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MOSTON DOES IT AT LAST!

WILL HE NOW RETIRE?

NEVER HAS A NATIONAL CHAMPION BEEN MORE POPULAR. As Brian Moston crossed the finishing line in his last race, for the win that assured him of the title he has for so long sought, cheers rang out all around the track. He won the championship with only 12 points.

The only thing that marred his victory was the fact that Pete Fraser who scored 11, was disqualified by the steward, Mr. Watts, when he was in the lead for "crossing over", to my mind a doubtful decision, but one which undoubtedly cost him the title.

Moston has won just about every honour there is in cycle speedway except the individual championship, although he has appeared in finals since 1951, when, then already 20 years old, he was riding for Chorlton Aces.

He was County Champion in 1951, 1952, 1955, 1956, he has captained England, has won more events than we can enumerate here.

The question is now, will he decide to retire, as the holder of the sport's supreme individual honour?

I think he will.

THE EDITOR.

NATIONAL TROPHY MISSING

The National Team Championship Trophy, which is valued at £90, has disappeared somewhere between London and Swindon.

East Ham Wolves, requested by NACSA to send the Trophy to Hungerford so that it could be displayed in a local traders shop window despatched it by British Road Services.

At the time of writing, no more has been heard of it.

The non-appearance at the Finals of this trophy really spoilt the presentations at the end.

Any further news will be reported as soon as we hear.

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FINALS STEWARDS

Junior Individual Mr. G. Davies

Senior Individual Mr. W. Watts

Team Championship Mr. J. Leith.

SHOULD WOLVES HAVE BEEN IN THE FINAL AT ALL ?

Whipps Cross Comets wish to bring to the notice of all NACSA members the situation which has arisen in the Nat. Team Championship, involving our club. It appears that our team have been eliminated from the semi-finals because we claimed the points over East Ham in the quarter finals and stuck to our decision. We claimed the match with the agreement of the steward and in accordance with rule 17 of the 1959 rule book. Mr. Bennett agreed that technically we were right, but that a ruling passed at a meeting in 1955 stated that any club failing to appear at any arranged match by the starting time shall forfeit the match unless transport en route has been disrupted, evidence to be produced to this effect. This rule does not appear in the 1959 rules governing the Nat. Team Championship. This rule also states that a team will lose the points if they are not there at the starting time, whereas the rule governing the team championship states that a team will have the right to claim the match if their opponents are not at the track half an hour before the start, within the stewards discretion. There seems to be no connection between the two rules and therefore the only rule to be followed should be those published this year.

East Ham travelled in three cars, one broke down and yet none of the cars arrived at the track until we were leaving, surely one of the cars could have gone on ahead to inform us of the breakdown.

Mr Bennett stated that he received a statement from East Ham on the Monday (Aug. 17th) which gave the facts of the breakdown and that their statement coincided with reports from other sources MORE or LESS, and after discussion with the Chairman, he had decided that in the interest of sportsmanship the match should be re-run.

His letter was dated 18th August and our club would like to know the following:

What were the reports from other sources?

How did Mr Bennett get them so quickly?

Has the secretary and chairman of NACSA the power to decide such matters without a committee?

Did the Wolves send the £2 required for a protest? The match was given to us by the steward and any form of statement from them would have to be classed as a protest against the decision.

Why should a steward selected by NACSA have his decision reversed without an explanation?

It was also stated that if the match were not re-run both clubs would come under the penalty of disqualification. Because we kept to our decision, which if not sporting was technically right in every detail, we were disqualified and East Ham were allowed to continue. At least we assume we are out of it, but we have no official notification, only the fact that the semi-finals have been played.

Our club would like these questions answered. We feel we have been pushed out of the National Trophy and have not received a satisfactory explanation to our questions, although we wish to make it quite clear that we are not accusing Mr Bennett of being biased in any way but we feel that he and the Chairman should have gone into the matter more

closely and put it before a committee to get the true facts before making a decision. We cannot believe that a team with three cars on the road would not have sent one on ahead, if a breakdown had occurred, on such an important occasion.

J. BROWN

EDITORS NOTE: When Mr Bennett was asked for his comments on the above letter he said that he could say nothing further to what he had said in his letter to Mr Brown of Whipps Cross Comets.

NATIONAL TROPHY FINAL

Heat	1st	2nd	3rd	E.W.	W.H.	E.W.	W.H.	Time
1	Milano	Archie	Rollason	5	1	5	1	46
2	Bevan	Davenport	Tomlyn	1	5	6	6	48.8
3	Hinchcliffe	Fraser	McDonald	2	4	8	10	47.4
4	Gibbons	Garnett		3	2	11	12	47
5	Bromley	McDonald	Rollason	3	3	14	15	46.8
6	Davenport	Fraser	Bell	3	3	17	18	49
7	Milano	H'cliffe	Archie	4	2	21	20	50
8	Garnett	Bromley	Groome	2	4	23	24	47
9	Groome	Bevan	Fraser	1	5	24	29	48
10	Davenport	Gibbons	Archie	3	3	27	32	46
11	Tomlyn	Bromley	H'cliffe	5	1	32	33	50
12	Rollason	Garnett	Bell	1	5	33	38	48
13	Milano	Archie	Bevan	5	1	38	39	47
14	H'cliffe	Gray	Tomlyn	3	3	41	42	45
15	Gibbons	Groome	Bell	4	2	45	44	47
16	H'cliffe	Davenport	Archie	1	5	46	49	44.4

TOP SCORERS

EAST HAM:Milano 9, Gibbons 8, Archie, Bromley 7, Tomlyn, Fraser 5.

WILMSLOW:Hinchcliffe 12, Davenport 10, Garnett 7, Bevan, Groome 6, Rollason

WILTSHIRE

League

WROUGHTON RACERS 54:Hudd 13, Arkell 9. SWINDON EAGLES 40:Gilbert 8, Morse

BRINKWORTH PIRATES 33:Pell 9. WROUGHTON RACERS 63:Hudd 15, King 12.

BRINKWORTH P.51:Chesterman 14, Heal 9, MARLB.MET.45:Ward 12, Dyball 11.

SENIOR INTERCOUNTY

WILTSHIRE 49:Merrett 11, Davis 9. HAMPSHIRE 46:Cooke, Butcher 9.

Junior Intercounty

WILTSHIRE 66:Gilbert, Chesterman 10. HAMPSHIRE 29:Butcher 8, Wheeler 6.

Challenge Matches

SWINDON EAGLES 55:Hancock 15, Gilbert 12.BUCKLEBURY 40:Clark 9, Naylor 7.

SWINDON 29:Gilbert 9, Garlick 8, Thomas 6.BUCKLEBURY 25:Watts 8, Prout 6.

Best Pairs - Swindon Eagles

Gilbert + Thomas 24; Morse + P.Thomas 21; B.Thomas + Belcher 20;

News this week is that Cleverton Hornets have taken over Brinkworth Pirates league fixtures. Congratulations to Swindon Eagles for winning N.T.C.(Junior) and major honours in Wiltshire and to Hudd and Garlick for reaching the Junior Finals so convincingly.

R.H.JACKSON.

ESSEX

In my last general column I ran through the big improvement in our local juniors, but this time I would like to draw attention to the senior riders, or rather, to the senior riders that almost are; to riders who this season appear but on the fringe of the racing scene.

For example this season, Whipps Cross Comets were more than pleased that they were able to sign Terry Greenaway, the man rode his heart out to ensure that last seasons Walthamstow Wolves won the National Final; but now it seems that Terry makes very few appearances at all... could it be that this is his last season? Derek Gray, guilty of the same during last season has yet to ride this year! Comets, hard pushed to maintain their usual high performances in all types of company, have at least got Sid Kingsnorth back from his retirement to race. When Ernie Lamacq left East Ham Stars and England to move away to Australia, many locals feared his bosom pal and partner, Ted Walker would retire too, but far from it, Ted has appeared regularly and even brought Johnny Halloran back into the sport, a rider capable of beating the best both home and away. However, it does seem, from the lack of seeing his name on the score lists, that Albert Perfect has now left the ranks of the forceful Stars.

Over at the Thurrock Stars home, the club grows and up to quite recently George Siddons was out of racing for good. Now however even this late in the season, George is back and in there pitching! Maybe its just as well too, for those veterans Bluey Waterson and Alan Wood are having their least successful season for many years. Not having seen much of Johnny Blatch so far, Stars are after some of the ex- West end Wanderers of past seasons with little reward.

Hawbush Hammers really have troubles. Tommy Chubb has been forced to retire for medical reasons, having had an operation, and sends his regards to all his friends. Despite having Peter Chubb back from the Forces, Hammers have lost Brian Cousins, Paddy McGrath, Johnny Cox and Vickers this year. Personally I think the worst news from the Hawbush club is that they have been forced to withdraw their junior "B" side from the Junior League. Hammers must have pinned many hopes here! How thankful they must be that Mike Green is paying handsome rewards!

National champions at present and I hear they have reached the Final again, East Ham Wolves too have their worries. Alan Risley made only one performance this year and even though Peter Bromley and Jimmy Morris are about, with Stan Stevens mostly racing in motor speedway, Wolves are no better off for certain. Pity they couldn't hold on to their juniors gleaned at the start of the year!

The Gladiators have recovered a little. Following the retirement of Knight, Stepney, Ayres and Alan Stevens they were again hit when Mc Gillivray the National Champion announced he would not be racing on Sundays. Stone, Sutton and the Robinson brothers were all free from the Forces and Gladiators then persuaded Taylor and Barker back to the saddle to add a little more punch to the outfit.

It seems that all in all the Individual strength of Essex is a little lower than in past years, but the general racing itself is more close, more evenly matched and better to watch.

RON BULL

NATIONAL FINALS 1959

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

heat	1st	2nd	3rd	Time
1	Smith (Middx)	Nicholson (Dorset)	Lewis (Warwick)	48.8
2	Rowlands (Oxford)	Garlick (Wilts)	Hudd (Wilts)	47
3	Dawes (Oxford)	Saunders (Herts)	Mason (Middx)	46.6
4	Cox (Dorset)	Gillett (Herts)	Barnes (subst.)	47.8
5	Smith	Mason	Rowlands	47.6
6	Nicholson	Dawes	Hudd	44.6
7	North	Green	Cox	46
8	Lewis	Garlick	Barnes	35.8(31)
9	Smith Hudd	Hudd	Barnes	45.8
10	Saunders	Rowland	Nicholson	35 (3 1)
11	Garlick	Mason	Green	47.8
12	Dawes	Lewis	Kelly	48
13	Saunders	Smith	Hamilton	48
14	Nicholson	Garlick	North	46.8
15	Dawes	Green		48.8
16	Cox	Mason	Lewis	47.8
17	Smith	Garlick	Dawes	47.8
18	Mason	Nicholson	Barnes	48
19	Saunders	Green	Hudd	47
20	Rowlands	Gillett	Lewis	46.8
Run off for 3rd place - Garlick, Nicholson, Saunders				47.6
Top scorers: Smith 14, Dawes 12, Garlick, Nicholson, Saunders 11, Mason 10.				

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Fraser (Essex)	Cooke (subst)	Page (Surrey)	47
2	Geater (Subst.)	Moston (Cheshire)	Lewis (subst)	47
3	McGee (Lancs)	Willinson (Staff.)	Garnett (Ches.)	47.6
4	Bootell (Middx)	Varnish (Staff)	Archie (Essex)	46.8
5	Lilley (Dorset)	Cooke (subst)	Varnish (Staff)	47
6	Archie	Fraser	McGee	48
7	Garnett	Vickers	Geater	46
8	Moston	Bootell	Wells	45
9	Punter	Garnett	Cooke	44.8
10	Wilkinson	Lewis	Vickers	50
11	Moston	Lilley	Page	45
12	Varnish	Wells	Geater	47
13	Wilkinson	Geater	Cooke	46.4
14	Fraser	Varnish	Moston	44.8
15	Bootell	Page	McGee	45
16	Lilley	Punter	Wells	45
17	Moston	Cooke	McGee	45
18	Fraser	Lilley	Geater	47
19	Varnish	Wilkinson	Punter	47
20	Lewis	Archie	Wells	46.8

Run off for 3rd place Varnish, Fraser.

Top scorers: Moston 12, Varnish, Fraser 11, Wilkinson, Lilley 10.

WILTSHIRE

Firstly, we must say how very proud we are to have Swindon Eagles as All England Junior Champions, a very good performance indeed.

Now to the big boys, the Wiltshire League is now becoming red hot with 3 teams still undefeated.

SWINDON EAGLES 6 matches played, 5 wins and 1 draw.

CLEVERTON HORNETS 4 matches played, 3 wins and 1 draw.

WROUGHTON RACERS 3 matches played, 3 wins.

Next week will sort out quite a lot, Wroughton ride Swindon twice and this should attract large numbers of spectators from both sides. Every time these two teams meet the sparks really fly. Cleverton, the other interested party in the league will supply stewards and starter etc.

Around the other clubs Deverill, like Cleverton, are nearly all farmers and are busy harvesting, we hear that the Deverill Aces stars Brian Hodgson and Jim Wright has retired from the sport, they will be missed as both are good for double figures.

Brinkworth Pirates chalked up their first league match win at the expense of Marlborough Meteors, but both clubs are holding up the league.

Returning now to the Juniors, Mike Hudd (Wroughton Racers junior capt.) and Frank Garlick (Swindon Eagles jun. capt.) came first and second in the Southern section semi-final held at Wembleys track. Hudd registered a brilliant max with Garlick only 2pts behind.

A lot of people in London will be wondering why Swindon and Wroughton never seem to ride London clubs. The reason being that in Swindon local councils will not allow riding on Sunday. We are sending in a petition to obtain riding permission for Sundays. If we do get it we will entertain any club in England who are willing to make the journey.

On Aug 30th Wiltshire had a return match with Hampshire Seniors and Juniors at Marlborough Meteors track. Wiltshire Seniors were out for revenge of their 1 point defeat they had 3 weeks ago on the Shirley Bombers track in Southampton. On the other hand Hampshire Juniors tried to beat Wilts Juniors who at Southampton beat Hampshire by something like 20 or 30 points.

The results for these matches were as follows Wiltshire Seniors avenged their defeat and won by 49 points to 46. Once again these two teams were evenly matched and the result was in doubt right up to the last heat and Wiltshire had a 4-2. The Junior match was as we in Wiltshire expected. Our 4 pairs once again proving too strong for the Hampshire boys who did include two seniors, because Patnam could not turn up. Wiltshire Juniors won this match 66-29.

For 8 lads under 16 Wiltshire can be really proud, I think one would have to go a long way to see riding like theirs.

Wroughton Racers are introducing a new trophy in their club, it is for a team riders match race cup and it will be called "The Ken Middleditch Cup", it will be ridden for on every home meeting. The first two to ride for it are Mike Arkell - Wroughton No 1 rider and Sid King.

E.C.SOWDEN.

SOUTHEND RE-FORM

Another revival at Southend and Let's hope there wont be any more closing down. A meeting was held on Thursday 27th August at the Castle Tea rooms, Great Wakering called by the Southend Amateur Cycle Speedway Promoters viz. George Bridge (ex-Southend Skulls), Alan Hockley (ex-Southend Skulls and Southend Lions) and Den Winch (ex-Prittlewell Pirates and Barling Brigands). Of the old brigade joining the new club Estuary Eagles are Stan Litton (ex-Barling), Stan Thompson, Dave Terry and Roger Rolph (Southend Lions), John Berry (Leigh Aces), Pete Chilton (Wakering Hawks) and Pete Moss (Barling) plus Bridge and Hockley. Three novices have been signed Pace, French and Diarch. The former is expected to make a name for himself in a few weeks.

Racing starts on Sunday 6th September with a Best Pairs the club steward being former Match Race Champion and Southend Test Team skipper Graham Priest. Owing to the shortage of fixtures the Estuary Eagles are open to challenge matches with any team in England and Scotland. Already Whipps Cross Comets will meet the newly formed Eagles on Sunday 4th October. Racing will be on the old Barling track at Gt. Wakering. Any club wishing to meet the Eagles should contact the secretary Mr. G. Bridge, 4 Chestnut Grove, Southend on Sea, Essex.

DEN WINCH.

4 RIDERS GO HOME

NORTH OF ENGLAND TROPHY.

OPENSHAW 46: Airey 11, Lawton 9, Skelton, Sullivan 7.

LINDALE LIONS 49: Bates 11, Brooke 10, Sutcliffe 8, Johnson 7.

After a decision by Steward Nobby Collier which seemed to me quite fair, four members of the Openshaw team retired from the meeting and went home. In my opinion, it would be a good thing for Cycle Speedway in general if these four riders would stay at home every week because they do nothing except to bring the sport into disrepute. For Openshaw, Airey and young reserve Sullivan rode extremely well, likewise Bates and Brooke for Lindale.

Inter-County league table.	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Yorkshire	3	3	0	0	219	139	6
Cheshire	2	1	0	1	123	116	2
Lancashire	3	0	0	3	136	223	0

MIKE COCKROFT

OXFORD RESULTS

HORSPATH 51: Denmark 12, Grant, Butler 11. HORSPATH WRECKERS 41: Winchester 12
BASKERVILLE 67: Turner, Morris 14, Dawes 9. H. WRECKERS 29: Winchester 7.
BASKERVILLE 48: Ward 13, Brown 8. H. HAMMERS 48: Grant 13, Lewis 9, Cull 8.
H. HAMMERS 72: Grant 15, W. Grant, Lewis 12. COWLEY "A" 24: Rowland 9, Brooks 5.
LITTLEMORE EAGLES 48: HORSPATH WRECKERS 48.

M. GRANT.

The BRITISH CYCLE SPEEDWAY FEDERATION will hold their AGM on Tuesday October 27th at 8.15pm., at the French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth.

MIDDLESEX

No league matches have taken place during the past couple of weeks. During semi-final week it was to be expected, but the following week there was a full fixture list, not a single match was ridden. At this stage in the season most clubs have still ridden less than half their fixtures and the Control Board will have to take stern measures at the next meeting to ensure that the 1959 league does not finish in 1960.

I hear rumours of a couple of teams who aim to enter the N.W. Middx League next year. This could solve fixture problems by the formation of 2 divisions, but I cannot see this happening for two seasons. Firstly I can foresee at least 2 clubs, if not more, closing at the end of this term. This then cancels out the newcomers. The second reason is that where clubs field second teams, they prefer, not unnaturally to travel together.

At its last meeting, the Control Board introduced a plan to eliminate clubs putting forward their tracks for big events then making a poor show.

This includes providing a set list of officials and the black listing of tracks who fail to put on a good show. The meeting also saw the resignations of treasurer, Maurice Maitland and Grand Prix Secretary, William Punter.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wembley Hawks	5	5	0	0	121	59	13
Bushey Flyers	3	1	0	2	53	55	3
Harefield Young Lions	4	1	0	3	73	71	2
Tolworth	3	1	0	2	35	73	2
Whipps Cross Comets	1	0	0	1	6	30	0

League Results

WEMBLEY HAWKS 55: Mason 12, Dunlop 10. BRICKET W.K. 40: Males 14, Birch 6. BRICKET W.K. 28½: Gillett 8½, Males 5. EAST HAM WOLVES 67½: Tomlyn 11, WEMBLEY A.S. 54: Dean 12, R. Fraser 11. HAREFIELD YOUNG LIONS 42: Leckie 10. WEMBLEY A.S. 54: idmen 11, Hill 10. HAREFIELD LIONS 42: Lester 13, Viner 10. HAREFIELD LIONS 46: Lester 14, Viner 10. BUSHY K. 49: Saunders 12, Gillett 11. HAREFIELD PIRATES 70: Hunting 14, Thompson, Norris 12. BUSHY K. 26: Gillett 8

Challenge Match

S. LONDON HUNTERS 53: Daniel 10. BUSHEY K. 43: P. Saunders 13, Males 8, Wise 6.

Lupset Aces Tour

BRICKET W.K. 36: Gadsby 9, P. Saunders 8. LUOSSET 60: Johnston, Holmes 12.

HAREFIELD PIR. 50: LUPSET ACES 46. Scores not available.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 49: Boutell 13, Smith 11. LUSET 47: Vickers 11, Bedford 10.

BOB SAUNDERS

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 54: Taylor 12, Brown 11, Bunce 10, Woolnough 7.

EAST HAM WOLVES 54: Tomlyn 16, Fraser 13, Bromley 10, Archie 8, Frost 3.

In the 1st leg of the semi-final of the Fallop Trophy at Temple Mills Lane, the Comets were at home to the Wolves. For the first four heats the Comets took the lead, then the visitors drew level, the Comets again took the lead and at the half way mark the Wolves fought back again to level the score. From then on the Wolves increased their lead and it looked as though the East Ham riders would win the match, but the Comets put in a fighting finish in the last 3 heats to force a draw.