

60s Sept. 1959

1

5 - 1

CYCLE
SPEEDWAY
Magazine

5-1

6 September 1959. No.1.

EDITOR.

Bob Saunders, 12, The Crescent, Bricket Wood,
St. Albans, Herts. Phone. Garston 3152.

EDITORIAL

Hi, there. To introduce this magazine, I will be brief. It will be the most hard hitting, frank, Cycle Speedway periodical to hit the market. We are not scared of running down anybody who is not pulling his weight. We will condemn people who do the sport harm. Those people have the chance to answer back, nothing will be censored.

We do not say that we are coming out weekly, then appear at any old time. We do not say that we are coming out monthly, then appear now and again. The next issue of this paper will be out when you see it, but it will be often.

I understand that the "Cycle Speedway Star" is about to re-appear, so there is plenty of competition. You can rest assured, however, that "5-1" is bringing you the most accurate and best news through its handpicked staff of expert reporters.

Thats about it then so heres to Cycle Speedway in YOUR area.

YOU MUST NOT MISS THIS.

THE BUSHEY AND WATFORD CYCLE SPEEDWAY

CLUB PRESENTS

" THE MRS. MALES MEMORIAL TROPHY "

Saturday October 10th at 4.0. Star riders appearing.

ESSEX TOUR

This week-end, the Essex teams of Thurreck Stars, the Gladiators and Hawbush Hammers are touring Norwich in return for the visit which the Norwich lads recently paid them.

* * * * *

Would anybody knowing the whereabouts of a set of speedway leathers, kindly contact Bill Punter at 48, Morningtree Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex.

* * * * *

Here is a list of Junior qualifiers for the Nationals, which was not included with the reports due to lack of space.

NORTH.

Davos (Oxford), Kiernan (Wark), Kelly (Cheshire), Gillett (Herts) Saunders (Herts), Lewis (Wark), Rowland (Oxford), Parker (Suffolk)

SOUTH.

Hudd (Wilts), Garlick (Wilts), Nicholson (Dorset), Cox (Dorset), Smith (Middx), Mason (Middx), Green (Essex), Hamilton (London).

* * * * *

Have heard that due to the success of the Cycle Speedway boys at New Cross, they are thinking of putting on a 4 heat match during the interval.

* * * * *

Seems a 50-50 chance of former Langley Leopards star Johnny Unsworth coming back for Harefield. He could prove that the young Lions team only needed somebody with experience.....

* * * * *

AFTERTHOUGHTS.

On looking through '5-1', mistakes are not hard to find. Plenty of smudges, creased stencils and crocked lines. But you must admit that the idea is there and those faults can be corrected with time. So stick by us with your support and we'll stick by you.

The next edition will cover most areas and if yours is not included, you had better chase up your Press Officer. A couple of extra pages will be included for a special Finals Edition out Sept, 19th. So order '5-1.'

COMMENT

What an advert for Cyclo Speedway. The All - England Semi-Finals were held at Whitley, Coventry. What about it? Well, have YOU seen the track? It is not worthy of a League match let alone an event of this kind. How it ever came to be licensed beats me. What official runs the track? None other than the N.A.C.S.A. tracks and stewards secretary, John Leith. I am positive that the Committee will not select an unknown track again and I believe that the situation is to be locked into by the Association.

NOTE. Harefield Pirates were scheduled to stage the other Semi-Final, but passed it over to Wembley as they thought that their track was not up to standard. I consider Pirates track to be far superior to Whitley.

ODDS

Congratulations to Roger Seymour, Chairman of the Middlesex League, on his recent engagement.

Have heard that Bill Punter, Harefield Pirates, is considering dabbling at Meter Speedway.

Martin Van de Brakel, current World Champion who is banned from riding in Holland, has been granted a permit by the Dutch Authorities to defend his title in England next year.

Former star rider in Rugby a few years back, Ron Webb is living conveniently near the Bushey track.

Fred Beuttell, Wembley Hawks, came 3rd in the Southern Semi-final. Considering that he was only a reserve for the event and this is his first full year of racing, that is some performance.

HAVE YOU ORDERED A "5-1" REGULARLY?

Name Address
2/8 covers this & next 3 issues inc. postage.
Agents- 4 or more, add a copy. Enclosed.....P.O.

Semi Finals

This has become known as the match which nearly did not take place. A formula had to be worked out which involved 18 riders. Mr. Leith produced one which split the riders into 2 sections of 9 each with 3 in a race and the top 4 from each section going into the final. This was objected to by many riders as they felt that they should meet every rider. Mr. Leith then stated that unless his formula was used he would withdraw his track, probably due to him having printed programmes which had already been sold. A vote by the riders resulted in a 9-9 tie. In the end, riders who had objected rode under protest.

The racing itself was not spectacular, due to the type of track. The first section saw the stronger round of the 2. This resulted in McGhee, Garnett, Darling and Vickers qualifying. 3 others rode very well and would not have disgraced themselves if they had made the final. These were Lockwood, Grieves and Edwards.

Part 2 was a triumph for Brian Moston who proved that he has lost none of his prowess. Also qualifying were the Harley Comets pair of Varnish and Wilkinson. The remaining place was decided in a run off, where Gerry Kean beat Clive Brooke.

The junior was spoiled by some riders not turning up. It was won by Dawes of Baskerville in a run off from Kiernan of Birmingham. Both riders had 12 points. Pete Saunders had started with 3 wins, but only secured 2 more points. Disappointing was the form of Ken Rowland, who although qualifying, is capable of finer riding.

QUALIFIERS

SENIOR. McGhee (Lancs), Darling (Cheshire), Garnett (Ches)
Vickers (Yorks), Moston (Lancs), Varnish (Staffs),
Wilkinson (Staffs), Kean (Wark)

SEPT 20 AT WINGFORD THE NATIONAL FINALS.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Finals

Held on the Wembley All Stars track, the Semi-Final of the N.A.C.S.A individual was won by Pete Fraser of East Ham Wolves. He scored 13 points, being beaten by only Pete Page and P. Lilly.

Many Counties race within the Middlesex League, and not surprisingly, 6 of the 7 qualifiers come from Middlesex League teams. There was no run off for second and third places, unlike in the Northern Section, and this resulted in Fred Bouttell and Bill Punter tying with 12 points each. Fred incidentally, was only down as reserve for the meeting and due to the non-arrival of Middlesex champion, Billy Rankmore, had to ride. He finished the meeting on a borrowed bike, borrowed shoes, jeans and gloves.

There was a run off for the last place in the final between Roy Archie (Essex) and Jim Cocke (Hants), Archie being the winner. Cocke was probably the most unlucky rider, winning his first 2 races and then only picking up 2 more points from his next 3 rides. Another rider to show up well was Telworth Aces' Glynn Brimsen, who scored 7 points.

The Junior event was a personal triumph for young Hudd of Wiltshire. He scored a 15 point 'max' and produced some really marvellous riding. The best was in his 4th ride where he swept past Brian Smith of Wembley Hawks who was previously unbeaten. Here again was a case of reserve makes good, for he replaced Richards of Wroughton Racers. Runner up was much fancied Frankie Garlick and this meant that Wiltshire had supplied the top 2.

Brian Smith had scored 11 from 4 rides, but in his last race was excluded for trying to ride teammate Bernie Masen through.

A run off for the last place in the final resulted in a win for Hamilton (London) over Barnes.

QUALIFIERS

SENIOR. P.Fraser (Essex)13, B.Punter (Middx)12, F.Bcutell (Middx)12, K.Taylor (London)11, P.Page (Surrey)11, P. Lilly (Dorset)9, R.Archie (Essex)8.

BRITANNIA

The top individual event of the British Cycle Speedway Federation, the Britannia Shield, takes place at Garrett Park, Earlsfield, near Wandsworth on Sunday September 13th at 3.0. If you want to see a meeting with first class racing and first class organisation, then you cannot go wrong with this.

7 clubs provide the 16 riders who are taking part. Eliminating rounds have been run and this has produced some surprises. For example, Hellingly Lions have no representatives, although they are supplying both reserves. Another noticeable absence is the Southern Counties riders, the Southern Counties being Brighton and Worthing. But you could not see a finer line up for an individual and the winner is anybody's guess.

An eye opener is the fact that Thornton Heath, recognised as one of the weaker teams in the Southern Premier league, have 3 riders representing them.

As usual, no effort has been spared by the organisers to produce a top class event and consequently, Sidney Tafler and Joy Shelton will be along to present the awards.

Now for a brief run through of the riders taking part. They are in their riding order.

1. Wal Bracey. (Tottenham Kangaroos)

Wal is a veteran of the sport, having ridden for Tottenham for many years. He has represented Essex in test matches and was in last years Britannia Shield, scoring 9 points.

2. Richard Baker. (Thornton Heath)

One of Thornton Heath's most consistent riders. He was also in last years event, scoring 8.

3. Mick Jeffrey. (Edmonton Monarchs)

One of the favourites for the Shield. Last years winner and riding as well as ever. Came second in the Roden Trophy and Champion of Champions.

4. Ken Archer (Tooting Tigers)

A veteran Tooting rider, has ridden in Tests.

SHIELD

5. Les Westwood. (Edmonton Monarchs)
Another veteran. Les rides Garrett Park extremely well and has the speed to ride round most riders. Herts Champion in 1956 and 3rd in the Roden Trophy and Champion Of Champions.
 6. Wally Deighton. (Raynes Park Tigers)
One of the very strong Raynes Park team, Wally has ridden in Southern Premier tests.
 7. Fred Bouttell. (Wembley Hawks)
This is Fred's first full season and his speed can bring him from last to first within a lap. He is also in the N.A.C.S.A Finals.
 8. Geoff Penniket. (Raynes Park Tigers)
A brilliant stylist, Geoff came second in the 1958 Southern Premier Championships.
 9. Pete Milton. (South London Rangers)
Another Test rider, Pete is in fine form.
 10. Ted Cracknell. (Raynes Park Tigers)
Another leading scorer of strong Tigers.
 11. Neil Goodrum. (Thornton Heath)
In his 1st full year, capped v Sussex.
 12. Geoff Smith. (Thornton Heath)
Details as for Goodrum.
 13. Derek Wills. (Tottenham Kangaroos)
Winner of the Middlesex Grand Prix, Wispy has ridden for North London in tests.
 14. Dave Chivers. (Raynes Park Tigers)
Dave has not reproduced so far this term, the form which won him many trophies last year but if he does - watch out.
 15. Paul Bowden. (Edmonton Monarchs)
Probably the outsider for this event, but it often happens that the outsider wins.
 16. Roy Baker. (South London Rangers)
The favourite for the Shield. Won the Roden Trophy and Champion Of Champions. Lost to Jeffrey last year in a run off.
- Reserves. G. Page and R. Smith (Hellingly Lions).

EUROPEAN

ROUND UP

FACTS SUPPLIED BY ROGER SEYMOUR.

The latest big event to be held in Holland was the Hilversum Championships. Watched by a crowd of about 400, it was won by Henk Koot. Runner up was Johan Koudijs and third Jan Kats. The Championships were to have been given an international flavour by the presence of a French novice and England's Roger Seymour, but Roger was ill with food poisoning on that day and could not ride. The next big match to take place in Hilversum is the Dutch Championship.

As an interval attraction at these meetings, they have Soap Box racing. This is for youngsters up to the age of 13. It is then hoped that the boys will be old enough to take up speedway.

As reported elsewhere Holland have released World Champion Martin Van de Brakel to defend his title next year. One further place has been allocated to Holland and it is on the level that this may be taken up by Koudijs.

The Dutch boys will have big expenses next year, for as well as the World Final they have a series of Test Matches in Sweden.

The World Final, incidentally, will be held at Garrett Park, South London.

2 places have also been allocated to Sweden with a possibility of Don Reiche from Germany.

It is likely that Bill Punter and John Everleigh will be representing Wales and it could be that amongst some of the Irish riders riding in England, one may wish to represent his country.

The line-up, then, looks like England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Holland, Sweden and Germany.

THE B.C.S.F TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

"THE BRITANNIA SHIELD"

AT GARRETT PARK, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th.

OXFORD

The Oxford League which was a neat, compact League in 1956, suddenly dropped out in 1957. After a year it was gradually revived until this year it has 5 teams. In addition to these 5, there are 2 teams at Baskerville who do not participate in the league.

The 5 teams which make up the league are Grandpont Giants, Horspath Hammers, Horspath Wreckers, Cowley Eagles 'A' and Cowley Eagles 'B'.

The Grandpont team is a continuation of the Giants who were riding in the early '50s. The Captain is Doug Califano, who is one of Oxford's leading riders and was Oxford Champion in 1952.

Topping the table at the moment are Horspath Hammers. They are captained by Mick Grant and last year had the impressive record of 15 wins from 18 matches. Their second team, the Wreckers, have amongst their riders Berry and Winchester. 'Winny' in particular has a most spectacular style.

Cowley Eagles have built themselves a new 95 yard circuit this term. They have a fairly strong team which includes Jock Sutherland, Barry Shapley, Graham Mullett and Ken McMinn. But probably the most consistent rider now is young Ken Rowland. Mullett was promoted from the 'B' team when it was thought that McMinn was retiring, but now they both ride. The top notcher at present in the 'B' team is George Byles.

Baskerville Hounds felt that they would rather ride challenge matches than take part in league racing this season. Amongst their top riders are Pete Barlow, Mick Elliott and John Turner. Dawes, winner of the N.A.C.S.A Northern Junior Semi-final is a member of the Pups. The Baskerville track is also a new one, being short and rather tricky.

That is the set up in Oxford then. The riders are keen, as shown in their Test Matches with Middlesex when they rode better away than they did at home. In all a neat little league with close racing.

C.S. PLUG

At New Cross Speedway last Wednesday, our sport received a most welcome boost. As an interval attraction, an event was billed as Bill Longley's Cycle Speedway team. This in fact turned out to be 8 riders from the Thornton Heath club who did a 1 lap race. It was typical of Cycle Speedway when the gates only went up on one side. But seriously, this did the sport a world of good and various facts about Cycle Speedway were announced over the loudspeaker, including a batch of Southern Premier/Federation fixtures. The riders themselves looked very good with neat riding outfits and shining bikes. A few pile-ups were inserted to keep the interest. This could lead to a minor revival of some teams in the South London area.

At the same meeting there were several ex-Cycle Speedway riders taking part. These included Clive Hitch, Tommy Sweetman and, probably the best of the night, Pete Jarman. Pete only took up motor speedway this season, but already shows much promise.

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE TABLE

	P	T	D	L	F	A	Fts.
Tolwerth Tudors	8	8	0	0	506	254	21
Harefield Pirates	13	9	0	4	697	513	21
Wembley Hawks	9	6	0	3	443	415	15
East Ham Wolves	6	5	0	1	339½	286½	13
Wembley All Stars	10	5	0	5	507	446	11
Whipps Cross Comets	5	4	0	1	256	213	10
Weston Stars	6	4	0	2	297	277	10
Tolwerth Aces	8	4	0	4	357½	392½	10
Tottenham Kangaroos	8	3	0	5	376	387	7
Bushey/Watford K'roos	12	1	0	11	402	743	3
Harefield Lions	13	0	0	13	450	774	0

RESULTS

HAREFIELD PIRATES 70. D. Hunting 14, D. Thompson, E. Norris
BUSHEY K'ROOS 26. B. Gillett 8, P. Saunders 8. 12

HAREFIELD LIONS 46. R. Lester 10, D. Wynn 8
BUSHEY K'ROOS 49. P. Saunders 10, B. Gillett 11.

N.T.C. NEWS

Today, September 6th, sees the Semi-finals of the National Team Championship. The teams involved are -

TOLWORTH TUDORS v WILMSLOW HAMMERS

and

CLAYDON GREYHOUNDS v EAST HAM WOLVES

In their last round, Tolworth beat Birmingham Lions 57-39.

Wilmslow Hammers defeated Hagley Comets.

Claydon Greyhounds were given the match over Leicester All Stars, who could not raise a team.

East Ham failed to arrive for their first match with Whipps Cross, due to a break down. Whipps Cross claimed the match, but a rerun was ordered. Comets declined to ride, leaving the Wolves a place in the Semi-final.

PROSPECTS.

Forecasting is a very tricky thing, particularly at this stage of the proceedings. However, we cannot rule out the possibility of the Final teams being a repeat of last year. Should this happen, would the result be the same? On paper it seems unlikely. Wolves have lost Greenaway, Risley and Stevens, whilst the only rider they have gained who is up to this standard is Pete Bromley. 3 riders of this calibre is a big loss to any team. With this in mind, the odds must sway towards Tolworth.

What chances have these teams got today? Claydon are a useful combination, but it seems unlikely that they will give East Ham a surprise. Wilmslow Hammers must stand more of a chance, but the all round strength of Tudors could prove a stumbling block.

Irrespective of which teams qualify, the final is assured of fast exciting racing.

THE

GOLD

CUP.

Today also, sees the final of the B.C S.F team championship. This event is for the Gold Cup. The teams are Tooting Tigers and South London Rangers.

RIDES GOES

YOUR REPORTER BOB SAUNDERS

Pete Rides, last years National Junior Champion, has now left Tolworth Tudors to join the Southern Premier club, Raynes Park. Tolworth, however, have found an adequate replacement in R. Wallis, who was an original member of the club and a member of the Tudors Championship team of 1956. Their second team, the Aces are pleased by the form of Glynn Brimsen, who together with Pete Page is making the Aces scores a little higher these days.

Weston Stars are still struggling with their team. The trouble appears to be that their older riders only turn up when they feel like it. A pity they have not more clubmen like George Harvey.

Whipps Cross have only managed to run off a quarter of their league fixtures and they will have to make use of their floodlights to catch up.

Wembley Hawks hope to have veteran Johnny Pincock back in the saddle shortly. Incidentally, a further tussle with local rivals Bushey seems probable in the National Junior Final, when 2 Hawks, Brian Smith and Bernie Mason will be meeting 2 Kangaroos, Pete Saunders and Brian Gillett.

Kangaroos, immediately after their meeting to improve match presentation, have removed some of their unkeen riders and replaced them with keen ex-Watford League riders. These are George Pine (Bushey Aces), Mick Hoskins (Watford Stars) and Jimmy Williams (North Watford Wasps). All these are still around the 22 age mark.

Harfield Pirates rider position seems to have improved with Dave Thompson and Dave Stonex back in the saddle. The same cannot of the Lions though and the bulk of the scoring still comes from Reg Lester, but Steve Viner/Doug Wearn help.