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SOUTH LONDON

With the 1968 season now nearing completion, only matches remaining are the Jack Hulbert Shield Final, between Raynes Park Tigers and South London Rangers. Plans are already under discussion for 1959.

One of the main items on the agenda is the formation of two divisions for next season. The main idea behind this plan being to give the junior element in the League more racing against riders of their own class, and cut out those farcical matches where a junior team meets a senior side and gets a thrashing of say, 76-26. Biggest snag of course, will be the fact, whether or not enough teams will be entered at least 10 to 12 clubs being needed to make this arrangement practical.

Big night of the Southern Premier is the Presentation evening, which is scheduled to be held at the French Horn and Half Moon Hotel, East Hill Wandsworth, on Friday January 30th 1959 at 8.15 p.m. It is hoped that the presentation of cups and medals of the various competitions during last season, will be made by the Mayor of Wandsworth.

A cordial invitation is extended on behalf of the Southern Premier C.S.A. to anyone who would like to come along, and enjoy what should be an excellent evening. While on the subject of invitations, I am asked by the S.P. Control Board to invite any clubs interested in joining this league in 1959 to attend the General Managers meeting of the Control Board, which is to be held at the French Horn and Half Moon Hotel, Wandsworth on Tuesday, January 6th, 1959 at 8.15 p.m.

RESULTS

The second leg of the Jack Hulbert Shield semi-finals were ridden on Dec 7th. At Raynes Park, the Tigers had an easy passage against Thornton Heath Cobras, winning 72-24 and taking the tie on aggregate by 148-44. Four of the Tigers were unbeaten by an opponent, top scorers being Dave Chivers, and Geoff Penniket both with 13pts and Tod Cracknoll (11). Scoring half of the Cobras points between them were Geoff Smith (7) and Neil Goodram (6). Match of the day undoubtedly was at Tooting, where South London Rangers, after being three points down up to heat 13, pulled off a surprise 49½-46½ victory against Tooting Tigers, who looked to have the match in the bag. Aggregate score was 97½-94½ in favour of the Rangers. Topping the Rangers scores was Roy Baker, who recorded an immaculate 15pt maximum, Pete Milton (9½), Ron Webb and Ron Smith both with 8 giving good support, while top man for Tooting was Derek Cattle with 13, well backed up by Ken Archer (10) and Bernie Cable (9).

In a challenge match at Raynes Park, the Tigers defeated Middlesex side, Weston Stars by 67-29, Dave Chivers (12), Geoff Penniket (11) and Fred Lawrence (10) were Tigers best, while only Stars to click were Maury Shaw (9) and Dave Jenkins (5).

CHALLENGE

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 52: Penniket 12, Chivers 11, Cracknoll 8, Trigg 7, Bodford 6,
WEMBLEY ALL STARS 44: Frazer 10, Rankmore, Davis 7, Bristowe 6, Dean, Hunter 5, Wildman 4.

RAYNES PARK STARS 61: Hennessy 12, Gingoll 10.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 37: F. BOOTELL 14.

WESTON STARS 32: Boultonwood 7, Cathcart 5, Harvey 5.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 64: Cracknoll 14, Lawrence 13.

THORNTON HEATH COBRAS 56.....SOUTH LONDON HUNTERS 40. NO scorers available.

WEMBLEY HAWKS.....50.....Raynes Park Stars 46. No scorers available.

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ESSEX

FACTS AND FIGURES

SOUTH ESSEX SENIOR CYCLE SPEEDWAY LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	PTS
WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES	8	8	0	0	577	277	16
EAST HAM STARS	8	5	0	3	461	399	10
THE GLADIATORS	7	4	0	3	423	331	8
HAWBUSH HAMMERS	7	1	0	6	272½	481½	2
THURROCK STARS	8	1	0	7	305½	550½	2

SOUTH ESSEX JUNIOR CYCLE SPEEDWAY LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	PTS
THE CRUSADERS	5	4	0	1	149	90	8
EAST HAM JUNIORS	4	3	0	1	120	72	6
HAWBUSH DIAMONDS	3	1	0	2	55	88	2
THE VIKINGS	4	0	0	4	59	133	0

League matches still to be played are:-

Senior League. Hawbush Hammers.....v.....The Gladiators

Junior League. The Vikings.....v.....East Ham Juniors

Hawbush Diamonds.....v.....The Crusaders

Hawbush Diamonds.....v.....East Ham Juniors

Hawbush Diamonds.....v.....The Vikings.

OTHER MATCHES.

Yallop Trophy.

Semi-Final.....East Ham Stars.....v.....Walthamstow Wolves

Final.....Gladiators.....v.....Winners of semi-final.

"Last-Three-In-The-Longue" Competition.

RON BULL.

EAST HAM and WELLING

The final match of the season was a Knock-out Individual event. The four finalists were:- 1.Vic Duffy, 2. Brian Lucas, 3. Dave Hoit, 4. Brian Hogger. Brian Hogger was unlucky, for, when lying well placed he received a puncture.

WELLING MATCH RACE

Dave Hoit the holder, was beaten in his first defence by Terry Lucas. Brians promising young brother, by 2-1.

Leading Welling riders and averages.

B.Lucas 12.3, B.Hogger 12.1, D.Hoit 11.1, C.Beagio 8, C.Haine 7, M.McDougal 5.Smith 4.1

VIC DUFFY.

SOUTHERN PREMIER (continued)

JACK HULBERT SHIELD - SEMI-FINALS - 1st Leg.

THORNTON HEATH COBRAS 20: G.Smith 6, R.Baker 4.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 76: F.Lawrence 13, T.Cracknell 12.

SOUTH LONDON RANGERS 48: R.Baker 13, R.Wobb 9, P.Milton 8.

TOOTING TIGERS 48: B.Cable 13, K.Archer, D.Cattle 9.

TONY JONES.

HOLLAND

On November 23rd and December 10th, the Hilversum Championship Individuals were held. The results have shown that the Dutch policy of rejuvenation is turning out the success we hoped for. The Board will maintain this policy, in the future.

On November 23rd the races for the Hilversum Championship were held on the Council track, Minckelersstraat in Hilversum, and showed us the progress of the Junior riders.

RESULTS

		pts	ago
1. Donald Roicho	Junior	14	16
2. Honk Koot	Senior	13	22
3. Bortus Klomp	Senior	13	25
4. Jaap Voorneveld	Junior	10	15
5. Theo de Lijster	Junior	10	15
6. Jan Kats	Junior	10	16
7. Andries de Wit	Adspirant.	9	15
8. Loo Commu	Junior	9	12
9. Honk Schaap	Senior	7	23
10. Jan Langhout	"	6	20
11. Evert Jonkhart	"	6	23
12. Jos Klein	Adsp.	5	15
13. Jaques Brandor	"	5	15
14. Jan v.d. Roost	"	4	13
15. Louis Posthumus	"	3	14
16. Hans Hunnik	"	3	14

M.B. CAYLAUX. (SEC.)

A report of the meeting held on December 10th will be included in next weeks issue of the Gazette.

Personality Corner

GRAHAM MULLETT
(OXFORD)

July 1958 and one GRAHAM MULLETT, a leading "professional waster" (own admission) and layabout, watched cycle speedway for the first time and deduced from this gazing it was silly. In August, like so many others who have caught the disease of C.S. he was riding. Number eight for Cowley Eagles at Wallingford - one point - no bike - no confidence.

Weeks and weeks of this sort of form - then the Eagles 'B' side was formed - he was elected vice captain and proceeded to top the score table in their first match. A fortnight later, top again - an eight for a losing team and thirteen (paid fourteen) for the winners.

Now, two bikes, (one is high on perfect mechanically), lots of points and more confidence than all the Eagles put together.

I forecast Graham for big things - like the side he races for. I think he will outshine anything produced anywhere - in so quick a time - like the Eagles. This is the personification of Oxfords revival - Neither will die I am sure.

Barry Shapley

The Swedish reporter for the Gazette, Dave Stevens, has a column in the speedway paper SPEEDWAY WORLD. His column includes items of general interest to cycle speedway enthusiasts.

WEMBLEY v COWLEY

WEMBLEY UGH!

It was foggy, wet and dismal. We'd lost £7.15.0. on unoccupied seats on the coach. We'd arrived at the All Stars track at 1.40p.m. The match commenced at 3.30pm. We got trounced, well and truly. Johnny Thomas, guest Mick Grant, Ken Rowland and Jock Sutherland, all under-gearred. Only guest (in place of Ken McMinn) Doug Califano and myself managed heat wins (I had three races on the trot). Still, it's a great track, Roy Frazer, Alec Frazer and Dixie Dean all great sports, Vic Mornor a frustrated manager, and their starter's really good. Thanks Dixie and Co, we'll be back next season, geared properly and maybe (?) we'll win.

WEMBLEY ALL STARS: Dean, Rankmore 11, Frazer 10, Wildman 9, R. Frazer 8, Bristow, Cartor 5
COWLEY EAGLES: Califano 12, Shapley (3 races - reserve) 8, Sutherland, Grant, Warwick 4, Hudson, Rowland 2, Thomas 1.

Mick Elliott - Ex Drayton Vampire, will be an ex-Eagle soon. He wishes to go to Rose Hill Hounds, we don't want a half hearted rider, so bots are no goos.

In the match at Wembley, the Eagles 'B' match, commencing in the half light, was stopped by the steward at heat 12, score - 38½ to 15½ for the All Stars first team. Only Gammon, Thomas and Mullott, showing good form.

BARRY SHAPLEY.

HAMPSHIRE

The Hants Control Board have their A.G.M. on January 4th at 2.30p.m. in the General and Municipal Workers Offices in Southampton. The Seton Vikings, who are Hants Team Champions also collect awards for Hants League Champions. The Dorset Champions, Tatnam Tigers "A" collect runners up awards.

ANDY BRIGHT.

VICKERS "VISCOUNTS" TOP SCORERS FOR 1958.

Name	No of Rides	Points	Average per match.
Jim Cooke	63	149	11.46
Kon Pitfield	55	104	9.46
Mike Palmer	51	73	6.08
Mike Sodgwick	42	53	5.30
Ted Fall	27	39	6.50
John Adams	15	36	9.00
Barry Black	18	32	8.00
Dave Lock	37	30	3.33
Ian Bonnett	24	24	4.80
Les Snow	33	23	2.56
Ron Lookyer	23	22	3.67

J. COOKE.

APOLOGY

INCORRECT STATEMENTS IN PREVIOUS ISSUE

Dear Sir, I must clear up two misapprehensions printed in earlier issues of the "Gazette". Mr. Wright did not decline the job as Press Officer, in actual fact he was never asked. Secondly, our ex-secretary assures me that the Aylestone Aces were notified of the date of the Captains Shield.

P. RAWSON. Press Officer - Leicester C.B.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

A THOUGHTFUL ARTICLE BY
A LEADING CYCLE SPEEDWAY
SPORTS WRITER.

Now it's winter and perhaps the best time for me to elaborate on a theme I've been harping on for a season or two, namely Veterans v Present Day Stars. I vaguely think some people laugh at the suggestion. Why? If a normal steady person like Fred Bennett or Mr. Ashtonhurst up in Manchester had put the idea forward I guess it would be a yearly fixture by now. Still that's the penalty of ill-fame I suppose. However, next year, if they haven't caught up with me (old age and ex-girl friends) I'll be still racing. Racing hard, 'cause this Oxford circuit will be a hard one in 1959. Califano, Barlowe, Sutherland, McMinn, Mullett and so - makes me shudder!!!

Still, I again suggest that if any BEFORE 1950 rider - such as Dixie Dean, Roy Archie, Brian Moston, Johnny Pinnock wrote to me before April, I could perhaps get all the arranging done. So how about it lads? The address? - 202 Herschel Crescent, Littlemore, Oxford.

Often, and I see from the N.A.C.S.A. A.G.M. proposals that they're at it again, people come forward with new suggestions for improving racing regulations. I see no valid reasons for any amendments, I only suggest that stewarding be taken more seriously and the existing rules be applied strictly to the book. That's all. Wembleys steward was great when we were there - even the much abused starting procedure was made to work. It can be done you stewards.

No, the racing rules are O.K., but not, I think, the programme formula. South Esse xs seems ideal to me - No nominated riders heat - a good idea, for it stops the inevitable "favouritism" plea by the unpicked.

Gates are another matter - I like GOOD fly-up ones, but detest bad, slow ones - especially the two-ropes-pull efforts. I'd much rather have elastic. But I'm used to Scottish methods.

Remember, (who doesn't) the halcyon days of council built tracks sponsored competitions and such? They went with steam radio, I know, and I can't help feeling that some good emerged from their "fall". Now we know the standard to which we must aim, we know how much better we must get. That's why the sports growing; - not fading away like big brother Speedway - but growing. Slowly now, not like the each-street-a-team days. Now it's each district, and with each district comes usually a committee centre or a Youth club to add respectively to the venture. Anyway, it all seems good to me.

Then there's the amount of travelling done. More and more teams are getting about at week-ends. Up to a point it's great - new friends; all the club together for a days outing; a stop at the pub on the way back; all in, a day to remember. BUT, what about League matches, cup matches etc. Are they tackled with the same enthusiasm? Or are they small fry? I think once fortnightly away challenge matches are enough. What do you say?

BARRY SHAPLEY.

MIDDLESEX

WHITE HART BEST PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Riders of the Whipps Cross Comets took part in the 8th White Hart Best Pairs Championships for annual competition. After close and exciting racing the winners by one point, were Ted Sear and Dave Hamilton, with 10pts, joint second were Keith Taylor and Stewart Gibbons 9, and John Woolnough and Johnny Stevens 9, while only one point behind were Eric Hemsley and Alan Barnard 8.

MIDDLESEX K.O. CUP - 1st round - 1st log.

Riding through fog and rain the Comets arrived at Wembley to race in the 1st log of the K.O. Cup. From the first heat the Comets went all out for an early lead, but by heat 8 the homestors had a 10 point lead which they extended in the second half, but only after the Comets had fought to reduce the lead, succeeding in some of the heats and losing it in the next. At the close of the match the Wembley Hawks had a 16point lead for the second log, which is to be held at the Comets track under floodlight.

The Comets knowledge of their own track should ensure a close finish on aggregate. **WEMBLEY HAWKS 56:** Bootol 14, O'Grady 13, Malliot 9, Osbourne 6, Gadsby 6, Mason 5, Dunlop 2, Pinnock 1.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 40: Hemsley 10, Soar 9, Bunco 6, Kingsnorth 6, Brown 4, Taylor 4 Hamilton 1, Stevens 0.

COMETS JUNIORS BEST PAIRS RESULT.

1st Johnny Stevens and Stewart Gibbons 13,

2nd Dave Hamilton and Alan Barnard 5.

J. BROWN.

MIDDLESEX TOP TWENTY.

Rider	Race Av.	Match Av.	Club.
1. Dixie Dean	2.55	10.41	Wembley All Stars
2. Keith Taylor	2.45	8.90	Whipps X Comets
3. Pete Page	2.44	12.06	Tolworth Tudors "B"
4. Dave Jenkins	2.44	10.58	Weston Stars
5. Roy Frazer	2.43	10.75	Wembley All Stars
6. Paul Murden	2.42	10.20	Tolworth Tudors "A"
7. Dave Stonex	2.36	10.40	Harefield Pirates
8. Eric Hemsley	2.33	10.85	Whipps X Comets
9. Roger Dewhurst	2.24	10.08	Wembley Hawks
10. Norman Hunter	2.23	9.40	Wembley All Stars
11. Brian Robinson	2.22	9.72	Harefield Pirates
12. Pete Ridés	2.22	9.08	Tolworth Tudors "A"
13. Ken White	2.22	9.0	" "
14. Reggie Squires	2.20	9.50	" "
15. Alec Fraser	2.19	8.78	Wembley All Stars
16. Pete Lockie	2.19	8.58	Harefield Pirates
17. Tony Claydon	2.17	9.12	Tolworth Tudors "A"
18. Derek Pearce	2.17	8.71	" "
19. Johnny Pinnock	2.13	8.72	Wembley Hawks
20. Billy Rankmore	2.10	8.20	Wembley All Stars

ROGER SEYMOUR.

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