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BIG TASK

With the announcement of the dates for the International matches for 1956, we wonder just how the National Association will decide to select the English Teams.

We recall with distress that the English Team to race against Holland in 1950 was picked by the simple method of drawing eight names from a hat containing the name of the Champion rider from each of the affiliated Counties.

Of course, this match took place soon after the formation of the National Board, and the various Counties were not aware of the riding ability of very many riders outside their own locality.

What is beginning to worry us is this - Have the National Association devised a better method of selecting a team? - It may be that the best method is still the same as was used in 1950! We hope that this is not so, for there are Counties where the Champion rider is not as good as many in a neighbouring County.

We fully expect that the matter of team selection is already being considered by the National Officers, and we wish them every success with what will, whatever system is used, be a tremendous task.

Alas! There will probably be about 1600 riders who would like to represent their Country. - So about 1584 will have to be disappointed at each fixture.

OUT OF ACTION

NATIONAL TREASURER AND SUFFOLK COUNTY SEC. IN CAR CRASH.

Mr. Claude Jolly, National Treasurer and Suffolk County Secretary has been involved in a car crash whilst out on Association business at Felixstowe. It seems that he was driving along the sea front, on the way to visit Mrs. Sherren, President of Felixstowe Flyers, when an American car came out of a side turning and collided with Mr. Jolly's vehicle. He was not injured, but owing to shock, has been advised by his doctor to rest for a time.

It is requested that until further notice, all correspondence of national level be sent to the Secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, and that of the Suffolk County level to R. Morgan Esq., 4, Star Cottages, Claydon, Ipswich.

Last week-end, on the occasion of the visit of the Dutch President, Hartog de Ronde, a telegram was received from the N.A.C.S.A. Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Bennett, by Vic Cowell, Dutch Representative in England, stating that owing to an accident, he was unable to attend the meeting. At the time of going to Press, we are not sure of the full details.

THE SPOTLIGHT WISHES BOTH THESE HARDWORKING OFFICIALS A SPEEDY RECOVERY, AND TRUSTS THAT THEY WILL SOON BE ABLE TO GET ABOUT AGAIN.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR CYCLE SPEEDWAY ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND WALES AND SCOTLAND.

The following dates and venues have reached us for this year's International fixtures:-

ENGLAND	v	WALES - JUNE 23RD., TRACK TO BE SELECTED.
WALES	v	SCOTLAND - JULY 14TH., NEWPORT OR CARDIFF.
SCOTLAND	v	ENGLAND - AUG. 18TH., GLASGOW.

SMARTNESS!

BY ROY DELANEY.

Looking back over the past nine years, I am sadly aware of the drop in the Sport's popularity in the eyes of the public. In my opinion, the blame lies 75% with the clubs themselves. In the years between 1946 and 1950, the riders appeared in crash helmets, breeches, highly polished bidding boots and gaiters, and team breastplates.

Now, in between 1951 and the present day, we have seen the exit of the crash helmet, riding boots and gaiters, in fact everything which suggested an organised Sport.

Of course, the jersey and gloves are still to be seen and thank goodness, the club colours still remain. The socks, which used to be turned over the gaiters, also make an occasional appearance, but due to dirt and grease, are for the most part unrecognisable.

So I appeal to all you club managers, smarten up your team, and the crowds will return to give you much needed support.

Wanted!

The following clubs require additional riders:-

WESTERN BROADSIDERS & WESTERN STARS (MIDDLESEX)

Write to Mrs.E.Jones, 29, Furness Road, West Harrow, or ring BYRon 3075, after 6.30.p.m. any evening.

LANELEY LIONS. (HERTFORDSHIRE)

Write to Ken Woodard, 37, Green Street, Stevenage, Herts. or ring Stevenage 530.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS "B" (ESSEX) & JUNIORS (HERTS)

Write or call : Mr.J.Woolnough, 81, Hatherley Road, E.17.

ANY OTHER TEAMS IN NEED OF RIDERS? — JUST LET US KNOW, AND WE WILL TRY TO HELP BY PUBLISHING THE NECESSARY DETAILS.

SUFFOLK SCENE

Last weekend saw the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk Cycle Speedway Association. The County Secretary reported that the season had been the best so far, and despite minor mishaps, all Leagues and Competitions ended on the agreed dates.

The coming season would see more ambitious schemes, more competitions, and more awards.

Four clubs had fallen, Needham, Old Newton, Bramford and Felixstowe. The first three had to pack up through lack of officials, whilst Felixstowe retired due to sheer bad leadership.

The Suffolk Officials elected for 1956 are:-

President; Alderman Cyril Catchpole, J.P., Chairman; Hugh Brandon-Cox Esq., Vice President; Zsaza Brandon-Cox (The famous Swedish model and designer) and Alan Williamson, Esq. County Secretary; Claude R. Jolly, Esq., Hon. Treasurer; Bernhard Morgan, Esq., County Delegate to N.A.C.S.A.; A. Williamson. Executive Committee; Officers plus:- Messrs. Brett, White, and Raynor, County Event Organising Committee; Messrs. Raynor, Paine, Lockwood, Zard and Jolly. League Secretary; D. Raynor, Competitions Sec.; D. Lockwood, Press Officers: Local Press and Cycle Speedway Gazette, B. Morgan - County Press and Cycle Speedway Spotlight, C. R. Jolly.

It was decided that the Captains' Committee shall meet 30 minutes prior to the monthly Control Board Meeting.

I have just heard that Henry Thorpe, who until his call-up was riding for Woodbridge Wildcats, has made a Cycle Speedway Track in Malaya. He has found odd pieces of bikes and built himself a track machine, which is used by all and sundry. He is getting cracking with plenty of training, but he says that two laps is enough as it's rather hot out there. It just goes to show what a real enthusiast will do to get a ride.

CLAUDE R. JOLLY.

A VISITOR

DUTCH PRESIDENT IN LONDON

As the representative for the Dutch Cycle Speedway Association in England, I had the great pleasure of meeting Hartog de Ronde for the first time last Thursday week. I had a very anxious time at London Airport, waiting for his plane to arrive, not knowing if I would be able to recognise him. Luckily, I carried a copy of the "Spotlight" with me, and this did the trick, because he walked out of the Customs, straight over to me; then began a hectic week-end. Hectic? That wasn't the word! He wanted to meet various personalities this side of the water, to discuss the forthcoming tours of Holland by English clubs, and to see some racing. All this, and an edition of the Magazine to get out! Anyway, we set about things in a business-like way, and had a meeting in London on the Saturday. The National Secretary telegraphed his inability to attend, owing to an accident, and naturally, we were very sorry, as we had hoped that something concrete in the way of further Internationals might have evolved from such a meeting. Peckham Stars secretary, Miss Norma Gooddy, and the rep. from Edmonton were there, also Dave Stevens from the "Cycle Speedway Gazette", and my co-partner in crime, Ken Cooper for the Spotlight. I would like, at this stage, to thank those who attended at such short notice.— Hartog certainly makes up his mind in a hurry!

On the Sunday, I took Hartog over to Peckham to watch the challenge match between the Stars and Hoddesdon, which the latter side won in the last heat. I was dubious of letting him see a match, because, after seeing the excellent condition of the Hollandse Welpen track in photographs, I shuddered to think of his comments on one of ours. My fears were needless, because the track at Peckham was in wonderful shape, especially after all the adverse weather we'd had lately. Mr. de Ronde stewarded the meeting to everyone's satisfaction.

VIC COWELL.

PITS PORTRAIT

VIC AYLWARD (Barkingside Cobras)

Nearly everyone in Essex knows Vic Aylward. Vic, with the infectious throaty chuckle and the ever-ready grin, the eye for fun, and the mop of unruly hair. He's been in racing circles for some time now; never a star, but always there, always capable of springing a surprise.

For some time, Vic rode for the Dagenham Diamonds, and usually occupied the reserve berth. When Diamonds disbanded in July 1955, Vic very nearly retired for good, and considering that his early twenties had passed him by, and that points were becoming harder to gain, many would not have blamed him.. However, he finally signed for the Cobras over at the Fulwell Cross track, and in the following weeks appeared for them several times. His scores were not high, but he was a good morale booster, and he got on well with his new team-mates.

Vic never broke off his friendship with the old Diamonds riders. Now he needs all the friendship he can get for at the present time, he is fighting the greatest of his battles yet. His adversities are the strongest he will ever face, for Vic now lies critically ill in a local hospital.

Returning home on a Vespa, after giving a friend a lift, Vic was hit by a motorcycle combination, and taken to hospital with a broken leg, a fractured jaw, severe lacerations of the face and chest, and heavy bruising all over his body. He now has to have an operation to remove most of his teeth, and on top of these trials and tribulations, pneumonia and bronchitis have set in through shock.

No rider I know ever needed more morale support in his hour of need.

Fight on Vic; the plaudits of the crowd are yours, and the crown of victory awaits you, as you battle with man's greatest enemies - despair and despondency..

RON BULL.

BRUM

CALLING

After a long period of inactivity, due to the severe Winter, Birmingham clubs have welcomed the advent of Spring-like weather. Now comes the annual back-breaking task of preparing tracks for the traditional Easter opening of League racing.

There were plenty of glum faces around Elmdon Heath when Solihull Council turned down the recently formed Elmdon Aces' application to build a new track but, not to be daunted, several of their members plan to obtain riding experience by transferring to neighbours, Elmdon Wasps.

It is rumoured that ex-Fastmoor boys, Clive Deacon and Peter Jones, will also be seen in Wasps' colours this year.

Others likely to be on the move include Dennis Marshman, who may leave Birmingham Lions to rejoin former Pelsall colleagues Don Bird and Phil Saunders with Lambeth Aces, and Gerald Kean, whom the Lions are interested in signing from Kingstanding Monarchs.

Ex-Racers' skipper, Roy Shirley, now in business on his own account, says he cannot spare the time to ride or run a team but will be pleased to help with occasional stewarding duties. Needless to say, his offer has been accepted. Finding good stewards is quite a headache in these parts.

Lambeth chief, Tom Slater, tells me that the Aces are eagerly looking forward to April when the second annual John Thurstan Cup tournament with Aldridge Hammers takes place. Aces were easy 117-69 winners last time, but if confidence counts in this Sport, then Mrs. Slater won't be needing that new tin of metal polish after all.

HAROLD SMITH.

THE EDITORS WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THEIR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED REGULARLY TO THE PAGES OF THE "SPOTLIGHT".

WE HAVEN'T YET HEARD FROM ALL AREAS — SO IF YOUR AREA NEWS HASN'T APPEARED YET, HOW ABOUT WRITING TO US?

RESULTS!

HERTS. LEAGUE.

PECKHAM STARS 86 (Cable 11 & Bryan 10, Dryden 21 & Heard 7, Atkinson 14 & Mason 13, Walker 1 & Brown 9.)

FINCHLEY SABRES 52 (Legate 13 & No partner, Brett 8 & No Partner, Pinnock 10 & Porter 3, Vettewinkel 6 & Mobbs 12.)

WHIPPS X COMETS 95 (Hemsley 9 & Nastri 13, J. Brown 12 & Pipe 13, Howse 13 & Taylor 12, Bunce 15 & Kingsnorth 8.)

EDMONTON SAINTS 43 (Cowell 18 & Reading 2, Sayer 6 & Jackson 6, Isaacs 2 & Delaney 3, Kilbey 1 & Keay 5.)

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

WILMSLOW HANNERS 41 (P. Rollason 10)

OFFERTON DEVILS 55 (WOOD 14.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 67 (CLARK 13, Tegg 12, Carter 12.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 39 (Boole 9.)

BELLE Vue COBRAS 65 (Cramer 11, Graham 11, Bull 11.)

BLACKLEY FLYERS 30 (McArthur 9)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 43 (Loseby 9)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 51 (Moston 11, Williams 11.)

CHALLENGE

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 50 (Clark 15, Williams 13, Bailey 9, Spray 5, Meredith 3, Wright 3, Lawson 1, Bailey T. 1.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 44 (Darling 9, Murphy 8, Mann 7, Heap 5, Sudbury 5, Skelton 4, Loseby 3, Rostron 3.)

PECKHAM STARS 46 (Cable 9 & Walker 2, Dryden 13 & Heard 6, Atkinson 5 & No partner, B. Brown 4 & C. Cooper 7.)

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 48 (C. Hitch 11 & No partner, Jeffery 6 & Cowell 4, Hutchin 1 & Jackson 7, A. Hitch 11 & Catley 8)

MANCUNIAN S

On the opening day of racing in the Manchester, Stockport & District League all matches were ridden off as fixed. The closest result was at Longsight where the newly formed Carrs Wood Tudors won by eight points. Tudors began with a 5-1 and held the lead throughout the match, although Pegasus kept within a few points until the closing stages. Apart from P. Loseby, none of the usually high scoring Home team were able to run up a reasonable tally. Surprise of the afternoon was new Tudor, H. Eastwick who, riding in his first ever League match scored 9 points from five rides.

Offerton Devils visited Wilmslow with a seven man team and once again they came out top. In the last twelve months these teams must have ridden each other about a dozen times in various competitions, and the Hammers have yet to record a win. It did seem that this occasion would bring about a close tussle, because with three heats gone the score stood at 9-9, but the Devils had a maximum win in the following heat and gradually pulled ahead to win by a fair margin. Another surprise at this match, Offerton's H. Wood had 14 points plus 1 bonus to give what must be his best performance ever.

Belle Vue Cobras had little difficulty in beating an understrength Blackley team, who, with the odds against them from the beginning, were unable to match the more solid team work of the Cobras, three of whose riders scored double figures.

There were more high scorers at Carrs Wood, where the Kestrels entertained new League entrants, Ladybarn Kingpins. The visitors tried hard but their enthusiasm was no match for the more experienced Kestrels. Three of their riders had 12 point maximums, whilst another had 8 points plus 4 bonus. Best for the Kingpins was R. Boole, but he received very little backing from his team mates. However, more experience should improve them, and if a couple more riders begin to show the same dash as Boole, then things will begin to look up in the Ladybarn Camp.

F. ASHTONHURST.

H E R T S

The Herts League got under way at Whipps Cross last Sunday, when the local Comets thrashed Edmonton Saints by 95-43. The Home team were perfect in all departments, under John Brown's captaincy. In fact all eight riders reached double figures, while Sid Pipe equalled the track record at 43 secs. for four laps.

The Saints were on the other hand, disappointing to say the least, but the absence of Westwood and Andrews threw them out of gear. Vic Cowell faced up well to the onslaught Skipper Delaney, however, had the misfortune to clout the fence, head first, in two races. Second string Ted Jackson grabbed his big chance, and ended up second highest scorer for Saints.

Peckham Satrs gained their first win in the Herts. League with a score of 86-52 against Finchley Sabres at Peckham. The Stars ran out fairly easy winners against a six man Sabres team, but, when they are at full strength, the Finchley boys look like being hard to beat both Home and Away.

For the Home team Dryden scored a maximum of 21 pts., and with partner Heard formed the top scoring pair of the match. The other two team pairings concentrated on team riding and scored pretty evenly.

Ernie Legate, who headed the scorers for the Sabres, had no partner for most of his races. Brett also rode on his own and despite his share of bad luck, scored well. Pinnock did not appear on quite his best form, but rode well, and on several occasions assisted his partner. Mobbs riding reserve, proved quite successful, scoring 12 pts.

Everybody tried their hardest, and considering that this was their first League Match of the season, the racing was pretty good.

Herts. hope to be able to arrange the replay of the Test Matches with Essex in the next week or so.

KEN COOPER.

TRACK BIKE!

Today, discussion will revolve around wheels. As everyone knows, a wheel consists of three parts, the rim, the spokes and the hub. We will start on the outside and work in. There are two types of rim in use today - the Endrick and the Westwood - the former being used with cables brakes and the latter with rod brakes. - At least they should be. Many riders don't know what a brake is, and the fines paid to the Local Magistrates Courts would finance the National Association for 12 months or more. (However, we won't give Mr. Jolly any ideas).

The Endrick is the most common these days, as it offers lightness, speed and better grip. It's only drawback seems to be that it is not so strong, and there is therefore more likelihood of it buckling and going egg-shaped.

I will dispose of spokes with just one word of warning. Do not put an extra strong spoke in a wheel, as instead of breaking, it will pull straight through the rim. One rider I know had very heavy gauge spokes fitted and after his first mix-up, his spokes were intact, but he had to buy a new rim!

In closing this time, I would like to mention an idea I had for my backwheel. I fitted it up with an extra large flange hub, and a cog on each side (18&19) so that spokes could be replaced without going to the bother of removing the sprocket, which, as all riders know, can be a very tricky job. At first I thought it might be too weak to stand the strain of racing, but it is now in its 5th. year without giving any trouble at all. The expense is high to start with, but I reckon that the initial cost has been repaid time and time again. By the way, I do not claim to be the originator of this idea, not the sole user.

BRIAN MOSTON.

COMMENTS ON BRIAN MOSTON'S "TRACK BIKE" SERIES SHOULD BE SENT DIRECT TO HIM AT :- 36, WEST END AVENUE, GATLEY, CHESHIRE.

LONDON

The Southern Premier League commences on March 11th. with a full League Table, knock-out competition and individual matches. There are Representative Matches for "A" and "B" teams against Coventry and Ipswich.

The Control Board for 1956 is as follows:-

Chairman; D. Bacon (ex-rider), Vice Chairman; J. Pulham, (rider manager of Thornton Heath Cobras), Gen. Secretary; J. Whittaker (Rider, South London Rangers), Hon. Treasurer; J. Braden (rider manager of Raynes Park Tigers), Div. Sec; D. Cattle (rider of Tooting Tigers), and myself as Public Relations Officer.

League and Competition winners for 1955 were as follows:-

LEAGUE: Champions - Tooting Tigers.

Runners-up - Raynes Park Tigers.

JACK HULBERT SHIELD: Winners - Tooting Tigers.

Runners-up - Raynes Park Tigers.

SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR: Winner - J. Whittaker (South London Rangers)

Runner-up - T. Frost (Raynes Park Tigers)

SAUNDERS TROPHY: Winners - Tooting Tigers

Runners-up - Raynes Park Tigers

SENIOR IND. CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner - F. Lawrence (Raynes Park Tigers)

JUNIOR IND. CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner - D. Chivers (Stars)

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY: Winners - Wildcats

Runners-up - Stars.

W. J. CATTLE

We have received a suggestion from J. Brown and J. Woolnough, both of Whipps Cross Comets, that we should publish a form of fixture list each issue, in order that clubs which have free dates can see what other clubs are free at the same time.

We think this is a good idea, and we invite you to send a list of your fixture and venues to us for inclusion in the proposed column.

THE FOCUS ON

OFFERTON DEVILS

Formed in the winter of 1952/53, under the leadership of Sheppard, Cartwright, Garnett and Bread, the new-born club entered the Second Division of the Manchester, Stockport and district league, and created quite an impression by taking runners-up position, and earning promotion to the First Division for 1954. A vastly improved team, they were County Champions, but had to admit defeat to Lancs. Champs, Carrs Wood. But in spite of being K.C. champs., they finished bottom in the League, and this did not do justice to the vastly improved form they had shown.

On to 1955, and a very much changed team lined up for the Devils. Of the originals, only Garnett remained, but the club still had that exceptional keenness not always prevalent in some teams, and once again they captured the County Championship, and improved their League position by one place. During the season, Bass, Heath and Garnett rode in the Cheshire colours, and Garnett rode as an automatic choice for both Manchester and Cheshire Test Teams. He also added further to his record, when as skipper of the Manchester Select Team in Edinburgh, he scored 51 points out of a possible 60.

For the future, things look bright for Offerton. With three heat leaders in Bass, Heath and Garnett, and with several extremely promising youngsters being given expert coaching, this could be their best season ever. When the curtain goes up on League racing, there won't be any excuses about lack of practice, as the team have ridden almost every week during the close season. What better practice is there than actual match conditions? Rider-manager Garnett spares nothing to pass on to the youngsters some of the tips (the good ones) which he has picked up in his racing career.

Yes! - Offerton Devils deserve success.

VIC COWELL.

Our thanks to Mr. F. Ashtonhurst for material used above.

EDINBURGH

BY IAN BRANSTON.

At the A.G.M. of the Edinburgh Control Board, on Feb. 26th., the following officers were elected:-

President: Mr.T.Ramsay, Hon.Secretary: Mr.I.Branston (40, Pilton Gardens, Edinburgh 5.), Match Sec.:Mr.I.Millar

EDITOR'S NOTE — A new feature will be starting soon under the title "AULD REEKIE", and will cover the Sport in the Scottish Capital and surrounding areas.

GLASGOW

FROM

JAMES MACKIE WRITES

The Glasgow and District Cycle Speedway Association held its Annual General Meeting recently, The Officers elected are as follows:-

President: J.Mackie, Vice President: N.Robertson, Secretary: A. Young, Treasurer: J.Letts.

Control Board:- Officers plus)- H.Brannigan, L. Polaine, H.Brookes, D.Young, C.Glendingning.

The Linthouse Lightnings, last Season's Champions, caused a surprise by not appearing at the meeting. Teams accepted by Glasgow League are:- Redhill Rockets, Govan Rams, Everard Eagles, Craigton Eagles and Arden Aces.

Jimmy Cobain(Govan Rams) and W.Dickson(Redhill Rockets) have both gone into the Forces.

Ever popular Hugh McNeilly(Everard Eagles Manager) sails for Canada early in March. This will be a great loss to Scottish Cycle Speedway.

The Glasgow Association has agreed to support the International matches between Wales,England and Scotland.

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR RACING SEASON YET? - IF SO, DON'T FORGET TO SEND US YOUR RESULTS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION.

ESSEX WAY

The 1956 Essex Touring party to visit Devon in July is beginning to take shape. So far, the following have expressed a desire to go:- Alan Perham, Sandy McGillivray, Benny Shrimpton, Dave Robinson, Johnny Wells, Les Grant and myself from the Gladiators, and also Stan Stevens, Terry Stone, Dave Stevens, Colin Booth, George Wakeman and Mick Gladstone. Any others wishing for information, can obtain it from me at 46, Tennyson Road, Romford, Essex. Accommodation takes the form of tents for the lads and a local inn for any lassies going along.

Many Essex riders have happy memories of the Warwickshire Tour of 1954, and the Suffolk Tour of 1955. Come along and make Devon Tour of 1956 another great success.

Still on the subject of tours, Tottenham Kangaroos go to Devon this year, whilst Barkingside Cobras hope to go to Scotland for a week. Good racing lads.

Now for a word on Test Matches. The Essex Control Board have gone to town on this matter, for after the present series with Hertfordshire has been completed, we are to meet Suffolk, Home and Away. Also negotiations are on for Essex v N.W. Middlesex, and for Essex v Manchester and Stockport. Quite a programme when you realise that the Board is also running a 4-team Tournament, a 7-a-side mid-week knock-out Cup Competition, and a Best Pairs Competition, in addition to the Essex rounds of the two National Championships.

Yes indeed, a very promising programme, set up by a very progressive Board, for your enjoyment.

By the way, anyone wishing to visit Vic Aylward (see Pits Portrait), should contact Dave Stevens or Peter Chubb. I'm sure any visitor would help to cheer him up.

RON BULL.

SPARE

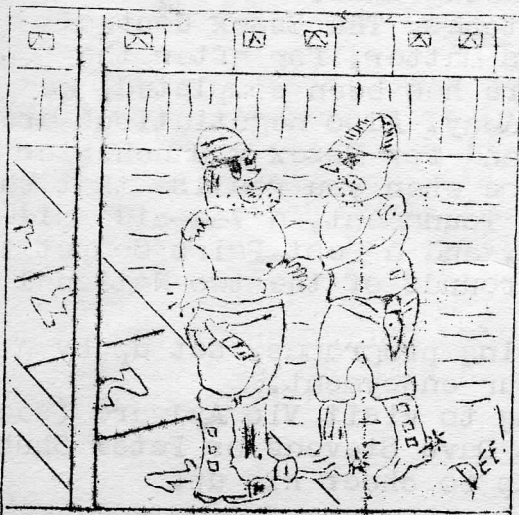
SPINDLES.

HOLLAND: Dutch Cycle firm are to build special bikes for Cycle Speedway riders this year. These bikes will not be on sale to the general public.

LONDON & HOME COUNTIES: The newly formed London & Home Counties to consist of eight teams:- Cheam Cherokees, Cheam Indians, Chobham Rockets, Tolworth Tudors, Merstham Vikings, Western Stars, Western Broadsiders and Burch Heath Aces.

OXFORDSHIRE: Wallingford Dragons have floodlighting on their track. How many more teams can claim this asset?

SUFFOLK: Once again we remind any teams wishing to visit Suffolk to contact Mr. C.R. Jolly, 22, Burlington Road, Ipswich. - Telephone 3172.



YOUR TOWN: The next issue of the "SPOTLIGHT" will be on sale Monday, 26th. March '56.

LANCASHIRE: We understand from the Lancs. & Cheshire Cycle Speedway Bulletin that Brian Moston is getting fed up with being asked which is the strongest Carrs Wood team. So he just names the riders and let people make up their own minds. Have a look at the scorers and see what you think.

) -And a clean match...!