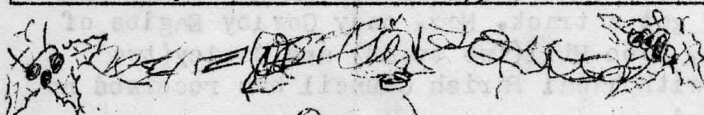


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TO ALL
OUR
READERS

AND A
HAPPY NEW
YEAR



— NOW
Cycle Speedway in
RUSSIA!

We received a report from DAVE STEVENS last week which states that there is now cycle speedway in Russia. but the only details to hand at the moment are that the women take a very active part out there, and, says his correspondent "our women cyclists have been making out comparatively better than the men."

This is indeed good news, bringing yet another country into the international scene.

DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE IN HOSPITAL.

Vic Cowell, Dutch Representative in England, is at present in hospital with a bad attack of influenza, but is expected to be home this week.

Vic is also Team Manager at Edmonton, and North London Reporter for the "GAZETTE".

We all hope that he will be fully recovered for Xmas. Meanwhile, as his letters have been accumulating, writers will be receiving replies soon after Xmas.

Once again I am happy to wish you all the compliments of the season. I would also like to thank all those who have sent Xmas cards to us - we get more every year!

There will be no issue on the Saturday after Xmas, but we shall be publishing again on Saturday January 3rd. 1959.

Best wishes to you all.

THE EDITOR.

OXFORD

GRANDPONT GIANTS - Oxford latest 'revival' club, managed by Oxford City Association chairman Councillor W. (Bill) White - have now got a track. Now, only Cowley Eagles of next years expected six - Grandpont, Horspath, Rose Hill (Two teams) and Cowley (two teams) - haven't got a track. Correspondence with local Parish Council has received no reply as yet and some people are mighty worried.

Recently Rose Hill Baskerville Hounds (1952 $\frac{1}{4}$ finalists in the Nationals) held their Individual Championship. This was won by the captain of the Hounds, Peto Barlow. Up till each rider had had three rides, Peto and John Turner shared nine points each. However Turner fell twice in his remaining races, allowing Peto to win.

Scorers:-P. Barlow 13, Hastings 10, Treadwell 10, Brown 10, Dawes, Major, Turner 9.

COWLEY EAGLES 1958 INDIVIDUAL. With various seniors not competing, the way was clear for a junior to win this event. But not the one who did - Peto Gammon. He tied with Johnny Thomas, Oxford junior champion, but after a run-off, and a quick gate, on a higher gear, won easily. Joint thirds were Jock Sutherland and Kevin Rowlands, Jock winning this run off, Tying, with 10pts each were Mick Hudson and George Byles - the latter falling when leading in a vital heat. In fact George, with the small handlebars and large smile, should perhaps have won this Cup. Better luck next time George.

Out of luck all the way was top of the averages, Mick Elliott, who after three races and few points, through fairly dubious riding tactics, called it a day.
SCORERS: Gammon 12, Thomas 12, Sutherland 11, Rowland 11, Hudson 10, Byles 10, Winters 7, Gibbons 7, Elliott 6, Wray 6, Markham 4, Hunter 2.

ROSEHILL BASKERVILLE HOUNDS 60 $\frac{1}{2}$: Barlow 15, Turner 11, Halford 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Spiers 7.
WORTHING SPUTNIKS 35 $\frac{1}{2}$: Humphry 8, Bashford 7, Court 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Hoyle 5.

In this mud soaked challenge match at Rose Hills very tricky circuit, the homestors ran out fairly easy winners. Captain Peto Barlow gained a "max" and was very well supported by a very well knit team. Sputniks disliked the track - no-one disagreed with them but the Hounds were definitely the better side, only captain Humphreys and Mick Bashford showing any class.

Secretary- for a while at any rate, is me again - of Cowley Eagles, 202 Herschel Cresc., Littlemore, Oxford.

Bike maintenance - what an annoying factor in racing this can be. To me at any rate. With so much racing lately, and the fact that a 6p.m. finish is in the dark and that I work Saturday mornings too - I don't find time. Yet it is SO important. Now Oxford star Graham Mullett, has perhaps the best equipment around here. It's paying dividends. Me? A chain coming off in a race, nearly crippled me the other week. In future, no Saturday "wasting", just bike work.

Kon Worlock, another great equipment maniac, - England star for 2 years, Bristol Champion, Berks 1957 winner and 1958 runner-up, a great sportsman and friend, has finally called it a day - officially, that is. So has pal Tony Usher - so Hungerford are back to the locals again, and somehow I think they'll do alright.....Mrs 'M' will make sure of that.

Will the Scottish secretary please contact me at the above address, please. We would like to entertain any visiting teams or riders in 1959.

Any clubs requiring fixtures for Sundays for 1959 - please contact same address.

Any clubs or counties who'd like guest riders (London area or North of such) from this area for Individuals, Best Pairs etc., also contact me. Califano, Sutherland, Shapley, Mullett and others are willing.

BARRY SHAPLEY.

FREE FOR ALL

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have always been a supporter of N.A.C.S.A. and I always will, but having said that I say that someone in N.A.C.S.A. needs shaking up, badly. It is no good being efficiently organised, nationally, as N.A.C.S.A. most certainly is, if individual clubs are to be treated indifferently. I refer especially to that most efficient club, Thurrock Stars, a real credit to the sport. Thurrock joined N.A.C.S.A. only after a "pop-talk" by 2 N.A.C.S.A. officials who travelled down to Thurrock especially for the occasion. Now, what is Thurrock demanding of N.A.C.S.A.? Merely that a list of addresses of N.A.C.S.A. teams be sent them (mainly in order to arrange friendly matches) but will they oblige? not on your life! Excuses, evasions, but no list! If clubs are to be treated like this they will leave N.A.C.S.A. No-one wants that, so come on N.A.C.S.A. lets have some action and quick.

"JIM WHITING"

(Name and address known.)

SOUTH LONDON

At last, after weeks of wondering what the future of our two "doubtfuls" Beckenham Monarchs and Ditton Devils is to be, we can all breathe a big sigh of relief with the news that both clubs will be there when the tapes rise on the 1959 season.

Dittons manager Mr Mike Smith has now received permission from the owner of the land where the track is situated, to use the circuit for next season. With no worries about a track the main problem of the club will be to build a team around their three remaining 1958 members (Mike Smith, Sam Sabourne and Johnny Gordon) capable of matching the more powerful sides in the league. However with plenty of juniors available I don't think the Devils will disgrace them selves in the coming year.

At Beckenham, the Monarchs are in a more fortunate position, retaining five of last seasons side, but even here Monarchs will have to find three or four good class juniors to fill the gaps left by the retirements of Pat Corey and Bill Wall. There have been one or two changes in the Beckenham club, the new manager being Mr Pete Jarman, who, of course, will also be riding as well, while last years manager Mr Ron Johnson will act as secretary.

Now that Ditton and Beckenham are back in circulation again, the league now has eight teams affiliated for the 1959 season. Beckenham Monarchs, Ditton Devils, Raynes Park Tigers, Raynes Park Stars, South London Rangers, South London Hunters, Thornton Heath Cobras and Tooting Tigers.

There are still vacancies for a few more clubs in the league, and any teams interested in joining should write to Div Secretary, Mr A. Jones, 13 Rockstone Road, Tooting London S.W.17. Competitions for next season, include, apart from the normal league programme, "The Saunders Trophy", which is the leagues 'quick death' competitions, first team out of the hat being the home team, one match only. The Individual Championships for both Senior and Junior riders and also the Jack Hulbert Shield, presented to the league for competition by Mr. Jack Hulbert the stage and screen star. This is normally run on a league schedule with the league being split into two sections the top team in each section going into the final. There is also the Southern Area Championships and the Champion of Champion events.

MANCHESTER

Carrs Wood Hunters pulled off a surprise victory at Openshaw in the North of England Trophy semi-final, beating the home side by 10 points, the final score being 53-43. Once again it was Brian Moston who was the star of the Hunters side. Nobby Collier on the come back trail rode well as did Bailey and Anderson. Norman Edwards who is returning to form scored well for the home side with good support coming from Barlow and Lancashire champion, McGuinness.

Wilmslow Hammers showed no mercy when Longsight visited them in the Handicap Trophy. Longsights 21 point start was soon wiped off and the home went on to win by 66 points to 50. Garrett starred for the home side being unbeaten by the opposition as did Davenport, captain Hinchcliffe was also going well. For the visitors it was young George Shaw who showed his team mates how to ride the Wilmslow track, but Longsight without Marsland are like a gun without a bullet.

The Knock out Trophy stays on the Carrs Wood sideboard for another year. They defeated Longsight in the final for the second year. The final was held at Belle Vue, the Hunters winning by 63 points to 45, but the young Longsight team put up quite a fight against the stronger all round Hunters team. They say you can't keep a good man down and once again it was Moston who led the score sheet with Collier a much improved man and Anderson backing up strongly. Shaw was Longsights star with Lock and Marsland not far behind.

Wilmslow recorded yet another handicap trophy win when they visited Openshaw although they received 18 points start, they only required six of these for victory. Both sides were below strength and Wilmslows Davenport had lost a sick bed to ride. This was Wilmslows best ever performance at Openshaw, one of their bogey tracks. The racing was of a high standard, the highlight being Hinchcliffes battle with the flying Edwards which Hinchcliffe won in fine style riding round the home sides top man. Other riders to show up well were Skeiton and Lawton of the home team and McDonald, Rollason and Lomas for the visitors.

Denton found Gorton too strong for them in their first Junior League match.

J. MOTTERSHEAD.

TATNAM V TOLWORTH

TATNAM B (Dorset) 37 TOLWORTH B (Surrey) 55

Tolworth took the lead at the start of the match and from then on they never looked back, this was their best match of the season. Peter Page, although only dropping one point toppled from the premier place by Robin Squires who scored a 15 point maximum. Giving these two strong support were Grenham, Brimson and Steomson. Praise must be given to Brimson who after a 3yrs lay-off scored a hard earned 7pts although leaving his dinner of beans at Tatnams track. Best for Tatnam was Frampton with 10pts. Laugh of the match came in heat 13, with one Tatnam rider fallen and the other excluded, Edwards of Tolworth left the track after a misunderstanding from the pits to leave the field open for Squires to win yet another race.

Tolworth Tudors Scorers:- R.Squires 15, P.Page 12, G.Brimson and Grenham 7, Steomson 6, Mick Edwards 4, Kick and Robinson 2.

Tatnam Tigers B Scorers:- Frampton 10, A.Chorrott and Woodrow 6, Norman, Chorrott and Carter 4, J.Tarr 3, D.Tarr 0.

EAST HAM and WELLING

After an absence of many years Kent will again in 1959, be a member of N.A.C.S.A. Officials already elected are V.Duffy (Sec), D.Swoonoy (Chairman) and several others. Welling Wings and Gray Tigers are already members and all out publicity campaign has already started through the local press, in an attempt to attract new riders and teams. One of the definite intentions of the Kent Control Board will be to send their 1959 Junior Individual Champion to the National Finals.

RESULTS OF BEST PAIRS COMPETITION held at Welling. 1st Joe and Ken Barrott (East Ham) 24 2nd Brian Lucas (Welling) and Vic Duffy - 20pts.

WELLING MATCH RACE - David Hoit 2, Colin Haine 1.

EAST HAM K.O. INDIVIDUAL 1st Ted Walkor, 2nd Bill Kiloy, 3rd. Ken Barrott.

CONSOLATION EVENT 1st K.G.Barrott, 2nd D.Stitchman, 3rd Brian Barrott.

EAST HAM leading riders and averages :- Ted Walkor 12.2, Norman Lillywhite 12.1,

Joe Barratt 12, John Halloran and Vic Duffy 11.1, D.Stitchman 10, K.Barrott 8.1,

LEADING JUNIORS :- John Wright and Brian Barrott 12.0.

We now have four Barrotts in our team, three of them brothers, odd man out is K.G.Barrott.

V.DUFFY

LEICESTER

Unfavourable weather has restricted activity here in the last few weeks, but I found three of the Anstey Eagles hard at work on their track one Sunday morning, when conditions, to say the least, were sticky. They have a new starting line, levelling of the track, and the grassing of the starting area on the programme for the winter, plus as much practice as circumstances permit.

Aylestone's best junior of 1958, Maurice Wheatley, got his photograph in the local papers when he won his senior school cross-country title for the second successive year recently. Previously, Maurice had won the junior school cross-country run twice also. There can be no doubt that he is keeping fit during the winter, and as a junior yet, he should be favourite for the local junior championship, in which he was runner-up this year.

Anstey Eagles and Aylestone Aces have decided to join forces for next season. Both teams had the majority of their riders at evening classes last summer, which raised obvious difficulties and the union is a suitable way round the trouble. The combined forces will ride at the Joan Drive track off Anstey Lane Leicester. Frank Farmer will be the manager, with me as secretary.

ROY WRIGHT.

WILTSHIRE

Work on the Pirates track has not started, last week only four riders turned up and this Sunday it rained most of the morning.

Cloverton Hornets are losing one or two riders but hope to keep going. I understand Doverill Aces are in the same position, but Wilts County captain Ken Gray seemed optimistic when I saw him recently. The position at Brinkworth is none too happy. Plenty of juniors but lack of senior riders with keen interest. It could be Brinkworth and Cloverton joining forces next year. Marlborough, Swindon and Wroughton seem strong, although John Hunt, Wroughton's secretary is joining H.M.Forces.

R.H.JACKSON.

ESSEX

Here in Essex the season is gradually fading out, Walthamstow already have the League won, having gone their eight matches without defeat, and their lowest win away to Gladiators 59-49. East Ham Stars have finished their eight matches and have ten points, while Gladiators have eight points and one match to go, that against Hawbush Hammers. If they win this, they will top East Ham on points average. Hawbush and Thurrock both have a meagre two points for their tally and stand no chance of reaching any other position of bottom and one above that.

Recent matches in the Senior League have included the double header of Walthamstow Wolves. They had six riders there to beat East Ham by 63-39, and then Alan Disloy turned up to help the Wolves beat Gladiators by 60-38. In both of these matches Peter Frazor was outstanding for Wolves, while Walker was in form for East Ham, and McGillivray served Gladiators well.

East Ham without Joe Barrett, beat Gladiators, without Sutton, Milano, Pratt and Anthony, by 72-36 in a good match that was both clean and fast. There were no exclusions of any kind. McGillivray for Gladiators and Lillywhite for East Ham were the two the gremlins picked on in this match, and both were robbed of certain points in some of their rides. Walker and Halloran were the main force behind the Stars win, and Stone did the best for the visitors.

In the junior League, Crusaders retain a slender lead over the East Ham Juniors, having played and won one more match than East Ham. Crusaders went down to East Ham, away, by the very close score of 25-23, and they put it down to a fall by Green when in the lead in one of the earlier races, and a similar slide and fall by Ayres in a later race. Still, they are not complaining. East Ham have away matches with Vikings and Hawbush Diamonds, while Crusaders are away to Diamonds. On the face of it, it rather looks as though East Ham may just pull the League out of the fire if they can win both of their matches, for they have a slightly better points average. Also the Vikings have yet to win a match and the Diamonds have only two points, so East Ham are confident.

In the Yallop Trophy, Walthamstow Wolves won away at the Whipps Cross Comets track recently by 30 points. Some feat this, for Comets have only lost there twice before this year, by 9 pts to Wembley All Stars and by 16 to Gladiators. And this 30pt victory by Wolves was achieved with only 5 riders. National Champions, Wolves really are the top team in the country, even when they are short. Wolves are now drawn away to East Ham in the semi-final, and the winners meet Gladiators in the Final later on. With their all-round strength, I tip Walthamstow to add the Yallop Trophy to the Rivotts Cup and South Essex League and National Trophy in their greatest ever season in the sport, and remember they are one of the oldest teams in the country, including riders from the Stratford Hammers and various other old clubs. All their riders have represented Essex, several have represented East London, they include two ex-county Champions and an ex-English International, Stan Stevens and a current England rider, Ron Gibbons.

I have just learned that Thurrock Stars went down at home by a narrow margin of about five or six points to Oxford, and that Barry Shapley liked the track to a "maximum" extent.

Roy Milano of the Gladiators will ride during the winter season with East Ham Stars. Gladiators are not entering the N.W. Middlesex K.O. Cup, and so Roy has been loaned to Stars as he wished to continue riding all the year. This addition will strengthen Stars to a considerable extent and make them a force to be reckoned with, especially on their own bowl at Cyprus Place.

RON BULL

SUSSEX SCENE

SPUTNIKS SENT SPINNING.

The youngsters of Worthing were dealt a low blow when they visited Oxfords Rose Hill Hounds, in the shape (or should I say size) of the track. "Must have been only about 30 yds long" is one, printable, comment I heard. Another upset was the muddy conditions, which probably spoiled the racing.

I hear (vaguely, as I have seen no press report or had any score sheet) that an enjoyable match ended with a decisive home win. How decisive I have no idea but I believe it was about 60-35 or thereabouts. Still quite honestly, not many of us expected them to win. I am afraid the young Sputniks will lose many more matches before they start winning and the sooner they gain experience of such "freak" tracks the sooner they will be on the credit side of the score sheet. No doubt much was learned from their trip to Oxford and perhaps they will put their learning to good use by gaining the 1959 League Title.

WHITHER HELLINGLEY.

After reading about the apparent collapse of the once formidable N.L.I.L. and the news that Hellingley will not be available for next season in N.London. I must wonder if perhaps the Southern Counties League may be strengthened by their inclusion. Who knows? Whist on the subject of the Lions I would like to congratulate pal "Gorgo" and his "boys" on their recent victory over Warwick in the N.L.I.L. Knockout Cup, at Thornton Heath.

NEW MEMBERS

Brighton Scorchers now have another few junior riders but in an all-out effort to increase their numbers I am told that they will have a window display in a very prominent position in a local traders window.

BOGNOR STILL SILENT.

No news arriving from Bognor but I hope they are still striving hard to find a home - the Southern Counties League is in urgent need of their services next season and that's not far off.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

The League still holds hopes of ex-internationals Ron Holvey and Clive Elmer forming a team in Crawley and would welcome news of their whereabouts. Anyone able to help us write to the League Secretary:- E.Goddard, 34 Egmont Road, Hove 4, Sussex.

Recent developments may include an official press release to local papers in towns such as Eastbourne, Hastings, Horsham, Littlehampton and even Portsmouth, with the hope of getting some more teams for the 1959 line-up.

"BO-BO".

LEICESTER

At the monthly Control Board meeting the board was notified that the Aylestone Aces have quit, the riders that are still interested however, have joined the newly formed Anstey Eagles. It now seems certain that there will be four teams competing in Leicester next season. Leicester All Stars, Belgrave Red Devils, Anstey Eagles and Blackbird Monarchs. It is hoped that we shall be able to open next season with A and B test matches against Oxford, also a test against Middlesox. A prominent figure in Leicester Cycle Speedway, Mr. Lynn, has compiled a list of top riders for last season, it is as follows:- 1st P.Dont and P.Rawson, 3rd Newberry, 4th Greaves 5th Cooper, 6th Pickering, 7th Simpson, 8th Glover, 9th C.Evans, 10th D.Brant and D.Bird.

P.RAWSON.

MIDDLESEX

Last Sunday saw the start of the Knockout cup matches take place. Ruislip Lions visited the Tottenham Kangaroos in the first leg. It was a real winters day, wet and miserable, but once the match had started, it wasn't so bad. After four attempts to start the first race, the gates finally worked. The visitors went into an early lead and led by 8pts by the halfway stage. This was first class racing with the riders in front never sure of finishing first until they had crossed the line. In the closing stages Ruislip increased the lead and won the match by 59-49. Outstanding for Tottenham were Wal Bracey 14, Len Adams 12, Derek Wills 10½ and Clive Hill 6½.

For Ruislip, reserve Bron Harper was unbeaten from three rides, to score 9, Johnny King 9, Dave Thompson 8, Inky Blackwell 8, Brian Robinson 7, Geoff Pearce 6, Bill Punter 6, and Pete Lockie 6, this was Ruislip's first match and they have made a good start. If the second leg is half as good as this one, it will be a close thing, the return leg is at Uxbridge on Sunday 13th.

Wombloy All Stars have lost two riders recently, Dixie Davies has gone back into the Merchant Navy and is now on the way to Australia. He will be back in March just in time for the League racing, the other loss is Gerry Wallis who has joined Weston Stars, Gerry has been with the All Stars for two seasons, mainly riding as reserve, he will be a great help to Weston as they are rebuilding a new team.

Latest news from Langley is not very promising, they are likely to lose their track after all, this will be the third one in four seasons, and they are now thinking of linking up with Harfield and making two teams.

Harfields Brian Robinson, will be getting married in March, he will still carry on racing though. He had intended to retire at the end of last season, but after a short rest, turned out for the Pirates and has been riding ever since.

Wombloy All Stars recently presented Dixie Dean with a very nice cup for the most improved rider in the club. Usually this has been awarded to second strings and juniors. On looking over the past season, it is easy to see why Dixie has got this cup. He has been in the thick of things. He was runner-up in the World Championship. I think this was his greatest performance of all time.) He was made Captain of England, this is an honour which he is very proud of. Other honours for this season are:- Runner-up in the Middlesex Grand Prix, Runner-up in the Glasgow Grand Prix, Runner-up in the Middlesex County Individual Final. I hope I haven't missed any out, it's easy to lose count though.

The League is interested in having Junior Test Matches for next season, it is hoped to arrange these in the New Year.

The Grand Prix will again take place at the August Bank Holiday, (two days) invitations will be sent out shortly.

One team, The Gladiators has dropped out of the K.O. Cup as they play football on Sundays, pity really.

CORRECTION : In issue 203 I gave the date for the Leagues A.G.M. as the 28th of January. It should have been the 27th, in Hammersmith.

Wombloy Hawks beat Whipps X Comets at home by 16 points, no scorers available.

Brickett Wood Kangaroos are interested in joining the Southern Premier League, this was announced in the clubs newshoot.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

MATCHES WANTED. THURROCK STARS require matches. Home and away. Any team interested please contact secretary:- B. Waterson, 91 Brennan Road, Tilbury, Essex.

A FIRM ORDER IS BETTER THAN A CHANCE COPY!!!