THE BRITANNIA SHIELD (Cont).

to win, and thereby take the Shield. With Westwood failing to score, he had to be content with 3rd placing, Baker being runner up. Those who caught the eye, in my opinion, were Penniket, Milton, Cracknell and Goodrum. Page, coming in for Bouttell rode hard, and Bowden, 2 wrecked wheels had a smashing afternoon. Yes, all the boys rode their hearts out. During the presentation of the Britannia Shield and pennants, Sydney Tafler paid a great tribute to the first 3 riders, and indeed to all who had taken part. Then came the lap of honour, and the end of the meeting. My afterthoughts when the dust had cleared? Just these. Chivers was a good winner, and is surely one of the greatest exponents of Cycle Speedway. Baker, within an ace of the Shield was very generous in his praise of the victor, and having now been runner up twice, must one day get the top honour. Westwood, so near to ensuring the Shield stayed at Edmonton and yet, in the end, so far, took his eclipse in the way one would expect of this popular sportsman.

The South London organisation was its usual first-class standard, with Derek Bacon and company sparing no effort to make the meeting a thorough success.

Finally, the British Cycle Speedway Federation underlined the fact that its policy of organisation and presentation is the ONLY way in which our sport can progress.

COMPLETE SCORERS.

D.Chivers (Raynes Park Tigers) 14, Roy Baker (South London Rangers) 13½, L.Westwood (Edmonton Monarchs) 11½, P.Milton (South London Rangers) 8, G.Penniket (Raynes Park Tigers) 8, T.Cracknell (Raynes Park Tigers) 8, M.Jeffrey (Edmonton Monarchs) 7, N.Goodrum (Thornton Heath Cobras) 7, D.Wills (Tottenham Kangaroos) 6, Richard Baker (Thornton Heath Cobras) 6, G.Page (Hellingly Lions) 6, G.Smith (Thornton Heath Cobras) 6, W.Bracey (Tottenham Kangaroos) 5, P.Bowden (Edmonton Monarchs) 5, K.Archer (Tooting Tigers) 4, W.Doighton (Raynes Park Tigers) 4,

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THE JUNIOR FINAL.

—BRIAN—
BARRY-FRANK

ON THE SPOT REPORT BY "ALLOTT"

If Brian Mosten is a gambling man, he'd have realised that a good win double was on the cards in the Nationals, after Brian Smith of Wembley Hawks had easily won the Junior title with 4 wins and a second for 14 pts.

Brian rode beautifully and seemed to "sense" the gate in his 4 winning trips round the - too tight for real racing - Hungerford circuit on Sunday 20th September. His only defeat came at the hands of a rather erratic Pete Saunders of Bushey Kangaroos in unlucky heat 13.

After 2 rides the scorers in the running were; Smith 6, Nicholson 5, Dawes 5, Lewis 4, Rowland 4, Cox 4 and Garlick 4. After 3 rides Smith was ahead with 9, Dawes had 8, Garlick 7, Nicholson, Lewis and Rowland 6 each.

Brian then dropped a point to Saunders allowing Dawes to tie at 11 points, beating Green and Rowlands who was out of it now. Garlick only seconded to Nicholson, leaving Frank with 9 and Roger 9. Lewis lost his chance with a third to Cox and Mason.

At heat 17, the line-up was Smith, Garlick, Cox and Dawes. From the tapes however the winner made no mistake over Garlick and Dawes, in that order.

The excitement was now centred around the third place. Garlick had 11 points - Nicholson could win and even tie for second. Saunders could get 11 with a win.

In heat 18 Mason beat Nicholson - now on 11 and in the 19th, Saunders won from Green.

So Garlick, Nicholson and Saunders raced, and finished in that order.

Disappointments in the event were Kev Rowland (Cowley) - shed chain in one race and, Mick Hudd of Wroughton.

IT'S HAMMERS

THE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BY THE EDITOR

Wilmslow Hammers deservedly won the National Team Championship, when they beat East Ham Wolves 49-46. The last heat was the decider, Wolves being one point up and so only required a 3-3 to win. But they made a tragic tactical mistake by putting Roy Milano into the nominated. Milano is not a terrific speed merchant and he often obtains his points by relying on his weight. If East Ham had put out their fastest gater, they would have done it.

Full credit must go to Wilmslow for being able to cope with the powerhouse tactics of the Wolves. The answer was that the Hammers were faster. But this was undoubtedly one of the worst finals ever - not from the excitement point of view, for it was exciting - but from the point of view of rough riding by some of the East Ham team. In fact it could have ended in a brawl. It almost did, for Milano fell whilst attempting to drive outside Hinchcliffe on the first bend in the nominated and then waited for the Wilmslow riders to come round again and proceeded to ride the leader out. This obviously was a stupid thing to do; Milano was excluded and consequently left the result of the match depending upon Roy Archie, who was on the outside - a hopeless task. Not that East Ham did all the rough stuff - Wilmslow's Larry Davenport was excluded in heat 13 for a nasty looking piece of boring. Otherwise Davenport had ridden brilliantly.

Perhaps if the steward, Mr. Leith had been a little stricter in the earlier heats, he may have cut down the robustness a little, but one certainly cannot envy him for being in charge of this match. No easy task.

For Wilmslow, Derek Garnett, Vic Hinchcliffe and Larry Davenport were undoubtedly the match winners. Probably the best rider in the match was Ron Gibbens, riding with cracked ribs, collapsing once, and then going out and winning his next heat. Hard luck too on Roy Archie - not quite so fast these days, but one of the craftiest. Young Ray Gray, in his first season rode his heart out in vain. All these 3 good, clean riders.

"RUMOUR HAS IT"

BY
RON BULL

Rumour has it.....

That this year's Runner-Up in the National Finals at Hungerford, are so disgusted with the way they lost their title, that they will not enter the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association in 1959, but join up with the British Cycle Speedway Federation instead. No news on whether they will join the Southern Premier League however.

Rumour has it.....

That neighbouring club, East Ham Stars, will also give N.A.C.S.A the go-by for 1960 for the Federation. I think that the treatment of their star rider Walker, at the National Trials at Hungerford, for a place in the England side, has more than a little to do with this.

Rumour has it.....

That the 1959 National Individual Champion, Sandy McGillivray could'nt be bothered to defend his title. Frankly this could be true, for he turned down an offer of transportation by the East Ham Wolves coach, to turn up as a reserve for the Gladiators "b" football team in a local league match. Maybe his club came before his title?

Rumour has it.....

That "Bluey" Waterson is so fed up with the rough treatment he is receiving at the hands of Thurrock Stars, the club he had an instrumental part in forming. This is one I believe, judging on what Bluey has said to me, and I for one do not blame him. He should occupy a place of honour in that club, not the position of local "Donkey" to shoulder all the work, troubles and blame.

Rumour has it.....

That Hawbush discovery of the season, Mick Green, is now contemplating a move to East Ham Stars. Mick says thers no truth in this, it started as a joke, but now one or two of his "friends" in the Hawbush club are spreading a little discontent.

Cont.

RON BULL (CONT)

Rumour has it.....

That Gladiators rider Johnny Wells is taking half the side off in a break next season. Not really right, for the situation is that Johnny is hoping to reform the old "Tudor Monarchs" side from Barkingside. Johnny and another Gladiator Ray Barker, both rode for Monarchs, as well as two Gladiators now retired, Lional Knight and Gerry Edge, as well as a member of the present Hawbush Hammers side, Johnny Keohler. Johnny's main troubles are support and the finding of a suitable track.

Rumour has it.....

That the Essex Cycle Speedway Association recently threw out the East Ham Stars team from their Cups etc. Definitely no truth in this one. East Ham Stars were only asked to have their track ready for inspection in October by members of the E.C.S.A following consistent complaints from visiting teams. To my knowledge, Stars have since made a neat job of their Cyprus Place circuit and are already for the inspection, and have actually asked that the date be brought forward.

Rumour has it.....

That Peter Fraser of East Ham Wolves, who finally ended in 3rd place in the 1959 National Individual Final with 11 points is just a little annoyed at the way he "lost" one heat due to a Steward's decision

THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE SEASON...

Rumour has it.....

That Dave Stevens is riding well at Yarmouth Rye House and lately regularly at New Cross. FORGET IT. Dave Stevens does the bookings, but Stan Stevens late of Walthamstow Wolves, and the 1959 Essex Individual Champion, does the riding. Well too.

See you around, RON BULL.

OXFORD NEWS (CONT).

A proposition to come before the Oxford A.G.M, is "Having no faith in N.A.C.S.A it is proposed that the Oxford Cycle Speedway Association join the B.C.S.F for 1960." - I forecast acceptance.

"ALLOTT"

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GLASGOW INDIVIDUAL LINE UP

	Name	Club	Qual pts	Rating
1.	Eddie Docherty	Priesthill	21	**
2.	Gordon Bell	Mansewood	20	***
3.	Lawrie Maxton	Craigton	22	**
4.	Jim Guthrie	Mansewood	21	**
5.	Ian Mackie	Priesthill	24	***
6.	John Speirs	Mansewood	27	*****
7.	Joe Letts	Craigton	29	*****
8.	Norman Christie	Eastwood	23	***
9.	Alex Patrick	Priesthill	25	****
10.	Alex Young	Craigton	23	***
11.	Colin Kennedy	Mansewood	20	**
12.	Peter Christie	Mansewood	23	****
13.	Dick Barrie	Craigton	26	****
14.	Hamish Orr	Craigton	29	*****
15.	Bert Harkins	Mansewood	30	*****
16.	Robert Bond	Priesthill	23	****

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raynes Park Tigers	12	12	0	0	703	445	24
Edmonton Monarchs	13	12	0	1	725	520	24
South London Rangers	14	9	0	5	748	593	18
Tooting Tigers	12	6	0	6	569½	578½	12
Raynes Park Stars	14	5	0	9	630	710	10
Hellingly Lions	14	4	0	10	615	726	8
Thornton Heath Cobras	11	3	0	8	441	614	6
South London Hunters	14	1	0	13	547½	792½	2

OXFORD CITY LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horspath Hammers	16	16	0	0			32
Cowley Eagles	12	8	0	4			16
Horspath Wreckers	13	5	1	7			11
Littlemore Eagles	13	4	1	8			9
Grandpont Giants	16	1	0	15			2

RESULT

Battle of Britain Cup (Semi-final)

HORSPATH HAMMERS 54. Grant 13, Honey 11, Lewis 10.

HORSPATH WRECKERS 41. Taylor 9, Winchester 8.

Harkins Favourite FOR TITLE

A LOOK AT THE GLASGOW INDIVIDUAL RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP BY JOHN A LETTS

Bert Harkins, the present Match Race Champion, looks a likely winner of this year's Individual Riders Championship. Harkins is at the peak of his form and has been sweeping all before him in the qualifying rounds of this tournament. Any man who can score 30 points out of a possible 30 to qualify seems set to scribe his name on the trophy, but in this case there are several others who are going to make it an uphill fight for him. Included in this category are Hamish Orr (Craigton)- the holder, Joe Letts (Craigton) and John Speirs (Mansewood).

Orr scored a maximum in winning the title last year and, although the odds are against him repeating it , he will be a very hard man to beat. Harkins bested him in one of the qualifying rounds and Hamish will be out to even the score. Letts should be well in the running, provided he can last the pace. He won the title in 1952, and has always been well to the fore in this event, particularly in recent years. Speirs has only really made his presence felt this year. He gave some magnificent riding in one of his rounds, scoring a maximum, and showing the sort of determination that wins titles.

Harkins has one advantage over Orr and Letts in that he has drawn inside position to them in their respective heats. Speirs, however, has inside position to him, and John is seldom a sluggard at the starting gate. For this reason I think that if Harkins can win heat 16, the one in which he races Speirs, and provided that he is unbeaten up to that point, then he will go on to add the winner's cup to the third place trophy he received last year.

The riding standard of those who have qualified is very high, much higher than in recent years, with the result that this should be one of the toughest events in a long time.

TOLWORTH TWO TRIUMPH

THE ARNE PANDER TROPHY BY "ALLOTT"

After 6 months of trying for a crowd at a match in Oxford, four to five hundred people watched ARNE PANDER the Danish speedway champion - in turn watching Pete Page of Tolworth Tudors trounce the pick of Oxford's riders, plus 2 from Berks, in the ARNE PANDER TROPHY , at Rose Hill, Oxford.

Messrs., ARCHIE, GIBBONS and FRASER of East Ham and MERRITT of Swindon, didn't turn up, and Hounds from Baskerville took their places. But few of the large crowd cared, this was good.

First the failures. Pete Barlow, Oxford champion on his own track, just flopped as did Jock Sutherland the Cowley captain. Mick Grant and Eric Butler were tired after a morning match for Horspath.

However, Pete Page won all his races easily to win the trophy. Two tied for second, but even though local idol, junior runner up in the Nationals, Barry Dawes got the gate, Glynn Brimson of Tolworth, fresh from a dangerous looking smash-up, finally overtook and beat him. All in all this was crowd pleasing stuff.

SCORERS. Page 15, Brimson & Dawes 12, Grant 11, Rowland (Cowley) 9, Lovelock (Cowley) 8, Ward (Rose Hill) 8, Turner (Rose Hill) 7, Warwick (Wallingford) 7, Morris (Rose Hill) 5, Butler (Horspath) 5, Caister (Wallingford) 4, Halford (Rose Hill) 3, Barlow (Rose Hill) 3, Hastings (Rose Hill) 1

NOTES FROM SOUTHERN PREMIER BY KEN ARCHER.

Top scorers from the first qualifying rounds of the Individual Championship were -
THORNTON HEATH. R.Chivers 13, M.Joffrey 12, D.Chivers 12, G.Smith 10. TOOTING. P.Bowden 14, L.Westwood 14, B.Cable 13, R.Baker 9, K.Archer 9. RAYNES PARK. P.Milton 14, W.Deighton 14, G.Page 12. P.Gingell 11.

Since Pete Jarman's success at New Cross the other week, the speedway bug seems to have bitten quite a few S.P riders, namely Geoff Penniket who has purchased the complete equipment, bike and leathers, Roy Baker, Bernie Cable and Les Westwood are all gathering equipment.

TOP 2

Saturday October 10th sees 2 big individual events taking place. At Windmill Lane, Bushey Heath, the Bushey and Watford Kangaroos present the Mrs Males Memorial Trophy and at Lower Dicker, Hellingly, the Supporters Trophy takes place. Both events have many star riders and a visit to either should not fail to please. Both meetings commence at 7 pm.

AT HELLINGLY.	Steward - P. Taylor.		
Les Westwood	(Edmonton M)	Mick Jeffrey	(Edmonton M)
Derek Wills	(Tottenham K)	Len Adams	(Tottenham K)
Roy Baker	(S.London R)	Ray Chivers	(S.London R)
Richard Baker	(Thornton Hth)	Dave Chivers	(Raynes Pk T)
Bernie Cable	(Tooting T)	Ken Archer	(Tooting T)
John Humphrey	(Worthing S)	Dell Goddard	(Brighton S)
Brian Geater	(Hungerford P)	Ron Smith	(Hellingly L)
Pete Smith	(Hellingly L)	George Hellebon	(Hellingly)
AT BUSHEY	Steward - E. Wildman		
George Harvey	(Weston ST)	Pete Page	(Tolworth Aces)
Reg Lester	(Harefield L)	Bren Harper	(Harefield P)
Geoff Pearce	(Harefield P)	Brian Smith	(Wembley H)
George Pyne	(Bushey K)	Geoff Penniket	(Raynes Pk T)
Pete Saunders	(Bushey K)	Gerry Wallis	(Weston S)
Fred Bouttell	(Wembley H)	Glynn Brimson	(Tolworth Ac)
Bob Saunders	(Bushey K)	Cliff Wise	(Bushey K)
Barry Shapley	(Cowley E)	Jock Sutherland	(Cowley E)

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harefield Pirates	15	10	0	5	795	605	24
Tolworth Tudors	9	9	0	0	555	301	23
Wembley Hawks	13	9	0	4	845	597	23
East Ham Wolves	9	8	0	1	525½	328½	21
Wembley All Stars	12	7	0	5	638	502	16
Weston Stars	10	6	0	4	437½	518½	15
Whipps Cross Comets	9	6	0	3	481	371	14
Tottenham Kangaroos	13	4	0	9	501	640	10
Tolworth Aces	9	4	0	5	696½	449½	10
Harefield Lions	15	1	0	14	532	800	3
Bushey & Watford K'roos	16	1	0	15	551½	975½	3

THE SENIOR FINAL

BY "ALLOTT"

MOSTON — VARNISH — FRASER

Brian Moston is the 100% no. 1 of Cycle Speedway. In 1945 - 14 years ago - he started racing - he was at the top then. In 1951 he took part in the National Finals. Each season since (except last) he's been in them, but he has only managed a runners up medal before - in 1955. However he made handsome amends this year by showing that clean, clever riding could easily outweigh any other brand. Not that it was all his from the start. At 3 rides apiece he was 2 points ahead of Garnett and Varnish, but in heat 14, Pete Fraser and Varnish raced him into 3rd slot. He HAD to win his last race to be sure, and thats where the old campaigner - it reminds one of Jack Parker - showed all of us how to do it - he let Cooke of Hants slide out first, then just passed him coming out of a bend so easily one wondered how, and coasted over the line - an easy winner.

The other spots were occupied by riders who seemed all to suffer from bad luck of one sort or another. Bill Punter's chain off twice was perhaps the silliest way to lose points. Riders well below form were Page (Surrey), McGhee (Lancs) and Archie (Essex) - though the last named - one of East Ham's cleaner riders - was rather tired after his team effort.

Full marks to Brian then - long may you prosper in the sport you love so much that you've got Carrs Wood track in your back garden.

NOTES. Only 4 riders failed to win a race.
Fraser had the best bike, if not the points.
Brian's success secret - TEA - LOTS OF IT.
CRITICISM. There should NOT be a reserve from the home track.
The announcing was VERY poor - terrible in fact.

BIRMINGHAM UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIP

1. E. Mills (Walsall Meteors) 15 pts. 2. D. Palmer (Junior Monarchs) 13. 3. A. Morrall (Elmdon Wasps) 13.

'5 - 1' BRINGS YOU A SHOCK ARTICLE

SENSATION

NO CONFIDENCE IN SCOTLAND.
INTERNATIONAL NO LONGER WELCOME.

BY JOHN A LETTS.

What does the future hold for England-Scotland International matches? Not very much, I am afraid. At present the Scots are in the huff over the very poor reception which they received at Manchester on June 28th. The cause of this bout of peevishness? Certainly not their defeat at the hands of the English, that was expected, but rather the lackadaisical manner in which they were received at Manchester. Officially N.A.C.S.A was in charge Unofficially in no respect was anyone in charge. On the day of the match the Scottish officials did not know the composition of the English team, and, but for the fortunate fact that Jim Cobain knew the whereabouts of the Carrs Wood track, the match would never have taken place. Prior to the match the steward pointed out a few things concerning differences in rules; that was all. Neither riders nor officials were introduced to each other.

There is little to say for the match itself, beyond the fact that most of the Scots' machines were overgeared and that some of the English riders were doing a good line in jumping the starting gate. Incidentally, the second half of this match was much harder fought than has been reported.

After the event the Scots packed up and went home. There was nothing to stay for. The English riders, with the exception of Ron Gibbons, were not keen on swapping stories, and not one had any suggestions of what to do other than head for the hills. And so the Scottish team went home, disgruntled, with no taste for further Internationals in England. And that is the way it will stay, unless N.A.C.S.A (and B.G.S.F) can show that they will be more congenial hosts in 1961.

In my view this International series will die a sudden death unless there is some hard thinking done in England. If you cannot organise the reception of a Scottish team, can you organise a Dutch one, or a Swedish one?

LIONS WIN

YOUR REPORTER - BOB SAUNDERS

Harefield Lions, in their first season of league racing, actually recorded their second win of the season at Tottenham and this time their points count. Readers recall that the Lions had to forefit their last win for using an unregistered rider. But this time there was no doubt and the score of 55-41 shows a good win. Johnny Unsworth, former Langley Leopard now rides for the Lions and they are proving a formidable combination. Reg Lester 10 and Steve Viner 9 were top scorers. For Tottenham, Clive Hill scored max and Wal Bracey 11. Spare a thought for poor Tottenham, though. With the loss of Derek Wills and Tony Balding to Edmonton they only managed to field 5 riders. Unless manager Nobby Dunn turns up with some new riders, Tottenham are in for trouble. With their win over the Kangaroos, Harefield Pirates took over top spot in the league. The score was 61-33 and Geoff Pearce, Johnny King (11each) and Roger Seymour (10) were mainly responsible. Wal Bracey scored 12 for Tottenham.

Whipps Cross Comets fielded 5 juniors in their match at East Ham and consequently went down 34-62. They were saved from a larger defeat by the absence of Sid Tomlyn and Malcolm Bell, but the Wolves still had a strong 8 out. Ron Gibbons and Pete Fraser scored maxes for East Ham, whilst Keith Taylor and Johnny Brown (12 & 10) scored two thirds of their teams points.

Weston Stars seem to be settling down again as is proved by their 59½-36½ win over Bushey and Watford Kangaroos. Gerry Wallis 11, was only beaten once and Maury Shaw with 10 were Weston's top boys. Pete Saunders geared DOWN for the 100 yard Weston circuit, the result - one 15 point maximum.

Young Bushey starlet Adrian Green has formed a second team for the Kangaroos - all youngsters of about 13 years of age. They took on the senior team and only lost 45-44. Admittedly Kangaroos only fielded 4 men, but full credit must go to the youngsters for their spirited riding. Showing up well were Pete Fiander, Bob Rome and of course, young Adrian himself.

FINALS DETAILS

THE JUNIOR

1.	Smith	Middx	3	3	3	2	3	14
2.	Dawes	Oxford	3	2	3	3	1	12
3.	Garlick	Wilts	2	2	3	2	2	11
4.	Nicholson	Dorset	2	3	1	3	2	11
5.	Saunders	Herts	2	0	3	3	3	11
6.	Mason	Middx	1	2	2	2	3	10
7.	Rowland	Oxford	3	1	2	0	3	9
8.	Lewis	Wark	1	3	2	0	2	8
9.	Cox	Dorset	3	1	0	3	0	7
10.	Green	Essex	0	2	2	0	2	6
11.	Hudd	Wilts	1	1	2	0	1	5
12.	North	Berks	0	3	0	1	0	4
12.	Gillett	Herts	2	0	0	0	2	4
12.	Barnes	Hants	1	1	1	0	1	4
15.	Hamilton	London	0	0	0	1	0	1
15.	Kelly	Lancs	0	0	1	0	0	1

THE SENIOR

1.	Mcston	Ches	2	3	3	1	3	12
2.	Varnish	Staffs	2	1	3	2	3	11
3.	Fraser	Essex	3	2	0	3	3	11
4.	Wilkinson	Staffs	2	0	3	3	2	10
4.	Lilley	Dorset	0	2	3	3	2	10
6.	Cooke	Hants	2	2	1	1	2	8
6.	Greater	Berks	3	1	1	2	1	8
6.	Douttell	Middx	3	2	0	3	0	8
9.	Lewis	Wark	1	2	0	0	3	6
9.	Punter	Middx	0	0	3	2	1	6
9.	McGhee	Lancs	3	1	0	1	1	6
9.	Garnett	Ches	1	3	2	0	0	6
9.	Archie	Essex	1	3	0	0	2	6
14.	Wells	Essex	0	1	2	1	1	5
15.	Page	Surrey	1	0	1	2	0	4
16.	Vickers	Yorks	0	2	1	0	0	3

Team revues, pen portraits and other similar items of interest are now arriving for the winter issues.