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GAZETTE OUT OF TOUCH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SAYS

MICK JEFFERY

I feel I must compliment you on the production of your "new-look" Gazette, the news coverage of which makes enjoyable reading. There is however, a certain trend which I find annoying.

The "Gazette" is out of touch with B.C.S.F. affairs, and on account of this, tends to look upon N.A.C.S.A. as a far superior organisation. Wake up, Mr. Leith. Go to a B.C.S.F. Cup Final. Meet this Body's Executive. You'll be surprised.

What you will learn is that the tide is running against those who try to operate ten years behind the times. You will find that the couldn't-care-less attitude so prevalent in cycle speedway from it's inception is now severely frowned upon in my own area. The block in the South is leaving the rest of the country behind. This is no idle boast. Come and see for yourself.

I understand that the B.C.S.F. keeps the trade press, including the "Gazette", informed on all main happenings, but you, Mr. Leith, appear to find such a small space in your magazine for these items.

You may say that you cannot enlarge on this news and I'll tell you why. You cannot enlarge because you just don't understand the basic principles of the Federation, and presumably, are not aware of the current swing towards this body.

It is noted that you personally cover N.A.C.S.A. Finals, and yet ask for the B.C.S.F. to cover their own events. Is the B.C.S.F. so insignificant in your eyes ?

So, I repeat, come and see for yourself the progress of the Federation. Get to a Gold Cup Final or Britannia Shield event. Meet the Executive. Then, and only then, will you be able to recommend people to read the "Gazette" for B.C.S.F. news, as you did to Mr. Dave Stevens in your last edition. Until then I will read the "Gazette" to enlighten myself on the areas which race 1959 league matches in 1960, of Boards refusing N.A.C.S.A. discipline and of club tittle-tattle. I will read the "Speedway World" for up to date news of the organisation which constantly moves forward, the BCSF.

M. JEFFERY.

EDITORS NOTE : I have attended a Britannia Shield Final, in which Mr. Jeffery took part if I remember correctly, and I have met the BCSF Executive. However, I was very pleased to receive the above letter, and this magazine is always open for comment, favourable to

ESSEX

PLANS FOR 1960

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

OFFICERS

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The Gladiators	J. Wells
Thurrock Stars	R. Waterson
East Ham Wolves	M. Bell

The Following competitions will be sponsored by the E.C.S.A. in 1960.

The Rivetts Cup

A competition run on a League basis, with matches home and away, teams of eight riders, matches over 18 heats.

The Yallop Trophy

A knock-out cup competition with ties home and away, final one leg only on a neutral track.

The Gibson Cup

Four-Team Tournament over three rounds.

League Champions Cup

Knock-out competition, league champions of the Rivetts Cup, plus the champions of N.W. Middlesex, Norfolk and Southern Premier, subject to their agreement, meet in two semi-finals and a final staged in Essex.

The Junior Shield

Teams of four riders matches of 8 heats. Age limit of 16 at the commencement of the season.

New Cup Competition

A new competition run on a K-O basis to be run in conjunction with the NACSA Team Trophy, where teams enter the new cup as they are deleted from the NTC.

Test Matches

Norfolk, Southern Premier are to be invited to take part.

The Association Cup

Teams of four riders over 8 heats "C" grade riders.

Best Pairs

Open to all riders, 2 or 3 rounds depending upon the number of entrants.

The Dave Stevens Trophy

Individual competition, awards to the top three.

All the NACSA competitions will be run in addition.

RON BULL.

P. C. KEARNS

Mr. Kearns, who is the Southern Counties League President, is stationed at Southbourne, near EMSWORTH, not Southbourne, BOURNEMOUTH. It appears that he has been asked to help run a club near Bournemouth. He has a brother in Bournemouth, and my advice is to try his brother, don't tell him I advised it though !

"BO-BO"

WHY NOT PLACE A REGULAR ORDER FOR THE "GAZETTE" ? IT COMES THROUGH YOUR LETTERBOX EACH MONTH !

HAREFIELD LIONS

HAREFIELD PIRATES

Back row. L to R. Lester, Viner,
Harper, Punter, King, Norris.
Front row. Boutell, Seymour,

BRIEF
1959

REVIEW

by
*Bob
Saunders*



League Position - 11th. Won 1, Lost 19.

Lions were formed at the beginning of 1959 as the second team of Harefield Pirates. It was to consist of some juniors plus a few ex-Langley Leopards riders, who had disbanded during the close season. In actual fact the only ex-leopards who rode regularly were captain Reg Lester and later Johnny Unsworth. Only 3 matches had gone by before they recorded their first win, over Tolworth Aces. But unfortunately they lost the points due to having an unregistered rider.

Many thrashings came the way of these youngsters, but they were not downhearted. Gradually the scores improved and a win came their way at Tottenham. From then onwards they did not score less than 41 points in each of their 4 remaining matches. The Lions should do even better next year if they are not swallowed up by the Pirates rider shortage.

Captain Reg Lester has been the leading rider and has scored 200 league points - an average of over 10 a match. Backing up well has been first year rider 'Blond Bombshell' Steve Viner - a great prospect if ever I saw one. Johnny Unsworth also added strength at the end of the season. Juniors Barry Wright, Doug Wearn, Pete Povey and Pete Mann have all ridden well in their first year.

League points and race averages: R.Lester 200(2.21); S.Viner 135(1.66); D.Wearn 88 (1.22); B.Wright 65 (1.08); P.Povey 71(1.09); P.Mann 34(0.73)
Best prospect - Steve Viner. Most consistent - Reg Lester. Biggest win - 55 -41 v Tottenham. Loss 22-72 v Tolworth Tudors.

BOB SAUNDERS.

FEDERATION

IN RETROSPECT
— 1959

During every season, much happens both before and behind the scenes which, at the time gets pushed into the background. Time and reflection tends to put things into perspective. By this article, I hope I can give Gazette readers a brief, although accurate account of the BCSF activity in 1959.

JANUARY saw the executive meet NACSA in London to discuss ways and means of co-operating for the betterment of the sport. The outcome was a further meeting in Southampton shortly afterwards, with the possibility of co-operation very good.

FEBRUARY At the Southampton meeting, an agreement as to the running of the 1960 World Championship was concluded with the formation of a joint BCST - NACSA Committee. Further agreements concerning international racing were reached, one being that as from 1960, Federation riders would be considered for the England Representative side. Later in the month the Federation staged its first Open Night. Over 50 people and Press Representatives heard the Executive outline its plans for the year.

The Gold Cup, newly instituted team championship was launched, the trophy being on display for the first time. This meeting proved invaluable as a medium for keeping members informed of BCSF affairs, and marked down as a 'must' for future years.

MARCH saw the racing season swing into life, eight Federation clubs in the Southern Premier, two in Middlesex and two in Essex. One club in the Southern Counties League and a Welsh side completed the lineup of fourteen clubs. This was a reduced number from the previous year the closedown of the Southend and North London Leagues being contributory. No team still operating left the B.C.S.F.

APRIL Prior the commencement of Britannia Shield and Gold Cup fixtures four B.C.S.F. clubs were selected, for their presentation and organisation, to compete for the Welsh Cup. The Opening meeting at Garratt Park had excellent Press write-ups the following week, one of the main ideas of the competition.

JUNE On the 14th, the Britannia Shield qualifying rounds took place at Beckenham, Thornton Heath and Hackney.

This month also saw two of the big open meetings staged within the Federation by the South London Club at Garratt Park. The first, The Champion of Champions, was won by home star Roy Baker, from a field which included many top liners from outside areas. The following week, Baker again hit the jack-pot, lifting the Roden Trophy.

JULY On the 11th, the first major upset in the Federation cropped up, Raynes Park walking off at Edmonton when trailing 44-28 in a Gold Cup quarter final.

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21st. The Federation held an enquiry, concluding that the steward had not exercised full control of the meeting, ordering it to be re-run. Two Raynes Park riders were fined a total of two pounds for conduct prejudicial to the Sport. The action of Raynes Park in walking off was deplored, and the club was issued with a severe reprimand.

Edmonton stated that they did not wish to participate in a re-run and as the possibility of Raynes Park reaching the Final could not be excluded, in view of their unprecedented action, the Monarchs were unable to make Edmonton available for the Gold Cup Final.

28th. Following representations from the Executive, Edmonton agreed to make their circuit available unconditionally.

AUGUST 8th. A boost in the shape of a television film of the Hellingly rounds of the Swedish Cup. The film was later transmitted by Southern Television, Lions manager George Hollebon being interviewed in the Studio.

15th. Raynes Park and Tooting drew 54 all in the Gold Cup Semi-final. On the replay day, rain rendered the track unfit. Tooting finally got through on August 28th, earning the right to meet South London Rangers in the Final.

SEPTEMBER 1st. One thousand handbills and fifty posters advertised the Final at Edmonton, the Cup being on display for one week in the Town Hall.

6th. A ground record of over 600 packed Montagu Road to see South London beat Tooting 62-45. Irene Handl, Film, radio and T.V. actress presented the Cup to the Rangers. At this meeting all programmes were sold out before the racing started, and the supply of raffle tickets were exhausted by the interval. The attitude of Tooting during the match was met unfavourably by Executive members and the host club, the latter lodging a motion with the Federation calling for expulsion.

13th. The second final, that of the Britannia Shield at the Garratt Park circuit. The largest crowd at the Park all season saw Dave Chivers of Raynes Park win the Shield. Runner-up was Roy Baker of South London with Les Westwood third. Joy Shelton and her husband Sidney Tafler, brought the afternoon to a memorable close by presenting the awards.

OCTOBER 1st. Hellingly were awarded the Swedish Cup, being judged tops in the four match schedule which brought out the best organisation and presentation at club level.

13th. A motion calling for the expulsion of Tooting following incidents at the Gold Cup Final was carried by the Executive unanimously.

27th. Speaking at the A.G.M., Chairman D.A. Bacon said 'Eighteen months ago was the turning point for Cycle speedway. The Sport desperately needed a new governing body. What was required was a progressive organisation capable of filling the modern day needs of the Sport'.

He went on, 'We shall strive as hard in the future as we have in the past to get the recognition which Cycle Speedway so richly deserves'.

Treasurer C.Shelley announced a favourable bank balance, cash in hand amounting to over £40, which, with various assets totalled £80.

Notice of reduced affiliation fees for long standing members was given. Members heard plans for the new British League outlined, and also had an insight into the Federation Steward examination scheme.

NOVEMBER 3rd. Following publication of a letter of complaint from the management of Tooting regarding their expulsion from the B.C.S.F. the Executive issued a statement to the Cycle Speedway Press, giving the circumstances of the action taken on October 13th.

24th First written tests for stewards took place at Headquarters in Wandsworth, South London. Eight candidates were examined. F. Bootle fined ten shillings for failing to appear in the Britannia Shield Final. His club, Wembley Hawks were warned as to their future dealings with the Executive.

25th. International business in the shape of a request from Holland for the B.C.S.F. to join up with other countries in an International Federation. This was favourably received and the Executive called for more facts before reaching a decision.

DECEMBER 31st. Final acceptances for the Federation for 1960 reached a total of eighteen clubs.

V. COWELL.

BOOM IN AUSTRALIA

The first Cycle Speedway track in Melbourne is expected to be built shortly at Footscray. A track at Richmond is also planned. It has been estimated that about 200 riders are waiting to join one club in Melbourne.

If all goes well an inter - State "Test" will be held against Adelaide this month.

Adelaide now has 8 clubs with a total membership of 1000.

At Hastings, a track is to be built as part of a holiday camp, and will be styled on plans sent from England. The camp is being built by the combined Victorian Pedal Clubs at a cost of £10,000 and they have already raised £1,700. The camp will be open to all Youth Organisations.

The Victorian Pedal Clubs have a total membership of 33,000 and have raised £12,000 for charities in 3 years.

WOLVES APPEAL

East Ham Wolves have appealed against the suspension imposed by the National Cycle Speedway Association in November last year.

The appeal is to be heard in London on February 28th by the N.A.C.S.A. Appeals Committee. Members of the Executive Council who were responsible for the suspension will also be present.

Three riders, M. Bell, S. Tomlyn, and P. Bromley are under suspension for 1 year; P. Fraser 2 years; and R. Milano expelled for life from the Association.

EAST HAM AND KENT



A new Junior team has sprung up at Welling. They have breastplates and call themselves Welling Lightenings. The five members are Dave Mason and Ed Bayfield.

BEST PAIRS at Welling, Jan 3rd.

1. Spalding/Mason 19;
2. Dave Hoit / Noakes 18;
3. Forest / Duffy 17;
4. Lucas / L.Pettis 15.
5. Faulkner / Bayfield 14.
6. Ed Barrett / B.Pettis 7.

EAST HAM STARS JUNIORS.

Back row, left to right, Colin Sarling, J. Butler, Al Kiley, R. Spalding.
Front row, B. Reed, J. Addison.

KENT SELECT 38: Hoit, Forest 8, Lucas, Coleman 7.

EAST HAM SELECT 34: Duffy 8, Spalding, Faulkner, L. Pett. 6.

The final Kent League position resulted in a tie between St. Mary Cray Tigers 'B' and Welling Wings 'A' (Race points did not count, only match points). Welling Wings 'B' were third. St. Mary Cray Tigers 'A' withdrew.

HAWBUSH HAMMERS 31: Duffy 8, Warren, Stan Stevens 6, P. Chubb, T. Chubb 5.

EAST HAM STARS 77: Barrett 15, Stitchman 14, Barrett, Walker 11.

EAST HAM WOLVES 50: K. Archie, P. Fraser 13, M. Bell 12, P. Bromley 8

EAST HAM STARS 55: T. Walker 13, J. Halloran, K. Barrett 11.

Wolves were two riders short for this friendly match and this handicap proved too much against a strong Stars line-up.

ESTUARY EAGLES 54: EAST HAM STARS 53.

Scorers not to hand, Eagles quickly raced into a 12 point lead but Stars fought back, levelled, then went into a 3 point lead. Eagles one point behind in the final heat, scored a 4-2 to win the match.

EAST HAM 'C' team and Junior Best Pairs.

1. Sarling / Kiley 15.
2. Butler / Morgan 14,
3. Spalding / Faulkner 14.

V. DUFFY.

THE MIDDLESEX LEAGUE A.G.M. will be held on Feb. 23rd at 7.45 at Westcott Lodge, rear of Hammersmith Town Hall. Would all clubs interested in joining the league attend or contact the secretary, Mr. V. Merner, 32 Islip Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex, before this date.

WOLVES | WEMBLEY | "FLOATER" | 8 TO 11 WIN THE | ARE TOP | RIDERS - | TEAMS LEAGUE | JUNIORS | NEW IDEA | IN 1960

At last, the 1959 Middlesex League has finished. Strange to say it was a complete anti-climax. Tolworth Tudors found that they could not raise a full team to complete 6 outstanding fixtures and so had to forfeit the points. This leaves East Ham Wolves as champions and Whipps Cross Comets surprise runners-up.

The last match to be raced was at Wembley, where the Hawks soundly defeated Whipps Cross 65-31. Brian Smith rounded off his highly successful season with a maximum. In this form Hawks will take some holding next season.

The Junior League was another Wembley success, their juniors winning without a defeat.

The Leagues A.G.M. to be held at Wescott Lodge, Hammersmith, on February 23rd at 7.45 holds several interesting motions to be discussed. The major one being the introduction of "floater" riders. The principle is that where a club fields 2 teams, each team registers eight and the remainder, all of which must be Juniors, can be used for either team. This eliminates the situation whereby the 'A' team may field only 6 riders whilst the 'B' team have 10 available. Much discussion is expected on this topic, but it is probable it will be passed in some form.

Although at this stage it is not certain how the league will line up for the new season, it is anticipated that a minimum of 8 teams should be taking part and possibly anything up to about 11. This again, should be known at the A.G.M. The league is to commence on April 3rd.

The latest news from various teams:- Tolworth and Weston could not field teams for their respective final matches. I feel that when the season starts, Tolworth could find that they have enough riders, but a merger with Weston seems on the cards. Tudor, Tony Claydon has definitely retired. Whipps Cross have a terrific number of juniors which increases every week. Manager Johnny Brown has no troubles there. Wembley Hawks may find that they can field 2 teams and Harefield will do the same. Bushey Juniors are now putting the seniors to shame - they have just ordered new Phillips bikes. Only one senior has one.

AUSSIE VIEWPOINT ON AGE LIMITS

Unlike your other Aussie correspondent Ron Ferguson I do not think that an age limit should be placed on participants as sports are designed for people of all age groups and it should be up to the rider when he retires.

IVOR CRAINE.

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LINDALE: NEW SKIPPER

DENNIS MCGEE SHEDS LIONS COLOURS

Malc. Dunhill, popular Lindale captain, dropped a bomb-shell when he arrived at the annual pre-season meeting and informed the select gathering of his retirement from the sport.

After reluctantly accepting his resignation, it was decided to elect a new captain, and the result of the ballot was that Dave Bates, ex Yorkshire Champion was duly elected.

Mr. Broadbent informed us of Dennis McGee's decision not to assist the side this season. Dennis lives in Manchester, a distance of forty miles from Wakefield and has decided that it would be in his interests to move to a Lancashire track. With this in mind, along with his former Belle Vue team-mates Johnnie Mills and Charlie Nanfan, he has signed for Carrswood Hunters.

Whilst being very disappointed at his decision, we at Lindale wish him all the best with his new club, and thank him for the brilliant riding he provided and the infectious team spirit which we all caught.

No details are available for this picture. Will sender please write in.

It now seems that after all second-string Jack Shaw will not have to collect his R.A.F. "strait jacket" until the end of the season. He may not be a star man, but when he receives his orders to report for duty, we will have quite a task to find a rider to take his place.

At the A.G.M. in Manchester, we were told that Lindale have been allocated the Northern Qualifying Round of the World Championship.

Three of the Lions will have to participate in this round, Bates, Ramsden and Johnson. The other four, Sutcliffe, Brooke, Hunt and Cockcroft will receive byes to the first round.

Finally, a friendly warning to Openshaw Monarchs, Lupset Aces and Wilmslow Hammers. Don't get too attached to those trophies which are on your sideboards. We've taken a fancy to them !

MIKE COCKCROFT.



"5-1" AND NACSA P.R.O.

I read with interest your condemnations of Dave Stevens on NACSA. Both Dave, in the "Speedway World" and myself in "5-1" are annoyed because we hear nothing from NACSA. It is the duty of the NACSA Public Relations Officer to inform the cycle speedway press of NACSA's plans, aims, achievements etc. This he has not done, yet your paper appears to be quite happy with this state of affairs - and in the last issue you said so.

You say that the "Gazette" carries news of what NACSA is doing. The things contained about NACSA are published because you, as a member of the Executive know what takes place, and to publish this is quite simple.

How many times has the "Gazette" published anything from the P.R.O. ? Just once. And I quote from it -

"his works (the P.R.O.) have been conspicuous by their absence" in fact, the article only turned out to be a piece of propaganda to support the NACSA Draw.

I quote from a "Gazette" Editorial -

"What we find inconceivable is that the Dutch Authorities should have to rely upon this paper for information."

- a lack of publicity even mentioned in your paper.

As for the statement about the lack of readers of the "Speedway World" columns - this is one of the saddest underestimations made for many a year. I realise, though, that you have to support NACSA to a certain extent through being on the Executive.

To finish on a less controversial note, congratulations on the new "Gazette" presentation.

BOB SAUNDERS, Editor "5-1".

EDITOR : Thanks for the letter, Bob, but there is one thing I would like to make quite clear. The "Gazette" is not here as a means of propaganda for NACSA alone. I have said this before, and I mean it, the "Gazette" will support ANYONE who is working for the betterment of our sport, and this includes the Federation.

It is a well known fact that this magazine has never been very popular with NACSA officials, and more than once I have been taken to task for articles I have printed about NACSA, sometimes

action has been contemplated by NACSA for the forthright views expressed in this magazine, one such case quite recently over the payment of certain riders expenses.

As long as it continues to be published, the "Gazette" will remain quite independent.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR PHOTO'S FOR PUBLICATION !!!

LEICESTER'S MOST EXCITING SEASON

1959 saw a closer race for honours than we have had for many a year.

During July, Blackbird Monarchs and Belgrave Red Devils were

changing places at the top each week, and finally, Leicester All Stars got their noses in front in mid-autumn.

For years now there has never been a real fight, but last season had excitement right to the end, and we should count this as the best season for at least five years.

Blackbird Monarchs soon settled down to become a very workmanlike side, and with a new and jet-propelled Harry Glover added to Vann, Lowe, Smith and Halford, with keen competition for the last few places, the side ended up as probably the strongest club of all.

Belgrave had to rely mainly on Greaves, Brant and Robson. John Greaves was the County's top man of the year.

Rob Cooper made only occasional appearances, and the rest were juniors, of which Kilby and Bloxham were the pick.

All-Stars were beaten more frequently than they were accustomed to, and whilst still having a strong top half, looked threadbare below No.5 and Simpson's injury made matters worse in the autumn.

Anstey were very disappointing. Cross and Cousens were always good, but Power could only ride when his temperament allowed. Wheatley was almost alone in propping up a sagging tail.

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STAR FOURSOME (Tatnam Tigers)

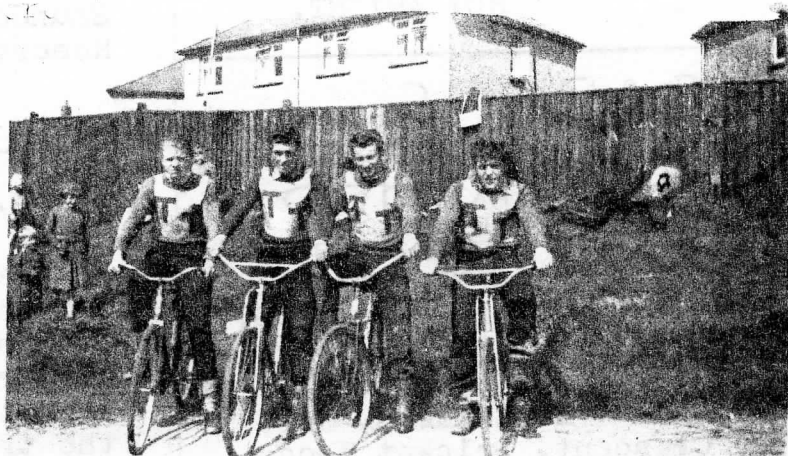
Left to right:-

Mike Holmes (Dorset Junior
Champ. 1958, Senior
Dorset Champ 1959.)

David Tarr (Sen. Champ 1958)

Alan Nippard (Poole
Riders Champ. 1959)

Andy Bright (Nat. Jun.
Champ 1957)



LEICESTER'S MOST EXCITING SEASON

(continued)

In the Individuals, two very popular winners were Jep Newberry in the Fred White Shield (Senior Individual) and Dave Brant in the Captains Shield.

Leicester won the reduced Midland League, after Oxford and Birmingham had withdrawn. The great difficulty here was the availability for weekend matches of riders.

On the whole, things ran much more smoothly than for several years past, our new Secretary Mr. John Greaves, playing himself in very rapidly, and the Chart Secretary actually issued some charts! A rare thing for Leicestershire. Also, for the first time in years, there were enough Stewards to go round, perhaps too many for some riders peace of mind!

Perhaps 1960 will prove even better, but there is a cloud on the horizon which could foretell disaster, but more of this next month.

ROY WRIGHT.

KANGAROOS WANT MATCHES

BUSHEY KANGAROOS are interested in riding any teams who may be touring the London area in 1960, particularly Overseas teams.

Would anyone interested please contact R. Saunders, 12, The Crescent, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

SOUTHERN PREMIER MEETING

The following officials were elected and decisions taken at a meeting of the Southern Premier Association at the White Lion, Wimbledon, on Sunday Jan. 23rd.

OFFICIALS Chairman : Mr. W. Cattle
Vice Chairman : Mr. B. Shapley
Divisional Secretary : Mr. K. Archer
Secretary : Mrs. G. Cattle
Treasurer : Mr. J. Braden

DECISIONS
Closing date for League entry, Sat. Feb. 20th. Teams already entered are SOUTHERN NOMADS, EAST HAM STARS, RAYNES PARK TIGERS, and COWLEY EAGLES.

The League will run from March 6th. till the first week in November, twice home, twice away.

Other competitions will be, League Individuals in September Jack Hulbert Shield
Saunders K.O. Cup
Reserve League

BARRY SHAPLEY.

"SCORCHERS" AMALGAMATE

The Brighton Club have now amalgamated with a local youth club and hope to gain riders and supporters from their move. They plan to start on improvements to the track and hope to have new uniforms for the 1960 season.

MIDDLESEX FINALS

The League Individual Finals held at Bushey proved a triumph for East Ham riders. It was won by Roy Archie with Pete Fraser second. Keith Bristowe of Wembley All Stars looked set to win it after a couple of rides, but then Lady Luck took command. It was Bristowe, Roy Fraser and Archie in that order. Bristowe, just a shade slow out of the bend, was caught off balance by Frasers front wheel and in the second it took to right himself, Archie, was round both of them, as simple as that!

In the Junior event, Pete Saunders on his home track won the trophy from Bernie Mason of Wembley Hawks. In the run-off, as in the senior, the inside man led all the way. So the event finished:-
1st P. Saunders (Bushey); 2nd B. Mason (Wembley); 3rd B. Smith (Wembley);
4th A. Green (Bushey).

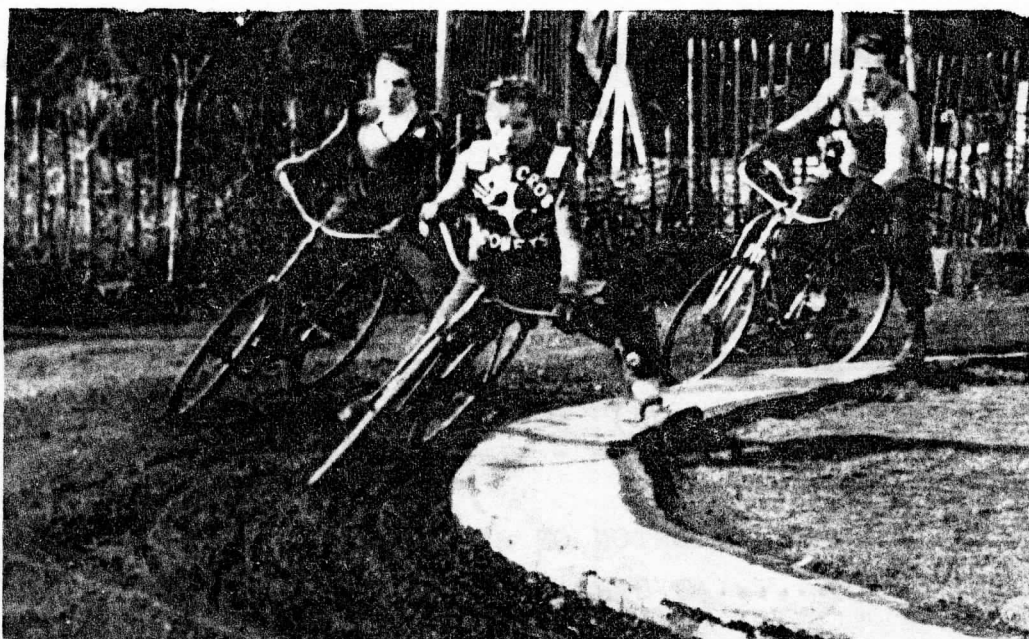
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MANAGER JIM COOKE TO
START AGAIN

Re the disbandment of Vickers Viscounts C.S.C., manager Jim Cooke tells me that the main reason for closing down is lack of organisation and funds. This is no reflection on Jim as a manager as he has tried hard to hold the team together. Next season he plans to start a new club at the old "Bransgore Bulldogs" track at Bransgore a few miles from Bournemouth. Let's hope this time he has more success. Good luck Jim!

ROGER NICHOLSON.



LUPSET ACES 1959 REVIEW

After being Yorkshire Cycle Speedway champions for two years in succession, Lupset Aces decided to try their luck in the Manchester and Stockport league with the following successes in 1959.

Already Yorkshire Champions 1959, runners up in the Manchester and Stockport league, Knock-out Trophy winners, semi-finalists North of England Trophy, N.Bedford selected for England (he is also Lupset Individual Champion).

League Matches, played 14, won 11, lost 2, drawn 1. Points for 803, against 536. Total points 23.

Top scorers and averages: R.Holmes 304 (8.68), F.Bedford 329 (8.65).
D.Johnston 302 (8.16), M.Vickers 301(7.92).

Tour of Middlesex in August.

D.Johnston joint second in the Middlesex Grand Prix.

Lupset were the first team to beat Raynes Park Tigers on their own track for three years. In all, ten challenge matches were played which resulted as follows:- Played 10, won 7, Lost 3, Points for 530, agst 398. To round off this review the Aces total matches for the season. Played 36, won 26, lost 8, drawn 2, Points for 2,071, Agst 1,432.

RITA HOLMES

B.C.S.F. GOLD CUP DRAW

Here-with Preliminary and First Round draws for the B.C.S.F. Gold Cup 1960.

First team named at home. Ties decided on one match only.

PRELIMINARY ROUND - To be decided by April 24th

COWLEY v EDMONTON

FIRST ROUND - To be decided by May 29th.

THURROCK v HAWBUSH

SOUTH LONDON RANGERS v S.L.HUNTERS

BECKENHAM v BRIGHTON

WEMBLEY HAWKS v HELLINGLY

COWLEY/EDMONTON v RAYNES PARK

TATNAM TUDORS v TOTTENHAM

TATNAM TIGERS v ESTUARY (Southend) BUSHEY v WORTHING

DATES FOR FINALS

GOLD CUP FINAL AT EDMONTON ON SEPTEMBER 4th.

BRITANNIA SHIELD FINALAT GARRATT PARK ON SEPTEMBER 11th.

V.COWELL

SOUTHERN COUNTIES

It looks like a three team league for 1960 with WORTHING SPUTNIKS BRIGHTON SCORCHERS and WANTLEY WASPS.

The news from Crawley is that they still have not heard from the Council re their application for ground for their track. Findon, however, who have the ground, seem to have lost interest, but it is hoped that the league chairman may help here with his proposed visit to the village.

Wantley are now working on their track, and it will be opened with a cup match v Brighton Scorchers. The keenness of these lads has to be seen to be believed.

1961 could be a good year, and we must plan ahead. Teams involved could be Worthing Sputniks, Brighton Scorchers, Wantley Wasps, Findon Aces, Crawley Tigers, Southbourne Lions and Emsworth Eagles, maybe more. That's seven teams. Let's hope anyway. There are a lot of people down here who deserve this as just reward !

I am sure you will join with me in wishing the promoters in these areas the very best for the League of 1961, even though it is 11 months away !

B.C.S.F. GOLD CUP DRAW

Both Worthing Sputniks and Brighton Scorchers are pleased with their cup draw, but would probably rather have had home matches. Brighton, although at the moment are fairly weak, will be meeting old friends at Beckenham. The Sputniks will renew the friendships they made at Bushey last season, and there should be some good tussles between the top men from each club.

I fancy Worthing to take the Kangaroos, but I'm afraid that the Scorchers won't get much joy at Beckenham. Neither will, I feel, the strong Hellingley outfit have things their own way when they travel to the home of the zestful young Wembley Hawks.

WASPS CUP DATE

Wantley Wasps, who are now making their track, have planned to open their season with a cup match against Brighton Scorchers. The Steward may be Ron Holvey !

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WESTON STARS 37 Harvey 8, Wallis 8, Wildman 7. EAST HAM WOLVES 49 Archie 10, Bromley 9, Fraser 9. / TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 51 Reading 10, Dunn 9, Bennett 9, Hill 9. WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 42 Booth 9, Taylor 8, Cockerell 8. / HAWBUSH HAMMERS 63 Cox 13, Chubb 13, Warren 11. BUSHEY KANGAROOS 45 Gillett 14, Saunders P. 11, Saunders B. 7. / HAWBUSH DIAMONDS 16½ Spence 6, Green 6. BUSHEY FLIERS 13½ Gillett 9, Rome 3. / TOLWORTH TUDORS 41 Squires 13, Kirk 10, Pearce 10. WEMBLEY ALL STARS 44 Wildman 14, Carter 10, Bristowe 9.

SID PIPE WINS COMETS INDIVIDUAL

Anyone who expected the usual exciting racing from this annual event were not disappointed when a 100% turn out was recorded.

The holder, Keith Taylor, was not able to be present, which made the championship more open than before. After two rides each, J. Brown, S. Pipe and D. Hamilton were unbeaten, at the halfway mark Brown and Pipe still had maximum points. It was not until the last heat of the match that the champion was declared.

Sid Pipe 15, Johnny Brown 14, Mick Currey 12, Colin Booth 11, Dave Hamilton 10, John Pipe 10, Phil Cockerell 10, Stuart Gibbons 7, George Reeves 7, Dave Spring 6, Paul Collins 5, Mick Wraith 6, Peter King 3, Mick Mason 2, A. Collins 1, D. Fitzgerald 1.

HORNETS RETAIN TITLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CLEVERTON HORNETS	8	6	1	1	416	249	13
SWINDON EAGLES	8	5	1	2	345	240	11
WROUGHTON RACERS	8	5	0	5	367	302	10
MARLBOROUGH METEORS	8	1	0	7	271	400	2
BRINKWORTH PIRATES	8	1	0	7	222	440	2

Cleverton Hornets have retained the

Wiltshire Senior

section, but the

local team Swindon

Eagles gave them a

tough fight.

Third place went to

last years runners

up Wroughton Racers

DAVID SCOTT.

WHIPPS CROSS JUNIOR BEST PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

In the early part of the match J. Pipe and G. Reeves held a commanding lead, but in heat 11, they met their masters and the eventual winners Dave Hamilton and Mick Wraith.

Hamilton and Wraith 21, Pipe and Reeves 18, Gibbons and Collins 18, Currey and Booth M. 14, Cockerell and Whitehead 14, Jones & Waltern 4.

MIDDLESEX FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
East Ham Wolves	20	17	0	3	1279½	615½	43
Whipps Cross Comets	20	14	2	4	1163	740	38
Wembley Hawks	20	15	0	5	1118	796	36
Wembley All Stars	20	14	0	6	1058	863	36
Tolworth Tudors	20	12	0	8	931	949	30
Harefield Pirates	20	11	1	8	1035	866	28
Weston Stars	20	10	0	10	855½	1008½	25
Tottenham Kangaroos	20	8	0	12	927	960	20
Tolworth Aces	20	4	0	16	581½	1316½	10
Bushey Kangaroos	20	2	1	17	724½	1176½	6
Harefield Lions	20	1	0	19	721	1169	3

JUNIOR

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Wembley	8	8	0	205	83	20
Harefield	8	5	3	162	126	12
Bushey	8	4	4	137	127	10
Whipps Cross	8	2	6	133	155	5
Tolworth	8	1	7	59	205	2

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