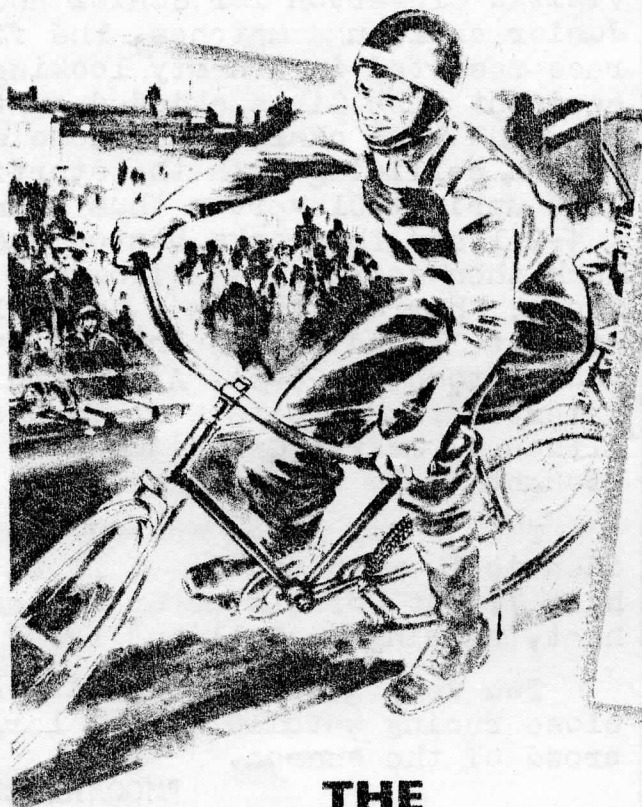


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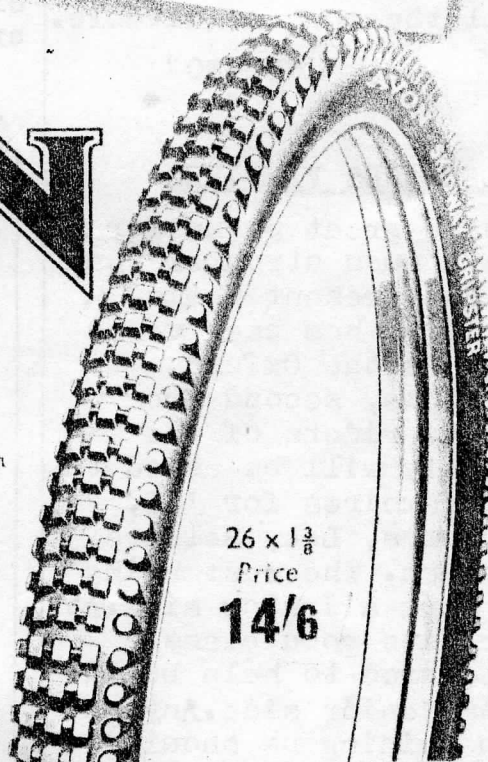
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"SCORCHERS" BUSY IN CHALLENGES

The Brighton club have been active of late with many challenge fixtures including a visit from the famous Edmonton Monarchs. This may sound a little presumptuous in the face of events at this meeting but I think that almost everyone was impressed with the young Brighton boys enthusiasm if not their actual efficiency.

Hellingly Lions also paid a visit and indeed this was the best ever meeting between the two teams and up to the interval the Scorchers held the experienced Lions to a dozen points - only to run short of wind in the second half. The Scorchers took the field with only six riders and this, coupled with the fact that they were having their first outing for six weeks makes this all the more creditable.

"BO-BO"

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DRAYTON ST. LEONARDS VAMPIRES

Drayton have great plans for 1962. Firstly a much stronger team is required. The present teams standard of riding has been very disappointing, as the Oxford League table shows, second from the bottom. Five riders of the present team only will be asked to represent the Vampires for '62, these being Thomas, Lee, Sellars, Newell and Newman. The rest being juniors will form a Junior side. At least four or five good class riders are required to help build a better class Senior side. Anyone interested in joining us should contact T. Yeates, 4 Stadhampton Rd. Drayton st Leonard, Oxford.

T. Yeates.

WILTSHIRE

On Sept. 10th Thurrock Stars visited Cleverton for Senior and Junior challenge matches. The first race resulted in a nasty looking accident when Gibbs skidded on the straight when challenging home star Vizard, colliding with the starting gate upright, Cleverton thus gaining a 4-2 lead. Thurrocks Benton and Bush then scored a 4-2 from Ted Scott, Thurrock took a 2 point lead at heat 7, and at the interval the score stood at 29-31. After the interval the Hornets went to peices although reserve Griffiths was brought in to take two seconds.

The junior match was almost identical, with the score 21-21 at heat 7, but Hornets never won another heat, sharing heat 11 and 12.

Two very good matches with clean, close racing watched by the largest crowd of the season.

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OXFORD RESULTS

Friendlies.

WHEATLEY ARROWS 38: B. Taylor, D. Downes, G. Bryant 7.

GREAT MILTON ROCKETS 57: T. D'Anger 12, Preston 11, B. Payne, B. Shapley 8.

Great Milton took a pretty strong team to the Strotover Hill circuit, but it took them till heat ten to gain anymore than a single point lead. Then, a 4-2 and three 5-1s clinched the deal. Les Preston was unbeaten.

LITTLEMORE LIONS 51: A. Miles 12, Godfrey 9, Kenny 8.

MINSTER LOVELL 45: Constable, M. Timms 8, W. Timms 7.

At Littlemore, Minster were without stars Holloway and Blake and couldn't match the gating of the Lions, on this ultra small circuit.

Wheatley 1961 Riders Championship.

JUNIOR: C. Dallimore 12½; R. Clitherow, M. Hillsdon 12; G. Erior 12.

SENIOR: R. Clitherow 15; P. Samuels, D. Johnston 13.

These two matches were a triumph for 15 years old Roger Clitherow, not once was he beaten by an opponent, in either match. Only youthful impetuosity, which led to an exclusion, robbed him of the Junior title. "old-man", Dick Johnson, on-form for a change, only managed a 3rd place when opposed to Clitherow in the deciding Senior race.

GREAT MILTON ROCKETS: A. Lawrence 13, B. Shapley 8, T. D'Anger, Preston 6½.

BOURNEMOUTH VIKINGS: Cooke, Palmer 9, Baker, Egg 8.

In May, Great Milton lost by one point, at Bournemouth. With a full strength team - at home - they just faded badly against the forceful British Leagues efforts. Lockyer and Palmer shone for the visitors, as did Lawrence for Great Milton - the Rockets will have to improve on this next season. Ken Pitson received a bad injury to his hand.

K.O.CUP - 2nd Round.

Burford Pirates 44: B. Wall 11, R. Bishop, R. Constable 7, P. Holt 6.

Minster Lovell 52: G. Blake 13, R. Holloway 12, D. Busby 7.

The teams were level up to heat 12, but two 4-2s and a final heat 5-1, settled it for the visitors. Burford sorely missed Pete Barlow and Graham Miles.

GERALD SMITH Vill 47: K. Rowland 9, G. Smith 8, P. Green, A. Lewis 7,

MICK GRANT Vill 43: B. Shapley 12, B. Dawes 11, M. Grant 9, P. Sinnett 5.

In place of the Oxford v Wilts county match, to which Wiltshire did not turn up, both Junior and Senior Oxford sides were split up and for the benefit of the decent size crowd - who were frozen stiff - a match was run-off. This provided some very exciting racing, the best at Wheatley this year. An official protest has been sent to N.A.S.A. over Wiltshires non-arrival.

Friendly. HUNGERFORD 33: R. Smith 9.

GT. MILTON 63: B. Payne, A. Lawrence 14.

NOTES ON THE FINALS

Weston's lanky reserve, Maury Shaw did not bargain for his frame coming apart from the bottom bracket in heat 10 when loading. The machine was less than two years old, too.

There were only two senior heats in which faster times were recorded than the junior fastest (55 seconds).

Crack of the afternoon came when the Weston v Kingstanding match was at nail biting stage. Three riders were anxiously waiting at the tapes, while Del Pearce was behind them gassing to spectators in the enclosure. When told by his captain to hurry up, he calmly replied, "Just talking to my fans!"

Several ex-riders were seen spectating over the two days. These included Pete Leckie (Harefield), Brian Smith (Wembley) and Barry Shapley.

Also spectating were two gentlemen from the B.C.S.F. A penny for their thoughts.....

Southampton Vikings became the first team to win the Junior Trophy twice, and Mick Currey became the first reserve to win the final.

Well, even the super fit Dave Chivers collapsed out after his last ride. We hope that he didn't blame Wally Deighton for pressing him so hard. Wally had been ill all week and seemed unlikely to ride - but ride he did, and very well. He must surely have been amongst the trophies if fully fit.

Weston suffered three exclusions, 1 machine failure and three falls. Kingstanding suffered one exclusion and two falls.

Comparing the bikes proved interesting. Most of the Northern ones had small chainwheels and many of the Southerners used cowhorn handlebars particularly the Southampton Vikings.

Noted and recommended. The greatest announcer in the sport - Ted Sear, excellent stewarding in the Senior Individual by Mr. Baldwin and fine presentation by the Pirates.

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STUDY IN OPPOSITES

As many people will know I have now been removed to the dark depths of Hampshire and recently have had a chance to meet local personalities in the Southampton area. Firstly I have been astounded at the lack of interest in making the sport attractive to the spectators, conversely it is equally amazing to note the interest of the riders and the enthusiasm evident in their riding.

Now I am of the opinion that the sport should be presented and made to look really worthwhile but I do say that if the riders are at least enjoying themselves and getting a great deal of fun from the sport then something is achieved and in Southampton they certainly enjoy their racing.

This does however lead to some interesting comparisons for me, for in recent weeks I have had the pleasure of seeing many matches of note..

I have seen John Mills ride superbly to take the Southampton Senior Individual title on a treacherously muddy track. Roy Baker riding to the title of British Champion on the fast Garratt Park bowl, in front of a crowd the like of which the "Park" has never seen. The Southampton Vikings take the Knock-out Cup convincingly and the Edmonton Monarchs battling to their second Gold Cup victory over a very game South London Rangers side. Here again the crowd was good and the atmosphere electric. The Roden Trophy and Hellingly Supporters Trophy also grace the Baker sideboard and worthily too.

These matches have all been so interesting and yet so different that the season 1961 will long remain in my memory.

The only black spot for me being the collapse of the Southern Counties League and the memory of the 60 mile run to Brighton for a cancelled fixture then on to the pleasant Hellingly circuit to watch a Challenge match - another 30 miles - only to find the match off.

Still that's cycle speedway and I can only look toward what I hope to be an even better season in '62.

BRIAN MAKEPEACE.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 54: Currey 11, Howse 9, Kemlsey, Brown 8, Hart 6.
HAWBUSH HAMMERS 66: Chubb, Tomlyn 9, Keoghler 8, Bell, Cox, Fraser 7.

Racing under floodlights at home, the Comets tried out a new ten -a-side formula, in a challenge match against their old rivals, Hawbush.

The Hammers led from the start, but Comets fought hard, and at the 12th heat took the lead for the first time, they held on to the lead until four races from the end when the Hammers snatched it to win the match. Top scorer for Comets was Mick Currey, with an unbeaten 11 points, after beating Essex Senior Champion, S. Tomlyn from behind in an exciting race and breaking the track record held by K. Taylor for many years by 4/10ths of a second in his last ride. Terry Howse made a welcome return to form with 9 points.

OXFORD HONOURS 1961

OXFORD LEAGUE 1st. Horspath Hammers. 2nd. Great Milton Rockets.

OXON COUNTY INDIVIDUAL - SENIOR - 1st. Mick Grant (Hammers)

2nd. Eric Putler (Hammers)

JUNIOR 1st. Vic Armstrong (Wreckers)

2nd. Pete Hickman (Burford)

OXON COUNTY TEAM SENIOR Horspath Hammers

JUNIOR Horspath Wreckers

OXON 4-a-side-League 1st. Horspath Hammers. 2nd. Gt. Milton

LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL - 1st. Kevin Rowland (Hammers) 2nd. Gerald Smith (Hammers)

K.O.CUP - 1st. Horspath Hammers. 2nd. Burford Pirates.

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NEXT SEASON

With the Hammers in the British League, the league appears to be a fight between Great Milton, Minster Lovell and Burford. But, Milton expect to lose Lawrence to Abingdon and Jock Sutherland may move too. Burford are likely to concentrate on local talent, and, at first, will be weaker. Abingdon will be better, and Wood Farm cannot be so bad again. Newcomers to the League, Wheatley, and the new Littlemore are fairly unknown quantities, but of the two, the latter appear stronger.

In the Intermediate League - which is confined to riders with no league experience prior to 1962, or ex-league riders with less than a 5 point average - Blackbird Leys and Grandpont Rockets will join the junior sides of at least Milton, Wood Farm, Littlemore and Wheatley. Perhaps Wood Farm will do the trick here.

Individually, with Horspath out, it is obvious that the experience of the likes of Brian Winchester, Bob Constable etc. will give them an early season advantage in racing. I expect, then, that with the National Rounds early in the season, the County Champion will be a rider of experience in competitions. My idea of the senior winner is Alan Lawrence, but it is a long way to go yet.

BARRY SHAPLEY.

LEICESTER INDEPENDENT LEAGUE FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 1961

	P	Home			Away			Total Points	Match Points
		W	D	L	W	D	L		
Blackbird Monarchs	12	6	0	0	4	0	2	473	20
Mowmacre Magpies	12	4	0	2	5	0	1	393	18
Stadium Spitfires	12	3	0	3	4	0	2	445	14
Anstey Eagles	12	3	0	3	3	0	3	372	12
Aylestone Aces	12	3	1	2	1	0	5	306	9
Anstey Vampires	12	3	0	3	2	1	3	246	9
Parker Pirates	12	0	0	6	1	0	5	258	2

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HUNGERFORD INVADED 1961

I enjoyed my stay in Sussex, with Scotlands team in 1950: 1957's happy stay at Wallingford: my spells at Felixstowe whilst in the R.A.F: the Manchester trip with Hungerford in '58 - and again for the afore-said Grand Prix this year - BUT, Hungerford, for their Grand Prix, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of August 1961, beat the lot. The drama and excitement - the friendliness and happiness, cannot be expressed in figures. There was too much to attempt to describe it all - but perhaps what I did and saw will help. I'll try.

Great Milton team-mate and beer-fellow, Jock Sutherland and I arrived at Hungerford at 4p.m. on the Saturday. I thought we were late (I forgot the starting time) but found we'd 2½ hours to go. We spent the time generally messing up the strict time schedule of Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge by trying to help them prepare everything. (Incidentally, 'Bert' and 'Mrs M', plus Rex Smith of the local Panthers did almost all of the work attendant to the success of the event. I pray it was a success financially, for if it wasn't Bert reckons they'll have to pack up! And we cannot let that happen).

Any way the semi-finals were raced off. All the 'expected' riders qualified except Mike Cockcroft and Jock Sutherland. Mick, because of an unlucky exclusion, and Jock was too ill to contest a run-off for last place. We all looked forward to Sunday at 3.30, for what promised to be a great final. 1960 winner Vic Hinchliffe and 1960 runner-up Derek Garnett had drawn good numbers, as had Vinny "broken frame" Marsland. Moston was there, and the North had also got Yorkshires' Clive Brook and Dave Johnston.

Jock, myself, Roy, Bob and Norman of Hungerford made off for a drink or two in the Pub (a big mistake, MrsM.) where we were billeted. After six stops to kick the petrol pump into action (what can you expect - a Rolls for 50 bob?) we arrived with only 15 minutes drinking time left. We decided that on Sunday evening we'd really test the local brew, and retired to bed.

BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! - At 8a.m. (this was Sunday remember) mine host woke us up with the news that breakfast would be at 9 at 8.55 we were up and frantically rushing about to wash shave, dress and be at the table at 9. We failed, but breakfast was nice.

We had till 3.30, but after reading "Lady C's Daughter" and the "N of W" it was time for Jocks lunch in the cafe in Hungerford. Jock ate an enormous lunch whilst I concentrated on my cups of tea. (Jock won the toss). Came 3.30 and the Final. Dave Tarr won it; little Vic beat Andy Bright for second; Derek Garnett came last in two races; Vinny Marsland did the same; I got the fastest time and the excitement was frantic.

After a wash and brush up we joined the craziest crowd of cycle speedsters in England - the Yorkshire mob, plus one Harry Glover - in the 'Red Lion'. After some pints (forget how many now); one joke (repeated at intervals) from Dave Johnson; dozens of jokes (?) from Cam. Ormondroyd; a trip up the road after two "Birds" with Brian Moston - a failure by the way; "Ilkly Moor B'atat(?)" from Mr. Glover - we left, sort of, the pub.

Over to the car park we went. Jock and I wanted to visit the Bradford boys H.Q., the Boy Scout Hut nearby. But as 15 or so bods couldn't get in the van (TWO constituting an overloading of it!) an argument ensued. I finally got in. The local Bobby came along and attempted a sort out by telling Jock (who he thought was sober!) to take everyone away. Jock took off empty - he thought. Halfway there a Leicestershire voice with a Yorkshire accent said "Mrs M's going to be annoyed about this" - it was good old Harry again.

At this point I must pause to say that (for his girl friends' information) Harry Glover was cold sober. Honest. Well, he LOOKED cold.

Reaching the Hut, Harry found the key and the lock and we were in. Harry and I played table tennis - Harry won. Jock played Harry and was winning when Harry collapsed. Suddenly however we were interrupted by Cammy, Clive and Dave coming in. Daves green(!) jeans were wet. Seems he'd found a Ford across the canal.

Mike Cockroft appeared with another member who had tried to jump off the canal bridge. Mike, Mike said, had saved him.

After being the recipient of the contents of a milk bottle and a bucket of water - Harry woke up, picked up his bed (rather Biblical what?) and encamped to another room. He promptly put on the light ... and they ALL went out! 'Seems Mrs. M. had told them about this faulty switch. At this point Vic Hinchliffe arrived - why, no-one knows. Then, at the sound of 'Police', Jock and I made a hasty exit.

The morning saw us at the track at 11 a.m. ready to lend a hand to Bert and his wife in erecting the stands. Jock helped with the coconuts and I, with a Tatnam rider, marked out the cross country cycle course. Bill Punter, Geoff Pearce and other ex-Langleyites were in charge of the "Wheel of Fortune".

By 1.30p.m. there must have been over 100 riders and three times as many spectators. Different accents and team breastplates - the load of bikes all over the place - Mrs.M running all over the place - all lent atmosphere to this great occasion.

The senior 4-a-side started the events. Tatnam - all in black - went out to Uxbridge - all in blue. A big surprise. In the final Offerton beat Uxbridge, but Johnny Unsworth brought Garnetts unbeaten run to an end with a clever bit of tactics. We, the Great Milton team, strengthened by Messrs. Les Preston and Tony D'Anger, lost to old rivals Bournemouth, after looking like winning.

The Beauty Queen competition was won by Miss Hollister, and Lionel Baldwin was one of the judges.

Then came the cross country race. Over 80 riders started - about 20 finished. Bob Merrett of Cleverton packing up very early. I think Frampton won from Nippard and Bright - all Tatnam. I surprised myself by valiantly coming 4th and walked round in a delirium for hours afterwards. Moston had bet me a pint on this race - I shall collect later.

Finally, tired, bedraggled, suffering from Alcoholitis, but very happy, we all left. Thank you ALL - for the best weekend this rider's ever had.

B.SHAPLEY

BRISTOL

Hanham Cycle Speedway Championships of 1961.

Saturday 16th September saw the close of the Cycle Speedway season for the newly formed Hanham Panthers champion rider. Mike Parry and Derek Mills tied with 13 pointseach, the run-off being won by Mike Parry in a very good race. He deserved the Championship for this year. The first two riders received Cups, third was Mike Alder who received a medal. A medal was also given to Roger Davis for being the hardest trier with 10 points. Mention must be made of Keith Harris who if not for a spill would have been in the top three. Peter Williams had the misfortune to bend his frame in half. The steward for the match was Roger Blake, who made a very good job of it.

A recent report in the September issue of the Gazette said that Derek Mills had retired owing to injuries. He has now returned to ride for the Panthers and has shown a great improvement in his riding. He hopes to ride for one more season before his bike goes up for a Trophy.

'PANTHER'

DEVON

The return of more clubs to Cycle Speedway is now certain in the Exeter district. The Shaldon Kestrels travelled to ride the Exeter Tigers where they lost by 10 points in a 12 heat match. The return visit to the Kestrels track by the Tigers proved a win for the Kestrels 30pts to 50, both matches were keenly contested for. I also have fixtures arranged with the newly formed Exeter Eagles for next month, and with two or three other teams now forming in the Exeter area, also with a team at Starcross on the outskirts of the city.

In the home match against Exeter Tigers at Shaldon G.Tooley (capt) scored maximum points for the Kestrels and R.Knight (capt.) was highest scorer with 7pts for the Tigers. During the winter months it is hoped that we can again form a league here, a matter which I am busy working on.

RON VAULTER.

WILTSHIRE

Hungerford completed the double at Cleverton winning the Senior match 57½-36½. R.Jackson was top scorer with 11 for the Hornets and Junior P.Parsons rode well for 7 in the junior match which the Panthers won 49½-22½.

On August 27th Cleverton visited Bushey and were defeated 30-66 in the Senior match, Jackson being the only "Hornet" to win a race. T.Vizard 7 and A.Heal 5, gave support. The juniors fared even worse, losing 44-16.

The Hornets then raced Wembley Lions putting up a good fight to lose 54-42. Jackson was again top scorer with 12pts with T.Vizard 11, T.Scott and A.Heal 6 each.

'MOONRAKER'

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From : Ken Adams, 50, Bromleigh Drive, Copsewood, Coventry.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to say what I think of the Birmingham and Leicester Midland League teams.

Only this season I became a Coventry team rider, my first match was to be against Leicester at Slater St. I was looking forward to my first Coventry Midland League match, but as the Leicester team manager sent no directions of how to reach Slater St. to the Coventry Team manager, we arrived 20 minutes late. The Leicester team manager saw us arrive and promptly sent his team home. His excuse - we were late.

I have been at Spencer Park, Coventry, as a spectator, and have seen the Leicester team turn up about an hour late with the Coventry team still ready and eager to ride.

If this is Leicester's attitude, I think it would be better for them to pack up altogether.

Also the Coventry v Birmingham Midland League match at Spencer Park on 1.10.61 Sunday. The Birmingham team manager sent the Coventry team manager notice that the match was off at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 30.9.61 with the match due to start at 3 p.m. the next day.

What do Birmingham think the Coventry manager is, a perishing super-man? They must expect Mr. Taylor, the Coventry manager, to chase around town and 4 miles out of town to tell his riders the match was off. I wonder if Mr. Taylor ever gets any sleep.

I hope you can find room to print this.

K. ADAMS.

* Editor : I would like to point out on behalf of both other associations that there have been faults on all sides regarding the disputes mentioned above. I would also refer to the nuisance the Coventry party made at the Midland Riders Championship Final, which was tolerated by all there, including Mr. Baldwin the steward, and both Birmingham and Leicester riders. I do not feel that the above letter needs any further comment, as most people are aware of the merits of all concerned.

THE EUROPEAN CUP

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We are not sure on what basis this competition is run, however, the above are two results for whatever they are worth, sent in by Ian Austral. Perhaps we shall have more information next month.

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SOUTHERN COUNTIES

It is a great disappointment to me to have to announce what surely heralds the demise of the Southern Counties League. No fewer than three of the four clubs called it a day ! This means that the Worthing Sputniks, still with a membership of about 100, leave the sport to concentrate on Judo and the social side of things.

The newcomers from Cranleigh have been forced to disband because "as most members play both football and cricket it is felt that cycle speedway might interfere with their training." Wantley Wasps have a more genuine reason as they are now left with only four keen riders. Here it seems that they may move over to neighbouring Horsham, where a young enthusiast is forming a team using, he hopes, his idol, Clive Elmer as a nucleus.

This sorry state of affairs leaves the Brighton club to struggle gamely on under the leadership of Del Goddard, and their aim, I hear, is to completely re-build the track and re-organise the club with the eventual aim of British League status in 1963. Visitors remembering the sorry state of the Upper Kingston Lane track will, no doubt, think this is a tall order, but if the present interest and enthusiasm is any indication then they may just make it. Whilst here again Clive Elmer and Ron Holvey have stated a distinct liking to the idea.

I know that now the Scorchers are in this unfortunate position they would welcome enquiries from clubs for fixtures in 1962. May I here wish them well, and only wish that I were again there with them now they have to fight once again.

"BO-BO"

MANCHESTER

Division One has been won for the second year by Gorton Pirates, followed by Carrs Wood and Offerton. The Manchester K.O. Trophy was also won by Gorton. After an exciting 54-54 draw, Offerton forfeited 8 points riding a rider under suspension, making it a 54-42 win for Gorton.

The Derek Maynard Memorial Trophy was won by R. Betts 13. second - E. Bostock 12, 3rd. T. Lawton 12., the competition being open to riders who have never been 'placed' in an individual final.

The Div. 1. Match Race Championship was retained by Garnett, beating M. Wansborough 2-0 at Longsight.

Finalists for the North of England Championship are Gorton and Offerton and it promises to be a thriller. The Manchester Individual Final is venue for Wilmslow, with 15 top riders attempting to take Hinchliffe's title, and Vic is out to make it a hat-trick, having won in 1959 and 1960.

The Junior Final at Gorton is very open, with any one of five or six riders capable of being Manchester Junior Champion.

DEREK GARNETT.



The two teams in the 1961

GOLD CUP FINAL.

Top :- South London Rangers.

Bottom :- Edmonton Monarchs.

LETS KEEP OUR VALUES

In the recent issue of the "Gazette" we had two rather amusing articles - though of course these were not meant to be amusing but thought provoking - by two obviously learned gents (viz. "Concerned" and Barry Shapley). Coincidentally both chose to talk on the merits or otherwise of the two national bodies and incidentally both showed a remarkable similarity in ideas as to which was the best and even most efficient body.

What appeared to me to be amusing yet somewhat sinister was the fact that both articles led up to the point that only one body should rule in a sport of the size of ours. This is, of course quite true, but the theme seemed to be that the poorer body (N.A.C.S.A.) should fade quietly from the scene and then all clubs should affiliate to the Federation. This however would lose the whole point of the B.C.S.F. and I am sure that this would be the last thing that members of the Executive would either desire or allow.

May I point out that I am neither attached to the B.C.S.F. or a member of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association but obviously follow the line that 'British is Best'. However, I do appreciate that N.A.C.S.A. are still very much alive, but they represent the "will nots" as opposed to the "will try" clubs in the sport, or as they obviously like to put it, the "have nots" and the "haves". In other words, let's not forget that the Federation is the breakaway group that is trying - damned hard and pretty successfully - to put the sport on a par with the very best in sport and organisation, and therefore the whole essence of their success depends on NACSA for its supply of raw material available for "conversion".

So, it must be said that to say that the whole of the country's clubs should roll over to the Federation is, to say the least ridiculous. For, it should be remembered, that the mere payment of 10/6 at the start of the season is not enough for the Federation, they demand (and in 99% of the cases get) the very best that the sport can offer, or at least clubs that will make an effort.

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INTER-COUNTY MATCHES

Yorkshire v Lancashire, August 19th at Bradford Moor Vukcans track.

Yorkshire had an easy victory in this match against a Red Rose team which couldn't seem to settle down. Only captain Marsland really impressed for the visitors, whilst Yorkshire were solid, with new boy Robin Wells riding well.

YORKSHIRE 66:Wells 13, Johnston 12, Brooke 10, Sutcliffe 9, D.Bates 8.
LANCASHIRE 49:Marsland 12, Darling 9, Bartholomew, Betts 8, Wansborough 5

Chesh' re v Lancashire, August 20th at Carrs Wood Hunters track.

Cheshire were far too strong for a Lancashire team a little dispirited by their previous days defeat and ran out comfortable winners. Garnett scored a perfect maximum for Cheshire and Hinchliffe dropped only one point. Moston and McGee put in some very good team work and Bevin supported well. Once again Marsland was best for Lancashire.

CHESHIRE 70:Garnett 18, Hinchliffe 17, Moston 11, McGee 11, Bevin 8.
LANCASHIRE 49:Marsland 8, Betts, Watling 7, Bartholomew, Lock, Airey 6.

Lancashire v Yorkshire, August 27th at Openshaw Monarchs track.

The Red Roses clicked at last in this match and were never in any real trouble. Racing was fast and close with plenty of passing and no exclusions. The home side took the lead with a 5-1 in heat 5 and never relinquished it. The Marsland/Darling pairing was best but all the team supported well. Johnston, Wells and Meadowcroft all tried hard for the visitors, but they lacked support.

LANCASHIRE 70;Marsland 14, Darling 13, Bartholomew 12, Watling 10, Betts 9
YORKSHIRE 50:Johnston 12, Meadowcroft, Wells 11, Cockroft 6, Sutcliffe 3

M. WANSBOROUGH

DRAYTON 1962

Plans have been made for the holding of four competitions during the 1962 season. The first being the Junior Individual Championship for riders of 16 years of age and under on Whit-Sunday 1962. Details of riders entering this competition will be printed in the "Cycle Speedway Gazette" along with an entry form at least two months before the event takes place. This also applies to the other three competitions mentioned. For all the competitions, awards as well as trophies will be competed for. The first six placemen usually win awards, but if plans work out fine, it may be increased to eight awards. No entry fee is required. The idea of awards is mainly to boost cycle-speedway, and with something to ride for, a rider will do his utmost to win.

Riders please watch for the February Gazettes for details on entering the Junior Individual Championship on Whit-Sunday at Drayton-St-Leonard, when a list of awards will be presented also.

TONY YEATES.

GLASGOW

Well, now our wandering Mansewood Lions have returned to race in Glasgow. Recently they have raced four matches in Bradford, 1 in Edinburgh and 2 in Glasgow (Including going to Belle Vue and Edinburgh Speedways).

About the Bradford trip, everyone enjoyed their stay very much, and would like to thank our hosts for such enjoyable racing and 1st class accommodation (especially the pub!) By the way, we think Mike Cockcroft should enter his Bedford for a production race, the way he drives - he should do well. We enjoyed our Yorkshire 'pud' and will, in return, shoot a few haggises (or is it haggi?) when the shooting season starts!

A depleted Glasgow team, the others being held up in a road accident, defeated Edinburgh at Pilrig Park.

On Sunday October 1st Knightswood Toffs, with guest Johnnie Speirs beat Trinity Tigers, with guest John Murphy, in Glasgow, 60-24. The Toffs hit top form straight away and their team riding was first class. Only Tiger to settle down on the slick track was young Murphy, who notched two wins.

All the Toffs rode well. Veteran Chic Mackie collecting a maximum. Another 'old timer', Doug Maxwell, who has just completed 2 happy years in her Majesty's Forces proved that though the 'puff' may not be there, he has lost none of his old skill.

This was followed by a Best Pairs, one Edinburgh rider paired with one Glasgow rider, which was won by Cobain and Henry. The racing was very close and exciting. The winning pair notched 10 points from their first two races. Heat 9 brought great thrills with Cobain and Harkins having a great four lap struggle with Harkins slightly ahead until Cobain dived under him on the last bend and just missed winning by half a wheel. In heat 11, Jim Wilson went over the handlebars and hit his head quite hard. This upset him in his other races. Big Pete Christie made a welcome return after a six week lay-off, and only dropped 3 points. Scorers: 1st. Henry 11 / Cobain 8 - 19.

2nd. Speirs 11 / Holgate 7 - 18.

3rd. Christie 12 / Mann 5 - 17.

Riders to impress in these matches were young Brian Gilliland, who is improving in every match and Alastair Mackie who should do big things by next season.

'YOGI BEAR'

KEEP READING IN THE WINTER !

THE MIDLAND RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Midland Riders Championship will in future be run on the following lines :-

Entry will be open to ANY RIDER IN THE MIDLANDS, irrespective of team, club, or Association to which he may belong.

Entry is to be made by direct application to the Editor of this magazine. An entry fee of 1/- is to be charged.

All Rounds will be organised by the Editor, in conjunction with the area control boards.

ALL MIDLAND CONTROL BOARDS HAVE PLEDGED THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE STAGING OF THESE ROUNDS.

The winner of each qualifying round will receive a plaque, presented by the "CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE" an added incentive.

A diploma will be awarded to each competitor in the semi-finals, and the Final.

Plaques will be awarded to the first three in the Final, and the winner will hold the Midland Riders Championship Trophy, the "CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE" CUP, for one year.

All awards will be presented by the 'Cycle Speedway Gazette' and will be kept by the recipients.

This method of running the championship, we feel sure, will be welcomed by all Midland riders, ensuring a chance for all.

SO DON'T LET US DOWN - - - SEND IN YOUR ENTRY NOW !

Closing date for entries - February 20th. 1962.

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