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JOHN LEITH.

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MIDDLESEX

Excitement galore! That's the only way to sum up the current league position. Tolworth are still unbeaten, but as shown in their recent match with Wembley Hawks, could well lose their record at any time. Only suffering one defeat, East Ham Wolves are just waiting for Tudors to drop those points. At the top of the league table are Harefield Pirates though they have lost too many matches to retain the position. Wembley Hawks, lying third, are in the same boat as Harefield regarding lost matches, anything could happen yet though.

At the bottom end of the table it's just as exciting. Only two clubs are involved here, Harefield Lions and Bushey/Watford Kangaroos. Both clubs are level on points, but Lions have a better average at present. Although both clubs have to meet Whipps Cross Comets yet and Comets are likely to be hard pressed in both, the climax should be on October 25th when the two clubs clash at Windmill Lane. Yes mateys, it's excitement galore (to borrow a "new Cross term").

The latest batch of results show that Whipps Cross, with 5 juniors failed to hold East Ham Wolves and went down 62-34. Weston Stars coasted to a comfortable 59½-36½ win over Bushey Kangaroos and both Harefield teams recorded wins at Tottenham. The Kangaroos 5 men lost to the Lions 55-41 and the Pirates 61-33.

Weston Stars appear to have survived their struggles and are now fielding a pretty regular team. Tottenham now seem to have big problems with the departure of Derek Wills and Tony Balding to Southern Premier club, Edmonton. As Nobby Dunn, the Kangaroos manager said, "Tottenham is a struggling club and the next few weeks may well decide its future". Tolworth's Derek Pearce intended to resign as club manager, due to excess of work - he now finds he is the League's Treasurer as well.

With Johnny Unsworth former Langley Leopards heat leader, in the team, Harefield Lions are laughing. Johnny brings that little experience that is needed in a young team. East Ham Wolves manager, Malcolm Bell joins the ranks of married riders on October 10th.

Whipps Cross have recently signed on a rider called P. Collins, nothing special about that? He just happens to be the 200th rider to be registered in the league.

Congratulations to Brian Smith on ensuring the Junior Trophy stays in the Middlesex league this year.

RESULTS -League.

EAST HAM WOLVES 62: Gibbons, Fraser 12, Bromley 10.

WHIPPS X COMETS 34: K. Taylor 12, J. Brown 10, T. Platford 5.

WESTON STARS 59½: G. Wallis 11, M. Shaw 10, M. Cornwall and D. Hook 9.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 36½: P. Saunders 15, B. Gillett 5.

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 33: W. Bracey 12, C. Hill 8, K. Bennett 6.

HAREFIELD PIRATES 61.

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 41: W. Bracey 11, C. Hill 15, K. Bennett 7.

HAREFIELD LIONS 55: R. Lester 10, S. Viner 9, D. Wearn 8.

BOB SAUNDERS

SOUTHERN PREMIER

SOUTHERN PREMIER FINALS

1. L. Westwood (Edmonton)	15	10. N. Goodrum (Thornton Hth)	5
2. D. Chivers (Raynes Park)	13	11. P. Blackwell (S. London)	5
3. B. Cable (Tooting)	11	12. R. Gingell (Raynes Park)	5
4. M. Jeffery (Edmonton)	10	13. P. Milton (S. London)	5
5. R. Webb (South London)	8	14. Roy Baker (Holder, S. London)	5
6. R. Chivers (South London)	7	15. W. Deighton (Raynes Pk)	4
7. G. Page (Hellingly)	6	16. P. Bowden (Edmonton)	3
8. G. Smith (Thornton Hth)	5	17. C. Read (Edmonton) res.	3
9. R. Baker (Thornton Hth)	5	18. K. Parsons (S. London) res.	3

With the Raynes Park track looking its best for a long time I must compliment the Raynes Park club on this effort by their members, only for London to have its first rain for weeks on the day before, when it came down in "bucketsful" leaving a heavy track to ride upon.

The non-arrival of Geoff Penniket caused the appearance of the first reserve South London captain Ron Webb to take his place, making Charlie Read 1st reserve and Keith Parsons 2nd reserve.

The first race saw Les Westwood off number four grid ride right round the first bend, even passing Ray Chivers which is no mean feat, for his first win.

The present holder Roy Baker made his first appearance in heat 4, but had to give second best to Dave Chivers, Baker was immediately out again in heat 5 but the strain proved too much for him and he trailed last. After three rides each Westwood and D. Chivers were both unbeaten with nine points each, Mick Jeffery and Ray Chivers both with seven pts. It was still Westwood and Dave Chivers unbeaten with four wins after four rides each, their nearest challengers were Mick Jeffery with nine and Bernie Cable with eight.

So we came up to their last rides with Jeffery adding one point to his score and Bernie Cable getting a win in heat 19 we saw the outgoing champion R. Baker gain his only win of the afternoon.

At the start of the last heat we had the unbeaten Dave Chivers in grid two with his also unbeaten rival Westwood in the outside berth with Chivers riding his own track he must start favourite but Les Westwood mustn't be underestimated, so for three laps we saw a terrific race until Chivers, whilst leading caught a slide and hit the deck, leaving Les Westwood to canter home - Champion!

JUNIOR FINAL

Results: Run-off 1st place Pete Oliver (Tooting) 14pts beat Keith Parsons (S. London).

Run-off 3rd place Paddy Adams (South London) beat J. Myles (Hellingly) 11 points each, Keith Dawson 10, B. Williams (Tooting) 9, Rod Brown (S.L. Hunters) 8, A. Chapman (Thornton Hth) 8, Jimmy Hone (S.L. Hunters) 8, John Mills (S.L. Hunters) 7, T. Bettger 6, D. Lancaster (Hellingly) 5, D. Rogers (Hellingly) 4, A. Bethnay (R.P. Stars) 2, D. Blakely (Thornton Hth.) 2, Ken Hoskyns (Tooting) 1.

After three rides it was unbeaten K.Parsons, closely followed by Chapman and Oliver with eight points each and Myles and Hone in close attendance with six each, after this stage Chapman failed to add to his score whilst Adams and Oliver recorded two wins each, Williams beating Parsons helped the blond haired Oliver, Myles and Dawson adding points too improve their positions up with the leaders.

In the run-off Pete Oliver won the toss taking the inside position, gating with Keith Parsons into the first bend but after that Pete Oliver pulled away for the winners medal.

In the second run-off again it was Paddy Adams leading all the way with Myles making a spirited effort to catch him, but tiredness showed.
LEAGUE RESULT

With only one league match being contested in recent weeks owing to the annual qualifying rounds being run.

THORNTON HEATH CORRAS 43 TOOTING TIGERS 52.

The night before (Oct 3rd) the Tooting Tigers were celebrating the teams 12th birthday with an all night party so it came as no surprise when only five of the team arrived for duty, but riding under "Formula B" it was Archer and Oliver were in for seven rides.

THORNTON H.C: Goodrum 9, R.Baker 7, G.Smith, G.Chapman 6, Spaulding 5.

TOOTING : Archer 15, B.Cable, P.Oliver 11, M.Casper 8, Cattle 7.

KEN ARCHER.

KENT

The annual "Welling Cup" for Juniors (this year raised to include under 20s) has just been held at Welling. Brian Lucas was the winner having previously won in 1956 and 1957. Thirteen riders from Welling, Cray and East Ham competed.

SCORERS: Lucas 15, A.Butler, Sarling, Kiley, Fowler 12, Faulkner 10.

KENT SELECT 39: Bishop, Butler 10, Fowler 9, Lucas 7.

EAST HAM SELECT 32: Sarling, Duffy 9, Kiley, Spaulding 5.

THE CRUSADERS 23 - EAST HAM STARS 25. (for scorers see Essex report)

Friendly.

The Crusaders 32: Bull 11, Philpot 12. **EAST HAM STARS 18:** Biddle 6, Coleman 4
V.DUFFY

COVENTRY

WHITLEY VAMPIRES 72: Butler 15, Abbott 12, Colley 10, Lewis 9, Biggs 8.

HUNGERFORD PANTHERS 24: Smith 7, North 4, Potter, Stacey, Hall 3, Hollister 2

Hungerford Panthers visited Whitley Vampires for a challenge match on their way home from a weekend in Blackpool. Hungerford with a younger and less experienced team were beaten in every race except one where they got a 4-2, the winner being Smith the Panthers captain.

Hungerford have invited the Vampires to ride at Hungerford on November 8th for the Charlie May Cup.

MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER INDIVIDUAL FINALS

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Sunday, September 27th was Yorkshires day filling the first two places in the league Junior final at Openshaw. First place went to Lupsets Mel Vickers who went through the programme unbeaten, second place was filled by Mike Cockcroft of Lindale who dropped his only point to Vickers. Third place to Gortons John Bartholomew.

Scorers: Vickers 15, Cockcroft 14, Bartholomew 13, Watling (Gorton) 11, Airey (Gorton) 10, Wnsborough (Longsight) 9, Brooke (Lindale) 9, Wainwright (Lupset) 7, McGloughlin (Openshaw) 6, Lock (Longsight P) 5, Rodgers (Longsight) 4, Gannon (Longsight) 4, Hampsey (Greenbank) 4, Kelly (Longsight) 4, Bates (Lindale) 2.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP Wilmslow Hammers captain Vic Hinchcliffe was a worthy winner of the league senior final held at Carrs Wood Hunters track on Sunday Oct. 4th. Vic only dropped one point, this was after a thrilling race with McGee in the 18th heat. Runner up was holder and National champion Brian Moston, third place went to junior champion Mel Vickers after a run off with Harry Davenport.

Scorers: Hinchcliffe (Wilmslow) 14, Moston (Carrs Wood) 13, Vickers (Lupset) 12, Davenport (Wilmslow) 12, McGee (BelleVue) 11, Airey (Openshaw) 9, Bedford (Lupset) 8, Brooke (Lindale) 6, Bates (Lindale) 6, Johnston (Lupset) 5, Garnett (Wilmslow) 5, Edwards (Openshaw) 4, Sutcliffe (Lindale) Res. 4, Ramsden (Lindale) 3, Lawton (Openshaw) 3, Holmes (Lupset) 3, Betts (Gorton) 2.

J.D.MOTTERSHEAD.

LEICESTER

Returning after a fortnights holiday amid the mountains of Wales, I was not surprised to learn that Blackbird Monarchs, lacking Glover and Vann had gone down again to Belgrave, losing their last chance of the championship. Greaves returned yet another maximum, Robson and Cooper reached double figures, whilst for Blackbird, Smith and Halford were best and the success of the evening was young McCarthy with 7.

In a postponed match All Stars beat Anstey by 9 points, less than might have been expected in the absence of Power and Crowther, who failed to turn up. Naylor 11 and Evans 10, were best for All Stars Cross 13 and Cousens 11 for Anstey, who had to ride one short.

All Stars then beat Belgrave by 2 points to reduce the gap at the head of the league. Rob Coopers non-arrival must certainly have cost Belgrave the match, when a win would have left them hot favourites for the championship.

Newberry 12 was best for All Stars followed by Evans. Jack Crooks made his first appearance of the season to replace the injured Simpson. Greaves got his usual maximum for Belgrave, Robson 10 and Brant 9.

Harry Glover, after his holiday, returned to Blackbirds team meeting Anstey and celebrated with a maximum. Power and Cross reached double figures for Anstey, who were beaten by 18 points and despite 2 home matches outstanding, are assured of the wooden spoon.

ROY WRIGHT.

DORSET

Recently four of the Tatnam team travelled to Wembley All Stars track in London for the semi-final of the Junior and Senior Individual semi-finals. Did we have a job finding it! After standing up all the way from Poole to Waterloo in the train, we got lost on the underground. Then we finally arrived at Wembley Park Station it took us another hour to find the track. Thank goodness cycle speedway matches hardly ever start on time so we were all able to ride.

In the junior semi-final Roger Nicholson and Dave Cox both qualified for the Final, scoring 12pts each, both said they were rather lucky to get so many.

The Senior semi-final saw Denny Lilly (Tatnam) qualify for the final but fellow team man Mike Hilmes did not fare so well, only scoring 4pts. Jim Cooke of Vickers won his first 2 races but then could only manage 1 more point from 3 rides. Still he was in the run off for no 7 position, but was well beaten by his opponent.

Although managing to gain a place in the final Denny Lilly had a day of mixed fortunes losing his wallet somewhere near the track, poor old Denny was quite upset as it contained his money and driving licence. If anyone found it they are asked to please return it to 26 Milestone Road, Oakdale, Poole Dorset, when it will be returned to him.

A week later Hungerford Panthers visited the Tatnam Circuit and were well and truly beaten by 78pts to 18pts by Tatnam Tigers. As this score suggests the Tigers took maximum points in all but the last race when a 3-3 was the verdict.

TATNAM 78: Bright, Lilly, Watkins 12, Barnes 10, Tarr 9, Nippard, Holms 8
HUNGERFORD 18: Score not known

As you will see yours truly was taken from the line up and stand-by reserve Pete Branes took his place. Pete has been going great guns in practice lately since he has changed his style of bike to that of mine. Well he didn't go far wrong, scoring 10pts, his highest this season, well done Pete!

Next came the Tatnam Tudors v Hungerford Panthers match. This also resulted in a win by 56-42 for the home team. Yours truly and Pete Woodrow topped the scores for the Tudors both having 12pts. Biggest laugh of the match was when in my first race comfortably in front I came out of the bend only to crash in a heap of dust for no other reason than not being able to control my bike on the dry track. Also in the crash line that afternoon was Alan Cherrett, my partner who slid on the dusty track.

TATNAM TUDORS 56: Nicholson, Woodrow 12, Hardy 8, Phillips, Cherrett, Tarr 5, Phillips 4, Alan Cherrett 3.

ROGER NOCHOLSON.

It seems that a few people have not yet claimed their 5/- prizes for tickets drawn in the N.A.C.S.A. Draw. Will the holders of the following tickets please send them in to Mr Branch and claim their prizes.
0684, 1529, 2123, 4672, 5728, 6651, 7611, 8951.

ESSEX

Junior League

THE CRUSADERS 23: B.Bull 10, A.Philpot 10.

EAST HAM JUNIORS 25: C.Sarling 9.

Challenge

THE CRUSADERS 32: B.Bull, A.Philpot 12.

EAST HAM STARS JUNIORS "B" 16.

The following are two of the rulings recently put forward by the Essex C.S.A.

That NO person with under 3 years active experience in the sport now be allowed to steward official matches within the County.

That the onus for providing stewards be upon the home team. If they cannot provide one, nor the visiting team, then a home rider must take the post before the match may commence, even if it means that the home team be one rider short. No rider may steward a match in which he rides.

ESSEX COUNTY TEAM CHAMP.(SEN). 1st East Ham Wolves. 2nd East Ham Satrs.

ESSEX COUNTY TEAM CHAMP.(JUN.) 1st Thurrock Stars, 2nd.Hawbush Diamonds.

ESSEX SENIOR INDIV.CHAMP. 1st S.Stemens (E.Ham Wolves) 2nd.P.Fraser

ESSEX JUN.IND.CHAMP. 1st.M.Green (Hawbush Diamonds) 2nd.J.Spence(Hawbush)

DAVE STEVENS TROPHY. 1st P.CHubb (Hawbush Hammers) 2nd.A.Cox (Hawbush).

R. BULL

WILTSHIRE

BUCKLEBERRY JUNIORS 28: Braybrooke 7, Watts, Clark 6, Lyford 5, Hutchings 3

SWINDON JUNIORS 25: Thomas 7, Acott 6, Gilbert 4, Morse, Thomas 3, Poynter 2

BUCKLEBERRY ROBINS 47: Watts 11, Clark 10, Braybrooke 8, Cooper 7, Naylor 5

SWINDON EAGLES 47: Hancock 12, Morse 9, Gilbert 8, Thomas 7, B.Thomas 5.

At the County Control Board meeting the chairman congratulated Frank Garlick on gaining third place in the Junior Ind. Final at Hungerford.

The annual County matches with Wiltshire would be held in October. The match at Buckleberry would be on October 11th and the return at Marlborough would be held on October 18th. The teams were selected by the control board as follows: SENIORS Manager Mr.Head .M.Giles, Merrett, Hancock, Morse, Davis, Gibbs, Lister, C.Morse, res; Dyball, Hobbs. JUNIOR: manager-Mr.Scott, Richards, Hudd, Garlick, Moorhouse, Thomas, Gilbert, Chesterman, Morse, res; Rawlings, Kilby.

Deverill Aces are unable to fulfill their commitments this season, but hope to continue in the league next year. With Cleverton and Marlborough unable to complete their junior fixtures, it was agreed that Swindon and Wroughton should ride two matches on neutral tracks, the winners being declared champions.

A claim of match points by Swindon Eagles against Brinkworth Pirates was accepted owing to very short notice of cancellation.

R.H.JACKSON.

WHIPPS X COMETS

ESTUARY EAGLES 58: WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 50: Brown 12, Kingsnorth 11

In this away challenge match the Comets were without their two leading scorers K. Taylor and T. Platford and second string J. Woolnough. After a bad start the Comets fought back to within two points of their opponents, but the Eagles came back with two 4-2 wins to increase their lead to six points. In the next heat Brown and Pipe gave the Comets their first 5-1 to close the gap to 2 points. It was not until heat 12 that the Comets drew level through the efforts of Kingsnorth and Hamilton, but four races from the end they faded and although Brown and Bunce gave the Comets the only other 5-1 win of the match it was not enough to save the Comets from defeat.

In the Junior match that followed the Comets were out-classed by a stronger side. Top scorer for the Comets was Phil Cockerell with 6, other scorers were Wraith, Collins 4, Harper 2.
Final score: Estuary Juniors 32, Comets Juniors 16.

In a junior challenge match with H. Wbush Hammers the Comets Juniors rode well with Johnny Pipe scoring his first maximum and Dave Hamilton scoring 11, the Comets won 31-17 and their complete scorers are Pipe 12 Hamilton 11, Curry 2, Wraith, S. Gibbons 3.

In the league match that followed the Comets Juniors went down fighting against Thurrock Stars 20-28, scorers in this match were Hamilton 7, Curry 6, Pipe 4, S. Gibbons 3.

J. BROWN.

YORKSHIRE

In the Manchester Junior Individual Championship Final (for results see Manchester report) Mel Vickers, 17 year old Lupset skipper rode with all the dash which has made him an automatic choice for the Yorkshire team, to become the 1959 Junior Individual Champion. The youngest rider in the final, Lindale's Peter Bates, aged 14 years, rode extremely well, and already it is quite obvious that he has the skill and determination which has made his big brother have such a dangerous rider. Several members of the Lindale team will have to watch their team places.

In the Manchester Senior Individual Final at Carrs Wood Mel Vickers nearly got the double. Needing a win in the last heat to force a run-off with Hinchcliffe, he was slow off the gate and was pushed out by his Yorkshire team mates Clive Brooke and John Sutcliffe. He could only manage third place in this race and so instead of a run-off for first place, he had to come up against Larry Davenport to decide third place. However, Vickers wasn't seriously challenged as Davenport fell on the first lap.

Well done Mel, and congratulations from everyone here at Lindale. You've certainly done Yorkshire proud!

MIKE COCKROFT.