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COWLEY A.G.M SHOCKS

BY "ALLOTT"

At 7.30 p.m on Monday 12th October, the 1959 AGM of Oxford Champions Cowley/Littlemore Eagles, was held.

After almost unanimous support the following resolutions were passed:

1. That the club enter 3 teams in the 1960 league, namely Cowley Eagles, Kestrels and Juniors.
2. That a club side, consisting of the Eagles, should enter in the Southern Premier League and take part in other BCSF competitions.
3. That all members would re-affiliate to NACSA.

The officers elected were - Chairman, Mr.J.Major. Secretary, Mr.G.Goddard. 43, Barns Road, Cowley, Oxford. Treasurer, Mr.G.Miles. Manager Eagles, Mr.J.Major. Manager Kestrels, Mr.G.Goddard. Captain Eagles, Jock Sutherland. Captain Kestrels, Graham Miles.

Kev Rowland - Oxford Secretary - of 62, Annesley Road, Rose Hill, Oxford, would like to hear from Counties interested in Tests in 1960, as soon as possible.

LITTLEMORE EAGLES 26 Shapley 9
HORSPATH HAMMERS 69. Grant 14

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Reports are now coming in too fast for publication, so would reporters please keep their reports reasonably brief.

The other National magazine has stated that it is running at a loss. If it had made the losses that this magazine does, it would have closed down ages ago.

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OVERSLIDES

MATCHES WANTED DEPT.

BASKERVILLE HOUNDS require matches for the winter season. Teams interested to contact Pete Barlow, 40 Bassett Road, Barton Estate, Headington, Oxford. Teams interested in riding Estuary Eagles should contact George Bridge, 4 Chestnut Grove, Southend-on-sea, Essex.

Could it be that we shall see a certain Southern League in a slightly different capacity next year..... The line up in the Oxford League looks pretty good for next season. Baskerville intend to enter 3 teams and it could look something like this - Cowley Eagles, Cowley Kestrels, Cowley Juniors, Baskerville hounds, Rose Hill Diamonds, Baskerville Pups, Horspath Hammers, Horspath Wreckers, North Oxford Wasps and Grandpont Giants..... Hear that Pete Chubb of Hawbush Hammers has injured his finger at work and is likely to be out of action for some weeks..... Cowley Eagles have applied to enter a team in the Southern Premier League next season in addition to their Oxford fixtures... Winners of the Essex Junior League are Thurrock Stars... Cowley Eagles were hoping to have Tolworth's Pete Page and Glynn Brimson riding for them next year, but this now seems unlikely.. Entries for the 1960 World Championship must be in by December 31st. Only condition is that you must be a member of either National body. Entry forms can be had from either Secretary.... The A.G.M of the N.A.C.S.A is to be held at the Y.M.C.A, Granby Street, Leicester at 10.30.... The Southern Counties League recently issued a well worded press release to all the Southern local newspapers in an effort to find more teams.... First year riders Mick Green and Johnny Spence of Hawbush won the Essex grade 2 best pairs.... 7 teams were originally entered for the Norwich Division 2 league (writes Mike Parkins) but 2 teams - Drayton and Redbrick withdrew before the beginning of the season and also Norwich Stars after a few matches. Matches were run over 16 heats with 6 man teams and 1 reserve, each rider having 5 rides and a nominated for the highest scorers. Riders Championship was won by I. Fisher (Mulbarton), 2nd H. Cullingford (Bound'y.

KEEN RIVALS

YOUR REPORTER

DAVID V SCOTT

Main interest over the past weeks has been the inter-county match Wiltshire v Berkshire, ridden at Bucklebury, with the visitors repeating their last year's success from Hungerford. In the senior match, Berkshire found Keith Hancock - Raymond Merso on brilliant form, dropping only 1 point to the home team in their 4 outings, the former gaining a brilliant maximum. Sound support came from Bob Morrett with 3 firsts and an exclusion in his second outing. In the home team, Brian Geater, fresh from his trip to Sussex, rode well to share top scores with Mike Cooper and Michael Watts, all on the 7 point mark. After a Hancock-Merso victory in heat 6, Wiltshire led 20-15, although Cooper-Watts hit back in the next heat, Wiltshire soon restored their lead to 11 points after the 10th heat, finally winning 52-43. In the Junior match, the visitors were without the Wroughton riders, but still led the home side to win 25-23, with both Garlick and Bob Thomas undefeated.

SENIOR Berks. Cooper 7(2), Watts 7(1), Geater 7(1).

Wilts. Hancock 12, R.Merso 7(3), Morrett 9, Davis 7

JUNIOR Berks. North 5, Prcut 4, Pensford 5

Wilts. Garlick 6, B.Thomas 5(1), R.Merso(Jnr)4

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Other Berks v Wilts news was the clash between Bucklebury Robins and Swindon Eagles at Bucklebury, with the home side retaining their undefeated record by the narrowest of margins. The Robins soon took the lead with the score of 17-11 in their favour after the opening heats, but a great fight back by the Eagles levelled the scores at 44 all after 15 heats. With Watts winning the final heat from Hancock and Gilbert, the Eagles came close to lifting the Robins unbeaten record, with a 47 all draw. The junior match went in favour of the Robins 28-25.

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The main interest for the League title between Cleverton and Swindon should have been settled on 25th and news of this will be published shortly.

R E S U L T S

THURROCK STARS 66½ A. Wood 13(I), P. Hunt 12(I), P. Hudson 9(I)
MULBARTON ACES 41½ I. Fisher 15, D. Churchard 9½, A. Smith 9

THURROCK STARS 43 G. Siddons 11, P. Hudson 9, L. Busby 9
MULBARTON LIONS (Norwich) 29 L. Cooper 6, A. Smith 5

GLADIATORS 'B' 59 S. Tomlyn 14, D. Robinson 14, K. Taylor 13
NORWICH JUNIORS 49 F. Simpson 10, A. Francis 9, T. Waller 8

Hawbush/Thurrock Shield

THURROCK STARS 60 Hawbush Hammers 48
HAWBUSH HAMMERS 50 Thurrock Stars 58

HAWBUSH HAMMERS 68 Chubb 14, Koehler 13, Cox 13, Green 12
FOULSHAM WASPS 40

Essex Graded Best Pairs, Round 1, Division 2
M. Green (15) & J. Spence (8) .. Hawbush Diamonds. 23, A. Rayner
(13) & D. Buckley (9) .. Thurrock Stars. 22, R. Bull (14) & J.
Newham (6) .. Gladiators. 20.

BIRMINGHAM UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP for ALAN HUNT CUP
R. Woollaston (Baddesley Pirates) 15, E. Mills (Walsall
Meteors) 14, J. Kiernan (Birmingham Lions) 12.

Beehive Shield Final (at Walsall)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 46 E. Edwards 11, G. Sedgley 9
KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 50 V. Halliwell 14, A. Rake 9

SOUTHEND

Kimberley Cup. R. French 14, J. Pace 12
October M.R.C. Roger Rolph defeated John Pace (Holder)

ESTUARY EAGLES 54 T. Woolner 13, S. Thompson 8, R. Rolph 8
KESGRAVE PANTHERS 50 T. Louis 15, T. Rookyard 9

COWLEY EAGLES 55 Byles 12, Mullett 10, Rowland 8
HORSPTH WRECKERS 38 Shapley 13, McCall 6

INDIVIDUAL FINAL

BY
KEN ARCHER

All praise is due to the Raynes Park club for the excellent preparation of their track for this occasion - only to have torrential rain the day before which made it very heavy going.

Heat 1 saw Les Westwood outpace Ray Chivers right round his outside to win. Heat 4 it was Dave Chivers beating the present holder Roy Baker. Heat 5, Roy Baker out again, only this time it proved too much and he finished last to Ray Chivers, Cable and Goodrum. After each rider had 3 rides it was Westwood and D. Chivers both unbeaten with R. Chivers and M. Jeffery in close attendance.

The heavy going of the track was certainly telling on the riders who just couldn't seem to find the necessary energy. Heat 12 it was Westwood from Jeffrey, Page and Baker, his 2nd duck. Heat 13. R. Chivers now out of the running with a last, while brother Dave consolidated his position with yet another win. Heat 16, Westwood again, this time beating Cable. At this point each rider had 4 riders. Westwood and Chivers both unbeaten. Just within striking distance, Jeffrey 9, Cable 8 and R. Chivers 7, but 1st place is out of their grasps.

Heat 17, R. Chivers excluded, 2nd reserve Keith Parsons only ride, which he won. Heat 18, Cable led all the way from Milton. Heat 19, Roy Baker's only win of the afternoon. Heat 20. This was the race with both unbeaten riders, Les Westwood and Dave Chivers. Chivers no 2 grid on his own track, Westwood on no. 4 so it had to be odds on for Chivers. Chivers was 1st out of the gate, well paced by Westwood. On the 2nd lap Chivers lost his pedals just long enough for Westwood to pass him, but Dave quickly recovered only to catch a slide on his last lap, with his feet caught underneath his saddle, but finished 3rd as P. Bowden had pulled out of the race.

Reg Trott, Norwich and England speedway rider, presented the cups to Westwood, Chivers and Cable.
L. Westwood (Edmonton) 15, D. Chivers (Raynes Park) 13, B. Cable (Tooting) 11, M. Jeffrey (Edmonton) 10, R. Webb (South London) 8, R. Chivers (S. London) 7, G. Page (Hollingbury) 6, G. Smith (Thornton Heath) 5, R. Baker (T. Heath) 5, N. Goodrum (T. Heath) 5, P. Blackwell (SLR) 5, R. Gingell (R. Pk) 5, R. Baker (SLR) 5, P. Milton (SL) 5, W. Deighton (RPT) 4, P. Bowden (Edmonton) 3.

SPEEDY NOEL

YOUR REPORTER

BRIAN BUCK

Noel Thompson, Elmdon Bees' Secretary/Manager/Rider has done more for his club than any other person. It was only because of his keenness and enthusiasm, that the Bees were able to keep going this year; a bad season for the club.

But although he has always been a solid and consistent team man, Noel has never quite made the grade as a top notcher.

In the final event of the Birmingham Season, though - the Senior Individual Championship final, Noel surprised everyone with his fiery riding. His 13 points, and 2nd placing in the event was indeed justice to one of the best club men in the business.

Winner of the cup was Hagley Comets' Archie Wilkinson, who crowned a grand come-back season, with 14 points. Vic Halliwell, Kingstanding Monarchs evergreen veteran, beat Paddy Kiernan, (Birmingham Lions), for third place after a run-off.

It now seems extremely unlikely that Sutton Stars will be operating next term. Harry Loasby has retired, Dave Hemus and Tony Arnold have transferred to Hagley Comets, and the Stonehouse brothers doubtful starters, the Stars have very little left in the way of riders, and I cannot see that there is any hope for them.

Thus the folly of neglecting to search for Junior riders is brought fully home. The realisation has come too late to save Sutton Stars, but it is to be hoped that the lesson will be learned by other clubs, and any similar position rectified.

Birmingham Lions, in particular, could well learn from Sutton's mistakes. There has not been one rider in 4 years, that has been developed by the club. 4 years ago the Lions were in a similar position to that now in evidence at Sutton. But the Lions were saved by the return to the saddle of several of their former stars, but the club still continued to ignore the up and coming riders. Some clubs it seems, will never learn.

CONT

THE MRS MALES

MEMORIAL
TROPHY

After Weeks of excellent Weather - rain. All day. But the riders started rolling up 2 hours before the start. In fact only 2 failed to appear, Geoff Penniket and Bren Harper. The slippery surface made racing first class with much passing. After 3 rides it was Fred Bouttall 8, Bob Saunders 8, Pete Page 6 and Barry Shapley 6. Shapley had started with 2 brilliant wins but then met with exclusions and failed to score any more. Page scored 2 more wins and Bouttall 2nds, making them both 12 pts. Saunders only picked up 1 more, landing in the nearby hawthorn bushes in his last ride. In the run off, Bouttall gated 1st and held it from a speedy Page. This meeting received good publicity in local papers and the Bushey club were well pleased with the fine organisation and racing. Glynn Brimson, incidentally, crept into 3rd place with some quiet consistent riding.

F. Bouttall (Wembley Hawks) 12, P. Page (Tolworth Aces) 12, G. Brimson (Tolworth) 11, B. Smith (Wembley) 9, G. Wallis (Weston) 9, B. Saunders (Bushey) 9, G. Harvey (Weston) 8, G. Pearce (Harfield P) 8, P. Saunders (Bushey) 7, L. Kitching (Tolworth) 6, B. Shapley (Coley) 6, J. Sutherland (Coley) 6, R. Lester (Harfield L) 5, P. O'Grady (Wembley) 4, G. Pyne (Bushey) 0.

THE SOUTHERN PREMIER JUNIOR

Up to the halfway stage it was Keith Parsons unbeaten with Pete Oliver, "Chippy" Chapman 1 point behind. With Chapman failing to add to his score and Bobby Williams beating Keith Parsons, the positions at the end of 5 rides called for 2 run offs. First place was between Pete Oliver (Tooting) and Keith Parsons (South London Hunters). Oliver won the toss and chose inside. He left the gate, just keeping Parsons on the outside and rode on making no mistakes to become champion. The run off between Paddy Adams (Hunters) and John Myles (Hellingly) was a win for the South London man, although the Hellingly Junior showed signs of a hard afternoon's racing. Reg Trott again made the presentations and Mr Cattle again stewarded well. P. Oliver 14, K. Parsons 14, P. Adams 11, J. Myles 11, K. Dawson 10, B. Williams 9, R. Brown 8, A. Chapman 8, J. Hone 8, J. Mills 7, T. Bettger 6, D. Lancaster 5, D. Rogers 4, A. Bethney 2, D. Blakely 2.

SOUTHERN

BY BRIAN MAKEPEACE

The League's second season opened on Saturday 28th March, with the Fishersgate Flyers Memorial Trophy match at Brighton with the home team going down to the Worthing Sputniks by 60-36 after a better match than the score suggests. Dell Goddard and Brian Makepeace with 10 apiece were tops for Scorchers, and Dave Edney with 12 and Johnny Humphries 9, promised well for the future.

The day after, the League's Representative side lost heavily by 65-31 to the N.W Middlesex Juniors at Hendon. Only John Humphries with 8 points showed any form. Fred Routtall, Pete Rides and Bernie Mason were best for a strong home side.

The next match was in the B.C.S.F Gold Cup with Raynes Park Tigers visiting Worthing and under extremely trying, and very wet, conditions, the Tigers triumphed as expected by 74-34. Once again John Humphries 9 and Dave Edney 8 were the only opposition.

The league matches then followed the expected pattern and went like this

Brighton Scorchers Jun 35	Worthing Sputniks 'B' 61
Worthing Sputniks 'A' 63½	Brighton Scorchers Sen 32½
Brighton Scorchers Jun 23	Worthing Sputniks 'A' 72
Worthing Sputniks 'B' 71	Brighton Scorchers Jun 25
Worthing Sputniks 'B' 55	Brighton Scorchers Sen 46
Brighton Scorchers Sen 48	Worthing Sputniks 'A' 47

Thus the Worthing Sputniks 'B' team became League Champions to succeed the Brighton Scorchers.

Challenge matches were held, lost, but enjoyed against Hellingly Lions, Wembley Hawks and Tooting Tigers. Worthing Sputniks also defeated Bickerville Hounds and Bricket Wood Kangaroos in two more enjoyable matches at Hill Barn Lane.

Half way through the season a new club was formed to be known as Wembley Wasps and they lost a couple of matches to Brighton Scorchers. Their riders also

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took part in the Individual Events at the end of the season. They also plan to race in the Southern Counties League next season.

In the Individual, Dave Edney kept up a fine run of form, which had included qualifying for the Middlesex Grand Prix in August, and won the title after a great run off with Dell Goddard and clubmate John Humphries after they had all finished with 14 points.

Another test was held with Southern Premier Juniors at Thornton Heath and again we lost by a heavy score.

Next season looks good with Worthing, Brighton, Wembley and possibly Crawley, under the management of ex-internationals Ron Holvey and Clive Elmer, Findon and maybe others.

One black spot is that we will be saying goodbye to Mr P.C Kearns the League's Chairman and Worthing Sputniks leader, who has been posted. But maybe it can mean another club in the area. Roll on 1960.

DEVON NEWS BY RON VAULTER

The Cycle Speedway season here has come to an end after a very fine Summer and racing. At a meeting of the Shaldon Kestrels last week 6 new junior members attended as well as the main team. The outlook for 1960 seems even better from the interest shown at this meeting. Practise events are to be held on Sunday mornings for Juniors when track and weather permit during the close season. The Kestrels look forward in meeting the Torpoint club (a new club) formed this season, when their track and team are ready. The Kestrels have a football fixture for the winter months which will help keep riders fit. All the best to you all from Devon and lets keep our flag flying.

THE GLADIATORS PERPETUAL CUP

T.Walker(East Ham Stars)15, J.Koehler(Hawthorn)12, J.Hall+oran(EHS)12, B.Robinson(Gladiators)9, T.Stone(Gl'tors)9

IT'S OPEN

YOUR REPORTER BOB SAUNDERS

The Middlesex League is still as wide open as ever with Tolworth Tudors and Harefield Pirates tying with 28 points each. Tudors recently beat their second team the Aces 58-38. They are at present unbeaten, but have still to meet several strong teams and currently have a claim from Whipps Cross for the points hanging over them.

Pirates with only 6 riders won 59-35 at Bushey. They only have 3 matches left though so they are unlikely to keep at the top.

East Ham Wolves slipped up at Wembley Hawks, losing 44-52. Wolves only fielded 6 riders and if they are to keep in a challenging position, cannot afford to drop any more points like this.

Wembley Hawks are lying 3rd, but have lost 5 matches so they seem unlikely to pull off the Championship. Whipps Cross Comets, now consisting of several juniors, are up amongst the leaders. They have drawn 2 matches recently in addition to their 3 lost, but they must still have an outside chance.

Weston Stars now seem to have recovered from their team troubles as proved by their 51-45 win at Tottenham. The Kangaroos themselves fielded a full 8 for the first time for weeks. Wembley All Stars have big team headaches, as do Tolworth Aces to a lesser extent.

At the bottom end of the table, the 2 bottom clubs met at Bushey when the Kangaroos beat Harefield Lions 51-45. This means that Lions must pick up 3 points from their remaining 3 matches. Tragic news has just befallen the Bushey management. It appears that there is a definite possibility that they may lose their track.

Top riders over the past couple of weeks are - Paddy O'Grady (Wembley Hawks) II v East Ham. Pete Saunders (Bushey) max v Harefield Lions. Keith Taylor (Whipps X) I4 v Lions. Sid Pipe (Whipps X) max v Lions. Bill Punter (Hare) P max v Bushey. Steve Viner (Hare L) I4 v Bushey. Pete Page (Tolworth Aces) max v Tudors. Clive Hill (Tot K) I4 v Weston

SENSATION

A LETTER FROM W.J. CATTLE,
MANAGER OF TOOTING TIGERS.

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 to 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 my club has been treated badly by the Federation in as much that 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 B.C.S.F when the proposer and seconder of this motion namely V. Cowell of Edmonton and G. Helleben of Hellingly 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 amongst clubs or is it just to satisfy the ego of the ruling body, namely D.A. Bacon, J. Richardson, J. Whittaker and V. Cowell.

Mr. Cattle has certainly raised a few interesting points in this letter and I believe this is the first really critical letter to be aimed at the Federation since their formation. This letter has been sent to the C.S press as a whole and the Federation intend publishing a press release in answer to it. This will be included in the next edition of '5-1.'

WILTSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cleverton Hornets	6	5	1	0	362	208	11
Swindon Eagles	7	5	1	1	345	230	11
Wroughton Racers	6	4	0	2	326	246	8
Marlborough Meteors	7	1	0	6	271	400	2
Brinkworth Pirates	8	1	0	7	222	440	2

SOUTHERND^{BACK}

YOUR REPORTER

DEN WINCH

The Estuary Eagles recently elected the following committee: President: R.A. Wyatt, Esq., Chairman: G. Preist, V/Chairman: D.R. Winch, Secretary: G. Bridge, Ass. Secretary: Miss P. Mumford, Treasurer: D. Terry, Team Manager: D.R. Winch, Club Steward: G. Preist, Captain: Alan Hockley, V/Captain: Dave Withers. The Eagles are at present the only team in the Southend area. Next season may see the return of such old teams as Southend Lions, Leigh Aces and possibly a Darling side to give Southend a four team League.

Estuary Eagles have as their home circuit the old Darling Brigands track at Kimberley Road. Already track improvements are being carried out. A new concrete starting grid has been laid by the Eagles hard working President Mr. Wyatt, a local builder. Plans are already for erecting floodlights.

RECENT RESULTS. Kimberley Cup: R. French 14, J. Pace 1.

Estuary Eagles 58 Whipps Cross Comets 50
Making their debut Estuary Eagles soon showed what a force they mean to be by defeating an under strength Whipps Cross side for whom veteran skipper Johnny Brown rode extremely well for 13 points. For the victorious Eagles Roger Rolph (1) was well supported by the reserve riders Tony Weclner and Fred Munro.

Eagles: R. Rolph 12, S. Thompson 11, A. Hockley 9, T. Weclner 9, R. French 6, F. Munro 5, J. Pace 3, B. Milbourne 3.
Comets: J. Brown 13, S. Kingsnorth 11, T. Bunce 10, S. Pipe 7, D. Hamilton 4, J. Pipe 3, S. Gibbons 2, M. Currey 0.

Estuary Eagles 54 Kesgrave Panthers 50.

The Eagles had a hard fight on their hands from heat 1. At heat 2 the visitors threatened to call off the meeting if the Steward did not change some of his decisions. Southend are racing under N.A.C.S.A rules. At Ipswich they race under their own rules. Surely its about time all areas got together to have standard rules, and so stop all these angry scenes. If we travel to Kesgrave as arranged and ride under Suffolk rules, we shall not have a fair chance to prove ourselves.

COMMENT

The following article was submitted before the entry forms for the World Championship were distributed, but we are still publishing this article as we feel that we were kept in the dark too long.

BY HAROLD SMITH

THERE is a very real danger of the World Championship becoming the biggest "white elephant" that Cycle Speedway has ever known.

Nonsense? Not if an alarming lack of interest amongst Birmingham riders can be regarded as any yardstick to gauge a national trend. 6 months ago questions like these were plentiful:

What is the closing date for entries?

Will there be a qualifying round here?

What is the date of the final?

Will helmets be compulsory?

Will Sweden send any riders?

Nowadays the World Championship is never mentioned, unless I bring up the subject in conversation. And then all I get is an indifferent raising of eyebrows and "Oh, I thought it had been dropped."

Birmingham folk were quick to condemn the "World" tag when the Championship was first announced. Too "grand" they said; people will not take it seriously. Feeling ran high, strong words were spoken and written. But there was bags of interest.

I blame the lack of news from the British Organising Committee for the present apathetic attitude.

Swift action is needed to remedy the situation.

Will it be forthcoming?

There has been talk of 1959 being one of Birmingham's best ever cycle speedway seasons.

- Those enthusiasts like myself with longer memories will certainly concede that it has been the most successful season since the palmy days of 1949 and 1950. The fine weather helped, of course. Rained off matches can be counted on one hand.

GLASGOW

YOUR REPORTER

INDIVIDUAL

JOHN A LETTS

The Mansewood track was the scene of some magnificent riding on 4th October. The event was the Glasgow Individual Championship and the finalists were those who had fought their way through the qualifying rounds.

The first 3 heats went off as expected, but in heat 4 came the fireworks. Reading from left to right the lineup was; Bert Harkins, Hamish Orr, Robert Bond and Dick Barrie. Harkins and Orr were first out of the gate, but they drifted in the 1st bend, allowing Bond to take the lead. Barrie was 2nd, Orr 3rd and Harkins last. But not for long. In a brilliantly timed burst of speed he spurred past all 3 in the next bend, gaining a lead which he never lost. This was his toughest race, for he went on to win the Championship, dropping only 1 point, to John Speirs. While Harkins was putting on the style, Peter Christie was steadily gaining points. He too had a great 1st race, riding neck and neck with Craigton's Alex Young until the last bend, where his superior finishing burst carried him through to win. Robert Bond went down in heat 8 to him, but in his next races he dropped points to Joe Letts and Bert Harkins. Christie had to win his last race to be in the running, and this he did, earning a total of 13 points and 2nd place in the Championship. A place which he well deserved to fill.

To find the 3rd man, we have to look at the fortunes of Bond, Barrie, Letts, Orr and Speirs. Orr, the defending Champion, won 3 races in all, but a bad start in his last race left him behind Letts and Christie and brought his total to 11 points. Similarly, Letts and Barrie won 3 races each. Letts overslid while overtaking Young in heat 1 and badly spoiled his chances, while Barrie's last place in heat 4 had left him a total of 11 points. Speirs dropped 2 points in his last race and scored 11, while Bond, by some steady riding, also amassed 11 points. This left 5 people tying for 3rd place. The issue was settled by 3 deciding heats:—2 qualifying heats and a final. Orr won from Bond and Barrie, and Letts won from Speirs, thus it was between Orr and Letts for 3rd.

Cont.

BRIAN BUCK (Cont)

Kingstanding Monarchs were for the 8th successive season, Birmingham League Champions. They were unbeaten in all their matches. Their closest shave were their matches with Birmingham Lions whom they beat 50-46 at Kingstanding, and 50-45 at Balsall Heath.

JOHN A. LETTS (Cont)

Letts led from the gate to take the prize for 3rd place.

This was a final that left the spectator hoarse in the throat, and their cheers never greeted a worthier winner than Bert Harkins. The trophies were presented by Mr. Jim Riddell, who was introduced to those present by steward Peter B. Bell. Mr. Riddell gave ample praise to the riders, remarking that he had greatly enjoyed the event and that the standard of riding had been very good.

SUFFOLK GRAND PRIX

The Claydon track was very dry and loose for this event and mainly due to this, racing was inclined to be processional. The top riders were obvious from the start. Lockwood (Claydon) and Pilbrough (Great Blackenham) tied for first place with 13 points. Pilbrough made the gate and when Lockwood made a desperate effort to dive in a gap which was not there, romped home a worthy winner. Top Scores. M. Pilbrough (Gt Blackenham) 13, D. Lockwood (Claydon) 13, G. Abel (Spixworth) 10, J. Fisher (Kesgrave) 10, T. Rookyard (Kesgrave) 10, T. Louis (Kesgrave) 9, C. Hiskey (Claydon) 9, J. Benfield (Woodbridge) 8, A. Ford (Blackenham) 8

RESULTS

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR BEST PAIRS

B. Mason & B. Smith (Wembley Hawks) 18, r/o from B. Gillett & P. Saunders (Bushey Kangaroos) 18, S. Viner & D. Wearn (Harefield Lions) 12.

PETE PAGE'S 8- 50. Page 15, Brimson 13, Mason 11

BRIAN SMITH'S 8- 46. Saunders, P 10, Saunders, B 9, Smith 8

WESTON STARS 53 Shaw 12, Harvey 8, Wildman 7

TOLWORTH TUDORS 53 Squires 9, Pearce 9, Kirk 9

NORFOLK - 1959

BY (300) TRUE
FRED SIMPSON

Great hopes for another "Cycle Speedway Season" in Norfolk in the near future. More and more tracks opening, keen riders with good equipment. All we want now is the clocks to go back 2 hours instead of 1 so we can fix in the number of fixtures in we would like to.

Teams competing in the 1st division in the now finished 1959 season were; HELLESDON LIONS, with their long track, 2 yards from the river bank (in the last meeting, 2 madcap riders rode round the track and then, fully clothed into the river, just to please the crowd). Were founded 13 years ago on this same track, although none of the original team are now riding. The club funds accounts are still kept in the same 3d note book. Finished 5th in the League. NORWICH STARS. A team of champions. Under the leadership of Manager Bert Tench, almost swept away all the Cups, Trophies and honours which came in their path. SCOTTOW HORSESHOES. A surprise team in 1959, finishing 2nd and also producing the Norfolk Champion. Scottow have great hopes of taking top position next season. Village about 10 miles N.E of Norwich. Neighbours of Scottow are BUXTON LIONS. Although finishing bottom of the 1st division, were definitely not a disgrace. The matches lost were only by margins of very few points. SPIXWORTH COMETS. Reputed to be the best track in Norfolk with its fast sweeping banked bends, gives great credit to the riders who keep it in trim. Finishing 3rd and with riders taking 2nd and 3rd places in the Norfolk Championship, manager Mike Colman has a team to be proud of. 10 miles North of Norwich. GALLEY PIRATES. Norwich team, greatly hit by retirements and injuries did well to finish 4th in the League. Thanks to great efforts made by rider manager Barry Woodcock, the team are now back on their feet. Winter work should make the Galley track one of the fastest.

DIVISION TWO

	P	H	d	LA	w	d	l	f	a	Pts
Boundary Eagles	12	4	0	2	4	1	1	557½	407½	17
Mulbarton Aces	12	5	0	1	3	0	3	619½	528½	16
Blcfield Bleeps	12	3	0	3	1	0	5	498	510	9
Foulsham Wasps	12	3	1	2	0	0	6	486	546	7