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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP —

MEETING POSTPONED

A meeting called for Saturday Sept. 5th. to discuss arrangements for the World Championship 1960 has had to be called off due to senior members of NACSA being on holiday.

The meeting will now take place later in the month.

The Editor will be on holiday from Sept. 14th. to Sept. 20th. inclusive. Correspondence will be dealt with on return.

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SOUTHERN PREMIER

In the past two weeks the most important match has been the "BCSF Gold Cup" semi-final between Raynes Park Tigers and Tooting Tigers which ended in a draw 54-54. Leading scorers were Raynes Park - Trigg 12, Chivers 11. Tooting Tigers - B.Cable 13, K.Archer 11.

Next months racing is mainly individual racing for the S.P.Championships.

LEAGUE TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Total
Raynes Park Tigers	12	12	0	0	703	445	24
Edmonton	13	12	0	1	725	520	24
South London Rangers	13	8	0	5	694	551	16
Tooting Tigers	11	5	0	6	519½	532½	10
Raynes Park Stars	13	5	0	8	584	660	10
Hellingly Lions	14	4	0	10	615	726	8
Thornton Heath Cobras	10	3	0	7	399	560	6
South London Hunters	14	1	0	13	547½	792½	2

KEN ARCHER

LEICESTER

August week saw Lupset Aces from Yorkshire visiting Leicester for two matches. I was not present, as I took my holiday late, but I understood that the visitors had comfortable wins over both Blackbird and Belgrave. Johnston and Bedford topped the score sheet in both matches. For Belgrave, Cross (a guest) and skipper Dave Brant were best, whilst Glover, Vann and Lowe were the highest scorers for Blackbird, who lost 32-63. Belgrave went down 31-64.

In a league match at Jean Drive, events deprived Belgrave of 4 of their top 5 riders and Anstey profited accordingly. Dave Brant was rather upset about his puncture, as it was the first time he had missed a match since he joined the club. Juniors Kilby and Bloxham made a brave fight of it, but the margin could have been greater than 65-30 if certain riders had not lost their heads. I gather that some of them did not see eye to eye with the steward!

A challenge match between All Stars and Blackbird produced a close match, both sides being understrength, Belgrave lads guesting for both sides. A 5-1 to Blackbird in the final heat left them the winners by 48-46. Newberry and Glover were the respective top scorers and Simpson dropped out with a leg injury. I understand that he may be out of the team for some weeks, which is a blow to the Stars N.T.C. and league hopes.

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ANSTEY EAGLES 65: Power 15, Cross, Crowther 9. BELGRAVE 30: Kilby 9, Bloxham 6.

Friendly Matches

L.ALL STARS 46: Newberry 11. BLACKBIRD 48: Glover 13, Vann 12, Greaves 10. BLACKBIRD 32: Glover 7, Vann, Lowe 6. LUPSET 63: Johnston 15, Bedford, Vickers 11. BELGRAVE 31: Cross 8, Brant 7, Robson 5. LUPSET 64: Johnston, Bedford 12.

ROY WRIGHT

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SUSSEX

SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE - 2nd semi final. This was held at Worthing on an extremely dry track and the racing was again spoiled by the non arrival of many competitors. After some rather tiresome looking heats the top scorers were Dave Edney and Fats Bashford (Worthing), Pete Pemberton (Brighton), Brian Makepeace (Brighton), Pete Spencer (Worthing), Ernie Williams, Chris Bedford and Brian Lawrence (Worthing). These joined the other qualifiers in what promises to be a ding-dong final. August 15th - Worthing: With the scene set for the Championship and Ron Holvey (ex-Tooting and England rider) as steward, the presentation was made to the Deputy Mayor of the Town, who has shown so much interest in the sport. After 20 gripping heats a triple run-off was required when Dave Edney, Johnny Humphrey (Worthing) and Dell Goddard (Brighton, holder) all tied with 14 points - a rare occurrence to be sure. In the run off John Humphrey took a dive into the first bend after a lightning gate only to fall allowing Edney and Goddard through in that order. So there it was the "blonde Bombshell" Dave Edney was 1959 Champion. Alderman H.D. Steele J.P. then presented the trophies and also a souvenir to Mr Holvey for his valuable services as steward. SCORERS: D. Edney, D. Goddard, J. Humphrey 14, K. Bagnall, E. Williams 10, P. Pemberton 9, B. Makepeace, P. Spencer, M. Bashford 7, R. Brazier, K. Bishop B. Lawrence 5 C. Bedford, P. Brennan 4, B. Pemberton, M. Hobden 2. TOOTING TIGERS 63: Archer 15, Cattle 13. WORTHING SPUTNIKS 33: Edney 11.

This was a good match despite the score on the extremely fine Garratt Park track. Ken Archer scored a 15 point maximum for the home team and received good support from Derek Cattle (13) and Tommy Davis (6). The only visitor to impress was newly crowned champion Dave Edney who scored 11 good points, he received only spasmodic support from Bagnall (6). After this match Tooting defeated a very young Thurrock Stars side, just back from Holland, by a similar score.

GATHERING OF CHAMPIONS At Garratt Park on that day it was a great sight to see past riders visiting the scenes of their previous triumphs. Bryan Wood (1956 National Champion), Ron Holvey, and Clive Elmer (ex-England and Tooting) were among them and as so often happens they had to race. The result was a walk away win for Bryan Wood, a broken pedal for Clive Elmer and a beauty of a burst tyre for Ron Holvey. Ron, however had shown fine form with 8 points from 9 in the match for Tooting against Thurrock. It was a grand sight indeed.

CRAWLEY COMETS? It is quite possible that Ron Holvey and Clive Elmer now residents of the "new town" may be persuaded to form a club for entry into the Southern Counties League for 1960. I am sure that all in cycle speedway will wish them all the best. Meanwhile, it is hoped that they will be able to join up with the Brighton Scorchers, who are once again in our need of help if they are to survive, for the remainder of the present season.

"BO-BO"

CORNWALL BULLETIN - I am going out during the winter months to try and get a few clubs started up in this area. I am putting up posters in shops, pubs and in the local papers, and have written to Torpoint Council asking for permission to use the old "Flyers" track. After checking on old tracks, used in 1954, I find that 11 have been built on or disappeared, 5 more are still rideable.

E. ABBOTT.

MIDDLESEX

The Semi-Finals Riders from 9 areas took part in this years semi-final of the Middlesex Grand Prix. In the first semi-final, the Yorkshire lads of Lupset Aces took the top 2 positions. These were the captain Vickers and England rider Bedford. A surprise third was Pete Saunders who beat many favourites.

In the second semi-final, Pete Page proved himself man of the day when he scored a brilliant maximum. Sid Tomlyn (East Ham) and Dave Johnston (Lupset) followed up with 13.

THE FINAL And what a shock. Derek Wills of Tottenham, who only qualified after a run-off, carried off the Trophy. There was little to choose between the riders and this is reflected by the fact that Wills scored only 11½ points to win. Last years champion Roy Baker found the going a little too hot for him and was out of the running after his third ride. He appeared a little undergeared. On the whole a good Final watched by a good crowd.

Top scorers: D. Wills (Tottenham) 11½; F. Boutell (Wembley), Johnston (Lupset) 11; Page (Tolworth) 10; Tomlyn (East Ham) 9; Baker (S. London Rangers) 8½; Saunders (Bricket Wood), Bell (East Ham), Lester (Harefield) 8.

With the departure of Pete Rides, Tolworth Tudors have had to seek a new old rider to keep their strength. He is one of the original founders of the club, namely R. Wallis. You may remember that he was a member of the Tudors National Champion team of 1956.

Bricket Wood are no more. At a club meeting they decided to rename themselves Bushey and Watford Kangaroos, the main reason being that most of the riders come from that area. Other revolutionary ideas put forward at the meeting include a streamlined presentation of future matches in order to bring back supporters. Only co-operation of away teams is required. All officers of the club remain as before with the exception of captain, who is now up and coming Brian Gillett.

Dixie Dean who was married earlier in the month, celebrated by scoring a max against Harefield.

It is reported that a new track is being made at Croxley Green Herts, whilst there is a rumour of a team without a track at Hemel Hempstead. Wembley Hawks were considering moving home to the old Sudbury Rising Sun track, but have now decided to remain where they are in the hope that some track improvements can be made.

Whipps Cross star Eric Hemsley, will be unable to turn out for the Comets in the near future, as he has been posted to Germany. Johnny Browns boys are well behind with their fixtures and they hope to catch up with some floodlight matches shortly.

East Ham Wolves are now settling down on their Well Street track and it ranks without doubt as the finest bowl in the league.

The Harefield Pirates management could hardly believe their eyes when they had 10 riders turn up for a recent match. "Never known times like it!" commented Bill Punter.

Top of the table remained unaltered, but Wembley Hawks moved into 3rd place with a win over Bricket Wood. All Stars moved up with wins over Harefield Lions and Pirates.

BOB SAUNDERS

HUNGERFORD

The first ever Berks Grand Prix held on the Hungerford track on Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd August attracted a first class entry and provided some excellent racing. The semi-finals were on Saturday, were badly supported due to no doubt to the wet weather. But the final on Sunday, in good weather, attracted a very large crowd to witness some exciting racing. The favourite, Derek Pearce from Middlesex had the misfortune to break his spectacles in the morning and although he rode well, must have lost points through not being able to see the starting gate move. Another popular rider, Dennis McGee from Manchester was also thought to be a likely winner, but he had an off day when nothing would go right. John Davis the very popular Wilts rider from Cleverton Aces was in great form and although he dropped 3 points his 12 was enough to give him a win, Bob Merrett was 2nd. A tie for 3rd place was decided by a run off in which Brian Geater (Hungerford) was the winner. The awards were presented by the speedway queen Miss E. Hollister.

The 5th Annual Fete and Gymkhana held by the Hungerford Panthers on August Bank Holiday attracted a record entry of riders and a very large number of spectators. Bright, warm sunshine added to the pleasure of various side shows and competitions. The winner of the Miss Speedway title was Miss K. McCarthy from Cleverton. The ankle competition was won by Mrs McGee from Manchester.

On the track, the racing, as was shown by the large crowd was never without interest and excitement. Although the track surface was dry and dusty racing was very fast. In the senior Competition for the Wilts Herald and Advertiser Cup, the holders the Hungerford Panthers were knocked out in the 2nd round 14-10 by the Tatnam Tigers from Dorset. The final produced 4 of the finest races ever seen on the Hungerford track. The Hellingly Lions win was very popular, but the biggest cheer of the day was for Cleverton Hornets, runners up for the 2nd year.

The juniors competing for the Marlborough Times Cup also turned in a very high class show. Kingstanding Monarchs the holders were disqualified from the Competition for having riders over 16 years of age.

The slow and backwards races produced their usual fun. It was quite amazing how fast some were able to travel backwards in the backwards race, and go so slow in the slow race.

The final event of the day, the cross country race attracted over 100 entries and the start was very impressive. Andy Bright (Tatnam Tigers) won from R. Smith (Hellingly) by a length.

And so ended a very enjoyable day with the presentation of the awards by the speedway queen. Mr A.G. Mansbridge expressed thanks to everyone who had played a part in making the day possible and said that next year, if the size of the entries continued to increase as they had done during the past 3 years, racing would have to start in the morning.

N. HOLLISTER.

There is also a Cycle Speedway column in the

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WORLD" - 9th**

HOLLAND

The last race of the Swedish touring team was an Individual on the Hilversum track for the Silver Helmet, held on Monday 29th June. Jan Kats finally won, after some hard racing and after beating Koot, the holder in heat 11. In heat 18 Kats made sure of winning by beating Koudijs by 2 inches.

This ends a very interesting weeks racing. Sweden seem very satisfied and promised to come back next year and in 1961. They got used to the Dutch tracks in a few laps, and they are considering changing their and making them like the Dutch ones, which they consider to be faster than the Swedish ones and so make the racing more interesting for riders and spectators, also the passing possibilities are better than on the Swedish tracks. Nilsson said, "We would rather come to Holland than to England, the organisation in Holland is far better than in other countries. Here we have seen real sport and we in Sweden will follow your example.

H. de Ronde.

AUSTRALIA

Cycle speedway racing has died out in Victoria, after the "Sun" newspaper decided it was not worth promoting. The fact that Adelaide (South Australia) has 6 teams all with about 40 members did not make much difference.

My rides in Adelaide about 4 months ago proved very unsuccessful, the slick sand surfaced Adelaide tracks are vastly different from the hard dirt of Abbotsford. The Adelaide tracks are pretty good though, being about 100 yards, surfaced with fine shale and have safety fences around. Racing followed the Melbourne pattern with anything up to 15 riders in a race. Surprisingly there are very few inter club matches and there is no league operating. The only inter club affair is when 3 teams meet over 3 matches, one on each track, to compete for the Joe Blow Cup. The three teams are O.Y.S., C.C.S., E.S.K. One race I found different was the "sidecar" race, where you go round the opposite way to normal. Another difference in the Adelaide racing was the bikes. They have a 28" front wheel and a 24" or 26" rear wheel, the Melbourne bikes generally have them the other way round or with both wheels the same size.

IVOR CRAINE.

YORKSHIRE

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT and DISTRICT SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lupsets Roger Holmes whose previous highest score at Lindale was 6 points, beat all the fancied riders to win the Yorkshire Round and so be seeded direct to the final. Dennis Ramsden and John Sutcliffe showed good form and qualified for the semi-final. Johnston and Vickers had some bad luck but scraped through after a ride off with Tony Hunt. Intercounty match held at Lindale.

YORKSHIRE 82: Brooke 18, Bedford 17, Vickers 13, Johnston 11, Cockerill 10. LANCASHIRE 38: Bartholomew 9, Betts 8, Airey, Darling 7, Rankine 4.

MIKE COCKROFT.

RESULTS

ESSEX

Yallop Trophy. 1st Rd.-1st leg - East Ham Wolves 26 - The Gladiators 51
2nd Leg - Gladiators 47 - East Ham Wolves 61

1st Rd-1st leg - East Ham Stars 85 - Thurrock Stars 23

2nd Rd-1st leg - Whipps X Comets 54 - East Ham Wolves 54

Rivett's Cup. East Ham Stars "A" 34 - The Gladiators "A" 14.

Gibson Cup. East Ham Stars "B" 28 - The Gladiators "B" 20.

Association Cup. East Ham Stars "C" 32 - Thurrock Stars "B" 16.

East Ham Stars "C" 27 - The Gladiators "C" 21.

The Gladiators "C" 32 - Hawbush Diamonds 16.

Junior League. East Ham Stars Juniors 26 - The Crusaders 22.

Challenge Matches. The Crusaders 19 - Hawbush Diamonds 29.

The Crusaders 20 - Norwich reserves 28.

The Gladiators 54 - Norwich Tourists 54 RON BULL

HAMPSHIRE

League. Vickers Viscounts 49:J.Cooke 13. Shirley Bombers 47:Butcher 15.

Southampton Vikings 52: N.Griffiths 15:Chandlers Ford Stars 44.

Southampton Knock Out (1st leg).

SHIRLEY BOMBERS 38:Butcher 11,Tanner 7.S'TON VIKINGS 58.

Southampton Best Pairs.

R.Yates,P.Yates (S'ton Vikings) 26;C.Dowdy, D.Judd (Chandlers F.S.)22;

D.Butcher, D.Tanner (Shirley Bombers) 22.

R.BARNES.

WILTSHIRE

League.

SWINDON EAGLES 75:Morse 14,Hancock,R.Morse,Gilbert 11.MARL.METEORS 21

BRINKWORTH 16½:D.Pell 7,Carter 3.CLEVERTON 24½:Giles 5,Davis 4½,Merret 4.

SWINDON 48:Morse 11, Hancock 9.CLEVERTON 48:Giles 15, Merrett 13,Davis 9.

Junior Challenge

SWINDON 32:Garlick 12, Gilbert 10. Kingstanding 28: Leighton,Palmer 7.

SOUTHERN PREMIER

League

RAYNES PARK STARS 54:Coleman 14. HELLINGLY 42:Page 11.

RAYNES PARK STARS 42: Coleman 11. RAYNES PARK TIGERS 54:Dighton. Chivers 11

SOUTH LONDON HUNTERS 33: EDMONTON MONARCHS 63:Jeffreys 15.

SOUTH LONDON RANGERS 68:Chivers 13. THORNTON HEATH COERAS 28.

Challenge

TOOTING TIGERS 63: WORTHING 27. TOOTING TIGERS 67,THURROCK STARS 23.

WORTHING SPUTNIKS 28, TOOTING TIGERS 68.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Friendly

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 31:Cross 8,Brant 7. LUPSET 64:Johnston,Bedford 12

R.WRIGHT

THURROCK STARS

TOUR OF
HOLLAND

Our club has just returned from a most successful if not triumphant visit to Holland. We had 2 team matches and one Individual. Saturday August 1st. HOLLAND 63 - ENGLAND (Thurrock Stars) 45.

HOLLAND "B" 64 - ENGLAND 44.

In the Individual Alan Rayner led the English lads in 8th place scoring 8 points. Captain Paddy Hunt had some good hunting being the teams leading scorer, with 38 points out of a possible 48, next were Rayner and Dave Stitchman with 31 points out of 48.

I had many talks with Hartog de Ronde and he struck me as being most experienced. He knows what he wants for the sport and his club. He is most strict, but very fair, he can organize a match enough to make the spectators want to come. His lads are all likeable youngsters, hard riders but clean sportsmen. De Ronde wants an official representative English team to visit him and why not? He has a team strong enough to take on any English team that goes there. His track may be different, but we accept that, after all it is a different country and we go abroad for new experiences. His riders are younger than English riders but I must agree are in far better physical condition, their training is carried out under strict supervision. I found myself in agreement with many of de Ronde's ideas and I know that he was in agreement with many of mine. At times we had a conflict of ideas, but we both respected each other for this and we never found need to use strong arguments. It must be remembered that in Holland there is only one club but they always seem to have a schedule of matches, I cannot see that happening in this country. It is my strong opinion that the BCSF and NACSA should get together to form one National body with the minimum amount of officials to make it work. All tracks should fulfil minimum requirements both in lay out and presentation of meetings. Riders should be prepared to accept this new board and its management without argument and let us have a maximum age limit, after all how can we hold our heads up in National sport when Holland and Sweden both field young teams average age of 16 years against our veterans of well over 20.

It is the hope of my club and myself that we return to Holland again soon, a nice country of friendly people who made every effort to see that we enjoyed our stay and many thanks for the nice Trophy the "Holland Cup" presented to our club for future competitions amongst our riders. This Trophy was presented to us on behalf of the Dutch Association in appreciation of the visit of a very sporting club, and is the only one of its kind to be presented to an English team.

Just a warning to English clubs of a future World Championship little Leo Commu, 12 years old who defeated all our riders with the exception of Paddy Hunt, from behind. Once this youngster improves his starting technique there will be no holiday for him. In conclusion many thanks to Dennis Smith, Paddy Hunt, Dave Stitchman, Alan Rayner, Len Busby, Geoffe Sharpe and John Pizzy for their good behaviour and fullest co-operation throughout this most successful tour. They accepted my responsibility and decisions as manager throughout and made my task so much easier.

STAN LEED