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QUALIFYING ROUNDS ARE A SUCCESS

The first few weeks of the 1960 season have been dominated by the Qualifying Rounds of the World Championship, and by the end of next month we shall be well on the way of finding out who the finalists will be.

The thing that stands out so clearly is the splendid organisation of these Qualifying Rounds. The World Championship Committee really got going in March, and certainly dispelled any doubts anyone might have had as to whether they would ever get started at all !

From the correspondence that has been received by the "GAZETTE" from various members of the Committee, everyone seems to be getting on with their different jobs, and everything follows on, dropping into place just at the right time.

The staging clubs too are giving of their best, and the co-operation requested by the organisers has certainly been given.

We can remember this stage of the event as a success.

THE EDITOR.

BRITISH LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

These points include bonus points.

<u>RIDER</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>RACES</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Baker	Ran	13	39
Webb	Ran	13	38
Chivers	Ran	13	37
Blackwell	Hun	15	36
Baker	Bec	15	35
Daniel	Ran	13	32
Spaulding	Bec	14	32
Mills	Hun	13	30
Raynor	Thu	14	29
Goodrum	Bec	14	29
Reading	Tot	14	27
Westwood	Edm	10	26
Milton	Hun	14	25
Wood	Thu	13	24
Hill	Tot	14	24
Butcher	Hun	12	23
Wills	Edm	8	21
Jeffery	Edm	10	21
Smith	Bec	13	20
Bowden	Edm	8	19
Parsons	Ran	8	18
Whittaker	Ran	11	18
Adams	Hun	12	18
Watkins	Ran	12	18
Hudson	Thu	13	17
Chapman	Bec	12	16
Hall	Edm	6	15
Dunn	Tot	12	15
Busby	Thu	12	15
Smith P.	Hel	5	13
Foy	Ran	7	13
Hone	Hun	12	13

"SOME HERO, THE HEAD"

A SHORT STORY - - - - - by "ARGUS"

Johnny Morgan hit the first bend slightly in the lead, but a hasty glance to his right assured him that Pete Mathews and Roy Jones of the Meteors were right on his tail.

He righted his bike a little too hasty for safety and got away up the back straight with a little to spare. Before he scurried into the pits bend another glance showed no sign of his temporary partner, young Del Thomas.

Morgan allowed himself a self-satisfying little sneer. He'd said to Mr. Leeman, the Racers manager, that Del Thomas wasn't good enough to ride with him, Johnny Morgan, against the Meteors, in the semi-final. Del Thomas was only a junior, and Johnny Morgan had always made it clear what his opinion of juniors ran to.

Half way through the second lap, Pete Mathews rammed hard up the inside of Morgans machine, but Johnny contemptuously held his bike firm and retained the lead. He thought of what he'd have to say when this race was over, when he'd got his customary maximum, and Del Thomas had ended up without a point from three rides as reserve. He'd put his foot down again about him, Johnny Morgan, top team scorer for the last three seasons, and heading that way again, having to ride with a junior!

Temporarily he forgot Thomas; Roy Jones was having a go now, trying to ride round Johnny Morgan, and on his own track too; what a hope! But Morgan, caught napping, was passed by Jones, and before he could hit back to regain the lead, Pete Mathews, and above all, young Thomas, were both through and Johnny Morgan was last!

"Get out of the way", yelled the irate Morgan, to Thomas who was weaving like mad behind the two visiting Meteors. Thomas duly obeyed by drifting to the outside of the sweeping track as they entered the bend to start the last lap of the last but one race of this Cup semi-final. Racers held a 2 point lead at this stage, and a 5-1 here could put Meteors 2 up with only the last heat to go, a favourable position to be in, but it was not this that Johnny Morgan was thinking of; Johnny 'The Head' Morgan was thinking of the disgrace of being taken from behind by all three riders on his own track.

Therefore he went into the bend just a little too close, and just a little too fast for safety or chance. He headed his machine into the rear wheel of Roy Jones sliding bike and a screech of metal heralded his approach to the Meteor riders. Jones leaned inwards to counteract the sudden bursting weight and Morgan went over the top!

Del Thomas, reluctantly at the back and out wide, saw his chance as Morgan was on the way down. Jones and Mathews were both looking back, both wearing grins a mile wide, thinking..."We've got this match sewed up"... when young Del Thomas slung his bike inside the falling Morgan and slammed all his weight into the drive up the inside of the back straight.

Driving into the last bend he'd passed Jones and was just inside Mathews, a little to the rear. The crowd roared their delight as the

little junior stayed as though glued to the line, his lungs bursting putting all his effort into every action. Mathews cursed under his breath for under estimating a junior and swivelled his machine to cover the inside. Too much effort and his machine spun and he went into the straight on his back with the cinders flying and dust crawling into his throat.

With Del Thomas taking the first place in this race, Racers gained three valuable points that managed to win them the match and a place in the Final.

But Del Thomas wasn't worried half as much about winning as he was about Johnny Morgan falling. The junior had scurried hastily down to the bottom bend where Morgan was dis gruntedly picking himself up and brushing his clothes down.

"You O.K. Johnny?" was his anxious query.

"Of course" from Morgan, although his knee was giving him heck and his maximum was gone forever.

"Oh good", sighed Del, "you had me worried, for we could never have done without you", and he picked up Morgan's bike and trundled it back to the pits with a cockeyed grin distorting his boyish face. Johnny Morgan was his hero, always had been, and now he'd got into the team with him, and he'd managed to get Johnny's win for him when he'd had bad luck. What a smashing day.

Johnny Morgan, knowing full well of "The Head" nick-name grinned a little ruefully at himself. Now what was it he'd got to see Mr. Leeman about? Oh yes, make sure I ride with Del Thomas next match! Some-one has to teach the juniors!!



Veteran, DIXIE DEAN.

ARGUS

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WILTSHIRE

The Wiltshire Junior League will again be run between Cleverton Hornets, Swindon Eagles and Wroughton Racers, these matches to be ridden on the same dates as the senior fixtures.

Junior teams will consist of three riders.

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Swindon Eagles were the first team from Wiltshire to start travelling when they went to Poole to meet the Tatnam Tigers and Tudors.

Swindon lost both matches.

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The Hornets track is now ready for racing, most of the riders competed in practice.

"MOONRAKER"

BRITISH LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Sth.Lon.Rangers	3	3	0	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	0	4
Sth.Lon.Hunters	3	2	0	1	4
Beckenham	3	1	1	1	3
Thurrock	3	0	1	2	1
Hellingly	1	0	0	1	0
Tottenham	3	0	0	3	0

RESERVE LEAGUE

Sth.Lon.Hun.	3	3	0	0	6
Sth.Lon.Ran.	2	2	0	0	4
Edmonton	2	1	0	1	2
Thurrock	2	1	0	1	2
Tottenham	3	1	0	2	2
Hellingly	1	0	0	1	0
Beckenham	3	0	0	3	0



KEN WORLOCK.

Ken is not heard of these days, the last we heard was when he was totting up the points for Hungerford in 1958.

**WEMBLEY ALL STARS HAVE
DISBANDED THROUGH LACK OF
RIDERS. (Late flash from
— Bob Saunders.)**

BRITISH LEAGUE RESULTS

Rangers 68 Thurrock 28

Tottenham 47 Beckenham 49

Hunters 39 Edmonton 56

Tottenham 31 Edmonton 65

Thurrock 36 Rangers 60

Beckenham 43 Hunters 53

COVENTRY STARTS

Well, the season has soon come round again, glad to say, and with the possibility of 10 teams in the League things look bright for Coventry this year. Teams that have entered for the Spring Cup are: Earlsdon Hammers, "Random Bees, Hearsall Hounds, Coventry Eagles, Copsewood Vampires, Stoke Aces and Stoneleigh Stags. I think both Earlsdon and Copsewood will go through into the Final, with Earlsdon taking the Cup.

When League racing starts I hope to introduce a "top 20" list of the riders in Coventry.

Apart from racing for Earlsdon I hope to be travelling around the country, taking pictures for the "Cavette" and possibly getting a few rides myself. However, I will know more when the Coventry fixture list is issued.

Barrie Butler.

LEICESTER: MID-WEEK RACING STAYS

A special meeting, held in March to settle several important matters, ended with no change. Our secretary John Greaves, who has retired, was persuaded to carry on until the end of the season; Jeff Pickering, who should have lost his place on the board after failing to turn up for any meetings was granted another chance and the question of week-end fixtures was not even discussed, after second thoughts it has been quietly dropped.

John Cross has informed me that he intends to help Anstey Eagles going and a formal entry to the league, making 5 teams, is awaited.

The question of a junior league has been shelved until more is known about the number of juniors the various clubs can field.

ROY WRIGHT

SHALDON START EASTER MONDAY

Easter Monday again sees the Shaldon Kestrels away to a flying start for the 1960 season. This is the seventh year of Cycle Speedway at Shaldon. Riders will be competing for The Easter Trophy. So far six of last seasons riders have reported, the junior line-up looks good and everything seems set for a good seasons racing. A weekly fixture is arranged by the Kestrels manager. No news regarding the Plymouth Club has yet been received. Most of the meetings at Shaldon will be Individual Riders events, Cups will be presented. Tottenham Kangaroos hope to ride at Shaldon on August Bank Holiday. Also it is hoped for a visit from Wembley All Stars on Whit Monday.

RON VAULTER.



THE 1956 KINGSTANDING MONARCHS

A TEAM OF THE PAST

This a team of riders who will never be seen together again.
WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONS, NATIONAL TROPHY RUNNERS-UP 1956.

Back Row Left - Right. Ian Pattinson, Alan Harrison, Mr.A.E.Gregory (Manager), Tony Rake, Vic Halliwell.

Front Row. Johnny Ward (Capt.) Peter Quick, Willy Evans, Pete Blackwell,

Kingstanding Monarchs are now running this year, consisting mainly of Juniors and Novices. At one time in the last few months, it was rumoured that the club would have to close, but fortunately the name of the Monarchs will still be seen, and heard, in Birmingham.

MATCHES WANTED

EAST HAM STARS, Senior and Junior would like to race any teams touring the area this season. Please contact: Mr. V.Duffy, 19 Exning Road, Canning Town, London E.16.

WILTSHIRE require Test Matches. Any county interested please contact Mr.R.H.Jackson, Manor Farm Cottages, Cleverton, Chippenham, Wilts.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS

Raynes Park Tigers are facing 1960 with complete confidence. They have a team that when it binds, should prove as strong as the best. Several new signings have been made during the winter months, ex-Tolworth rider Peter Page who in 1958 topped the Middlesex League averages has now joined the Tigers along with Len Kitching and Bill Biggs, while from their disbanded second team the Stars, Len Baker should prove a valuable asset. To back up the new signings Tigers have the old gang of Dave Chivers, still riding brilliantly and a strong contender for the World Championship this year. Fred Bedford, a very good club man, always reliable, Ted Cracknell, giving just that little bit more experience, will be a top class rider. Pete Rides still not yet at his peak, but will not be far off this season and Skipper Wally Deighton, who is still one of the sports top riders, although now not so fast as he was. Finally mention must be made of one of the sports finest club-men Fred Lawrence, who fully intends to ride in 1960 and will undoubtedly still show the younger riders the quickest way round the tracks.

That then is a brief survey of the clubs riding strength. For their racing plans this season the Tigers will, apart from the World Championship, be competing in the NACSA Team and Individual Championships, the BCSF Gold Cup and Britannia Shield Competitions and having a change of League this year will be competing in the Middlesex League.

Visits are also planned for Southend at Easter when they oppose Estuary Eagles, Dorset on Whit Monday against Hants and Dorset League Champions Tatnam Tigers, Oxford on March 27th against Cowley Eagles and the match all Raynes Park riders and supporters will be looking forward to, against the Australian Touring team at the Tigers Morden Park home. The date for this match has still to be arranged. So all in all

it looks like a busy season for the Tigers. Finally, here is the clubs Committee elected for 1960: President - Reg Trott, Manager - Mr. J. Braden, Ass. Man. - Mr. R. Renwick; Sec. - Mr. A. Jones; Treas - Mr. F. Lawrence, Riders Representative on Committee - Mr. W. Deighton.

Tigers representatives in the World Championship will be Len Baker and Peter Rides who will be at Well St, Hocking, home of East Ham Wolves in the first Round, Peter Page who is drawn at Beckenham and Dave Chivers who as B.C.S.F. Britannia Shield Champion is seeded through to the semi-finals at Hungerford.

TONY JONES.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS JUN.40: Pipe 8, Collins 12, Curry 8, Gibbons 12.
LAKESIDE ROCKETS 8: McGinley 4, R. Pipe, Huggings 2.

In the first league match of the season at Temple Mills Lane on Sunday, the Comets Junior 'A' team swamped the visitors from Lakeside, taking every heat by maximum points, all Comets riders were unbeaten. In the second league match that followed Whipps X Juniors 'B' beat Lakeside 'B' 37-11 with only T. Jones of Comets losing to the opposition.

J. BROWN

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTHERN PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Mel. Vickers (Lupset & Yorkshire)	13	
Derek Garnett (Wilmslow & Cheshire)	12	
Dave Johnston (Lupset & Yorkshire)	11	
Dave Bates (Lindale & Yorkshire)	11	
Pete Johnson (Lindale & Yorkshire)	9	
Dennis Ramsden (Lindale & Yorkshire)	8	
Dennis McGee (Carrs Wood & Cheshire)	8	
Pete Lomas (Wilmslow & Cheshire)	7	Steward was
Malc. Dunhill (Lindale & Yorkshire)	6	Nobby Collier.
Pete Bates (Lindale & Yorkshire)	6	
Charlie Nanfan (Carrs Wood)	6	Regent and Robinson
R. Begent (Carrs Wood & Cheshire)	5	qualified after a
Dave Robinson (Carrs Wood & Ches.)	5	run-off with Groome.
P. Groome (Wilmslow & Cheshire)	5	
John Darling (Longsight & Lancs.)	4	

Mel. Vickers, the popular Lupset skipper gave yet another exhibition of Cycle Speedway at its best to head the qualifiers for the first round proper. Twice, Vickers went from last to first in two laps and made it look easy. However, he had to admit defeat to Derek Garnett and Pete Johnson.

All the Yorkshire riders, seven of them, qualified for the next round, and outstanding among them were Dave Johnston and Dave Bates.

Malc. Dunhill and Pete Bates arrived at the track to find that three of the riders had failed to turn up, and they were told that if they paid 2/6 entrance fee they could ride in place of the missing riders. Both Malc. and Pete qualified.

Malc. took part in the most exciting race of the afternoon when he led from the gate in heat 16 and repeatedly held off challenges from Robinson, Nanfan and Darling to win by half a length.

Before the meeting, Mr. Holmes the Lupset team manager, complained about the "state" of the track. However, we had no complaints from the riders. After the poor racing which was seen at Lupset last year, we at Lindale think that Mr. Holmes has no grounds for complaint.

MIKE COCKROFT.

CHANGE OF HAREFIELD SECRETARY.

Geoff. Pearce has taken over as general secretary of Harefield Pirates. His address is :- 1, Mead Avenue, Langley, Bucks. Bill Punter will continue as fixture sec. 48, Manningtree Rd. Ruislip.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

OPENSHAW

R. Holmes	Lupset	14
C. Nanfan	Carrs Wood	14
D. Bates	Lindale	12
M. Vickers	Lupset	12
J. Bartholomew	Gorton	11
D. McGee	Carrs Wood	10
T. Hunt	Lindale	9
J. Mills	Carrs Wood	8
M. Cockroft	Lindale	7
M. Dunhill	Lindale	6
R. Lock	Longsight P.	6
M. Wansborough	Longsight L.	5
P. Bates	Lindale	3

First nine riders qualified.

ELMDON (First match)

B. Geater	Hungerford	15
T. Clark	Bucklebury	13
B. Dawes	Baskerville	12
G. Mullett	Littlemore	11
M. Watts	Bucklebury	10
K. Rowlands	Cowley	10
T. Naylor	Bucklebury	9
M. Cooper	Bucklebury	8
J. Cross	Anstey	8
P. North	Hungerford	5
P. Braybrooke	Bucklebury	5
P. Holt	Burford	4
R. Smith	Hungerford	4
R. Holt	Burford	4
R. Constable	Burford	2
J. Wright	Hungerford	0

First nine riders qualified.

We wish to thank all responsible for the co-operation we have received in the publication of these results.

LONGSIGHT LIONS

V. Hinchcliffe	Wilmslow	14
D. Johnston	Lupset	13
C. Brooke	Lindale	12
D. Garnett	Wilmslow	12
P. Johnson	Lindale	10
P. Lomas	Wilmslow	9
G. Shaw	Longsight P.	9
C. Sutcliffe	Lindale	9
N. Bedford	Lupset	8
D. Ramsden	Lindale	7
R. Begent	Carrs Wood	6
G. Jolly	Longsight P.	4
B. Worthington	Wilmslow	3
D. Robinson	Carrs Wood	2
D. Blinston	Longsight P.	1

First nine riders qualified.

ELMDON (Second Match)

D. Roden	Hagley	14
H. Glover	Blackbird	12
N. Thompson	Elmdon	11
G. Langston	Walsall	11
R. Lewis	Earlsdon	10
T. Arnold	Hagley	10
M. Morrall	Elmdon	10
B. Butler	Earlsdon	8
R. Shirley	Hagley	8
K. Davenport	Hagley	7
C. Deacon	Elmdon	5

First eight riders listed qualified.

B. Butler has since received a letter of congratulation from the organisers complimenting him on his turnout of dress and machine.

M. Tromans, who did not turn up and has offered no reason will, under the rules of the competition, be suspended for 28 days.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SECOND ROUND

ALL COMPETITORS LISTED IN RIDING ORDER.

LUPSET Steward N. Collier.

M. Vickers	Lupset
C. Nanfan	Carrs Wood
T. Hunt	Lindale
E. Shaw	Longsight
P. Lomas	Wilmslow
C. Brooke	Lindale
V. Hinchcliffe	Wilmslow
C. Sutcliffe	Lindale
J. Bartholomew	Gorton
D. McGee	Carrs Wood
D. Bates	Lindale
R. Holmes	Lupset
M. Cockroft	Lindale
D. Garnett	Wilmslow
N. Bedford	Lupset
D. Johnston	Lupset

BASKERVILLE Steward -
A. Mansbridge.

P. Page	Raynes Park
M. Cooper	Bucklebury
P. Saunders	Bushey
K. Bristow	Wembley
F. Boutell	Wembley
L. Baker	Raynes Park
D. Dean	Wembley
P. Rides	Raynes Park
R. Squires	Tolworth
T. Clarke	Bucklebury
J. Naylor	Bucklebury
E. Hirley	Tolworth
B. Shapley	Bushey
R. Fraser	Wembley
P. Murden	Tolworth
W. Punter	Harefield

SPENCER PARK Coventry
Steward - H. Smith.

R. Lewis	Earlsdon
B. Dawes	Baskerville
G. Mullett	Littlemore
J. Mills	Carrs Wood
N. Thompson	Elmdon
G. Langston	Walsall
P. Johnson	Lindale
B. Butler	Earlsdon
M. Watts	Bucklebury
K. Rowlands	Littlemore
B. Geater	Hungerford
D. Roden	Hagley
J. Cross	Belgrave
M. Morrall	Elmdon
T. Arnold	Hagley
H. Glover	Blackbird

WORTHING Steward -
J. Richardson.

A. Bright	Tatnam
R. Yates	Southampton
J. Mills	Southampton
G. Smith	Beckenham
N. Goodrum	Beckenham
M. Pretty	Bournemouth
R. Baker	Beckenham
K. Pitfield	Bournemouth
N. Griffiths	Southampton
R. Smith	Hellingley
D. Tarr	Tatnam
P. Barnes	Tatnam
G. Hollebon	Hellingley
G. Chapman	Beckenham
M. Cox	Tatnam
B. Frampton	Tatnam

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CONTESTANTS

SUNDAY
APRIL 24th.

MORDEN PARK Steward - P. Taylor

K. Parsons	South London
M. Casper	Southern N.
K. Taylor	Whipps Cross
A. Jackson	Edmonton
C. Read	Edmonton
G. Dunn	Tottenham
T. Porter	Edmonton
M. Reading	Tottenham
T. Davis	Southern N.
B. Cable	Southern N.
D. Cattle	Southern N.
P. Blackwell	South London
S. Pipe	Whipps Cross
D. Wills	Edmonton
P. Milton	South London
R. Webb	South London

GARRATT PARK Steward - T. Watkins

A. Ford	Claydon
M. Jeffery	Edmonton
A. Raynor	Thurrock
D. Daniel	South London
R. Smith	South London
A. Wood	Thurrock
R. Chivers	South London
D. Lockwood	Claydon
L. Westwood	Edmonton
M. Parkin	Boundary
M. Cullingford	Boundary
C. Hiskey	Claydon
P. Hudson	Thurrock
R. Baker	South London
M. Barnyard	Claydon
G. Watkins	South London

ALL ROUNDS WITH EXCEPTION OF GARRATT PARK - TOP 11 QUALIFY.

GARRATT PARK - TOP 10 QUALIFY. TOTAL = 65 QUALIFIERS.

FIXTURES FOR MAY

WILTSHIRE

May 8	Cleverton Hornets v	Wroughton Racers
11	Wroughton Racers v	Brinkworth Pirates
18	Wroughton Racers v	Cleverton Hornets
20	Brinkworth Pirates v	Wroughton Racers
27	Swindon Eagles v	Cleverton Hornets

BIRMINGHAM

May 3	Walsall Meteors v	The Racers
4	The Racers v	B'ham Lions A
5	Junior Monarchs v	B'ham Lions B
10	Walsall Meteors v	Kingstanding Monarchs
10	Hagley Comets v	B'ham Lions B
12	B'ham Lions A v	Elmdon Bees
17	SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT KINGSTANDING	
18	B'ham Lions B v	Junior Monarchs
19	Elmdon Bees v	Walsall Meteors
24	Walsall Meteors v	B'ham Lions A
25	The Racers v	Kingstanding Monarchs
26	Elmdon Bees v	B'ham Lions A
31	Kingstanding Mon. v	Elmdon Bees
31	The Racers v	Walsall Meteors

NORTHERN RIDERS

After only just scraping through the northern preliminary round, bespectacled Charlie Nanfan of Carrs Wood Hunters rode like the proverbial "bomb" to head the qualifiers jointly with Roger Holmes at Openshaw on April 3rd.

Perhaps the surprise of the match was the fine form shown by John Bartholomew of Gorton Pirates. Unlike many riders, John races the whole four laps and doesn't admit defeat until the chequered flag has been passed.

Dave Bates and Mel Vickers raced their way into the next round in no uncertain manner, whilst Tony Hunt also qualified with some spirited riding.

The final breakdown of the eighteen Northern qualifiers, plus two reserves is - YORKSHIRE - ten, LANCASHIRE - five, CHESHIRE - three Reserves ; YORKSHIRE - two.

I was unable to see the Longsight round, but according to reports, Vic Hinchcliffe was in terrific form and was only beaten by Dave Johnston, the Yorkshire skipper.

Surprisingly, Nick Bedford, who was selected for England last year, only just managed to scrape home. Bedford wins the majority of his races from the grid, and recently he has been missing the gate.

On the other hand, the Lindale trio of Brooke, Sutcliffe and Johnston qualified with a bit to spare. Ramsden, the other Yorkshire representative qualified for the reserve berth in the next round.

MIKE COCKROFT.

NACSA STEWARDS

County Control Boards and League s, or any other persons wishing to register stewards with the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Assn. should send for application forms to the Tracks and Stewards chairman, Mr.J.Leith, 64, Tonbridge Road, Coventry.

NATIONAL TROPHY

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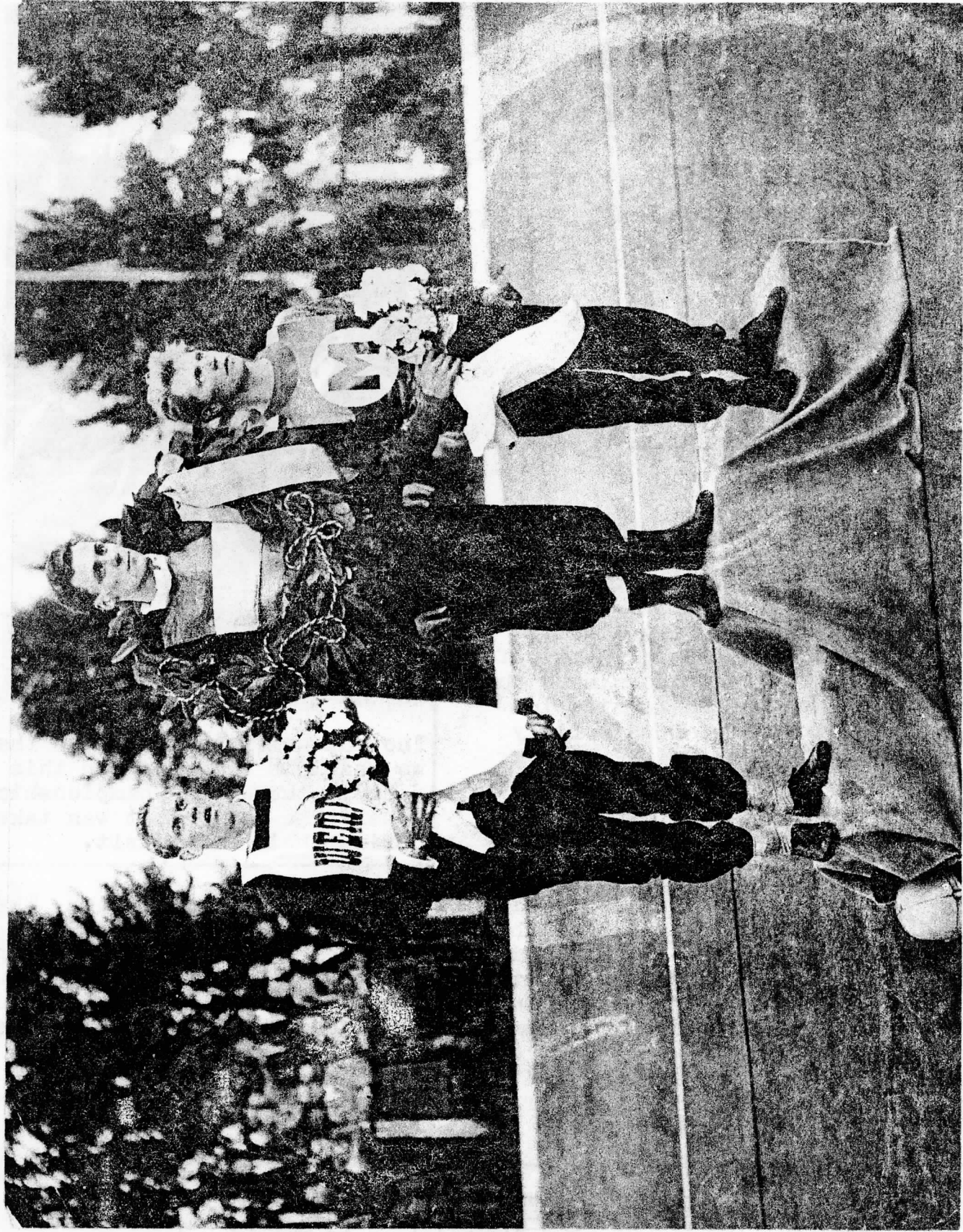
WELLING WINGS 40 Lucas 9, Hoit 8, Hogger 7.
EAST HAM STARS 56 Stitchman 14, Spalding 11, Duffy 8.

LEICESTER

LEICESTER ALL STARS v AYLESTONE ACES
BELGRAVE RED DEVILS v BLACKBIRD MONARCHS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The TOP THREE of the last event.



LEFT: DIXIE DEAN. RIGHT: PETE BLACKWELL. CENTRE: CHAMPION MARTIN VAN DE BRAKEL

TATNAM TIGERS 1959

BRIEF TEAM REVIEW

On the whole Tigers had a very good season winning the Hampshire League for the first time. The team was not so lucky in the N.T.C. matches and were heavily defeated by Whipps Cross Comets at Wallingford in Berkshire. Three riders made the journey to Hungerford to ride in the National Finals, Dennis Lilly gained fourth place in the Senior Individual, while Roger Nicholson and Dave Cox were 4th and 9th respectively in the Junior Individual.

David Tarr again topped the team league and challenge match averages

for the 2nd year in succession with an average of 10.6 per match. The N.T.C. averages were topped by the youngest member of the side Roger Nicholson a young reserve who gained an average of 8.5 per match. A good all round season for the team but next season should be even better.

The team travelled further in 1959 than ever before since they were formed in 1957. Visits to Coventry, Oxford, London and many other places were undertaken with a reasonable amount of success. The customary heavy defeat came when they visited Tolworth and were given a good thrashing by this strong team. Their biggest win was against Hungerford Panthers when they won by 78pts to 18pts at home.

"ACE"



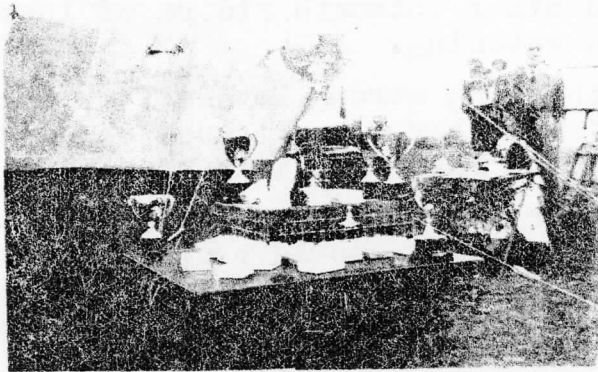
The unusual Dutch machines that we shall be seeing again this year in the World Championship Final. The above shot was taken during their last visit.

PLACE A FIRM ORDER TODAY!

FLASHBACK TO HUNGERFORD 5 YEARS AGO

The Hungerford Annual AUGUST FETE.

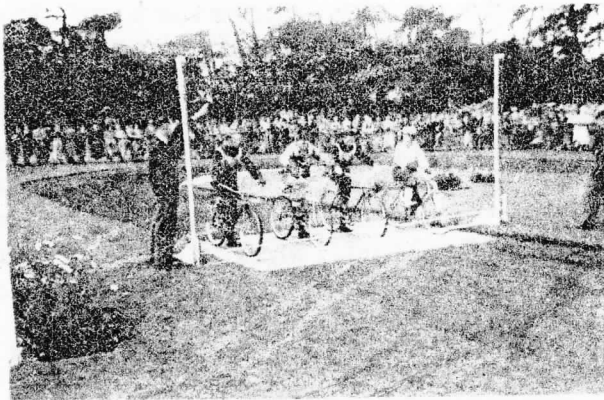
The organisers are now taking entries for the 1960 event.



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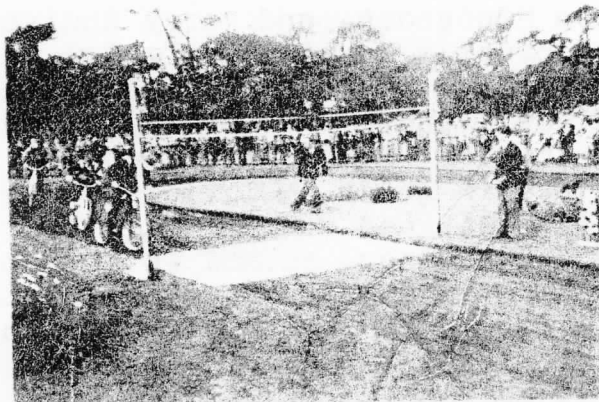
HUNGERFORD K.O.

The trophies at Hungerford in the 4 man team K.O. competition. Bristol carried off the big cup for the winning team and 4 silver and 1 bronze medals.



Hungerford K.O.

Left to right:-
Bri Elliott (Bristol)
Pete King (Swindon)
Ken Worlock (Bristol)
"Goog" Mercer (Swindon)



Hungerford August Monday.

Tony Usher (Bristol) leads Johnny McGill of Swindon and Colin Mustoe (Swindon).

RAYNES PARK
JOIN MIDDX.

WESTON - TOLWORTH
MERGER OFF

A last minute application to join the league has been received from former Southern Premier club, Raynes Park Tigers. Should they be accepted, and I see no reason why not, this will make a 7 team league. The Weston - Tolworth merger is now definitely off. Tudors have started up again under the managership of R. Wallis, and are said to have several of the 1956 National Championship team available in addition to Brimson, White and other Tolworth riders of last year. Their progress should be worth watching.

There seems little doubt that the strong Raynes Park line-up will take some stopping. Tigers have further strengthened their team over the winter months, by signing Pete Page from Tolworth.

Harefield are re-laying their track and have been hard at work for several Sundays. The Uxbridge track should prove a credit to the league by the time it has settled. The club are visiting Worthing over Easter. Pirates will miss high scoring Dave Hunting this year, who has returned to Suffolk. Back into the line-up though, come Bren Harper and Dave Willis. The club's biggest prospect, Steve Viner, has just bought himself a new Phillips and he should go better than ever this year.

Wembley Hawks have plenty of riders for the start of the season. Youngsters such as Maury Allday are back in action again after disappearing for the winter months.

The new Bushey Kangaroos line-up is proving a very workmanlike formation judging by recent successes. Kangaroos also have a complete second team, but technical difficulties stop them from entering the league. Back in the saddle is Baz 'Howdy' Cornell who spent much time in vain looking for a track in New Zealand, whilst in the Merchant Navy. Best Junior prospect, Bobby Rome, is making great progress as is proved by his maximum against "awbush Diamonds.

BOB SAUNDERS

LUPSET ACES 49 - CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 46.

With the retirements of Ken Handscombe and Harry Shulver, Lupset manager Mr. Holmes had quite a problem on his hands. However, if he keeps giving chances to John Johnston and Mel Priestley, the problem could be solved. Both riders showed that, with plenty of chances, they could both hold down team places. Star of the match was Roger Holmes who was beaten only by Dennis McGee. Mel Vickers also was in fine form. Dave Johnston put in some good team-riding efforts with Leicester rider Harry Glover. Nick Bedford seemed to be a bit below his normal standard, but doubtless he will be on form for the World Championship. For Carrs Wood, McGee and Moston were the top men but Nobby Collier who was making a welcome return to the side after a long absence, surprised some of the homesters with his skilful tactics.

MIKE COCKROFT.

THURROCK STARS

At our last AGM there were a few changes in officials. Alan Wood was elected Asst. Manager and Vice-Capt. Geoff Sharpe, who never quite made the grade as a rider, has gone all serious in taking the post of Asst. Sec. This is a move to keep a continuity should his services be required.

Len Busby, age 19, was elected captain, a most popular lad, and I feel a worthy skipper. He replaced Paddy Hunt who is gradually withdrawing from the sport. Paddy has told me that he is to be married next June.

Don Smith has retired. He was a founder member of the club.

We have joined the British League this year, and whilst as an Essex club we regret that we are severing with the Essex Board, we do so as we have informed them that in the past two years they have failed to CONTROL the sport with clubs that come under their jurisdiction. The times that we have brought this to the notice of the Board we are answered that we are a fortunate club. This we deny within the meaning that is intended, but we are fortunate in having members prepared to work hard to improve our facilities.

STAN LEEDS.

B.C.S.F. GOLD CUP DRAW

The Draw for the Second Round of the GOLD CUP is indicated below and all club secretaries should make a careful note of the following points connected with Second Round ties.

1. Immediately dates have been agreed for second round ties (and in any event not later than June 13, 1960) Home clubs shall advise the General Sec. at 72, Marsala Road, London SE 13, of such agreed dates and times. When every effort will be made to provide BCSF stewards subject to their availability.

2. For fixtures where BCSF stewards are not available, the Home club shall be responsible for appointing the required official.

GOLD CUP 2nd. Round. to be played on or before June 26.

THURROCK STARS or HAWBUSH
HAMMERS v COWLEY EAGLES,
EDMONTON MONARCHS or RAYNES
PARK TIGERS.
WEMBLEY HAWKS or HELLINGLY LIONS
v BUSHEY KANGAROOS or WORTHING
SPUTNIKS.
BECKENHAM MONARCHS or BRIGHTON
SCORCHERS v TATNAM TIGERS or
ESTUARY EAGLES.
SOUTH LONDON RANGERS or SOUTH
LONDON HUNTERS v TATNAM TUDORS
or TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS.

Revised copies of the BCSF
Rules and Regulations will soon
be sent to all member clubs.

VIC COWELL P.R.O.

COUNCILS & TRACKS

To my mind, one of the most frustrating aspects of Cycle Speedway today, is the ridiculous, futile attitude of a large percentage of our local councils, to the erection and maintenance of tracks in the respective boroughs.

Areas endowed with an abundance of parks and open spaces seem to be the worst offenders in this respect and I am at a total loss to find a reason for this "tight-fisted" attitude, other than that our sport is hardly an "old school tie" affair.

Many clubs do not realise how fortunate they are in having any co-operation whatsoever from their councils.

A typical example of the pathetic situations which exist, has occurred in my own club. Some four years ago we made application for a site which we thought convenient and were advised, virtually by return of post, that the area requested was soon to be used for an extensive building programme. We have now completed our fourth season on this site and the building plan previously referred to seems no nearer finalisation than when our original request was made.

So rally round you Press and P.R.O.'s and let's try to glean some little satisfaction from councils in general.

BERNIE MASON
(Wembley Hawks C.S.C.)

Re:- Gold Cup and Britannia Shield.

At a meeting of the B.C.S.F. Executive on March 29th, Cowley Eagles and Wembley Hawks were disqualified from the Gold Cup and Britannia Shield events by virtue of their non-compliance with the registration regulation.

The managements have been summoned to an Executive meeting on Tuesday 19th April, the purpose of which will be to determine the usefulness of a continuation of the association between the clubs and the B.C.S.F.

BCSF PRESS OFFICER.

SOUTHERN NOMADS v TATNAM

On Sunday March 6th Tatnam travelled to Garrett Park, London to ride against Southern Nomads. The track was in first class condition and really fast racing took place. I feel I must congratulate the clubs who look after this track, it is a superb piece of co-operation between clubs and Council. The Tigers lost their match against Nomads by 49-47. Stars for the visitors were captain David Tarr (12) and Roger Nicholson (11). This match was extremely close all through with the lead changing hands regularly. In the second match Tatnam were again thrashed 59-37, the home team being much the stronger.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

EDITORS NOTE: The above article was written by Roger while flat on his back in a hospital bed, after being badly injured in a road accident. I will take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in circulation again in the near future.

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CLASSIFIED RESULTS

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SWINDON EAGLES "A"37:Garlick 9, Hancock 8, Thomas, Morse 5, Morse, Thomas 2
TATNAM TUDORS 53:Holms 13, Hardy 9, Phillips 8, Cherret 7, Tarr,
Orchard 4, Barry Cherret 5, Wale 3.
TATNAM TIGERS 59 - SWINDON EAGLES 37; TATNAM TUDORS 53 - SWINDON 43.
TATNAM TIGERS 47:Tarr 12, Nicholson 11, Nippard 7, Carter, Barnes, Cox 4
SOUTHERN NOMADS 49:Cable, Archer 9.

MIDDLESEX

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 49:Shapley 12, Saunders 9, B.Gillett 8.
SOUTHERN NOMADS 47:D.Cattle 11, K.Archer 9.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 53:W.Bracey, P.Saunders 11, B.Shapley 9.
WEMBLEY HAWKS 43:B.Smith 10, P.O'Grady, F.Bouttell 9.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 62:B.Shapley 15, W.Bracey 10, B.Gillett 9.
HAWBUSH HAMMERS 34:J.Kochler 6, J.Newhams, A.Warren 5.
BECKENHAM MONARCHS 35:N.Goodrum 10, G.Chapman 6, L.Spaulding 5.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 61: B.Shapley 15, W.Bracey 10, P.Saunders 9.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 65:W.Bracey 10, P.Saunders 10, B.Gillett, C.Wise 9.
ESTUARY EAGLES 31:A.Hockley 10, R.French 6, P.Chilton 5.

KENT

EAST HAM STARS 50:Halloran 12, Walker 9.
RAYNES PARK TIGERS 45: Page 10.
RAYNES PARK TIGERS 50: Chivers 11, Rides 8.
EAST HAM STARS 44:Walker 10, Duffy 10.
EAST HAM STARS 57:Walker 15, Duffy 12, Stitchman 10
TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 50:Reading 13, White 9, Hill 8½.
KENT 38:Lucas 10, Hoit 8, Forest 7.
EAST HAM 49:Faulkner 15, Stitchman 13, Pike 6.
WELLING LIGHTNINGS 14:Bates 6, Mason 5.
EAST HAM JUNIORS 20:Street 7, Morgan 6.

Junior Results

EAST HAM 24:Faulkner 9. TOTTENHAM 29:Debear 7.
TOTTENHAM 23½:Syac 7½. EAST HAM 29½ :Spalding 7.
EAST HAM 30:Butler 9, Sarling, Spalding 7. RAYNES PARK 30:Lawrence 9,
Kitchen 7, Biggs 6.

YORKSHIRE

LUPSET ACES 49:Holmes 14, Vickers 10, D.Johnston 8, Bedford 5, Glover 4
CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 46:McGee 10, Moston 8, Collier 7, Mann, Mills 6,