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Following the publication of the Worthing Sputniks "A" Team Review a few months ago, and our request for more of them, we have received quite a few - but we still want more !!!

We are incorporating these Reviews in with our new series, starting this week, "FLASHBACK TO 1958".

Several readers have written and said how they liked our picture feature in our 200th. issue, which was also called "FLASHBACKS", and we hope to include more in with this series. Other items are :-

EXCLUSIVE TO CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE *
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TO 1958

NO. 1.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

The "Gazette" brought to you, in 1958, a full report of the first ever Championship of the World, written in graphic style by our on-the-spot-reporter Vic Cowell in Holland.

Today, in our series of "Flashbacks to 1958", we bring you the story, EXCLUSIVE TO THE "GAZETTE", written by the organiser, Hartog de Ronde, on June 18th. 1958.

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The first World Championship of Cycle Speedway has been held, and with the expected results and 'surprises.'

22 British, consisting of NACSA, Federation, Independent, Scots, Irish and Welsh riders, and 10 Dutch, national and independent riders entered, as a result of the activities of Mr.F.Bennett, V.Cowell and myself. The hard work put in by Mr.Bennett could not be crowned by his presence in Holland.

The party was split into two - British National and British Independent. The National (NACSA) were placed at the Hotel "Tunnel", Hilversum North, and the Independent Party at the Hotel "New State-wapen" Hilversum West. The track is situated in Hilversum East, and transport was arranged by lorry.

The riders were practising on Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5pm, except for the Independents, who did not arrive in time. Dean, Pearce, Punter and Blackwell showed great riding ability. They all got used to the track very quickly, and advice given to the riders to whom the track was strange was eagerly accepted, especially by Dean and Allan. I personally did not expect the results of one week later.

At 7.30 the first pool started with a word from the Inspector of the sport in Hilversum, Mr.C.A.M.Dekker. Mr.Percy Taylor, the steward for the World Final, was in the centre, and his hard job started,

Winners of the first heats showed their capabilities. de Brakel heat 1, Bristowe heat 2, Blackwell heat 3, and Koot heat 4. The sensation came out of the dark background of riders. Little Leo Commu, 11 years old, was put into the Championship for the promise he had shown in the previous months. He was not particularly fast, but his racing was very enjoyable to watch, keen and attractive. Bomber-Read, one of the strongest Tottenham riders, was in a terrific fight with Cloudt and Commu; on the third bend Cloudt was obliged to hit the outside after a bump with Read, but 30 yards further, Read crashed after a bump with the smallest rider, Commu. This crash cost him the points and a place in the final, as another crash in his third race lost him more points. Still Martin van de Brakel showed his great speed, passing riders on the outside, thrilling the riders, spectators, and even the steward. Blackwell, obliged to put up his highest speed, crashed twice, Koot (Holland) shared his points very carefully but was defeated by the terrific speed of de Brakel. Punter (Wales), experienced by other races on the Hilversum track, was assured of 3rd. place, and Bristowe surprised by taking the fourth.

The result of Pool 1.

v.d.Brakel 15, Koot 13, Punter 12, Bristowe 11, Blackwell 9, Langhout 9, v.Meteren 9, Jeffery 8, Cloudt 7, Wills 7, Read 6, Commu 5, Chilton 3, Pattinson 3, Bakker 2, Seymour 1.

One mistake the steward made gave Langhout (Holland) 2 points more than he earned. In his last race, Langhout crashed when leading, all riders passed him, and the disappointed Langhout continued the heat very slowly. The surprise was the result of the race - Bakker was excluded for no clear reason, Langhout second! I saw Langhout go into the pits after 3 laps, and when in 4th. position, but even if I am mistaken, Langhout should only be third if Bakker was disqualified. Fortunately it made no difference, as Langhout would have been in the Final even if he was disqualified.

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POOL TWO

On Tuesday night, Kean, without previous experience of the track, and without any practice, went out of the gate very fast, not showing any style, but gaining 3 points. Dean showed his experience (nice riding that bloke!) by riding the track as if he had never been on any other. Koudijs was nervous and did not show his normal form, but won four out of his five races. The Scots rider Allan, gained the needed points without much risk. A surprise was Donald Reiche (Germany) - after just two months in Hollandse Welpen he showed speed and brainy riding, and will be a great star in the future.

Three Dutch riders had a run off for the 8th. place, and the result of a thrilling race was Reiche, Leeuwenberg, Klomp.

Result of Pool 2.

Koudijs 13, Kean 11, Dean 11, Smith 11, Allan 10, Cowell 9, Evans 9, Reiche 8, Klomp 8, Leeuwenberg 8, Hollebon 5, Cooper 5, Pearce 5, Hunting 4, Thornton 2, Stevens D. 1.

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POOL THREE

For the non-finalists, we arranged a match in the famous R.A.I. Building at Amsterdam. A wooden track of 100 yards was made on the floor, and was not slippery or fast. All the riders were racing in strange circumstances, so we looked like having a good meeting.

Wills took a lead with the first 3 points, as did Cooper, Read and Klomp in the following races. Cooper, Read and Klomp won their next races to retain the lead with 6 each, while Seymour surprised by winning his heat against terrific opposition. At the last heat, Klomp (12) only needed a first or second to make him a clear winner, but try as he could, he could not get out of fourth place. It's all in the game!

Result of Pool 3

Read 13, Klomp 12, Wills 11, Pearce 11, Cooper 9, Hunting 9, Seymour 8, Leeuwenberg 8, Thornton 7, Hollebon 7, Cloudt 7, Pattinson 4, Bakker 4, Chilton 3, Stevens 3, Commu 3.

THE FINALISTS

D.Reiche (Germany) ; K.Bristowe (England) ; D.Dean (England) ;
V.Cowell (England) ; N.Allan (Scotland) ; M.Jeffery (England) ;
G.Kean (England) ; W.Evans (England) ; K.Koudijs (Holland) ;
D.Langhout (Holland) ; W.Punter (Wales) ; T.Smith (England) ;
P.Blackwell (England) ; H.Koot (Holland) ; J.v.Meteren (Holland) ;
M.v.d.Brakel (Holland).

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THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

A much better crowd (about 600) turned up to watch the Final. Television, Newsreels, newspaper photographers were there, and there was an excited atmosphere prevailed as everyone looked forward to the biggest event in cycle speedway.

As Organiser, I worked in close co-operation with the steward, and to minimise the difficulties, I ordered a completely free pits ; only the 16 actual competitors were allowed. Only two people, non-competitors, Mr. Smith*and Mr.Stevens, wanted to be in the pits, as correspondents and photographers. I did not allow this, as there was plenty of room on the track for their shots.

(*Ed. Harold Smith was in actual fact in the pits as official scorer at the request of Mr.De Ronde.)

As you will no doubt have been informed by other means of the match itself, I will confine myself to the result, and no comments. M.v.d.Brakel 15, D.Dean 13, P.Blackwell 13, H.Koot 10, N.Allan 9, K.Koudijs 9, G.Kean 8, W.Punter 8, T.Smith 6, K.Bristowe 6, M. Jeffery 6, J.v.Meteren 6, D.Reiche 3, V.Cowell 3, D.Langhout 3, W. Evans 2.

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The prizes were presented by the Inspector of the Sport, representing the Burgemaster of Hilversum. In all, there were 11 Cups, 50 Pennants, 50 Diplomas and one silver piece of laurels, a big wreath of laurels and several bouquets of flowers.

As Organiser, I am satisfied, only the television has spoiled it a little. The results were broadcasted over the radio, and on Monday several papers printed photos and articles on the sport. It will also be on the newsreels, so I think it got the success it deserved.

Thanks to Mr.Fred Bennett for the work he did. The British Party behaved itself, and you may be proud of them, Mr.Bennett. Thanks to Mr.Cowell for the work he did. The organisation was only possible by the help of these people. Thanks also to Scotland, Ireland, Wales and all the English boys. We all have done the job.

HARTOG DE RONDE, Holland.

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SOUTH LONDON

With all official fixtures for 1958, concluding on Dec 21st with the second leg of the Jack Hulbert Shield Final, the majority of the S.P. club will be concentrating on getting their tracks in good shape for next season, during the winter months.

Raynes Park plan to resurface their Morden Park home, and, weather permitting, concrete the bonds as well, while at Garrett Park, the South London and Tooting clubs also hope to give their track a new top dressing. The Ditton club too, will be giving their track a new surface. Last season many matches had to be postponed through flooding, and it is hoped that a good drainage system can be installed to counteract this. Although no news has come from Beckenham regarding resurfacing of their circuit at Birbeck, they too will undoubtedly be hard at it, in the weeks to come, as will near neighbours, Thornton Heath, who in the opinion of many people, myself included, have the best track in the League.

JACK HULBERT SHIELD FINAL - 1st leg.

Raynes Park shook everybody by going to Garrett Park and trouncing League runners-up, South London Rangers by a clear 21pts, the score being 58-37.

Although Rangers were without Ray Sartoris (retired) and Ivan Mauger (returned home to N.Zealand), they certainly never expected to lose by so many and had it not been for the spirited riding of skipper Ron Webb with 10, and Ray Baker with 9, the score would have been even greater. For Raynes Park, Dave Chivers recorded a bonus maximum of 11pts as did Ted Cracknell, who also had 11, while Fred Bodford was also undefeated for his 1 Opt. But credit must be given to the whole Tigers team, who backed up splendidly and enabled their team to take a 21pt lead for the second leg at Morden Park on Sunday, Dec 21st.

TONY JONES.

OXFORD

Next seasons Grandpont Giants' captain, Doug Califano, was married at Thotford Norfolk, on Saturday 13th December. 'Gally' now joins Baskerville Hounds' oldest Mick Elliott, as Oxfords only "hitched" riders.

Cowley Eagles have 24 signed and registered with N.A.C.S.A., riders for 1959. Cowley 'A' captain Sutherland, is still on the lookout for more juniors however.

Eagles new track location is hoped to be on a Recreation Ground in Littlemore, Oxford. Hopod-for fixtures include Tolworth, Wombloy, Brinkworth, Thurrock, Gladiators, Hungerford and Bucklebury apart from normal league racing. A proposed fixture is between Oxford University and Cowley and perhaps Oxford Choctahs too. With Ronnie "Tiger" Gonz, of East London league days, we wouldn't "WALK" it.

General opinion in the county is that B.C.S.F. and N.A.C.S.A. should settle their differences for next season. England could do with the riders of the ability of Peto Jarman, Dave Chivers and Co from the S.P.

It is hoped that Doug Maxwells Knightswood Toffs will include Oxford in their itinorio next year. Bob Gray, Joe Lotts and the others did pretty well in their last Oxfordshire visit, in 1957.

BARRY SHIPLEY.

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HOLLAND

THE HILBERSUM INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On December 10th the second leg of this championship was held in the M.O.K., the Marine Recreation Hall at Loosdrecht. About 600 Marines watched the exciting racing, with Reiche and Klomp as the favourites. Kats and Voorneveld surprised everyone with fast and clever racing. Reiche dropped points in his fourth heat to Kats and Voorneveld and later 1 point to Klomp, who was also beaten by Voorneveld. Jonkhart and Koot were nowhere!! Langhout, who rode much better on this track, gained 11 points.

RESULTS

1. L.Klomp	Senior	27pts	9.A.de Wit	Adsp.	13pts
2. D.Reiche	Junior	26 "	10.Koot	Senior	13 "
3. J.Kats	"	25 "	11.H.Hunnik	Adsp	8 "
4. Voorneveld	"	23 "	12.Roest	"	7 "
5. L.Commu	"	19 "	13.Branders	"	7 "
6. de Lijster	"	17 "	14.Klein	"	7 "
7. J.Langhout	Senior	17 "	15.Jonkhart	Senior	6 "
8. H.Schaap	"	14 "	16.Posthumus	Adsp	3 "

Langhout retires from the sport on January 1st 1959. His resignation is his own decision.

Jonkhart has been suspended by the Board for 3 months and fined £1 for misconduct. Jonkhart agreed!!!

Jonkhart has been degraded to Junior class. Reiche, Kats, Voorneveld, Commu and de Lijster are all promoted to Senior Class, de Wit was promoted to Junior class.

M.B.CAYLAUX (Secretary)

EAST HAM STARS

On Sunday, 21st December, the Stars were looking forward to a good match with Tolworth Tudors in the first round of the "All Comers Middx K.O.Cup", but the Tolworth boys, after an argument (how these boys argue) decided 5 to 3 not to ride owing to the track being too muddy. The matter is now in the hands of Middx Control Board. We had a match between ourselves and some willing riders instead.
TED WALKERS SELECT: 31: K.Barrett 9, J.Halloran 8, T.Walker 6,
BRIAN LUCAS SELECT 22: J.Barrett 8, B.Lucas 5, D.Hoit 4.

Owing to Tolworth suddenly cancelling Stars proposed visit a match was arranged at Welling between 6 riders. Three riders in two semi-finals. Final: 1st. B.Lucas, 2nd. V.Duffy, 3rd. D.Hoit, 4th. M.Mac Dougal. Several unsuccessful attempts were made at beating Allen Perfects 3 years old record of 3 laps in 34.4secs.
At East Ham we are going to stage a Junior Best Pairs Championship with medals, of equal value, for the first three pairs.

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