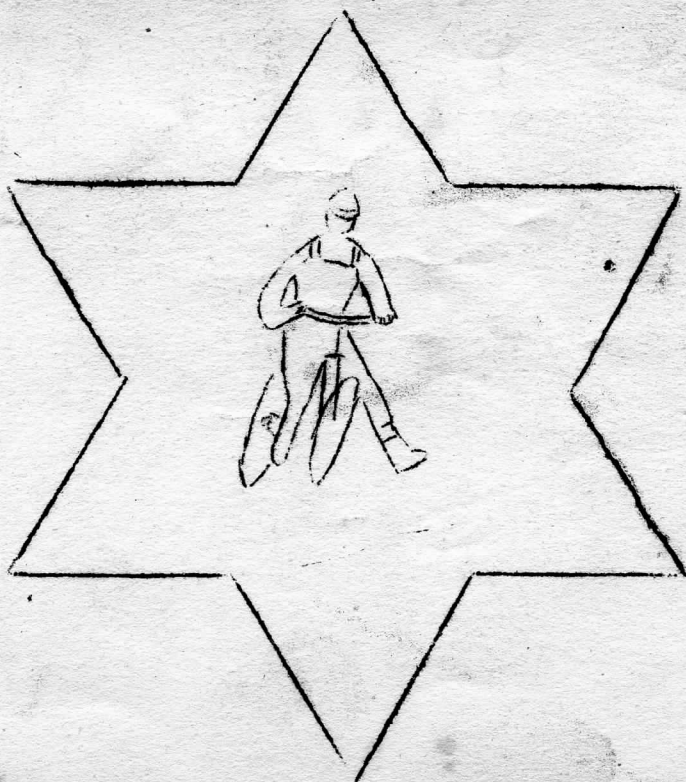


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MIDDX REVIEW

April 13th.

The battle is on, on Sunday the first league matches took place. League Champions Weston Stars were at home to Wembley Hawks, Weston, included Roy Ruffell, who was home on leave. Wembley, with only seven riders put up a good fight, but lost $59\frac{1}{2}$ - $36\frac{1}{2}$. Dave Jenkins, Brian Betts and Ray Humphrey were leading scorers for Weston, while Wembley rider Roger Dewhurst, Paddy O'Grady and Johnny Pinnock all scored well.

Whipps Cross Comets, riding their first match in the Middlesex League, got off to a good start by beating Harefield 58-38

Tolworth 'A' team visited Langley and won 62-34, the track was made of clay and was bone dry and dusty, therefore making it very slippery. Tolworth never mastered the track, but Langley did not fare much better either, only the superior gating of Tolworth kept them out of trouble, because after the gate, the Langley riders were very much in the racing. Praise must be given to Johnny Unsworth (Langley) who mastered everything and everybody but Paul Murdon.

Following this match Tolworth 'B' raced Wembley All Stars, the Tolworth Juniors suprised their first team by riding the track as well as they did, but this did not stop them getting trounced 29-67.

WESTON. $59\frac{1}{2}$. Jenkins $10\frac{1}{2}$ Betts, Humphrey 10 Harvey, Ruffell 8.

W. HAWKS. $36\frac{1}{2}$. Dewhurst $10\frac{1}{2}$ O'Grady 9, Pinnock 8.

Tolw'th A. 62. Murdon 11 Squires 10 Little, Kides & Clayton 8.

Langley. 34. Unsworth 14.

Whipps X. 58. Gray 11 Kingsnorth 10 Brown 9 Hemsley 7.

H'field. 38. Punter 11, Seymour 7.

W.A.Stars 67. Fraser(R) 13 Dean 12, Hunter 11 Bristow 9.

T'worth B. 29. Steemson 8 Page & Squires(Jun) 6.

April 20th.

Weston Stars visited Harefield and pulled off a good 56-40 win. Harefield skipper, Dave Stonex was in fine form to score 13, with support from ex Uxbridge riders, Billy White, Bill Punter & Brian Robinson. For Weston, Dave Jenkins kept up his improved form to top the scorers with 10.

Whipps X pulled off a good away victory, beating Tolworth 'A' 47-49. After a surprise 5-1 over White and Murdon in the first race the Comets settled down and taught Tolworth a few lessons. First they invariably left the Tudors at the gate, secondly they rode the track much better than the home team and thirdly out-manouvered them on the track. The Comets gave an exhibition of team riding better than any other I've seen, and I've seen plenty. Everybody in both teams deserve a mention, but of course that can not be.

Harefield gained their first league points, when they beat Langley away, 59-37. Once again Johnny Unsworth was in fine form & Geoff Pearce made a welcome return to form.

Two unbeaten teams, Weston & Wembley fought out a hard match at the 'Scrubs', Wembley started off well and were soon 12pts up, Weston pulled back well, and took the lead in the closing stages. Wembley needed a 5-1 in the nominated to win, although Dixie Dean won, Weston riders took 2nd & 3rd places, to give Weston a 49-47 win. Dave Jenkins was top scorer for his team for the third week running.

Tolworth 'A'	47.	P. Murdon 10	R. Kirk Squires 9	E. Hurley 7.
Whipps X.	49.	D. Gray 12	T. Howse 3	Hemsley & Brown 6.
Harefield	40.	D. Stonex 13	B. Whyte 8	B. Punter 7 B. Robinson 6.
Weston	56.	G. Harvey 10	D. Jenkins 10	R. Humphreys 9.
All Stars	61.	A. Fraser 10	G. Wallis 10	N. Hunter 10 B. Carter 9
Langley	35.	D. Kent 10	J. Unsworth 8.	
Harefield	59.	D. Stoex 11	P. Leckie 10	J. King & B. Punter 9.
Langley	37.	J. Unsworth 12	G. Pearce 7	R. Lester 6.
<u>April 27th.</u>				
Whipps Cross.	67.	D. Gray 12	T. Bunce 11	S. Pipe 10 T. Howse 9.
W. Hawks.	29.	J. Pincock 7	R. Dewhurst 6	E. Osborne & B. Gadsby 5
Tolworth 'B'	25.	P. Page 11	D. Grenham 6.	
Tolworth 'A'	71.	R. Squires 11	P. Murdon 11	R. Kirk 10.

League Table (up to and including April 27th)

	HOME				AWAY				
	Pl.	W.	D.	L.	W.	D.	L.	Pnts.	
Whipps X.	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	7	
Weston.	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	7	
All Stars.	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	
Tudors 'A'	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	6	
Pirates	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	3	
Hawks	2	-	-	-	0	0	2	0	
Tudors 'B'	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	0	
Leopards	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	

(Tolworth Reports supplied by Mr Pearce.)

BIRMINGHAM

Over the Easter period Lindale Lions of Wakefield, Yorkshire, made a tour of the Birmingham teams and also Wolverhamptons New X Pirates. Elmdon Bees, as hosts opened the tour with a match at the Clay Hill circuit a Sheldon. After a drawn first heat, a brisk 5-1 by Rose and Thompson set the Bees off. The score at the interval was 32-10 in Elmdons favour, who pulled away with ease to win 65-31.

On Monday the Lions journey to Bearwood was rewarded with a 45-31 victory. Noel Thompson (Bees) guested for the Lions and rode well however it was 15 year old Clive Brook who topped their scores.

Hagley Captain Dave Roden scored a hard earned maximum.

These two teams arranged another match next evening, which resulted in a 44-52 win for the Yorkshire boys, this time Lions Clive Brooke stole the limelight with a maximum. The Comets have reason to be proud of these two results, as they were only formed this year.

Wednesday evening's trip to Wolverhampton was marred by the poor light, even with Martin Rose (Bees) guesting for Lindale, the Lions failed to get to grips with New Cross and crashed 28-67.

Following a close match against Kingstanding Monarchs, where the Lions went down by 12 points, Friday's visit to Aldridge Hammers saw the Yorkshire teams revival after a bad start, young Clive Brook maintained his top form with a well earned 10 points. Despite the Hammers winning 54-35 the racing was very close indeed.

On the Saturday another challenge match was arranged against Elmdon, and in view of the tourist's improved form, a close tussle was anticipated by all, however the Bees team work told on their Yorkshire opponents and apart from a 3-3 and two 4-2s forced by Clive Brook (8 points) every other heat went 5-1 to the homesters in a 76-20 grand slam.

The Midland League looks a good prospect this year and of the four sides I fancy Birmingham to come out tops.

Aston Boys Club are not running a Cycle Speedway section this year, so most of their riders have signed for Aldridge Hammers.

RESULTS.

ELMDON BEES 65. (M. Morrall 14, D. Hickman 12 M. Rose 11, N. Thompson 8.)

LINDALE LIONS 31. (G. White (guest) 10, C. Brookes 9.)

HAGLEY COMETS 45. (D. Roden 14, P. Williams, T. Williams & Turley 8.)

LINDALE LIONS 51. (C. Brooke 11, M. Dunnill 9.)

NEW X PIRATES 67. (A. Arnold 13, T. Blest 12, P. Blackwell 11.)

LINDALE LIONS 42. (C. Brook 8.)

SOUTHERN NEWS

Since the last issue, a lot has happened in Sussex, mainly in regard to tracks. No doubt all areas must have had problems on this subject, but I do think that the adults in this county are most un-co-operative.

After the Southwick U.D. Council had agreed to the use of a chalk pit to be made into a home for the Brighton Scorchers, everything looked to be "plain sailing", but no such luck! Soon after the official announcement, a petition was written up by 44 local house holders, this was sent to the Council, -referred to the Committee etc., and thus once again I must report that the development of the track at Southwick has yet to be started.

At the other end of the scale, the Worthing Sputniks have made fine headway with their circuit. I am told that it will be ready by Whitsun, and that both the Sputniks and the Scorchers will meet the Wembley Hawks on this track. The club has made a good start to their new venture and has received good support from all sections of the public, including the Police force.

It seems however, that there was a slight mis-understanding at Worthing, which almost caused the transfer of jovial Keith Hammond, the ex treasurer of the club, to Brighton. Keith told me, that at one time, all work on the track had ceased, and that he was not satisfied. It appears that he is more interested in the cycle speedway, than the social side of the club. Well done Keith, so keen is he that he will be travelling to Hellingly with the "Scorchers" for their match. This is a much eagerly awaited clash, which will have taken place by the time this appears in print. I can assure you, that regardless of the final score, no-one will be able to accuse the visitors of not trying as they hope to give a good impression on their first visit to the "Lions Den".

News has just reached me of a come-back to the sport by Trevor Evans (ex Patcham Aces) a great friend of Johnnie Patterson's. Trev it seems still has his bike in trim even though the last time he rode was in 1950-51. Good luck Trev, may the points be as easy to get now as they were then.

With news of the Middlesex Grand Prix, to be held in August, I must state (unofficially) that we hope that the Southern Counties League may be considered when searching for entrants. For though a new area, we have some seasoned riders, especially at Hellingly. My tips for the Grand Prix selectors to watch are Hollebon, Smith, (Hellingly) Patterson, Goddard, Brazier (Brighton) & Spencer (Worthing)

Cont on foot of page OPPOSITE

Six teams are competing in the South Essex League this year, East Ham Stars, Gladiators, Thurrock, Walthamstow Wolves, Whipps Cross Comets 'B' and Dagenham Diamonds. If enough entries are received it is hoped to start another junior league.

An inter-league Test match has been provisionally earmarked for May 25th at Thurrock and it is also hoped that an under 23 versus over 23 will be staged later on.

Of the old Longbridge Leopards team not a lot is known. Ron Gibbons has signed for Walthamstow Wolves; Roy Milano is expected to sign for the Gladiators; Ken Taylor has retired and Stan Stevens is courting too strongly to think of the racing.

Walthamstow Wolves manager Terry Greenaway is in a quandry. He lost Colin Booth to the forces making him a man short, then along comes Ron Gibbons to fill up that gap. Now Peter Bromley has announced his retirement. Exit Terry to oil his persuasive tongue!

Terry Greenaway, Roy Archie and Ron Bull travelled to a club meeting of the Thurrock Stars, at Tilbury, to allay their fears about joining N.A.C.S.A. in 1958. I hope we did a good job there, Stars were started by that pioneer of Cycle Speedway, Blucy Waterson and their Treasurer is no less a personality than ex-manager of West-End Wanderers, Stan Leeds.

Whipps Cross Comets toured Suffolk over Easter and won four of their five matches. Scores were:- Foxhall Pirates 37 Whipps X 69, Kesgrave Panthers 58 Whipps X 50, Ipswich Pirates 49½ Whipps x 57½, Claydon Greyhounds 42 Whipps X 65, Gt. Blakenham Whippets 45 W.X. 60 Team riding by all the riders enabled this successful tour to come about and it must be noted that Comets were without star-man Derek Gray after the first two matches.

Dagenham Diamonds travelled to Woking Hawks and although beaten 55-53, they put up a good show, headed by Arthur Warren 13 and John Philpot 10.

League Result East Ham Stars 46 Lamacq 14, Stitchman 9.
 Walthamstow 62 R. Gibbons 14, Bell 13.

SOUTHERN NEWS (cont from opposite page)

"Sputnks" incidently may find difficulty in fielding two strong sides and I believe their worries might be eased by persuading Dan Nicholls (ex Fishergate Flyers) to try his hand again - for Dan lives only about a mile from the Hill Barn track.

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HANTS & DORSET

On Good Friday, Wembley All Stars came to Poole and played Tatham Tigers in a return challenge match, they won 58-38, they fully deserved to win this thrilling match. Top scores for Tatham were Frampton 9 and Barnes 7, while Wembley's top scores were Dean and Hunter 11 apiece.

On Easter Sunday all local league matches were postponed, except Burley Broadriders (67) v Tatham Tigers "B" (28). Top scores for Burley were Thompkins 13, Breaker 12. Top for the Tigers were Frampton 8, D.N. Tarr & Woodrow 6.

Also on Easter Sunday Tatham "A" lost to Tottenham 45-51. Tottenham got off to a good start and soon had a 20 point lead, Tatham fought back and with a race to go were only four points behind. Top scorers for Tatham:- Nippard 11, Barnes 9, Lilly 7, for Tottenham Bracey 13, Smith 10, Adams 9 were tops.

In a league match Tatham "A" defeated Chandlerlorsford Stars 61-34, the track was hard and dry and time and time again there were disastrous crashes on the bottom bend. Top for Tatham, Bright 13, Nippard 10, top for the Stars, White 8 and Dowdy 6.

Bottom of the table Tatham "B" were crushed 26-70 by now top of the league Southampton Bombers. Only Tatham rider to win a heat was Frampton with 12 points.

League Results.

Southampton Bombers	70.	Tatham Tigers "B"	26.
Tatham Tigers "A"	61.	Chandlerlorsford Stars	34.
Southampton Vikings	57.	Burley Broadriders	39.
Burley Broadriders	67.	Tatham Tigers "B"	28.

DORSETS TOP TEN.

Nippard 10.0, Frampton 10, Bright 8.7, D. Lilly 7.7, Nicholson 7.5
D.K. Tarr 7.3, Watkins 6.0 Holmes 5.7, Woodrow 4.5.

We regret that owing to lack of sufficient space many reports have had to be held over. The reason for this being of course, with the start of the season there are a far greater number of reports. We must apologize to the people concerned, and ask them to continue to send in news, as from the next issue we shall be increasing the number of pages to cope with the increase.

Due to the WHITSUN HOLIDAY the next issue of CYCLE SPEEDWAY STAR will be out a week EARLY, MAY 21st. All news & reports by MAY 15th Please.

SOUTHERN PREMIER

Since the last issue of the "Star", league racing has got into full swing, here in the Southern Premier. Leading the table at the moment are South London Rangers, with 8pnts from 5 matches, while hot on their heels are Ditton Devils, with 6pnts from 4 matches. Fighting it out for third place are Raynes Park Tigers, Beckenham Monarchs, Tooting Tigers and Thornton Heath Cobras, all with 4pnts each.

Apart from the league competition, there has been several goings on in other sources. At a recent General Managers Meeting, a big surprise was caused by the resignation of Divisional Secretary Mr. D. Cattle of Tooting. Elected to this position was Mr. A. Jones of Raynes Park, who has had several years experience in the sport. Also at the same meeting a statement was made by Mr. W. Cattle of Tooting, that due to shortage of riders, he may have to disband Tooting Wildcats, but at the time of writing no decision has yet been reached.

Other news is that for the first time ever the Southern Premier League will race the North London Independent League in Test Matches, dates arranged are; -July 5th (7.30 p.m.) On a Southern Premier track to be decided. Aug 30th (7.30 p.m.) at Edmonton.

A meeting which should be well worth seeing will be staged by the South London club at Garrett Park on May 24th. The event is the Southern Area Championship, at present held by Dave Chivors (Raynes Park Tigers). Many star riders have been invited to take part, both from the Southern Premier and from tracks outside the league. So if you want a good evening racing, I recomend this to you, as last years meeting provided some of the finest racing ever seen on a Southern Premier track.

March 16th.

League racing got under way with a visit by Beckenham Monarchs to Raynes Park Tigers, and after a thrilling match the Tigers ran out winners by 53-42. For Tigers, Dave Chivors (14) and Fred Lawrence (11) rode well, while for Monarchs, Dick Hudden with 10 and Dan Daniels 8, gave good performances.

At Thornton Heath the Cobras young side fought hard, but were unable to match the more experienced South London Rangers, finally losing 37-59. Gerald Butler (8) and Reg Foy (7) were Cobras best, while Roy Baker (15) and Terry King & Ray Sortoris 9 each took the honours for the Rangers.

Another exciting battle took place at Tooting with the Tigers

finally overcoming Ditton Devils 53-42, Derek Cattle, Bernie Cable and Brian Greatly all with 11 each topped Tigers scorers, while Mick Smith with 14 points was the only visitor to test the home riders. The other match between Tooting Wildcats and Raynes Park Stars was awarded to the Stars, due to the Wildcats failure to field a team.
March 23rd.

Ditton Devils were made to fight every inch of the way by visiting Thornton Heath Cobras before the Devils won 55-41. Phil Bines and Mick Smith both with 10 pnts were in form for the home side, while for the Cobras, good performances were given by Gerald Butler and Bob Baker, with 11 & 10.

The all Raynes Park battle, between the Stars & Tigers ended in a 62-34 victory for the Tigers. Mick Bartlett with 9 and John Tutin 8, were on top for the Stars, while Ted Cracknell gave an immaculate performance to score 19 pnts from 7 rides for the Tigers.

South London Hunters crashed to a 18-78 defeat at the hands of Tooting Tigers at Garret Park, with Tommy Davis 13 and Derek Cattle 11, riding well for the Tigers, while South London Rangers gave a 73-23 thrashing to Tooting Wildcats, Roy Baker again scoring a superb maximum of 15 pnts with John Whittaker getting 17 pnts from six rides.
March 30th.

Buckenham Monarchs had Sth London Rangers as visitors to Burheath and the red hot battle that followed gave the spectators plenty to shout about, before Monarchs finally won 56½-39½. T. Spaulding returned to form with 10, with Danny Daniels and Pat Corey both scored 9 each, for the Monarchs. For the Rangers Roy Baker dropped his only point to Danny Daniels, to score 14.

At Thornton Heath, the young Cobras gave a strong all round performance to defeat Sth. London Hunters 57-39. Richard Baker with 13 topped the Cobras scores, while for the Hunters Ivan Muger scored a maximum 15 points.

Tooting Wildcats crashed to another heavy defeat at home to Ditton Devils by 20-76, with Sam Sabourne, Alec Charman and Phil Bine all scoring bonus maximums.

April 13th.

The Saunder Trophy competition started with Raynes Park Tigers beating Sth London Hunter 31-64 in the first round at Raynes Park. Top Tigers were Dave Chivers and Fred Bedford with 11 each, while Ivan Muger topped the Hunters scores with 12.

In the league at Garret Park, Sth London Rangers defeated Raynes Park Stars 67½-28½. Roy Baker taking another 15 pnt maximum, with good support from Ron Webb with 11. Charlie Vaughan rode very well for the taking 10 points.

at Beckenham, Monarchs easily defeated Thornton Heath Cobras, 71-24. Brian Jarrett 12 and Danny Daniield 11 were best for Monarchs, while Richard Baker (8) rode well for the Cobras.

April 20th.

At Garrett Park, South London Rangers won a very close match, defeating Beckenham Monarchs by 49-47. Roy Baker once again was undefeated, while Pete Milton showed much improved form to score 11 pnts. Eric Bean & Danny Daniels scored 9 each for the Cobras.

South London Hunters were a much improved team against Thornton Heath and if they had had Rob Coleman, would probably have beaten them, but as it was they lost 43-53. Ivan Mauger again showed excellent form to take another maximum 15, while best for Cobras were Richard Baker (13) and Gerald Butler (10).

At Ditton, the Devils had no trouble defeating Raynes Park Stars by 66-30. Phil Bines scored a maximum, while Mick Smith and Sam Sabour each scored 10 points.

OTHER RESULTS (Challenge)

Beckenham Monarchs 65
Raynes Park Stars 39

Edmonton Monarchs 31
Tottenham Kangeroos 57.

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pnts.
South London Rangers.	5	4	0	1	288	192	8
Ditton Devils	4	3	0	1	239	144	6
Tooting Tigers	2	2	0	0	131	60	4
Raynes Park Tigers	2	?	0	0	115	76	4
Beckenham Monarchs	4	2	0	2	218½	165½	4
Thornton Heath Cobras	5	2	0	3	212	267	4
Raynes Park Stars	4	1	0	3	172½	211½	2
South London Hunters	3	0	0	3	100	188	0
Tooting Wildcats	3	0	0	3	59	229	0

Loading averages (League & Cup)

R. Baker (Sth London Rangers) 14.8 I. Mauger (Sth London Hunters) †

Late News.

It has been stated by the Southern Premier Control Board that Dave Green, former Cheam Cherokees rider, will be attached to Raynes Park Tigers for a period of three months, after which he will again appear before the board.

N.B. League table up to and including April 20th.

Draw for the National Team Championship, Inter County Rounds.

Round 1. July 5th. (Track)

Match 1.	London	V	Bucks	Middlesex
" 2.	Herts	V	Suffolk	Essex
" 3.	Dorset	V	Middlesex	Berkshire

Round 2. July 26th.

Match 4.	Stafford	V	Essex	Oxford
" 5.	Cheshire	V	Berkshire	Warwick
6.	Yorkshire	V	Oxford	Leicester
7.	Surrey	V	Winners(1)	Essex
8.	Hampshire	V	Lancashire	Stafford
9.	Warwick	V	Winners(2)	Middlesex
10.	Leicester	V	Winners(3)	Essex
11.	Devon	V	Wiltshire	Dorset

Round 3. August 16th.

Match 12.	Winners of match 11	V	Winners of match 4.
13.	Winners of match 6	V	Winners of match 8.
14.	Winners of match 10	V	Winners of match 9.
15.	Winners of match 5	V	Winners of match 7.

Semi-finals Sept 6th.

16	Winners of match 14	V	Winners of match 15.
17	Winners of match 13	V	Winners of match 12.

Final. Sept 28th.

18.	Winners of 17	V	Winners of 16.
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The finals will be ridden at Hungerford(1st choice) or Fleet.

Two international matches will take place this year, away to Scotland on July 12th and Home to Sweden during August.

Leicester News

The 1958 season opened at Leicester on Easter Tuesday, in the afternoon Aylestone Aces rode against New Cross Pirates in a friendly match. Aces lost 43-53.

Aces:- A.Cope 12, P.Clark 11, H.Glover 10, D.Udall, M.Stewart & B.Price 3.
Pirates:- Blest 10, Arnold 10, Stockton 9, Bradley 8, Pedley 7.

In the early evening, the Leicestershire team rode against Wolverhampton in the newly formed Midland League. Leicester won 63-33.

LIECESTER:- Newbury 15, Dent 12, Pickering 10, Brant 7, Glover 7.

WOLVERH'TN. Blackwell 9, Arnold 6, Bradley 6, Blest 4, Pedley 3.

P.Clark.

N.A.C.S.A. BAN THE B.C.S.F

Over the past few weeks, a new controlling body has come into being, it is called the British Cycle Speedway Federation. Although the idea of officials of the Southern Premier League, they made it quite clear from the start, that they did not intend to run the Federation.

The opening meeting was attended by representatives of Essex Nth. London, Middlesex, Southend and Southern Premier Leagues, all of whom were asked to report back to their own Control Boards.

At the next meeting, Southend, Southern Premier and Middlesex stated that they were in favour, North London undecided and Essex against. Elections were then held:- Mr D. Bacon (Sth Prem) was elected Chairman, Mr B. Punter (Middx) Vice-Chairman and Mr Sholley (Southend) Treasurer. In his absence, Mr V. Morner was elected Secretary, but has since resigned, Mr J. Whittaker, who was elected ass. Secretary is expected to take over. Mr V. Cowell was elected publicity Officer, in anticipation of the North London League joining the Federation, but they have since decided against joining.

Main idea of the Federation is to form three or four regional boards, each responsible to a National Body, for this year at least however, efforts will be concentrated on forming a Southern Area Board. The Federation intended to compete fairly with N.A.C.S.A. allowing their members to belong to both associations if they wished, then after about a year, teams could see which was the better organisation of the two. The Federation have in fact said that they are willing to meet N.A.C.S.A. representatives.

Since then however, N.A.C.S.A. have decided to ban the B.C.S.F. and its members from taking any part in any function organised by them. This therefore forces teams to choose one or the other, in which case it is unlikely that any Middx teams will join the Federation this year, for at present for the first time ever the League is 100% affiliated to N.A.C.S.A.

It will be interesting to see what action if any N.A.C.S.A. take against the Middlesex team, which has two riders serving as officials serving on the Federation, for this team has also entered for the National Team Championship.
