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CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE

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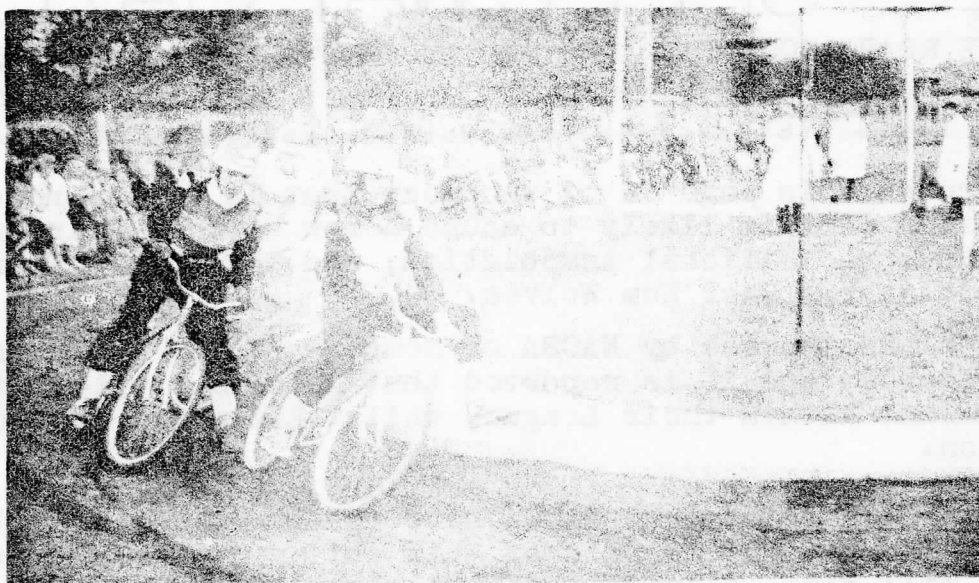
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The picture on this page is of the team that is in the news at the moment, the team that is likely to cause a row between main ruling body in England, the National Association, and the County Boards of Essex and Middlesex ; East Ham Wolves.

The suspensions imposed by NACSA on members of the team has upset both County Boards, and it is reported that Middlesex will not uphold these suspensions within their League, whilst Essex are demanding an explanation.

This is the first time that NACSA have really excercised discipline on their members, and the results of this action may be the factor which will cause a split in the Association from which it will never recover, or it could mean that the governing body will in future be treated with the respect to which it is entitled.





Dutch Riders in action.

HOLLAND AGREEMENT ON MATCH PROTESTS

At a recent meeting of the Dutch Cycle Speedway Association, the question of match protests was discussed, and agreement was reached on the following points ;

1. Teams have a right to protest against a stewards decision through their captain.
2. A rider also has the right to protest, again through his captain.
3. The steward has the right to protest against the actions of riders and teams disregarding his decisions.

An example of a riders protest - A rider protests against the stewards decision in heat 5. The stewards marks "P" at heat 5 on the programme and orders a re-run. Both results will be noted, and put before the appeal committee with the appeal. Appeals will be dealt with within 14 days, and all sides will be heard before a decision is given. Depending upon the result of the protest, one or the other of the heat 5 decisions will be upheld.

The decision of the appeal committee will be notified in writing within one month of the actions necessitating an appeal.

The meeting also appointed L.Klomp as official steward, and decided to apply to the Speedway Association for membership.

M. CAYAUX.

NONSENSE MR. "S"!

In his "SPEEDWAY WORLD" cycle speedway column of January 7th., Dave Stevens devotes most of his article to criticising the system under which the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association has worked for ten years.

He says "If they are to survive the next few years then they need a new policy - and quick !" and goes on, "Under their present system the NACSA Executive are hopelessly out of touch with some areas" and straightaway suggests that the remedy is to scrap the County Control Boards !

This is ridiculous nonsense and statements for which I would have credited him with more sense. How can NACSA be out of touch with some areas when everything is done through each and every county organisation ?

The National Association has used this system for TEN WHOLE YEARS - and I am confident enough in the organisation to know that if anything better could have been found, then they would have found it. Ten years is a long time to run a sport on a national level when you are "out of touch with some areas".

Mr. Stevens also says that Leagues, by being allowed to provide an entry for the national rounds, make a mockery of the competition. How then would Birmingham enter the National Trophy ? There is no other way they can enter except through their own league.

He then quotes an Editorial from the "5-1 MAGAZINE" in which Bob Saunders says that he will ignore NACSA next year if nothing is heard from the Public Relations Officer of that body. How can NACSA be ignored in Cycle Speedway ? Take away all of the NACSA sponsored competitions and what have we left ? The answer is, as far as national events are concerned - NOTHING !

There is this moan about the P.R.O. in which Dave Stevens joins in full armour. His column has not had one word from him says Mr. Stevens, and presumably from his comment, neither has Mr. Saunders.

Could it be because these columns are not read by many people interested in Cycle Speedway ?

I would advise Mr. Stevens to read this magazine more carefully, then he would discover just what NACSA, and the BCSF for that matter, are doing.

JOHN LEITH.

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED NEXT MONTH!
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THE GLADIATORS PERPETUAL CUP



1959 RESULT

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|--------------------------------|----|
| 1. T.Walker (East Ham Stars) | 15 |
| 2. J.Koehler (Hawbush) | 12 |
| 3. J. Halloran (East Ham) | 12 |
| 4. B.Robinson (Gladiators) | 9 |
| 5. T.Stone (Gladiators) | 9 |
| 6. M.Parkins (Boundary Eagles) | 9 |
| 7. R.Bull (Gladiators) | 8 |
| 8. F.Simpson (Galley Pirates) | 8 |
| 9. V.Duffy (East Ham) | 8 |
| 10. M.Green (Hawbush Diamonds) | 8 |
| 11. J.Wells (Gladiators) | 5 |
| 12. K.Barratt (East Ham) | 5 |
| 13. V.Robinson (Gladiators) | 4 |
| 14. A.Philpot (Crusaders) | 4 |
| 15. B.Bull (Crusaders) | 3 |
| 16. A.Wells (Crusaders) | 1 |

SHALDON KESTRELS (Devon) will open their season at Easter.
Opponents are not yet named.

LINDALE GRAND PRIM

Dave Bates	Lindale	15
Derek Garnett	Wilmslow	13
Dennis McGee	Lindale	12
John Sutcliffe	Lindale	11
Vic Hinchcliffe	Wilmslow	11
Clive Brooke	Lindale	9
Brian Moston	Carrs Wood	8
Dave Johnston	Lupset	7
Mel Vickers	Lupset	6
Dennis Ramsden	Lindale	6
Jack Shaw	Lindale	6
Mike Cockcroft	Lindale	6
Cam Ormondroyd	Lindale	4
Frank Rowntree	Lindale	4
Tony Hunt	Lindale	2

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Dave Bates proved that he is still one of the top riders in Yorkshire after his recent lean spell by scoring a faultless maximum in the last meeting of the season.

Dave scored the bulk of his points from behind, and was the only rider to completely master the muddy track.

What else stands out ? The fast gating of Derek Garnett whose speed off the grid was yards better than anyone else.

The never say die tactics of Dennis McGee. He used every part of the track in his attempts to outwit his opponents.

Finally, a brilliant piece of trackwork in one heat by Lupset's Dave Johnston which took him between two of his opponents, an exhibition of perfect timing.

MIKE COCKROFT.

THURROCK STARS track is now completely fenced off, and the site contains a club room, built by the members of the club.

NACSA AGM

FULL REPORT

TREASURER RESIGNS

Mr. Eric Branch, who has done so well in his two years of office as Treasurer of the Association, tendered his resignation in writing at the AGM on November 28. His resignation was accepted with regret. However, this situation has brought about the return to "active service" of now ex-Vice President Mr. F. Ashtonhurst, who has taken on the job for a period of twelve months.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairman, Secretary are going into their third year of office. The Vice Chairman is entering his second year.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - Messrs. Rolfe, Johnston, Moston, Thompson, Davies, Leith.

FIXTURES & TROPHIES - Messrs. Fernyhough, Mansbridge, McPate.

RULES - Messrs. Bennett, Thompson, Pike.

TRACKS & STEWARDS - Messrs. Leith, Mansbridge, Moston.

APPEALS - Messrs. Fernyhough, Ashtonhurst, Mansbridge, Davies, and Johnston. (Extended to 5 members.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER - Mr. J. McPate.

VICE PRESIDENT - Mr. F. White (Leicestershire).

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This was the 10th. NACSA Annual General Meeting. The next AGM will be held in COVENTRY on the last Saturday in November 1960.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Places allocated for the World Final = England 8, Scotland 2, Holland 2, Sweden 2, others 2. (These last two places will probably be claimed by Australia).

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1. The National Finals will in future be spread over a whole week-end, with Junior events on the Saturday, and Senior events on the Sunday.
2. Formulas will be included in rule books from the next printing.
3. All clubs affiliating will have to supply details of their tracks.
4. Riders failing to fulfill their obligations in NACSA Individual events without a reasonable explanation will be suspended for a period of one month.
5. A short list of stewards for the National Finals will be issued by the Tracks and Stewards Committee at the start of the season, so that reports may be obtained on them re their suitability etc.
6. Closing dates for the National Championship, along with the inter county dates and test trials etc dates to be submitted to County Boards by December 31 each year.

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NACSA A G M RESOLUTIONS PASSED (continued)

7. The Association be responsible for the supply of programmes for the National Finals, and other events.
8. The racing formula for NTC Junior to be extended to 4 races per rider, but to consist of an even number of heats per match.
9. When an appeal is considered by the Appeals Committee and the appeal is upheld the offending club or board may be called upon to pay the expenses of the members, in part or in full, likewise, should the appeal fail, the appealing club or board may be liable to pay the expenses in part or in full. In both cases, should the expenses not be paid, the club or board shall be suspended. Fourteen days shall be allowed for payment.

HAMPSHIRE A G M

MR. BENNETT RESIGNS AS
SECRETARY. TATNAM LEAGUE WINNERS.

The Hampshire League held its AGM at 54, HENSTEAD ROAD, SOUTH-AMPTON. New officers elected were as follows :-

Chairman - Mr. Davis
V.Chairman - Mr. Mills
Secretary - Mr. A.Bright
Treasurer - Mr.F.Bennett
Press Officer - Mr.A.Bright

Mr.Pitcher, the outgoing Treasurer said he was sorry to leave, but business connections prevented him from carrying on.

Mr.Bennett, the NACSA Secretary also retired from the position of secretary because he has to devote a good deal of time to running the World Championship.

The Chairman announced that no league winners and runners-up medals were to be presented as doubts had arisen as to the final league positions. This matter was soon cleared up and the league winners announced as TATNAM TIGERS of Poole, and the runners-up SOUTHAMPTON VIKINGS.

The medals have now been ordered and will be presented later.

The secretary informed the

a team short next year as VICKERS VISCOUNTS had now disbanded.

Teams who will be taking part as far as is known are :-
Southampton Vikings, Chandlersford Stars, Southampton Bombers, Tatnam Tudors and Tatnam Tigers.

After further discussion of minor details, the meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

PLYMOUTH CLUB WANTS MATCHES

A team in Plymouth, using the old Lavia Wasps track are interested in matches with teams from other areas. Any team interested should contact Mr. E.Abbott, at 17, The Crescent, Torpoint, Cornwall.

The track is fast, with banked bends.

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SOUTHERN COUNTIES AGM

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WANTLEY GET TRACK

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CRAWLEY'S PUBLICITY

Down the "press grapevine" came a copy of the local paper of Crawley and in it was a "tip-top" article on our sport and the men who hope to get it going in the New Town, Ron Holvey and Clive Elmer. The whole of the area are looking to these two with hope and anticipation and I am sure you will join in wishing them well.

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WEMBLEY ALL STARS 51: Bristowe 13, Dean 10, R. Fraser 9.

HAREFIELD LIONS 43: Viner 11, Lester 10, Wearn 7.
WEMBLEY ALL STARS 53: Bristowe 10, Carter 10.

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WILTSHIRE

CLEVERTON HORNETS 54: M. Giles 13, D. Gibbs 8, T. House 7, D. Walker, C. Glead 6.
WROUGHTON RACERS 41: M. Richards 14, J. Hunt, M. Hudd, B. Kilsby, V. Lister 6.

Juniors

SWINDON 30 Thomas 12, Garlick 11, Gilbert 4, Morse 3.
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Whipps Cross Comets "B"	6...5...0...1...171...109...10
Thurrock Stars "A"	6...4...0...2...160...120...8
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ASSOCIATION CUP

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BCSF STATEMENT ON EXPULSION

OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

A motion calling for the expulsion of Tooting on account of their attitude at the Gold Cup Final on September 6th. 1959, proposed by Edmonton and seconded by Hellingly, was considered by the Executive at a meeting on October 13th.

Although there is no written procedure in the BCSF rules and Constitution directing such motions through individual control boards the motion was passed to the Southern Premier delegate to the BCSF, 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 BCSF.

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 BCSF, being connected with the South London Rangers, Tooting's 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 his club, did so, after being asked to sit upon 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 BCSF on October 27 with no objections by members present.

The Executive, being put into office by a democratic vote, will, at all times, see that the regulations of the BCSF 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.

TIME WASTERS

JOCK MCPATE
HITS OUT

One of the less pleasant features of the representative matches which have taken place in this county (Leicester) in the past season has been the lackadaisical attitude of many of our visitors to the agreed time of the match. Many teams think nothing of ambling along anything from half to several hours late and, far from being apologetic, appear to expect a medal or a brass band reception for favouring us with their generosity in appearing at all. For most of us, weekends are only too short without wasting precious hours waiting around in the hope that our visitors will showup. We are all, of course, familiar with the excuses if any, offered - vehicles carrying teams are notorious for their mechanical failures and the frequency of their punctures.

And are we not all sick to the teeth of the prima donna type riders who, when they do arrive, instead of getting smartly to the business of riding for which they presumably came, must go wandering around holding conversations with their friends, whom they may not have seen for a whole half hour. You have all seen the type - how they lap up being chased after and coaxed back to the pits to prepare to delight us, their bated breath public, with their feats of fantastic riding. It would be expecting much to get it through their ironclad hides that they are but displaying their own uncouth ignorance of elementary courtesy by their antics and now may be the time for stewards to take a tougher line by excluding immediately any rider not in the pits when due to ride, This would doubtless raise plenty of bleats from the straying lambs but how much more pleasant it would be for everybody else. It is significant that few of our really class riders fall into this category.

Any resemblance between the foregoing and any club rider who has visited Leicester last year is purely coincidental - unless of course, the cap fits!

J OCK MCPATE.

THURROCK CLAIM THEY ARE "MOST PROGRESSIVE CLUB"

Recently we purchased a new club Pavilion, this has cost us well over £100 and what with our P.A. system we must surely be the most progressive club in this country today, the only outside assistance we have ever received since our formation, was a piece of unprepared ground and then after 18 months the council erected a fence for us, as they thought that the amount of work that our club had done warranted this. Everything else that we have, we have worked for and obtained by our own efforts.

S.LEEDS

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS have an old record player to give away to anyone who will collect it. (They have a new one!). It will play 12 records, and can be used with an amplifier for a track with P.A. system. The player needs a little attention. Apply J.Brown, 16 Landsdowne Rd, Walthamstow, London E.17.

RUMOUR DENIED

Reading through a recent copy of your publication, I saw a comment that this club is trying to get ex-West End Wanderers to join us, I can state that this is complete fabrication of people. Outside this club, I was the Founder and manager of this grand old club and many of its members were with the club for many years, naturally a great friendship was formed between the members, in recent years I moved to my new address and many of the old W.E.W. riders visit me from time to time usually with their wives and families on a Sunday. Usually I have a meeting to attend and being old riders they like to accompany me to the track. Once they get there, if they can borrow a cycle, they have a few laps and at times we can fit them in scratch races etc. It seems that on seeing this, some people jump to the first conclusion without making enquiries. We are a young club and we have many, many juniors and these are the lads that we are interested in. Naturally we allow any old riders to visit us and they are most welcome any time but you can be assured, our interest is young riders, who will we hope remain with us for many years.

STAN LEEDS

PIRATES BUSY

TOTTENHAM CRASH AT WESTON 76-20

Harefield Pirates and Lions have been busy lately, trying to complete their league fixtures. Against Wembley All Stars, the Pirates had 6 men as against Wembleys 7. The results was a 51-44 win for the All Stars. Keith Bristowe continued his good form with 13, while for the Pirates, Brian Robinson was called out of retirement for 12, which was also Bill Punters tally. The Lions run the All Stars to 10 points thanks largely to Reg Lester and Steve Viner.

The following week, the Harefield outfit travelled over to Whipps Cross. This time they only had 5 riders, but gave a very good performance to go down 50-45. Dave Hunting with 13 was top scorer. Comets then defeated the Lions 55-41. Reg Lester scored 12 and Keith Taylor recorded a maximum for Comets.

Tottenham Kangaroos were on the receiving end of the leagues heaviest defeat of the season at Weston, 76-20. Five of the Stars were unbeaten. Tottenham must be congratulated on fielding an almost complete junior team. A few months experience should see them picking up the same as Harefield Lions are starting to do lately. In fact next season could well be the year for juniors, with Tottenham, Harefield, Bushey, Whipps Cross and Wembley Hawks already fielding many junior riders, other teams could well follow suit.

LEICESTER CONTROL BOARD FOR 1960

Chairman - Mr.F.White; Secretary - Mr.J.Greaves; Treasurer - Mr.R.Wright.
Vice Chairman - Mr.J.McPate; Riders Representative - Mr.H.Glover;
Tracks and Stewards Sec. - Mr.J.Pickering.

RON BULL

The big question is, is it a good thing or a bad thing to look back over the short history of our sport ? Does it dampen our enthusiasm for the future, or does it stir us into making a better effort ? Frankly, as far as I'm concerned, all I ever do in this case is close the old year book.

TOOTING TIGERS' EXPULSION. DISCUSSION AT GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting was held in the Southern Premier League, and it was established that there would definitely be a League in 1960, even though the four clubs that form the "Federation block" have broken away.

Much was discussed at this meeting, the biggest item being the expulsion of the Tooting club from the Federation.

The Executive of the Federation refuses to answer or make any further comment on this matter, yet many questions still remain unanswered, and what guarantee have the clubs still left in the BCSF that they also would not be treated in the same manner by the Executive Committee.

The main points in the case are :

1. What was the "crime" committed ?
2. Why wasn't anybody called before the Executive Committee to defend the allegations ?
3. Was the steward called before the Committee ?
4. Why did the proposer and seconder of the motion sit on the 5-man committee ?
5. If any riders were guilty, why were they not asked to attend ?
6. Why is there no appeal against their decisions ?

Is the Constitution of the BCSF to deprive riders from racing when they were in no part to blame for the actions of the steward at that meeting ?

K. ARCHER.



BILL CATTLE, TOOTING MANAGER

STARS DEVON TOUR

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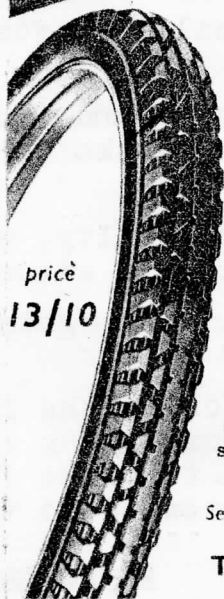
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BOMBSHELL HITS ESSEX FUTURE!

BY RON BULL



Today, I received from the General Secretary of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association a copy of a letter originally addressed to the Secretary of the East Ham Wolves Cycle Speedway Club.

This letter has more bearing on the future of the Essex racing scene than anything that has hit us in years.

In the past, we have had clubs disband, clubs leave the league, leave cup and trophy competitions and fail to arrive for matches; we have had protest meetings, pirate meetings and meetings at which nobody arrived; yet through all these there have been a select few individuals, working for the future of Essex Cycle Speedway, and cycle speedway in general, that the racing has survived another day.

Over the past few seasons we have dwindled from a League set-up that comprised 22 teams in a three division season, to a mere six clubs, some of them already short of riders, and we were forced to find a scheme to keep the clubs together and still interested. Now it seems as if all this is in vain.

Earlier last season we already knew that maybe The Gladiators would be spending their last "local" season for some time, when I stated that we were tired of seeing the same faces and the same tactics

and the same tracks. Now it seems that we shall have little choice!

Just a few days ago, too, the slightly officious minded officials of the Thurrock Stars club seemed to make up their mind that they too would not be racing locally next season unless they were given a promise that better racing, better organisation and more efficient rules and governing were put into operation!

East Ham Stars are up in arms over the treatment of their star rider Ted Walker received at the hands of the England Selectors last year, but in order to show good faith to the local Essex Cycle Speedway Association spent many hours on their Cyprus Place track to get it up to the demands of the Association and the suitability of the visiting clubs.

The blast that has been delivered by the Royal Mails is that no less than FIVE riders from the East Ham Wolves Cycle Speedway Club have been "awarded" by the Executive Council of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association - - - SUSPENSION !!!
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Three riders, namely Malcolm Bell (Manager), Sid Tomlyn, and Peter Bromley have been "awarded" suspension for 1 year ; one rider, namely Peter Fraser (Secretary) 2 years, and yet another Roy Milano, has been "expelled from membership of the Association".

This all apparently from the results of a meeting held following a "report received in connection with the 1959 finals". The suspensions come into effect forthwith and are awarded for conduct considered prejudicial to the sport at the 1959 finals.

Apparently the meeting was held in London, and the Wolves did not attend, so were judged and sentenced in their absence !

I received a copy of the letter as general secretary of the Essex Cycle Speedway Association, under whose jurisdiction the East Ham Wolves race weekly. I understand also that Middlesex C.B. have received a copy. We are both asked to support the National Association in seeing that the suspensions are effected ! In other words, we are asked to support something of which we have not even the foggiest understanding ! The E.C.S. Association will I am sure request officially to know what necessitated these suspensions, and who sat at the Executive Meeting that suspended these riders ! It is a right to any member of the National Association to know this, and

to request a copy of the Minutes of the meeting.

Already, NACSA were fighting a losing battle in Essex to keep the upper hand. Last season, Thurrock Stars joined the British Cycle Speedway Federation, and Hawbush Hammers also applied, but I believe left it too late !

I myself have ALWAYS up till now remained steadfastly with NACSA in all these battles, trying to do my best by them etc.; but before stating my allegiance in the coming season I personally will need full explanations and satisfaction in this matter, and I think the rest of the country will feel the same.

I feel, Executive Council, that you may as well tell your Sub-Committees to disregard Essex as a future stronghold for NACSA, for they have never liked high-handedness ; and when it has been tried on us before, we have always beaten it down to the level it deserves !

SO BRING THIS OUT INTO THE OPEN
AND LET US HAVE ALL THE FACTS !!

The statements in this article are entirely my own personal views and only I am to be held responsible for anything contained therein. The views stated are in no way connected with either the Essex Association, the East Ham club, or the British Cycle Speedway Federation !

RON BULL.

EDITORS NOTE :

The decision of the Executive Council was unanimously approved at the NACSA Annual General Meeting. Members who were not present cannot blame the Council for an alleged suppression of facts, which were explained at the AGM.

LINDALE REVIEW 1959

	Pts	Avg.		Pts	Avg.
Dave Bates	364	10.97	Dennis Ramsden	200	7.75
Clive Brooke	377	10.59	Malc. Dunhill	57	6.79
John Sutcliffe	326	10.32	Tony Hunt	131	6.62
Mike Cockcroft	305	10.31	Jack Shaw	124	5.91
Pete Johnson	100	9.62			

Pts For 1228½ - Pts Against 1023½

League matches played 11, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 5.

In their first season in the league, Lindale have proved themselves a force to be reckoned with and have come up with one or two surprising victories, not the least being their 'classic' away defeat of Lupset in the North of England Trophy.

The three heat leaders, Clive Brooke, Dave Bates and John Sutcliffe had a very successful season and received good support from the rest of the team.

The absence of skipper Malc Dunhill through injury was amply compensated for by the superb form shown by reserve Pete Johnson who became known throughout the league for his meteoric starts.

The greatest individual triumph of the year at Lindale was on Tuesday June 16th when the Yorkshire Championship was kept at Lindale for another year, Clive Brooke taking the honours.

As for 1960, the prospects look very bright with every member of this year's side being available, except Jack Shaw, who will be doing his National Service.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Lindale Best Pairs Championship - John Sutcliffe and Bob Gant
National Team Championships - Yorkshire round - Lost on aggregate to Lupset Aces 95-96.

Yorkshire Riders Championship Winner - Clive Brooke - 13pts
Knock-out Trophy 1st Round - Bye.

2nd round - Lindale 147 : Longsight Lions 66

Semi-final - Lindale 108½ : Openshaw 107½

Final - Lindale 50 : Lupset Aces 58

North of England Trophy at Openshaw. Openshaw 46 : Lindale 49
at Lupset. Lupset 45 : Lindale 50
Final - Wilmslow 50 : Lindale 46.

Manchester, Stockport & District Sen. Ind. semi-final Dennis Ramsden 13pts
Lindale Grand Prix - Winner Dave Bates - 15pts.

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APATHY IN MIDDLESEX

There is a definite apathy amongst riders to take part in individual events nowadays. This tendency has been growing over the past couple of seasons and has now appeared to reach a climax. Entries for the league Best Pairs and Individual events have been very low and of those entries a large number failed to appear. This is good for the leagues finance, though - plenty of non-returnable deposits. This lack of entries can be traced to two reasons. Firstly, are riders now feeling that team events come first? secondly, are riders too lazy to travel for individual events? The answer, I think, is a mixture of both. Team events come first with many clubs, particularly Warefield, Hipps Cross and Bushey. Is this a good thing? Well, nothing is better for the sport than a good clubman.

BOB SAUNDERS

DUTCH RESULTS

Competition: "Hammers" Team leads the competition. Pts 4 Ave 155
"Yellow Lions" second " 2 " 88
"Red Lions" third " 0 " 138

19th Dec. the competition will be closed with the match:

Yellow Lions v Hammers; Yellow Lions v Red Lions.

A tournament with the 3 teams resulted in 1st Hammers 94 pts;

2nd Yellow Lions 63 pts; 3rd Red Lions 54 pts.

Time Tests for Club Championship :Dolder 40.2; Voorneveld 40.6;
K.Koudijs 40.6; J.Koudijs 41.4; Reiche 41.5; Koot 41.5.

The Dutch Association has decided to acquire Natrium Floodlights for the track at Hilversum, at a cost of F2,000 (£200). The Hilversum Council have approved an application to have advertisement boards on the track.

THURROCK TRACK AVAILABLE

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