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EAST HAM, WALTHAMSTOW

After a terrific tussle, East Ham Stars drew with Walthamstow Wolves 54-54 at the Cyprus Way track on Sunday. Most of the time, Stars were about 8 points in front, however 2 5-1s in the closing heats saved Wolves from defeat.

Incidentally in the last heat, the steward stopped the race because 2 riders had fallen and ordered a re-run. It was thought by some that he was wrong and that 3 riders should fall for a race to be stopped, but on looking at the NACSA Rule Book, the decision was found to be correct. Apologies steward!

Scores (bonus points included).

EAST HAM: T.Walker 15, J.Barrett 14, J.Halloran 11, V.Duffy 7.

WALTHAMSTOW: M Bell 15, P.Fraser 14, R.Gibbons 9, R.Archie 9.

VIC DUFFY.

DORSET RESULTS

TATNAM TIGERS 62: R.Nicholson 13, A.Nippard 12, D.Watkins 9, A.Bright 8, D.Tarr 8, D.Lilly 6, P.Barnes 4, M.Holms 2.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 34: F.Boutell 12, F.O'Grady 7, B.Smith 6, B.Mason 3, D.Rylop, E.Osbourne 2, B.Gadsby, V.Byrton 1.

TATNAM TUDORS JUNIORS 44: J.Cooke 11, R.Frampton, P.Woodrow 10, K. Pitfield 7, Da Cox 3, G.Wales 2, B.Cherrrett 1.

WEMBLEY JUNIORS 51: F.Bootel 15, B.Gadsby 9, D.Rylop 7, P.O'Grady 6, B.Mason 5, H.Adams, F.Osbourne 4, B.Smith 1.

R.NICHOLSON.

AROUND BRUM with BRUMMIE

Hagley Comets are likely to lose skipper Dave Roden before the season is very old. Along with Suttons Jim Bond and, I hear, two of Elmdons oldest riders, he is due for National Service. Roll on 1962. Hagley No 2 man Ray Cashmore has retired once more while one of their "good prospects" has been sacked for not keeping up to date with his subs. Chris Turley is going to be a welcome addition to the Lions line-up.

Sutton Stars welcome back England rider Dave Hemus who has just completed his National Service. Heres hoping he soon reproduces his pre-call-up form.

"BRUMMIE."

HAREFIELD M.R.C.

After their recent match with Cowley Eagles, the Harefield club match Race Championship took place, the holder Bill Punter met Bren Harper. In the first leg, Punter gated well, and although strongly challenged, he kept in front to win. The second leg, Harper went into the lead but Punter managed to cut inside, to retain his title. His next challenger is Dave Thompson, this should be interesting.

CONTROVERSIAL CORNER

NO. 3

by HAROLD SMITH

"AGE LIMITS" by Harold Smith.

It's strange how sometimes apparently insignificant news items can slip into print and are seen by thousands of readers, without their full implications being realised.

In issue 208, two sentences caught my attention: "An age limit of 20 has been imposed by the Netherlands CSA", and "Riders in Australia....have to retire at twenty."

And I know for a fact that Sweden has an age limit around the 18 mark. Remember the result of last years international match: England 97, Sweden 35. No one who was at Whipps Cross will deny that the Swedes rode their hardest for the honour of their country on that day, and let's admit another fact - they never stood a chance of winning. Against the experienced side fielded by England, the young Swedes - the eldest was only 16 - were beaten even before the tapes went up.

Do the Continental and Scandanavian countries intend to strictly enforce age limits? If so, will they still be prepared to match their teams against England whose riders may be 10 years older? Surely international matches will lose their appeal if the results are always foregone conclusions?

Now consider the 1960 World Championships.

"Flying Dutchman" Martin van de Brakel is unable to defend his title. If he had not previously been suspended, the freshly imposed age limit in Holland would make him ineligible to ride.

Garrett Park will undoubtedly be packed with cycle speedway enthusiasts. But millions of televiewers who know nothing of age limits may also be looking in on the racing. Supposing that the cameras bring them pictures of heavier built, older English riders repeatedly outriding and outpacing the smaller and younger and less experienced Netherlands and Swedes?

Sympathies will naturally lie with the struggling overseas boys.

And here is the 64-dollar question: Would any self respecting English rider in his mid-twenties be recognised or indeed consider himself a worthy World Champion by beating riders of 15 or 16?

International agreement on age limits must be secured and there are two ways of achieving this - (1) Holland and Sweden must rescind their rulings on ages, or (2) England must fall into line with those countries at an early date. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HOLLAND TOUR

THURROCK STARS are organising a visit to Holland, this Summer. The Dutch officials have agreed to the dates July 25th - August 1st. Any one wishing to join the party or who require further details are invited to write to the secretary of Thurrock at the following address:- Mr. R. WATERSOON, 91 Brennan Road, Tilbury, Essex. Anyone intending to write is advised to do so without delay.

DEVON DIARY

At a recent meeting here at Shaldon held by the Shaldon Kestrels and presided over by R.L.Lincy Esq.. It was very encouraging to see a number of juniors in attendance, which proves that C.S. is as keen as ever it was in this seaside village of Shaldon. Matters dealt with were some readjustments to the track which include making it longer and banking the bends. A full fixture list is being arranged, which is subject to amendment from time to time, it includes a Spring Championship, Ringmore Championship (holder last year was R.Bond of Glasgow), 8 Cup events, Best Pairs and many other events including a junior championship. One main event is on Aug. 12th "The West of England Championship" when any rider wishing to enter from this country is invited to Shaldon, a Cup will be awarded to the winner. It is hoped to make this a yearly event, no entry fee will be required. The season opens on Easter Monday at 11a.m.

The matter of affiliation to NACSA was well discussed, but was placed on the agenda for the next meeting in March. The meeting felt that they may be too far away to enjoy the membership.

During the past few weeks I have toured the Devon villages where teams used to be active. I found that most of the lads are very keen but have no-one to help them, as regards forming committees and getting a track. I encouraged them to inquire themselves and promised as much help as possible, but I seem to have my hands full with my own club at Shaldon.

RON VAULTER

LEICESTER

The time now seems ripe to attempt an assessment of the chances for the coming season. Last years champions, Leicester All Stars, seem to have their main strength un-impaired, but will lose some second strings and reserves. "Flyer" Halfords retirement removes about the longest unbroken record of service on local tracks that we have seen so far, and Dickie Bird is due in the Forces and it is rumoured that there will be one or two other absentees from last years line-up but with Newberry, Rawson and Pickering left, Chris Evans improving all the time and two ex-juniors champions, they should field a good team! Belgrave are not in so happy a state. They are losing some of their finest riders, with Barrie Dent joining the Forces and Rob Cooper due to perform his racing with the assistance of a J.A.P. motor. Phil Clark seems to have retired, but as he rode very little last year he will not be missed so much. Dave Thomas is also said to have packed up and the best of last years juniors "Killer" Kilby, did not last out the season.

This leaves Dave Brant and Harry Glover as the experience of the side, but the tail end can hardly avoid a weakness somewhere.

Aylestone, the weakest league team of 1958 and Anstey a new non-league side who remained unbeaten, have joined forces.

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The top four Aylestone riders are still available and if such Anstey riders as Red Power, Joe Crowther and Bill Marriott can continue to improve the side should be fairly strong. The intentions of Johnny Cross, late of Sipton Foxes are not yet known and there are certain other doubtfuls, but the great difficulty will be that evening classes will make it impossible to field at full strength on any evening of the week.

The remaining team, Blackbird Monarchs are something of an unknown quantity. In friendlies last summer they lost rather more than they won, which leads one to think that they are not too strong, but no reliable guide to their strength presents itself at the present moment.

ROY WRIGHT.

GOODBYE BECKENHAM!

Goodbye, Beckenham! That is the sad news with which we greet you this week. Beckenham Monarchs, after having ridden most of their matches last season with only five or six riders at the most have finally called it a day. Until recently, Monarchs appeared to have been ready to face 1959 with renewed confidence, but then one thing after another cropped up, until finally at a Control Board meeting on February 10th, Beckenham's secretary Ron Johnson announced that the club was finished. However, one ray of light pierces the dark clouds with the news that although the Monarchs are finished as a team their track at Churchfield Recreation Ground, Beckenham is not. The track will, it is hoped, be kept going and meetings will be run off there from time to time, by either the S.P. Control Board, or by the near neighbours Thornton Heath Cobras. Come to think of it, just the job for Cup Finals and Individual Finals etc. I would very much like to pay tribute to Mr. Ron Johnson who through all last season when he was manager and more recently as secretary, did everything in his power to keep the club going, although all the odds were against him. On behalf of us all, thank you Ron.

The closing of Beckenham has meant that their two remaining riders Danny Daniel and Brian Jarratt were up for allocation by the Control Board. They have both been allocated to last years wooden spooners South London Hunters and should strengthen them considerably for next season. Also up for allocation were former Ditton riders, Mike Smith and Sam Sabourne. They have now joined Raynes Park Stars.

TONY JONES.

CORRECTION!

Dear Sir,

I would like to point out a small error in your magazine No 209. It stated that Tolworth Tudors B team had its biggest win over Brickett Wood Kangaroos 53-43 but only a few lines earlier it stated that they beat Wembley Hawks 54-42.

Roger Nicholson.

GLASGOW

The A.G.M. of the Glasgow and District Cycle Speedway Association in common with most cycle speedway events, started half an hour late and finished fifteen minutes late. The office bearers for 1959 are: President - P.B.Bell, Vice-President - J.M.Letts, Secretary - J.Cobain, Treasurer - J.Gillies, P.R.O. J.Thornton. The only change from the set-up in '58 being the post of Treasurer. A newcomer to the list of Honorary Members is Doug Maxwell. The other honorary members being Peter Bell and Bob Devine.

It was decided that the selection committee for the 1959 International should comprise of non riding members of the Association. The men delegated for the job were non other than our three honorary members, Maxwell, Bell and Devine.

Doug Maxwell, last years highest scorer for the Scottish Team is Scotland's new team manager.

Our Association plan to send a bus to Manchester providing transport for the International Team and Supporters.

The Glasgow Grand Prix will be an annual event, invitations to take part being extended to riders from over the border.

The attendance at the A.G.M. was 100 present, six teams being represented.

The six teams taking part in league racing are as follows:- Craigton Eagles, Knightswood Toffs, Mansewood Lions, Eastwood Hammers, and Arden Flyers, Glen Eagles. Each team will have two home matches and two away matches. League racing commences on 5th April.

Craigton Eagles have been working on their track every Saturday, and in an attempt to defeat the elements a drainage system has been perfected. Both bends are in the process of being banked.

Robert Bond of Arden Flyers tells me that he has secured a piece of ground in Springburn, where he hopes to build a track similar to Carrs Wood Hunters.

It is rumoured that Bob Gray, Knightswood has retired, but has offered his services as Steward for '59.

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WILTSHIRE

The news from Wiltshire is not very good at the moment. Cleverton Hornets, the League Champions, have disbanded through lack of riders. Brinkworth Pirates held their A.G.M. on February 10th. The Treasurer reported a loss on last season. Manager Mr. Jackson congratulated G.Chesterman and D.Pell on riding for the County team. It was agreed to enter both Senior and Junior N.T.C. and Junior and Senior Wilts. League. League matches to be ridden mid-week to enable travelling to other counties on Sundays. Officers :- President - A.Anstice; Vice-President - G.Potter; General Manager R.H.Jackson; Chairman - B.Carter; Vice-Chairman R.H.Jackson; Sec - G.Chesterman; Ass.Sec - D.Pell; Treas. - R.Bishop; Team man. - V.Stratford; Capt - B.Heal;

With the disbanding of Cleverton, Brinkworth hope to include Bob Merrett and John Davis in their team this season.

R.H.Jackson.

MIDDLESEX

In the 1st leg of the K.O. Cup semi-final ridden at Hendon, Wembley All Stars defeated the Ruislip Lions 56-40.

WEMBLEY: Fraser 13, Dean 12, Rankmore 10, Wildman 9.

RUISLIP: B.Robinson 10, F.Blackwell 8, B.Punter 7.

Due back from Australia sometime this month is, Wembley All Stars popular Dixie Davies, who is in the Merchant Navy. He left for Down Under at the end of last season.

Whipps X Comets have signed on five of the now defunct Walthamstow Wolves. They are, England International, Ron Gibbons, Roy Archie, Pete Fraser, Malcolm Bell, and Terry Greenaway. This should make the Comets a hard side to beat.

Two new teams have appeared in the Wembley Area, these are the Wembley Wizards and the Wood End Eagles, both are of junior strength.

A new attempt may be made to form a Junior League. This could be started by April. Teams who could take part are: Brickett Wood, Wembley Tigers, Harefield, Weston, Tolworth, Whipps X and the two new teams, making eight in all, The time has come when something must be done regarding the Junior riders and either a Junior League or a 2nd Division is the best solution.

Already this season, the news is good as far as Junior riders are concerned. NACSA are staging a Junior Team Championship. This should give some encouragement, although I would have liked to see the age limit raised to under 17, this would enable more teams to enter a team. There are a great many riders under 17 but over 16 in Middlesex. They are now classed as Seniors, although really a lot of them are only up to the standard of the average junior. Maybe this will be proved, right or wrong, later on.

The K.O. Cup rounds have been thrown out of gear, by the usual bad weather. So far only Ruislip and the All Stars have started on the 3rd Round, Whipps X won their 1st round v Wembley Hawks on aggregate 102-90, while Tolworth and East Ham, have yet to race. I understand from Tolworth, that East Ham haven't offered any home dates yet, the C.B. will probably have to do something about this.

Recent visitors to Uxbridge were the Cowley Eagles, who took on the Harefield Pirates. Cowley who were not at full strength, were soon trailing, by the halfway stage Harefield had a 20 point lead and went on to win by 69-27.

Heading the scorers for Harefield was Dave Thompson, who was in great form and scored a 12 point maximum. He had strong support from his partner, Pete Blackwell, also unbeaten with 9, Brian Robinson and Bill Punter 10 each and junior Steve Collins 8.

Best for Cowley was Barry Shapley 7, he rode very well and was rather unlucky on several occasions.

HAREFIELD :D.Thompson 12, B.Robinson 10, B.Punter 10, Blackwell 9.

S.Collins 8, B.Harper 7, R.Seymour 7, J.King 6.

COWLEY: Shapley 7, Thomas 5, Sutherland 5, Barlow 4.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS

Raynes Park Tigers 59½

Whipps Cross Comets 36½

In a challenge match at Morden, the Comets took on the Southern Premier League Champions. Both teams were without star riders, but were still of formidable strength. Whipps Cross included new signings Archie, Fraser and Bell in a try out for the coming Cup matches. For the first half of the match the Comets held the score close, but in the second half they fell away, finally losing by 23 points. Only Comets riders to show opposition were Keith Taylor 11, Eric Hemsley 6½, Fraser 6. For the home team Chivers 12, Lawrence 11, spurred their team to victory.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 62

Wembley Hawks 34.

In this floodlit match the Comets were always one jump ahead of the Kangaroos from Tottenham and at the half way stage they were 30 points in the lead, but not content to sit back in the second half the Comets increased their lead to win by 43 points. Ron Gibbons, Pete Fraser and Keith Taylor were unbeaten for the Comets, Taylor also broke the track record with a new time of 43.3 seconds, the old record had stood for four years.

COMETS: P. Fraser 10, T. Greenaway 11, K. Taylor 10, J. Brown 9, M. Bell 9

KANGAROOS: L. Adams 9, C. Hill 4, Bracey 3, Bennett 3, Lancy 3.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 62

Wembley Hawks 34.

The Comets were at home to the Hawks in the second leg of the Middlesex K.O. At the start of this second leg the Comets were 16pts in arrears from the first match at the Hawks track. The home team soon got down to the task of wiping out the arrears, although it was not until heat 9 that they took the lead of this hard fought match, but from then on the Hawks seemed to fall away and were finally beaten 62-34. The Comets winning on aggregate 102-90. The Comets now go into the semi-final of the Middlesex K.O. Cup. The Comets won it last year, the first year of its existence.

COMETS: Taylor 12, Fraser 11, Bell 11, Gibbons 9, Archie 9, Brown 5.

Hawks O'Grady 5, Osbourne 11, Dewhurst 4, Bootel 3, Dunlop 3, Dunlop 3.

JUNIOR MATCH RACE. Comets Junior Match race holder Dave Hamilton retained his title by beating challenger Johnny Stevens 2-1.

JOHNNY BROWN.

TATNAM RESULTS

TATNAM TIGERS 72: D. Tarr 14, D. Watkins 11, D. Lilly, A. Nippard 10, R. Nicholson, A. Bright 8, Mike Holmes 6, F. Barnes 5.

TATNAM TUDORS 24: F. Woodrow 7, D. Cox 6, J. Tarr 5, D. Cherret 4, G. Wale, A. Cherrett 1, B. Cross, A. Power 0.

TATNAM TIGERS 68: D. Lilly 11, R. Nicholson, Niffard, Watkins 10, D. Tarr 9, A. Bright 8, M. Holmes, F. Barnes 5.

VICKERS VISCOUNTS 27: Cooke 9, T. Tall 4, M. Sedgewick, M. Barrett 4, R. Lockyer 3, K. Pitfield 2, M. Palmer 1, G. Cook 0.

R. Nicholson.