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Edited by John Leith. 64, Tonbridge Road, Coventry.

MARCH 1960.

WOLVES GAIN IN APPEAL SECRETARY RESIGNS

On February 28th., a NACSA Appeals Committee, made up of five members of the Executive Committee, heard the appeal by East Ham Wolves against their suspensions. The Committee was under the chairmanship of Mr. Fernyhough, and members were Mr. McPate, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rolfe and Mr. Johnston.

Also present were Mr. Bennett, Mr. Ashtonhurst, Mr. Mansbridge, Mr. Davies and Mr. Leith.

Representing East Ham Wolves were Messrs. Bell, Gibbons, Tomlyn, and Fraser.

The suspensions of five members of the club were reduced to a fine of £5, Milano's suspension was reduced from life to 1 year, and Fraser's suspension was reduced from 2 years, to 1 years suspension from NACSA events only.

The club was far from satisfied with this, and said so, neither were the members of the Executive too delighted, and Mr. Bennett has subsequently handed in his resignation from both NACSA and the World Championship Committee. Both he and Gordon Davies said to me after the meeting that they would be having nothing more to do with the sport, and they felt that their own county, Hampshire, would not lend support to NACSA this year, and the opinion was that, as the suspensions imposed had been approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Association, more would be heard of the matter before it was entirely settled.

What I personally fail to understand is why East Ham Wolves were not represented at the original hearing when they knew full well that complaints had been made against them, and that these would form the subject of the hearing, which they were invited to attend. Although the letter making the invitation was addressed to Peter Fraser alone, it nevertheless stated that charges had been made against the club. The reason offered by East Ham was that they had an important match that day, and they could not send a representative to the AGM because all their 12 members work on Saturdays.

JOHN LEITH.



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LINDALE GATE CAUSES CONTROVERSY

The new starting gate which has been laid on Lindale Hill has caused quite a stir among the riders. The majority of the side do not like the gate and the three heat leaders, new skipper Dave Bates, Yorkshire Champion Clive Brooke & fiery John Sutcliffe were particularly critical.

The main trouble is the large amount of back wheelspin which the gate produces, and it is more than likely that it will be ripped up and replaced by a new gate before the start of the season.

If, however, the gate is left as it is, I expect to hear quite a lot of criticism from opposing teams.

MIKE COCKROFT.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 56

Colin Booth 9, Johnny Brown 9, Johnny Pipe 9, Dave Hamilton 9, Sid Pipe 7.

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 40.

ESSEX LEAGUE LINE-UP, 1960

East Ham Wolves, East Ham Stars, Estuary Eagles, Hawbush Hammers, The Gladiators, Whipps Cross Comets, The Cockleshells.

RON BULL.



Three well known Coventry riders who entered for a "Beauty Contest" at a holiday camp last year. It is not known whether they won any prizes !!!



WHITLEY VAMPIRES "A" 1959.

EAST HAM WOLVES APPEAL

OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT

By request of East Ham Wolves C.S.C., a special Appeals Committee met representations of the club on Sunday, 28th Feb, to hear their appeal against the penalties imposed for their conduct at the 1959 National Finals at Hungerford. The Appeals Committee was composed of members of the NACSA Executive who were not present when the original complaint against the club was heard, namely Messrs. Fernyhough, Rolfe, Thompson, Johnstone and McPate.

The evidence upon which the complaint was preferred was presented -

- 1) a letter from the Hungerford War Memorial Playing Fields Committee (the lessors of the Hungerford track).
- 2) an excerpt from the minutes of the Hungerford Local District Council.
- 3) testimony of the Clerk of the Course at Hungerford on the day in question, Mr. Mansbridge.

The East Ham Wolves answer to the charges was -

- 1) denial of the incidents mentioned
- 2) that reports of the incidents had been exaggerated
- 3) that much that had been attributed to them had been the work of others
- 4) that the standard of stewarding was to blame for any incidents which may have occurred.

Having heard all aspects of the matter, the Committee considered the facts in private. The decision arrived at was that the weight of evidence had established beyond doubt that the complaints against the club and two riders were justified and the appeals were consequently dismissed.

The Appeals Committee, however, exercising its prerogative of tempering justice with mercy, saw fit to vary the penalties imposed.

- 1) The suspension of five members of the team for one year was reduced to a fine of five pounds.
- 2) The suspension of R. Milano was reduced to a period of one year.
- 3) The suspension of R. Fraser was reduced to exclusion from all National events for a period of one year.

An important point which emerges from this case is that a club must accept some responsibility for the conduct of its individual members.

JOCK MCPATE (NACSA P.R.O.)

THE WILTSHIRE CONTROL BOARD held their Annual General Meeting at "The Lamb Hotel", Marlborough on Sunday, January 31st. Three clubs were present. The treasurer reported a loss of 4/-. Officers elected as follows: Chairman - Mr H. Dobson; Vice-chairman - Mr C. Head; Treasurer - Mr. K. Hope; Secretary - Mr. R. Jackson; Press Officer & League Secretary - Mr. D. Scott.

R.H. JACKSON.

WILTSHIRE MAKE DRAW

At a meeting of the Wiltshire Control Board, the draw for the National Competitions was made. This resulted as follows :
Senior N.T.C. Wroughton Racers v Cleverton Hornets, Swindon Eagles v Brinkworth Pirates.
Junior N.T.C. Swindon Eagles v Wroughton Racers.

Senior Individual Championship

The holder, John Davis was seeded to the Final. Top 5 from each meeting go forward to the final.

DRAW AT WROUGHTON Steward Mr.Giles.

1. C.Beltcher. 2. M.Richards. 3. O.Gibbs. 4. M.Edwards. 5.D.Butcher.
6. G.Barsante. 7. C.Sowden. 8. I.Dickens. 9. P.Scull.10.C.Gleed.
11. K.Rudman. 12. Rob Morse. 13. C.Stevens. 14. B.Heal. 15.E.Thomas.
16. B.Merrett.

AT BRINKWORTH -Steward Mr.R.Morse.

1. V.Lister. 2. C.Morse. 3. D.Walker. 4.B.Pearce. 5.I.McGuire.
- 6.M.Collett. 7.B.Kilby. 8.C.Richardson. 9.J.Rawlings. 10.D.Pell.
11. P.King. 12.J.Parsons. 13.G.Chesterman. 14.J.Hunt. 15.R.Jackson.
16. J.Merrett.

AT SWINDON - Steward Mr.C.Head

1. W.Liefield. 2.B.Thomas. 3.F.Miles. 4.T.House. 5.M.Giles.
6. M.Hewlett. 7.W.Poynter. 8.Ray Morse. 9.J.Webb. 10.A.Hobbs.
- 11.F.Garlick. 12.M.Hudd. 13.F.Gilbert. 14.P.Thomas. 15.K.Hancock.
16. P.Freeguard.

WILTSHIRE require Test Matches.
 Any County interested please
 contact Mr.R.Jackson, Manor
 Farm Cott., Cleverton,
 Chippenham, Wilts. if possible
 by April 16th.

JOHN DAVIS, last years County
 Champion, has retired.
 NOBBY CARTER has signed for
 Cleverton Hornets.
 INKY LISTER, County Champion in
 1958, has retired.
 GORDON CHESTERMAN of Brinkworth
 Pirates has retired.

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

FINAL TABLE 1959.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Openshaw Monarchs	14	12	0	2	639	545	24
Lupset Aces	14	11	1	2	641	507	23
Wilmslow Hammers	14	9	1	4	673½	566½	19
Lindale Lions	14	8	1	5	543	507	17
Gorton Pirates	14	6	1	7	553	502	13
Carrs Wood Hunters	14	3	0	11	609	734	6
Longsight Pegasus	14	3	0	11	571½	768½	6
Belle Vue Cobras	14	2	0	12	494	594	4

SUPPLIED
 BY
 RITA HOLMES.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS

As the 12th. season opens for the Comets, it promises to be one of the best the club has seen, because although the club has collected many trophies and had many successes over the past eleven years, there have been some 245 riders signed on the clubs books, the club starts this season with 20 riders, but what is more important, every one is interested in the organisation of the club, both at matches and at club meetings.

This means that the club will run smoother and the riders will get more enjoyment, and that visiting teams will be sure of a good days sport. The Comets may not win anything this season, but they certainly intend to enjoy themselves, and who knows ? they may surprise everyone !

Sid Pipe is doing a great job as assistant manager, Colin Booth arranges the fixtures, Dave Hamilton is responsible for the track condition, Stuart Gibbons represents the club at meetings, whilst Mick Wraith runs the "B" Team. The rest of the lads are all willing helpers when there is work to be done to improve the club.

This is the set-up that every manager likes to see, and I, after eleven years am lucky enough to be in that position.

JOHNNY BROWN.

HAREFIELD WANT RIDERS — SWITCH

Harefield practice has already been in progress for two weeks. We hope to run two teams in the Middlesex League this season, but only if allowed to use "B" team riders for the "A" team, as myself due to motor speedway and one or two of the other "A" team riders will not be available for every match.

BILL PUNTER.

NACSA NOTICE AFFILIATIONS

Any teams still wishing to affiliate to the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Assn. for 1960 please note that they should send their affiliations to MR. F. ASHTONHURST, at 14, NORTHOLME GARDENS, BURNAGE, MANCHESTER 19, and to no one else, including any addresses which may appear on the affiliation forms which have been sent out in the past.

NACSA IN RED AGAIN

From the figures which appear on the Balance Sheet issued by the NACSA Treasurer, Mr. Ashtonhurst, cash in bank and in hand totals £48.8s.9½d., while debts to be paid stand at £79.10s.10d., a deficit to meet creditors of 31.2s.0½d.. Anyone want to help ?

WILMSLOW HAMMERS

1959

The Wilmslow Hammers of Cheshire, 1959, had everything. Winning the National Team Championship Final at Hungerford was their greatest triumph.

They have in the club two England riders in Derek Garnett and Vic Hinchcliffe. Vic is also the Manchester Individual Champion, and Derek the League Match Race Champion.

L.Davenport represented the North v South. P.Groom, M. McDonald and J.Mottershead all represented their County.

Wilmslow finished third in the Manchester League after a bad start to the season.

Riding Yorkshires' Lindale in the North of England Final, they won after a hard fight.

After winning the National Trophy, Wilmslow will go all out to keep the "pot" in Cheshire in 1960.

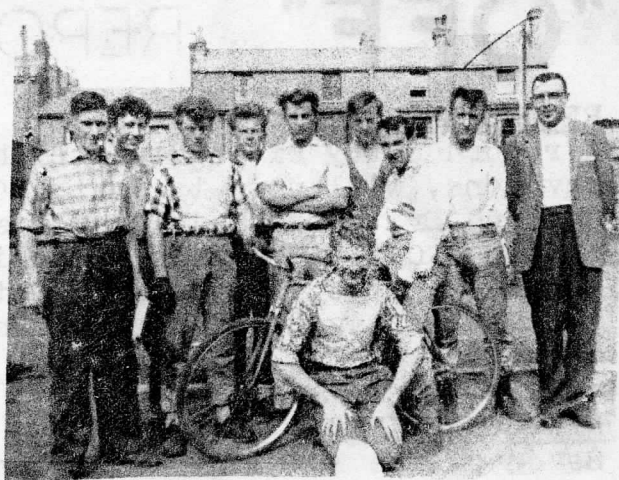
DEREK GARNETT.

NORTH OF ENGLAND FINAL

Lindale Lions 46 Wilmslow 50

K.O.TROPHY 2nd. Round

Lupset Aces 110 Wilmslow 105



WILMSLOW STATISTICS

By Vic Hinchcliffe

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The team, and how they won.

D.Garnett, V.Hinchcliffe(Capt)
L.Davenport, M. Bevin, P.Groom,
J.Mottershead(rider/manager),
P.Rollason, M.McDonald,P.Lomas,
P.Moore.

County Round Agg.

CARRS WOOD 66 WILMSLOW 126

1st.Round- BYE

2nd. Round

LUPSET (Yorks.) 39 WILMSLOW 57

3rd. Round

HAGLEY (Staffs) 39 WILMSLOW 57

Semi-Final

TOLWORTH (Surrey)43 WILMSLOW 52

Final

EAST HAM (Essex)46 WILMSLOW 49

League T hird Place

P. 14, W.9, D. 1, L. 4

For = 674 Against = 566 Pts.19

In the photograph above are (L to R) : J.Mottershead(manager);P.Groom;
D.Garnett, L.Davenport, P.Rollason, M.McDonald,P.Lomas,V.Hinchcliffe,
M.Bevin, Mr. Ashtonhurst (League Chairman).

B.C.S.F. READY FOR THE "OFF" REPORT FROM VIC COWELL

RECORD ENTRY OF CLUBS

A record entry of eighteen clubs, save one, will compete in the Gold Cup and Britannia Shield events of the B.C.S.F. The exception is the Welsh side, Barry, which at present is having bother over a track.

NEW COMPETITION

Seven of the leading Federation outfits will be taking part in the new British League. These teams, Hellingly, Beckenham, Thurrock, Tottenham, Edmonton and the two South London sides, have been selected owing to the facilities available at their tracks and for their general ability to run successfully in this premier loop.

ALL IN TOGETHER

For the Gold Cup, all teams are in the hat together, so, in effect, the Federation has brought itself into line with the football League, where League and non-league teams meet. There will be no separate K.O.Cup for League members.

THE FINALS

The Gold Cup Final will again be staged at Edmonton, on September 4th. Garratt Park will again hold the Britannia Shield Final, a week later on the 11th.

GREATER UNIFORMITY

British League clubs will be looking smart this season, the B.C.S.F. having ordered that every rider shall wear black jeans. Each team will be equipped with eight sweaters of identical design and colour.

SPECTATOR AIDS

British League clubs will have to provide three white coats as part of the standard equipment. These will be used by clerks of courses and stewards. Scoreboards or P.A. systems will have to be used.

THE MEN IN CHARGE

British League matches, will, in the main be handled by official stewards from the Federation. These stewards will also handle the bulk of Gold Cup fixtures. Further examinations are being held to try to get a surplus of fully trained men.

SHOWING THE FLAG

The Federation has arranged for its League representative side to meet Berkshire in home and away fixtures. Apart from providing first class matches, the League side will, it is hoped, be a means of showing areas outside the BCSF of the progress made in the last two years.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Executive has been working with the National Association on the World Championship, and will be hosts to the whole of the Sport at Garratt Park on July 30th.

COUNCIL LIASON

The Executive has been in touch with the M.P. for Barry in an effort to secure a track. Liason has also been made between the Executive and the Bournemouth Council on a similar matter.

VIC COWELL P.R.O.

Photo Right -

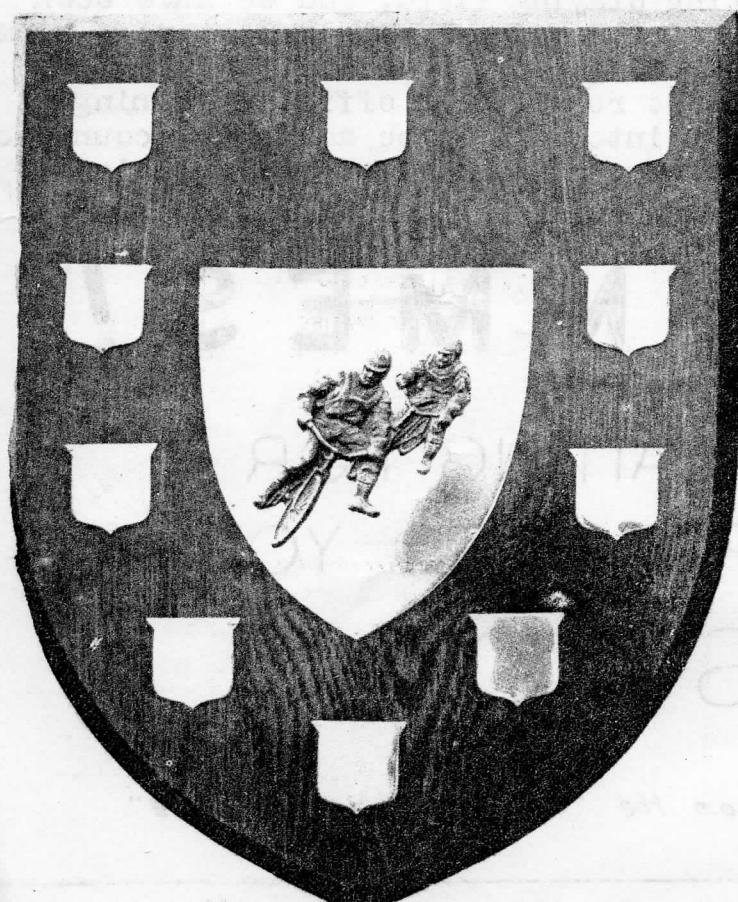
First bend tussle
in 1959 GOLD CUP
FINAL at
Edmonton.

The first-class
facilities and
large crowd
provided the
right atmosphere
for the climax of
the competition.
This years final
will be staged at
Montague Road on
SEPTEMBER 4th.



Photo Left -

THE BRITANNIA SHIELD,
currently held by Dave
Chivers of Raynes Park.
This trophy, highest
individual honour in the
BCSF calendar was presen-
-ted to the BCSF by
A.Roden and Son, the
Hatton Garden jewellers.
In keeping with the two
previous years, the final
will be again held at
Garratt Park, the venue
for the World Final.



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N.A.C.S.A. P.R.O. REPLIES

From Jock McPate, N.A.C.S.A. P.R.O.

Apparently some other Cycle Speedway publications have been knocking the N.A.C.S.A. P.R.O. about lack of information. If they will send me a copy of their publications, which if necessary I shall pay for, I will be pleased to put them on my mailing list. A direct approach of this sort would surely have been a much more sensible, and also cheaper, method of achieving the effect desired, if the supply of news was, in fact, the effect desired.

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From J.M.Cooke, of "The Viscounts", the Bournemouth C.S.C.

With regard to a report from Roger Nicholson in the February issue, I would like it known that I was not 'forced' to close down the Vickers Club, and certainly not because of lack of funds and organisation.

The reason that I have closed the club is that the membership was very restricted and that since last year the support from the Bournemouth area in general has become so great that I have decided to form a Bournemouth Club.

I have been in touch with the Council and Youth Organiser, and have had a great deal of success. Last Wednesday I had an interview with the Parks Superintendant on the site on which the Council propose to build a track. It is attached to an existing playing field, and we have been offered the use of changing rooms, and the refreshments and storage rooms.

Things have still got a long way to go, and estimates to be approved etc., but with luck, the track could be ready for an official opening at Whitsun. When this club gets going, I intend it to be among the countries "Super Clubs" with regard to facilities and standard of presentation.

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From the "CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE"

RESIGNATION

BELOW IS A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE CYCLE SPEEDWAY PRESS BY THE NACSA SECRETARY, MR. F. BENNETT.

February 29th.1960

Dear Sirs,

I would inform you that this day I have tendered my resignation to the chairman, this resignation to take effect as from March 13th., also my position on the World Championship Committee, this to be effective forthwith.

The reason for my decision being.

I cannot agree with the decision of the appeal committee in relation to the East Ham Wolves C.S.C., I cannot agree that an appeals committee can amend a minute of the executive council, a minute which was subsequently endorsed by members attending the annual general meeting.

By the action taken, I consider that a retrograde step has been taken to which I cannot be a party, hence my decision.

I leave the sport with much regret, and I would like to express my appreciation to all those who in the past did much to better the sport. I hope that they will continue to try to get the sport the respect it deserves.

Yours sincerely,
F. BENNETT.

EDITOR : The only comment I can make on the above statement is, that while no one is indispensable, a man of Mr. Bennett's experience and qualities should not be allowed to go without every possible effort to make him change his mind.

JUNIOR LEAGUE IN LEICESTER ?

Suggested for 1960 is a junior league, a hardy annual which all agree to each year, but it never seems to happen.

Last year, one junior match was ridden, then all attempts to fix another failed.

We can only hope that this time it will really happen.

BOY BRIGAD

COVENTRY GET NEW TROPHY

At a pre-season meeting, the Coventry Control Board announced the following :-

They had obtained a senior cup from the "Coventry Evening Telegraph".

Entries for the season must be in by March 20th, racing will start March 27th. League will open at the end of April.

Cash in bank stands at £42 with

"BROTHERS ALL" by RON BULL

Just looking through some of last season's programmes recently, I was suddenly struck by the number of brothers racing in Essex circles. Over the past half dozen years we have had numerous couples, and now we have a trio, the Barretts of East Ham Stars.

Joe, Ken and Brian Barrett are a first rate threesome that would form the basis of any team. Joe and Ken are currently among the Stars highest men and Brian has been a top-notcher in the Junior League for a couple of years, and is now set for a successful move into the higher ranks.

Tom and Peter Chubb who have in the past been associated with teams like Dagenham Diamonds and Hawbush Hammers are again in the news. Peter will be with Hawbush Hammers again this season and no doubt will try to carry on in his successful vein, like winning the "Dave Stevens Trophy" in 1959. Tom, however, who is making a comeback now, after some time out, including a hospital stay, lines up with the re-building Tottenham Kangaroos, who he had associations with a few years back.

Les and Malcolm Grant are members of the Gladiators line-ups. Les having filled the No 1 riding jacket for a few years in the senior team, while youngster Malcolm occasionally fills a place in the juniors, Crusaders.

Ted and Alan Risley, who have raced for many of the local teams, starting with those dynamic Dagenham Aces and finishing off with Walthamstow Wolves last season, now no longer grace our tracks. Ted finished with the sport a couple of seasons ago, saying that he was too old to carry on, while brother Alan rode but once last season, but was still a force to be reckoned with. Not too many seasons ago, Ted became Essex champion with Alan in third place.

Jack and Fred Southan known to all Essex fans as "Tiger" and "Kid South" blazed the early trail of Essex's glory with Hawbush Hammers. Two of the most loyal riders in the game, they finished with the sport just a season or so back, and Hawbush have never really been the same without them. Both were avid administrative workers and really kept the sport alive always. A great loss when these two retired.

Sid and Johnny Pipe, are currently hitting the high-spots for the Whipps Cross Comets. Sid has been Comets stalwart for a few years and his young and diminutive brother Johnny started a season or two back in the ranks of the juniors. Last year was his best ever, as it was for Sid too, and now they are racing as a pair for the Whipps Cross outfit, and look set for big things. Sid has now become an administrative worker too, being elected Chairman of the Essex Cycle Speedway Association for 1960.

Johnny and Alan Wells of The Gladiators, have plenty of time to make their mark. Johnny, recently demobbed, found it harder to get points last season than he had done with teams like Tudor Monarchs and Hawbush previous to his National Service, but improved as the season wore on.

His minute brother Alan, vociferous, and at times belligerent, showed that he had determination, if nothing else, and must improve. Will doubtless ride regularly in the Crusaders this year.

Johnny and Phillip Spence, are two juniors from the Hawbush Hammers club that have made their presence felt over the past two seasons, when they started from scratch along with several other youngsters at the same time. Unfortunately for the sport, and for Hawbush, they leave for America with their family, sometime near the middle of April, so their racing days are numbered. Johnny is the better of the two, gaining recognition in 1959 by finishing second to team mate Mick Green in the Essex Junior Individual Championship, 3rd to Mick Green and Brian Bull in the "Ron Bull Junior Trophy", and winning the 2nd Division Best Pairs Championship with Mick Green. A pity they must go, for here were two youngsters who could add new blood to the senior ranks in a year or two.

Ron and Norman Sutton were of the old and more spectacular school of riding, learned the sport the clean, healthy way, and always raced it that way. Ron, associated with Stapleford Stars, Fyfield Falcons and The Gladiators, of the tousled hair and his wheel lifting antics, was a first rate sportsman always and very well liked. Brother Norman, another wide-bar expert, who had a special tree for making handlebars a set shape, included among his customers Stan and Alan Stevens, Les Grant, Roy Milano and myself. Norman lined up with the Gladiators following the closure of Fyfield and spent two very successful seasons there, but last season did not ride as regularly as his team-mates would have liked. Little is known of his 1960 plans.

Stan and Alan Stevens were a most peculiar pair. Stan, of the meteoric start and fast determined racing, always witty, always cheerful, always game was a far cry from younger brother Alan, whose only reason he was not a similar success was due to lack of confidence in himself. Time after time, Alan, quiet, reserved, sometimes a little surly, would come out and win a race with stunning ease, only to flounder helplessly in the next heat. Whereas Stan has ridden for England, on television, and is now in motor speedway, and included Longbridge Leopards, The Penguins, The Gladiators, Walthamstow and East Ham Wolves among his clubs in his racing career, Alan went to The Gladiators following a month or so with Longbridge, and stayed there for a season and a half before retiring.

Ron and Brian Bull being myself and my brother. Most of you have already heard and seen enough of me, but I would like to mention my young brother Brian, who, still under 16, has the speed and determination to go far in the sport. Funnily, his highest ambition is just to win my Junior Trophy in 1960.

Well, I guess I may as well end here, but I know I must have left out several brothers in my article. How about you out there writing up their story, and lets see it published soon. Thats the best way to see their names in print, reminding us that our sport does have a history and a future.

RON BULL

ORDER THE APRIL ISSUE TODAY! DON'T MISS IT!

BARRIE BUTLER JOINS "GAZETTE"

The Editor is pleased to announce the addition to the staff of "CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE" of Barrie Butler, who will hold the position of official photographer for this magazine.

Mr. Butler was a member of last year's Witley Vampires cycle speedway club, and has represented Coventry three times, all last season.

He will be a member of Earlsdon Hammers club this year.

AYLESTONE BEING RE-FORMED

I have been asked to re-form Aylestone Aces for the coming season by several people, and I am glad to say that a circular has produced good results. At the time of writing, 10 riders have signed on, including Alan Cope, who is due out of the army in early April, Gus Cousens, Frank Farmer, Maurice Wheatley and Ray Woolnough.

All are previous wearers of the red & yellow.

ROY WRIGHT.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 48½ Bouttell 13, O'Grady 12, Dunlop 9.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 47½ Shapley 12, B. Saunders 11, P. Saunders 7½.

NEWS FROM MIDDLESEX CLUBS

Weston Stars are likely to be fielding Derek Pearce, Reg and Ginny Squires, Len Kitching and Glyn Brimson amongst others signed from Tolworth.

Wembley All Stars have had a water supply laid on to their track at the Welsh Harp.

Wembley Hawks are likely to be without Freddy Bouttell for most matches, as he has been advised not to ride following an X-Ray on his injured back.

Harefield expect to entice a few of their former riders back by the time the season commences. These could be Harper, Malcolm Richards and Dave Willis.

Wally Bracey has given Bushey the go-ahead signal that he is now available.

Wembley All Stars recently rode the Hawks and coasted to a comfortable win. The All Stars followed this with a match against South London Rangers. This time the Rangers coasted to a comfortable win. The exact score in these matches is not to hand.

A taste of things to come was seen in a challenge match at Wembley between the Hawks and Bushey. With the lead changing throughout, Kangaroos went into the nominated with a 3 point lead but Bouttell and O'Grady secured a 5-1 for Hawks and the match. Barry Shapley scored a dozen in his first match for the Kangaroos.

BOB SAUNDERS.



LINDALE BEST PAIRS

FRANK ROWNTREE (9) & MIKE COCKROFT (9)	= 18	It was easy to see that this match was the first of the season with riders dropping out after two laps from cramp and exhaustion.
CLIVE BROOKE (15) & CAM ORMONDROYD (1)	= 16	
DAVE BATES (11) & MALC.DUNNILL (5)	= 16	
JOHN SUTCLIFFE (8) & TONY HUNT (7)	= 15	
DENNIS RAMSDEN (9) & JACK SHAW (4)	= 13	
PETE BATES (8) & PETE JOHNSON (4)	= 12	

Although Clive Brooke scored a faultless maximum, the stars of the meeting were two junior riders, Frank Rowntree and Pete Bates. Both these riders scored more points than regular team members, and they should make the competition for team places much keener.

Malc.Dunnill, who last month announced his retirement, was asked to ride again to make up the number and performed very well as this was his first match since the middle of last season.

Clive Brooke showed the form which last year took him to the Yorkshire Championship and he was extremely unlucky in receiving practically no support from the luckless Cam Ormondroyd. Dennis Ramsden too showed a glimpse of his end-of-last-season-form, and was worth more than his nine points. Amongst the unlucky riders were Pete Johnson with three falls whilst well placed, and Tony Hunt with two exclusions on the starting grid. Although scoring 11 points, Dave Bates was not on top form, but it usually takes him about three matches to get "warmed up". John Sutcliffe too has yet to show his true form, although he did put in some hard riding early in the meeting.

MIKE COCKROFT

1960 CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

HOW ENGLISH RIDERS
REACH FINAL

OFFICIAL

Entries for the World Championship are in the region of 200, drawn from approximately 70 clubs in 16 counties - a very gratifying figure indeed.

They will be competing for 10 places in the final at Garratt Park on 6th. August, but there is a long rugged road to travel to get there. The first rounds begin on 3rd. April and each rider has been informed of the zone in which he will be competing and of his position in the programme.

From there, successful riders will go on to the Second Rounds on 24th. April, of which there are six, zoned geographically as follows :-

Manchester/Yorkshire area	- 1
Birmingham/Midlands area	- 1
Oxford/Berkshire area	- 1
South Coast area	- 1
London area	- 2

Third rounds, of which there will be four, have also been arranged on a similar basis and the operative date for them is 15th. May.

Manchester/Yorkshire area	- 1
South Midlands area	- 1
South Coast/London area	- 2

Semi-Finals will be at Hungerford and Carrs Wood on 19th. June.

AT ALL STAGES OF THE COMPETITION RIDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY OF THEIR NEXT ENGAGEMENT, and staging clubs will receive full information of what shall be required of them, in addition to

copies of the Official W.C.S.C. Programme for the event.

In all of the foregoing events a reserve date has been agreed in case, and only in case, weather conditions should make riding impossible on the original date. This is the following Saturday - that is to say, First Round reserve date April 9th., Second Round reserve date May 21st., and so on.

Further and more detailed information will be published as soon as available.

J. McPATE

World Cycle Speedway Championship
Committee Press Officer.

AUSSIE'S TOUR

The Australian Touring Party will be 12 strong, and will arrive at Southampton on July 16.

Their tour will extend to September 30th., and clubs who wish to race against this team should be prepared to accomodate them as they will be here as the result of public subscription with the help of Peter Craven, and this only covers their fare to England.

Although Mr. Bennett has left the sport at the time of writing, interested clubs are still advised to write to him.

DUTCH RIDERS FOR WORLD FINAL NAMED

The Dutch Association has informed us that the two riders who will fill the two places in the World Championship Final allocated to Holland are

DONALD REICHE 17 years old, and 13th. in the last World Championship Final

KEES KOUDIJS 19 years old, and 6th. in the last World Championship.

AUSTRALIAN RIDERS FOR ENGLAND DOWN TO LAST

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The 12 top scorers of the "TRIP TO ENGLAND" elimination heats are as below, though not in order.

P. GREEN (O.Y.S.) : R. LUMSDEN (O.Y.S.) : J. VIETCH (S.S.K.) :
G. HARRIS (S.S.K.) : R. JENKE (S.S.K.) : M. HARLEY (F.S.K.) :
D. BAILEY (F.S.K.) : W. LIND (C.C.S.) : L. THOMPSON (C.C.S.) :
A. YANDELL (C.C.S.) : B. HOSKINGS (C.C.S.) : R. QUIGLEY (C.C.S.).

From these twelve the final six will be chosen by a panel of judges on their merits as good ambassadors. Judges will be :-

The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr. Kym Bonython (Patron of the Association), The South Australia Police Commissioner, and three Adelaide business men.

RON FERGUSON.

HORSPATH HAMMERS

A.G.M.

A large number of riders and supporters attended the meeting, and the following officers were elected. Mr. K.D. Thompson accepted the Presidency, Chairman Mr. S.E. Denmark, Hon. Treasurer Mr. E.R. Butler, Hon. Secretary Mr. P. Denmark, Sub-Committee Messrs W. Grant M. Cull, M. Lewis, M. Honey, W. Binks.

The chairman stated the fine record of the club over the past season played 33, won 23, drawn 2, lost 8, only 12 matches being at home. The club collected the league championship with played 16 won 16. The team also put up a good performance in the Battle of Britain Trophy at Cowley, with only 5 riders the team held the Eagles to 49-46 going down in the final heat when the Eagles forced the Hammers to a 3-3.

The club has affiliated to both NACSA and the BCSF for the 1960 season. Any club requiring fixtures please write to Mr. P. Denmark, 5. Shalower View, Littleworth, Nr. Wheatley, Oxford.

NO MID-WEEK RACING IN LEICESTER ?

The most alarming developement of recent years has been the suggestion that a change be made to week-end riding. One club wishes to ride their home fixtures on Sunday afternoons because, I quote, "we can draw a bigger crowd on Sundays". Another club has suggested that all matches should be confined to week-ends. However so many riders are not available at weekends that there is a serious risk that organised competitions would cease.

The last club to ride on Saturdays had to give this up as it was very rare for any visitors to turn up with a full team, 4 or 5 men was usual, but by the time they changed to mid-week, the support had completely gone and never returned. As recently as last October, a league match had to be ridden at the week-end as this provided the only possible daylight and both teams turned out with a line-up that was hardly recognisable. Eight of the expected 16 riders were absent, mostly for no other reason than that it was a week-end.

However, I am convinced that the County will not commit hara-kiri. Even in the ranks of the two clubs concerned there are riders opposed to the change. (One told me that he would retire at once if the week-end rule was introduced.) At the last board meeting too, all 3 members present were in favour of mid-week evening matches.

So it seems probable that the danger will be averted. If not, however, two teams will have to ride friendlies only, in mid-week, and not enter the league at all.

ROY WRIGHT

EARLY START IN DORSET

Activities in Dorset during the past few weeks have been few and far between. No racing has taken place since the end of October, but at long last track repairs are taking place at the Tatnam track. The shape of the track is being trimmed up and a general tidying up process is taking place. The track is also being re-surfaced with brick dust from a local brickworks. This should stop the moans about a hard bumpy track at Tatnam.

With a view to next season the future looks bright for the Tatnam Club. We hope to field the same team as for the last two seasons with one change. Mike Holms has at his own request transferred to the Tudors side leaving a vacancy in the Tigers line-up, which will be filled by David Cox, Dorset Junior Champion 1959.

The new season is being started early this year here in Dorset to give riders plenty of practice for the World Championships. February 14th the date planned to start the season with the Annual match between Tatnam Tigers and Tudors. The teams:

TIGERS, Tarr, Lilly, Watkins, Nippard, Bright, Cox, Nicholson, Barnes.
TUDORS, Holmes, Wale, Frampton, Woodrow, Phillips (T.&D.), John Tarr, Barry and Alan Cherret, Hardy.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

PETER FRASER PUTS HIS CASE

The result of East Ham Wolves appeal is no doubt reported elsewhere in this magazine. The Editor has kindly agreed to let me give the facts relating to my own offence. The team's point of view will be reported either in this issue or at a later date by Ron Gibbons.

I have been banned, in my presence this time, from entering the 1960 NACSA Sponsored competitions. This all arose from an incident in my third race of the 1959 Individual Championship at Hungerford.

The Hungerford track is so laid out that the rider in the outside berth doesn't normally stand a chance of finishing in the first two unless he gets a good start. I was in this position, and I got a good start. To benefit from this I must to a certain extent cut across. I did this without touching any of my opponents so broke no rules. To my surprise, the steward, Mr. Watts, disqualified me. I was shocked, and, I might add, bitterly disappointed.

I maintain that my actions arising from this exclusion were those of any rider, robbed of NACSA's highest honour, and his ambition, by this undoubtedly unjust exclusion.

(EDITORS NOTE : The words in quotes in this article are those used by the NACSA Chairman at the appeal meeting.)

The ban imposed on me is "solely" for insulting the steward. I insulted this man by removing his headgear and throwing it skywards. Mr. Watts at first thought this humorous, but when others seized the cap and began to kick it around the track, he no doubt thought otherwise.

(Were you at the Finals ? Do you remember that cap ? Oh so clean and white - not a stain!)

My wife finally retrieved the cap from some maniac intent on firing it and returned it to "my friend" Mr. Watts. I would point out that no official complaint was received from "my friend".

At a recent football match a player struck the referee, for which the penalty was 14 days suspension. Comparing my trivial offence and the sentence imposed, what would have been the verdict had I struck "my friend" ? Don't tell me !

Seriously, the job of steward is not an easy or thankful task and I don't envy them, but there was no excuse for this exclusion on any grounds whatsoever.

Some stewards are good, some are bad, some indifferent, but in future "friend", please stick to challenge matches.

PETE FRASER.

HORSPATH HAMMERS AVERAGES 1959

	M.	AV.
M.Honey	20	11.05
M.Grant	33	10.96
E.Butler	24	10.28
J.Lillis	23	8.87
M.Lewis	25	8.16
P.Denmark	31	7.30
M.Cull	27	6.10

DUTCH A.G.M.

The 11th. Dutch A.G.M. held on 10th. February resulted in the following decisions :-
Accepted - New set of floodlights 8 masts with 300 W lamps, total 2400W, 180 yards of cable, all done by experts at a cost of £250.

It was decided to hold competitions with 3 teams of 8 riders in each.

Official dates were decided for the Championship of Holland, Hilversum Time races (stopwatch), Test Matches, Tournaments and Demonstrations, Internationals and Individuals. Altogether 64 matches.

A committee was elected to organise the celebration of 12½ years of the sport in Holland in February 1961.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President : H. De Ronde
Secretary : M.B.Cayaux
Treasurer : L.Klomp
H.Koot, K.Koudijs, D.Reiche.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK OPENS

A grand opening of the South Adelaide track in Australia is planned for March 19th.

It is hoped to hold a lightning Test Match between 3 riders from each club.

RON FERGUSON.

RESIGNATION OF MR BENNETT

STOP PRESS

LATEST NEWS

AT THE END OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM JUST BEFORE THIS ISSUE WAS PRINTED, Mr.BENNETT ASKED ME TO PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING :

"Owing to pressure from outside sources, I am withdrawing my resignation for the time being."

ALTHOUGH MORE WAS SAID ON THE SUBJECT PRIOR TO THIS, THE ABOVE IS ALL Mr.BENNETT WISHED ME TO QUOTE.

John Leith.

MIDDLESEX

It appears that this league will be halved for 1960. Whipps Cross will not be competing due to transport problems. East Ham Wolves are not sure of raising a full team regularly, both Tolworth teams have disbanded and Tottenham have joined the British League. This leaves Harefield Pirates, Harefield Lions, Bushey Kangaroos, Wembley All Stars, Wembley Hawks and Weston Stars. In all a neat 6 team league with very little travelling and team strengths more equal than for many seasons. I must stress though that the line-up is by no means finalised yet.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairman : M.O'Grady. Treasurer & Minutes Secretary : D.Pearce.
General Secretary : W.Gadsby.
Recorder & Press Officer : R. Saunders.

R. SAUNDERS.