LETTER FROM TOOTING

My club has been barred from affiliating to the B.C.S.F. because of our alleged bad show at the final of the Gold Cup at Edmonton. I do not hold any brief for P.Jarman when he made a derogative gesture to the steward. On my own part I consider in my job as the team manager I should protect my club from biased stewarding as we see it. I have done it in the past for riders not attached to my own club, re the Individual Final at Weston Stars track when I considered B.Wood of South London Rangers was being unfairly treated. But I do feel that my club has been treated badly by the Federation in as much as the complaint came through the Southern Premier and that no discussion on this matter had taken place at Southern Premier level. Also the undemocratic principle of the BCSF when the proposer and seconder of this motion namely V.Cowell and G.Hollebon sat on the committee that judged the matter, also that my club was not informed and no-one from the management was invited to attend. I now have my doubts as to the constitution of the B.C.S.F. to foster good feeling among clubs or is it just to satisfy the ego of the ruling body?

W.J.CATTLE.

EDITORS NOTE: The BCSF executive committee were asked for their commenrts on this matter. They stated that they have a complete answer to every point raised by Mr.Cattle and that a full statement would be issued at a future date.

SUSSEX SCENE

WORTHING SPUTNIKS 60: BRIGHTON SCORCHERS 36.

This was a good match despite the score and the holders maintained their winning form and retained the Fishersgate Flyers Memorial Trophy with comparative ease. Despite the efforts of Dell Goddard and RonHolvey (10 each) and Clive Elmer (7) the remaining Scorchers could not match the fast improving Sputnik 2nd strings. Johnnie Humphrey 11, Dave Edney 13, and Bagnall 11 were tops but their 2nd strings of Bishop, Williams and Spencer really settled the issue.

WORTHING SPUTNIKS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP J.Humphrey 14pts.

This was an exciting affair with Humphrey retaining his title and becoming the first winner of the Peter Kearns Trophy. Bagnall was the surprise of the meeting. In a run-off for the Trophy Humphrey wom by only two yards. Dave Edney was third.

VISIT TO HELLINGLY IN THE WET!! Members of both clubs travelled to Hellingly to give support to Goddard and Bagnall. It rained somewhat but all riders put on a good show. Congratulations to Les Westwood and Mick Jeffery for a great run-off and to Hungerfords Brian Geater who finished third, well done Brian, a grand show.

PETER KEARNS POSTED Worthing and Sussex cycle speedway have lost a great friend and worker in Peter Kearns the likeable copper who put the Sputniks on the map. Thanks Pete, and best wishes to you and your family in your new home at Southbourne. Good luck too, to P.C. Vic Lewis who is to "keep his eye on" the Sputniks from now on. "BO-BO".

ESSEX

Main event this week was "The Gladiators Perpetual Cup Competition" held at the Gladiators track on October 18th in fine conditions on a very fast surface.

Eventual winner, and the first winner from outside the home club since th Cup's inception in 1955, was Ted Walker from East Ham Stars with a maximum return of 15 points from 5 rides. Only twice was Ted troubled to any extent. In his first ride after being comfortably out in front of Halloran and Dave Robinson, he overslid and the pair of them went around him, Robinson grasping the opportunityto pass Halloran and gain first place. Ted made a quick recovery to come up level with Halloran, then left him behind as he drove into the bottom bend and rounded Robinson, to come home winner.

The other occasion was in heat 9, when Ted gated away from Mike Parkins from the Boundary Eagles club of Norwich fame, and then almost too late discovering that he'd not lost the speeding Mike. Parkins tried again and again to pass Ted only to fall on the final bend and come in last. Parkins himself captured the appreciation of all the riders present with his hard riding and never-say-die spirit throughout the afternoon, which earned him three wins and two falls, and a level 4th placing with 9 points.

The runners up spot was shared by Johnny Koehlerr of Hawbush and Johnny Halloran of East Ham Stars who went through unbeaten after a pointless first heat. Top of the lo als was shared by Dave Robinson and Terry Stone with 9, whileI managed 8.

Disappointment of the event was the failure of the holder Sandy McGillivray to arrive and attempt to win the cup for the 3rd year.

SCORERS Walker 15, Koehler, Halloran 12, Robinson 9, Stone, Parkins 9, Bull, Duffy, Simpson, Green 8,Wells, Berratt 5, Robinson 3,Alan Wells 1.

RON BULL

WILTSHIRE

In the county matches at Bucklebury, Wiltshire won the senior match which produced some very fine racing. K.Hancock scored a maximum while B.Merrett turned in his usual polished performance to collect 9pts, Roy Morse and John Davis gave them good support whilst Marlboroughs Danny Ryball showed promise in his first county match. For Berkshire no-one seemed outstanding but they all rode well.

The junior match was not completed but Wiltshire led 25-23 when it was called off.

BERKSHIRE 43:Cooper, Watts, Geater 7, Smith, Braybrook 6, Naylor 4.
WILTSHIRE 52:Hancock 12, Merrett 9, Morse, Davis 7, Dyball 6, Giles,Gibbs4

BERKSHIRE 23:North, Ponsford 5, Prout 4, Wootton 3, Lyford, Higgs 2.
WILTSHIRE 25:Garlick 6, Thomas 5, Morse, Thomas P. 4, Gilbert 3, Poynter 2

Cleverton have virtually settled the League Championship for the 2nd successive year, although the Hornets second strings were unimpressive The Eagles were the more compact side.

CLEVERTON 47:Giles, Merrett 11,Gibbs 9.SWINDON 47:Garlick 10,B.Thomas 8.

R.H.JACKSON.

LEICESTER NEWS. After an interval caused by the dark evenings, riding recommenced on a Sunday with the qualifying round of the Midland Riders Championship at Jean Drive. Several prominent riders were not present for various reasons and the Blackbird and Belgrave riders shared out the top 5 places to qualify for the final at Coventry. Harry Glover beating John Greaves and Paul Smith by 1 point, Vann and Brant being 2 behind. Power of Anstey lost his chance with a fall in this last ride, Halford and Evans being the only others with a chance.

In a postponed league match the following week, All Stars made the championship safe by beating Anstey. Both sides had a strange look, All Stars being without Newberry, Pickering and Simpson and Anstey lacking Cousens, Power, Tyers and Wheatley. All Stars could only muster 6 men but 5 of them scored solidly. John Cross got a maximum for Anstey, Lowe being the only other rider to trouble the visitors.

Anstey raised a full team by including manager and secretary, but no beards got caught in front wheels! After being behind midway, All Stars won by 12, Chris Evans being best with 11 points.

ROY WRIGHT.

NACSA A.G.M.

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KNOCK OUT TROPHY FINAL

LUPSET ACES 58:Handscombe 12, Johnston, Bedford, Vickers 10,Holmes 7.
LINDALE LIONS 50:Sutcliffe 13, Johnson, Cockroft 9,Brooke 5,Bates 4.

This match was a real tough affair with tempers on both sides becoming frayed before many races had been run. However the Aces were the better side and deserved their victory although the Lions made them fight all the way. Full marks to Cammy Ormondroyd who, in his first match for Lindale scored 4 points from three rides, to Mel Vickers, who played a real captains part for Lupset, he rode hard and tough but fairly. Also to Dennis Ramsden for controlling his temper after taking three hard falls, not one of which was his own fault. Black marks to Dave Johnston for his extremely questionable tactics in several heats. I agree with a rider racing to win, but this was ridiculous.

MIKE COCKROFT.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to explain why Tatnam have sent in certain resolutions for consideration at the NACSA A.G.M.

1. When a steward makes a decision one team disagrees with, their team manager protests, knowing full well the steward cannot alter his decision. Why protest during the match, it makes no difference, except make the steward bitter towards the protesting team. At Tatnam back in the Summer the steward made an exclusion which I disagreed with, the opposing manager also agreed but as it was in his favour did not intervene. After continually protesting the match continued. After the meeting the steward announced his retirement from the sport. By protesting during the match nothing had been gained but resentment and ill feeling. A few words at the end of the meeting to the steward telling him that you intend protesting about any particular decision achieves the purpose of getting your disagreement sent to the Board. Had you protested rigorously during the meeting when the situation came before the board the steward would do his best to see that his ruling stood, by telling him at the end of the meeting he is likely to be more understanding.

2. As last years Junior N.T.C. formula stands all 6 riders are team men what happens when one of them is unable to ride in one race? There are no reserves allowed. If the formula sent in by Tatnam is used 1-4 are team men, 5-6 are reserves. 1-4 have 3 rides, 5 and 6 have two rides. There are 9 heats as before. If a rider is ill after his first ride he can be replaced with a reserve rider. Another good point is that with this formula there is a nominated, therefore with such a short match this is vital as it could decide the winners.

In the Senior formula I think that trophy matches should be of 18 heats because firstly it provides a change from the normal league formula and gives spectators extra tip-top cycle speedway as the N.T.C. is always more exciting, each team trying to win by a big margin ready for the return match.

ANDY BRIGHT.

LANCS & CHESHIRE

National team champions Wilmslow Hammers held their club Individual last week nd and it caused a few shocks. The final placings were: Garnett 14, Rollason 13, Mottershead, Groom 13, Hinchcliffe, Worthington Bevan, Moore 9, Lomas 8, Taylor 6, Ridgeway 5, Shone 3, Gorton, Summerton 2. The prizes were presented to winning riders by league chairman Mr. Ashtonhurst who was also steward.

Lupset Aces collected two points from their trip to Carrs Wood, but they had to bring a rider from outside the area to do it, they have signed Glover from Leicester. Perhaps a clever move by their manager, but is it a good and wise one? Lupset have had a good season in their first year in the Manchester, Stockport and District League. They've won the knock out Trophy and stand a good chance of finishing runners-up in the league, they are still in the North of England Trophy. Is it fair to the rider or riders who have ridden all the season that they should loose their place to an outside rider at this stage of the season, and if they go on to win the North of England Trophy with this outside rider it won't be Lupsets Trophy but Lupsets plus and half the glory of their victory will be lost. Another bad point about this signing is that other clubs may follow their example and sign top riders from outside the area for big matches, this would spoil the league set up and the league committee are taking steps to stop this.

Glover rode well in his first match for the Aces scoring 12points, Vickers, Holmes and Handscombe all scored 9. Once again it was National Champion Moston who was the star of the home side.

Second division side Longsight Lions shook Wilmslow Hammers when they took the lead on the first division sides track in the second round of the North of England Trophy, but although they fought hard their lead was short lived and the Hammers went on to win by 59 points to 37. The Lions can be proud of their efforts for they put up a better show on the Wilmslow track than some first division sides have done this season.

The Hammers have received the National Team Championship Trophy at long last and will have it presented to them at a local dance at the beginning of November, it is hoped the local Chairman of the Council will make the presentation.

J.D.MOTTERSHEAD.

RESULTS

LEICESTERSHIRE
Midland Riders Championship. (leiss Round) Harry Glover 13, Greaves, Smith 12, Vann, Brant 11, Power 10, Halford, Evans 9, Robson 6, Cousens, Hagen 5, Bloxham, Birkle 4, Stew 3.
League
ANSTEY EAGLES 41: Cross 15, Lowe 7. L.ALL STARS 53: Evans 11, Naylor, Bird 10.
WILTSHIRE - Inter County.
WILTSHIRE JUN.60: Moorhouse 9, P&B.Thomas, Rawlings 8. BERK.JUN.36: Watts 12
WILTS.SEN 50: Giles 10, Davis, Gibbs, Merrett 7. BERK.44: Clark 12, Warwick 8

MIDDLESEX

The Middlesex Best Pairs were held at Wembley on October 3rd. This resulted in a win for home pairing Roy Fraser and Kenny Wildman. Their only defeat came at the hands of Pete Page and Reg Squires in their first ride - indeed this was the only defeat that Kenny Wildman had during the pairings 7 rides. Yes, Kennys certainly going great this year. Roy Frasers 11 made their total 28. The Wildman family certainly showed up well in the event, for second place went to Ted Wildman and Gerry Wallis of Weston. They totalled 25 and the Tolworth couple, Page and Squires scored 24. Other pairs Punter/Norris (Harefield) 22½; Claydon/Pearce (Tolworth) 20; Brimson/Robin Squires (Tolworth) 17½; Kitching/Bristowe (Tolworth/Wembley) 17; Shaw/Hook (Weston) 14.

In constant rain, the Bushey Kangaroos presented the Mrs Males Memorial Trophy on October 10th. Although the weather kept a large crowd away, the meeting was extremely exciting and well organised. The muddy surface made racing spectacular and there was much passing and repassing. The favourites soon came adrift - Pete Page was pegged back into 3rd position in heat 1. The climax was a run-off for first place between Page and Fred Bouttell. Bouttell had inside and kept the lead, despite repeated challenges by Page. In third place was Glynn Brimson, after some consistent riding.

SCORERS: Bouttell 12, P.Page 12, G.Brimson 11, B.Smith, G.Wallis, B.Saunders 9, G.Harvey, G.Pearce 8, P.Saunders 7, L.Kitching, B.Shapley J.Sutherland 6, R.Lester 5, P.O'Grady 4, G.Pyne 0.

This years Harefield Individual Championship was won by Brian Robinson. Second with 13, 1 point behind was Ernie Norris and 3rd with 11 were Dave Hunting and Dave Thompson. The junior section, as expected was won by Steve Viner with Doug Wearn 2nd and Pete Povey 3rd.

Five matches in one afternoon took place at Bushey. The most important was the league match v Whipps Cross. This ended in a 47-47 draw. The match was tense throughout and the last 5 heats were shared. Keith Taylor scored a max for the Comets. The match is under protest by both teams. The junior league match was a win for Bushey Boys 20-16.

Cowley Eagles then raced the Kangaroos. The lead changed hands several times until the Eagles piled on 5-1s in heats 13, 14 and 15. The result was a 56-40 win for Cowley. Barry Shapley showed up well, only losing Bushey Flyers 31-23. Young Bob Rome in his first match against another team was impressive.

RESULTS.

League

BUSHEY K.47: Saunders P.10, B.Saunders, Wise 8.
WHIPPS X COMETS 47L Taylor 14, Bunce, S.Pipe 11.

Junior League

BUSHEY FLYERS 20 Saunders, Gillett 9. WHIPPS X 16: Currey, Collins 5.
BUSHEY 12 Rome 4, Green 4. TOLWORTH JNRS 0: Points deleted, riders over age.

Challenge

Bushey K.40: Saunders P.11, Males 9. Cowley 56: Shapley 14, Mullett 9, Byles 8.

Junior challenge

BUSHEY 23: Saunders 6, Gillett 5. COWLEY 31: Berry, Wray 8, Lovelock 7.

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