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CARRSWOOD SEMI-FINAL

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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M. Cockroft 18
G. Watkins 19
D. Roden 20

Hinchliffe beat Vickers in run-off for reserve place.

Individual Scores: Garnett 15; Brian Moston 13; Nick Bedford 11; Mike Cockroft, Les Westwood 10; Vic Hinchliffe, Mel Vickers 9; Ray Chivers 8; Neil Goodrum, Paul Murden 7; Gerry Watkins, Roy Baker, Tommy Davis 5; Dave Roden 3; Roger Holmes 2; Mick Morrall 1.

This the Northern semi-final, was a triumph for the Northern Counties of Yorkshire and Cheshire who provided four of the five qualifiers. Only Les Westwood of Edmonton could break the Northern attack. However Roy Baker is very unlucky not to have qualified for the final at Carrott Park. He rode with superb skill in his first two heats to notch 5 points but an exclusion in his third ride seemed to unnerve him and he failed to score again. Ray Chivers too started well but was unable to carry this form throughout. Vic Hinchliffe was excluded in his last heat for touching the tapes when he needed only 1 point to qualify, but beat Vickers in the run off for reserve place. The track was in fine condition despite days of blazing sunshine and the fair sized crowd were very impressed with the flowers in the centre of the track. A fine effort by Brian Moston and the Carrs Wood team to show that cycle speedway can be well presented.

MIKE COCKROFT.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Fred Boutell 13, Dixie Dean 10, Charlie Read 10, Bill Punter 9, Ron Webb 8, Mick Jeffery 8, Roy Fraser 8, Dave Tarr 8, Barry Dawes 7, Andy Bright 7, Derek Wills 7, Pete Blackwell 7, P. Saunders 6, R. Squires 6, K. Rowland 6, J. Eveleigh 0.

HUNGERFORD SEMI-FINAL

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>		
Webb	Jeffery	Rowland	47.6	1
Read	Punter	Squires	47.6	2
Fraser	Boutell	Dean	47.2	3
Wills	Blackwell	Bright	48.4	4
Dawes	Boutell	Read	47.0	5
Bright	Fraser	Jeffery	47.2	6
Dean	Wills	Punter	47.6	7
Rowland	Tarr	Blackwell	46.0	8
Squires	Dean	Blackwell	47.2	9
Tarr	Read	Jeffery	47.6	10
Boutell	Saunders	Bright	45.2	11
Punter	Fraser	Rowland	45.6	12
Punter	Webb	Tarr	47.0	13
Dean	Jeffery	Dawes	45.0	14
Saunders	Blackwell	Read	46.2	15
Boutell	Squires	Rowland	45.4	16
Webb	Wills	Fraser	46.6	17
Boutell	Jeffery	Blackwell	44.6	18
Dawes	Tarr	Saunders	46.4	19
Read	Bright	Dean	45.4	20
Jeffery	Tarr	Fraser	-	21

With four riders having eight points, it was necessary for a run-off to decide the fifth place from this semi-final.

Disappointing to many spectators was the fact that Dave Chivers could not compete owing to a poisoned hand, but this was an opportunity for Dave Tarr, and he only failed to qualify by 1 point as you can see from the above.

Pete Saunders is to be congratulated on the way he fought back into third place after falling when in the lead in heat 19.

WORK COMMENCES ON
THURROCK STARS TRACK
1958. IT OPENED A
FEW WEEKS LATER!

Those hard at work are
Stan Leeds and Paddy



MIDLAND LEAGUE OPENS AGAIN

COVENTRY - BIRMINGHAM - LEICESTER

Although there had been some doubts as to whether there would be a Midland League this year or not, these have all been dispelled now that the competition is once more under way.

Two of last years entrants, Oxford and Wolverhampton are not however included this time. Although both associations had an invitation
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Mick Morrall of Elmdon Bees, who only scored 1 point at Manchester in the World Semi-Final.



Bill Punter, who has made it to the World Final. He scored nine points at Hungerford in the Semi-Final.

PHOTOGRAPHS URGENTLY
REQUIRED SIMILAR TO
THOSE ON THIS PAGE

= Mick Jeffery
Charlie Read
Fred Boutell
Derek Garnett
Brian Moston
Nick Bedford
Mike Cockcroft
Les Westwood

neither of them replied, and therefore have not been considered.

The competition is being organised by the Editor of this magazine, and the "GAZETTE" is presenting a Trophy to the winners. The Midland Riders Championship will also take place.

THE "RUNWELL CUP" at
ELMDON.

This trophy is for the Elmdon Bees Ind. Championship. Riders from Leicester & Yorks took part on June 23.

The winner was
Graham Whitehouse (14)
Harry Glover (12).



Kevin Rowlands, one of Oxfords hopes for the World Final. However, he scored 6 at Hungerford, which was not sufficient to get him through.

CAN ANYONE OBLIGE WITH SOME
OR ANY OF THESE ?

'REVOLT' IN LEICESTER

The Leicestershire League has seemingly been abandoned. Of the five teams listed, one never rode a match, and two others have now withdrawn, leaving only two and a two team league is not a workable proposition. I was not present at the last board meeting, as I was only notified a few hours prior to it, but I am informed that Harry Glover has been suspended for the remainder of the season. He might be pardoned for thinking that this decision is rather vindictive. His offence would not result in anything more serious than a bruise, whilst a rider who last season threw his bike at another, knocking him off the track into the pits, an action which any reasonable person would consider far more likely to cause serious bodily harm, escaped with a fine of 7/6d, which he was allowed to pay in three instalments! The figure of justice is always shown blindfold, but surely justice is not as blind as this.

As Glover's team had resigned from the league some days before, the decision can only be aimed at his World Championship chances, but surely the World Championship Committee cannot be bound by local vendettas.

After the withdrawal of Blackbird Monarchs from the Leicestershire League, Aylestone Aces decided to do likewise and joined the proposed new league. This has now been formed with the following teams: Blackbird Monarchs, Stadium Spitfires and Mowmacre Magpies, all from Blackbird ranks evenly divided. Aylestone Aces and the re-formed Anstey Eagles made the number up to five and the excess Aylestone and Anstey riders have made a 6th team, called Anstey Vampires.

In addition to a league there will also be a knock-out Cup and an individual championship. The League commenced towards the end of May, after some rapid organisation and the first match saw Mowmacre defeat Stadium 39-32. Paul Smith 10, and John Vann 11 were the respective top scorers. The match was close throughout and contested in the best of spirits. Stadium were one short, which perhaps decided the odd few points. Aylestone opened without their top men, Cousens and Roy Lowe and Blackbirds, John Paice, Harry Glover, and Col Evans profitted with a maximum each. Jordan, Davis and Jackson (5 each) were best for Aces, who had an all junior team with the exception of your scribe.

Anstey Vampires fared little better v Mowmacre, Carl Lowe and Paul Smith getting the lot, but Frank Farmer (9) beat Mick Harvey 11. Then Blackbird wilted against Stadium, for whom Geoff Birkle got a maximum. John Paice 8 was best for Blackbird.

Anstey Eagles opened with a win over Aylestone 46-24, Keith Cooper and Bill Marriott getting 12 each. The same day Mowmacre routed Anstey Vampires 51-21.

Aylestone, led by Roy Lowe this time, made Anstey fight for the return match, before losing 31-41. Young Graham Davis got 11 and Roy 9, going through the tapes in his endeavour to get the other three.

When Anstey Vampires entertained Stadium, a late rally turned a seeming rout into the almost respectable score of 29-43. Roger Paice joined the maximum men for Stadium and Roy "Doc" Foster had 8 for

HUNGERFORD CONGRATULATED

On behalf of the riders and visitors from Edmonton who visited Hungerford for the World Championship semi-final, I would like to express sincere appreciation for the efforts of the Management in staging the meeting so well. For our part, we are used to well-staged meetings in our part of the country. We have invariably met appalling conditions elsewhere. At Hungerford, there was everything that was desirable for the successful promotion of the interests of the sport.

The track in appearance was perfect, and although a little slick, through no watering facilities being available was obviously prepared with great care. The general lay-out was colourful and smart. The courtesy of the management was a revelation to us.

To Mr and Mrs Mansbridge, and their committee, our congratulations and thanks for their hard work and imaginative enterprise, and may their club flourish as it so richly deserves.

VIC COWELL

Manager, Edmonton C.S.C.

B.C.S.F. PRESS STATEMENT

In view of the absence of representatives of Wembley Hawks and Cowley Eagles at the B.C.S.F. meeting on April 19th the Executive were of the opinion that no useful purpose could be served by the continued association of the clubs and the BCSF. Consequently, such association would be terminated at the end of the present affiliation period. Both clubs had earlier failed to register their riders for BCSF competitions and were accordingly disqualified from competing. A summons to attend an Executive meeting met with no response, hence the BCSF made the decision.

Estuary Eagles of Southend had five riders suspended for 28 days by the 1960 World Cycle Speedway Committee, for failing to arrive at a qualifying round. The Southend clubs management could not accept the penalty which was put into effect by the BCSF, and said that to 'avoid the axe' which the BCSF seemed to be wielding, the club would withdraw from the organisation. This they have since done.

All Federation racing, both official and unofficial has been suspended at Morden Park, pending an inquiry into a Britannia Shield round which should have been staged by the Raynes Park Club. The inquiry is scheduled for July 5th at the BCSF Headquarters at the French Horn and Half Moon, East Hill, Wandsworth. Members of the Press have been invited to attend.

VIC COWELL

Hon. P.R.O.

NEW TRACK OPENS ^{AT} BOURNEMOUTH

On June 4th the new council built track at Iford Lane, Bournemouth was officially opened by Ken Middleditch the Poole and England speedway rider. The home club Bournemouth Viscounts rode a challenge match with Hungerford Panthers and lost 49/47. All riders taking part were presented with a souvenir to commemorate the occasion. This match proved to be a very close battle in which neither club gained more than a few points lead. At heat 15 the score was 45-45 but heat 16 saw Hungerford gain a 4-2 to win the match. Stars for the home club were Ken Pitfield, Mick Palmer and Mike Pretty, while Hungerford riders Brian Geater and R. Smith were in good form.

In the second half match the Bournemouth Open Knockout Championship was won by Brian Geater of Hungerford, 2nd was Mike Pretty of the Viscounts. This competition provided some very good racing and the spectators seemed extremely pleased with the presentation which was excellent. Secretary Jim Cooke must be congratulated on such a fine show for a first match. In my opinion there could not have been a better start for a new club and I wish them good luck.

ROGER NICHOLSON.

DEVON

Cycle speedway commenced on the Shaldon track on Easter Monday with the "Easter Individual Prize Event". The winner was Johnny Strong of Teignmouth. Racing has taken place twice a week since, with plenty of Cup events and local derbys from the 18 riders who form the Kestrel club. This year it is an all Teignmouth boys club as since the club was formed 7 years ago, the number of boys in Shaldon itself have joined the Forces or have left the village. We hope in the next few years to bring back a number of juniors from the village.

It seems the Kestrels are again the only club alive in Devon. Hopes of a Plymouth team have faded.

The Monthly cup for May was won by G. Tooley, and on Whit Monday ten riders rode a 20 heat event for the local Shipwrights Cup. This Cup is won over two events from the rider scoring highest points. The result of the first round was : J. Strong 10, R. Luxton 9, G. Tooley 8.

The summer season is in full swing here now with a result of bigger support for the Kestrels funds which at the moment are at rock bottom.

RON VAULTER

BIRMINGHAM CONTROL BOARD CHANGE

Gerald Sedgeley has resigned his position as Chief Steward on the Board. His place has been taken by ex-Aldridge Hammer Tim Wall as from Monday June 28th.

EX-CHAMP IN HOSPITAL

On Monday May 30th, Sandy McGillivray was admitted to Chelmsford (Essex) Hospital, with a spot on the lung, and present reports indicate that he will be there for at least 6 months and likely longer, more around 12 months. Sandy, who was the 1958 NACSA National Senior Individual Riders Champion and ex-Captain of the Gladiators C.S.C? was just beginning to make a name for himself in motor speedway, having been given a regular team place in the Rye-House team. This puts a temporary, we hope, stop to Sandy's long and highly illuminated career in our sport, during which time, he rose from the time when he had his brothers fit wooden blocks to his pedals in order to reach them, to National Champion. He has, in all that time, ridden only for three clubs. He started with the team his brother formed, the 'Mawney Kangaroos' along with Roy Milano; then moved to nearby 'Little Heath Hammers' when the Kangaroos disbanded. Little Heath later became the now well-known "Hawbush Hammers". Then he retired, still about 15 years of age.

At 17 he was pulled out by Gladiators junior side, "The Crusaders" when they entered the West Essex League a few years back. He was included as reserve in his first match, and scored 1 point, after riding everywhere but on the track. His next two matches were rewarded by 6 and 10 points, then a maximum. This promoted him to The Gladiators senior side, and he gained 6 from reserve berth. Such improvement soon placed in the regular line-up and in no time at all partnered to Arthur Warren (now with Hawbush) the two of them were picked as opening pair for "Essex B Test Team" to race Hertfordshire. Since then it has been forward all the way. Full caps for Essex was followed by win after win in Individual events, then racing for England against Scotland and finally to winning the "National Championship".

Last season, the Gladiators saw less of Sandy, for he began to devote more and more time to Speedway, and apart from his team-place at Rye House, he had also gained the chance to partner his friend Birger Forsberg at Ipswich, in a best pairs event. With Speedway taking more and more of Sandys Sundays away, Gladiators arranged a few matches for mid-week so that they could make the best use of his undoubted ability to score points. The first match in this series came up just 3 days after Sandy was admitted to hospital, so he never actually got round to racing after all!

When you read this article, Sandy, you can take it as said, that every rider and official and supporter in Essex, and no doubt a lot of admirers in other parts of the country, are in there rooting for you, as they did when you won the run-off at Hungerford in September 1958 to become the Champ! To us in the Gladiators, you'll always be the Champ. Get well soon.

The Essex Cycle Speedway Association have come out once again and told their clubs to keep their tracks neat and clean, or else. They have written to all the clubs, but they state that this applies particularly

ESSEX (Continued)...

to The Gladiators, East Ham Stars and Estuary Eagles! Funny thing though that each of these three clubs started to work on their own tracks a few days before the Associations decision. It makes you think.

"Fordham Heath "awks", the remaining Colchester team will be doing a one-day, three match tour here on June 5th. At 11.00 they race the Gladiators, at 3.00 they race Thurrock Stars and at 7.00 they are entertained by Hawbush Hammers. Should be very interesting to see how they fare on these three very different tracks _ _ _ _ _

The Essex v Wiltshire Test match in August has been switched to Hawbush Hammers track following glowing reports on the condition of the track for the "New Cup" Final which East Ham Wolves finally won against Estuary Eagles 92-28. _ _ _ _ _

One of the Rules of the Association racing programme for 1960, is that ALL MATCHES WILL BE RACED. This means that if a team fails to turn up etc., they have the fixture re-arranged and raced later. Under no circumstances will any points be awarded. If a team does not race, then it will be fined ten shillings. The second time it becomes a pound and the third time thirty shillings. Should they default once more they are expelled from the Essex Association. I personally instigated this rule and now it seems that we of the Gladiators will be the first to pay.

Our attempts to cancel or postpone our match with Whipps Cross on June 2nd failed. Only five of our riders turned up and we refused to race the league match as a full team, saying that it would not be a match in any meaning of the word. So it seems that we shall soon be paying the Association Treasurer 10s. And the Association Treasurer is, of course, Mr. J. Brown, Comet's Manager! _ _ _ _ _

The whole of Essex is at present waiting for the selection of the Essex riders for the "Test" versus Norfolk at the end of the month, with the return here the following week. Some of the riders I expect to see get recognition in the Tests are Ted Walker and Johnny Halloran of East Ham Stars; Peter Bromley, Sid Tomlyn and Ron Gibbons of East Ham Wolves; Demi Pratt and Roy Milano of the Gladiators; Peter Chubb and possibly Johnny Koehler of Hawbush and maybe Roger Rolph of Estuary Eagles and two from Whipps Cross Comets, Sid Pipe and Keith Taylor. The Committee ought to be able to make a neat and businesslike 10 from those mentioned. It now remains to see how near I am.

I give Essex to win by 8 or 10 in Norfolk and by 14 to 20 at Wells Street Common, Essex. I'LL go further and state the highest scorer over both legs, if he's picked... Sid Tomlyn, currently doing well for Wolves at most tracks.

RON BULL

COVENTRY MANAGER FINED

As a result of incidents during a league match, Mr. A. Windridge, manager of Coventry Eagles, was fined 7/6, P. Bailey of Stoke Aces was fined 2/6, and K. Adams, acting Manager of Stoke Aces, was fined 5/-

All were for separate incidents. The steward was Mr. Leith. Stoke won the match 55-53. Coventry Eagles are the League leaders.

NOMADS TOP TABLE

Two teams remain unbeaten in the Middlesex League, Southern Nomads and Tolworth Tudors. Nomads have had all their matches against the under strength Harefield teams and I forecast that Nomads will soon meet their victors. Tudors definitely appear to be the strongest side at present, but I feel that 2 or 3 of the other teams are quite capable of upsetting the applecart.

A brief review of recent results. Over a period of two weeks Southern Nomads ran up big home and away wins over both Harefield Teams. Six of the 11 riders recorded maximums during the four matches and some scored more than one 'max'. Reg Lester, Johnny Unsworth and Bill Punter were the only opposing riders to make any impression. Tolworth clinched a fine Saturday night win at Raynes Park 52-43. However their performance was somewhat boosted by Tigers bad luck with several machine failures. The Tudors convincingly defeated a strong Wembley Hawks team the following day 58-37. Over these two weeks, Paul Murden recorded two maximums. The Raynes Park v Wembley Hawks encounter was a thriller from beginning to end. Heats 10 to 15 were all shared, with the score level. Heat 16, the decider, was just as much a thriller with the home pair of Dave Chivers and Wally Deighton bringing off a 5-1 to win the match.

At the beginning of the season, the Harefield Club divided their 2 teams into equal strength. However, they found that both teams were being trounced and so had to reshuffle the line-up so as to have one team capable of giving a good performance. They were thinking of withdrawing the Lions altogether but the youngsters were keen to continue. I suggest a couple of matches against semi-junior sides would help boost their morale. After the new line-ups were announced both teams were well beaten again and Maurice Maitland, the manager, has called special practice sessions to build up fitness.

One of the biggest attendances for a long while was at Garratt Park to watch the Surrey Individual Championships. Dave Chivers coasted home to take the honours. The Junior section was won by D.Bone. Senior Champ. D.Chivers 14, W.Deighton, P.Rides 13, P.Page, Cracknell 11. Junior Champ. D.Bones 24, R.Lynn 18, I.Poole, K.Hoskyns 12, C.Elsom 10.

Local NACSA County Champions are as follows: Middlesex - Wembley Hawks; London - Tolworth Tudors; Surrey - Raynes Park Tigers; Herts - Bushey Kan. LATE FLASH... Tony Jones has resigned as Sec of Raynes Park.

LEAGUE TABLE (AT JUNE 2ND)							Pts
	W	D	L	F	A		
Southern Nomads	4	4	0	0	268	109	10
Tolworth Tudors	3	3	0	0	169	117	8
Raynes Park Tigers	3	2	0	1	143	143	5
Wembley Hawks	4	2	0	2	205	178	4
Bushey Kangaroos	2	0	0	2	82	109	0
Harefield Pirates	3	0	0	3	94	196	0
Harefield Lions	3	0	0	3	85	196	0

BOB SAUNDERS

LET US HAVE YOUR LEAGUE TABLES!!!

COVENTRY SPRING CUP

Barrie Butler of Earlsdon Hammers (Photo Right) won the Coventry Spring Cup Individual with a brilliant maximum at Spencer Park.

Runner-up was Bob Colley of Stoke Aces, and third John Harray (Brandon Bees) with 11.



BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Birmingham Lions A	7	5	0	2	381½	287½	10
Elmdon Bees	4	4	0	0	222	162	8
The Racers	3	2	0	1	145½	141½	4
Kingstanding Mon.	5	1	0	4	241	238	2
Walsall Meteors	5	0	0	5	181	298	0

AT JUNE 2nd.

LEICESTER

Monacre Magpies	3	3	0	0	137	78	6
Anstey Eagles	2	2	0	0	87	55	4
Stadium Spitfires	3	2	0	1	125	90	4
Blackbird Monarchs	2	1	0	1	71	72	2
Aylestone Aces	3	0	0	3	77	136	0
Anstey Vampires	3	0	0	3	75	141	0



Peter Hudson receives his prize as winner of the Bluey Waterson Trophy in 1959 with a maximum, as he did the year before.

Runner up Siddons (L) third Busby (R)

Waterson has just presented the prize.

KEAN IS BACK || HAGLEY LOSE THEIR TRACK

Elmdon Bees have so far shown unbeatable form in league racing. Their match against Birmingham Lions 'A' at the Balsall Heath circuit which they won 50-46 was one of the best matches seen in Birmingham for many years.

With the scores level at 45 all and only the nominated heat to go Birmingham Lions fielded Ewart Edwards and Norman Thompson while Elmdon fielded Nobby Heaton and Dave Hickman. The order on the starting grid was Heaton Edwards Hickman and Thompson. This was also the order out of the gate and that was how it stayed for 3½ laps until Edwards in attempting to pass Heaton made the mistake of letting Hickman pass him and thus Elmdon gained a 5-1 heat win.

Following Kingstanding Monarchs two twenty point defeats in their first two matches England International Gerald Kean came out of retirement to strengthen the team in its attempt to hold on to the League Championship which they have held for 8 years.

Birmingham Lions in their attempt to take the Championship last week signed Willy Evans but it looks as if this signing has come too late.

Hagley Comets C.S.C. are now without a track. The building on their Hagley Road track started earlier than expected so they approached the Halesowen Council for the use of the ex-Quinton Racers track but this was rejected. B'ham Lions and Walsall Meteors have come to their aid by allowing them to use their tracks.

Look out for the Walsall Meteors in the future. Although they have failed to win a match so far this season Rainer and Gibbin are improving with every match and giving added support to Langston and Mills.

Although Aldridge didn't enter for the league this year most of their riders have been turning up to watch the league matches and now Geoff Tapp is interested in reforming the team and entering it in a new competition contemplated by the B'Ham Control Board. This new competition is a handicap competition based on league results and run on the weaker teams track or on a neutral track.

Mr. Ashtonhurst must be congratulated on his efficiency in running the NACSA Draw. It is efficiency like this that will help to improve the sport.

Mr. Leith must also be congratulated on his attempt to reform the Midland League and it is hoped that he gets the necessary support from the controlling bodies concerned to make it a success.

RESULTS

"BRUM"

B'ham LIONS A 69:Kiernan 15,Gillett 12.WALSALL 27:Langston 11, Mills 8.

KINGSTANDING 38:Dockerill 9,Smith 8.B'HAM LIONS A 57:Edwards 11,Kiernan 10
ELMDON 59:Heaton 13, Morrall 11. KINGSTANDING 37: Beasley 9

WALSALL 41:Langston, Mills 11. THE RACERS 55:Arnold 11,Roden,Williams 10
THE RACERS 34½:Arnold 9. B'HAM LIONS A 60½:Kiernan 13, Hancox,Edwards 11
WALSALL 35:Mills, Rainer 10. KINGSTANDING 61: Dockerill 15, Kean 9,Rake 8
B'HAM L.A 46:Thompson 9, Kiernan 8. ELMDON 50:Heaton, Hickman 11,
WALSALL 38:Langston 10, Mills 8. B'HAM L.A 57:Thompson 11, Goode, Gillett 8
ELMDON BEES 58:Heaton, deacon 11. B'HAM LIONS A 38:Hancox 8, Edwards 7.
KINGSTANDING 41:Dockerill, Beasley 9. ELMDON 55:Deacon 14, Heaton 12,

TOTTENHAM VISIT MANCHESTER

Tottenhams lightening Whitsun Tour of Manchester was as usual a great success and following their tradition in tours, everything possible happened.

On WhitSaturday at 9.00a.m. Nobby Dunn and Len Adams with both their young ladies and John Cobbin set off first in Dunns car, Vic White and John Brady were following them up an hour behind in the van, loaded with the teams bikes, Malcolm Reading, his young lady, Mick Seyd and Alan Hawkins were due to leave London at 1.00p.m. in Reading's car. While the last three, Clive Hill, Jim Mitchell and Derek Wills - kindly loaned by Edmonton for the tour - were leaving at 2.00p.m. in a car especially hired for the occasion.

Dunn and Company arrived at the hotel just as a call came through from White with the news that the big-ends were going in the van just near Coventry, after a hurried conversation it was decided that White and Brady leave the van and continue by rail.

As pre-arranged Dunn, Adams, Cobbin and the two girls went off to Belle Vue speedway and fun fair to meet Reading and his party. The at 11.00p.m. they all returned to the hotel, to find that a call had come through saying the boys would be on the 1.45a.m. train Sunday morning, still Hill, Mitchell and Wills had not arrived. At mid-night White and Brady turned up saying they had made no call about arriving at 1.45a.m. It was Hill and Co, who arrived on the 1.45 with the news that their hired car had busted its big-ends in Birmingham.

On the Sunday morning, England Individual Champion and Carrs Wood Manager Brian Moston, insisted on going right down to Coventry and picking up Tottenham bikes from van, a round trip of 130 miles

In the match at 3.00p.m. despite the very close racing the Kangaroos went down 61-34. Immediately after, Moston again insisted on taking the bikes back to the van, he brushed aside Tottenhams protests that it was too much for him, with typical Manchester spirit saying it was a "Champion Drive". The Kangaroos cannot thank him enough.

On the Bank Holiday Monday the entire team travelled over to Blackpool for a roaring finish to the tour. Len Adams had to return to his unit in Newcastle at 5.00p.m. The rest left Blackpool at 10.00p.m. arriving back in London still minus van and bikes at 7.30a.m. Tuesday morning, tired but happy.

Last Friday night Dunn, Hill, White, Brady and Cobbin travelled up to Coventry and towed the van back to enable the team to have the bikes for Sundays league match.

NACSA DRAW

As the driver who finished second was not included in the list of entries, the four prizes have been awarded to the holders of tickets which drew the drivers 1st., 3rd., 4th., and 5th.

WINNING TICKET NUMBERS :- 1. 4166. 2. 6970. 3. 7393. 4. 6364.

LONDON

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 66 - ESTUARY EAGLES 38.

In their Essex League match at home the Comets entertained the Eagles from Southend. From the start the visitors could make little impression on the Comets who were strengthened by Eric Hemsley home on leave from Germany, who was unbeaten by the opposition as were Keith Taylor and Johnny Brown. Sid Pipe was top scorer with 13. For the visitors R. Rolph and J. Pace were best with 9 points each.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 28 - ESTUARY EAGLES 20

In the Association Cup match that followed racing was close and only a few points separated the two teams until the last two heats when the Comets pulled away. Outstanding riders of the match were Comets Dave Hamilton who scored a faultless maximum,

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 45 - EAST HAM WOLVES 62.

In the Yallop Trophy match held at Temple Hill Lane, the young Comets side gave strong opposition to their opponents than when they met in the league two weeks previously. In the first half of the match only three points separated the two teams and it was only in the latter stages of the match that experience of the Wolves began to show.

In their usual top place in the Comets score chart were Keith Taylor and Sid Pipe with 10 points. They were joined there this week by youngster Mick Curry also with 10, Johnny Brown 6 and John Pipe 5 gave the backing while Dave Hamilton and Stuart added 2 points each.

THE LONDON CYCLE SPEEDWAY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

At the Hawbush Hammers track Keith Taylor of Whipps Cross Comets became the new London Champion after Sid Pipe also of the Comets had forced a run-off by beating Taylor in his last ride. Johnny Brown failed to make it a triple run-off by failing by inches on the last bend to beat up and coming youngster Mick Curry who is already runner up to the Junior London Champion. In the run off after a three lap tussle Taylor managed to win by half a length. In the run off for third place, Curry led from the inside berth at the start and kept in front of Brown to take third place in the Championship. London Junior Champion John Pipe came 5th.

Scorers: Taylor, Pipe 14, Curry, Brown 13, John Pipe 10, Gibbons, Dave Hamilton, Colin Hart 9, Wraith, Wright 6.

JOHN BROWN

"HANTS GRAND PRIX".

On Saturday August 27th the Bournemouth C.S.C. are staging a "Grand Prix" and would like to extend an invitation to all riders who could get down for this match to take part. A limited amount of accommodation is available at a very reasonable cost for riders having to travel any great distance. All entries must be in by Saturday August 20th. Entry forms and further details from Mr. J. Cooke, 23 Maxwell Road, Winton Bournemouth.

PLACE A FIRM ORDER FOR YOUR "GAZETTE" TODAY!

AUSTRALIAN TOUR

The following letter has been received from Mr. F. Bennett, NACSA Secretary, re the visit of the Australian Touring Team.

Dear Sir,

Following the announcement that appeared in the press to the effect that the Australian Touring Team would not be coming to England as arranged this year, great efforts have been made to obtain confirmation of the statement.

I regret to say that no replies have been received to my cable and airmail letters, and in consequence I have to assume that the statement is in fact true, therefore it is with much regret that I have to inform you that I consider it necessary to cancel any arrangements made for the tour.

Yours faithfully,
F. BENNETT.



FRED BENNETT.

SOUTHAMPTON

REPORT BY
"HEAT LEADER"

For the first leg of the Southampton Knock Out Trophy, Shirley Bombers travelled to the Stars track and found themselves up against it. Only D. Butcher and D. Tanner managed to make any impression. For the Stars, K. Frampton went through the evening without being beaten by an opponent.



CHANDLERS FORD STARS 62 Frampton 17.
SHIRLEY BOMBERS 45 Butcher 14, Tanner 11.
SHIRLEY BOMBERS 56 Butcher 15, Barnes 13.
CHANDLERSFORD STARS 52 Denham 12, Jennings 8.
Aggregate : Bombers 101. Stars 114.
League : STARS 52 VIKINGS 44 Griffiths 12.
Senior Match Race : T. Webber beat D. Tanner 2-0, 2-1.
Junior M.R. : A. Dacombs beat R. Aldin 2-0, 2-0.

NATIONAL TROPHY RESULTS

BUSHEYKANGAROOS 48 EAST HAM STARS 45

WEMBLEY 59

NORWICH STARS 37

NOEL THOMPSON (Elmdon)

YORKSHIRE MATCHES

KNOCK-OUT TROPHY. First Round.

LINDALE 57:Johnson 13, Brooke 12, Sutcliffe, Cockcroft 10, Ramsden 5, Hunt 3.
LONGSIGHT 51:Darling 13, Holden 10, Blinston 9, Sweeney 8, Stafford 6.

Rather surprisingly the Macunians held the Lindale side to six points on the Yorkshiremen's home track. This was largely due to the fine form shown by "Ancs Champion Johnny" Darling but he was backed up by a team of riders who never stopped trying. For Lindale Pete Johnson rattled up 13 points being beaten only by Darling. The acting captain Clive Brooke also played a major part in the Lindale victory. John Sutcliffe continued his run of good form whilst Dennis Ramsden seems to have regained some of his old dash.

Second Round at Longsight.

LONGSIGHT 53(104) Robinson 11, Darling 10, Holden 9, Blinston, Stafford 5.
LINDALE 55(112):Brooke, Cockcroft 12, Sutcliffe 10, Ramsden 8, Johnston 8.

With only a six-point lead from the first leg and the track disadvantage, the Lions entered this match very warily. At one point it looked as if the 'Pegasus' were going to win when they went into a four-point lead, but clever substituting by Lindale team-manager John Broadbent soon wiped out the deficit. Pete Johnson took two heavy falls but still went on to score eight points. Clive Brooke was as often the match winner with a hard fought twelve points.

Robinson and Darling were once again the mainstays of the Longsight team but they received fine support from Holden. The younger riders too, Gannon, Bargon, Sweeney and Stafford tried all the way, and all four could really make the grade in a few months.

LINDALE INDIVIDUAL AND JACK ASHTON TROPHY.

1st. Mel Vickers 15, 2nd. John Sutcliffe 12, 3rd. Nick Bedford 11,
Holmes 10, Johnston 9, Johnson 9, Cockcroft, Brooke 8, Hunt, Ormondroyd 7

In blazing hot sunshine Mel Vickers, who has said that he would like a move from Lupset to Lindale completely outrode the rest of the field to collect yet another trophy, the Lindale Individual Championship Trophy. This match provided some terrific racing and a good sized crowd were certainly satisfied with what they saw. The only Lindale rider who seemed capable of stopping the Lupset invasion was John Sutcliffe and even then there was a three point margin between him and the winner. The surprises of the afternoon were Tony Hunt and Cam Ormondroyd. Both these Lindale reserves rode better than they have ridden for a long time. Two of the favourites, Dave Johnston (Lupset) and Clive Brooke (Lindale) both had bad luck, Johnston dropping a chain whilst well in the lead and Brooke taking a fall. However nothing could have stopped Vickers on this form.

MIKE COCKCROFT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REPORTERS.

When sending in reports, would reporters please DATE their contributions. This is most important, and we look forward to your co-operation.

DUTCH WORLD FINALIST IN HOSPITAL

During the Hilversum Championships a month ago, Koot, bound for England for the World Final, crashed, and received concussion.

He is confined to bed for six weeks.

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT ONLY ONE DUTCH MACHINE FOR LONDON WILL HAVE THE SMALL REAR WHEEL .

HILVERSUM CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULT.

1st. F.v.d.Dolder 14 pts.
2nd. D. Reiche 14 pts.
3rd. J.Koudijs 14 pts.

John Davis, Inky Lister, Ken Irish. Only Davis is a certain starter this year. (Wilts.)



Dave Hamilton (Whipps Cross) in the lead during a match on the Comets Oxford Tour.

TOTTENHAM LOSE TO BECKENHAM

On Sunday June 6th. the Kangaroos suffered another setback when they went down 59-34 against Beckenham Monarchs at Beckenham.

Len Adams, again home on leave, was in cracking form with 11 pts. Upper Malc. Reading and Nobby Dunn rode well for 8 points, but the remainder were far below par.

In the Reserve League Match following, Johnnie Cobbin and skipper Jim Mitchell were below form, only Vic White and young Alan Hawking rode well, but the task was too great for only two and the Wallabies went down 15-10.

G. N. DUNN.

A LESSON IN

MATCH PRESENTATION

On Saturday May 28th I witnessed a Cycle Speedway Meeting literally out of this world. On the advertisements it simply read 'London Five-a-Side Championships' at Edmonton. In fact it was Cycle Speedway presented in a style riders dream of. This meeting was actually the dream of a rider, only this rider had to retire and become a Manager to realise it.

Six teams were assembled in the pits, Edmonton, South London Hunters and Rangers, Reckenhams, Hellingly and Tottenham, thirty riders altogether. Banners proclaiming the B.C.S.F., the Daily Express and Avon Tyres gave the flag decked ground a superb look. The great crowd seemed overawed was this really a skid kid meeting? NO! it was a Cycle Speedway Championship Meeting. The Cup was there, not two inches high, nor twelve inches high. It stood majestically two feet from base to top.

I can sense you reading this, thinking nothing exceptional about it so far, but have you ever seen a twenty page programme? Not at a Cycle Speedway Meeting I know. In fact, not many organisations in any sport can produce a twenty page programme for threepence. I had to struggle with the crowds to obtain one. It was twenty pages of news too, not rubbish.

Bang on the dot at the scheduled starting time of 7.30p.m. the loud speakers - Oh I didn't mention them, I must be visiting too many British League tracks - blared their welcome. After a brief announcement to the supporters, the teams were introduced, not just introduced, but introduced with style and imagination. 'First we welcome', came the announcement 'The Hellingly Lions all the way from Sussex' and with the tune of a well known march they rode around to the starting area, the five of them smartly abreast. The marches altered as each team was presented, until the resounding notes of the 'Dam Busters' signalled the home team Edmonton Monarchs to ride round coming to rest behind the others at the starting area.

The site looked resplendent as the thirty riders, all the officials and the large crowd stood to attention for 'God Save the Queen'. The meeting had started. I will not mention the riding except to say it came up to the standards required of it, for a report will undoubtedly be made elsewhere. At 9p.m. with dusk falling the meeting finished. The crowds streamed out remembering not the riding but the presentation. So this is Cycle Speedway the newcomers were saying, when is the next meeting.

I sat there alone watching the man who had planned and promoted this astounding meeting. He stood like a General, in the pits viewing as it were the Victory, his dream come true. Did I say earlier he was a rider who had become a Manager? I humbly apologise, I made a mistake. I meant, of course, THE Manager Mr. Vic Cowell. 'Congratulations Vic! on the greatest Cycle Speedway presentation I have ever seen. I must add a word of praise also to the person who I know must share his successes and troubles, Paula Cowell, his wife. For a man who stays up until 3a.m. working on details for such a meeting must have the support and understanding of his wife, to see him through the difficulties and worry that occur.

G. N. DUNN

HAMPSHIRE FIRST MATCHES

The Hampshire League opened the season with a match between S'ton Bombers and Chandlers Ford Stars. The Stars won 50-46 over a weakened Bombers side which had several retirements during the close season.

May 1st saw Tatnam Tigers defeat Chandlers Ford Stars by 63-33 at Poole. This match was ridden in a downpour of rain and was more a mud bath than anything else.
TATNAM TIGERS 63: Bright 12, Cox 11, Nippard and Watkins 9, Lilley, Holmes 7
CHANDLERS FORD STARS 33: Jennings 10, Weeber 7, Cousins, Denham 6, Card 5

On the same day Tatnam Tudors rode the newly formed Bournemouth Viscounts and lost 56-40. Only Tatnam riders to show any resistance were Derek Phillips 9 and Robby Frampton 8. For the Viscounts Mick Palmer scored a maximum. Ken Pitfield 14 and Mike Pretty 10.

On May 8th the matches between Southampton Bombers and Tatnam were postponed as Tatnam had a transport breakdown.

May 15th saw Frampton, Tarr, "right, Cox and Watkins from Tatnam and Mills from Vikings travel to Oxford for the third round of the World Championship. Only one rider, Bright, managed to qualify.

The Dorset Individual Championship was held on May 21st and resulted in a win for David Tarr with 13 points after a run-off with Mike Holmes. David won the title in '58 and Mike in '59. Third was Robby Frampton with 11 points after another run-off with Roger Nicholson, who made a return after his recent injury and afterwards was "just a little stiff".

Roger Nicholson.



Bluey Waterson being presented with the HOLLAND CUP 1959.

Runner up was George Siddons (left of Waterson) and third was Alan Wood.

LEICESTER MATCHES

The Summer Cup competition got under way with the Blackbird Monarchs visiting Belgrave Red Devils and winning 54-41. Harry Glover, still in the World Championship at the time of writing, was best for Blackbird with 13, followed by Vann 11, Lowe 10 and Smith 9. For Belgrave John Cross had 11 and Dave Brant 10.

The following day, a depleted Aylestone were routed by Leicester All Stars. Rawson 13, Naylor and Newberry 12 were too fast for Aces for whom Alan Cope, returning after 2 years in the Army and Maurice Wheatley fought hard and another veteran, "Flyer" Halford, returned to the saddle also.

All Stars won again when they defeated Belgrave 49-47. The only information I have on this is that Belgrave led until the final heat, when Cross went through the tapes, leaving All Stars to take a 5-1 and the match.

SUMMER CUP RESULTS and Scorers

BELGRAVE 41: Cross 11, Brant 10, Robson 8, Kilby 5, Smith 4, Shaw 2.

BLACKBIRD 54: Glover 13, Vann 11, Lowe 10, Smith 9, Birkle 4, Harvey 3

AYLESTONE 19: Cope 8, Wheatley 5, Halford 4, Farmer, Wright 1.

LEICESTER A.S. 74: Rawson 13, Naylor, Newberry 12, Simpson 10, Evans 8.

National Team Championship. Leicestershire Semi-final (1st leg).

BELGRAVE 47: Greaves 11, Cross 10. BLACKBIRD 47: Glover 13, Smith 8, Vann 7.

(2nd Leg).

BLACKBIRD 52: Glover, Vann 10, Lowe 9, Birkle 7, Paice 6, Harvey 5, Smith 4

BELGRAVE 44: Cross 12, Brant, Robson 8, Shaw 7.

Semi-Final

AYLESTONE ACES 17: Wheatley 6, Farmer 4, Robinson, Cope 3, Moore 1.

LEICESTER A. S. 79: Evans 15, Rawson 13, Naylor 12, Simpson, Pickering 9.

The semi-finals of the National Team Championships opened with another Belgrave v Blackbird meeting. This time the result was a draw 47 all. In the other tie, Aylestone fielded four juniors, all in their first match, against Leicester All Stars and the result was a massacre. Chas. Evans recorded his first maximum, by kind permission of his partner. M. Wheatley was the only Ace to beat an opponent. Cope was not so effective on a dry track and retired after 3 rides. The All Stars rode with fanatical zeal, even when 30 points ahead and several Aces had bruises to show afterwards. I heard several spectators being critical of the over robust tactics.

Blackbird at home won their tie by 8 points. This leaves Blackbird v All Stars in the Final

ROY WRIGHT.

MATCHES WANTED. Bournemouth C.S.C. would like challenge matches for Saturday July 23rd and August 13th, particularly home matches. Contact Mr. J. Cooke, 23 Maxwell Rd, Winton, Bournemouth.