

the riders of the six NACSA registered teams.

There have been a number of rumours circulating around the league about an enquiry that was set up by the Control Board to investigate certain incidents between Raynes Park and Tooting Clubs. As I was a member of that enquiry I cannot make any comment about it. All I can say at the present is that the matter is not yet quite complete and if the Control Board send me their report on the whole matter when it is completed then I will publish it, as there are certain points which in my opinion everyone should be told about. This will stop any unpleasant rumours which are circulating at present.

At the last Control Board meeting Mr W.J.Cattle tendered his resignation on the Control Board as Public Relations Officer. He stated he received no co-operation from other clubs in the league. It was decided by the clubs at that meeting that the position on the board of Public Relations Officer should cease.

Middlesex have declined Test Matches for this Year with the Southern Premier League. The proposed matches with Wiltshire had to be called off owing to the Wiltshire board not giving any details until a few days before the matches were due to take place. It was impossible to pick teams and arrange for transport at such short notice. The Control Board had no option but to cancel these matches.

Sixty one clubs have entered NACSA this season with a total of 670 riders registered.

The Avon Tyre Co.Ltd and the Phillips Cycle Co. Ltd have ceased production of Cycle Speedway equipment.

Five Southern Premier riders have been chosen for the Final England trial to take place at the Hungerford Panthers track on June 22nd. They are D.Chivers, D.Penniket (Raynes Park Tigers) P.Murdon, Giles (Tolworth Tudors) and R.Holvey (Tooting Tigers). The England v Scotland international will take place on the same track on Sunday July 14th.

A certain rider asked me why his club was not getting many reports in this news sheet. My answer to him and to anyone else with the same query is, Chase up the officials of your club to send reports in and then they will be published. Owing to results for not being supplied by the Divisional Secretary at the time of going to press only results sent in by clubs are published.

LEADING CLUB SCORERS

17.6.57

		12	<u>Matches</u>	144	<u>Points</u>
D.Daniel	Beckenham Monarchs	12	"	139	"
P.Murdon	Tolworth Tudors	12	"	130	"
R.Baker	Raynes Park Tigers	11	"	127	"
D.Chivers	Raynes Park Tigers	12	"	126	"
E.Bean	Thornton Heath	11	"	116	"
D.Pearce	Cheam Cherokees	10	"	115	"
B.Wood	South London Rangers	12	"	115	"
P.Giles	Tolworth Tudors	13	"	115	"
R.Hudders	Beckenham Monarchs	12	"	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
D.Cattle	Tooting Tigers	11	"	109	"
T.Claydon	Cheam Cherokees	10	"	105	"
D.Shackle	South London Hunters	9	"	93	"
R.Holvey	Tooting Tigers	9	"	92	"
R.Coleman	South London Hunters				

OFFICAL LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING 17.6.57 (Supplied by D.Cattle)
(Div.Secretary)

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
1. Raynes Park Tigers	12	12	0	0	735½	391½	24
2. Tolworth Tudors	12	10	0	2	696½	450½	20
3. Cheam Cherokees	13	10	0	3	731	513	20
4. Tooting Tigers	12	7	0	5	687½	453½	14
5. Beckenham Monarchs	13	7	0	6	620	624	14
6. S. London Rangers	11	6	0	5	518½	438½	12
7. Ditton Devils	11	4	0	7	487½	568½	8
8. S.London Hunters	11	4	0	7	462	589	8
9. Thornton Heath Cobras	13	2	0	11	491	743	4
10. Tooting Wildcats	12	1	0	11	381	767	2
11. Raynes Park Stars	9	1	0	8	275½	572½	2

THE START OF ITR. Freeman

Unlike the average youth club or organisation, cycle speedway has been developed by the lads themselves, with very little or no assistance at all. They had no one to turn to for help, back in the early days of 1946-nobody would listen to them.

They had to organise their own teams, find their own tracks and make their own rules. Eventually, as time went on they attracted adults to assist them with the intricate side of management.

These lads have now developed a sense of well being and responsibility, knowing full well that had not been for their efforts, there would be no such thing as cycle speedway, at least not on the scale as we know it today. Another reason for the popularity of the sport is the fact that it provides an outlet for the natural youthful high spirits of teenagers giving them the opportunity of letting off surplus steam in a wholesome and healthy manner. No good would ever come of trying to suppress this tendency for excitement, because the lads would surley other, and less orthodox means of using their energy.

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There, in my opinion you have the two main reasons for the rapid growth of the sport over the last ten years.

May I add, however that the lads realize that the sport would never have obtained such prominence as it has to-day without the unfailing assistance of adults such as Messrs. Bloor, Bacon & Cattle, just to name a few who put much of their spare time into the sport. I say thankyou for keeping the sport alive, and putting it at the top as it is today.

CHALLENGE MATCH RESULT

Thorton Heath Cobras 39 Beckenham Monarchs 57
Leading Scorers. Thorton Heath Cobras.- E. Bean 11, D. Tompkins 9, E. Foy 5,
Beckenham Monarchs.- F. Jarman 12, B. Jarrett 10, M. Willgress 10,
R. Hudders 9, T. Spaulding 9,

LEAGUE RESULTS

May 12th	Tooting Wildcats	47	v	Beckenham Monarchs	48
	Thornton Heath	46	v	S.London Hunters	50
May 19th	Beckenham Monarchs	40	v	Tolworth Tudors	55
	Raynes Park Tigers	74	v	Ditton Devils	22
May 26th	Thornton Heath	42	v	Beckenham Monarchs	54
	Tooting Tigers	47	v	S.London Rangers	48

NATIONAL TROPHY - COUNTY FINAL

Report - A.JONES

1st Leg Tooting Tigers 38, Raynes Park Tigers 57.

Raynes Park Tigers rode superbly to gain a 19 point advantage over Tooting in this National Trophy tie at Garrett Park.

Raynes Park opened with three 5-1 wins and although Tooting fought back, it was obvious that they had not recovered from this surprise opening. All the Raynes Park boys gave their usual excellent performance, with the riding of Chivers, Cracknall and Andrews outstanding. Geoff Penniket and Roy Baker had a lot of bad luck, but despite this they both rode extremely well.

For Tooting only veterans Ron Holvey, Clive Elmer and Eric Cooper could keep pace with the visitors. Holvey and Elmer, riding as a pair rode well for their nine points while Eric Cooper had to ride hard for his seven.

SCORERS: Tooting Tigers - R.Holvey 9, C.Elmer 9, E.Cooper 7, D.Cattle 6,
D.Hancocks 5, D.Fairfowl 2, A.Boyd 0, K.Archer 0.
Raynes Park Tigers-D.Chivers 10, T.Cracknall 10, P.Andrews 10,
G.Penniket 8, R.Baker 7, F.Bedford 5, F.Lawrence 5
T.Smith 2.

2nd Leg Raynes Park Tigers 64. Tooting Tigers 30

Raynes Park, starting this match with a nineteen point advantage from the 1st leg at Garrett Park, had little or no trouble in outpointing Tooting and going on to win 121-68 on aggregate.

In all fairness to Tooting however, it must be said that they could only field six riders, Brian Greatly and Clive Elmer being missing in their line-up.

Only race worthy of note during the evening was the Geoff Penniket -Ron Holvey clash in the nominated heat, but, after riding neck and neck for two laps, Penniket was excluded for boring,

For Raynes Park Roy Baker was in brilliant form for his twelve point maximum, while strong support came from Geoff Penniket with 10, and Ted Cracknall with nine.

Ron Holvey was the only Tooting rider who could match the home men, but his performance alone could do little against the brilliant team work of the Raynes Park riders.

SCORERS: Raynes Park Tigers-R.Baker 12, G.Penniket 10, T.Cracknall 9,
F.Bedford, D Chivers, T.Smith 7 each F.Lawrence
P.Andrews 6.

Tooting Tigers- R.Holvey 9, D.Cattle, A.Boyd 5 each.D.Hancocks,
D.Street 4 each. D.Fairfowl 3.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 74

DITTON DEVILS 22

- League Match -

Raynes Park Tigers kept up their fine winning run in league racing this season with a very convincing home victory over Ditton Devils at Morden Park.

Devils rode Gallently but the speed and experience of the league leaders was too much for them. Micky Smith with six points was the only Devil to get anywhere at all, and his two seconds and two thirds were well deserved.

For Tigers, Roy Baker was in magnificent form for his twelve point maximum, and he had strong support from Dave Chivers and Geoff Penniket who both had bonus maximums.

Rider whom Raynes Park fans are pleased to see going well is skipper Fred Lawrence, who also took a maximum of nine points in the reserve position

SCORERS: Raynes Park : R.Baker 12, D.Chivers 11, G.Penniket 11, P.Andrews 10
T.Cracknall 9, F.Lawrence 9, T.Smith 8, F.Bedford 4.

Ditton Devils:M.Smith 6, R.Newman 3, J.Clark 3, J.Doherty 3 P.Bines
3, S.Sabourne 2, A.Arthur 2, A.Charman 0.

LEAGUE RESULTS

June 2nd	Beckenham Monarchs	57	-	Thornton Heath	38
	S.London Hunters	38	-	Cheam Cherokees	58
June 16th	Ditton Devils	47	-	Beckenham Monarchs	49
	S.London Rangers	62	-	Raynes Park Stars	33
	S.London Hunters	29	-	Raynes Park Tigers	66

THORNTON HEATH COBRAS 42

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BECKENHAM MONARCHS 54

- league -

Both team gave an excellent display even though they were both below full strength. Martin Willgress returning to the Beckenham team after illness scored a maximum of twelve points from the reserve position. Also in great form for Beckenham were Dan Daniels 14 points and Dick Hudders 11 points. They were well supported by junior riders Ray Marshall and Dave Mountney. Eric Bean rode well for Thornton Heath to score 11 points and was only beaten by Daniels. A. Harvy and D.Tompkins also rode well for Thornton Heath but Beckenham's experience just pulled them through.

LEADING SCORERS: Thornton Heath: E.Bean 11, A.Harvy 9, D.Tompkins 7, R.Foy 5
E.Foy 5.

Beckenham : D.Daniels 14, M.Willgress 12, R.Hudders 11,
R.Marshall 5, D.Mountney 5.

BECKENHAM MONARCHS 57THORNTON HEATH COBRAS 33

- league -

Although without Dan Daniels for this match Beckenham were strengthened by the return of Pete Jarman and also had Tommy Spaulding and Bob Wall home on leave. Beckenham swept into the lead with three 5-1 wins and although Thornton Heath fought back very well only Eric Bean made any headway against the brilliant riding of D.Hudders, M. Willgress and the rest of the Beckenham team. With more experience this young Cobras team will take a lot of holding.

SCORERS Beckenham : R.Hudders 14, M.Willgress 13, T.Spaulding 9, P.Jarman 8
B.Jarrett 7.

Thornton Heath: E.Bean 10, J.Cranstone 6, R.Baxter 6,

This was a real ding dong battle and the result was not known until the last heat. With one heat to go Ditton were leading by two points then a brilliant 5-1 win by P.Jarman and D.Daniels against P.Bines and S.Sabourne won the match for Beckenham. Beckenham had three juniors in the team and had to fight all the way to hold the steady combination of the Ditton team. Sabourne, Bines and Smith were the best for Ditton. Daniels and Jarman were top scorers for Beckenham with 12 points each and with Hudders and Jarrett with 10 each laid the foundation to Beckenhams victory.

SCORERS Ditton Devils : Sabourne 9, P.Bimes 8, M.Smith 8,
Beckenham : P.Jarman 12, D.Daniels 12, R.Hudders 10, B.Jarrett 10.

In this Whit-Monday challenge match at Morden Park, Tolworth Tudors supplemented with three riders from Cheam Cherokees, namely Derek Pearce, Tony Claydon and Dave Green, gave a fine display of riding, to hold the strong Raynes Park Tigers team to a draw.

Its hard to pick any rider out, and each and everyone of both teams rode their hearts out, to give the large crowd plenty of thrills, but I think England Test trialist Paul Murdon with twelve points deserves a special mention for his fine riding.

He was little short of brilliant, and he more than had the measure of all the home riders but unfortunately for him his maximum was spoilt with a exclusion for boring in heat 9.

For the Tigers Pete Andrews 10, Roy Baker 9 and D. Chivers and Trevor Smith with 8 were top scorers, but exclusions had a lot to do with the form of Geoff Penniket who, when he did ride showed the form which gained him a place in the England Test trials.

SCORERS Ranyes Park: P.Andrews 10, R.Baker 9, D.Chivers 8, T.Smith 8,
F.Bedford 5, G.Penniket 4, F.Lawrence 3, T.Cracknall 1
Tolworth : P.Murdon 12, K.White 8, T.Claydon 6, D.Pearce 6,
R.Kirk 4, E.Hurley 4, M.Little 4, D.Green 4.