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REPRIEVED!!!!!!!

Yes! Finchley Sabres are reprieved, and live to continue the battle in the Hertfordshire League.

When Johnny Pinock formed the new Finchley Sabres team during the close season, he hoped that within a few weeks many new local riders would be attracted by the racing on the North Circular Road track.

However, the Finchley track has not stood up well to the recent wet and frosty spells, with the result that it has not been possible for the Sabres to use their home track for the first part of their league schedule. This has resulted in the loss of some of the younger riders, and a few whom Johnny had raked out of retirement.

At the last Herts Control Board meeting, the Finchley representative dropped a bombshell to the effect that unless they were able to find three or four riders immediately, they would have to disband.

Naturally, this was a great shock to the other Herts teams, who, had only a few weeks previously, welcomed their entry into the league.

However, within a few days, the twenty-four man Saints club, unselfishly offered to loan the Sabres the necessary four riders.

So, Finchley are reprieved, the Herts League is still intact, and all is well again. — THIS IS CYCLE SPEEDWAY...

TRACK BIKE

BY
BRIAN MOSTON.

"FREAK MACHINES No. 2"

Enter the Bobby Dodger, the only one of its kind in creation. This machine was designed to lead the arm of the law up the garden path, more than anything else.

The enterprising rider has welded a 24 free wheel on to his cranks and fitted a 12 cog FIXED on his rear wheel with the result that when he is freewheeling, his chain is still in motion. Should he be pulled up by the Law Men, he innocently points to his one brake and fixed cog, and mutters something about a fixed wheel and one brake, and carries on his way, leaving a puzzled expression on the face of the Law!

This was not the original intention of the contraption (or so I am led to believe), the nutty notion being to reduce the static friction of the chain when coming out of a bend. The rider insists that when the chain has been stationery whilst cornering, it takes considerable energy to start it moving again, so he fitted his free wheel at the front instead of at the back, so that his chain was revolving all the time, thereby eliminating the aforementioned static friction.

Whilst I do not favour it, I must give him credit for his third point, which is that a fixed cog is easier to remove than a free cog, when there is some respoking to be done.

In closing, I would point out, that the machine must be fitted with two brakes when on the road. The Law requires that where only one brake is fitted, the machine must be so constructed, that at least one wheel is incapable of moving independently of the pedals.

TEST SELECTION: The English Test Team Selection Committee were due to meet at Birmingham on Sunday April 29th.

So all those whose names were forwarded, are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping that they may be amongst those selected for the trials.

S.P. League

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BILL CATTLE

LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SUNDAY 29TH. APRIL

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LOST	FOR	AGNST	PTS
RAYNES PARK TIGERS	8	8	0	0	510	258	16
TOOTING TIGERS	7	6	0	1	415	252	12
RANGERS	7	4	0	3	382	259	8
PIRATES	7	3	1	3	354 $\frac{1}{2}$	303 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
STARS	8	3	1	4	345 $\frac{1}{2}$	420 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
DEVILS	6	2	1	3	262	314	5
COBRAS	5	2	0	3	207	269	4
HUNTERS	7	1	0	6	259	411	2
WILDCATS	7	0	1	6	232	440	1

RESULTS

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 53 TOOTING TIGERS 43

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 73 WILDCATS 23

DITTON DEVILS 46 COBRAS 50

RANGERS 58 STARS 38

HUNTERS 29 PIRATES 66

Highlight of the recent matches has been the battle between Raynes Park Tigers and Tooting Tigers at Raynes Park. As had been expected, a battle royal ensued, with the home team taking the match points. The return match, which takes place in about a month's time, promises to be another terrific tussle.

This was Tooting's first League defeat this year, and for that matter the second League defeat in four years.

Latest news is that the National Individual Champion for 1952, Rob Hunt, may yet be persuaded to ride for Ditton Devils this year. It would certainly be good to see Rob in the saddle again.

The suspension imposed upon Peter Andrews of Range Park Tigers has now expired, and he is eligible to ride again from May 6th.

Preparation are now well in hand for the visit of the Suffolk team to Garratt Park on Sunday 20th. May.

Suffolk Scene

Throughout the County there is feverish activity. It seems to me that everyone leaves everything to the last moment. With my annual track inspection only a few days away and still much to be done, it wouldn't surprise me if I am not the only one burning the midnight oil.

One of the most interesting and hopeful items at the moment is the interest that local churchmen are taking. At Great Blakenham, the Rev. Smith and his son are responsible for the new Great Blakenham track. With their lads, they have built a really super track.

For some months, I have been impressed at the enthusiasm that these people have shown in our Sport. It is very gratifying to see that in this tiny village, and again at Kesgrave, the Vicar is being a tower of strength to the local clubs.

A week or so ago, we had our old friends Tottenham Kangaroos as visitors at Kesgrave. Now, this team is always welcome in Suffolk - we look on them truly as old friends - and I'm sure that they will not take offence at our criticism. The Kangaroos were undoubtedly well and truly beaten, nothing could alter that. They found the Panthers on great form (it will pay to watch the Panthers this season), and according to our records the final score stood at Kesgrave 69, Kangaroos 39.

Now, personally, I don't think the score would have been so great against the Kangaroos had their riding been of a different style. What all visitors to our County must realise is that our lads ride to win, and once ahead, keep there by speed, and not by deliberately slowing the racing down.

We still have a few Sunday dates vacant for visitors. Write to me at 22, Burlington Road, Ipswich, mentioning the strength of your team, and we'll cater for you.

An all out effort is in hand for the coming visit to the Premier League. It should be a good show, but unfortunately, I shall not personally be able to be present, as the family and I will be resting somewhere in the Derby Dales.

CLAUDE R. JOLLY.

Auld Reekie

B Y

IAN BRANSTON

The Scottish Association held its Annual General Meeting at the Edinburgh Assn's Headquarters, at Ruskin House, Windsor Street. New office bearers were elected and they read:- President: Mr. James Mackie (Glasgow), Vice Pres.: Mr. Tommy Ramsay (Edinburgh), Secretary: Mr. Ian Branston (Edinburgh), 40, Pilton Gardens, Edinburgh, 5., Ass. Secretary: Mr. Alex Young (Glasgow), Treasurer: Mr. Joe Letts (Glasgow).

The main point on the Agenda was the forthcoming Inter Nationals, which brought to light that Scotland have 18 proposed riders with big match experience, but the cost of travelling may effect our riders, also the Trades holidays are in full swing for Edinburgh and just starting for Glasgow, when "Scotland the Brave" come over the Borders. Both Associations are holding meetings this week-end (6th, May) in the respective Cities, with the main point of seeing what riders can travel if chosen. Next Scottish meeting will be on Sunday 13th May at Glasgow.

The Scottish home International will be ridden at Langlands Park circuit, the home ground for Glasgow when they meet Edinburgh in the Hope Cup Inter-City Test.

ESSEX RESULT

WARWICK LIONS 47 (J. Bonella 13, B. Wright 9, T. Walter 8, L. Reed 7, T. Gooch 6, A. Muncer 4.)

WHIPPS X COMETS "B" 60 (T. Enmons 11, D. Gray 9, D. Storie 9, T. Sear 9, J. Woolnough 8, K. Taylor 8, K. Mills 3, C. Kain 3.)

ESSEX V HERTS. Revised time and place for the outstanding Second legs of the Herts v Essex Test Series is Sunday 10th June, commencing at 3.00 p.m., at the old Manford Falcons track at Little Ilford Park, East Ham.

N.A.C.S.A.'s AID. Congratulations to N.A.C.S.A. Secretary Fred Bennett on his prompt action in straightening out the Peter Mason transfer difficulties. All parties concerned have now signified their acceptance of Mr. Bennett's ruling. It just goes to show that most problems can be settled if everybody wants to be helpful.

RESULTS!

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -WARWICKSHIRE SECTION -1ST RD.

LAMBETHEACES 46 (S.Ford 11,Meadows 9,Bird 8.)

KINSTANDING MONARCHS (P.Blackwell 13,A.Wilkinson 8,J.Ward 8,J.Dockerill 8.)

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 49 (A.Wilkinson 12,P.Blackwell 10, J.Dockerill 8.)

LAMBETH ACES 42 (Meadows 10,A.Ford 8,Beasley 7.)

KINGSTANDING WON ON AGGREGATE 99-88

ALDRIDGE HAMMERS 30 (J.Heaton 11.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 66 (R.Goode 12,E.Edwards 10,F.Birch 9, D.Hill 9, G.Hancox 9.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 65 (G.Kean 11,E.Edwards 9,R.Hawker 9, D.Hill 9.)

ALDRIDGE HAMMERS 28 (J.Heaton 10.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS WON ON AGGREGATE BY 131-58.

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 26 (J.MacMahon 9.)

SUTTON STARS 70 (H.Loasby 12,J.Bond 11,E. Bott 10,D.Hemus 9,A.Taylor 9,R.Day 9.)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2ND LEG.

Arthur Wilkinson (Kingstanding Monarchs) beat Dave Hemus (Sutton Stars) by 2 races to 1, to level the series.

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX

POSSIBLES 55 (Stonex 11,Leckie 9,Thompson 9,Collett 7, Carter 7,Dunford 6,Pheby 6.)

PROBABLES 41 (Harper 11,Unsworth 11,Tillyer 6,Punter 6, Pearce 4,Lester 3.)

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-MIDDLESEX SECTION-1ST.RD.-1ST.LG

WEMBLEY ALL STARS 52 (Hill 5,Brinstone 11,Rankmore 11, Dewhurst 7,Hunter 3,Dean 13,Gadsby 2,Frazer 4.)

HAREFIELD PIRATES 44 (Leckie 9,Pheby 2,Carter 4,Seymour 8, Stonex 8,Thompson 5,James 4,Collett 4.)

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

HILLINGDON 55 (Coolman 7,Tillyer 13,Rance 6,Sibley 10, Jacobs 10,Morgue 3,Bates 3,Twitchin 3.)

UXBRIDGE METEORS 41 (Dunford 13,Welch 0,Punter 9,Seymour 1, Tucker 4,Fewell 3,Crissell 6,Edwards.5.)

ESSEX WAY

B Y

RON BULL

As in most parts of the Country, Essex is at present in the throes of the early National Team Championship Rds. Round one is now completed, and Round two eagerly awaited.

As newcomers to Essex, it was hard luck on Welling Wings to be drawn against Fyfield Falcons, one of the four top teams of the County; others I rate in this category are Longbridge Leopards, The Penguins, and Tottenham Kangaroos.

In winning both legs, Falcons did only the expected, but bouquets to Welling for a good home fight, and giving Fyfield a scare at the tricky Ongar track, starting with a 5-1 win, and leading for the first 5 heats. Those two evergreen brothers, Norman and Ron Sutton, along with fast starting Alan Wood, took most points from the two legs for Falcons, whilst Wings were best served by J. Whiting and A. Perfect.

Barkingside Cobras won both legs over The Gladiators in another Round one tie. Gladiators, after desperately rushing to complete their new track in time, went under with a woefully weak team, by 37 points to 59. Only McGillivray was able to stem the Cobras, and it was again the forceful Sandy McGillivray, and Alan Perham, who strove to hold together the six-man Gladiators side that were beaten at Fulwell Cross by 60-35. With the possible retirements of Ron Jones and Benny Shrimpton, Gladiators are due for some thrashings.

Cobras to shine in both matches were Ron Wyborn, who has returned to his old free-scoring habits, and Lionel Knight.

Warwick Lions just held out by 6 points at home to Warescot Stars, and most people thought Stars would win their home tie by a large margin, to proceed into the 2nd. Round, but they reckoned without the determined Wright of Lions. In the 2nd. leg, Warwick lost by 4 of their 6 points in their very first heat. Stars had a satisfied smirk, and good reason for it, but Wright, with a brilliant unbeaten five races, kept up the Lions hopes, to such an extent, that Borella, pointless after two rides, rode with renewed vigour to score nine points in his last three races, and swing the match.

P.T.O.

MANCHESTER, STO

No doubt about it, Blackley Flyers win against Carrs Wood Kestrels on the Kestrels track was a shock. After taking a two point lead from the first leg at Blackley, it seemed a forgone conclusion that the Carrs Wood lads would win comfortably at home, and so pass into the Lancs. Semi-final. Admittedly they did win, but it took the whole 33 heats to come to a decision, and although Flyers won this second leg, their one point win just wasn't sufficient. In the other second round legs of the Team Championship matches, Openshaw had another overwhelming win over Ladybarn, and Carrs Wood Tudors visited Longsight and further increased the lead gained in the first leg. Offerton Devils did the double on Wilmslow and so for the third successive year became Cheshire Champions.

In the League, all eyes were on the Offerton v Openshaw match, and the question everyone was asking was "Can Offerton take Openshaw's unbeaten record?" They tried hard but after 16 thrilling heats, Openshaw came through with their record still intact. They still haven't headed the League Table, Belle Vue having played two extra matches. The head of the Table position is retained by Cobras, because with Ladybarn as visitors, they had no difficulty in winning. From reports received, Kingpins are showing a slight improvement, but at the moment are showing no results. Carrs Wood Tudors entertained Blackley Flyers, and after being concerned in results of two or less points difference for the last three weeks, the obvious had to happen, the first draw of the season. With one heat to go Flyers needed a 5-1 to draw, but with Collier and Williams, who was unbeaten at that stage, it seemed that it was an impossibility. Up went the tapes, snap went Williams' handlebars, Collier faltered, and away in front went Flyers, McArthur and Hughes, to record a 5-1 and level the scores. An exciting match, with Tudors missing Brian Moston who was away in Birmingham on N.A.C.S.A. duties.

Kestrels, after having been in a very mediocre period rode themselves back to form, and a step up the League Table, by having a win over Longsight Pegasus, who unfortunately were lacking two of their usual high point gather-

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ers, one was unfortunately unable to make this match, while the other has just started his National Service.

For the second time this year, the match race changed hands, when Challenger Dewi Williams beat Alec Clark by 2 runs to one at Carrs Wood.

The first of the season's Test Matches will soon be ridden between Lanc & Cheshire. The "A" Match is at Offerton on 12th, May, and the "B" Match at Blackley on 19th. May.

Teams selected are as follows:-

CHESHIRE "A" D. Garnett (Cpt), K. Bass, B. Moston, T. Tegg, N. Collins, D. Williams, F. Heath, E. Timmis.

LANCS. "A" A. Clark, B. McArthur, K. Graham (Cpt), A. Bailey, T. Lawton, N. Nairn, C. Nanfan, A. Heywood.

LANCS. "B" K. Percival, F. Davies, J. Yacoby, D. Barlow, R. Carter, J. Hughes (Cpt), P. Loseby, J. Dobson.

CHESHIRE "B" J. Mottershead, P. Rollason, G. Riley, V. Hinchliffe, D. Bull (Cpt), H. Wood, F. Latham, D. McGee.

The League Table as at 29th. April

TEAM	PLD	WON	LOST	DRN	FOR	AGNST	PTS
BELLE VUE COBRAS	7	6	1	0	403	265	12
OPENSHAW MONARCHS	5	5	0	0	279	198	10
BLACKLEY FLYERS	7	3	3	1	316	354	7
CARRS WOOD KESTRELS	6	3	3	0	313	256	6
OFFERTON DEVILS	5	3	2	0	252	228	6
CARRS WOOD TUDORS	5	2	2	1	249	227	5
LONGSIGHT PEGASUS	6	2	4	0	283	285	4
WILMSLOW HAMMERS	4	0	4	0	143	239	0
LADYBARN KINGPINS	5	0	5	0	147	333	0

CHALLENGE MATCH AT LEICESTER.

COALVILLE STARS 60 (Rowson 13, Sault 5, Farmer 7, Scholls 8, Henderson 10, Newberry 5, Hinds 4, Rawlings 8.)

PECKHAM STARS 35 (Cable 7, Heard 2, Dryden 4, Highfield 2, Atkinson 6, Cowell 6, Walker 1, Brown 3.)

Results must reach us by Tuesday 15th May. for the next issue

RESULTS!

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-LANCASHIRE SECTION-1ST RD-2ND LG

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 73 (T.Lawton 12, K.Percival 10, D.Barlow 10)
LADYBARN KINGPINS 22 (P.Reidel 7, R.Boole 6.)

Aggregate;- Openshaw 149, Ladybarn 42.

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 42 (A.Heywood 10, P.Loseby 7, J.Heap 6.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 53 (D.Williams 13, N.Collier 11, B.Moston 11)

Aggregate:- Carrs Wood T 109, Longsight 82.

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 47 (A.Clark 15, D.Tegg 11.)

BLACKLEY FLYERS 48 (B.McArthur 12, J.Hughes 8.)

Aggregate:- Carrs Wood K 96, Blackley 95.

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-CHESHIRE FINAL-2ND LEG.

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 33 (P.Rollason 11, J.Mottershead 8, F.

Latham 4.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 62 (K.Bass 13, D.Garnett 12, F.Heath 10.)

Aggregate:- Offerton 121, Wilmslow 69.

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 56 (D.Tegg 15, A.Clark 13, C.Meredith 9.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 38 (B.Murphy 9, P.Loseby 6, A.Sudbury 6,
C.Hewitt 6.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 44 (K.Bass 11, D.Garnett 9, F.Heath, V.

Hinchliffe 6.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 52 (K.Percival 11, T.Lawton 10, N.Nairn 9,
T.Dobson 8.)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 74 (K.Graham 12, D.McGee 12, B.Cramer 11.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 22 (P.Reidel 6, B.Hope 5, G.Bleazard 3,
R.Boole 3.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 48 (D.Williams 12, G.Riley 11, N.Collier 9)

BLACKLEY FLYERS 48 (B.McArthur 10, J.Hughes, D.Marshall 8,
B.Hyde 8.)

MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP-APRIL (Man.Dist.& Stockpt.Lge.)

D.Williams (Tudors) 2, A.Clark (Kestrels) 1.

ENGLAND TEST TRIALS-RIDERS SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

LONDON 27TH MAY. Elmer, Holvey, Wood, Deighton, Greenaway,
Hitch, Cowell, Riley, Cooke, Lamacq, Stevens, Leckie, Stonex,
Brown, Bagley, Tomlyn.

MANCHESTER 27TH MAY Moston, Tegg, Clark, Garnett, Williams,
Edwards, Hemus, Gilbert, Swain, Wilkinson, Blackwell, Buckingham,
Hooper, Farmer, Henderson, Scholes.

Leicestershire Look

The Leicestershire League this year will consist of five teams. They are listed here with race nights:-
Belgrave Red Devils (Monday), Coalville Stars (Wednesday), West End Cyclones (Tuesday), Kibworth Rockets (Thursday), and Aylestone Aces (Tuesday). Also riding will be four non-League sides, Syston Foxes, Mountsorrel Monarchs, Belgrave Red Devils 11 and Coalville Stars 11.

Draw for the National Team Championship is Belgrave v Aylestone and Coalville v Kibworth. These matches will be ridden at Belgrave (May 14), Aylestone (May 15), Coalville (May 16) and Kibworth (May 17).

The following riders were nominated for consideration by the England selectors:-Bill Henderson, Pete Rawson, Dick Scholes and Dennis Farmer (all Coalville).

Two popular Aylestone riders have started their National Service, Brian Naylor and Phil Clarke. Both have ability that Aylestone will find very difficult to replace.

I had the pleasure of meeting Associate Editor of the "Spotlight", Vic Cowell, on April 28th., at Coalville, where he was "guesting" for Peckham. I was impressed by his well kept machine, his fast intelligent riding and his sportsmanship when he was unceremoniously bundled off the track in one of the more hectic heats. Youngsters will not go far wrong if they model themselves on Vic.

Belgrave Red Devils will definitely ride at Peckham on June. The date will be announced shortly. Coalville will race there soon after.

Coalville, incidentally, have just returned from a very successful visit to Newport, Monmouthshire, where they defeated Thompson Tigers and the crack Welsh side Langstone Eagles. The boys had a wonderful time and are planning to return in September. The Stars, last year's League Champs., welcome challenge matches, home or away. Clubs interested can write to Mr. P. Sutton, 17, Roseberry Road, Anstey, Leicestershire.

County League racing commenced on April 30th., and the first results will be in the next issue.

CHRIS. LYNN.

ESSEX WAY (Contd.)

Other Round

Round Two Ties are as follows:-

FYFIELD FALCONS V HAWBUSH HAMMERS.

BARKINGSIDE COBRAS V LONGBRIDGE LEOPARDS.

WARWICK LIONS V SHELLEY DEMONS

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS V PENGUINS.

RESULTS OF ROUND ONE TIES-NAT.CHAMP.-ESSEX SECTION.

WELLING WINGS 44 (J.Whiting 10,A.Perfect 10,D.Stitchman 8,
V.Duffy 6,M.Brady 5,A.Pipe 3,J.Lumley 1,T.Jones 1.)

FYFIELD FALCONS 52 (R.Sutton 11,N.Sutton 10,A.Wood 10,G.
Spooner 6,L.Brittain 6,P.Campen 4,D.Howland 3,J.Blatch 2.)

FYFIELD FALCONS 59 (P.Campen 14,A.Wood 11,N.Sutton 10,R.
Sutton 9,D.Howland 5,A.Brittain 5,K.Gray 3,L.Brittain 2.)

WELLING WINGS 37 (J.Whiting 9,A.Perfect 6,A.Pipe 5,V.Duffy
5,J.Lumley 4,T.Jones 4,D.Stitchman 4.)

THE GLADIATORS 37 (S.McGillivray 12,L.Grant 7,R.Bull 5,
A.Perham 4,B.Shrimpton 4,S.Chambers 3,D.Robinson 1,Gibson 1)

BARKINGSIDE COBRAS 59 (L.Knight 12,R.Wyborn 11,R.Barker 10,
A.Patis 6,P.Stevenson 6,J.Hibben 6,J.Koehler 5,R.Oates 3.)

BARKINGSIDE COBRAS 60 (J.Koehler 11,R.Wyborn 11,L.Knight 9,
P.Stevenson 7,A.Phillips 7,A.Patis 6,R.Oates 5,R.Barker 4.)

THE GLADIATORS 35 (A.Perham 12,S.McGillivray 11,S.Chambers
4,R.Bull 3,L.Grant 3,D.Robinson 2.)

WARWICK LIONS 51 (Walters 12,Petsaille 8,Muncer 8,Wright 7,
Bonella 7,Anderson 6,Gooch 2,Adams 1.)

WARESCOT STARS 45 (R.Saggers 11,H.Gladstone 8,T.Finch 8,
P.Woodhouse 7,E.Hearn 4,D.Ayres 3,B.Trembling 3,Harris 2.)

WARESCOT STARS 45½ (H.Gladstone 11,T.Harris 7,R.Saggers 6,
T.Finch 5½,B.Trembling 5,D.Ayres 4,E.Hearn 4,C.Harris 3.)

WARWICK LIONS 50½ (B.Wright 14,Boddington 9½,Bonella 9,
Walters 5,Muncer 5,Anderson 4,Reed 3,Gooch 0.)

Don't be surprised to see Kangaroos victors versus
the Penguins. Their teamwork this season will, in my opinion
snatch vital points from the weak links in the "rely on
Lamacq and Walker" Penguin team. My four for the Semi-Final
are Tottenham Kangaroos, Shelley Demons, Longbridge Leopards
and Eyfield Falcons.

RON BULL.

HERTS.

BY KEN COOPER

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 5TH. MAY.

TEAM	PLD	H O M E			A W A Y			PTS
		W	D	L	W	D	L	
WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	9
PECKHAM STARS	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	9
EDMONTON SAINTS	6	1	0	0	2	0	3	8
WHIPPS X COMETS	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	7
HODDESDON KANGAROOS	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	7
FINCHLEY SABRES	5	0	0	3	1	0	1	3
CLAY HILL ACES	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	2
LANGLEY LIONS	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0

The Herts League continues with the Wolves unbeaten.

Shock results in the past two weeks have been the away wins of Hoddesdon and Peckham at Whipps X and Clay Hill respectively. The Comets appear to be unable to score those extra few winning points lately, while Clay Hill, with the constant changing of pairings due to non-availability of various riders, seem unable to strike winning form.

As expected, Walthamstow gained an away win over the Sabres at Finchley, but did not have quite such a run-away victory as had seemed likely.

Edmonton were in great form for their first Home League match against bottom of the Table Langley. However, the Stevenage boys are improving all the time, and may yet be able to spring a few surprises.

Saints continued their winning streak, by taking match points from the Sabres at Finchley. This match marked the first rides of the four loaned Edmonton riders.

In the second round of the National Trophy, Peckham Stars again won at Clay Hill, but only by a margin of six. The result of the match at Peckham is anybody's guess.

Hoddesdon gave the Wolves a shock at St. James Park, only losing by 12 points, and the return at Rye House, where Kangaroos won by 16 points last year, promises to be hot stuff.

RESULTS

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

FINCHLEY SABRES 54 (Hockley 3, Brett 10, Smith 10, Wiggin 1, Mobbs 10, Webb 1, Pinnock 12, Porter 7.)

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 84 (Bromley 12, Palmer 5, Greenaway 16, Bell 21, Derby 4, Archie 18, Harknett 8.)

EDMONTON SAINTS 99½ (Cowell 18, Keay 10, Westwood 13, Reading 14½, Delaney 12, Speyer 15, Kilbey 10, Jackson 7.)

LANGLEY LIONS 36½ (Graves 7, Eagles 0, Ovey 10, Tyler 8½, Emmings 3, Woolard 8, Buckridge 0.)

WHIPPS X COMETS 68 (J. Brown 11, Pipe 9, Hemsley 13, Howse 11, M. Brown 8, Bunce 11, Kingsnorth 5.)

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 69 (C. Hitch 18, Hutchin 6, Skeggs 5, Salmon 2, A. Hitch 12, Catley 9, Hannington 7, Jeffery 10.)

CLAY HILL ACES 54 (Doggett 15, Mumford 2, Jones 10, V. Brooks 3, Gibson 7, Scott 6, Brewer 8, F. Brooks 4.)

PECKHAM STARS 84 (Cable 12, Heard 12, Dryden 17, Walker 2, Atkinson 14, Mason 13, Brown 6, Leach 8.)

FINCHLEY SABRES 49 (Pinnock 18, Porter 1, Issacs 6, Wright 2, Jordan 3, Bacon 8, Smith 9, Hockley 2.)

EDMONTON SAINTS 89 (Cowell 18, Keay 6, Westwood 14, Reading 14, Delaney 11, Sayer 13, Kilbey 3, Jackson 7.)

SECOND ROUND OF HERTS SECTION OF NATIONAL TROPHY-1ST LEGS.

CLAY HILL ACES 45 (Brooks 3, Brewer 12, Hull 2, Doggett 7, Hart 6, Jones 6, Washbourne 3, Gibson 6.)

PECKHAM STARS 51 (Cable 6, Heard 7, Dryden 9, Walker 0, Atkinson 10, Mason 9, Brown 7, Leach 3.)

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 54 (Bromley 6, Archie 9, Greenaway 12, Morris 8, Bell 8, Fraser 6, Masséy 5, Harknett 0.)

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 42 (C. Hitch 11, Hutchin 5, Catley 4, Cooper 4, Jeffery 6, Hannington 2, Salmon 4, Skeggs 7.)

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JIM YACOBY (Belle Vue Cobras)

One of the younger riders of the Manchester, Stockport and District League, lightweight Jim has yet to reach his 17th birthday. He first took up racing at the end of 1953, and at the beginning of 1954, signed for his present club, and has remained with them ever since.

During that season, he rode as reserve, and never had any notable successes. With the advent of the 1955 season, he found himself in the team proper. His average was not high, but his points always came when they were most needed, and greatly assisted his team in being the league runners-up. It was early in the season, at Wilmslow where the points he scored placed him top scorer for the first time. He now began to take the sport more seriously, not only from the riding angle, for he joined the Stewards Panel, being so successful, that he was given the control of several important fixtures, one of which was a Lancs. v. Cheshire Test Match.

His riding was improving now, and he reached the Lancs County Final. True he only scored five points, but he gained valuable "big match" experience, as also he did in Edinburgh on the occasion of the visit there of the Manchester Touring Team.

Having qualified for the Junior Individual Final, he was one of the hot favourites. But after four brilliant wins, had to admit defeat in his last ride, to the eventual winner.

So far this season, he hasn't shown what was expected of him, but although he started the season none too well, he shocked everyone by winning all five rides in a match versus Blackley, this, his first ever maximum. Perhaps this will be the turning point in his career.

He considers his best moment to date was when he captained and topped the scores of Lancs B v. Cheshire B. last season, his side being victorious.

So now, "Wee" Jim, (as the Scots christened him,) has a full season ahead to rise to fame, Good Luck lad.

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SPINDLES.

LONDON: Edmonton Saints' Captain, Roy Delaney, was married on May 5th. to Miss Doreen Hunt, at Palmers Green, London. Saints riders attended the ceremony. The Spotlight wishes the couple every happiness.

KENT: Five clubs, Rolvendon Rockets, Brood Oak Aces, East Hoathly, Hellingly and Ashford Eagles, form the League in the Kent area. League commences May 7th.

HERTFORDSHIRE: John Brown, Whipps X Comets' Captain, has accepted an invitation to ride in the Manchester Grand Prix.

N.W. MIDDLESEX: Control Board of the North West Middlesex League has nominated P. Leckie and D. Stones of Harefield, and J. Unsworth of Langley, as England Test Team candidates.

SUFFOLK: Handy-mag for Suffolk is the new "Suffolk Cycle Speedway Chronicle" which intended for East Anglican enthusiasts. It's Editors, Messrs. R. Porter and F. Brett, are to be commended on their enterprise.

WALES: Several readers have asked of the comparative strengths of England and Wales. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any help in deciding as we have not yet received any news from Wales.

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Over 150 people attended the South London Rangers Dance at Wandsworth on Friday 27th. April. Ken Archer reckons the Draw was a good thing, for he managed to pick up three of the prizes with the aid of Norwich Speedway rider Reg Trott, who made the draw.

YOUR TOWN: Next issue of the "Spotlight" will be on sale on Monday 21st. May '56. Order your copy now!