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PICS FROM COVENTRY

WINNERS OF THE A.D.ELLIS CUP 1959. WHITLEY VAMPIRES "A"

L.to R. T.Long, B.Blackett, R.Colley, G.Rollason, R.Biggs, P.Eburne,
J. Burdakin.



TROUBLE STARTS THE BIRMINGHAM SEASON

Lack of co-operation by two Birmingham League clubs has meant nothing but trouble for the Birmingham Control Board. The two clubs concerned Aldridge Hammers and Baddesley Pirates failed to enter for the league by the required date. Aldridge asked for the date to be extended so that they could decide whether they would race this year or not. Wishing to help the club in every way, the Board extended the closing date for a fortnight but still nothing was heard from them. Baddesley had a letter sent to them by secretary Harold Smith but they failed to answer them or claim their 1959 runners-up medals.

In view of other teams wanting league racing started it was decided regrettably that the league fixtures should be drawn up and issued. The failure to enter of these two teams means that Div. I of the B'ham League only consists of: B'ham Lions "A". Elmdon Bees, Kingstanding Monarchs, Walsall Meteors and the Racers (Hagley Comets C.S.C. first team).

There is no longer a track at Sutton and the Racers track is to be built on this year by Birmingham Council.

All this amounts to a hard time for the Birmingham League but the team most likely to come out on top of it all with the league Championship must be Elmdon Bees who have strengthened their team by signing lobby Heaton.

"BRUM"

LEICESTER - FIRST MATCHES

Our season has commenced in early April with four friendly fixtures, in most of which guest riders have been evident.

The first, Blackbird Monarchs v Leicester All Stars, had to be 6-a-side, with All Stars including Cross and Wheatley as guests. They proved too good for the Monarchs tail end juniors and accounted for much of the 20 All Stars won by. Carl Lowe and Peter Rawson, 11 each, were the respective top scorers.

A week later, John Cross showed neutrality by changing sides for the return match, but could not prevent All-Stars completing the double by 48½-47½. This time Simpson (12) and Vann (11) topped the score sheet.

Aylestone visited Blackbird the following day and included Paice and Robson as guests, but were beaten 50-45. Smith got the seasons first maximum for the winners and Wheatley with 11, a bonus and several bruises was best for Aces.

At Easter, Lupset came from Yorkshire and swamped All-Stars, the score 66½-29½. Holmes returned a maximum for the visitors.

Belgrave have yet to ride and it seems certain that Anstey will not appear. Cross has signed for Belgrave and Power for All-Stars, whilst Tyers, Lowe and Crowther have all retired. Congratulations to Glover and Cross on surviving the 1st round of the World Championship.

ROY WRIGHT.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR IS NOT YET CANCELLED

Contrary to popular belief, arising from an article by DAVE STEVENS in the "SPEEDWAY WORLD", there has been no statement from the Australian authorities to say that their touring team will not be coming to Britain this year.

After the publication of the article in question, obviously several people wanted to know from Mr. Fred Bennett, the organiser of the tour, whether the facts as published were true or not. In order to establish this, Mr. Bennett has sent TWO AIR MAIL LETTERS and a CABLEGRAM asking for confirmation of the statements.

Not yet having received a reply, Mr. Bennett, although as far as HE knows the Australians are still coming, will CANCEL ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE if he does not receive a reply by Friday May 20.

* RON FERGUSON, our Australian Correspondent, who was quoted by Mr. Stevens in his article as the person sending him the news, does not mention anything about a cancellation in his article below, which was written on May 10th.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS from RON FERGUSON.

I noticed the controversy over week-end or mid-week race meetings. Over here, only Northfield race during the week, but C.C.S. (Woodville) are thinking of changing to Friday night. At present S.A.S.K., E.S.K. race on Saturdays and S.D.S.K., F.S.K., C.C.S. race on Sundays.

RESULTS

South Australia 5 mile championship.

1. Jimmy Vietch (SDSK), 2. Jeff Harris (SDSK), 3. J. Klee (FSK), 4. "Dot" Willard (CCS).

South Adelaide "Advertiser Shield".

1. Richard Hicks, 2. Malcolm Grisswood, 3. Trevor Anderson.

It seems the Association will look into the placings of the 5 miler. Jimmy Vietch was undoubtedly first, but original placings were Willard 2nd. Virgo 3rd. Harris 4th. and Klee 5th. Harris protested and was upheld.

Willard, over the speakers stated that he had been robbed of 2nd. place. When Harris' appeal was upheld, Willard protested and was told to "shut

up" by an official. He and Russell Virgo were listening to a tape recording of the race when another official unplugged the lead and rolled it up.

Willard's statement over the speaker was regarded by many as bad sportsmanship, but in my opinion both Willard and Virgo were unjustly treated.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 3rd. Round @ Oxford.

Although Bill Punter won this match, the cleverest rider at Horspath was Mick Morrall of Elmdon Bees, who watched every opportunity and took it to be the runner up with 11 points.

Undoubtedly the best race of the day was Morrall's second race when he came through the field from last to first, picking off first one then another to drive round the outside of Bill Punter on the last lap to win.

W. PUNTER	Harefield	14
M.MORRALL	Elmdon	11
K. ROWLANDS	Littlemore	10
B. DAWES	Baskerville	10
A. BRIGHT	Tatnam	9
F. BOUTELL	Wembley	9
R. FRASER	Wembley	8
B. Frampton	Tatnam	8
D. Tarr	Tatnam	8
B. Geater	Hungerford	7
J. Mills	Southampton	7
K. Pitfield	Bournemouth	6
R. Lewis	Earlsdon	4
A. Watkins	Tatnam	4
M. Cox	Tatnam	4
B. Butler	Earlsdon	1



VIC HINCHCLIFFE.

The Coventry Association are getting very annoyed about the Midland League organisation.

Apparently they have not yet received awards due to them for the past two years, and cannot get any replies to their letters from the organiser.

There are new moves afoot to get the Midland League going again this season.

WELSH ASSOCIATION

Anyone interested in joining the Welsh Association should contact Mr.D.Lewis, 95, Moor St.Coventry.

Disappointment for Manchester was the failure of Vic to qualify for the semi-finals of the World Championship. There may yet be a chance for him however, as there will be a vacant place in the semi-finals which will be filled by the top scoring non-qualifier from the quarter finals, and with only the results from Oxford and Manchester to hand at the time of going to press, Vic, with 9 has one point more than Frampton of Tatnam who scored 8. It thus depends entirely upon the results from the other two tracks.

We bet everyone up North will be keeping their fingers crossed !

WHY DO STANDARDS VARY

After watching Easter racing in London and the showpiece match of South London v Edmonton I got to wondering just why and how do the standards of racing vary to such a great extent. The following week I was rudely reminded of the fact when the young Beckenham Monarchs gave the Brighton Scorchers such a tousing (87-21) in the Gold Cup.

Surely this fact must have been noticed by many but has anyone dared to write down their "standards table". If so, many apologies to them for I have never seen one. I will now take my chance (and I hope I lose no friends). Starting with the new British League, which I think is the absolute tops I will award 10 points to, then down the scale with marks accordingly, so here goes:

British League 10, Manchester Area and Middlesex League 8, Suffolk and Birmingham 7, Wiltshire, Leicester, Coventry, Oxford and Scoland 6, Hampshire 5 and Southern Counties 3.

The main reason for the supremacy of the British League is, I feel, the vastly superior tracks that are available to the clubs in the league, make for fitter, keener riders. On all my visits to any of these tracks I have been impressed by the fast open racing, and boy, do I notice the difference when riding the tracks. All visitors can ride the tracks alright, but not fast enough. There is the main difference in the areas. I think that if you took the thing on a whole you would find that the standards table I have devised might well apply to the tracks they use too. This, therefore is the main difference in the standards.

What do others think? I am sure the Editor would welcome the views of other readers. So why not defend your own!!

THE HATCHET IS BURIED !

In the past, particularly about three years ago, there has been an obvious disagreement between Mr. Vic Cowell and myself for rather varied reasons. I would now like to announce that the feud is off and after a pleasant discussion with Vic, I do find that he has the same feelings on the sport that I have, only on a nigger scale. So now I would like to apologise to Vic and hope that I can count him as yet another friend in this sport I enjoy so much.

"BO-BO"

"GANX" WINS WILMSLOW ROUND

MEL.
VICKERS
of
Lupset
Aces

Derek Garnett of Wilmslow dropped only one point to win the 3rd. round match at Wilmslow on May 15. Garnett 14, Bedford 10, Cockcroft 10, Glover 10, Holmes 10, Vickers 10, Roden 9. All qualify

Vic Hinchcliffe scored 9 but lost to Roden in the run-off.



COUNTY DRAW

The County Rounds of the National Team Championship are now in full swing in most counties. The Champions of each County will compete in the Inter-County Rounds as follows.

		<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Track</u>
Match A	Herts	v Kent	Tolworth Tudors
" B	Norfolk	v Middlesex	Claydon Greyhounds

		<u>Round 2</u>	
Match C	Lancs	v Surrey	Elmdon Bees
" D	Yorks	v Staffs	Carrs Wood
" E	Suffolk	v Match A winners	Whipps Cross.
" F	Match B		
	Winners	v Cheshire	Hagley Comets
" G	Dorset	v Berks	Burford
" H	London	v Oxford	Raynes Park Tigers
" I	Wilts	v Warwicks	Bucklebury
" J	Leicester	v Hanps	Harefield

		<u>Round 3</u>	
Match K	Winners of C	v Winners of E	
" L	Winners of J	v Winners of I	Tracks in this round to be
" M	Winners of D	v Winners of H	determined when results
" N	Winners of G	v Winners of F	are known.

		<u>Round 4 - Semi-Final round.</u>
Match O	Winners of K	v Winners of N
" P	Winners of M	v WWinners of L

		<u>FINAL</u>
Match R	Winners of P	v Winners of O

Date of 1st Round - 12th June; 2nd round - 3rd July; 3rd round - 24th July.

The name of the County Champion Team must be in the hands of the National Secretary by 30th May 1960 and the result of all matches must reach him not later than the Tuesday following the match.

The Tickets for the Annual Prize Draw are now on sale. This year it is being conducted on the result of the Senior T.T. Motor Cycle Race on the Isle of Man, surely a novel form of Draw. The National Treasurer is to be congratulated on his originality and if the congratulations take the form of applications for further supplies of tickets, you may be sure he will be doubly pleased. The usual carrot is of course, held out this year as before, free affiliation to the Association if twenty or more books are sold by your club. So get cracking and display your powers of salesmanship - they are not difficult to sell - I know having already sold some.

Jock McPate,
NACSA P.R.O.

"TRIPE" SAYS WATERSON

My friend Ron Bull has written many articles about Thurrock Stars and their officials, and some of his remarks have not been very complimentary. Still, I have managed to keep quiet and let other people judge for themselves.

I knew sooner or later Mr. Bull would write something that would show his foolishness, and he has with the article "BOMB-SHELL HITS ESSEX FUTURE in issue No.235.

I do not wish for a public slanging match with my friend, so I have written to him, but I think your readers should know that (and I am not alone in this view) I think the article was ridiculous. What reasons he had to write such tripe I do not know, unless he had his club interests in mind as Roy Milano is one of his members, or that he wanted to bring some pressure on the NACSA Appeals Committee.

I will not say I agree with the suspensions of the Wolves riders, and it is only to be expected that the Essex CSA have supported the appeals, but surely the Essex Association

could have been a little more tactful in their letter to Mr. Bennett.

Cycle Speedway will continue in Essex with or without the Wolves. Thurrock will always remember the Essex Chairman's remarks at an Association meeting - "We don't want to meet Thurrock Stars in 8 a side league matches, for we are fed up beating you 80 odd to 20 odd". The chairman was Mr. R. Gibbons of the Wolves. What had the Wolves to complain about? They were on the best end of it!

R. J. WATERSON

STORM BREWING IN LEICESTER

I have received the following statement for publication :-

"Blackbird Monarchs C.S.C. have voluntarily abstained from all

LOCAL competitions organised by the present LEICESTER CONTROL BOARD. There are many reasons for this, but the most important is : The large number of juniors in our club who are not given regular team places will now be given regular rides in one of our three teams.

Previous fixtures were too vital to risk juniors riding and if they do not ride regularly, we will not have a team for the future."

A personal statement received from the secretary of Blackbird Monarchs is as follows :

"After only one full season in the other (Leicestershire) league, I am tired of the favour-

itism shown towards Leicester All Stars by the Leicester Control Board, and also sick and tired of their "protests" and "objections".

That is the personal views of the secretary, G. Birkle, and not of the club.

ROY WRIGHT.

COLCHESTER

BEGINNING OF REVIVAL?

I am somewhat surprised to see such a large number of riders taking part in the trial meeting held at Fordham Heath recently. This is most encouraging as the sport, in this area, has been on the decline for several years now.

I am not suggesting that the Colchester and District League will be reformed this season, although there should be greater competition in the individual events which are still being run. I feel, however, that the only club still active, Fordham Heath Hawks, will regain some of their former glory. They will again be racing in the Suffolk League, as they have done since the Colchester league was abandoned.

The first meeting held at Fordham Heath this season was a knock-out competition for the Golden Helmet. Proud holder is now young Dickie Bokenham, who, less than 12 months ago was nervously lining up on the gate in his first match for the Hawks.

GORDON ABRAHAM

SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

In this World Championship year, the South London Club stages the first of its series of Individual events at Garratt Park on Saturday, May 21st (7p.m.) when Bernie Cable defends his Southern Area Championship against fifteen top flight riders.

Not less than thirteen of the competitors have reached the quarter final stage of the World Championship, this meeting should provide an excellent guide to the chances of some of the favoured contestants. No doubt many riders will welcome this opportunity of racing on the new Garratt Park surface, which is becoming increasingly faster as the season progresses. With two places still to be filled, the eventual line-up should be one of the most powerful combinations of star riders ever to contest the Southern Area Championship. The eventual winner of this seasons title is extremely hard to predict, but it would not be surprising if, at the end of twenty heats, more than two riders will be concerned in a run-off. The fourteen definite starters so far are:-
Barry Shapley (Bushey); Malcolm Reading (Tottenham); Peter Blackwell (South London); Derek Wills (Edmonton); Dave Chivers (Raynes Park); Roy Fraser (Wembley); Ron Webb (South London); Dixie Dean (Wembley); Ray Chivers (South London); Les Westwood (Edmonton); Pete Saunders (Bushey); Mike Jeffery (Edmonton); Bernie Cable (Southern Nomads); Roy Baker (South London).

J.R. WHITTAKER.

ARE YOU A "GAZETTE" AGENT ?

TATNAM "GO TRAVELLING"

On March 27th Tatnam staged the Poole West Fairs Championship. Winners were the strong pairing of Andy bright and David Tarr with 23pts. Dave Watkins and Harry Cherrett were second. The match was rather one-sided owing to the absence of several "big-guns". Estuary Eagles cancelled their Gold Cup match on April 10th and the Tigers are now awaiting the result of the Beckenham/Brighton match.

April 10th saw the Tatnam Tudors defeat Tottenham Kangaroos 71-37. All of the Tudors were in devastating form, five riders scoring more than 9. Clive Hill and Nobby Dunn largely saved the Kangaroos from a bigger defeat.

On Easter Sunday the Tatnam Tigers rode the Tatnam Tudors in a Hampshire League match. As usual the Tigers won the match but not by such a great score as usual. Dave Cox was not present for this meeting and the Tigers rode with a seven man team to win by 64 to 31.

TATNAM TIGERS 64:Watkins 14, Bright 12, Holmes 10, Tarr 9, Nippard, Barnes 7
TATNAM TUDORS 31:Phillips 7, John Tarr 6, Woodrow, Cherret 5, Banks 4.

On the following Monday both teams travelled to Morden Park in London to ride the Raynes Park Tigers. Both teams were soundly thrashed by extremely strong opposition which included guest riders. The Tigers were beaten to the tune of 63-33. Being short of two riders for this match the Tigers had to enlist the help of Peter Woodrow and Derek Phillips from the Tudors team. They did not come up to expectations scoring one point between them.

TIGERS 33: Lilly 8, Bright 7, Nippard, Barnes 5, Watkins 4, Tarr 3,
RAYNES PARK TIGERS 63:Baker 15, Deighton 12, Rides 11, Chivers 9, Page 7.

In the second match the Tatnam Tudors were beaten by 54-41 by a much stronger team. Although the visiting team tried hard they could not match the home sides superior gating power. Yours truly was in the strange position of steward for both these matches.

Sunday April 24th saw the Tigers visit Worthing to ride in the World Championship round. Three Tigers filled the first three places, Andy Bright 11, Dave Cox 11 and Dave Watkins 9. In all 5 Tatnam boys made it to round 3 the other two being Dave Tarr and Robby Frampton. Pete Barnes also rode but did not qualify. Southern T.V. was present at this match and approx. 5 minutes of the match was screened on Tuesday Sportsview. This round was extremely close and good exciting racing was welcomed by the large crowd who had a superbly fine day for their enjoyment. Although I was told that the track was extremely slippery its shape and size reminded me of the Hungerford circuit, but needless to say without quite so many refinements although the home side put on a grand show.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 32:Pipe, Taylor 9, Brown 7, Gibbons, Curry 3,
TOLWORTH TUDORS 58: No scorers available.

The only opposition to the more experienced visitors came from the trio of Taylor, Pipe and Brown who scored all but 7 of the Comets score.
WHIPPS X COMETS 40: Pipe 11, Taylor 10, Brown 6. EAST HAM WOLVES 67.

J.BROWN.

"WORLD" QUERIES

I have been looking at the rounds of the World Championships and have some very pertinent questions to ask.

1. Why is it that some tracks have had more than one round, whilst other tracks although they have riders entered do not get a round at all? I can name tracks up to the standard of circuit and organising presentation as good as, if not better than those where rounds have already been held.
2. Why does Garratt Park which already has the Final of this competition get a round in preference to tracks which have not had a round or are likely to get one?
3. How is the draw of riders made, where and by whom? Also what representative of the sport has been invited to witness this Draw and has the Press been invited? Looking at the Draw of the 2nd round it is seen that five South London riders were drawn at home yet none of the Southern Nomad entries who ride at Garratt Park were so fortunate.
4. How was the selection of Stewards made? Once again back to Garratt Park. Mr. T. Watkins was steward and his son was a competitor. Mr. Watkins is also the manager of South London and the selection of this steward was unfortunate. Had I been in his position I would have declined or asked to be transferred to one of the other three events in Southern England.

I realise that in putting these questions I shall make myself unpopular, but these are questions that are popping up in the sport and unless they are answered I feel that the World Championship Committee may find they are losing some of the confidence the riders have in them. These questions are based on fact and I hope the replies will be also.

I feel that one reply with reference to the Draw may be that the riders were zoned. If this is the case it still does not explain why some of the South London riders were at home and none of the Southern Nomads were so fortunate.

STAN LEEDS

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FROM "CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE"

EIGHT CLUBS IN SUFFOLK

For the 1960 season just starting in Suffolk, we have been able to keep to the same number of clubs in the Senior Division as we had last year, 8, although there is one omission Melton Meteors founded in 1953 and their place has been taken by Nacton Rangers who have only been running about a year. By various means Woodbridge Wildcats live for another season and with more enthusiasm than riders we hope this club will now turn the corner since reaching their lowest ebb.

The new club Nacton Rangers are not very strong except in numbers, where they have a riding strength well above most clubs (approx. 20 riders) and although these are all youngsters they should do well in future seasons if they can stick together. Only two of their riders have had previous experience Ridley with Blakenham and Ryan of the now defunct Foxhall Pirates.

Blakenham with all their last seasons line-up available plus some new juniors will take a lot of holding in both senior and junior events and the team I pick to run them the closest, Kesgrave Panthers who have been strengthened by the return of Dave Hunting from "arefield". They have quite a competent line-up and their biggest problem at the moment is who to leave out!

My own club the Claydon Greyhounds should finish about mid-table, perhaps 3rd or 4th but have quite a number of juniors who don't seem to have made the grade and at the moment are without the services of Eric Wolton whose demob was delayed by an accident.

Of the other clubs Ipswich Pirates have quite a strong line-up but are a bit short of numbers, Leiston Aces and Heath Hawks both well-off for juniors seem destined to fill the bottom places along with Nacton and Woodbridge. All in all a good scrap should result for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th places and an even better one for the bottom four places with Blakenham comfortable winners of the Senior League and Kesgrave of the Juniors.

ROCKY MORGAN.

DE RONDE SENDS BEST WISHES

Dear Sirs,

As founder of the World Championships in cycle speedway, I am following the activities of the event in England with great interest. May I wish the organisers success with this International event.

May I further wish the full co-operation of all cycle speedway enthusiasts with this event, as this is the first chance since the 1950 event in Empress Hall that cycle speedway has had to show its worthiness as being a sport for youth which is free of any discriminations.

May I quote the words of Baron Pierre de Coubertin:

"Most important in this life is not the victory, but the fight,
To participate is more important than to win."

.....and this is not meant for riders only!

H. de Ronde.

President Dutch Cycle Speedway.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS

Raynes Park Tigers have opened the 1960 season with a bang. Of the nine matches ridden to date Tigers have won seven and lost two. The two lost being away to East Ham Wolves 42-54 and away to East Ham Stars 45-49.

Teams around East Ham seem to be Raynes Park's bogey teams. Tigers opened the 1960 season with home and away wins over British League club Tottenham Kangaroos, winning 61-34 at Tottenham and 61-35 at Morden Park. Star of the match at Tottenham was new signing Peter Page with a 12 point maximum, ably backed by Len Baker also with 12 points and Dave Chivers with 11.

At Morden Park Pete Page again went through unbeaten to score a 15 point maximum while Ted Cracknell was also unbeaten for his 12 points. Next came the visit to East Ham Wolves which, as mentioned above, was lost 42-54, Tigers being without Pete Page, Fred Bedford and skipper Wally Deighton for this match. The following Sunday Tigers visited East Ham Stars and after a terrific match lost 44-49. Pete Page 9 and Len Baker and Ted Cracknell 8, being top scorers for Tigers.

The return visit of the Stars to Morden Park saw the Tigers win 50-44 after another fine match. Dave Chivers 11 and Pete Rides 8 headed the teams scorers.

March 27th saw the Tigers visit Oxford where they tackled the newly formed Littlemore Lions who nearly proved too strong for the Tigers. The Raynes Park boys just scrambled home by 50-46. Although Tigers were without Fred Bedford, Ted Cracknell and Len Baker all credit is due to the Lions for a fine display. Top Tigers in this match were Dave Chivers 13, Wally Deighton 11 and Peter Page 8.

April 3rd saw Tigers three representatives pass to the second round of the World Championship after some very fine riding. Len Baker and Pete Rides scored 10 each at Hackney, while Peter Page recorded 11 points at Beckenham.

On April 10th Raynes Park travelled to Bushey Heath to take on Bushey Kangaroos in the opening N.W. Middlesex League fixture. A good match resulted in a 50-45 victory for the Tigers. Pete Page 10 and Dave Chivers 12 again topping the teams scorers.

Easter Sunday Tigers travelled to Southend, where they thrashed Estuary Eagles 69-39. Page and Chivers with 13 points each were top scorers with Wally Deighton and Ted Cracknell with 10 each backing up well.

Easter Monday Tatnam Tigers visited Morden Park and were well beaten by 63 points to 33. For Tigers guest star Roy Baker of South London was top scorer with a 15 point maximum, while Pete Rides with 11 and Wally Deighton with 12 backed up well. Tatnam Tudors afterwards rode a Raynes Park "B" side and lost 39-57. Dave Chivers 15, Wally Deighton 11, and Mick Smith 10 were top scorers for the "B" side.

TONY JONES.

RESULTS

LEICESTERSHIRE

BLACKBIRD MONARCHS 32: Lowe 11, Vann 7, Birkle 6, Glover 4,
LEIC. ALL STARS 52: Ranson 11, Simpson 10, Evans, Pickering 9,

LEIC. ALL STARS 48½: Simpson 12, Newberry, 10, Bird 9, Evans 6,
BLACKBIRD MON. 47½: Vann 11, Smith 9, Lowe 8, Birkle, Cross 6,

BLACKBIRD MONARCHS 50: Smith 15, Vann 11, Birkle 7, Lowe 6,
AYLESTONE ACES 45: Wheatley, Paice 11, Farmer, Robson 7,

LEIC ALL STARS 29½: Naylor 7, Bird 6.

LUPSET (Yorks) 66½: Holmes 15, Vickers, Johnston 12.

SUFFOLK (League match)

Ipswich Pirates 62 - Fordham Heath Hawks 45.

MIDDLESEX

BUSHEY K'ROOS 45: Bracey 14, Shapley, P. Saunders 9.

RAYNES PK TIGERS 50: Page 13, Chivers 12, Cracknell 11.

BUSHEY K'ROOS 37: Shapley 11, Saunders P 9, Saunders B. 7.

TOLWORTH TUDORS 59: Squires 12, Hurley 11, Brimson 8.

N.T.C.

HAREFIELD PIRATES 35: Unsworth 8, Punter, Pearce 7.

WEMBLEY HAWKS 61: Bouttell 15, Pristowe, Fraser 10.

B.C.S.F. Gold Cup - round 1.

BUSHEY K'ROOS 76: Shapley 13, P. Saunders, B. Saunders 12

WORTHING SPUTNIKS 30: Bashford, Humphrey 8, Williams 6.

Challenge

ESTUARY EAGLES 39: Hockley 9, Cattle 8.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 69: Chivers, Page 13, Cracknell, Deighton 10.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 63: Baker 15, Deighton 12, Rides 11.

TATNAM TIGERS 33: Lilley 8, Bright 7, Nippard 6.

RAYNES PK. B 57: Chivers 15, Deighton 11, Smith 10.

TATNAM TUDORS 39: Barnes 9, Banks 6.

LITTLEMORE LIONS 40: Dawes 12, Rowlands 6.

SOUTHERN NOMADS 56: Cable 13, Archer 11, Oliver, Davis 9.

BUSHEY JNRS 43: Green 12, Rome, Fiander, Bedford 6.

TOTTENHAM JNRS 53: Seyd, Mitchell 11, White, Pope 9.

SOUTH LONDON RANGERS 66: Chivers 15, Parsons 12, Baker 10½.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 30: Shapley 10, Saunders P. 7, Bracey 4.

YORKSHIRE

LUPSET ACES 59: N. Bedford 15, D. Johnston 12, Holmes 11.

LONGSIGHT 37: J. Darling 11, B. Robinson 8.

PLACE A FIRM ORDER FOR YOUR "GAZETTE" NOW!

MANCHESTER LEAGUE

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 50: Hinchcliffe 12, Lomas 11, Garnett 8, Worthington (Res)
LINDALE LIONS 46: Sutcliffe, Brooke, Cockcroft 9, Hunt, Johnson, Bates 5.

On a deep track which made passing extremely difficult, the national champions managed to scrape home by four points. This was mainly due to the surprising form shown by Pete Lomas. Last year, Pete was just another rider, but he's gone like a bomb in the opening meetings of this season. Vic Hinchcliffe was also at his brilliant best, although he had to admit defeat to John Sutcliffe. (Later in this heat Hinchcliffe dropped his chain). In the Lindale team, Tony Hunt continued his run of good form and Frank Rowntree, the other reserve, making his team debut, gave a good account of himself. Skipper Dave Bates seemed to lose some of his dash after a fifth-heat pile-up in which he went over the 'bars'. It must be quite a few matches ago that Dave failed to win a heat.

The best thing about the match was the fine sportsmanship shown by both sides. Not one exclusion and not one argument throughout the match, all in all, a very enjoyable afternoon.

LINDALE LIONS 52: Bates 11, Sutcliffe 10, Cockcroft 8, Bates 7, Rowntree 6.
GORTON PIRATES 44: Bartholomew 12, Marsland 10, Watling 8, Airey 6.

Gorton arrived with only seven riders, but what a terrific fight they put up. Every member of the side is a 100% tryer especially Bill Airey who put more guts and energy into a fabulous heat seven than many riders put into a whole seasons racing. Watling and Barker were two more of the younger Gorton riders whose determined riding was a treat to watch.

For Lindale, Dave Bates was on form and went through the meeting undefeated by an opponent. It was his team riding with brother Pete which really clinched the match for Lindale. It was a welcome return to form too for John Sutcliffe. he was given a lot of responsibility in the absence of Clive Brook, but he certainly took it in his stride.

MIKE COCKROFT.

UNLUCKY !!!

LUCKY !!!



Bryan Geater (left) was unlucky not to qualify through machine trouble in two of his rides when in second place at Oxford.



Dave Roden (right) managed to scrape through at Wilmslow after run-off with Vic Hinchcliffe.

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

Wembley Hawks took a strong team down to Harefield for the 2nd leg of the Middlesex National Team Championship round (the 1st leg was drawn) The Pirates, not at full strength, failed to hold the visitors and went down 35-61. Fred Bouttall rode to a brilliant 15 point maximum and both reserves, Roy Fraser and Bernie Mason were unbeaten. For Harefield, Johnny Unsworth scored 8. So Wembley Hawks, (with the assistance of some former Wembley All Stars), become Middlesex's NACSA Champions for the first time in their history.

The 1960 League commenced with a double header at Bushey. The Kangaroos narrowly went down to Raynes Park Tigers 45-50 in the first match, but in the second, Tolworth opened the gap to win 59-37. Pete Page was top scorer for Raynes Park with 13, whilst Dave Chivers was unbeaten until the nominated. For Bushey, Wally Bracey only dropped 1 point. In the Tolworth match, Ed Hurley scored 11 and Reg Squires 12. Barry Shapley only dropped one point.

The Harefield club have decided to split their 2 teams into equal strengths for this season. Thus Steve Viner and Doug Wearn move up to the Pirates whilst Roger Seymour and Geoff Pearce go over to the Lions. New Harefield signings are Johnny Dryden and Johnny Atkinson. Readers may recall that these were top riders with Weston Stars and Peckham Stars half a decade ago. Their presence should be felt. Other names in the news; the remaining five Wembley All Stars have joined Wembley Hawks (who have taken over the All Stars track). Of these, Dixie Dean and Roy Fraser are unlikely to be available for all league matches. Former Tolworth manager Derek Pearce has now linked up with Southern Nomads, whilst Nomads heat leader Derek Cattle has moved over to Raynes Park. Ex-Weston star Gerry Wallis is now a Kangaroo at Bushey, where reserve George Pyne appears to have retired.

For the first time ever, Bushey fielded a complete junior 8 for a match with Tottenham Juniors. The match, which was won by Tottenham Juniors 53-43, had excitement, quick races and keenness. More please!!

Other match news in brief. Southern Nomads visited Littlemore Lions of Oxford and won 56-40. Bernie Cable and Ken Archer scored 13 and 11, whilst Barry Dawes 12, kept Lions in the hunt. Raynes Park Tigers defeated Esturay Eagles at Southend 69-39. Dave Chivers and Pete Page notched 13 each. The day after Tigers beat Tatnam Tigers 63-33. Roy Baker, guesting for them, scored a 'max'. In the London round of the N.T.C., Tolworth defeated Whipps Cross 70-26 and in the Surrey section Raynes Park won at Southern Nomads track by 8 points. Both were first legs.

GOLD CUP NEWS. Both Middlesex teams in the Gold Cup raced on the 7th and 8th May, their first round matches. Before a large crowd, Bushey trounced Worthing 76-30. Pete Saunders, Barry Shapley and Cliff Wise all being beaten. Only Mats Dashford and John Humphrey (each) offered any real resistance, despite a good match with fast racing. The result of the Edmonton/Raynes Park match has not come through at the time of writing.

Bushey Kangaroos are presenting their Home Counties Championship on Saturday June 11th at 7.45.

BOB SAUNDERS.

RESULTS

SWINDON EAGLES RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st F. Gilbert 14; 2nd Ray Morse 14 (after a run-off);
Garlick, C.Morse, E.Thomas 10; B.Thomas, P.Freegard 9; R.Morse, L.Jeffries 8;
Rawlings, P.Thomas 7; K.Rudman 6; M.Collett 4, G.Taylor, E.Gooch 2.

WILTSHIRE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Wroughton. Top five riders qualify for the Final.
C.Sowden, E.Thomas 12, O.Gibbs, D.Davis, B.Merrett 11, M.Richards, C.Gleed
10; R.Morse 9; D.Butcher, K.Rudman 8.

At Swindon. Top five riders qualify for the Final.
M.Hudd 14; Ray Morse 12; K.Hancock 11; A.Hobbs, F.Gilbert 10; B.Thomas,
M.Giles 9; T.House 8½; M.Kibble 8; F.Garlick 7; W.Leighfield 6½; Freegard 6.

At Cleverton. Top five riders qualify for the Final.
C.Morse 15; I.McGuire, J.Rawlings 12; M.Ward, D.Walker, L.Jeffries 11;
R.Jackson 10; C.Richardson 8; J.Parsons 7.

L.Jeffries takes the reserve place in the Final after losing the run-off
with M.Ward and D.Walker.

CLEVERTON HORNETS 47½: Merrett 14; J.Davis 9½; O.Gibbs 7; M.Giles 5;
BUCKLEBURY ROBINS 48½: T.Clark 10½; M.Watts 8, M.Cooper, D.Lyford, K.Prout 6.

The Cleverton 'B' team swamped the visitors 'B' 58-36.

CLEVERTON B 58: Kibble 12; Gleed, House 11; Jackson 9; Merrett, McGuire 8
BUCKLEBURY B 36: Hutchins 12; Ralph 8; Braybrook 5; Reed, Bearley 3.

CL EVERTON HORNETS 42: Merrett 10; Giles 8; Davis 7; House 6; Walker, Kibble 4
WROUGHTON RACERS 54: Richards 15; Hudd 13; Hobbs 9; McGuire 5, Davis 4.

This match also counted as the first leg of the Nat. Team Championship.
Cleverton, without O.Gibbs and with M.Ward a non-starter just could not
hold Wroughton for whom Hudd and Richards were undefeated by a home rider.

CLEVERTON HORNETS JUN. 8: Butcher 4; Merrett 3; C.Stevens 1.
WROUGHTON RACERS 28: Davis 10; Kilby, Richardson 9.

SWINDON EAGLES 64: Hancock 15, Garlick 11, R.Morse, B.Thomas 10.
CLEVERTON HORNETS 32: Merrett 8, Davis 6, Walker 5, Kibble, Giles 4.

SWINDON B 59: C.Morse 12, R.Morse 11, P.Thomas 9, L.Jeffries 8, J.Rawlings 7
WROUGHTON B 37: M.Hudd 12; M.Richards 11, McGuire 4, D.Haig, Barsanti 3.

1st leg Junior National Trophy.

SWINDON EAGLES 38½: B.Thomas 12, J.Rawlings 11, R.Morse 8½, Collett, King 3
WROUGHTON RACERS 33½: Richardson, B.Kilby 9; D.Davis 6, A.Moss 5½, Soffe 3.

Draw for the Senior Individual Final

1. M.Ward (Clev.) 2. E.Thomas (Swin.) 3. C.Sowden (Wroughton) 4. Hancock (Sw)
5. J.Davis (Clev) 6. McGuire (Wr.) 7. J.Rawlings (Sw.) 8. M.Hudd (Wr.)
9. D.Walker (Clev.) 10. R.Morse (Swin.) 11. O.Gibbs (Clev.) 12. C.Morse (Swin.)
13. D.Davis (Wr.) 14. F.Gilbert (Swin.) 15. B.Merrett (Clev.)
16. A.Hobbs (Wr.).

R.H.JACKSON.

OXFORD- NACSA STRONGHOLD

So far in 1960, things are really moving. Seven teams - from six clubs - all NACSA affiliated and Englands strongest NACSA county - Northway Eagles, Littlemore Lions and Tigers, Burford Pirates, Horspath Hammers, Wood Farm Wolves, Baskerville Hounds.

Following Littlemores Lions failure to notify, within the required time, the league secretary of their result (a win of 61-35) versus Wood Farm Wasps, the points have been awarded to the Wasps, 80-16. Northway Eagles, who failed to fulfil their fixture with Baskerville Hounds, also lose the points, 80-16. Good show Oxford Board for at last showing proper authority.

Only two Oxford riders retain an interest in the 'World Championship' they are Kevin Rowland and Barry Dawes.

Cowley Eagles are no more, Littlemore Lions and Tigers have their track and most of their riders.

Oxford secretary is R.Crosby, Bullingdon Green, Cowley, Oxford.

New Wood Farm team has ex-Dennington Dons, Colin Bracey and Bushey Kangaroos weekender, Barry Shapley. The latter only for the league.

RESULTS

BASKERVILLE HOUNDS 76:Barlowe 15, Ward 14, Morris Woodward 10.

BURFORD PIRATES 20:Archer, Bishop 5.

LITTLEMORE TIGERS 37:Lovelock 12, Whitworth 7.

HORSPATH HAMMERS 59:Grant 13, Butler 13, Lillis 12.

HORSPATH HAMMERS 72:Grant 15, Butler 12, Honey 9.

Northway Eagles 23:Carter 9, West 5.

WOOD FARM WASPS 67:Shapley 11, Bracey 10, Taylor 9.

BURFORD PIRATES 28:Constable 11, Holt 5.

Friendlylies

Littlemore Lions 48:Dawes 14, Lovelock 9, Rowland, Bryant 7.

Horspath Hammers 48:Smith 10, Cull, Grant 9, Honey, Butler 6.

Wood Farm Wasps 84:Winchester 18, Taylor 16, Moore 12.

Northway Eagles 36:Donovan 10.

Littlemore Lions 62: Dawes 15, Lovelock 12, Rowland 1, Mulett 8.

Wood Farm Wasps 34:Bracey 8.

Littlemore Lions 57:Bryant 10, J.Sutherland, Byles 8.

Wood Farm Wasps 39:Winchester 9, Bracey 7.

"WARREN"

DON'T FORGET THERE IS A DISCOUNT FOR AGENTS!

ESSEX EVENTS

The Essex C.S.A. have chosen the following tracks on which they will stage the main events for the coming season.

Hawbush hammers track		"New Cup" Final.
Thurrock Stars	"	"Yallop Trophy" Final.
East "am Wilves	"	"Essex v Norfolk", 2nd leg.
Manford (Little Ilford Park)		"Essex v Wiltshire", 2nd leg.
East Ham Stars	"	Metropolitan Essex v Rural Essex.
The Gladiators	"	Ex-R.A.F. v Ex-Army.
Whipps Cross Comets	"	Ex-Army v Ex-R.A.F.
Estuary Eagles		Ass. Sen. Ind. Final
		Ass. Jun. Ind. Final.

A match of some importance has been allocated to the Little Ilford Park track, although there has been no home club here for two seasons. The Association feels that it is important to keep such tracks open, letting the public see the sport in all areas and maybe building up some local interest.

The "Ex - RAF v Ex-Army" matches are the idea of Robert Pike, who is always on the look-out for attractive meetings to put before the viewing public; while the "Metropolitan Essex v Rural Essex" continues for the third season. The Metropolitan team will be selected from the two East Ham clubs and the Whipps Cross Comets, while the Rural team will be selected from the Gladiators, Hawbush Hammers, Estuary Eagles and Thurrock Stars.

The Association Individual meetings will not be in any way connected either to the NACSA or BCSF Individual events.

RON BULL.

WASPS ORGANISER ILL

I am sure that all will feel sorry for young Peter Crook the hard working organiser of the new Wantley outfit. Pete has done so much to put the Wasps on the Southern Counties map and has done practically all the ground work in building their track. But fate struck a cruel blow at Pete, for only four days before the opening of the track with Brighton Scorchers racing for the new "Premier Trophy", poor Pete was taken ill with suspected rheumatic fever. Fortunately it was not as serious as was at first thought, but it appears that Pete will not be available to ride again this season. It is a poor blow to Pete and the Wasps - but I expect him to be stewarding and officiating with the best of them.

However I am sure the sport as a whole wish him, though unknown to most, the very best wishes for a quick fire recovery and may he be back at the helm of the Wasps combine before long.

"BO-BO".