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EDITORIAL

The next issue of '5 - 1' should coincide with the start of the 1960 season for some leagues. Some people are saying that it will be the big revival year. Whether this is true or not, the fact remains that it should be the most interesting season because, in addition to the usual competitions, England stages for the first time ever, the Cycle Speedway Championship of the World.

Whilst on the subject of the World Championship, I understand that details of the rounds were finalised on January 10th. As I type this page on February 6th, nearly one month later, no details have been released at all. I have no doubts in nominating Cycle Speedway as the worst sport for publicity. As an afterthought, it may interest readers that the World Championship Press Officer is Mr. McPate, who is also the NACSA Press Officer.

'5 - 1' introduces 2 new reporters this month. Taking over reporting the Hants and Dorset League is Andy Bright. Readers will recall that Andy was National Junior Champion in 1957. Reporting on the new Southern Premier League is somebody who needs no introduction, Barry Shapley. He is in the strange position of riding for a Middlesex League club at the same time as his appointment. So carry on reading '5-1' and you will be assured of an expert reporting staff.

Be seeing you around the tracks this year.

Bob Saunders

WOLVES TAKE TITLE

YOUR REPORTER - BOB SAUNDERS.

After 9 months of riding, the 1959 Middlesex League is at last finished. And the winners are East Ham Wolves, at their first attempt. Tolworth Tudors, with 5 hard matches to ride, had to throw in the sponge due to lack of riders. Strange to say, though Wolves won the league, they only actually rode in 13 of their 20 matches, the rest were 80-16s one way or the other.

So to next season, though nothing much is known about it yet. More information is expected after the A.G.M at Westcott Lodge, Hammersmith on February 23. However, it is anticipated that about 8 - 10 teams will be taking part. The League was scheduled to commence on April 3rd, but this seems likely to be put back to the 10th, so as not to clash with the World Championship rounds.

The Harefield club recently held a well attended social, at which presentations were made to Steve Viner, the club Junior Champion and match race champion, and also to Dave Beaven as the most improved junior. Harefield hope to enter 2 teams once again. They will be minus Dave Hunting though, who returns to Suffolk, but Bren Harper, Dave Willis and Derek Donogue are expected to ride. Pirate to recently become engaged was Dave Thompson, while Johnny Unsworth and Ernie Norris are getting married this year (not to each other).

Whipps Cross went over to Hawbush and hammered the home team 79-30. Taylor, Brown, Currey and Sid Pipe were all unbeaten. This is a particularly good performance by junior Mick Currey. CRANKS'N'CHAINWHEELS. Bushey Kangaroos have signed on many club man Barry Shapley. He has ordered a new bike as have juniors Bobby Rome and Adrian Green. Kangaroos now have large numbers of youngsters, as have Whipps Cross and it is said that Wembley Hawks are thinking of forming a second team. It is on the cards that there will be a Weston/Tolworth tie up if Tudors find they cannot field a full team shortly. Nice to see Eddie Hill back as a regular Wembley All Star.

HOW THEY LINE UP

The first in the series of the line ups in the various leagues next season.

This series will show the estimated strength of the teams and also the changes in the line up.

THE NORFOLK LEAGUE.

Team	Grade.	
GALLEY PIRATES	1.	
SPIXWORTH COMETS	1.	1 - strong
BUXTON LIONS	1.	2 - average
BLOFIELD BLEEPs	2.	3 - weak
SCOTTOW HORSESHOES	1.	
HELLESDON LIONS.	1.	
NORWICH STARS	1.	
MULBARTON ACES	1.	
WRENINGHAM	2.	
BOUNDARY EAGLES	1.	

Note. All teams line up as last season. No transfers are allowed in the close season and there appear to be no retirements.

THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE.

Team	Team changes	Strength
WORTHING SPUTNIKS	No retirements.	Very strong in this company.
BRIGHTON SCORCHERS	P.Pemberton & B.Oram retired.	Rather weak, young side.
WANTLEY WASPS	Unknown quantity.	Fairly weak, yet if their keenness is anything to go by could be quite effective.
CRAWLEY TIGERS	Still no news from the local Council as regards the application for ground for a track.	
FINDON ACES	Unfortunate news is that the local youngsters are still not keen enough. However, it is hoped that visit by the League's Chairman to give a chat and show some of the League's photos, will change their views later. Still hope yet.	

BRIGHTON'S TAKE OVER

YOUR REPORTER - BRIAN MAKEPEACE

BRIGHTON CLUB IN TAKE-OVER.

Brighton Scorchers have announced the fact that Unity Youth Club have now "taken over" the Scorchers. This it is hoped will help the club in finance and also gain riders and supporters. Plans are now in hand to improve the Kingston Lane track and it is hoped that this will also help the Scorchers to get the League Championship back.

B.C.S.F. GOLD CUP

Both clubs from this area are fairly pleased that they have drawn friends in the Cup. Brighton, whilst not feeling too confident, are extremely pleased to have to travel to Beckenham where they will meet their old Cobra friends.

Worthing are to travel to Bushey to race against the local Kangaroos. It is here that a great battle will be seen, no doubt, with a particularly keen rivalry between young Pete Saunders and the Sputniks top men John Humphries and Dave Edney.

My forecast says that only Worthing Sputniks will survive the first round and be Sussex's only representatives in the second. Yes I think even the strong Hellingly outfit will be hard-pressed to beat the effervescent Wembley Hawks outfit.

P.C. KEARNS

I would like to point out that Mr. Peter C. Kearns is posted on the Sussex/Hampshire border and not at Bournemouth. His address is: Police Station Southbourne, near Emsworth, Hants.

It seems that letters have been going to him c/o Bournemouth Police Station. They seem to want him to form a club, or help them to run a club in that area. Could that be the Southampton Leaguers? By the way Mr. Kearns has a brother posted at Bournemouth!! Maybe! Peter has heard of a club in the Emsworth area that had 20 riders but folded when the piece of ground they planned to use was turned into a car park. He is now trying to contact the people who started it. This is good news for the S.C. League.

SPOTLIGHT
ON

ERNIE NORRIS

HAREFIELD
PIRATES

BY ROGER SEYMOUR

One of the most popular riders in the Harefield club, is Ernie Norris.

It was in 1953, that Ernie started riding, he had a spell with Hillingdon, and in 1954, he joined Uxbridge, this strengthened the team, and it wasn't long before presence was felt.

Ernie rarely hit the high scores, but he was a great team rider, this helped the team in a big way, as they won the second division.

This was his first season in league racing, and he represented the Middlesex 'B' Test team, on several occasions.

Shortly after the '54 season, he was called up, and didn't ride again until 1957, when he joined Harefield.

In 1958, Ernie was able to ride regularly and soon got back into his stride, scoring consistently throughout the season. Once again he was content in being the team rider.

And so to 1959, and another very consistent season, rode for Middlesex v Oxford, and with Bill Punter reached the finals of the League Best Pairs.

Ernie claimed he was retiring, but now he has decided to have another season, he is getting married in July, so it seems this could be another in his last season.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE - DIVISION 1. Final Table.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
KINGSTANDING MONARCHS	12	12	0	546	414	24
BIRMINGHAM LIONS	12	10	2	613	437	20
HAGLEY COMETS	12	6	6	517	479	12
ELMDON BEES	12	5	7	480	571	10
SUTTON STARS	12	4	8	424	530	8
ALDRIDGE HAMMERS	12	4	8	522	628	8
WHITLEY VAMPIRES	12	3	9	408	358	6

MIDLAND LEAGUE. Final Table.

LEICESTER	4	3	1	208	174	6
WOLVERHAMPTON	4	2	2	183½	197½	4
COVENTRY	4	1	3	181½	201½	

WHY TIGERS WON TITLE

YOUR REPORTER - ANDY BRIGHT

Tatnam Tigers win Hants League. For the first time in its history the Hants League shield will reside in Dorset for at least a year. The only league defeat for Tatnam was at Southampton at the hands of twice runners up and winners, Vikings, by 49-47. The only other match that gave any trouble to Tatnam was at Chandlers Ford, but they won 51-45.

The main difference between Tatnam Tigers and Southampton Vikings was that when at home Tatnam were unbeatable, but Vikings at home were less stable.

Third in the table Stars were very strong at home but weak away from Hursley Road. Bombers and Tatnam Tudors had little to shout about regarding results. Vickers were fairly strong at home but very weak away.

FINAL TABLE.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Tatnam Tigers	10	9	1	602	352	22
Southampton Vikings	10	9	1	559	399	22
Chandlers Ford Stars	10	5	5	473½	478½	12
Southampton Bombers	10	3	7	426½	526½	7
Vickers Armstrong	10	3	7	381	505	7
Tatnam Tudors	10	1	9	385	566	2

MORE THAN EAGLES.....

Estuary Eagles secretary George Bridge and manager Den Winch are very busy blokes. Not only do they hold these posts but they are on the Committee of the Rayleigh Speedway Supporters club. I beleive that they are also learning how to dig!

THE NEW ESSEX CONTROL BOARD

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NORFOLK V SUFFOLK

TEST
MATCHES
ARRANGED.

YOUR REPORTER - FRED SIMPSON.

A series of 2 Test Matches have been arranged between Norfolk and Suffolk. The match at Suffolk is arranged for Sunday May 29th, and at Norfolk on Saturday 11th June. Last season, each team won on their home track. Also it is hoped to arrange matches between Norfolk and Essex.

The match to open the 1960 Norfolk season will be the "Malcolm Flood Memorial Trophy" to be held at Mulbarton Race Bowl on Sunday 24th April at 3.p.m. This individual match was won last season by veteran Gerry Abel with 14 points.

THE BEST OF 1959 IN NORFOLK.

Best Track - SPIXWORTH COMETS.

Best Organised Team - MULBARTON ACES.

Best All Round Team - SCOTTOW HORSESHOES.

Best All Round Rider - DENNIS HOWARD (Stars).

Best Match 4 ASIDE TEAM FINAL AT FOULSHAM.

NORFOLK RATINGS 1959.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Dennis Howard (Stars) | 2. Chris Humphries (Hellesdon) |
| 3. Gerry Abel (Spixworth) | 4. Barry Woodcock (Galley) |
| 5. Trevor Hedge (Scottow) | 6. Mike Parkins (Boundary) |
| 7. Vic Goodson (Galley) | 8. Bob Woodcock (Duxton) |
| 9. Eddie Paternoster (Hellesdon) | |
| 10. Ivan Fisher (Mulbarton). | |

OVERSLIDES

Sorry Pete! In issue 6, Pete Oliver of Tooting was credited with being 7 years old. His date of birth should have read 1942 and not 1952 as stated.

2 Norfolk riders will appear in Individual matches held on Sundays anywhere up to 200 miles from Norwich. Invitations please to 50, Vicarage Road, Norwich.

RESULT!!!

ESTUARY EAGLES 62. N. Watson 15, R. French 12.

THURROCK STARS 46. A. Wood 10, A. Bushley 9.

MIDLAND LEAGUE

YOUR REPORTER - BRIAN BUCK

Fortune it seems, has at last smiled on the Midland League Cinderella team- Wolverhampton, for they have won at last. Coventry were the first to feel the full power of the Wolves fighting spirit, when they visited Inkermann Street in a Midland League match on November 1st., and were beaten by $49\frac{1}{2}$ - $45\frac{1}{2}$, after leading for eleven heats. Coventry gained their revenge in the return encounter the following week however, when the Wolverhampton team, minus top scorer Dave Hemus, could not match their previous week's performance, going down by 6 points (51-45).

November 23rd., saw the team visit Leicester, hitherto undefeated, and already assured of the Midland League title, and to the delight of manager Terry Blest, the Wolves pulled off a very fine win (55-40). Nobby Heaton rode magnificently to record a splendid maximum for Wolverhampton.

Leicester were the 1959 Midland League Champions with 6 points from their 4 matches, followed by Wolverhampton, with 4, and Coventry, 2.

The League was spoiled to a great extent by the withdrawal of Oxford, who were unable to fulfil their fixtures due to their already overcrowded list, and the expulsion of Birmingham who refused to pay their entrance fee. Perhaps 1960 will see more co-operation from both sides, and both Birmingham and Oxford back in the Midland League.

RESULTS.

WOLVERHAMPTON $49\frac{1}{2}$. Hemus 12, Roden 8, Painter 7.
COVENTRY $45\frac{1}{2}$. Lewis 12, Abbott 8, Butler 8.

COVENTRY 51. Colley 13, Lewis 12, Abbott 10.
WOLVERHAMPTON 45. Heaton 11, Roden 9, Tamlyn 7.

LEICESTER 40. Cross 10, Newberry 8, Simpson 7.
WOLVERHAMPTON 55, Heaton 15, Roden 10, Arnold 9.

REPORT

Over in Birmingham, things begin to take shape for new season. The Association have been allocated a piece of land by Brierley Hill Council, and work will shortly commence on the laying of a new circuit.

Hagley Comets would seem to have a formidable line for next season, having added former Sutton riders Dave Bus and Jim Bond to their strength. Kingstanding Monarchs, league champions again last year, (for the eighth successive year) may find the going much tougher next term, if retirement reports I hear are correct. International Paul Keen, who will shortly be getting married, is said to be a doubtful starter, as also (for the same reason) is Ian Harrison, another fine rider. Pete Blackwell does not complete his national service until mid-season, and may not be available until the latter part of the season.

Without these three stars, the Monarchs may be deprived of their trophy this time.

Birmingham Lions, the city's oldest remaining club, may also be struggling this year. Welsh International Alf Hill is a definite non-starter, whilst long service men Gerald Sedgley, Geoff. Gillett, and Jim Quinton have all hinted at retirement. No reliability can be attached to either Willy Evans or Pete Aston, and one wonders just how much longer can veteran skipper Ray Goode keep up his high scores.

If the club should look in the direction of their highly successful second division team for assistance, they may well receive an unpleasant surprise. Most of the second team are bitterly resentful at the complete lack of any help or encouragement from the senior riders, and it is quite likely that several second teamsters will seek a transfer to another club.

Other news from the Birmingham front is that Sutton Stars are definite non-starters for next season's league, and Whitley Vampires, the Coventry team, who had an unhappy first season in the Birmingham League, are also doubtful starters for 1960.

GRAHAM MILES

STORY

COMPILED BY "ALLOTT"

'Gray' first started in 1952 with Littlemore Stars of Oxford. He did well, with a period of 4 maximums on the trot in the Oxford League. In 1953 he joined Littlemore Golden Eagles - which had Jock Sutherland as reserve - and did well enough to win the Individual Coronation Cup event. On joining the army, Graham retired. Returned to Oxford in 1955, was married, but didn't race again 'till joining Cowley Eagles 'B' side in 1959. Quickly improved to captain the 'B' side - now the Kestrels - by September. Is one of Oxford's 4 'World' competitors - others being Barry Dawes, Barry Shapley and Kev Rowland.

Estimates his best effort as being when 'B' team mate Eric Lovelock and himself won 6, 5-1s against Burford Pirates in November 1959.

Has bought new "Speedtrack" for 1960.

Hopes - (1) World Final Placing, (2) Kestrels to win Oxford League.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS JUNIOR BEST PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Comets Junior Best Pairs Championship held on January 17th proved to be a most exciting contest.

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 eventual winners Dave Hamilton and Mick Wraith, while S. Gibbons and P. Collins were building up their points in the second half to tie with Pipe and Reeves for second place.

In the run off, Collins making a great effort to pass Pipe fell and, with 1 lap to go, his partner Gibbons shed his chain, giving Pipe and Reeves runners up place.

SCORERS. D. Hamilton/M. Wraith 31, J. Pipe/G. Reeves 18, S. Gibbons/P. Collins 18, M. Currey/M. Booth 14, P. Cockerell/Whitehead 14, T. Jones/J. Walters 4.

Report from JOHNNY BROWN.

TOUGH FOR EDMONTON

BY THE "SLIDER" PROPER RUCY

Why is it, that a knock out competition drawn from a hat, with the first team at home, creates far more interest and enthusiasm than a chart-planned, neutral track competition? The British Cycle Speedway Federation must be congratulated on their Gold Cup event based on these lines. Who shall we see in the second round? This takes some hard study, for a more balanced draw could not even have been hand picked.

The preliminary is at Cowley, where Edmonton are visitors. Though Cowley are vastly improving, Edmonton's all round strength should see them through. The winners will receive Raynes Park Tigers. This should be a good match with Edmonton just scraping home. Thurrock meet near rivals Hawbush and after a close match, I take the Stars to win. A real local derby at Garratt Park - where the holders, South London Rangers take on their second team, the Hunters. The big boys leave little doubt here. Brighton travel up to Beckenham, where they are likely to find the home side a little too strong for them.

I think that the closest match should be Tatnam Tudors v Tottenham Kangaroos. Anything may happen here, but the Tottenham heat leaders could hold the swaying power. Tatnam's first team, the Tigers, are also at home. Estuary Eagles are the visitors and with their fine all round team should just scrape through. Wembley Hawks are visited by popular Sussex Club, Hellingly Lions. The young Hawks take some beating on their own track and should win fairly comfortably, though the Lions cannot be underestimated. This leaves Rushley v Worthing. Kangaroos have a definite track advantage here and should make use of it.

A long shot for the final; Edmonton v South London Rangers.

STEVE COLLINS UNLIKELY FOR HAREFIELD

There is very little chance of Steve Collins riding next season as he is concentrating on speedway at Aldershot and shaping well. We wish him the very best.

NEW S.P. BOARD

YOUR REPORTER - BARRY SHAPLEY

At a meeting attended by delegates from the known Southern Premier league members - SOUTHERN NOMADS- COWLEY EAGLES - RAYNES PARK TIGERS - EAST HAM STARS, on Sunday 23rd January at the 'White Lion' Wimbledon, the decision was made to carry on the League for 1960. Following the drastic action by BCSF sides in 1959, this will be a surprise to a lot of people.

The officials elected (unanimously) were :-
Chairman - Mr. W. CATTLE, Vice Chairman and Press Officer - BARRY SHAPLEY, Secretary - Mrs. G. CATTLE, Divisional Secretary - KEN ARCHER, Treasurer - Mr. BRADEN.

The League will consist of 2 home and 2 away matches, but as entrance "latest" date is fixed for February 20th (date of next meeting - same venue, at 8 p.m) this may be ammended if entrance members are sufficient.

In addition the JACK HULBERT SHIELD, SAUNDERS K.O Cup and the league (Senior and Junior) Individuals will be held. The latter in September. The league will commence on March 6th and end, 1st week of November.

Test matches - absent in 1959 - are hoped for.

NOTE. Since compiling this report, Cowley Kestrels have also joined the league.

ESSEX MAGAZINE

The first issue of the official Essex League magazine is now out. This is being produced on behalf of the league by Ron Bull, and is aptly named "The Bulletin." It is entirely devoted to Essex news for the benefit of its riders and amongst the articles is an interesting feature on activities of various riders and officials. The charge will be a nominal 2d or 3d to cover expenses.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS

BY TONY JONES

DAVE CHIVERS. Rated by many people to be one of the best riders in the country, Dave has for the past 3 years topped the club averages. Rode for England v Scotland at Hungerford scoring 8 points. Also has numerous representative honours to his credit for the Southern Premier league. Won the DCSF Britannia Shield last season. Age 20.

TED CRACKNELL. Probably one of the sport's quietist, but most brilliant riders. Likes to ride as reserve, but can always be relied upon when a match is tight. Has represented the Southern Premier in Test Matches. Age 19.

WALLY DIGHTON. Captain of the Tigers, Wally takes his duties seriously. Represented England against Wales at Coventry in 1955 scoring 6 points. Has also represented the Southern Premier in Test Matches. 4th in club averages in 1959. Age 22.

FRED BEDFORD. Second oldest rider in the club. Fred joined the Tigers from the now defunct Wimbledon Stars. Although never a star, Fred is a consistent rider who can be relied upon for an average 6-8 points a match. Has one representative honour to his credit, for the Southern Premier v North London in 1958. Age 25.

FRED LAWRENCE. Old man of the club, Fred has been with the Tigers since 1951. His best season was 1955 when he won the Southern Premier Individual Championship at Beckenham. Has at least one representative honour for Southern Premier. Now the club's Treasurer and a member of the management committee. Intends to ride in 1960. 27.

PETER RIDES. Former Tolworth rider, and National Junior Champion in 1958, Pete joined the Tigers in October of last year and quickly showed that he will be one of the club's biggest assets in 1960. Although Pete rode in only 6 matches for the Tigers he averaged over 10 points a match and finished 3rd in the club averages. Age 18.

LEN BAKER. Youngest member of the Tigers Len has shown good form this year and looks like developing into a first rate rider. Has been with the club for about 4 years as a junior. Age 17.

MIKE SMITH. Former Ditton rider, Mike won't get much chance of riding this season as he is at present in the

WHO'S WHO (CON'T)

the forces. He represented the Southern Premier in Test Matches, and was top of the Ditton clubs averages in 1957 and 1958. Age 22.

JOHN BRADEN. The Tigers "Guvner" has led his team to a lot of success in the past 6 years since taking over as manager in 1954. Led the Tigers to the National Team Championship final in 1957, only to lose by 2 points against Carrs Wood Hunters at Wormwood Scrubs. has also been instrumental in the Tigers winning the Southern Premier League championship for the past 4 years. Still rides occasionally if the team is shorthanded. Age 35.

Among the club's juniors are Terry Mussett who shows great promise despite the fact that he has only had 6 weeks experience. Robert Lynn, Robert White and Sid Chilman. These 4 youngsters will form the Tigers junior team in 1960.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE - DIVISION 2. Final Table.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
BIRMINGHAM LIONS "B"	10	9	1	298	231	18
BADDESLEY PIRATES	10	6	4	309½	283½	12
WALSALL METEORS	10	6	4	268	270	12
KINGSTANDING M'S "B"	10	5	5	277½	260½	10
HAGLEY CHASERS	10	4	6	191	221	8
ELMDON WASPS	10	0	10	171	309	0

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE. 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

ANOTHER REVIVAL TEAM?

An old Essex team, Lakeside Rockets, appear to be having a revival of interest, though none of the riders are old ones, so Essex co-press officer MICK GREEN told "5-1". Mick himself is lending a hand to put the club on its feet. He also appears to be having some trouble getting various riders to turn out for Hawbush, whilst others apparently go home when the match is about to start. There are still several enthusiastic riders on the books though. It is a little early yet to state the line up of the Essex league, but it could be, The Gladiators, Whipps Cross Comets, East Ham Wolves, Hawbush Hammers, East Ham Stars, Estuary Eagles and their second team, The Cockleshells (an original name) and possibly Lakeside Rockets. Other co-press officer RON BULL sent "5-1" a copy of the new all Essex news, which is mentioned earlier.

OVERSLIDES.

Apparently last month's ratings did not meet with any violent disagreement and only one opinion was forthcoming. It was from Jock Sutherland and Barry Shapley and read; 1. B.Moston. 2. R.Gibbons. 3. D.Chivers. 4. D. Dean. 5. V.Halliwel. 6. P.Page. 7. G.Brimson. 8. L. Westwood. 9. R.Baker. 10. W.Dighton.

Whipps Cross are being overcome by the large numbers of juniors on their books. They recently turned up at Hawbush with 15 riders.

One day after arriving from Oxford to sign for Bushey, Barry Shapley was walking down Watford High Street when he was picked up by a police car and questioned. They let him go though - they said that he seemed familiar to them!!

A RESULT.

HAWBUSH HAMMERS 30. Scorers not to hand.
WHIPPS CROSS 79. Taylor 15, Currey 15, S.Pipe 14, Brown 10.

Cowley Kestrels have now completely broken away from the Eagles and are renamed Littlemore Lions. They also now have a separate track. All correspondence to 4, Addison Drive, Littlemore.

NEW LEAGUE READY

The new league sponsored by the British Cycle Speedway Federation has now issued its fixture list. It is named the British League, which seems rather a doubtful name in its present form, but if the aims of the Federation are reached, the name could be a true description within a couple of years. The idea of the league is to promote something which is aimed at the spectators. Showmanship to the first degree is essential. Loudspeakers, programmes and first class presentation will be the hallmark. If the league comes up to the Federation's planning, it will be something for the sport to be proud of.

The opening date is March 13th. Teams taking part are South London Rangers, South London Hunters, Thurrock Stars, Edmonton Monarchs, Tottenham Kangaroos, Beckenham Monarchs and Hellingly Lions. The progress of the league can be followed in '5-1' when the news will be reported by Vic Cowell.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND DATES.

1st round - 3rd April. 2nd round - 24 April.
3rd round - 15th May. Semi-finals - 19th June.

FINAL. 30th JULY.

Note - all Sundays except the final which is Saturday.

BRITANNIA SHIELD DATES.

Qualifying rounds - 29th May, 3rd July, 24th July.
Final - 11th September.

WILTSHIRE LEAGUE 1959.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CLEVERTON HORNETS	8	6	1	1	415	249	13
SWINDON EAGLES	8	6	1	1	370	240	13
WROUGHTON RACERS	8	5	0	3	367	302	10
MARLBOROUGH METEORS	8	1	0	7	271	400	2
BRINKWORTH PIRATES	8	1	0	7	222	440	2

TEST MATCHES.

Tests have been arranged between the British League and Berkshire. These are due to take place on 28th May and 9th July.