THE BRIAN SMITH STORY

Bricket Wood Kangaroos decided to still go up to their track at Bushey despite the fact that Wembley Hawks had phoned up to say that the challenge match was off, due to their being unable to raise a team. To their surprise though, who should turn up but Wembley Hawks. Hawks rider Paddy O'Grady had decided to bring along what riders were available and made the team up with some boys who did their riding the rough way -scrambles and such like. One of these was Brian Smith. Another was Fred Bouttell, but thats another story. Heat I and a win for Brian. But scrambles to speedway is a big change and Brian only picked up I more point that afternoon.

During the winter of 1958/9, Brian rode in occasional matches on the Hawks track and with the start of the 1959 season he was not a particularly improved rider. The opening League match at Whipps Cross only brought 3 points. But gradually he settled down and the scores began to climb. Brian particularly concentrated on his gating and when he made the gate, which became often, there was not much chance of catching him.

Brian really struck tops one saturday night in July. The Middlesex qualifying rounds of the NACSA individual were held on the Hawks track. Though a junior, he took part in the senior also. The result was 14 points and top scorer. In the Final, Smithy withdrew to concentrate on the Junior. And just as well too, for he scored a 'max.' So to the Southern Area semi-finals at Wembley All Stars- the same track on which he had qualified. After 4 rides he had scored 11 points, only being beaten by Hidd. In his final ride he was excluded for trying to help team mate Bernie Mason through. At Hungerford in the National, Smith drew Number 1 position in heat 1. That was it. Nothing could hold him and he recorded 14 points to become the National Junior Champion. Since then he has won the League junior best pairs with Bernie Mason and came 3rd in the League junior individual.

Aged 15, Brian has plenty of time to carry CONT.

WHO'S WHO No.I.

COWLEY EAGLES

FACTS SUPPLIED BY "ALLOTT"

JOCK SUTHERLAND. 'A' side captain and ex-1954 Littlemore Eagle, Jock won the '59 Cowley Individual and scored most points. Hatred of Baskerville's track lost him a go in the Oxford Senior Final but is still the personality rider of Cowley. 2nd in the Averages, Jock is nationally knownfor his forceful, fearless riding and explosive, but happy outlook. Age 23.

KEV ROWLAND. Team rider par-excellence, 15 year old Kev fulfilled his early 1958 promise. Reached the Nationals as Oxford Junior Champion and is at present Oxford Secretary. Perhaps the most popular rider in Oxford and by far the most modest. 3rd in the club averages.

GEORGE BYLES. When his bike's O.K., so is George-and he likes a fast track. Scores 14s and 5s with remarkable consistency. Just failed in honours search, but hopes to do better in '60. The most spectacular of the Eagles, was 6th in the averages. Age 19.

GRAHAM MULLETT. Consistency his by-word, and getting better all the time. Lack of decision on what constituted the best shape handlebars cost him early season points, also mid-season illness, but now winning much more than most. 4th in the averages. Age 20.

BARRY SHAPLEY. Started season like a bomb, was favourite for Oxford Individual, but lost form at the vital time. His 14th season and aims for 20 of them, has now hit form again and still heads the averages. Perhaps the worst team rider in the World, but also perhaps the cleanest. Age 28.

GRAHAM MILES. Forceful veteran of 1954-5, has found a permanent club side spot and by his do-or-die efforts will keep it. Always good for 7/8 points, is more a team man than individualist. Wife dissaproves but watches - 7th in averages. Age 22.

PETE LOVELOCK. Eagles 'B' find, is now club wonder boy. Beats established stars with impunity and nearly won the Club Individual. When older and less vulnerable to forceful riding will beat anyone. Also another shaped bike would keep his whiteline tactics. 4th Ave. Age 15.

THE FEDERATION A.G.M.

The second Annual General Meeting of the British Cycle Speedway Federation was held on the 27th October 1959. The Chairman, Mr.D.A. Bacon said that the Federation were about to enter their third season and were pleased with the success obtained over the last year.

The Britannia Shield and the Gold Cup were both successful and would of course, be the Federation's main attractions again next year. In addition to this there is the World Championship, run in conjunction with NACSA and a new event, a Federation League. This is intended as an example of cycle speedway at its best and is only for clubs who put on a good standard of presentation. Clubs entering must be members of the Federation only and not in both National Bodies. This could well be a step in making Cycle Speedway a more recognised sport and this magazine congatulates the BCSF on taking the initiative.

To last years clubs, the Federation is offering reduced fees, whilst for new clubs it remains at 10/6d.

Another item of interest was the Stewards Scheme. Under this plan, the Federation will train prospective stewards and them grade them according to ability. The top men will then take charge of the top matches.

The country's finest track, Garrett Park, will stage the World Championship Final. This is a good card for the BCSF, although the only track which NACSA would probably have to offer would be the Hungerford one, which, though being neatly laid out, is not a good track for racing on , many races being processional and hardly provides exciting racing for spectators.

Before the 1960 affiliation forms were printed, the Federation had many enquiries from interested clubs and their membership should increase tremendously for next season. At a rough guess it could well be up to a 50% increase. Once the Federation reaches the Midlands, it is likely to spread like wildfire. And that could easily be 1960 according to reports coming in.

NACSA BLUNDER AGAIN

At an Executive meeting, NACSA have now decided that the Whipps Cross claim for the match over East Ham Wolves in the National Team Championship, was correct. They have admitted that Whipps Cross should have been awarded the match, which in actual fact was awarded to East Ham.

THE CASE

The Whipps Cross v East Ham round was scheduled to take place at Bushey. Whipps Cross arrived over ½ hour before the start as stated in the regulations. East Ham did not. In fact 2 riders turned up ¼ hour after the scheduled starting time and claimed the rest of the team were affected by a breakdown. (It is known that East Ham travel in 3 cars usually) Whipps Cross , not unnaturally, claimed the match.

THE CLAIM.

NACSA turned down the Whipps Cross claim and ordered a re-run. Whipps Cross protested against this decision and refused to re-ride the match. NACSA then awarded the match to East Ham.

THE PROTEST.

The Executive have now discussed the protest from Whipps Cross and awarded the decision to them and admitted that they were in the right. As the event is now over, they can only extend their apologies to the Comets. A FAT LOT OF GOOD THIS IS TO WHIPPS CROSS NOW.

THE REASON.

Now, dear reader, think, why have NACSA awarded the verdict to Whipps Cross? The answer is simple. They cannot pull the wool over our eyes. They have banned various East Ham riders for their conduct at the Final. One less club for next year. WhippsCross were upset by the NACSA verdict and may possibly bypass NACSA next year. 2 teams less. What could they do? Why, give Whipps Cross the verdict, of course, now alls finished.

THE VERDICT.

Bad show by NACSA. In fact, more than a bad show, a downright disgrace.

SOUTHEND RESULTS

KESGRAVE PANTHERS 67. Tony Rookyard I5, John Fisher I4
ESTUARY EAGLES 40. Roger Rolph 8, Tony Woolner 8,
John Pace 7.

GRADEN BEST PAIRS.
J. Pace and T. French.

ESTUARY EAGLES 70. Roger Rolph I5, Tony Woolner I2,
Roger French I0, Stan Thompson I0.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 38. Pete Saunders I2, Brian Gillett 8,
Cliff Wise 5.

ESTUARY EAGLETS 36. P.Moss I0, P. Chilton I0, R.Petley 9
BUSHEY FLYERS I2. B.Rome 7, A.Green 5.

FUTURE EAGLES FIXTURES

Nov. 29.	East Ham Stars	Away
Dec. 6.	East Ham Stars	Home
Dec. I3.	Bushey Kangaroos	Away
Dec. 20 and 27.	Thurrock Stars.	

Notes.

In the last edition we askedfor reporters to keep their reports to a reasonable length. But this time there has been a definite lack of reports of any number at all.

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Apologies for omitting the date of the NACSA A.G.M in the last issue. It should have read November 29th.

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Understand that Mick Green is producing a magazine to cover Essex and Middlesex. Full details of matches, Leagues, averages, etc. Details from Mick at 6, Coppice Path, Chigwell, Essex.

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The next issue of '5-I' will include a report on the NACSA A.G.M.

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tolworth Tudors	I2	I2	0	0	724	420	30
Harefield Pirates	I8	II	I	6	974	738	28
East Ham Wolves	I2	I0	0	2	709½	432½	26
Wembley Hawks	I5	I0	0	5	733	70I	25
Whipps Cross Comets	I3	8	2	3	707	525	24
Wembley All Stars	I6	I0	0	6	808	749	24
Weston Stars	I5	9	0	6	725½	7I0½	22
TottenhamKangaroos	I6	4	0	I2	682	847	I0
Tolworth Aces	II	4	0	7	440½	596½	I0
Bushey Kangaroos	20	2	I	I7	724½	II76½	6
Harefield Lions	I8	I	0	I7	664	I036	3

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Wembley Hawks	5	5	0	0	I2I	59	I3
Bushey Flyers	8	4	0	4	I37	I27	I0
Harefield Young Lions	7	4	0	3	I37	II5	9
Tolworth	4	I	0	3	35	85	2
Whipps Cross Comets	4	0	0	4	50	94	0

TOP RIDER FROM EACH CLUB

	Race Ave
East Ham Wolves - Ron Gibbons	2.80
Whipps Cross Comets - Keith Taylor	2.56
Wembley All Stars - Kenny Wildman	2.40
Tottenham Kangaroos - Wal Bracey	2.40
Tolworth Tudors - Paul Murden and Roger Kirk	2.36
Harefield Pirates - Johnny King	2.35
Weston Stars - Gerry Wallis	2.30
Tolworth Aces - Pete Page	2.20
Harefield Lions - Reg Lester	2.20
Wembley Hawks - Fred Bouttell	2.II
Bushey Kangaroos - Pete Saunders	2.04
JUNIOR	
Wembley Hawks - Brian Smith	2.9I
Whipps Cross - Mick Currey	I.77
Harefield Y.L - Steve Viner	2.83
Tolworth - Pete Bettesworth	I.83
Bushey Flyers - Brian Gillett	2.83

GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENT

QUIZ-TIME

Send in your answers to this magazine and the first correct answer, or the nearest, opened on December 15th will result in 4 free issues of '5-I' being sent to the winner.

I. What famous National Champion claimed to have won the title with his handlebars filled with sand?
2. Name 2 makes of special Cycle Speedway frames.
3. Who was the I958 captain of England?
4. What teams ride at a) Well Street Common
   b) Lower Dicker c) Garrett Park ?
5. What current teams are a) Robins
   b) Toffs c) Greyhounds
6. Name 5 teams who are nicknamed Eagles.
7. Where were the National Finals held in I957?
8. What Scottish rider has now become known as "The Legend?"
9. What year saw the last England v Wales International?
I0. What year did England ride Holland at the Empress Hall?
II. Who represented Wales in the I958 World Championship?
I2. Who do the following ride for a) Mel Vickers
   b) Vic Halliwell c) Frankie Garlick ?
I3. What are the colours of a) Tolworth Tudors
   b) Kingstanding Monarchs c) Bushey Kangaroos ?
I4. Who won the I959 Middlesex Grand Prix?
I5. What is missing a) Kesgrave ---
   b) Wantley --- c) --- Gladiators ?
I6. Who is known as a) Sweeny
   b) Noddy c) Bunny ?
I7. What track held the I958 Glasgow Grand Prix?
I8. Who was the New Zealander who rode for South London in I958?
I9. To what Country did Derek Tegg emigrate?
20. What was the last Cycle Speedway Club that Wimbledon rider Bobby Andrews rode for?

If you have a good number of answers correct, send them in, for an all correct answer is unlikely.

OLD & YOUNG

BY "ALLOTT"

COWLEY/HORSPATH BEST PAIRS

I.	G.Miles(I8)&C.Bryant(7)	25	Cowley Kestrels
2.	E.Butler(I6)&M.Cull(6)	22	Horspath Hammers
3.	B.Shapley(I3)&T.Veal(8)	2I	Cowley Eagles
4.	S.Taylor(I3)&D.Brookes(4)	I7	Cowley Eagles
5.	T.Strange(4)&P.Lovelock(II)	I5	Cowley Kestrels

Veteran of 1952, Graham Miles and first Cowley matcher Clive Bryant, "walked" this winter event. This was Gray's first 1959 max and young Clive was extremely good. Barry Shapley "stopped" when leading in his last race and so lost the chance of him and partner Tocker Veal gaining a run off for premier position. Eric Butler and Marcus Cull from Horspath were consistently good.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN TROPHY-Semi-final Ist leg.

COWLEY EAGLES 63. G.Lee,G.Mullett 9, K.Rowland,G.Byles 8, B.Shapley,G.Miles,P.Lovelock 7, N.Berry 5.

BASKERVILLE HOUNDS 33. B.Dawes I4, P.Morris 8, J.McMinn 5, D.Langford,P.Smith 2.

Hounds sent a scratch side to Cowley for this match and, but for Dawes, made no headway against a much better Eagles TEAM. George Byles clipped the Barry Dawes maximum wings, but no Eagles shone individually.

NEWS.

Doug Califano, former Grandpont captain and 1952 Oxford Champion returns to Cowley for their friendly versus Hawbush Hammers at Cowley. "Cally" may sign for the Eagles for 1960.

"Spud" Taylor, former Horspath Wrecker, has bought Barry Shapley's bike and signed for Cowley Eagles. Barry will still ride, however.

(Ed.- Reckon Shapley must be hard-up.)

Articles are invited for the current "who's who" team series and also for the "Giants of the Sport" pen portrait series.

WHIPPS CROSS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In this floodlit meeting, the Comets Juniors met to decide who would be the Junior Champion of the year.

After 4 rides each, Dave Hamilton, Stuart Gibbons, John Pipe and Mick Currey were all within reach of the trophy, closely followed by Mick Wraith.

In heat I8 Wraith, Gibbons and Pipe met and after a close and exciting race, Gibbons defeated his closest rivals to tie on points with last year's champion, Dave Hamilton.

In the run off, Dave Hamilton just managed to hold off Stuart Gibbons by less than half a wheel at the finishing line to become the Comets Junior Chemion for another year.

Third place was taken by Mick Currey and John Pipe and Mick Wraith tied for fourth place.

Scorers. Dave Hamilton I4, Stuart Gibbons I4, Mick Currey I3, John Pipe I2, Mick Wraith I2, Nick Mason I0. Paul Collins 9, Dave Spring 8, Alan Barnes 7.

BUSHEY INDIVIDUAL

The Bushey Kangaroos club championship was held on a rain soaked track. The Seniors and Novices events were combined so that everybody had 6 rides with the highest scoring junior taking the Novice trophy.

Bob Saunders took the Senior Trophy with an untroubled maximum. The Junior provided a shock though. Youngster Greville Bedford, riding his first match ever, won the Cup with some sensational riding. This boy went round the thick muddy track without putting his foot down. Riders could only gasp as they saw him pedalling round them on the bend.

SENIOR. I B.Saunders I8, 2 B.Gillett I5, 3 G.Pyne I4.
NOVICE. I G.Bedford I2, 2 A.Green II, 3 D.Thatcher 6.

5-I OFFICIAL REPORTERS

OXFORD "Allott" SOUTHERN PREMIER Ken Archer, BIRMINGHAM Brian Buck, MIDDLESEX Bob Saunders, GLASGOW John A Letts, DEVON Ron Vaulter, WILTSHIRE David Scott, SOUTHERN COUNTIES Brian Makepeace, ESSEX Ron Bull, NORFOLK Fred Simpson, SOUTHEND Den Winch.

B.C.S.F ANSWER TOOTING

In the last issue of '5-I' Tooting submitted a letter asking about their expulsion. Here is the reply.

A motion calling for the expulsion of Tooting on account of their attitude at the Gold Cup Final on September 6th., proposed by Edmonton and sdconded by Hellingly, was considered by the Executive at a meeting on October 13th.

Although there is no written procedure in the B.C.S F Rules and Constitution directing such motions through individual Control Boards, the motion was passed to the Southern Premier delegate to the B.C.S.F., Mr.G.Cattle as an act of courtesy. The fact that the Southern Premier League did not convene a meeting to discuss the motion is of no concern to the B.C.S.F.

At the Executive meeting, no official from Tooting was present, owing to the fact that motions at Executive meetings are at executive level. There was no enquiry ordered, merely the upholding or rejection of a motion.

The Chairman and Asst. Secretary of the B.C.S.F., being connected with the South London Rangers, Tooting opponents in the Cup Final, did not sit on the Committee.

The Southern Premier delegate, Mr.G.Cattle, having connections with Tooting, was replaced by a co-opted member.

Those co-opted, under the Constitution were Messrs Johnson, Hollebon and Gingell, of Thornton Heath Hellingly and Tooting respectively. Mr.Hollebon, in seconding the motion on behalf of the Club, did so, after being asked to sit on the Committee. Mr.Gingell was, at the time the Committee was selected, a member of Raynes Park. He became associated with Tooting during the period between the calling of the meeting and the actual day it took place.

The temporary Chairman, Mr.Shelley, ruled that as Mr.Gingell had been asked to sit on the Committee whilst a member of Raynes Park, he should remain in his position, notwithstanding the fact that he had recently

joined the club to which the motion referred.

The Committee unanimously carried the motion, which became effective from October 20th.

The expulsion was discussed at the AGM of the B.C.S.F on October 27th, with no objections raised by members present.

The executive, being put into office by a democratic vote, will, at all times, see that the regulations of the B.C.S.F. are carried out faithfully. The executive does not intend that its regulations shall be unworthy of the paper that they are printed on. They are made to be observed by all those persons who are accepted as members.

The Executive would be failing in its duty if it allowed breaches of these regulations to go unheeded.

There will be no further comment on this matter.

On behalf of the B.C.S.F.
V.Cowell. P.R.O.

The seriousness of this matter does not appear to be realised. The expulsion of a club from a National body is very serious. To just raise this at an executive meeting in the same way as some 2½d item hardly seems right. It is the opinion of this magazine that a full scale inquiry should have been made into the circumstances on which the expulsion was founded and then, if the Tooting club was found guilty of a serious contravention of the rules, a decision regarding expulsion could have been taken. As it is, Tooting now find that that according to B.C.C.F. regulations, they have not even the right of appeal. Tooting must have done something very bad to be expelled and it is a good thing for the Federation that they are strict on disipline, only the method is queried. These views are those of this magazine only.

COWLEY LINE UP (CONT)

JOHN DALE. Inferiority complex-rapidly disappearing-has dogged John's points gathering efforts. Reminiscent of Wilbur Lamoreaux in his serious approach to racing, is improving fast when not called on to do too much. Age 15.

TONY STRANGE. Another 1955 rider, Tony-engaged-returned in Sept, and scored points easily. Club riders are warned-theres a strange lad after your team place. Age 21.

RESULTS

MIDDLESEX INDIVIDUAL FINAL
R.Archie IO, P.Fraser (E.H.Wolves)IO, K.Bristowe 9½, R.Fraser (Wembley All Stars) 9, M.Reading (Tottenham) 9, M.Bell (E.H. Wolves) 7½, F.Bouttell 6, P.O'Grady 5, B.Gadsby (Wembley Hawks) 4.

JUNIOR FINAL
P.Saunders (Bushey) 9, B.Mason 9, B.Smith (Wembley Hawks) 6, A.Green (Bushey) 0.

League
WESTON STARS 76 Shaw I4, Hook I2, Wallis II, JenkinsIO
TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 20 Dunn 5, Jackson 4

HAREFIELD LIONS 43 Viner II, Lester IO, Wearn 7
WEMBLEY A.S. 53 Bristowe IO, Carter IO

HAREFIELD PIRATES 44 Punter I2, Robinson I2,Seymour 6
WEMBLEY A.S. 5I Bristowe I3, Dean IO, Fraser,R 9

HELLINGLY SUPPORTERS TROPHY
L.Westwood (Edmonton) from M.Jeffery (Edmonton) I4

BASKERVILLE HOUNDS I959 INDIVIDUAL
B.Dawes I5, J.McGinn I4, P.Barlow I2

COWLEY EAGLES 56 Byles I4, Mullett I2, Sutherland IO
LITTLEMORE EAGLES 40 Strange 8,

COWLEY EAGLES 63 Rowland I2, Shapley II
MARLBOROUGH-CLEVERTON 33 Giles 8

COWLEY 53 Byles I4, Berry 9, Sutherland 8
LITTLEMORE 43 Shapley IO, Lee 6, Dale 6

THE BRIAN SMITH STORY (CONT)

off plenty more awards. He is known for his shining bikes and has connections with the trade. Uses a manufactured Cycle Speedway model and has added his own extended lugs. Brian pushes a 44-25 gearing.