MIDDLESEX

East Ham Wolves commenced their league fixtures with a home match against Tottenham Kangaroos. This resulted in a 55-41 win for the Wolves who led throughout. Sid Tomlyn was their top boy with 10 pts, while Pete Fraser scored 9. For Tottenham it was the Malcolm Reading-Derek Wills partnership who kept the score respectable with 21 pts. Horspath Hammers from Oxford recently visited Essex and East Ham Wolves was one of the teams they rode against. The Oxford teams were no match for the Wolves, however, and lost 27-81. Top riders for East Ham were Pete Fraser 15, Pete Bromley 15, Sid Tomlyn 10, Ron Gibbons 12 and Roy Archie 9. Especially pleasing is the current fine riding of veteran Pete Bromley. He commenced racing with East Ham at the beginning of the season after a long lay-off and is now going great guns. Manager Malcolm Bell also has hopes of signing Jim Morris, the former Walthamstow Wolves star and Essex Individual Champion 1957. Jim is gaining quite a reputation as a trials rider nowadays, but is quite keen to have another go at cyclespeedway.

Wembley Hawks visited the South Coast over Whitsun and managed to ride off matches with the local lads as well as one with Baskerville Hounds who were touring the area. The Hawks defeated Brighton Scorchers 57-39 despite some spirited riding by Derek Goddard with 11. Ron Mallett 10, Brian Smith 10 and Eddie Osborne 9 topped the Hawks scores. The match against Worthing Sputniks resulted in an overwhelming win for Wembley, 70-26. Fred Bouttell 13, and Dave Dunlop 12, contributed the largest scores and Paddy O'Grady was also unbeaten. For good measure Wembley also defeated Baskerville comfortably.

Wembley All Stars visited Devon over Whitsun for their annual match with the local lads. All Stars were shocked by the way the Shaldon Kestrels rode and only won the match 62-46, instead of the usual comfortable win. Full credit must go to the young Shaldon lads and they will be a force to be reckoned with in a year or twos time. Particularly outstanding were Stoneman 16, and Tooley 12. For Wembley, 15points by Dixie Dean and Gerry Wallis largely contributed to their victory.

Saturday night is not usually a very busy one for the Wembley Hawks track, but the 23rd May was an exception. This was the time and place of the qualifying rounds for the Middlesex NACSA Individual Championship. The awkward number of 18 riders turned up and this meant the farcical case of 2 rounds of 9 riders with the top 8 going through to the Final. The first round was stopped after heat 13 however, due to only 8 riders being left. Paddy O'Grady, riding on his home, 'dry', dusty, bumpy track, came a cropper which resulted in 5 stitches being inserted in his arm. Leading scorers when the match was stopped were Bill Punter and Billy Rankmore, with 10 respectively, from 4 rides and Roy Fraser and Norman Hunter, with 7 from 3 rides. Incidentally this match saw the return to the saddle of Norman Hunter (Wembley All Stars), after a semi-retirement for most of last season. Norman was Middlesex Champ. in 1957 and looks as if he could well return to form within a few matches.

The 2nd round was run through to the end and a run off was required to see who was the non qualifyer. This was won by Steve Viner from

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Doug Wearne, both of Harefield Lions. Top scorer in the round was Brian Smith of Wembley Hawks with 14. he was followed by team mate Fred Bouttell 13. Dixie Dean also scored 13. A pleasing feature of the rounds were the appearance of 3 juniors from Harefield Lions who need not have entered the senior competition, but felt it would be good practice A little more of this keenness elsewhere could do no harm.

Roger Seymour regrets to announce that due to lack of support the forthcoming Holland tour will not feature any racing. However, several riders and friends are still going for the holiday.

The only league fixtures raced off on May 24th were both Harefield Pirates v Lions matches. As expected the Pirates were far too strong for their juniors and won comfortably. The first match resulted in a 70-26 win with Geoff Pearce, Roger Seymour and Ernie Norris unbeaten. Top for the Lions was captain Reg Lester with 8.

The 2nd match saw Bill Punter stand down from the Piratesteam to level the number of riders (Lions only had 7.) It did not level the riding strengths though and the senior team won again 63-30. Once again Geoff Pearce and Ernie Norris were unbeaten, as was Ren Harper. Reg Lester increased his score to 11 in this match.

BOB SAUNDERS.

COVENTRY

A tragic start by Coventry in their first Midland League match when they lost at home to Leicester. A very dry track and a fly up gate were Coventry's downfall. Coventry were beaten out of the gate time and time again. I think Mr. T will have to change a few riders for the return at Leicester. Wamby of Eagles, Eric Coltman of Foleshill Monarchs and Jerry Long of Whitley 'A' coming in to replace "Noddy" Blackett 1, Pete Coltman 2, and Harry Butler 0, all who failed to master the dry track, all of them falling.

Shock win last week when Foleshill beat Whitley 'B' 56-52. With the majorityof Stoneleigh riders who were spectators, jeering the Foleshill riders. Wonder why?

Did the Coventry Test Team trial benefit Mr T any? It just seemed to me to be something of a wheelchoppers Ball, wheel kicking and elbows being most predominant.

Wonder when Whitley 'A' will do some work on their local golf course. They were outright in their opinion of the Foleshill track which has since been improved.

Coventry to win at Leicester?

FREEALL.

LEICESTER RESULTS

ANSTEY 31:Crowther 6, Naylor, Cross, Power 5, Wheatley 4, Cooper 3.
LEICESTER A. S. 65: Rawson 12, Simpson 11, Naylor, Newberry 10,Evans 9.

ANSTEY 40:Crossll, Naylor, Crowther 7, Wheatley,Cooper, Marriott 4.
BELGRAVE 55: Glover 12, Robson 9, Brant, Cooper 9, Beesby 8, Gough,Shaw 3.

SUSSEX

WEMBLEY HAWKS WHITSUN TOUR the young Wembley Hawks paid a visit to this area over Whitsun racing three and winning three, matches. They were down sampling the healthy air and spent much time on the beaches of Worthing. Their itinerary of training included sand-racing and boating, this was all in training for their forthcoming N.A.C.S.A. Trophy Match with Wembley All Stars this weekend. May I say - "Good luck to a fine young sporting team who must be one of the most improved sides in the country". Good luck boys!!

BRIGHTON SCORCHERS 39:Goddard 11, Makepeace 6, Pemberton, Stephenson 5.
WEMBLEY HAWKS 57: Mallett 10,Osbourne, Dunlop 9, Smith 8.O'Grady 6.

This was a fine match on a fast track, with the sporting Wembley Hawks taking the iniative early on. They never looked like losing their advantage and made a fine start to their tour.

WORTHING SPUTNIKS 54 Humphries, Bagnall 12, Edney 8,Hoyle,Williams 6.
BASKERVILLE HOUNDS 41: Dawes 13, Morris 7, Treadwell, Turner 5,

This was an enjoyable match with the Sputniks gaining revenge for their defeat at Oxford last year. The match was marred by bad sportsmanship. John Humphries and Keith Bagnall both scored 12pt maximums and Dave Edney supported with 8. Brian Dawes was the only Hounds' rider to show any liking for the track and scored 13 his only support coming from Peter Morris with 7.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 65: Smith 12, Mason 10, O'Grady 9, Osbourne,Mallett 8.
BASKERVILLE HOUNDS 31: Scorers not known.

The Hawks showed great skill in this match and were seldom troubled by the slow gating Hounds.

WORTHING SPUTNIKS 26: Humphries 8, Bagnall 6, Edney 4,Williams 3.
WEMBLEY HAWKS 70: Smith 12, O'Grady, Bootell 11, Dunlop 12, Mallett 7.

The Sputniks could find no answer to the team riding of the Hawks and the visitors were magnificent. Johnny Pinnock made a comeback with 6 points from three rides. Again speed from the gate was the Hawks major advantage.

"BO-BO".

HORSPATH RESULTS

HORSPATH WRECKERS 34: Moore 8, Dayley 7, Selwood 5,Pithers Taylor 4.
HORSPATH HAMMERS 62: Grand 15, Honey 12, Denmark 10, Butler 9, Berry 7.

EAST HAM STARS 80: Lillywhite 15, Kiley 13, Walker, Barrett 12,
HORSPATH 40: Cull 8, Grant 7, Lillis,Denmark, Lewis 6.

THE GLADIATORS 49:McGillivray 11, Bull 10, Grant 9, Wells 7, Robinson6
HORSPATH 59 Lewis 11, Taylor, Winchester 10, Grant 9, Lillis 7.Cull 6.

HAWBUSH HAMMERS 60:Koehler 12, Potter, Chubb 10, Warren,T.Chubb 8.
HORSPATH 48: Cull 11, Grant, Lillis 9, Lewis, Winchester 5.

THURROCK STARS 62: Hudson 12, Wood 11, Rayner, Busby 10, Smith 9
Horspath 45: Grant 12, Cull 8, Dayley 7, Lewis 6, Winchester 5.

EAST HAM WOLVES 81: Bramley, Fraser 15, Gibbons 11, Archie, Tamlyn, Bell10
HORSPATH 27: Winchester 6, Grant 5.

YORKSHIRE

GORTON 42: LINDALE 54. Scorers not known.

This match was full of thrills from start to finish and on behalf of all the 'Lions' I would like to thank the Gorton team for the sporting way in which the match was run.

LINDALE LIONS 44: Brooke,Bates 12; OPENSHAW 51:Lawton 9, Skelton,Davies 8.

The Lions were well beaten by the all round strength of the Lancashire side who haven't yet lost a match.

LINDALE LIONS 60: Ramsden 12, Bates 11, Brooke 10, Cockcroft 9.
LONGSIGHT 35: Shaw 13, Darling 10.

In his first match on the Lindale track, Shaw of Longsight rode superbly to score over one-third of his teams points.

LUPSET ACES 56: Shulver 12, Johnston 11, Holmes 10, Vickers,Bedford 9.
LONGSIGHT 40: Darling 11, King 8, Jolly 7.

The only riders to trouble the strong Lupset team were Darling and King, the Longsight reserves.

LUPSET ACES 46: Vickers 12, Holmes 11, Shulver 9,
OPENSHAW 50: Davies 9, Edwards, Lawton 8.

The Lupset side, with seven men were beaten by an Openshaw team which hadn't a weak link.

CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 52: Moston 14, Mann 14, Mann 9, Bailey 7.
LINDALE LIONS 44: Cockroft 11, Brooke, Sutcliffe 8.

In the trmendous heat and blazing sunshine, the Lions didn't seem to be able to last out on the large Carrs Wood track.

TEST MATCH REPORT. LANCASHIRE 49: Darling 11, Lawton 10, Marsland 9, Skelton 7, Edwards 6, Betts 4, McGuiness, Watling 1.
YORKSHIRE 70:Bates,Bedford 14, Brooke, Johnston 12, Vickers 7, Sutcliffe 5, Cockcroft 4, Shulver 2.

The Lancashire - Yorkshire match was the first ever between the two Counties, but unfortunately, the condition of the track did not favour good racing. One or two heats were good, but the majority were 'processions'.

The Lancashire team started off with a 4-2 in heat 1 and were 8 points in front by heat 6. Then, the Yorkshire team seemed to 'click', scoring three 5-1s in as many heats.

The biggest surprise of the match was the poor form shown by Bill McGuiness who scored 1point from five rides. The loose track certainly didn't suit his style.

The men of the match were undoubtably 'Lupsets' Nick Bedford and Lindales Dave Bates, although Lancashires Johnny Darling rode even better than his eleven points suggest.

In the twenty heats, Yorkshire supplied fourteen heat winners to Lancashires six and throughout the match, were a more solid team.

MIKE COCKROFT.

SUFFOLK

The Suffolk league is now getting under way and so far only 1 team remains unbeaten - Melton Meteors. They have been fortunate in that they have all of last seasons riders with one exception, and quite a force to be reckoned with. Claydon have lost once being beaten by neighbours Blakenham Whippets who in turn have lost to Melton.

Last seasons champions Kesgrave Panthers have lost to both Claydon and Blakenham and if one of these three can inflict on Melton their first defeat the league will be wide open for these four teams.

In the Suffolk round of the Junior Individual Championship J.Parker had no difficulty in retaining his title and the runner up M.Scrivener is not really in the same class.

Test matches have been arranged with Norfolk and it is hoped that other matches with other counties will follow. If any counties are interested would they please contact me at 38 Kirby Rise, Barham, Ipswich, Suffolk. Usual match basis, home and away and 'A' and 'B' teams if neccessary.

ROCKY MORGAN.

RESULTS.

WOODBRIDGE WILDCATS 43: Addison 12, Garwood 8, Stallard 6, Jackaman 5
IPSWICH PIRATES 65: Hagger 12, Steward, Osbourne 11, Kelly 9, Gilbert 8.

CLAYDON GREYHOUNDS 52: Lockwood 15, Banyard 11, Smith 10, Morgan 8,
BLAKENHAM WHIPPETS 55: Ford, Pilbrough 12, Wolton 11, Studd 6, Cardy 4.

CLAYDON GREYHOUNDS 64: Lockwood 14, Smith 13, Hiskey 11, Banyard 8
IPSWICH PIRATES 44: Steward 13, Peck 9, Haggon 7, Osborne 6,

LEISTO' AC S 41: Scarlett 11, Wilson 10, Blowers 7, Harrison 5
KESGRAVE PANTHERS 67: Louis 13, Rookyard 12, Fisher 11, Collins, Fisher 7.

MELTON METEORS 68: Friar Bridges 15, Smith 10, Elvin 9, Wade 7, urner 6
HEATH HAWKS 38: Fewell 11, Cant, Shepherd 6, Harvey 5, James 4,

CLAYDON GREYHOUNDS 56: Hiskey 13, Lockwood, Smith 12, David Lockwood 6.
KESGRAVE PANTHERS 51: Rookyard 13, Fisher 12, Louis 8, Fisher 7,

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EDMONTON WANT MATCHES

EDMONTON MONARCHS require challenge matches. These can be on a home and away basis or home only or away only.

Mr. M.Jeffery is now General Secretary of the club and any correspondence relating to club matters should be sent to him and not to Mr. V.Cowell. His address is 37, Hereward Gdns., Palmers Green, London N.13.

COME ON, "WELSHMEN"!

Any riders of Welsh origin who are interested in forming a Welsh team for international racing are invited to contact Mr. W.Punter, 48 Manningtree Rd., S.Ruislip, Middx. Mr Punter has already received several replies but would welcome letters from anyone else who is interested.