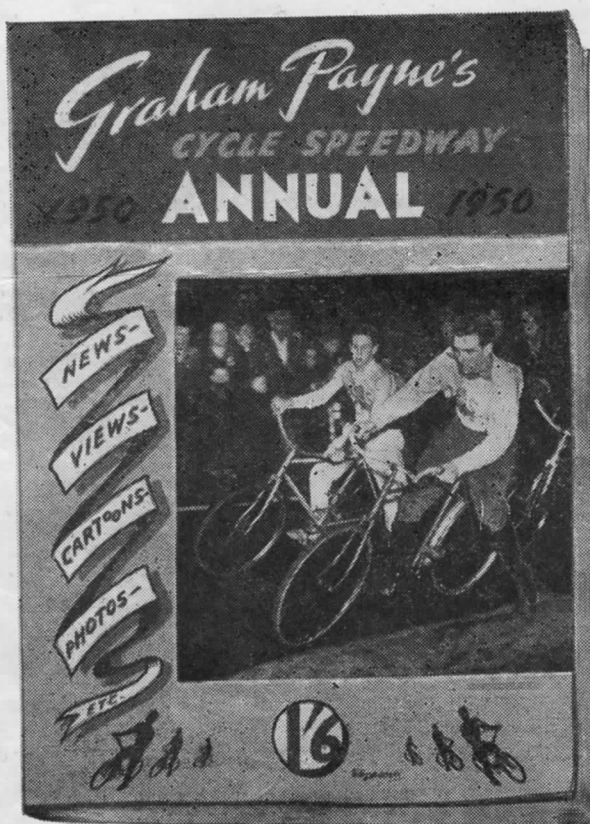
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NATIONAL TROPHY LAST 52 PREPARE FOR BATTLES

THE News Chronicle National Team Trophy has got off to a brisk start; already three rounds have been played. Only 53 teams remain out of the 277 entered, and the draw for the fourth round will bring many county finalists together.

Looking back over the completed rounds, there have been many surprises, many one point wins, only two dead heats and a few cricket score results. Barton Tigers (Berks) gained a thrilling one point away victory over Abingdon White Hearts in the second round, whilst Essex's Ashington Adders won 48-47 at home over Hawkwell Aces. The two dead heats came for Home Counties teams, Ripple Greyhounds and Longbridge Leopards fought to a 47-47 result, and South Ruislip Aces (Middx.) drew 48-48 with county companions Hayes Broadsiders. At the time of writing the replays have not yet been run.

Biggest win came from Sussex, where the Mellingly Lions beat Fishergate Flyers 79-17. Full first and second round results:—

FIRST ROUND

Berkshire: Barton Tigers 56, Sutton Courtney Aces 35; Abingdon White Hearts 62, Marcham Bulldogs 34. **Buckinghamshire:** Wycombe Boomerangs 48, Slough Aces 45. **Essex:** Aveley Beavers 52, Thurrock Thunderbolts 44; Tilbury Hammers 43½, Grays Stars 55½; Walthamstow Wolves 44, Stratford Hammers 51; Beckton Rockets 41, Dagenham Diamonds 55; Ripple Greyhounds 47, Longbridge Leopards 47; Southend Lions 44, Rayleigh Rovers 51; Pegasus 57½, Wantz Wallabies 38½; Dagenham Aces 79, Blackborne Racers 19; Hawkwell Aces 58, Hullbridge Pirates 38; Eastwood Meteors 71, Thundersley Thunderbolts 24; Prittlewell Pirates 62½, Thundersley Phantoms 33½; Arterial Aces 67, Mawney Kangaroos 25.

Hertfordshire: Bushey Aces 60, Hilltop Vampires 36; Fitchley Sabres 54, Hoddesdon Kangaroos 42. **Kent:** Welling Wings 69½, Welling Jaguars 25½; Woolwich R.O.F. Vampires 44, West Heath Vikings 51. **London:** Hackney Comets 52, New Cross Rangers 44.

Middlesex: Kingsbury Lions (scratched), South Harrow Greyhounds (walk over); Willesden Comets 60, Russell Eagles 35; Acton Acorns (walk over), Furness Flyers (scratched); Hanworth Racers (scratched), Western Racers (walk over), Tottenham Boomerangs 38, Tottenham Kangaroos 58; Western Hammers 39, Yiewsley Racers 55; Hayes Broadsiders 59, Greenford Aces 36; Shaftsbury Broadsiders (walk over), Wembley Wildcats (scratched), Harefield Pirates 64, Hillingdon Racers 32; South Ruislip Aces 71, Northwood Broadsiders 25; Wembley Penguins 52, Cricklewood Cobras 42.

Norfolk: Docking Falcons (walk over), Mileham (scratched); Dereham Deers 34½, Scarning Tigers 57½; Costesey Sports Club 70½, White Cross 37½; Red Devils 50, Seethings Stars 46.

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Suffolk: Kesgrave Comets (scr.), Whitton Aces (walk over). **Surrey:** Morden Meteors (walk over), Battersea Bulldogs (scratched); Byfleet Broadsiders 46, Molesey Meteors 48; St. Helier Saints 60, Wimbledon Wildcats 35; Washington Wasps 45, Thornton Heath Tigers 50; Manor Saints 39, Wimbledon Wolves 53; Clapham Panthers 60, Chessington Stars 36; Chobham Rockets 39, Walton Swans 57; Putney Panthers 54, Rayne Park Tigers 42. **Sussex:** Rye Aces 41, Baldsow Boomerangs 54; Patcham Aces (scratched), Lewes Rooks (scratched); Hoadswood Hatchets 61, Southern Railway Haws 33; Rock-a-Nore Rockets 51½, Hollington Hammers 30½; Fishergate Flyers 17, Mellingly Lions 79; Battle Bulldogs 64, Red Devils 31; Sidley Cyclones 39, Ridge Eagles 56.

Devon: Woodland Wyverns 31½, Flying Devils 62½; Stoke Dragons 50, Green Aces 46. **Dorset:** Rossmore Tigers 53, Broadstone 43; Newton Eagles 67, Wareham Dragons 29. **Hampshire:** Bashley Broadsiders 27½, Ringwood Aces 65½; East Boldre Spitfires 60, Lawrence Saint 24; Totten Tigers 48, Langley Lions 36. **Gloucester:** Shirehampton Tigers 56, Brislington Eagles 38. **Somerset:** Norton St. Philip Knights 53, Whiteway Eagles 43.

Wiltshire: South Marton Jets 60, Redbourne Rockets 35; West End Tigers 47, Highworth Wolves 49; Haydon Wick Devils 42, Kingsdown Aces 55; Fisherton Flyers 38, Moreton Monarchs 9; Gorse Hill Foxes 60, Crossways Flyers 35. **Oxford:** Watlington Wagtails 61, Kirklington Stars 47; Oxford Lions (scratched), Stadhampton Streaks (walk over); Nuneham Hawks 58, Minster Lovell Pirates 37. **Leicester:** Leicester Red Devils 56, Belgrave Battleaxe 38; Ayleston Aces 44, Anstey Lane Pirates 52; Park Demons 44, West End Cyclones 52; Kirby Kings 51, Blackbird Monarchs 44.

Staffordshire: Baddeley Green Racers 59, Newcastle Pirates 48; Sandycroft Stags 46, Tittensor Tigers 49; Basford Boomerang 39, Tunstall 68. **Northants:** Military Road (walk over), Monmouth Monarchs (scr.). **Warwick:** Yardley Wood Aces 55, Birmingham Tigers 40; Roland Rockets 49, Abbey Aces 42. **Cheshire:** Chapel Panthers 58, Bredbury 38; Hyde Rangers 29, Cheadle Hulme Rangers 66. **Lancashire:** Broadoak Acorns 63, Salford Panthers 32, Chorlton Aces 71, Lostock Pegasus 23; Belle Vue Kangaroos 63, Chorlton Cobras 33. **Durham & Northumberland:** Newcastle Diamonds 54, Northside Flyers 35. **Yorks:** Grange Leopards 50, Harbour Road Cobras 44.

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Hertfordshire: Bushey Aces 52, E.A.C. Hawks 43; Harpenden Aces 41, Finchley Sabres 55. **Kent:** Welbex Archers 39, Falconwood Falcons 57; Bexleyheath Cobras (walk over), Bostal Flyers (scratched); Orpington Eagles 55, Mottingham Cyclones 40; Westheath Vikings (walk over), Welling Wings (scr.).

London: Peckham Stars (walk over), Eltham Royals (scratched); West Park Panthers 72, Cardinal Monarchs 24; Verry Lions 66, Albany Aces 30; Bermondsey Greyhounds 34, Tooting Tigers 62; Beckton Aces 65, Ruskin Flyers 31; Warwick Lions (walk over), Leyton Aces (scratched); Lea Valley Knights 63, East End Eagles 33; Black Lions Monarchs 47, Hackney Comets 49.

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They ride 23 heats a match

"YOU must have cricket score results!" they all say to the lads from Hertfordshire League, for they ride 23 heats to a match.

They find it gives all riders equal chances, develops team riding and gives reserves a reasonable amount of rides. Each team pair get six rides which consist of one inside and one outside against each opposing pair. The reserves ride four times with two insides and two outsides. The match is concluded with a nominated riders' heat. This type of match takes only an hour to run.

Many teams say 14 heats is long enough, but Hertfordshire maintain that it is too disheartening. For if the visiting team win the toss, No. 3 and 4 of the visitors get all outsides whilst No. 5 gets insides. The position reverses if they lose the toss. 16 and 18 heat: give similar troubles. What's your opinion?

NEW BOARD SUCCESSFUL

ONE of the newest control boards in the country is the Northampton and District, formed in February this year. Naturally they boast of no outstanding performances or claim any great achievement in that short while, although they did have a visit from East London's Stratford Hammers recently.

A Spring League has just been completed with Duston Devils coming undefeated champions. Under the captaincy of Ken Vine, the Devils are a force to be reckoned with, they have swept all before them in the National Trophy with a margin of wins as high as 50 points. In the Devils' line up is Northampton's present Match Race Champion, Brain Scotney.

Runners up in the Spring League were Military Road Pirates. Occupying third position was the Holton Aces, a team of youngsters who will go a long way with experience. Their captain, Tony Wells, is booked for

big things to come as is Syd Fitzburgh.

Monmouth Monarchs entered the league with little racing experience and were unable to provide much opposition. Final Spring placing:

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Duston Devils	6	6	—	—	12
Military Road P. ...	6	3	1	2	7
Holton Aces	6	1	1	4	3
Monmouth Monarchs	6	1	—	5	2

Famous Midland newspaper — Chronicle & Echo—have presented a fine trophy to be competed for in the Summer League. More teams are joining for that. Northampton is affiliated to N.A.C.S.A.

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Do you sell Amateur Cycle Speedway at your meetings? Do your supporters get a chance to keep up with the latest developments? If not, why not?

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We have many letters from some supporters who say that although they often see members of the team with copies of this magazine, they never see them on sale to the public.

What about it team managers and secretaries. Write to us and have that remedied right away.

Herts on top at Southend

HERTFORDSHIRE touring team made their annual trip to Southend recently and recorded seven wins from twelve matches. E.A.C. Hawks won five of them.

Two representative matches were staged; a Southend & District Second Division side lost to Hertfordshire 64-51, Ian Gilroy nothing 15 for the tourists. And Southend's First Division beat E.A.C. Hawks 70-49.

With the Hawks on the trip were the Russell Eagles; but results for their matches are not to hand. It is known, however, that they lost four of their six matches played.

Full Hawks' results with leading Hawks' scorers are:—

Ashington Adders 43, Hawks 52 (Cooper 14, Gilroy 13); Hawkwell Aces 35, Hawks 61 (Cooper 15, Phillips 9); Eastwood Meteors 54, Hawks 41 (Gilroy 9, Cooper 8); Southend Lions 45, Hawks 51 (Cooper 14, Phillips 9); Hawkwell Hammers 38, Hawks 58 (Pinnock 15, Cooper 9); Hullbridge Pirates 35, Hawks 49 (Cooper 12, Gilroy 12); Southend Div. I 70, Hawks 49 (Cooper 12, Gilroy 12).

Without a doubt, Ken Cooper and Ian Gilroy were the best of the tourists. Leading scorers in order:

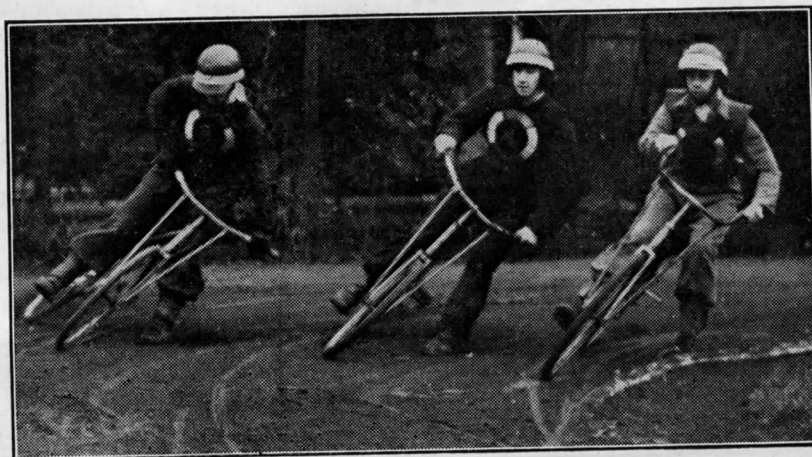
	points	possible
Ken Cooper ...	84	99
Ian Gilroy ...	83	114
Ted Phillips ...	56	105
Rod Pinnock ...	49	90
Don New ...	47	102
Mike Waldren ...	38	99
J. Martindale ...	30	99

It is interesting to note that Hawks rode seven men throughout the tour. They are looking forward to the time when Southend teams will visit Hertfordshire.

ROUND THE BEND NECK AND NECK

This is truly a remarkable picture from Holland. It shows Dutch Individual Champion Henk De Bruin (extreme left) in a terrific broadside with his machine all but sliding from under him.

In the middle is Bekkers another grand riders from the land of dykes. On the right is Walter Dorland. All are from the Hollandse Welpen team, that plans to visit us soon. Note their special machines and different riding gear. Helmets must be worn in Holland.



Major Assists First A.T.C. Team

MAJOR CHAPPLE of the 2146 Squadron Air Training Corps (Bristol) is a cycle speedway fan, although I doubt whether he yells: "Go-ee Eagles!" to the Squadron cycle speedway team, the Brislington Eagles, the first A.T.C. team in the country.

Inwardly, I think Major Chapple is trying hard to restrain himself from doing so. However, he has helped the Eagles far greater than any cheering he may do, for he loaned them a piece of ground at Arnos Castle to ride on. And he is enthusiastic enough to keep in touch with how the track is shaping, now that the Eagles are preparing it and laying cinders.

HOLE-HEARTED

President of the Eagles is Bristol speedway captain, Billy Hole, and the team manager is ex-cadet Ron May. The team itself is, naturally, composed of cadets, most experienced of them being Ken Worlock, late of Bristol's famous Whitby Lions. He will probably be nominated as the next challenger to Match Race Champion, Colin Gunton of Gilda Lions.

The team, with their Squadron positions is: L.A.C. Pete Gray, Cadet Blondie Woodman, Sgt. Dick Fearer, Cadet Ken Kendall, Cadet Ken Worlock, Cadet Eddie Hopkins, Cadet Brian Payne, Cadet Colin Jones, Cadet Chris Scully, Cadet Geg. Gregory and Cadet Andre Walters.

Geg. Gregory is a leg trailer, and whilst you may think he is more stylish than effective, to tell you that he is a leading scorer and more often than not shows his back tyre to all opposition, is enough.

When sending in photographs for publication, please write name and address clearly on backs and enclose s.a.e. if photos are to be returned.

By Roy Bullet

SPEEDTRACK

At Knowle Stadium last month, Ken Worlock and Ken Kendell won a Best Pairs championship and were presented with new Speedtrack machines. The match was organised by the Bristol Evening Post.

Brislington Eagles are no shoddy team. Crash helmets and identical gear is an important factor towards showmanship, which they do not lack.



Cadet Ken Worlock, who shows us the speed at which it can travel. Ken is a firm A.T.C. Favourite.

NEW BOARD STRENGTHENS SURREY AND N.A.C.S.A.

IF you hear strains of "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" coming from a youth hall in the Beddington area of Surrey & S.W. London, you will know that the Beddington Indians are celebrating their affiliation to the Beddington and Wallington Youth Council. The Indians, now classes as a youth club have a hall at their disposal and have chosen the above as their signature tune.

Last month a big meeting was held at the Public Library between managers of West Surrey Clubs and Mr. Baker and Mr. Keynes of the Surrey & S.W. London Board. With them was Mr. Smith, District Youth Officer. It was decided to form a West Surrey Board with Mr. Smith chairman. Two sections will operate, namely Godalming District and Chobham District. A provisional list of clubs and proposed areas was drawn up as follows:

Chobham District: Chobham Rockets, Chertsey Mustangs, Guildford Aces, Stoughton Stars, Weybridge Hawks, Lightwater Aces.

Godalming District: Chiddingfold Eagles, Farncombe Falcons, Godalming Bulldogs, Milford Mappies, Busbridge Stars.

It was agreed that N.A.C.S.A. fees be paid by the Surrey & S.W. London Board and a percentage of West Surrey fees to be allocated for this purpose to the County Board.

Teams entering for the coming league in Surrey will, in future, pay

a small security payment which will ensure them against disbanding, payment is returned to teams completing their obligations.

Only Division I is to finish. Winners of Div. II were Manor Saints followed closely by Beddington Indians and Thornton Heath Tigers. Winners of Div. III were Raynes Park with Shaftsbury Stars and Thornton Heath Cubs second and third respectively.

In the past, winners of divisional championships had their names engraved on a shield and nothing more to show. Runners-up received a gift. The Control Board has now decided to present a trophy which the winning rider may keep.

OPEN MEETING

The open air meetings of the C.B. which have been held on various tracks has proved an excellent idea. C.B. members have a chance to hear views and criticisms.

There are still a number of teams without tracks. Chairman Mr. Baker is trying to rectify this and has obtained a licence from the L.C.C. for the Wimbledon Wildcats' track. He is visiting other councils concerned.

Mr. Robson, manager of Battersea Rockets, has decided to rename them the "Robsonian Supersonic Rockets." This may cause a laugh, which Mr. Robson asserts will turn to a frown when his Rockets shoot to the top. He is designing his own type of bike for the riders.

FROM Birmingham this month comes a tale of two tracks. Due to the persistence of Mr. J. Silverman, M.P., Kingstanding Monarchs are to have their own track. City Surveyor, Mr. H. Manzoni tells me that the site, at Witton, will be rent free and fenced by the corporation, writes **N. SMITH**.

One of the riders' fathers has offered to lay cinders and other local contractors are contributing bricks and a bulldozer to clear the site. Less fortunate are Birmingham Hammers, who have lost their Small Heath track. They will use the non-league Balsall Heath track while negotiations go on for a new site.

CUTS

During the recent Handsworth v. Coleshill match, R. Turnham (Handsworth) overslid whilst coming out of the last bend and fell in front of an oncoming rider. He received deep cuts about the left eye and head, and was taken to

BULLDOZER CLEARS SITE

Hospital for treatment. Despite his absence, handsworth won 70-24 and reserve L. Murray scored a well earned maximum.

Rogues were hard pressed at home against Handsworth, the later gained an early lead, but Rogues steadily closed the gap until, in heat 16, C. Anderson and G. Jones scored a 5-1 for a thrilling 49-47 win.

Latest Birmingham Div. I positions:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Handsworth	10	8	1	1	17
Rogues	6	6	-	-	12
Bromford	7	5	-	2	10
Aston Aces "A"	5	3	1	1	7
Brum H.	5	2	-	3	4
Sutton Racers	6	2	-	4	4
Bearwood	3	1	-	2	2
South Brum	5	1	-	4	2

Coleshill	7	1	-	6	2
Hall Green	8	1	-	7	2

M. Lawrence (South B'ham) was suspended for two meetings for refusing to accept the steward's decisions.

In Div. II, Hamstead continue to crush all opposition, while Hockley, in an effort to strengthen their team, have signed J. Power and G. Harri-on (Fentham Flyers) and have secured the temporary services of Yours Truly. Kingstanding Monarchs have signed ex-Hill Top ace, J. Yafrah and have promoted A. Harrison to the League team.

Latest Birmingham Div. II position:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Hamstead	8	8	-	-	16
Monarchs	7	6	-	1	12
Quinton	8	6	-	2	12
Erdington	7	5	-	2	10

WOG VICKERS WAS WRONG

LAST month, colleague Wog Vickers made a rash statement on crash helmets. He reported helmets are not wanted in Norfolk. This must have been a biased statement, for it could not be further from the truth, writes H. J. WORTHINGTON, Vice-Chairman of the Norfolk Control Board.

In fact, I am enforcing a "must" on helmets in my Beetley & District League and intend to bring the matter up before the Norfolk Board. Riders should wear helmets for safety reasons. I was informed recently of an occurrence in which a rider got his pedal caught in his front wheel and was flung violently over the handlebars. He landed on his head.

Fortunately he was wearing a helmet, as a neat hole was made in the top, the size of a half-a-crown piece. I would say, Mr. Vickers' statement referred only to his team, Earlham Eagles.

I read of "test" matches with Wembley, East London and Ipswich. The "test" team consists mainly of Earlham Eagles. These, I presume, have been arranged by Earlham or by the Norwich League, but they are not true representative matches at all. They were not brought before county control board. I would like to point out that other districts as well as Norwich, have stars. To mention a few, there is L. Seppings and Colin Mack from Hel's Angels; R. Symonds, J. Buckenham, R. Starman of Beetley Stars; L. Perrett from Tuddenham and many others. All these boys have apparently been overlooked, but soon, I hope, we shall have some true representative matches.

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Selway of the Tottenham Kangaroos leads into the bend in the exhibition match at Wood Green in aid of the Mayor's Cancer Fund.—A.C.S. photo., Henry Messum. Copyright.

COUNCIL WON'T STIR TO HELP ACES

ARSENAL Aces, Tottenham Kangaroos and Walthamstow Wolves joined forces on Sunday, June 25, in staging an exhibition of racing in aid of the Mayor of East London's Cancer Fund, writes **HENRY MESSUM**.

G. F. Cort, Arsenal Aces' Manager was in charge of the afternoon's display and he told me that he was staging a similar match soon in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Cort has spent fruitless efforts during the past to secure a patch of ground for a really grand track from the local council. It seems unfair that the gentlemen of the council can remain apathetic when these lads are prepared to give their Sunday afternoon's leisure to such charitable purposes. They

could quite easily gather round saloon bars or on street corners!

IRONICAL

It is ironical too, that the local police have congratulated Mr. Cort on the fine job of work he is doing, yet still the local council will not stir themselves in an effort to find a patch of ground, which could be put to good use, the Aces who, I am sure, would do all the necessary building and preparing.

However, let us hope that Mr. Cort's efforts will be ultimately realised and that Wood Green enthusiasts will yet be the proud possessors of a council sponsored track.

COUNCILLOR GIVES HALIFAX TROPHY

HALIFAX Skirtcoat Saints and Halifax Cobras have decided to amalgamate owing to their shortage of riders, writes **D. C. SMITH.**

Mr. B. Howley, Cobras' Manager will take over duties as team track manager. The name Halifax Cobra is not, however, lost from the league. A. V. Sutcliffe is forming a team of that name of riders from Hipperholme & District and they will use a new track at Mytholm.

At a recent Control Board meeting, Alderman C. H. Lucas, former Mayor of Halifax, was appointed Vice-president of the Halifax League. On view was a silver cup which the Alderman had given. It will be known as the Lucas Trophy and will be awarded to league champions. At this meeting D. C. Smith was appointed secretary on Mrs. H. H. Harding's resignation.

SECOND SPILL

Whilst competing in a tip-top match between Holywell Green Eagles and Halifax Cobras, sixteen year old Brian Whiltell crashed into one of his opponents and was taken to the Halifax Infirmary where he was detained for a week with a fractured rib. This is the second rider to be injured this season.

A crowd of more than 300, gathered at the Shelf track to see John Barton and Derek Edley win a Best Pairs Championship with a combined total of 18 points. Miss Colleen O'Keefe, a First Aid attendant, presented each rider with a cigarette case given by Mr. Leonard Hives of Northowram, who said that cycle speedway was the coming sport.

In another Best Pairs Championship between Halifax Cobras' riders, J. Broadbent and A. Webster won with a combined total of 17 points. The track record was broken by A. Sutcliffe with 39 secs. for 260 yards. He knocked three seconds off the previous record.

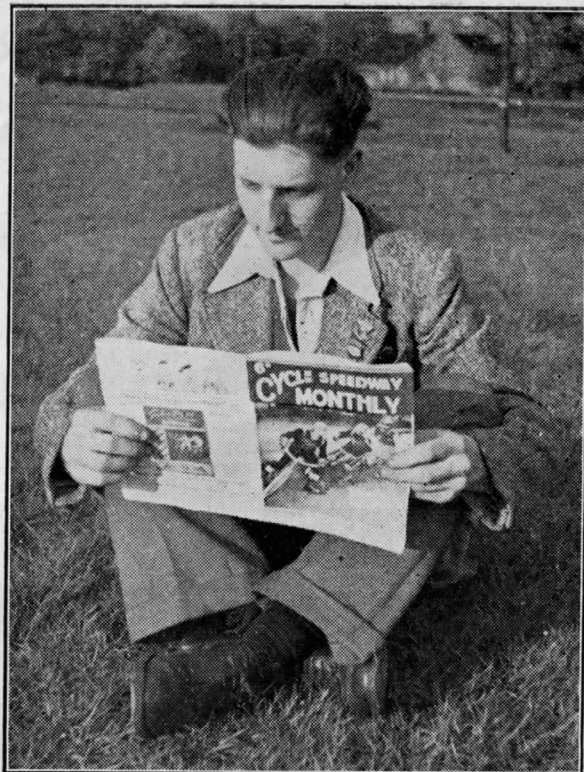
Another speed demon in this area is Vic Thorpe of Cross Road Panthers. Riding his own "Colthorpe Special" in a match against Beech Aces, he led from start to finish to clock 44 3/5 seconds, 2/5 off the former record.

Skircoat Saints have lost one of their best riders to the R.A.F. He is Douglas Storer. Doug. will try to get home week ends after his training; but the Saints, to replace him, have signed on John Lewis, who was, until recently, manager of Hertfordshire's Finchley Eagles.

John is also in the R.A.F. but gets home at week ends to ride. To date, he has notched 19 points out of a possible 24. He will be demobbed in twelve months time.

Monthly positions issued by the Control Board are:—

Sam Radcliff, a Halifax control board steward takes things easy in a match interval reading the old "Monthly."



Result of Caledonian Tigers' Bristol Tour

FIVE MATCHES IN TWO DAYS

NORTH London's Caledonian Tigers toured Bristol for two days recently and in that time played five matches. They arrived in Bristol early morning and loaded their machines onto a waiting lorry and made off to the Bedminster Down Diamonds. This match provided the Tigers with their only win, score was 52-44.

J. Preddy (Tigers) was top scorer with 14 points and was well supported by G. Brown with 11. Later the Tigers visited the Clutton Pirates, and despite good riding lost

33-63. Preddy was again top scorer with 11. They could not get used to the small track, and Preddy was unlucky to hit the safety fence well out in front. That same day, they played another match, against Hawkebury Hawks where they rode on a grass track. A new experience for them. This match developed into the best of the tour and after a hard struggle in which the lead changed hands many times, the local team narrowly won by 48-45.

Jim Preddy could not be stopped. He again topped the scoring with 14, and this time was presented with a cup for his performance. C. Deal and H. Anderson notched 9 and 8 respectively.

Next morning the Tigers went to Westbury where they raced against a combined Wesbury and Clutton team. This match was more even than the score suggests (44-64) but the Tigers were again beaten.

By the time the last match came along, the Tigers were feeling the strain. There were many buckled wheels and a broken frame. The Tigers lost to a Bristol representative team by 34-62. Once again Preddy topped the scores with 12, he fell in one race.

The Tigers lost the series 4-1 but were far from disgraced.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Ballife B. Dragons ...	12	11	1	0	34
Cross Road Panthers	12	11	1	0	34
Skircoat Saints	12	8	3	1	29
Ovenden Hearts	11	8	3	0	27
Ryecroft Rockets ...	12	6	6	0	24
Forest Aces	11	6	5	0	23
Holywell G. Eagles	12	3	8	1	19
Lee Mount Lions ...	12	5	7	0	18
Halifax Cobras	11	3	8	0	17
Beech Aces	12	2	10	0	16
Norton T. Hurricanes	11	2	9	0	15

No, don't look so surprised, the table is wrong. In Halifax, teams get 3 for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for losing.

ROCKY HILL'S Which county is fastest? -No5

WHILE Dorset heads my fastest county table, snap changes are taken place in lower positions. Birmingham, once third and fourth are now second and credit for this goes to Johnny Cutler of Aston Aces. His remarkable time of 23.94 miles per hour is the fastest I have received.

London has been on four since the second article in this series, three months ago. But Yorkshire is scoring fast. Last month they entered the table and occupied bottom position, this month, through A. Sutcliffe of Halifax Cobras and N. Baggaley of Belle Vue Aces, they are fourth. Newcomers this month are Hampshire who already have two points.

Why isn't your county here? Have you any track records which might help to place you top? Send me them, mentioning Holders, distance and whether standing or flying start and the six fastest I receive will enter my Month's Best Six table and score a point for their county.

There are a few conditions you must adhere to. They are:—

(a) Records must be signed by team managers to prove genuineness.

(b) No rider can score more than one point for his county. If you have already sent records to me, therefore, please check it is a new rider every time.

(c) If a rider breaks his record which has already been published, he cannot score again.

(d) Joint holders of track records score one point each for their county, providing they are in my Month's Best Six Table.

Dorset. With out a doubt, this county is the fastest—so far. All the times I have received from Dorset teams are well over 18 m.p.h.

Putting them further ahead still this month is D. Merifield of the Melbury Lions. He covered three of his 127 yard laps in 33 3/5 secs. (23.11 m.p.h.). Merifield is the fastest Dorset rider to date, but not the fastest I have heard from.

Birmingham. Johnny Cutler of Aston Aces is, as far as I dare to say, the fastest man in the country. His astonishing speed of 23.94 m.p.h. will take some beating.

Johnny covered 480 yards in 41 secs. I wonder if he touched the cinders on his way round?

Hampshire. Another county new to my table, but fast enough for sixth position. Putting Hants on the map was left to J. Slade (Penning-

LEADING COUNTIES

County	Pts.
DORSET	7
BIRMINGHAM	4
LONDON	4
YORKSHIRE	3
KENT	3
HAMPSHIRE	2
NORFOLK	2
ESSEX	2
MIDDLESEX	1
SOMERSET	1

Birmingham go second through fastest-yet rider

ton) who clocked 34 secs. over three 91 yard laps. He also holds the three 80 yard lap record with 30 secs; but he cannot score more than one point. T. Clark holds Pennington record with 31 3/5 secs. over 273 yards. Good enough for a point.

Yorkshire. Denis Wood of Hull Wembley Lions is the holder of his team's record for 300 yards. He clocked 46.9 secs. over that distance. This is approximately 13.18 m.p.h. which is not fast enough this month for any of my tables. Hard luck Denis, get another record and you can score. Yorks' scorers this month were A. Sutcliffe (Halifax

Cobras) and N. Baggaley of the Belle Vue Aces (Hull). He covered 340 yards in 51.3 secs. (13.47 m.p.h.).

Well there you are customers.

Speeding up a bit, eh? Maybe I was wrong, but I thought Devon, Middlesex, Sussex, Surrey, Lancs and a few others were fast counties. Apparently not. This month I have compiled another table: for the fastest riders I know of in order of speeds.

Months Best Six

Rider and County	m.p.h.	Yds.Covered
J. Cutler, Birmingham	23.94	480
D. Merifield, Dorset	23.11	381
T. Clark, Hants	18.05	279
J. Slade, Hants	16.42	273
A. Sutcliffe, Yorks	13.63	260
N. Baggaley, Yorks	13.47	300

Fastest Yet

Rider and County	m.p.h.
J. Cutler, Birmingham	23.94
D. Merifield, Dorset	23.11
J. Gale, Dorset	22.56
V. Cave, Dorset	21.85
P. Bennett, Dorset	21.58
D. Bunter, Dorset	21.54
E. Dorman, Birmingham	18.93

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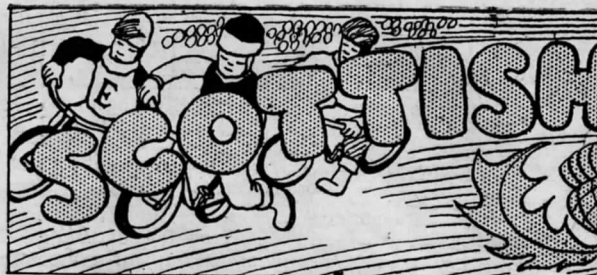
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GLASGOW RETIREMENTS UPSET LEAGUE RACING

NUMEROUS changes have occurred since last month in the Glasgow League, writes **BARRY SHAPLEY**. Three teams have dropped from the league and there will be no Second Division in 1950 owing to travelling difficulties.

Of the teams that have disbanded, two—Pollok Shields and Lambhill "B"—have done so through retirements. Johnny Weinman was one of them. Crossmyloof Giants will need until September to reorganise and they are on the look out for new riders. Ian Blackhurst,



Glasgow's test scores table

For records sake, Barry Shapley compiled the following score chart of the performances of the Glasgow riders in the four inter-city test matches with Edinburgh, Below, leading percentages are given D.N.R. signified did not ride.

Rider	May			June		Pts.	Poss.
	9th	23rd	3rd	10th	scd.		
B. Ritchie	...	...	16	10	13	9	48
B. Shapley	...	...	6	8	11	17	42
J. Shields	...	...	7	9	8	13	37
G. Wallace	...	...	6	14	6	5	31
P. Bell	...	...	9	5	5	6	25
J. Cunningham	...	d.n.r.	d.n.r.	d.n.r.	6	6	18
B. Shields	...	9	d.n.r.	d.n.r.	d.n.r.	9	18
D. Waggett	...	d.n.r.	5	0	d.n.r.	5	9
J. Clark	...	d.n.r.	d.n.r.	1	d.n.r.	1	6

Leading Percentages:—Bill Ritchie (Eagles) 66.6; B. Shapley (Eagles) 58.3; B. Shields (Ruchill) 50; J. Shields (Ruchill) 50.3; G. Wallace (Lambhill) 43.05; J. Cunningham (Eagles) 33.3; D. Waggett (Lambhill) 33.3; P. Bell (Eagles) 26.3; J. Clark (Ruchill) 16.15.

Scottish Tourists Have Grand Programme

SUSSEX have drawn out a grand programme for the Scottish tourists for their one week tour of the South.

Edinburgh will visit the Eastbourne Speedway to watch midget car racing. Glasgow team will be on the stage of a Hastings' cinema not play acting, but being introduced to patrons. Talk about stage fright!

FIRST MATCHES

The first tour matches, although completed by the time you read this, commence on Monday, July 3. Edinburgh test team meets Baldslow Boomerangs, and Glasgow will oppose Rye Aces. Then Glasgow will tour the town by coach as guests of the Mayor of Rye.

QUEEN PRESENTS

Hastings Speedway Queen will give prizes to winners of the combined East Hill Swifts and Hollington Hammers who ride Edinburgh and Glasgow. Full results next month.

The 3rd match it was a different story. Bob McKinnon is doubtless the best steward for years. Split second decisions were rigorously adhered to and again for the following test Bob McKinnon gave another fine display.



In the pits preparing for an inter-city test with Edinburgh are (l. to r.) J. Cunningham (Craighton) G. Sutherland (Crossmyloof) R. Monteth (ex Paisley) and Bill Ritchie (Craighton).

Terry Wade and Jack Fryer are keeping the Giant's colours flying following the transfers of Ralph Livingstone and Bob Marr to Graughton's second team, and Yours Truly to Craighton first team.

Lambhill Lions have taken the lead from Craighton Eagles, and are so far unbeaten. The Eagles, beaten only by the Lions occupy second position, with Yours Truly not having dropped a point yet. Pete Bell has only dropped three. Here's how they stand at the time of writing:

	P	W	L	D	Pt
Lambhill Lions	4	4	0	0	8
Craighton Eagles	4	3	1	0	6
Ruchill Pirates	4	1	3	0	2
Scotstoun Aces	0	0	0	0	0
Hawthorn Flyers	0	0	0	0	0

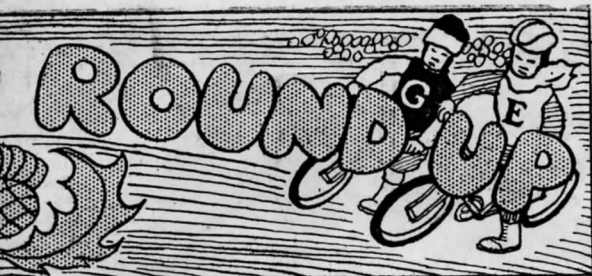
A Cup has been arranged for Glasgow, and racing for it has already started. It was put up by Control Board Chairman Tommy Clyde and Matt McPherson is donating medal to the winning team. Cup position at the time of writing:

	P	W	L	Pt
Ruchill Pirates	1	1	0	2
Craighton Eagles	1	1	0	2
Lambhill Lions	1	0	1	0
Hawthorn Flyers	1	0	1	0
Scotstoun Aces	0	0	0	0
Craighton "B"	0	0	0	0

Edinburgh must be feeling proud right now. They beat Glasgow—last year's champs—in this year's series of inter-city tests by three matches to one. They exercised good team riding, a factor which played a prominent part in their three wins.

Both teams had their individuals, Edinburgh with more of them and the more consistent. Ours flamed in separate tests but faded in others. I have compiled a score chart for the Glasgow riders' performances.

In the first test held at Wilyford, Edinburgh, the steward of the match was Chris Higgins of Wallyford. Good as Chris tried to be, various doubtful decisions were given. One bad decision being the non-use of the resting line throughout the match. In the second test at Lambhill, Glasgow, speedway rider Gundy Harris of Glasgow Tigers stewarded. Anything he knew about his job was very small. But at Musselburgh for



WHY I RESIGNED AS GLASGOW CHAIRMAN

BY G. TROY

LAST month colleague Barry Shapley stated my resignation from the position as Glasgow C.B. Chairman was due to a small personal incident at Lambhill. I repudiate this statement. The Lambhill incident, where press photo-

graphers and spectators were running round in circles, was the climax of a series of incidents which were anything but personal.

DISGUSTED

Two lads travelled 20 miles to see that match and went back home disgusted. That was what they termed it. All previous incidents involved principles indispensable to the well-being of the organisation. Consider my position at that time. I was the only adult in the organisation, and entirely neutral to the teams. I was working for the good of the sport, always, as they must admit, ready to assist one and all.

But a few timers had to be favourites. The urge for power, lack of inter team spirit, that unwillingness to help the other fellow and the urge to see one's name in print, were the real reasons for my resignation. The Renfrewshire Cycle Speedway Association, composed of seven teams of lads under 15 years, were ignored. Some, who are ex-Glasgow riders, will not now go back to the Glasgow organisation. With plenty of adult support and affiliation to the Renfrewshire Youth Council, this league can and will show the Glasgow organisation a thing or two. They are young and will improve.

SEPARATE

It was at my suggestion that Glasgow and Edinburgh boards affiliated into one. But giving credit where due, Barry Shapley, then secretary, did all the letter writing and contacting until pressure of work forced him to resign. The Renfrewshire organisation will not be subservient to Glasgow in its present form, and irrespective of hostile acts or mud slinging by Glasgow, we will continue separately. We can run side by side with Glasgow on friendly terms, but perhaps my high ideals are unobtainable. However, I shall strive to attain them, and come what may, the lads and officials behind me will make the creation of this new league worth while.

Barry Shapley would like any member of the East London's Albion Romans to contact him. Preferably Ron Snelling or Len Harrington. **Barry Shapley, "Crauchan," Old Greenock St., Bishopton, Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Scotland.**

EDINBURGH BATTLE OF HASTINGS-1950 VERSION

HASTINGS' second great battle since the one in 1066 will have been completed by the time this is in print. I refer to the tour there of a representative Scottish team made up of Glasgow and Edinburgh riders, writes **JACK CULLEN**.

Hastings, the town which lost its speedway team through tenants' complaints of it being too noisy, is still able to re-live the thrills of the cinders through its junior counterpart—cycle speedway, and although the full results of the tour will not be available until next month's issue, in which a complete coverage with photos appears, we, in Scotland, will put up a 100 per cent improved performance on last year's tour of London.

We shall take along star riders, and whilst it is not certain at the time of writing whom Edinburgh will pick, I think Bert Haldane and Denny McGrath are certainties as is Wee Jock Irvine and Ian Henderson.

Glasgow have issued their list from whom they will choose their riders. For your information, it is: Bill Ritchie, Barry Shapley, G. Wallace, J. Shields, J. Cunningham, D. Waggett, R. Braham, A. Miller, M. McBride, J. Clark, R. Livingstone, D. Paxton and D. Higgins.

Manager of the touring Scottish team will be our Mr. B. Thompson. A first class programme has been drawn up by the Hastings Board and no doubt a Hastings v. Edinburgh and Hastings v. Glasgow will be staged. Although the tour will be over as you read this, I think the above information is worth while in constructing your preview of the matches.

HAT TRICK

As colleague Barry Shapley tells you, Edinburgh nearly succeeded in white-washing Glasgow in this year's inter-city series. We won three matches to one which included the hat trick. On this showing, Edinburgh are an improved side to be reckoned with.



The third test at the Musselburgh Council drew a large Edinburgh crowd, who were anxious to see if their side could hat trick their rivals. The Provost of Musselburgh cut the silken barrier which opened the track this season, and expressed his desire to see the local lads beat Glasgow. His wish was fulfilled to the tune of 62.44. Our top scorer was Ian Henderson with a well-earned 14, followed by "Tearaway" Danny McGrath with 12 and Bert Haldane with 11.

Glasgow's top man was (artist) Bill Ritchie, and I can say he is an artist on the track as well as on paper. He notched 13 and Barry Shapley 11.

The league, half way mark already reached, is developing into a keen tussle with Musselburgh Giants and Redford Diamonds, both after the coveted silver trophy.

We are expecting a visit from Newcastle soon and hope to see London's West End Wanderers again this August.

STAFFS' RIDERS CAN'T DO THIS—>

NO Staffordshire rider may place his foot over the white line. This new ruling was enforced at a recent meeting of the Staffordshire Control Board, writes **LEN STATION**.

This has upset many of the notorious "white liners," who invariably lead from start to finish. One wheel is allowed over, but only when avoiding an accident. This strict rule was, at first, strongly apposed by all riders; but the Board stressed its importance for faster racing. Also tracks would still be in reasonable condition after a match.

In this district, the inner white line is usually marked by chalk or sawdust, often, when a rider is cornering, the chalk is kicked away. The new rule ends this.

Stoke Stars had a visit from Manchester's Cheadle Hulme which has been termed a: "The best and fastest racing ever seen in the Potteries." Cheadle Hulme put up a grand show despite the fact that some of their riders were disqualified over our white line ruling. They

adapted themselves very quickly to the rule, although it is not in operation in their league.

A new league is being formed in this area. It will be known as the Longton League. Already more than ten teams have joined and Secretary Harry Simiox is of the opinion that soon a North Staffs and South Staffs leagues formed next season.

Phillips' Speedtrack machines have made a successful debut here. Before long those riders who are without one will be considered out of date. They might look pretty and clean, but they don't stop you from earning many maximums, as riders have proved.

Heading the league are Stoke Stars followed closely by Baddelay Green Racers and Newcastle Pirates. Chairman of the League is Barney Bamford of Fanley Speedway. Staffordshire is affiliated to N.A.C.S.A.



MANCHESTER'S TOURING TEAMS ALL GAIN WINS



Dave Newton (Salford Panthers).
His 5-1 helped to turn the tide.

**Scored 10.5 pts
Every Match**

IN their first match of the season, Lancashire's Broad Oak Acorns met Salford Panthers in the first round of the "News Chronicle" National Team Trophy. Acorns won 63-32. Captain Les Martin notched a 15 point maximum.

It is interesting to note Les' performance last season. He averaged 10.5 out of 12. J. Pennington of Chorlton Aces had a points average of 11.0 last season. Anyone a better record?

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PAYING a visit to the Midlands in the return leg of a challenge match, Cheadle Hulme Rangers completed the double over Stoke Stars by 51-43, writes **W. FERNYHOUGH**. A huge crowd saw Rangers' captain, Lew Grepp win the toss and take the inside for the visitors. Points were shared in the first three heats, but by good team work, the Rangers forced the lead and held on to it.

The crowd were interested in the first appearance of Lew Grepp at the Stoke area. Lew's fame had apparently preceeded him, and he was soon surrounded by many young admirers, anxious to pick up tips. Lew lived up to his reputation by winning his first three races in grand style. In the twelfth heat when undefeated, Lew met Stan Wheildon. Stan got a flyer from the gate and though Lew hung grimly on to his tail, Stan won at the post to the delight of the home crowd.

Lew, however, gained his revenge, by taking the last heat and topped the scores with 14. He was ably supported by Doug Taylor who notched 10 and Jack Elliott with 8. Highest scorers for the Stars were Stan Wheildon, John Hawley and Howard Bagguley with 7 each. Before the match, both teams were provided with refreshments, Stars' manager, Mrs. Owen in charge of the arrangements.

Salford Panthers visited Liverpool to race a challenge match with Sefton Rockets. Panthers took the lead in the first heat and although they notched a maximum in the third heat, the Rockets were leading by three points at the interval.

Panthers Dave Newton and A. Booth gained a maximum in the ninth heat which was the turning point. A further maximum by Newton and Bob Brown gave them a hard earned victory 48-35. Alan Hunter was Panthers top scorer with 11, Ricky Smith next with 9. For the Rockets, Geoff Williamson collected 9 and was well supported by Harold Smith with 8.

In the third inter-district match of the month, Werneth Lions met and defeated Coventry's Barras Blackbats at the Belle Vue track. The score was 50-46. The rival captains were among the leading scorers, Vic McQuillan collecting 14 for the Lions, whilst Ron Hawley, Bat's captain, was second highest for his team with 9.

Scores were level with one heat to go, and Nobby Entwistle went into the lead on the first bend followed closely by Dave Pardoe. Challenging strongly, Pardoe over-slid leaving Entwistle and McQuillan an easy 5-1 victory.

WOG VICKERS NORFOLK NOTES

THE visit of the Norwich test team to Wembley didn't prove satisfactory. We lost, but I honestly think the result would quite possibly have been different with a neutral steward, Nuff said! Wembley won 74-45 and so took the series on aggregate 122½-115½. Up to the tenth heat, we hadn't scored a win and the points were 18-45 against us. But we rallied in the second half, with captain Malcolm Flood scoring three consecutive firsts.

Top scorers — Wembley: Roy Rogers 17, Dixie Dean 15. Norwich: M. Flood 14, Clicker Claxton 7.

The Reepham league, formed this year, is well under way with five teams competing. Fixtures must finish by Mid-July owing to the Harvest. I am told that plans for a bigger Autumn league are being made.

Positions:—

WRITE TO

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FOR RESULTS

NOW that the Summer is here, why not issue out a challenge, through the medium of this column, to other teams in the country? There is no fee for entry. This column brings results as Dorset's Gem Pirates will tell you. Following an entry in last month's issue, they have received challenges from Hastings, Oxford, Petersfield, and other areas.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Waltham, Enfield and District Cycle Speedway League issue a challenge to any other district team or league. This is their first season in cycle speedway. Matches to be on home and away basis. Contact T. H. Law, 4 Greenwood Avenue, Chestnut, Herts.

SURREY

Molesey Meteors have vacancies for experienced riders. Those interested please write to J. McNamara, 25 Island Farm Road, West Molesey, Surrey.

LONDON

Riders over 16 years of age wanted by S.E. London's Ruskin Flyers. Must come from Camberwell area. Write to D. R. Allery, 55 Crystal Palace Road, London, S.E.22.

DORSET

Gem Pirates invite challenges from London and South, preferably county teams. Challengers write to D. C. Dunford, "Seaspray," Brampton Road, Oakdale, Poole, Dorset.

Wembley win the series

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Uggate Aces	5	4	-	1	8
Marshall Aces	4	3	-	1	6
Whitwell Tigers	5	2	-	3	4
Cawston Kangaroos	6	2	-	4	4
Banningham Bulldogs	2	-	-	2	0

REEPHAM ROUNDS

Reepham have already run off the qualifying rounds of the Norfolk Individual Championship. Top scoring trio, B. Cooper 27, A. Andrews 26 and J. Medler 26, are all from Uggate Aces. An inter league match between Reepham and Docking has also been arranged. Reepham team is J. Secker, P. Marshall, M. Seaman, B. Gwilliam, B. Cooper, P. Clarke (Capt.) reserves, J. Medler, B. Youngam and A. Gedge.

Back in Norwich, where my team, Earlham Eagles, made two trips to

other thriving cycle speedway districts. First, to Beetley, where we found to our horror, a cinder track. Most of us dislike this surface as we consider it slows up racing, but we pitched in and managed to break the Beetley unbeaten record.

Our other trip was to Ipswich where we again encountered a cinder track. This was loose and we were virtually at a standstill on the bends, but our fast starting earned us the match. Malcolm Flood, Clicker Claxton and myself all collected maximums.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Earlham Eagles ...	14	12	-	2	24
Hellesdon Hammers	12	9	-	3	18
Seething Stars	12	8	-	4	16
Hethersett Hornets	11	6	-	5	12
Hellesdon Lions ...	12	5	-	7	10
Red Devils	12	4	-	8	8
Saxlingham Stars ...	10	3	-	7	6
Costessey Sports C. ...	10	-	-	10	0

We were sorry to learn during June, the death of Mr. C. W. Willmot, vice-chairman of the Norfolk Control Board. A trophy he gave last year is annually competed for by Norwich teams.



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A YEAR ago this month, young Alan Low of Wembley's Kenton Hawks took a nasty fall on his home track. He landed on his left knee, and although an ugly gash opened, Alan grinned at his misfortune and promised the Hawks he'd soon be riding for them again.

A few weeks ago, Alan came out of hospital. It is probable that he may not walk again, let alone ride. He stumbles about on an iron, his knee cap gone, and another operation to come next November.

Alan's misfortune was more serious than he imagined. T.B. set in his knee and operations were necessary. In hospital, all the Hawks visited him regularly, and he still wanted to know how they fared in their matches.

Wembley Control Board realise, as I do, that this is a case in a million. And on July 14, at the Kingsbury Circle track, they staged a big London & Home Counties meeting, proceeds of which went to Alan and his parents.

HASTY HOLIDAY

BY the time you read this, I shall have made the trip to Hastings (where King Harold stopped an arrow with his eye). Stan Burton, chairman of the Hastings & District Control Board, and incidentally, Sussex contributor to this mag., generously invited me down for the week when the Scots lads were making their tour.

Business commitments allowed me only one free day, but I took it to revive old friendships with Bill Ritchie & Co. from last year's tour.

More about this next month.

GOOD OLE DAYS

SPEAKING to Stan Leed: the other day, Stan is manager of London's West End Wanderers, we got onto a much discussed question. "Do you consider cycle speedway was more enjoyable in the days of 46-47?"

Stan, who realises that the sport has reached undreamt heights and is fast becoming Britain's leading youngest amateur sport, thinks that it was better in the good old days.

There was a different atmosphere about it all, he said. He told me that one of the reasons was that teams and riders adhered strictly to a minimum set of rules. To-day we have hundreds of them, each with paragraphs a to z and sections 1 to 100.

Stan thinks it was tougher, rougher and hundred per cent. excitement. One rode for the sheer enjoyment of it, and with whom one pleased. One paid no club or affiliation fees and was not, as various clubs enforce to-day, kept sitting with arms folded in the pits until the next race. There's a lot to be said for Stan's views. But I'm not going to express mine!



ALAN'S FALL MIGHT ROB HIM OF HIS LEG!

THERES a saying. "If you don't ask, you don't get."

Battersea Pirates, members of the Surrey & S.W. London League were just finishing a home meeting recently, when they received £3 from an anonymous Yorkshireman who had been watching them ride whilst holidaying in London.

Unexpected; but welcome. Manager J. Carter says it will help them prepare for the league.

Which just goes to show that even if you don't ask. You still can get.

RIDERS HELPS

FIRST Division speedway rider Ted Jenkins has formed a cycle speedway team from local enthusiasts at Blackfriars.

the team will be known as the Black Friars and will operate in the S.E. London league.

Ted is anxious to find promising speedway riders and often loans members of his team his speedway machine to practise on. In return Ted often challenges riders on cycles.

With Ted behind them, the Black Friars will go places in S.E. this year.

GOOD COLLECTION

COLLEAGUE D. R. Allery of the S.E. London Board informs me that at their recent Jubilee Celebration Cup Final they collected more than £13. A generous donation from the crowd, which was not up to usual standard owing to the poor weather. £13 went to the Mayor of Camberwell for his Holiday Fund for Children.



Holidays With Play

KINGSBURY Lions' (Wembley) manager, Bill Gadsby, tells me his team is planning a tour of the South coast. They intend to incorporate pleasure with racing.

Most of the Lions are keen campers and will tour the coast on week ends. They want to play atleast three matches every time.

First stop will probably be South-end, then Hastings; and down to Plymouth. Sounds like a new version of holidays with play.

MY ANNUAL

COMPILING my 1950 Annual has been no easy task although an enjoyable one. You will note from the advertisement in this issue that it will not be on sale until the end of August instead of July as as previously announced.

I can assure you the few extra weeks of waiting will be well worth it. Nothing like it has ever been published before although I say so myself! A Track Directory, Control Board Directory and various other interesting statistical tables etc. are included.

Copies will, of course, be sent to team managers who write to me. Make sure you have your quotation by ordering now before the great demand increases.

10,000 WATCH BATH DISPLAY

THE following riders qualified for the Bath & North Somerset Riders' Championship Final:— P. Anstey, P. Kelson, D. Tucker, K. Flowers, M. Cox of Weston Tigers; A. Moon, J. Reynolds, B. Jones, K. Knott of Odd Down Rockets; G. Pitt of Norton Knights; J. Lander from Southwick; R. Williams and T. Offer from Whiteway; P. Doody, M. Clements, S. Wyatt from Oldfield Hammers.

Odd Down Rockets are the first club in this area to lay a concrete starting gate.

North Somerset took part in the Youth Festival held during the Bath Assembly. Bath v. Country was staged. The Country winning 27-26. Over 10,000 watched the match.



Meet Hastings' Hollington Hammers. (l. to r.): Mr. Thomas, Chairman, B. Upton, H. Upton, B. Mephram, E. Pellet, R. Spray, C. Kirby, T. Harris, T. Fleming, Mr. A. Kirby, Hon. sec.

This Behavior Shouldn't Occur

A MAGAZINE recently asserted that cycle speedway was being killed by over organisation. This certainly wasn't the case in two matches I watched during the past few weeks, writes **N. H. GUEST**. If too much organisation kills cycle speedway, then the sport should flourish in Wembley and Ipswich.

The whole cause of the trouble at the Wembley/Norwich test match was that the official steward booked was appearing at the same time at another match. I cannot say whether this was the fault of the Wembley officials or the Stewards' Association. The fact remains that the match was stewarded by a local official, and apparently this was his first venture at the job.

The races were started by a man standing on the track behind the riders, and after outstanding rolling starts in the first four heats, I approached the starter, who assured me he didn't look at the contestants when starting. How can one ensure fair starts when not watching the riders? It is understandable that an inexperienced steward should make mistakes in his decisions, but when one insists that a Wembley rider has won a race (on at least two occasions) when a Norwich man finished undisqualified six lengths ahead then it is time he was demoted to the less exacting job of track grader.

The Wembley supporters were even more abusive than they had been at the first leg, and as they were outnumbered by the Norwich supporters, I had quite a job keeping the visitors in order. This sort of behaviour does not enhance cycle speedway and should never arise in

a major match.

When Earlham Eagles rode a combined Ipswich team at the opening of the new Ipswich track, they received several shocks. In the first case I was very surprised at the lack of courtesy shown by my old friend C. R. Jolly towards visiting officials and riders. I put this down to the strain and excitement of organising an important match which was well attended by Ipswich supporters.

Having persuaded the Eagles not to return immediately to Norwich, the match proceeded and it was not until the halfway stage that it was discovered there was no steward in attendance. The Eagles won the match with ease but returned home with a feeling of dissatisfaction. I only hope the Ipswich riders and officials are learning by their mistakes.

NATIONAL RESULTS from page 4

Diamonds 26; Hel's Hammers 37, Whitewell Tigers 58; Ugate Aces 43, Necton Swifts 53; Gressenhall Gemlins 35, Earlham Eagles 61, Hel's Angels 49, Harvey Lane Rangers 44.

Surrey: Clapham Panthers 64, St. Helier Saints 32; Morden Meteors 53, Thornton Heath Tigers 43; Wimbledon Wolves 36, Molesey Meteors 60; Walton Swans 66, Putney Panthers 30. **Sussex:** Rock-a-Nore Rockets (walk over), Hoadswood Hatchets (scratched); Meltingly Lions 49, Baldslow Boomerangs 47; East Hill Swifts 63, Battle Bulldogs 33; Icklesham Vikings 67, Peasmarsh Panthers 26; Highworth Wolves 54, Purton Panthers 41; Kingsdown Aces 32, Fisherton Flyers 60.

Pushed Coach — Still Won

AFTER Dorset's Gem Pirates had beaten the pick of Oxfordshire 68-16, their highest score of the season, they made the 90 mile trip to Oxford and completed the double. Not before they had pushed their coach up a 1-3 gradient when it had petrol trouble!

At Oxford track, Jim Gale broke the track record in heat one with 43 secs. Later Fred Parkins clocked 43 2/5ths. Gale retained maximum points and V. Bunter notched 10.

Top of the Dorset league, Gem Pirates "A" equalled their highest ever score with a 68-16 win over wooden spoonists, Ringwood Aces "B" team. Gem Pirates met the Ringwood senior team and managed to beat them 53-31. Gem "A" are the only team to have beaten Gem "B" in a league match this season. Latest positions are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Gem Pirates "A" ...	7	7	—	—	14
Gem Pirates "B" ...	7	6	—	1	12
Parkstone "A"	5	4	—	1	8
Rossmore	6	4	—	2	8
Ringwood "A"	7	2	—	5	4
Wareham	5	1	—	4	4
Parkstone "B"	5	1	—	4	2
Ringwood "B"	7	—	—	7	0

In the "News Chronicle" National Trophy, Dorset played their area semi-finals. Rossmore Tigers beat Parkstone Devils 55-38 and Gem Pirates beat Newtown Eagles 51-43. The latter was the closest match seen on the Pirates' track this season and was watched by a crowd estimated to be well over 2,500.

Commiserations to Mr. W. Jeffries, the Rossmore steward. Irate Newtown supporters almost choked him whilst stewarding a match they lost recently.

Leicester: Anstey Lane Pirates 40, Westend Cyclones 56; Leicester Red Devils 42½, Kirby Kings 51½. **Northamptonshire:** Duston Devils 70, Holton Aces 26; Helford Hawks 44, Military Road 37. **Staffordshire:** Stoke Stars 54, Sneyd Green Vikings 41; Meir Meteors 31, Tittensor Tigers 65; Tunstal (walk over), Ball Green Jets (scratched). **Warwick:** Binley Bees 61, Albany Angels 35; Paradise Pirates 35, Barras Blackbats 60; Yardley Wood Aces 62½, Fletchamstead Phantoms 32½; Windmill Wildcats 40, Roland Rockets 56. **Cheshire:** Chapel Panthers (scr.), Cheadle Hulme Rangers (walk over). **Lancashire:** Broad Oak Acorns 61, Werneth Lions 34; Belle Vue Kangaroos 39, Chorlton Aces 56.

National rules at long last

AT long last we are a step nearer to enforcing a standard set of racing rules all over the country.

National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association have issued a complete book of rules, which, as you can see on the right, are obtainable from Mr. S. Kippen, Hon. Secretary, price 1/- each.

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PLYMOUTH WILL SHOCK ALL VISITORS

THE Plymouth league programme is at the half-way mark and Foulston Eagles are sweeping all before them with an unbeaten record. In Alan Dabinette, Pete Coleman and Arthur Chapman they have three of Plymouth's top riders and with second strings like Ginger Friend, Clive Osborne and Dave Richards they are a great strength and should give Kent's Cray Tigers a shock when they come to Devon, writes **JOHNNY BRICKELL**.

Close behind are the Flying Devils and the Weston Millers. The Devils, although not quite the force of last season are still one of the top teams and in Ray Hood and Bob Lawrence have two experienced tracksmen.

Star riders for the Millers are Ken Rees and Des Ferguson and the two are going great guns this season. Occupying the next positions are Lairia Wasps, Plymstock Lions, Lipson Bees, Barne Barton Falcons, Green Aces, Woodland Wyverns and the Mercuries. The area Semi-Final of the National Trophy has been reached and Lairia Wasps play Foulston Eagles while Flying Devils are against Lipson Bees.

The John Wheel Cup, a local trophy, has also reached the semi-final stage and the draw for it is Lairia Wasps v. Barne Barton Falcons and Foulston Eagles v. Lipson Bees. Almost a replica of the National semi-finals.

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SPORTSDROME NEARLY READY

WORK is underway on East London's newest track, the Chingford Sportsdrome. It should be ready for racing by next month and will probably be the venue for and important East London matches, writes our special correspondent.

The Sportsdrome has a fast concrete grid electric starting gate, track lighting and a covered pits. A concrete terracing is also being laid big enough to hold three thousand spectators.

Opening ceremony will probably be an Individual Riders' Championship between leading London riders. It is to be hoped that gate money will not be charged for admittance.

THE END COLUMN

● **First results** of the Scottish tour of Hastings have reached this office. On Monday, July 3, Glasgow lost to Sedlescombe Saints by 49-35. Glasgow rider Jim Shield won the trophy and the tourists had three riders in the trophy final.

Edinburgh beat Hellingly Lions 52-44. I. Anderson being the tourists' top scorer with 13. He also won the trophy final.

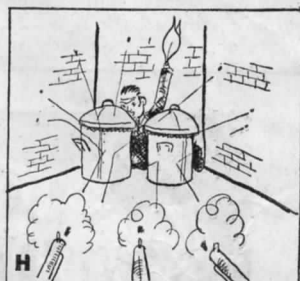
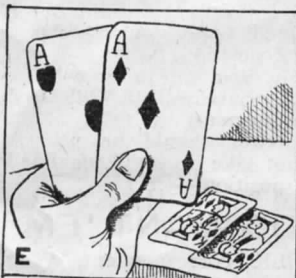
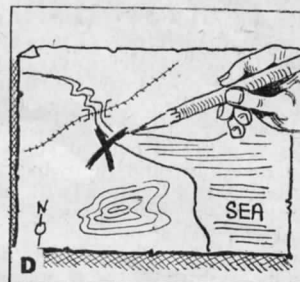
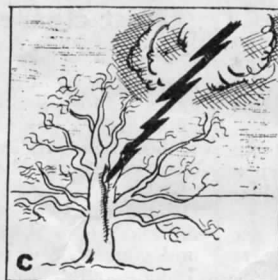
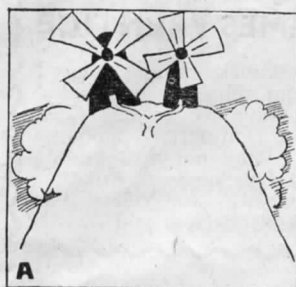
On Tuesday, July 4, Glasgow beat Rye Aces. For the tourists Bill Ritchie collected 12 and Barry Shapley 11. Woods of Rye won the trophy final, although Glasgow had three finalists.

● **Third Round results** of the News Chronicle National Team Championship are:

Berks: Drayton Wasps 55, Maidenhead Hammers 41. **Essex:** Longbridge Leopards 44, Stratford Hammer 52; Rayleigh Rovers 63, Arterial Aces 30; Ashington Adders 30, Eastwood Meteors 65. **Herts:** Bushey Aces 62, Finchley Sabres 34. **W'ts:** Southwick Tigers 47, Highworth Wolves 48; South Marston Jets 34, Fisherton Flyers 59.

Sussex: 7a.t Hill Swifts 61, Northiam Knights 34; Sedlescombe Saints 65, Rock-a-Nore Rockets 30; Icklesham Vikings 36, Ridge Eagles 59; Hellingly Lions 61, Staplecross Swifts 34. **Surrey:** Walton Swans 52, Molesey Meteors 43. **London:** Verney Lions 64, Lea Valley Knights 32; Warwick Lion 58, Backton Aces 37; Hackney Comets 37, Peckham Stars 69; West Park Panthers 36, Tooting Tigers 60. **Middlesex:** Russell Eaglets 42, Shaftsbury Broad-siders 52; Tottenham Kangaroos 42, Acton Acorns 53.

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For instance, you might consider MOUNT MILLERS numbered 29 in the list as an apt name for picture "A". Then fill in number 29 on the coupon in the square below letter "A".

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BEING very interested in cycle speedway for two years, a regular reader of your excellent magazine and a Devon County Association Football referee, I was only too glad to accept the offer from the local cycle speedway board to take up stewarding. Consequently this season the Plymouth League has used a panel of neutral stewards to run meetings, and there has been a remarkable difference with unpleasantness cut right away.

At the end of our rules, which are fairly elastic, it states that they are not necessarily correct, nor do they cover all points that arise. As I watch or steward the matches, I formulate a series of quizzes on points

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that arise in order to give myself exercise in quickness of decision, which is 75 per cent of the battle. I should like to see a general standard set of rules. I am looking forward to your 1950 Annual.

One thing I am still a little dubious about is the following: You and your partner are drawn 1 and 3. Your partner in No. 1 position is disqualified. In the re-run, can you take up your partner's position? I would say no, but in our League I

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have seen several stewards allow No. 3 take No. 1 position when the latter is disqualified. And similarly No. 4 take No. 2 position.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.—L. J. Willcocks, Plymouth, Devon.

(The answer should be no. A rider cannot take up his disqualified partner's position.—J.P.)

'WE DO WANT 'EM'

NORFOLK correspondent, Wog Vicker's report in your last month's issue entitled "Helmets? We Don't Want 'Em!" is absolutely wrong. Cycle speedway is, in my opinion, "Speed with Safety," and how can you have safety without the rider's best friend—the crash helmet? Some of our riders would have had serious accidents had they not been wearing helmets.

Keep the sport safe. Wear helmets.—D. C. Smith, Heath Crescent, Halifax.

(Hear, hear. I couldn't agree more with you. Some lads think they look foolish and childish in helmets, believe me, they'd look more foolish with a piece of glass or brick hitting from their skulls!—J.P.)

THANKS A LOT

THROUGH the medium of your magazine we would like to extend our gratitude to the following people who have helped to put the sport on the map in Dorset. (a) Poole Labour Club, who donated a Best Pairs Cup for winning club; two miniatures for winners and prizes for 2nd, 3rd, 4th places. Competition will be run on their Gala Day on August Bank Holiday. (b) East Stoke (near Wareham) Sports Council. For trophies presented in their Annual Fete this month. (c) Mr. Clifford Brewer who added a Speedtrack machine to the Poole Speedway Trophy. (d) to all other trophy donors, too numerous to mention.—Dorset Control Board, Oakdale, Poole.

(I add my thanks, too.—J.P.)

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published, and in view of the amazing progress it has made, I feel I would like to say a few words.

Before joining the R.A.F. last November, I was rider/secretary of London's Walthamstow Wolves. Naturally, on entering the service, I was upset to leave such a sporting bunch of lads.

On completing my initial training, I was posted to Germany, whence I am unable to witness, or participate in cycle speedway. Fortunately, my old rider-friends contact me occasionally and tell me all the news; but obviously they can't tell me much of how all the counties are progressing. However, I gain knowledge through Cycle Speedway Monthly, or as it is now called, Amateur Cycle Speedway.

May-June issue of the mag was exceptionally interesting to me, mainly because the cover photo was of the Cray Tigers in Holland, barely 100 miles from my present unit. I once rode against the tigers. Wishing both the staff and magazine the very best in future.—E. Gee, Admin. Registry, Bafa Baor 15, Germany.

(Them's mighty kind words, partner. We all wish you a speedy return home to good ole England, and the best sport in the world.—J.P.).

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