FLASHBACK TO 1958 NO. 3

TOLWORTH TUDORS "B"

BY ROGER SEYMOUR

This young team was formed at the start of 1958, and were entered into the North West Middlesex League. Only two of the riders had ridden in League matches before - Pete Page and Len Kitchen, both ex-Cheam. The remainder were juniors.

Tolworth took some time to settle down, and as was expected, they lost a lot of matches. By mid season they were riding much better, and managed to win a couple of matches ; these were at home to Bricket Wood 53-43 and Wembley Hawks 54-42.

Even this could not keep them off the bottom rung, and they narrowly finished last.

Outstanding for Tudors "B" was Pete Page, who had a really good season. He won the Surrey Senior Individual from a strong field, and in the finals at Hungerford, Pete finished joint 8th., after riding earlier for Tudors "A" in the Team Championship Final. Pete also did very well in the league, finishing top of the averages with 12.06, his scoring went as follows :- 6 11 15 11 11 11 15 12 12 13 15 11 10 10 15 15. This amounts to 193 points from 16 matches, which takes some doing when you are on the losing side in 14 of them !

The most promising of the juniors in my opinion is Robin Squires, younger brother of Reg. who is one of the best in the senior side. Given some help and plenty of matches, Robin will be helping himself to even more points than he got in 1958. There are plenty of young riders on the Tolworth books, but they need a couple of experienced riders for 1959, if they are to finish higher up the league.

TOLWORTH "B" LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1958

	M	P	B	TOT.	Ave.
P. Page	16	193	0	193	12.06
R.Squires	14	75	0	75	5.35
R.Steemson	16	80	1	81	5.06
J.Robinson	15	52	3	55	3.66
A.Grenham	15	52	1	53	3.53
M.Edwards	14	46	0	46	3.28
P.Overton	10	30	0	30	3.00
J.Hurley	5	13	1	14	2.80
L.Kitchen	12	25	2	27	2.25
D.Fowles	5	8	0	8	1.60

P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Position
16	2	0	6	0	0	8	579½	953½	4	9th.

Biggest win 53-43 v B.W.Kangaroos. Biggest Defeat 73-24 v Tudors "A"
Maximums = Pete Page - 5.

AFTERTHOUGHTS ON THE NACSA A.G.M.

by Jock McPATE

I have attended Annual General Meetings of N.A.C.S.A. in varied places in years past, but the Civic Centre at Southampton was undoubtedly the most impressive yet. Could this be why the business was transacted without the fireworks displays which we have come to expect as a regular feature of these meetings ?

No spectacular changes in the NACSA set-up resulted, we saw more a continuation of the process of adjustment and amedment by which it is hoped eventually to bring the Constitution and Rules of our Association to as near perfection as ingenuity can devise.

The attendance, perhaps because of the severe weather conditions, was disappointingly small, but widely representative. Strangely, the guest County, Hampshire, was most thinly represented.

The idea of having each A.G.M. in a different place is to enable as many riders as possible to attend and see how the Association works, but does not appear to have worked on this occasion.

Because of the meeting with the B.C.S.F. on the following day, most of us remained in Southampton overnight. For all, it was a night to remember, and few got to bed before the early hours - in fact, two of the crowd did not get to their own beds at all ! When the "Bees" got busy it was rather frustrating for the occupants of the next room, for every buzz was clearly audible through the thin walls. Take heart, Dave - Sweden is yet to come ! Elmdon Bees must go on record as a fast gating side.

A sight unfortunately missed was that of a prominent member from the North climbing up his little ladder to bed in the top bunk - did he pull it up behind him and utter the time honoured words "Blow you Jack .....".

Sunday breakfast developed into a Cycle Speedway bull session - it lasted so long that even Brian Moston was out of bed ere it finished. Then out in the cold, cold snow to meet our opposite numbers of the BCSF. The outcome of the meeting you all know - we could not find a single point upon which to disagree - makes one wonder if all this divided effort is really necessary.

This annual general meeting we shall all remember for one thing or another - the cold, the vodka, the ghoulies, the ghosties, the long-legged beasties, and the things etc.etc.

Heres to the next one at Oxford.

JOCK McPATE.

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EDITORS POSTCRIPT : I was in bed very early (unfortunately), but the sounds of revelry kept me awake long into the morning, When I did get to sleep, it was only to be awoken frequently by these aforementioned ghoulies and ghosties slithering about overhead.

Makes yer think, don't it ?

CLUB ROUND-UP

Langley Leopards have lost their track, and will now amalgamate with Harefield Pirates. This was decided at the club's meeting two weeks ago.

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Wembley All Stars have recently aquired a hall for their members. They have started a Table Tennis and Darts League which has proved very popular.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Wiltshire Control Board took place on Tuesday January 27th. We hope to include a report in our next issue.

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Whitley Stars will be the first Coventry team for several years to affiliate to NACSA. They are forsaking the Coventry League this year to compete in the Birmingham League.

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Tolworth Tudors have been strengthened by the return of Roger Kirk, now back from Cyprus. The "B" Team forfieted their cup match with Ruislip Lions, as they preferred to play football.

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Tottenham Kangaroos have applied to enter the Middlesex League in 1959. They are a good team, and should give a good account of themselves.

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Bricket Wood Kangaroos are hoping for a better season. They are a keen team and the experience gained from their first League season should stand them in good stead.

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Shaldon Kestrels are getting down to work for the 1959 season which will open at Easter. There will be a number of new faces in the team. Kestrels hope to make a few tours this summer, but the areas to which they will go have not yet been decided. Teams wishing to visit Devon are requested to contact Mr.Ron Vaulter at No.2, Hollywell, Combeinteignhead, Newton Abbot, Devon.

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Whipps Cross Comets recently beat Thurrock Stars 59-36. Eric Hemsley scored a maximum for Comets. For the Stars, only Alan Wood, D.Smith and unlucky Paddy Hunt made any impression.

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Rumours of a revival of a team at Rothley, Leicestershire are many and conflicting. It is said that lads have been seen working on a track, but one of the many people reputed to be managing the team have denied any knowledge of this.

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WHY NOT LET US KNOW WHAT <u>YOUR</u> CLUB IS DOING ? SEND IN YOUR CLUB NEWS TO CLUB ROUNDUP, but please keep it short and to the point.

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FREE FOR ALL

YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM : John Brown, Amesbury Drive, Chingford, E.4.

Dear Sir,

I wouldlike to point out a piece of wrong information given by Ron Bull in his recent issue of Essex news. He stated that our team were beaten on our own track by Walthamstow Wolves by 30 points in the Yallop Trophy, and he hails this as a great feat, and indeed it would be if it were true, but in fact it was at the Wolves track that we lost by that score. He also underlined the fact that the Wolves had only 5 riders, and while we do not want to belittle this grand win by the Wolves, we would like to point out that the competition was for 7 a side teams, and we only fielded 6 riders and a raw novice. Ron also stated that we have lost twice this season on our own track, once to the Gladiators and once to Wembley All Stars.

Well, Wembley won a greatmatch under floodlights at our track, but the match against The Gladiators was an Essex league match which was virtually our "B" team aided by four first team riders who scored all but seven of our points, although I must admit we fielded it as Whipps Cross Comets, and by theway, we lost that match by 28 and not 16 points. The four "B" team riders, as a point of interest were Woolnough, Harcourt, North and Mos;ey.

HAMPSHIRE A.G.M.

On Sunday January 4th. the Hampshire League held it's AGM at 54, Henstead Road, Southampton. Mr.Bennett, the League Secretary, read the minutes of last years meeting. Mr.Davies, the Chairman, then praised the League winners, Southampton Vikings on their good performance on winning the League. Tatnam Tigers were also congratulated on becoming runners-up.

Next on the list were the amendments and new rules, etc. Tatnam put forward three items for discussion, the first being that the starting procedure be altered to the 3-10 secs. instead of the present straight up. Rejected 15-12. Secondly that a reserve league should be formed. Accepted. Thirdly, that the Tigers "B" be allowed to change their name to Tatnam Tudors. Only member to disfavour the idea was former Tatnam manager, Mr.J.Bradley.

The Southampton C.B. put forward a resolution that the starting procedure be changed to that of coming under starters orders as soon as riders reach the rest line, than when they were on the grid the starter to use his own discretion when to start the race. This was passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS : Chairman Mr.Davies ; Secretary Mr.Bennett, Treasurer Mr.Pitcher. This is Mr.Bennett's 10th. year as League Secretary.

R. NICHOLSON.

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

LEICESTER

At the December board meeting ther was again only a 50% attendance this time without the excuse of bad weather. The main business was next years competitions, which are to be the Summer Cup, run on a league basis, one home and one away, during the first two months of the season starting in mid-April; the league, which will be two home and away meetings, to follow the Summer Cup; and the usual junior and senior Individual Championships. Dates for the latter and the county best pairs will be arranged at a latter date.

Therewill, of course, be local participation in N.A.C.S.A. and the Midland competitions also.

I am informed that as from January 1st, Harry Glover will be the secretary of Belgrave Red Devils. Dave Brant will retain the office of treasurer.

ROY WRIGHT.

FREE FOR ALL [Your Letters] "SHAPLEY THE GREAT(?)"

FROM Bob Saunders, Bricket Wood, St.Albans Herts.
Dear Sir; This man Shapley must be the greatest. Week after week he tells us so. Last week, after telling us that he had three races on the trot(what energy) the Great Man emphasises in the scores that he only had three rides in which to obtain 8points. I also notice that he failed to point out who the other three reserves were in the match. Perhaps this is because they did not get such a high score or, more likely, their names didn't happen to be Shapley. Perhaps nobody has ever scored 8 from reserve before - I have never seen the fact noted in brackets anyway.

Seriously, Barry, I enjoy your articles but lets have less of the 'I am', Mate.

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FROM: R.Wright, Leicester.
Dear Sir, As regards Mr. Rawson's comments in issue No. 206 the facts are as follows:- a) Our chairman suggested that I should be given press officers job, someone else, I think it was Mr. McPate, suggested that I might not be willing to accept, and I replied that I would not, so.... I had declined without waiting to be officially asked.
b) I was most certainly not informed of the date of the captains Shield and the other officials of the club are emphatic that they were not advised either.

And this is my last word on the subject.

MATCHES WANTED. Any club interested in riding Raynes Park Tigers, please contact Mr. A.Jones, 13 Rookstone Road, Tooting, London S.W.17.

SCOTLAND

Main Scottish honours for 1958 are as follows :-
League Winners ; Craigton Eagles.
K.O.Cup Winners ; Knightswood Toffs.
Glasgow Individual Championship : Hamish Orr (Craigton) ; Doug. Maxwell (Knightswood) ; Bert Harkins (Mansewood).
Junior Championship : J.Guthrie (Mansewood) . Senior Match Race Champion : J.Letts (Craigton). Junior Match Race Champion ; D.Wade.

The AGM of the Scottish Association will be held on February 1st at 7 p.m. in Govan South Town Hall.

During the last two months, there has been an immence influx of novices thus making it possible for Craigton and Mansewood to form two teams, which means a six team league is possible for 1959.

Knightswood Toffs have been practicing every other Sunday. They will certainly miss Doug Maxwell, as I have heard he has retired from the sport.

Sammy Young of Craigton gets demobbed in February - he will probably line up with Eagles "A" team this year.

Cycle Speedway will again be demonstrated at the School Boys and girls Exhibition which takes place in March. A track will be a arranged in the circus arena.

It is extremely difficult to forecast the 1959 league winners, but I can say that it will take a fairly fit and experienced team to hold Mansewood Lions.

HAMISH ORR.

SOUTHERN PREMIER

Recently I mentioned that two new teams would be in the Southern Premier League next season. Well, I can now reveal the names of the two clubs, as former North London League sides, Hellingly Lions and Edmonton Monarchs. Both these teams were accepted into the league at a recent Control Board meeting held on Jan. 6th. This now brings the strength of the league to nine teams for 1959.

It was agreed that the League season will commence on March 8th. and that the normal competitions, League, Saunders Trophy, Jack Hulbert Shield amd the Individual Championships would be held in the coming year.

TONY JONES.

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