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## *The National Finals (continued)*

This week we include an extra 2 pages. This is due to the large amount of news we have been receiving lately, but it is mainly due to the large increase in sales over the past few weeks. We feel justified in passing on an extra benefit to the readers, and bearing out our claim that YOU GET MORE FOR YOUR MONEY WHEN YOU BUY THE "GAZETTE". We shall continue this increase as long as circumstances warrant.

THE EDITOR.

Gibbons shot away from the grid like the Comet 4 and was never headed in the opener. Team-mate Tomlyn came from behind to beat White, and Wolves led 4-2. Someone in the Tolworth pits said that "Not to worry..no team that ever led first had won the event" and it seemed that way for Tudors took heat 2 by 4-2 to level, up at 6-6, when Claydon held on to a narrow lead over Groomaway who was trying all the way. Heat 3 saw the beginning of the end, when Wolves pairing of Bell and Fraser outdistanced Squires and Rides to open a lead of 11-7. With a 2-4, 5-1, 2-4, 4-2 and 5-1, Wolves increased their

lead to 29-19, before Tolworth fought back and the next three were shared. Then came Tudors chance for in Heat 12 Fraser was excluded at the gate, and Tolworth snapped in a 5-1. Only six points down with four heats to go. Heat 13, again unlucky for the Essex lads. Tomlyn out of the gate, and another chance for Surrey, but they had the mercuric Ron Gibbons to contend with and they never even saw him leave the gate. He set up the fastest time of the day in showing the Tolworth pair how to ride the little cinder circuit. So a shared heat was followed by two more, then Terry Groomaway and Ron Gibbons came out in the nominated against Murdon and Hurloy and gave them a lead at the gate, which they promptly regained at the end of the first lap and went on to win the heat by 5-1 and the match by 53-43.

Groomaway and Gibbons. Say those two names with pride, you Essex fans, for it was the magnificent riding by those two that shot to pieces all hope that Tolworth may have had of regaining the Trophy they had won in 1956. Terry Groomaway riding like we have never seen him ride before in all his years in the saddle, determined to win that Trophy all on his very own if necessary, and Ron Gibbons, who this year has hit the high spots time and time again, doing the same neat job of work that he turns in week after week, one of the best all-rounders in the sport today.

For Tolworth it was an unlucky day. Murdon was not at his best, and with little Reggie Squires not having the best of luck, they faltered. Head and shoulders over the rest both in his dominating spirit on and off the track was little included wrongly as reserve. His attitude in the pits was inspiration itself, but the sad Tudors never really listened and they lost through it. His riding on the track backed up his speaking and it was a shame that he should have to be in a losing side. Others to mention are Claydon who tried hard and hit a reasonable score, while "energy unlimited" Hurloy had the will but not the way. To this day I cannot make out why Tolworth did not put Claydon and Little out in the nominated. It could not have won them the match, but it most surely could have shown that they could take a loss in their stride and still come up fighting. However, all credit to both teams for getting this far.

The Senior Individual Championship was all the title implies. From start to finish it was anybody's, with all riders in there and proving it in no uncertain manner.

I suppose I am biased by having the eventual winner, Sandy McGillivray in the Gladiators team I manage, but he was a worthy winner for he rode well and he rode cleanly, as did the others. He was popular with the crowd as they proved to me by their applause at the presentation, but at several stages at the meeting it could so easily have been someone else. In Sandy's words... "The unluckiest rider there was Fraser (Middlesex) who could have walked away with it but for the fact that his cotton pins went in first ride." He spoke the truth too, for Fraser, undaunted by this went on his merry way with 11 points from his remaining four rides, and it must be hard to try and give a heat by heat story so I will tell the tale a different way.

# BRUMMIES HOLD DOUBLE-HEADER

MEET  
LEICESTER  
AND  
COVENTRY IN  
MIDLAND LEAGUE

Last Sunday, August 17th., Birmingham rode a "double-header" in the Midland League. They rode first against Leicester, and overwhelmed them to the tune of 64-32. There was no doubt that the Brummies had their best team out for this match ; they slipped up by putting a weaker team in the fray against Coventry.

There were only three what I consider to be class riders in their side which came near to disaster, but with Ernie Edwards, reserve for this match, riding twice in the closing stages pulling them out of trouble to win 52-42. Kean was definately tiring towards the end of this match, after having ridden also in the match against Leicester, and with no disrespect to the other members of the side, Kean, with Harrison and Edwards, were the three riders definately worth a place in any Birmingham side.

Next Sunday, August 24th., Coventry are at home to Birmingham, and I don't think for a moment that the Brummies will field anything less than their strongest side possible against these young Coventry riders.

THE EDITOR

## COVENTRY

Official Control Board News: All riders, managers please note, that should they be responsible for any

misbehaviour on any of the Coventry team trips, they will have to answer to the Control board in futuro. The Control Board have issued a caution to John Muir, of Whitley Stars regarding his future riding. The Stoke Vampires manager has been informed that they must make improvements to their track.

It is certainly a pity that the Stoke Vampires didn't appreciate the fact that they were riding against novices when they had a home and away match with Coventry Eagles. Lots hope the Eagles don't get discouraged by their big defeats. All the Eagles need is a little friendly advice from the more experienced riders. Although the Vampires gained five maximums from their return, it was no credit to them, in fact it caused quite a lot of criticism. The point is that we need more teams in the league, and that is not the way to get them.

Cycle speedway at its best, without a doubt was the match at the local "Golf" course (Courthouse). This match was a thriller, and only one incident spoiled what otherwise would have been a 100% match. I hear that Stoke Vampires consider themselves unlucky not to have won this match, and put the blame on J. Muir who had to be foolish enough to go and get excluded for deliberate dirty riding, and had he kept on racing he more than likely would have gained the point that would have given his team the match. The remark that he passed, "I had to do that or they would have got a 5-1", brought some very uncomplimentary remarks about him from the spectators. Two questions I am bound to ask are, why didn't the home manager challenge the steward about a re-run, after all his rider was deliberately stopped. The other why didn't the steward call for a re-run. Personally I consider that an exclusion was not enough and J. Muir must surely have been very near to being excluded from the rest of the match.

Whitley Stars visited the Stoke Vampires at their no.2 track. Whitley drew 48 all. They had all the luck. From the start they took lead up to heat five then it became 15 all and there were 10 heats in which the scores were level. They may have been overtaken had J. Muir kept his foot to himself instead of hooking R. Biggs back wheel.

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Coventry News continued.

By doing this he may well have saved a 5-1 against the Whitley Stars. As it was, this heat finished 4-2. The match ended with a last heat decider and T.Higgins made no mistake about winning, G.Rollason and J.Jordan finished second and third respectively. Stoke Vampires: G.Rollason 13, B.Blackett and R.Colley each gained 8 points. 48. Whitley Stars: T.Higgins 14, J.Abbott 11, J.Muir, F.Spence, and M.Tromans 7 each. 48.

There was the usual number of absentees that we have become accustomed to in the Individual Cup Events, Top scorers B.Blackett, Bailey, G.Rollason, and R.Colley gained 12 each.

In the match at Honley Hammers, Stoke had a comfortable win 41-54. Several riders had an off night, possibly due to the slick surface.

E.TAYLOR.

## MCGILLIVRAY WINS "STEVENS TROPHY"

On August Bank Holiday, an Individual event took place at Hawbush, the "Dave Stevens Trophy". To add to his laurels, the Holder, Sandy McGillivray of Gladiators, gave yet another brilliant display to retain his title and the Trophy for another year with a faultless maximum.

What he had expected to be his toughest race never materialised, for when he and Ron Gibbons met in heat 3, Ron tried to get away a little too early, and was excluded for touching, incidentally a strong fault with ex-International Stan Stevens, who was out like this on two occasions arranged to settle second and third placings. Gibbons led with Pratt and Risley close at the first bend. Risley slid inside Pratt as they went into the back straight, but Pratt was not giving up that easily and with a tremendous burst of speed, rode completely round Alan on the next bend. Then disaster, for Demi Pratt's bottom bracket spindle snapped clean in half, same as mine did on the same track a week previous, and he was thrown violently. Unable to take part in the re-run, he could but watch as Gibbons held off Risley, to once again fill runner up position.

RON BULL.

### MIDDLESEX LEAGUE TABLE.

| Team         | P | W | D | L | Pts. |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|------|
| Tolworth "A" | 8 | 7 | - | 1 | 19   |
| Whipps X     | 6 | 6 | - | - | 15   |
| Weston       | 8 | 5 | - | 3 | 12   |
| Wombly A.S.  | 6 | 4 | - | 2 | 10   |
| Wombly Hawks | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8    |
| Harefield    | 5 | 2 | - | 3 | 5    |
| Langley      | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5    |
| B.W.K.       | 6 | 1 | - | 5 | 2    |
| Tolworth "B" | 6 | - | - | 6 | 0    |

### TOP TEN.

|               |               |      |
|---------------|---------------|------|
| 1. D.Stonox   | Harefield     | 11.7 |
| 2. N.Hunter   | Wombly A.S.   | 10.8 |
| 3. D.Jenkins  | Weston        | 10.8 |
| 4. E.Hemsley  | Whipps X      | 10.6 |
| 5. P.Page     | Tolworth "B"  | 10.6 |
| 6. P.Murden   | Tolworth "A"  | 10.2 |
| 7. R.Dewhurst | Wombly Hawks  | 10.0 |
| 8. D.Hart     | Brickott Wood | 10.0 |
| 9. J.Unsworth | Langley       | 10.0 |
| 10. R.Squires | Tolworth "A"  | 9.5  |

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# NEW SUFFOLK

## CHALLENGE MATCH.

WESTLETON VAMPIRES: 40. B.Scarlett 13, A.Baggott 12, P.Reddish 5, H.McGilp 4.

LEISTON ACES: 56.M.Look 13, A.Watling 12, D.Wilson 10, D.Adamson 9, P.Watlin 6.

This match turned out to be rather a shock, as earlier in the season Westleton slaughtered us 71-25 at home, with a 5-1 in the first heat we never looked back and went on to win by 16pts.

For the home side A.Baggott was unlucky to fall in his first race when lying second, but he won all his other races to record 12points. For the Aces now boys Doug Adamson and Des Wilson showed up well in their first match, Des was unlucky in heat 5 when he fell badly and was shaken up.

Thanks to Rocky Morgan who contacted me for a challenge match early in September, this offer can help us a great deal. Thanks again Rocky.

M.LEEK.

# HUNGERFORD

These are the results of the events held on the Hungerford Panthers track on Bank Holiday Monday, when the Panthers held a foto in the local park where their track is situated.

## Senior 4 rider Knockout. Wiltshire Herald & Advertiser Cup .

|                           |     |                  |     |
|---------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| 1st Round. Hungerford "A" | 16. | Kingstanding "B" | 8.  |
| Hungerford "B"            | 10. | Cloverton "A"    | 14  |
| Thatcham "A"              | 17. | Thatcham "B"     | 7.  |
| Cloverton "B"             | 8.  | Kingstanding "A" | 16. |
| Semi-final Hungerford "A" | 15. | Thatcham "A"     | 8.  |
| Kingstanding "A"          | 10. | Cloverton "A"    | 14. |
| Final Hungerford "A"      | 14  | Cloverton "A"    | 9.  |

## Junior 4 rider Knockout. Marlborough Times Cup.

|                         |     |              |     |
|-------------------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Semi-final Thatcham "A" | 4.  | Kingstanding | 20. |
| Thatcham "B"            | 15. | Hungerford   | 9.  |
| Final. Thatcham "B"     | 10. | Kingstanding | 14. |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cycle Speedway Queen. | 1st. Miss Elizabeth Hollister | Hungerford. |
|                       | 2nd. Miss McCarthy            | Cloverton.  |

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|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cross Country. | 1st. R.Jordan    | Hungerford.   |
|                | 2nd. I.Pattinson | Kingstanding. |
|                | 3rd. D.Lyford    | Thatcham.     |

|            |                 |               |
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| Slow Race. | 1st. J.Davis    | Cloverton.    |
|            | 2nd. A.Harrison | Kingstanding. |

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| Backward Race. | 1st. R.Jordan   | Hungerford    |
|                | 2nd. A.Harrison | Kingstanding. |
|                | 3rd. B.Geator   | Hungerford.   |

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# SWEDISH TEAM RACE

## THEIR FIRST MATCH IN ENGLAND!

BY RON BULL

Late in the evening of Sunday, August 10th 1958, the first ever party of Swedish Cycle Speedway riders arrived at Liverpool Street Stn, to be met by Dave Stevens their English organiser, Ron Bull and his wife and Terry Greenaway and Stan Stevens. Within minutes, they were joined by Alan Perham and Barry Dunn of Gladiators.

When the introductions and handshakes were over, five Swedish cycle speedway machines emerged from the smoky station onto another platform ready for travel. The main party disappeared into a nearby cafe for a cuppa, most approved by both nationalities.

So it was that six Swedes found themselves billeted in Seven Kings, two more with Alan Perham and the remaining four at 13, Manor Road, Romford, in the same bedroom that recently held the Scottish tourists.

On Monday Aug. 11th, they toured London for a few hours (at their special request) then around the West End, in and out of tube trains, and showed a mania for the top deck of double decker buses, unseen in Sweden.

Then after an hour or so at my place, during which time they drank and drank coffee, sprawled out dead beat, boat blue blazes out of my guitar and played dozens of gramophone records at full volume, they had a meal and then arrived at the track to embark on their first match against The Gladiators, their first ever match in England.

Unfortunately, they fared not so well as they would have liked, Gladiators winning by 77-43, but they showed grand spirit and tried hard for their points return. One or two riders, like Kjellin, (pronounced Shellen incidentally) and Sjoberg and Nordberg will do reasonably well on this tour, while the rest will at least get valuable experience.

They are a good hearted lot of youngsters, and I stress the word "youngsters" for most of them are between 15-17, and they will be popular wherever they travel. Ford "Puck" Erickson in particular. It is little wonder that his nickname is "Puck", for he is a real bunch of mischief. He's constantly on the look-out for fun and can always be relied upon for a laugh.

Some of them can speak remarkably good English considering their ages, Jan Nilsson in particular. Their party leader, Karl Erik-Holm speaks our lingo excellently and is a real fine chap to know. He looks after his charges in excellent fashion. They are lucky to have a person of his calibre in Sweden. This tour will do the sport no end of good.

Our match was well covered by the local press, with a reporter and photographer in attendance, and despite the short notice, and the fact that we are not allowed to advertise at the track, over 250 people were present to see the racing. The crowd, very sportingly showed its appreciation by loud applause when the Swedes registered victory in any of the heats.

For the Gladiators, McGillivray was in devastating form to record another 15pt maximum, and he was admirably backed up by the whole team. From the Swedish point of view. At the gate I had laughingly told them they had no need to wear crash helmets, as the track was perfectly smooth and fast. Then, on the second lap, with yours truly attempting to join my partner Knight in the lead, I hit one of the Swedes and shot clean over the handlebars. As I laboriously hoisted myself up out of the dust, the Swedes were convulsed in laughter. Frankly, if I looked how I felt, I don't blame them.

In this match, Gladiators, with Milano, Wood, Pratt and Anthony not riding for various reasons, Alan Stevens came back into the side, while we also welcomed Ken Gibson back to the saddle and brought two Crusaders into the side. One in particular

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my younger brither Brian impressed all with a tigering display of riding that he had me wondering how long I could stay better than he is. Trouble is he's only 14.

The scorers in this match were:(Bonus points in brackets)

THE GLADIATORS..77 Sandy McGillivray..15, Norman Sutton..12(1), Alan Perham..10(3)  
Les Grant..10(1), Lionel Knight..8(2), Ron Bull..7(2), Brian Bull..6, Alf Miloham..4,  
Alan Stevens..3, Ken Gibson 2(1).

SWEDISH TOURISTS.. 43. Lennart Kjellin..13, Hans Sjoborg..7½(1), Douglas Nordborg..6(1)  
Christor Lundquist..6, Tord Eriksson..4(1), Jan Nilsson 2½(1), Soren Formolin..2,  
Hans Johansson..1(1), Lars Boborg..1, Sven Kansson..0.

By the way all the party know at least two English words....they are, of course  
....HELLO GIRLS!!!

RON BULL.

# NACSA TELL THE BCSF THERE IS NO BAN

As the B.C.S.F. had never been informed of the ban by N.A.C.S.A. I decided that I would ask them for official confirmation of it. I informed N.A.C.S.A. that the only way we had been told about it was by the various cycle speedway publications. This was the interpretation I received."No member of this Association who is a member of B.C.S.F. or like body shall be permitted to hold an executive post in the association." The following statement was added,"I see no reason why a rider should be penalised, to the extent of barring him from competitions, neither do I see why a club should suffer the same fate, if a club thinks that it should have interests in both bodies, and providing they accept the conditions of both bodies, why should they not do so?"

J.RICHARDSON.

## SOUTH ESSEX LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Aug.17th. East Ham Stars  
Walthamstow Wolves

Thurrock Stars

Aug.24th The Gladiators

Hawbush Hammers

Walthamstow Wolves

Aug.31st.Thurrock Stars

Whipps X Comets

Hawbush Hammers

Sept. 7th. Thurrock Stars

The Gladiators

Walthamstow Wolves

Sept.15th.Whipps X Comets

Walthamstow Wolves

Sept.22nd. Hawbush Hammers

Thurrock Stars

The remaining matches will be suitably arranged later on.

v Hawbush Hammers

v Gladiators

v Hawbush Hammers

v Whipps X Comets

v The Gladiators

v Thurrock Stars

v The Gladiators

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# CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT IN FULL SWING

SOUTH LONDON RANGERS  
NOW LEADING TABLE.

The fight to become 1958 Southern Premier League Champions is really becoming interesting now, because last Sunday Raynos Park Tigers, last seasons champions, met their Waterloo at the hands of South London Rangers by 49-47. This win now puts Rangers back on top of the table with 18pts from 11 matches. However Tigers are still well in the hunt having 16pts from 9 matches, an advantage of two matches in hand. Outsiders at the moment are Beckenham Monarchs who are lying third with 12pts from 9 matches, just waiting for either of the top two teams to slip.

In the match between South London Rangers and Raynos Park Tigers, Rangers held the advantage throughout and it was not until the 15th heat that Tigers managed to draw level, but in an exciting nominated race, Roy Baker (Rangers) pipped Tigers Dave Chivers for first place and with Peto Milton holding Geoff Pennifot at bay, Rangers were assured of their two point lead.

In form for Rangers were Roy Baker 15 and Ivan Mougier 12, while Tigers best were Dave Chivers 9 and Charlie Vaughan and Tod Crocknoll with 8pts each.

At Ditton the Devils pulled off a surprise 49-46 victory over a Tooting Tigers team minus Brian Groatloy. Ditton gained the lead in the second heat and never looked like losing it only a 5-1 win in the nominated race keeping the scores at a respectable distance. In excellent form for the Devils were Mike Smith 10 and Phil Binos and Jim Doherty with 8pts each, while scoring more than half Tooting Tigers between them were Derek Cattle with a 15pt. max and Ken Archer with 13. This now leaves Ditton in fourth place in the table and Tooting fifth.

Teams selected for the return Test match with North London at Edmonton on Aug 23rd are as follows: "A" Team R. Baker (S. London) T. Spaulding (Beckenham) D. Cattle (Tooting) D. Chivers (Raynos Park) T. Cracknoll (Raynos Park) P. Jarman (Beckenham) capt. I. Mougier (S. London) M. Smith (Ditton). "B" Team: F. Bodford (Raynos Park), P. Milton (S. London) D. Daniel (Beckenham) K. Archer (Tooting) capt. B. Cabio (Tooting) B. Groatloy (Tooting) G. Butler (Thornton Heath).

TONY JONES.

## FIRST BIG B.C.S.F. EVENT THE BRITTANIA SHIELD

The Britannia Shield event will take place at Garrett Park Wandsworth on Sunday Sept 14th at 3pm. This trophy has been sponsored by Mr. N.L. Roden of Alfred Roden & Sons Ltd. Mr. Roden is being invited to present the trophy and is being offered a position of Vice President in appreciation of his great interest in the Federation.

We are also very pleased to announce that Mr. P. Taylor of North London Independent League who stewarded the World Championships in Holland has accepted an invitation to steward the Britannia Shield event.

J. RICHARDSON. Secretary,  
British Cycle Speedway Federation.