

SPEEDWAY GAZETTE

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ESSEX ROUND-UP

News of the local clubs around here at the present is still a little scarce, but below is some that I have gleaned.

The Gladiators. Will be without Alan Wood this season, but are strengthened by the return of Johnny Wells, Dave Robinson, Vic Robinson and Terry Stone, all now out of the services. Will again feature youngsters and have entered four sets of 4 in the Essex Association Cups. By drawing 3-3 last Sunday, Gladiators football team won the Dagenham Sunday Football Division One in their very first year, and a big celebration of the footballers is planned for May 2nd. Happiest man apart from me must be Demi Pratt. Demi was not only the captain of the side, but topped the score chart with 47 goals scored in 24 games. Pretty good going. Demi incidentally gets married on the 9th May, after twice being postponed, due to his fiance Dawn being in hospital. Sandy McGillivray has now got over the trouble gained by a piece of metal in his eye. An ex-Crusader, Ken Perham, marries girlfriend Eileen Turner on April 20th before going overseas.

EAST HAM WOLVES. Will be without Terry Greenaway this year for the first ever time but have wormed a couple of oldies like Charlie Van Kempen, Peter Bromley and Stan Stevens out of retirement to assist the cause and they have a couple of good newcomers in Gray & Lumley. They expect to do well, although not as successful as last season, running off with most everything there was to collect hereabouts. Wolves are still not certain about racing in Middlesex as they are still experiencing transport troubles. Their new raceway at Little Ilford Park is apparently coming along fine, and they hope it will soon be back to its earlier glory. With Bell and Gibbons both on the Association Board, they will be well versed in local affairs and I expect them to help the sport a lot.

THURROCK STARS. Main topic with this club is of course, their trip to the land of the tulips, the Netherlands. Bluey Waterson tells me the team going will not be strong, but they will be willing and eager to see how their Dutch counterparts rip up the Hilversum race strip. Travel conscious Thurrock are off to Oxford soon for matches with Cowley, and look forward to some close racing there. Stars recently defeated visiting Boundary Eagles of Norwich, by 55-53, thanks to some fine riding by Alan Wood, moved this season from The Gladiators as Thurrock track is right on his doorstep, and that enigmatic Irishman, Paddy Hunt. When they went down by 46-72 in a

20 heater, but gained some delight in the show given by Sharpe and Pizzey.

EAST HAM STARS. Seems to be a shut-up-shop over at East Ham, but very little have I heard from any of them. However I get news elsewhere. East Ham will accompany Thurrock to Oxford to race the Cowley lads, while Dave Stichman is among the party going to Holland. The way I see it much of the strength of this tour will be in the Stichman region. Stars have yet to register either with NACSA or ECSA and appear to be leaving things a little late to get going.

HAWBUSH HAMMERS. Well, here is one team most definite about their future for 1959. They are NOT joining NACSA; they are NOT joining ECSA; they are NOT joining the Federation; they are NOT going to race in the local cup competitions, they are NOT going to race in anything organised! Apparently, their reasons are:- 1...They would be outclassed and given too many local beatings; 2..Using a new track, they feel they would not have the home advantage that other local teams enjoy; and 3...They do not like the competitions offered locally. All in all to my way of thinking, a little one-sided view! They intend to open their new track with a friendly against Thurrock Stars at Whitsun and spend the remaining part of the year with challenge matches! Their best rider last season was Alf Cox and to all accounts he will again be available. They have lost and gained a rider. Brian Cousins has moved away to Basildon and will not be around, but they have now gained Johnny Khoeler, ex-Hammer and Tudor Monarch, for regular racing. Gladiators' Johnny Wells will assist when not on duty with his home club. Alf Cox marries Hammers staunchest supporter, Thelma, sometime in August.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS. Again, not a lot here to report, but they have raced fairly often during the winter and have a few new juniors available to race in the coming months, but they also report the loss of several more riders. However, they have gained one asset. Last night I was told that Terry Greenaway, who for years has resided with the Walthamstow Wolves, will race 1959 with Comets. Recently their manager Johnny Brown, informed me that he hoped one or two 4's would race in Essex Competitions, but as yet, nothing has come of this, no affiliation forms have been received. Thats the round up completed for another time.

RON BULL.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

From Mr J. Bradley,

I wonder why there is a shortage of stewards in Cycle Speedway? Perhaps one of your readers could explain why there is never a stewards meeting held. Perhaps someone could also explain why there is not more North v South matches arranged. Every time you read a Cycle Speedway magazine you can see plenty of competitions in the North and London, but none in the South and west.

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SOUTHERN PREMIER

Looking round at the line up of the different clubs it's always interesting to note how the newcomers to senior league racing are shaping. At Thornton Heath, Cobras have two first class prospects in Geoff Smith and Niel Goodrum, both riders in their first full season of racing. At Raynes Park, Roy Trigg promoted from the Stars to the Tigers has shaped well in his first few matches, while in the Stars, former Ditton riders Sam Sabourne and Mike Smith are rapidly developing into two of the leagues top men. At Tooting the Tigers have another good prospect in Peter Oliver, who although it is his first season, has kept a steady 5 to 6pts average. South London Rangers also have some good youngsters in Mike Smith (Rangers), Mike Gilliat, Keith Parsons and Jimmy Hore (All Hunters) who look like developing along the right lines. At Edmonton A. Jackson has impressed in his outings for the Monarchs, as has B. Robbins both youngsters showing up well against far more experienced opponents. As far as Hellingly is concerned not a lot is known about their junior strength at the moment.

From up and coming riders to two old boys of the sport, who have hit top form once again. No 1 is Tootings Ken Archer, veteran of many years racing, who although he has been a steady scorer in previous seasons has never before hit the brilliant form that he is showing at the moment. A total of 60pts from five matches, giving him a 12.00 average.

No 2 is former Raynes Park Tiger Ray Chivers who is now turning in some top class scores for his new club South London Rangers. His totals of 12 v South London Hunters and 10 v Hellingly Lions giving him a 11.00 average and fourth place in the leagues averages.

The recent match between Thornton Heath Cobras and Tooting Tigers ended in a protest. The result is held over until the Control Board has held inquiries into the circumstances arising from the match.

TONY JONES

RESULTS

JUNIOR National Team Championship. SWINDON EAGLES 30; WROUGHTON RACERS 24.

Junior N.T. C. First Leg.

MARLBOROUGH MET 34: Chilton 9, Moorhouse 9, Packer 6, Smith 4,
BRINKWORTH PIRATES 19: Chesterman, Edwards 7, Butcher 3, Parsons 2.

CHALLENGE.

BRINKWORTH 33½: Chesterman 13, James 10, Pell, Axam 3, Taylor 2½.

COWLEY EAGLES 'B' 58½: Shapley 15, Gammon 11, Lovelock 8, Wray 6½.

CLEVERTON HORNETS 51: Davis 13, Jackson, Vizard, Pell, James 7,

COWLEY EAGLES 'A' 42: Mullett, Thomas 10, Sutherland 6, Byles 5, Robinson 4.

Junior Challenge.

BRINKWORTH 19: Chesterman 9, Edwards 6, Butcher 2, Parsons, Gale 1,

COWLEY 35: Winters, Hunter, Robins 7, Lovelock 6, Tideswell, Dale 4.

R.H. JACKSON.

SUSSEX

BCSF GOLD CUP - SPUTNIKS OUT.

An exciting match was witnessed in this Gold Cup match and the score belies the actual racing. The match was marred by a terrific downpour after heat 2, which was late due to the late arrival of Raynes Park. For the home team John Humphries rode immaculately and inflicted a defeat upon Ray Chivers who was otherwise unbeaten. Dave Edney supported well. The partnership of Dighton and Bedford was unbeaten and showed some great tactical racing, Cracknell was also in top form. The match was raced in a complete mudbath. I would like to congratulate the Sputniks on their fighting show and also Raynes Park on their sporting win. I am sure that the Tigers took back pleasant memories of the match and were no doubt impressed by the form of the young Sputniks.

WORTHING 34: Humphries 9, Edney 8, Williams 5, Bagnall, Hoyle, Spencer 3.
RAYNES PARK 74: Dighton 13, Chivers 14, Bedford, Cracknell 11, Penniket 10.

BRITANNIA SHIELD. I hear that the Sputniks are to send four riders to the Individual Competition and will be in the same pool as Hellingly Lions South London Rangers, Raynes Park Tigers - a tough pool, perhaps, but watch out for John Humphries who is now right on top form.

HELLINGLY'S MATCH "WASHED OUT". Poor Hellingly Lions travelled down to Brighton to race the local "Scorchers" but the rain prevented the match taking place. The two captains consulted each other and after inspecting the track decided that the match would not take place. It was a bitter disappointment to the young juniors of both teams who were hoping to seize this chance to prove their worth. The match will take place later in the year, possibly at Worthing on a Sunday, if free dates do not permit a Saturday match.

"BO-BO"

HANTS & DORSET

On Sunday April 19th Tatnam Tigers were away to Southampton Bombers Tatnam ran out winners by 64pts to 32. Star riders for Tatnam were Mike Holmes and Andy Bright. These two riders although riding as a pairing no 5 and 6 collected the fabulous score of 12pts each. Well done Andy and Mike, keep it up. Dave Butcher again topped the Southampton score chart with 9pts.

TATNAM TIGERS 64: Holmes, Bright 12, Tarr 11, Nippard 9, Watkins 8, Lilly 5.

SOUTHAMPTON BOMBERS 32: Butcher 9, Tanner 7, Leale 6, Seymour 5, Bouten 3

Vickers Viscounts visited Southampton Vikings and lost by 60-34. Jim Cooke topped the Vickers scores with 11pts, other not yet available. Tatnam Tudors were supposed to race Chandlersford Stars, but the Chandlersford boys failed to arrive.

On Sunday April 26th riders from Tatnam were competing in the England test trials at London they all tried hard and scored as follows D. Watkins 8, A. Bright 6, A. Nippard 7, Tarr 5. Vickers rider J. Cooke 11pts and Ken Pitfield also rode.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

OXFORD

League leaders Eagles 'A' after rather poor stewarding, lost to Wiltshires Cleverton Hornets 41-47 in a friendly at Brinkworth on Sunday April 26th. Bad luck for Eagles 'A's Ken Rowland and Jock Sutherland was partly the cause of the defeat, but poor starting and poorer finishing also played its part.

EAGLES 'A' 41: Mullett 12, Thomas 10, Sutherland 6, Byles 5.

CLEVERTON HORNETS 47: Scorers not known.

Eagles 'B' however saved the day, winning by 58-34 against Brinkworth Pirates. I managed a 'max' and 15 year old Pete Gammon, Pete Lovelock and Winters did very well. Kevin Wray, currently on loan to Grandpont in the league, had three bonus points in his partnership with Lovelock. Best for Brinkworth was Captain James.

The City League looks like being easy for Eagles 'A', but the other five will be battling hard for second place. On previous form Horspath Hammers should do it, but Cowley Eagles 'B' are better than forecasted and may pip them. Favourites for bottom, but they may prove us all wrong are Brian Winchesters' Horspath Wreckers. "Winny" incidentally did well at Hungerford for Horspaths Club team. Horspath won by 49-47 with a last heat 5-1

HORSPATH HAMMERS 49: Grant 13, Winchester 13, Butler and Denmark 5.

HUNGERFORD 47: Dolton 12, Cooper 9.

Owing to Mrs Califano having a baby - congrats "Cally" - Doug couldn't take Jock Sutherland, Mick Grant and myself to Manchester for Test Trials; bang goes the big chance of Oxford recognition in National circles. A pity - I expected at least Cally to make the England team proper. Still, theres always the Nationals.

BARRY SHAPLEY

Birmingham Results.

MIDLAND LEAGUE Match held on Sunday, May 3rd.

BIRMINGHAM 61: Whitehouse 11, Halliwell, Sedgeley 10, Deacon, Morrall 8.

LEICESTER 34: Greaves 14, Simpson 5, Newberry, Vann 4, Evans 3, Glover 2.

LEAGUE - Div. 1.

ALDRIDGE 46: Heaton 11, Blest, Tamlyn 9, Tapp 7, Wall 5, Painter 2.

HAGLEY COMETS 50: Varnish, Wilkinson 11, Evans, Roden 7, Williams 5.

LEAGUE - Div 2.

ELMDON WASPS 13: Horton, Woollard 5, Usherwood 2, Bemfield 1.

JUNIOR MONARCHS 46: Tate 12, Smith 9, Marsh 8, Rabone 7, Burke 6, Palmer 4.

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 'B' 37: Turley 10, Kieran P, Kieran J. 9, Buck 6.

BADDESLEY PIRATES 23: D. Smith 6.

CHALLENGE MATCHES.

ELMDON BEES 45: Deacon 11, Whitehouse 10. LIONS 'A' 51: Sedgeley, P. Kiernan 11.

ELMDON WASPS 32: Morrall, Rose, Felton 6. LIONS 'B' J. Kiernan, Thompson 11.

NOEL THOMPSON.

MIDDLESEX

Whipps Cross Comets were visited by Tottenham Kangaroos for their second league match of the season under lights. The Comets took the lead from the start and never looked in trouble, despite some hard riding from Derek Wills. Taylor, Brown and Greenaway were all unbeaten and Dennis Storie returned to score 7 after 2 years retirement. The final score was 67-29 to Whipps Cross.

Recently Tottenham rode their first home match against Brickett Wood Kangaroos. They were strengthened by the inclusion of Malcolm Reading, whilst Brickett Wood fielded only 7 men. Nevertheless, the score of 59-36 to Tottenham does not indicate the fact that most heats were drawn, the home team taking the advantage through their stronger heat leaders. Clive Hill scored a 'max' and Wal Bracey and Malcolm Reading were unbeaten by an opponent.

Harefield Pirates made a good start to the season, defeating Weston Stars by 69-27 at Uxbridge. Weston only managed to field 6 riders and of these Gerry Wallis was best with 7. Eren Harper and Johnny King were Harefields unbeaten boys, well backed up by Dave Thompson and Roger Seymour. Incidentally, during the match, Ernie Norris of Harefield collided with the starting post, snapping it in half. Ernie was unhurt. Ironical Note. Last year Frank Males of Brickett Wood collided with the starting post at Bushey, also snapping it in half. The posts were on loan from Harefield!

Weston Stars took on newcomers Harefield Lions and won 60-34, still with only 6 riders. The Lions fought well considering they are all juniors and Steve Collins topped their scores with 8.

Harefield have signed Dave Hunting, former Kesgrave and Sussex star. He is living nearby at Hayes and should prove an asset to the Pirates. Roger Seymour also tells me that he expects Dave Stonex to re-sign shortly. Dave has been a top rider for many seasons now and this could make Harefield a very hard team to beat.

Probably the most exciting of the first weeks matches was the one between Wembley All Stars and Whipps Cross Comets. Racing was close throughout and spills were frequent. A dramatic 5-0 win in the last heat gave the Comets the match 48-47. Terry Greenaway was again in prolific form to score 12 and Eric Hemsley, after dashing down from Yorkshire on a '48', obtained 9. For Wembley, Roy Fraser scored 10 points and had the misfortune to be excluded in the nominated. Dixie Dean backed up well with 9.

WHIPPS X COMETS 67: Greenaway 15, Taylor 13, Brown 9.
TOTTENHAM KAN. 29: Wills 10, Hill 7, Bracey 5.

TOTTENHAM KAN. 59: Hill 15, Bracey 14, Reading 10.
BRICKETT WOOD KAN. 36: Jenkins 8, Birch 6.

HAREFIELD PIRATES 69: Thompson 13, Harper 12, Seymour 9.
WESTON STARS 27: Wallis 7, Jenkins 6.

HAREFIELD LIONS 34 Collins 8. WESTON STARS 60: Jenkins 14, Wallis 13.
WEMBLEY A.S. 47: Fraser 10, Dean 9. WHIPPS X 48: Greenaway 12, Hemsley 9.

BOB SAUNDERS.

TOO MANY CHANGES?

Recently my club in company with the East Ham Stars visited Oxford for our matches against Cowley Eagles A and B teams and although both East Ham and ourselves were fortunate enough to win, such was the standard of racing that whoever won or lost became a minor detail. The fact of it was that we really enjoyed ourselves. These Oxford lads are a real sporting crowd and although they lost they would not give up 1 point, making us fight all the way. Perhaps one of my lads summed it up best when he said "These Oxford boys can really go," and he said that with admiration.

To me it was nice to meet and chat with young Barry Shapley again. The last time that we met was 10 years ago in Edinburgh and the first thing that Barry asked about was Dennis Bottazzi. I dare say many riders remember this likeable champion of the past and just for the record Dennis now lives at Stevenage and although he has given up cycle speedway he has begun to add to his many trophies won on the track by taking up archery.

Well I would like to say thanks to you Barry and all at Oxford and my lads are most anxious to pay another visit to you soon.

Reading a recent copy of the Gazette I was naturally interested in the Essex news. Out of the clubs mentioned Whipps Cross Comets and Walthamstow Wolves both joined the Middx League and so whilst they may participate in Essex matches, Middlesex will take priority. Nothing has been heard from Warwick Lions. Hawbush Hammers are definitely not interested and will continue with challenge matches, East Ham Stars are not yet decided, which leaves only two clubs, Gladiators and ourselves and we have already protested about the fees which are an increase of 200% above last season and 300% of the season before to our own club. I think myself too many changes are being made in one go, instead of introducing these new ideas gradually. If the Essex Control Board should revert back to normal league racing at least we know that Hawbush and East Ham would be with us in a definite line-up.

STAN LEEDS.

HAREFIELD PIRATES

Harefield held a practise match recently, two teams were made up from the Senior and Junior riders present. Racing was very even and the Lions took the lead in the early stages and kept in front throughout the match, the final score being Harefield Lions 50, Pirates 45. Topping the Lions scorers were Ernie Norris with a well earned 13pts, he received solid support from Steve Collins 11, Dave Thompson 8, Roger Seymour and Barry Clack 7 each, while for the Pirates Bill Punter returned to form with 12 points, with Johnny King hitting 11, Norman Cox 7, and Chris Peek 6. This was followed by a junior match, the Pirates gained revenge here winning 19-11. Best for the Pirates were Chris Peek 7 and Barry Wright 5 and for the Lions only Steve Collins could hold the better balanced Pirates. In the Club Match Race Championship, the holder Bill Punter retained his title beating Thompson 2-1.

LEICESTER

The first fixture of the season was a friendly, in which Blackbird Monarchs entertained Leicester All Stars and were narrowly defeated.

The first league match was at Slater St a week later, when Belgrave met Anstey. Belgrave in some trouble with rider shortage, obtained the transfer of John Greaves from Anstey the day before this match and his ten points just about decided the match in favour of his new team. Cooper 13, Glover 11 and Robson 9 also scored well. For Anstey Power got 12, Cross 8 and Cousins 7. Juniors Marriott and Wheatley shaped well. The Belgrave reserves were weak, but the visitors had their "tail" at the top end! Two days later All Stars met Blackbird at home and the match resulted in a massacre. Newberry displayed his usual form with 13 points, Naylor and Rawson got 12 each and the still improving Evans had 10. However there are three obvious weaknesses in the team, which does not look as strong as last year. P.Smith and the two Paices looked the best of the visitors.

The following day, Blackbird should have been at home to Belgrave but as they are losing their track for a building site, I was informed that the match would be on a neutral track at Jean Drive. However, when I arrived at Jean Drive for the closing heats I was informed that it had been moved again to Slater Street. I subsequently learned that Belgrave had managed to scrape home by 52-42, although they could only muster six men.

SUMMER CUP LEAGUE RESULTS.

L.ALL STARS 69: Newberry 13, Naylor, Rawson 12, Evans 10, Simpson 9.

BLACKBIRD MONARCHS 27: Smith 7, Paice 5, Vann, R.Paice 4, Turner 3.

BELGRAVE 57: Cooper 13, Glover 11, Greaves 10, Robson 9, Beeby, Brant 6.

ANSTEY 39: Power 12, Cross 8, Cousins 7, Marriott 4, Wheatley, Crowther 3.

ROY WRIGHT.

FREE FOR ALL

"I read with great interest Barry Shapleys uncomplimentary remarks towards one of the sports most respected managers Mr George Hollebon of Hellingly. We at Beckenham and Thornton Heath have always been privileged to have some excellent matches with them at Hellingly. Their hospitality to us and other teams in our area has always been first class, with excellent organisation.

Mr Hollebon has kept the cycle speedway flag flying for many years now in Sussex, and with his experience of conditions on his own track, his opinion should have been accepted without question. It is nonsense for Mr Shapley to suggest that cycle speedway at Hellingly was like Sunday afternoon cricket match. I would suggest that he visits them when a CYCLE SPEEDWAY TEAM with the proper sporting spirit visits them and not a team of sarcastic critics."

R.JOHNSON. (Manager)

Beckenham and Thornton Heath C.S.C.

COVENTRY

Coventry have six teams this year, an improvement of 100% over last season. Four league matches have already taken place, and three maximums have already been scored.

RESULTS

WHITLEY VAMPIRES "B" 73 R.Lewis 18, B.Butler 18, M.Tromans 13.
STONELEIGH STAGS 35 Wilkins 12, Ball 8, Brown 8, Robson 3.

WHITLEY VAMPIRES "A" 87 Rollason 16, Colley 15, Long 15,
HENLEY HAMMERS 21 Sinclair 7, Smith 6, Hatt 4, Evans 2.

STONELEIGH STAGS 39½ J.Ball 10½, A.Brown 10, K.Wilkins 8.

WHITLEY VAMPIRES "A" 68½ Rollason 18, Blackett 12½, Long 11.

HENLEY HAMMERS 71 Smith 17, Hatt 17, Neale 13, Sinclair 12.

FOLESHILL MONARCHS 37 E.Coltman 14, Lomas 7, Maher 6, Liggins 5

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Whitley Vampires A	2	2	0	0	155½	60½	4
Whitley Vampires B	1	1	0	0	73	36	2
Henley Hammers	2	1	0	1	92	124	2
Stoneleigh Stags	2	0	0	2	75½	141½	0
Foleshill Monarchs	1	0	0	1	37	71	0

Coventry Eagles, who entered the league late, have not yet had a match.

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Coventry Chairman Ernie Taylor is hopping mad at the moment. He was formally elected as manager of the Coventry Representative team once again, and as he holds this position he should have heard what is happening about the Midland League for this year. Up to now, although he has sent four letters to Terry Blest, Midland League Secretary, he has not had a reply.

Coventry have been included in the League this year, I know that, but Mr.Taylor doesn't know officially, and is still waiting for a fixture list.

Perhaps Mr.Blest will oblige ?

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Whitley Vampires made a disastrous start to their Birmingham League matches by losing to Elmdon Bees in the first league match at Elmdon. Although having 5 of their riders absent through one reason or another, a full team was fielded which however failed dismally. The second league fixture v Hagley Comets, has had to be postponed due to lack of transport facilities for the Friday night scheduled for the match, however Vampires meet Kingstanding Monarchs on Sunday May 10th. in the National Trophy, in Coventry, and again on Tuesday 12th. in a league match at Kingstanding.

John Leith.

WHITLEY VAMPIRES' "BRUM" MATCHES

CHALLENGE

Hagley Comets 56 Varnish 11, Roden 10, Williams 10, Hindley 8.
Whitley Vampires 40 Lewis 8, Abbott 6, Rollason 6 Bailey P. 5.
Birmingham Lions B 36 Langston 8, Abbott (guest) 10.
Whitley Vampires 43 Lewis 9, Rollason 8, M.Tromans 7, Butler 7.
Aldridge Hammers 44 Langston 10, Harrison 10, Panter 7, Barnes 7.
Whitley Vampires 51 M.Tromans 13, Rollason 11, Butler 8, Abbott 8.
Whitley Vampires 61 Colley 11, Higgins 11, M.Tromans 10.
Hagley Comets 35 Varnish 13, Shirley 6, Davenport 4.

Whitley Vampires 71 Colley 13, Abbott 12, Rollason 10.
Birmingham Lions B 25 Turley 10, Hodgetts 4, Buck 3, Gosling 3.
Whitley Vampires 54 Rollason 15, Lewis 11, Abbott 7, M.Tromans 7.
Birmingham Lions A 41 Goode 7, Thompson 7, Hancox 8.
Birmingham Lions A 54 Edwards 13, Thompson 10, Sedgely 8, Hancox 8.
Whitley Vampires 42 Lewis 8, Colley 8, Rollason, Butler, Coltman 6.
Birmingham Lions B. 55 Hancox 12, Kiernan 11, Edwards 8, Goode 8.
Whitley Vampires 41 B.Bailey 14, P.Bailey 6, Higgins 6,

Junior Matches

Whitley Vampires 18 Butler 9. Hagley Juniors 12 Hindley 6.
Hagley Juniors 12 Williams 5. Whitley Vam. 18 P.Bailey 6.
Whitley Vampires 21 Butler 9 Elmdon Juniors 10
B'ham Lions 9 P.Williams 7 Whitley Vampires 20

League

Elmdon Bees 57 M.Morrall 15, Whitehouse 12, Deacon 10, Thompson 6.
Whitley Vampires 39 M.Tromans 12, Butler 7, Lewis 5, B.Bailey 6.

EAST HAM

Cray Tigers have elected a new committee, D.Sweeney is now manager and L.Gomez, secretary. Both Cray and Welling Wings have affiliated to NACSA.

Efforts to get some land from the Orpington Council for the Cray riders have failed but they may be able to hire some from a local farmer. Plans for the Fifteens Association matches are still not finalised. I hope to arrange a 4-team tournament in which the 3 Kent clubs will take part. This is merely an idea and has not yet been put up to the clubs. East Ham and Thurrock Stars hired a coach and visited Cowley, Oxford. Both were successful before a large and sporting crowd. Thurrock followed this with another away win over Tottenham Kangaroos. A Junior team has sprung up in the Barking area of Essex. Anyone willing to help in their organisation is asked to contact Mr.P.Sayer, 4, Roding Ave, Barking, Essex.

VIC DUFFY.