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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

This year, according to a leading NACSA official, has produced a crop of protests in the National Team Championship. The latest, and most vigorous, called for a special executive meeting in 24 hours notice, which I could not attend, as I was stewarding the Raynes Park v Wroughton semi-final in Southampton at the time it was held.

This protest, by Kingstanding Monarchs against Carrs Wood Hunters, alleged all sorts of happenings unfavourable towards the Monarchs, especially in the run-off which took place as a result of the 48 all draw at the last heat.

It was suggested to me by a Raynes Park official that the system of having a match race in the event of a drawn match is wrong ; and this I agree with, for the reason given. Why should a team which has a 'star' rider have this advantage over a team which does not consist of individualistic brilliance, but relies on it's merits as a TEAM to win?

There appears to be no remedy for this kind of thing with circumstances as they are today, with travelling costs, and the time lag involved. Unfortunate things happen - Coalville Stars went out of the National Championship, and subsequently out of the sport, because it rained on the day of the match, and they could not get a team together for the mid-week replay, which had to be in mid-week as the holidays were coming up, and the next round was due after the holidays.

Another thing which strikes me as being wrong is that although a team protests during a match, in order to stand any chance at all of having a replay, they must withdraw, and by doing this also jeopardise their chances at the same time ! I have always thought it better to complete the match under protest, and then have a fair hearing. This, however, cannot be done under the present rule which is that a completed match must stand. A point to remember at the NACSA A.G.M. !

Is there an answer to these problems ? Can the Championship be started earlier in the year ? Is there a different way of running it ? You will agree that it is unfair for any team to go out of this competition by **any reason other than being beaten by a better team.**

Perhaps someone will do some serious thinking before next season commences.

THE EDITOR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM : ROGER SEYMOUR , Middlesex.

Dear Sir,

Re letter from Mr. Lord in issue 141, I would like to get one or two things straight. First, Malcolm Richards was not suspended from the meeting for using bad language (there was none from either side), he was suspended for arguing with the steward about the gates going before 3-10 secs. NOT AFTER 10, which is reasonable enough.

Surely it doesn't call for a suspension ? He wasn't being funny about it.

Next, about the sanity of the steward. I do not envy a steward at the best of times, but this one, who is, I understand, the chief steward for Birmingham, had no idea of the job he was supposed to be doing and his decisions were biased. I am sure there are plenty of better people who could have done the job.

About the Sutton track. I may be wrong, but I think the banking is too much, and the track should not come up to NACSA specifications.

I don't think there is anything else to say. The return matches, as I have reported, went down very well, and were very good.

R. SEYMOUR.

FROM : BARRY SHAFLEY St. Nicholas Road, Wallingford.

Dear Sir,

Four to six weeks ago, Terry Verrall of Wallingford Panthers decided after much deliberation, and after years of loyal service to his club, that to get on in the sport, he wanted a transfer. Drayton Vampires would like his services, and they had an attractive fixture list ahead. So, he applied for a transfer, but not in the correct way.

Being a loyal "Panther", Terry had never studied the correct way to move clubs, so he sought advice - wrong advice it proved, as he wrote to the NACSA secretary, and not the Berkshire secretary. However, on being corrected, Terry wrote twice, once to his club, once to the county. That was four weeks ago. No official intimation of how he stands has reached him, and Terry, lover of the sport though he is, is considering packing up. He is 17, will be deferred from the army, and is one of Berkshires top riders. I say he musn't be forced to quit. For this mess I blame his team manager, who has said he can hold up the transfer - the county control board for not doing something quickly. I hope Panthers manager and the C.B. wake up to the wrong they are doing, for all our sakes.

EDITORS NOTE : Mr. Bennett, NACSA Secretary, replied to Terry Verralls request, and the position is that providing the club has no objection (club donations outstanding, etc.) the transfer can be approved.

RESULTS

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 52 R.Ball 13, A.Walsh 10, K.Lott 8, K.Clark 6.
BRICKET WOOD KANGAROOS 44 P.Saunders 14, A.Lusted 12,
(Comets combined "C" & "D" Teams.)

National Team Championship Semi-Final.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 63½ Baker 14, Chivers 11, Pennikett 9.

WROUGHTON RACERS 32½ Potter 12, McGill 6, Sowden 3½.

WHIPPS CROSS "B" 50 T.Nastri 10, D.Storie 8, T.Sear 8, J.Woolnough 6
GLADIATORS 57 Perham 14, McGillivray 13, N.Sutton 11, Edge 9.

WELLING WINGS 39 Lucas 11, Butler 10, Hoit 9.

EAST HAM STARS "B" 33 Pike 9, Wright 7, Hackott 7, Duffy 5.

EAST HAM "B" 64 Morgan 14, Wright 14, Kiley 12.

WELLING WINGS 43 Lucas 14, Hoit 9, Butler 9, Haine 3.

BECKENHAM PIRATES 72 Baker 18, Mountasey 17, Marshall 15, Spaulding 11

WELLING WINGS 36 Lucas 12, Hoit 8, MacDougall 7, Haine 4, Butler 4.

(All riders under 16)

WELLING BEST PAIRS : Haine & Duffy 13 : Lucas & Butler 13.

EAST HAM STARS 55 HELLINGLEY LIONS 50

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 57 B.Dent 14, H.Glover 11, D.Brant 11.

AYLESTONE ACES 39 J.Pickering 11, J.Crooks 8, M.Cousens 7½.

THUNDERSLEY COBRAS 42 LONGBRIDGE LEOPARDS 66. / EAST HAM 87 WHIPPS
WHIPPS CROSS A 60 THE GLADIATORS 48. / CROSS COMETS B 21.

WHIPPS CROSS "C" 27 Roy Ball 12, A.Walsh 11, T.Evans 3, John Pipe 1.

CRUSADERS 21 Alf Mileham 7, Dave Green 7, John Stepney 4, Henderson 3

National Team Championship Area Final

CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 48 N.Collier 12, A.Bailey 9, B.Moston 8

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 48 Edwards 10, Blackwell 8, W.Evans 8.

(Collier (Hunters) beat Kean 2-1 in the decider.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 50 T.Lawton 15, B.Murphy 10,

BLACKLEY FLYERS 44 B.Murphy 10, J.Hughes 6, T.Rostron 6.

BELLE VUE COBRAS 60 K.Graham 10, A.Edwards 10, D.Bull 9.

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 36 T.Lawton 10, K.Percival 8, N.Edwards 8.

WILTSHIRE

In a count challenge contest against Berkshire, Wiltshire lost the "A" Team fixture 50-46. Reserve Ray Morse topped the Wiltshire score with 9, being the only rider to beat Ken Worlock of Berkshire, who scored 11.

In the "B" match, Wiltshire turned the tables to win 50-45. The best Berkshire pairing was that of Tony Usher (ex-Bristol) and Barry Shapley (ex-Scotland).

Eastward Eagles have now lost the services of several riders, Colin Musto and Roy Lloyd retiring, and the transfer of P. Hambidge. Johnny Townsend was told 'no more riding this year' by his M.O. at camp, all this leaving Eagles with a shortage of riders, but on the brighter side, a new rider, M. Harbour (13) is showing great promise.

A 4-Team contest for the Bodwyn Challenge Cup on the Wroughton track produced some exciting racing. Marlborough, although only a young team, rode well to keep up with the stronger riders of Wilts. Cleverton were on level terms with Wroughton at the halfway stage, thereafter the Racers pulled away to win 49 against Cleverton's 43½

Eastward Eagles, without star performers Townsend, Hancock and Morcor, did well to gain third place.

DAVE SCOTT.

BARRY SHAPLEY

The Berkshire annual 'Get-Together', which I am assured can rival Suffolk's efforts, is scheduled for November 23rd. The time from now till then is so great because it takes so long to develop sufficient thirst to do justice to Messrs. Jordan and Gowers efforts!

I would like to say to Bob Gray, thanks for best wishes, and all the best to you in the Glasgow Individual. Here's my forecast :

1. Maxwell. 2. Hughes. 3. Bond. 4. Letts. 5. Bell.

Forecasting is tricky, but here's some more : Nat. Trophy ; Raynes Park to beat Drayton by 5 to 10 points. Nat. Ind. ; Harrison from McMinn and Worlock, with Moston fourth.

HOLLAND PRACTICE MATCH FOR ENGLAND TOURING TEAM MATCHES RESULT.

"A" TEAM 61 Koudijs 15, Klomp 12, Jacobs 12, Blankenstein 10, Kats 5, Leunenberg 7.

"B" TEAM 47 Koot 17, Huizers 15, Langhout 10, Kreik 2, Van Dongen 2, Heijers 1.

NEW MEN NEEDED

"LEICESTER IS PRETTY WELL FINISHED AS A POWER IN THE CYCLE SPEEDWAY WORLD". That is the Editor's view, and I can only hope that he is wrong - but at the moment it looks only too right. But, it need not be if people can learn from the mistakes of the past, and it is our own mistakes that have caused the trouble.

Too many teams have pursued a suicidal policy, and too many people on the control board have supported that policy. The leading teams all had $1\frac{1}{2}$ eyes on the National Team Championship, and only $\frac{1}{2}$ on other matters, and at meeting after meeting, leading Board members urged them to greater efforts of team building, which was just a polite name for the poaching of riders from lesser clubs.

Some of the latter were forced to close down, and the big teams closed also for lack of young riders when their stolen stars had retired.

So the numbers dwindled, but no matter how plain became the writing on the wall, the lotus-eaters did not heed. Some people seemed more concerned with pursuing their stupid 'vendettas' than with the good of the sport and so the sands ran out.

When it was almost too late, there was an awakening, but the only result was a wild panic which did considerably more harm than good.

So what of the future? Obviously, only a new influx of riders can save us, but this year has seen only three new faces, all from my own club, Aylestone Aces. Coalville have closed, and Belgrave are complaining of being short-handed, with some justification, as it is some months since they could rely on more than six riders.

The newly formed Hillside Hurricanes are mostly old hands, mainly from Coalville, and so far have listed only two newcomers.

It will need some hard work if we are to survive, but one local man - ager is noted for seldom turning up before heat 8. His antics have been the cause of his team losing a number of good riders. This sort of person the sport is better without.

However, to look on the bright side, it is still possible to find riders. My own club have discovered 10 juniors this season, the biggest trouble is to find them all bikes and enough rides.

There are also a number of ex-service lads coming home, not only to ride, but to work for the survival of the sport. So it is possible to revive our sport here, if people are willing to try, but there can be little reliance placed on those who have let us down in the past.

ROY WRIGHT.

MANCHESTER *News*

A maximum by B. McArthur did not stop Longsight gaining a 20 pt. lead over Ladybarn in the K.O. Trophy. Congratulations to another Ladybarn rider, A. Jackson. He scored a maximum to win the Qualifying Round of the Junior Championship at Longsight.

Wilmslow Hammers beat Openshaw for the first time ever. The Champions found the Hammers right on form and suffered one of their biggest defeats for some time.

RESULTS League.

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 62 V. Hinchcliffe 14, P. Rollason 8, P. Cox 8.
OPENSHAW MONARCHS 33 N. Edwards 14, K. Percival 7, T. Lawton 6.

K.O. Trophy

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 64 D. Tegg 13, D. Marshland 11, A. Sudbury 11.
LADYBARN KINGPINS 44 B. McArthur 15, A. Jackson 9, R. Boole 5.

Junior League

CHORLTON STARS 14 R. Begent 5, E. Jones 4, A. Robinson 3.
BELLE VUE COBRAS 26 T. Scales 7, J. Mills 6, T. Roney 6.

CHORLTON STARS 22 R. Begent 8, D. Robinson 7, K. Maddocks 4.
DENTON DIAMONDS 20 T. Davies 7, D. Airey 6, B. Jeff 4.

BELLE VUE COBRAS 29 T. Scales 9, J. Mills 6, T. Roney 6.
DENTON DIAMONDS 12 P. Salisbury 4, D. Airey 4, D. Lovejoy 2.

GORTON PIRATES 27 R. Betts 8, B. Anderson 7, D. Lawler 7.
OLDHAM HAMMERS 15 P. Carter 7, J. Leigh 5, R. Bloom 2.

GORTON PIRATES 21 D. Lawler 9, D. Andrews 6, B. Bradley 3.
LEVENSHULME EAGLES 21 K. Lacey 8, J. Anderson 5, J. Roscoe 3.

OLDHAM HAMMERS 15 J. Lee 6, E. Brook 5, R. Carter 2.
LEVENSHULME EAGLES 27 J. Anderson 9, J. Roscoe 7, K. Lacey 6.

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 23½ G. Jolly 8, G. Shaw 7,
LADYBARN KINGPINS 18½ A. Jackson 8.

Junior Individual Championship - Longsight Qualifiers
A. Jackson 15, D. Hiorns 13, J. Anderson 13, J. Earp 13, G. Jolly 10,
J. Lee 8, T. Scales 7, T. Roney 7.

STEWARDS

A NEW GRADING SYSTEM

We publish below a copy of an article recently put before the Essex Control Board by Ron Bull, to which he appends the following :
"After 12 years in cycle speedway, many of them as a registered steward, i have written out these 20 conditions, believing them to be the most efficient method of covering a system of stewarding to cover the county. This has long been the aim of the county, and I would be most grateful for any comments on my ideas."

STEWARDS' GRADING SYSTEM

- 1..... Upon initial registration to the Essex County Control Board all stewards must first furnish proof that they have taken charge in at least six meetings during the previous six months.
- 2..... Upon this proof, the registered steward is then Grade 3, to stay in that grade for at least 1 year.
- 3..... To attempt to be graded as Grade 2, all Grade 3 stewards must officiate at, at least, 12 matches during their year as a Grade 3 steward. They then apply to the Board for an up-grading, and the present stewards committee decide.
- 4..... To attempt to be Graded as Grade 1, all Grade 2 stewards must officiate at, at least, 15 matches during their years as a Grade 2 steward. Once again, they apply to the committee.
- 5..... To commence the forthcoming season, there should be no more than three Grade 1 stewards, these to be the three considered the most suitable by the present committee, taking into account age, experience as a steward, as a team manager, as a rider, efficiency as a steward, and willingness to co-operate with the stewards committee, etc.
- 6..... During the forthcoming season, there should also be no more than three Grade 2 stewards, to be selected as previously.
- 7..... All Inter-County Team Championship ties and Inter-County Test Matches to be stewarded only by Grade 1 stewards. Grade 2 stewards allowed to steward semi-finals in County events, or finals in local league events. Grade 3 not to be allowed to steward anything higher than normal league or challenge matches.
- 8..... All applications for a stewards licence to be reviewed by the stewards association before licence being granted. All applications should be recommended by two members of the Control Board or one C.Board member and a team manager before application be reviewed
- 9..... Chief Steward to be selected from Grade 1 stewards, by the Grade 1 and Grade 2 stewards only, based upon experience, etc.

IT COULD BE APPLIED ANYWHERE

- 10.... A form to be circulated to ALL grades of stewards, who will state the matches they will steward during each month. This will enable vacant stewards to be allocated matches.
- 11.... Allocation of matches to be the responsibility of Grade 1 stewards only, who will place the lower grade stewards in matches where they will gain the most experience.
- 12.... Should the National Stewards Association request use of an Essex County Steward, the Chief Steward is to be automatically preferred.
- 13.... The Chief Steward of the County should preside for one year only. The position to be vacated each year, and a new Chief Steward elected.
- 14.... The Chief Steward for the season to have his registration fee paid for by the County Control Board.
- 15.... Stewards Committee meetings to be held at least quarterly.
- 16.... All clubs requesting stewards from stewards committee to officiate at their matches, to pay 2/6. Of this 1/6 to go to the stewards to allay expenses, and 1/- to stewards committee funds.
- 17.... Any steward, whatever grade, found guilty of striking a rider or member of any cycle speedway club, to be struck off the committee list, and not allowed to officiate at any more meetings in that county.
- 18.... Any rider found guilty of striking a registered county steward to be disqualified for the remainder of the season from riding in any matches within the county.
- 19.... All stewards must be affiliated members of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association.
- 20.... All stewards committee funds to be put towards providing copies of rules for all members of the sport in the county, and towards publication of the committee activities so that all may see what progress is made.

EDITORS NOTE : The above article will no doubt be of interest to all of us, and any comments on Mr. Bull's suggestions will be welcomed, as usual.

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ESSEX NEWS

Well, the teams have been selected for duty against Middlesex in the home matches at Walthamstow on September 8th, when I personally shall be in Hilvorum.

The Essex Board showed a little more sense in their selection this time, and the teams have been picked more on riders ability than their names.

ESSEX "A" Derek Gray (Comets "A") Sid Tomlyn (Longbridge) Terry Greenaway (Cpt.) (Walthamstow) Jimmy Morris (Walthamstow) Peter Fraser (Walthamstow) Alan Wood (The Gladiators) Ted Walker (Longbridge) Ron Gibbons (Longbridge).

ESSEX "B" Brian Anthony (Gladiators) Sandy McGillivray (Gladiators) Malcolm Bell (Walthamstow) Peter Bromley (Walthamstow) Terry Bunce (Comets) Fred South (Hawbush) Stan Stevens (Longbridge) Norman Sutton (Gladiators).

The matches will be run over 20 heats, and there are four pairs in each team, not six riders and two reserves. The Essex Board decided that they could do away with Team Managers too, for these matches, letting the team captains do their job. Fred South, so long out of Essex Test Teams, comes back as skipper of the "B" side, and I think he will show that he is not yet past it as so many of the others think. I have always believed that Fred is one of the most underestimated riders in the county.

Stan Stevens, last year's International, is down in the "B" team too, but he will be the first to admit that just of late he has not been going too well, and he'll probably be better suited to the "B" team.

Derek Gray should by merit have been in the first leg of this inter-county tussle, but somehow he got overlooked. There was no doubt about his selection this time. Team-mate Terry Bunce has also forced his way in the "B" team by reason of good figures during the last couple of months. He's a good'un from behind. Another in this category is Norman Sutton, who finds his way back into Inter-County honours.

RON BULL.

DAVE STEVENS RESIGNS *from* NACSA

Dave Stevens resigned his NACSA Council position two or three weeks ago, it was revealed last week by the NACSA Secretary. No reason was given for Mr. Stevens' resignation.

Mr. Stevens is chairman of the Southend League.

S.P NEWS "LACKING"

Since I have been taking copies of "Cycle Speedway Gazette" I have been appalled at the lack of publicity coming out of that compact little league - Southern Premier. In my opinion, as I have already said in a previous article, this is one of the most compact and well organised leagues in the country. I visit Garratt Park quite often and I enjoy seeing the well run meetings that are held there but, unless you visit one of their tracks regularly, you could never know the league positions or cup results, or indeed anything about the group.

My impression is that there is an air of "stand-offishness" connected with them. Mr. Bacon of South London Rangers I have met, and I think he is a very nice chap, but he tends to be "stand-off-ish". I may be wrong, and anyone wishing to correct me, I would be glad to see their letter in these columns.

What annoys me is that they show enough enterprise to put their results in the "Daily Express", but completely ignore the sport's own press.

Now that Mr. Bacon and his associates have resigned, and Mr. Cattle has taken over, we will probably see more about them in the "Gazette" and other cycle speedway magazines.

So how about it, Southern Premier? Let's hear from you a little more!

"BO-BO"

EDITORS NOTE : Mr. W. Cattle was Gazette Correspondent for the S.P. League when he held office as Public Relations Officer. We now await developments after the recent upheaval to see who is best fitted to be asked to take the vacant position on this paper. However, Mr. J. Richardson of Beckenham Tigers, writes regularly for the "Cycle Speedway Star", London magazine, obtainable from Mr. B. Gadsby, 1, Charlton Road, Kington, Middlesex, price 6d. plus 2d. postage.

RIDERS WANTED

VICTORIA PARK VAMPIRES require riders for next season. If YOU have a bike and are willing to have a go, contact : J. Ashurst, 83, Victoria Park Road, Hackney, E.9.

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GLASGOW GOSSIP

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
Knightswood	11	11	0	0	798	346	22	Knightswood Toffs have won the Glasgow League
Craigton	11	7	0	4	598	569	14	by beating Netherlee
Netherlee	10	2	0	8	391	663	4	67-37, and reached a
Mansewood	12	2	0	10	540	749	4	points total which none

of the other teams can equal. Top scorer in the match was Netherlee's Bond, with 17½, a dead heat with Maxwell robbing him of his maximum.

The same night at Rouken Glen, Knightswood again went on the winning trail when they defeated a Craigton Select 60-46. Craigton only had two riders who were any good against the might of Knightswood, Letts and Orr who both scored 16.

An interesting match took place recently - Veterans v Youngsters. The Veterans, all of whom had to have started riding before 1952, won 73-35 over the Youngsters, 1955-and-later riders.

The qualifying rounds of the Individual Championship have been taking place. Each rider takes part in two meetings, and the top 16 take part in the final. Mansewood Round: Hughes 15, Maxwell 13, McNair 12, Harkins 12, Gray 11, Wade 10, Barrie 8½, Spiers 8, Wilson 7, Gillies 7, Davies 5, Clark 4½, Clubb 3, Daly 2. Hughes 14, Letts 14, Maxwell 13, Christie 11, Wilson 10, Bond 10, Reid 9, Gillies 9, Wade 8, Gray 7, Davies 5, Barrie 5, Kennody 3, Moust 1, Strang 1, Nicol 0. (Netherlee Round.) Knightswood Round: Orr 15, Letts 14, McNair 12, Spiers 11, Whitten 11, Harkins 10, Christie 10, Thornton 9, McKechnie 6, Reynould 5.

BOB GRAY.

Alex Hughes (Knightswood) with 29 out of 30, and veteran Joe Letts (Craigton) with 28, are on top of our individual championship round scorers. However, Hamish Orr (Craigton) has 15/15 with another round to go at CRAIGTON. Final is on September 14th.

Return from retirement of ex-Linthouse Lightning Bert Whitten to assist Netherlee Giants is a result of astute managing by Joe Letts. This move may shift Netherlee from the bottom of the League.

Alex Hughes challenges Hamish Orr for the senior M.R.C., and Bruce Reid challenges Johnny Gillies for the junior cup.

In the Veterans v Youngsters match, juniors BRUCE REID and JOHNNY SPIERS beat Internationals JOE LETTS and BOB GRAY in the last heat.

DICK BARRIE.

RESULTS

North of England Trophy

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 45 D.Togg 13, A.Sudbury 9, J.Darling 9.
BELLE VUE COBRAS 51 K.Graham 12, D.McGee 12, A.Edwards 10.

Manchester Junior League

LADYBARN KINGPINS 25 A.Jackson 9, G.Halton 8, B.Moss 4.
GORTON PIRATES 17 D.Lawler 8, R.Betts 4, B.Andrews 3.

LADYBARN KINGPINS 24 A.Jackson 9, B.Moss 7, G.Halton 5.
CHORLTON STARS 18 P.Rankin 7, J.Maddocks 4, R.Beggent 3.

CHORLTON STARS 20 P.Rankin 7, R.Beggent 6, B.French 3.
GORTON PIRATES 22 D.Lawler 6, B.Andrews 5, B.Bradley 4.

REDDISH KESTRELS 33 P.Woodward 9, B.Loftus 9, J.Ball 7.
LEVENSHULME EAGLES 9 J.Anderson 4, T.Lockwood 2, J.Roscoe 2.

REDDISH KESTRELS 30 P.Woodward 8, J.Ball 8, G.Bowe 5, B.Loftus 5.
DENTON DIAMONDS 12 P.Davies 5, D.Airey 3, B.Jeffs 2.

DENTON DIAMONDS 25 LEVENSHULME EAGLES 17 (At Reddish)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 27 A.Jackson 9, G.Halton 9, B.Moss 4, J.Green 4.
CARRS WOOD TUDORS 15 D.Starkey 6, D.Hertzog 4, J.Hiorns 2, T.Hiorns 2

K.O.Trophy

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 60 V.Hinchcliffe 15, P.Moore 12, P.Lomas 9.
BLACKLEY FLYERS 47 B.Murphy 11, D.Marshall 10, J.Hughes 9.

LEICESTER

AYLESTONE ACES 27 M.Cousens 7, J.Pickering 6, J.Crooks 5.
BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 69 B.Dent 13, R.Cooper 12, J.Simpson 12.

WHITHER EWIE ?

Ewart Edwards, last years Warwickshire Champion, decided earlier this year to leave his club Birmingham Lions, and join Leicestershire Champions, Coalville Stars. Now Coalville have closed, he returned to Birmingham Lions, but now he has turned up in Kingstanding Monarchs team in their National Trophy bid.

We wonder where Ewie will turn up next ?

MIDDLESEX REVIEW

Recently, Ruislip Aces moved over to Uxbridge, as this council track was not being used. However, you cannot have a neighbouring team using a different council's track, so from now on, they will be riding as Uxbridge Meteors, who have been in the league since 1954. The team consisted of Ruislip riders, and that is why they decided to have their own track in Ruislip.

The team will remain the same, but making a welcome come-back for them is former Wombley and Ruislip Lions rider, Cliff Dunford. He is a useful rider, and has been putting in plenty of practice. This should strengthen them nicely.

Good news for Langley is that Charlie Ross is due out of the navy in three weeks time. If he continues to ride, he will be of great assistance to them, as apart from Geoff Pearce and Johnny Unsworth, and Rog Lester, the remainder are juniors.

Riders going to Holland from Middlesex are ; Geoff Pearce, Johnny Unsworth, Bill Runtor, Johnny Woods, Ian Dunford, Johnny Dryden and myself.

All bar Ian, who doesn't ride much now, have ridden in the Test Teams this season, and we are all looking forward to our HOLIDAY.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

NATIONAL FINALS - DETAILS

The National Finals will be held on Weston Stars track, Wormwood Scrubs, London N.W.

The times of events are recorded herewith, together with the instructions for competitors.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL - 2 p.m. start. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - 3 p.m. start.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL - 4.15 p.m. start.

Riders must report

to : at (time)

	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>
Clerk of Course	1.30	2.30	3.45
Pit Marshall	1.45	2.45	4.00

There will be an interval from 4 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

A list of individual competitors was published last week.

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