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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Now that we have the first edition behind us, one or two rather important points have been thrown up, important that is, if this publication is to continue.

Firstly, several of the areas which it is hoped to cover, including Staffordshire (Hanley and surrounding areas), Leicester and surprisingly, Lancashire, just don't seem to be interested. The three areas where the interest seems to lie are Bradford, where 70% of the sales of the first issue were made, Stockport and Coventry. Nothing at all has yet been heard from Sheffield and Middlesbrough. I appeal to all enthusiasts in all the above areas to try to increase the sales of this magazine. We feel there is a need for it, but unfortunately, that feeling is being rapidly dispelled by the apparent 'couldn't care less' attitude of some of the Northern areas.

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Now on to another important topic concerning the three northern-most areas - Lancashire, Cheshire and Yorkshire. "WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE TRIANGULAR TEST SERIES ?" is the question which has been posed by many northern enthusiasts. Well, the plain facts of the matter are, that partly due to bad weather the series has been allowed to fade into oblivion. The other facts relating to the apparently unheralded disappearance of one of the north's most 'needle' competitions is a series of top-level bungles :- Selection Committees forgetting to meet to pick the representative team, in one instance, informing the visiting team on the evening prior to the match day, when a coach had been laid on.

THIS TYPE OF THING WILL NOT DO.

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I would like to thank the many contributors in keeping me well informed with news from the various areas and also to my co-editor, Jim Meadowcroft, who, at times, proves invaluable.

MIKE COCKROFT.

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HINCHLIFFE AGAIN!

by DEREK GARNETT ...

They're thinking of renaming the Manchester League Individual Trophy the Vic Hinchliffe Cup! For the 4th. successive season popular Vic won the League Final at Gorton on Sunday Sept.30th with 14 points. Firm favourite Johnny Watling took 2nd place after a run-off with Derek Garnett, both riders having 13 points. Watling beat Hinchliffe, Garnett and Moston in his first two races and looked a certain winner. However a heat 10 mix-up saw him fighting for third place behind McGee and Bury. Heat 18 saw the Championship decided when Hinchliffe (11) met Garnett (11) and Vic made no mistake from inside. Openshaw Joe Bailey was really moving to score 12 points showing his Consolation Trophy success was no fluke. Mostons chances went with a bad first race and even though he only dropped one more, 11 points wasn't enough on the day.

SCORERS: V.Hinchliffe (Off.) 14, J.Watling (Gort.) 13, D.Garnett (Off.) 13, J.Bailey (Open.) 12, B.Moston (CW) 11, E.Bostock (Open) 9, J.Lee (Gort) 8, P.Bury (Gort) 7, D.McGee (CW) 6, D.Robinson (CW) 6, D.Barker (Gort) 5, T.Lawton (Off) 5, G.Gleave (Open) 5, J.Williams (Open) 3, J.Gilson (Chorlton) 3, A.McKenzie (Off.) 0.

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GARNETT RETAINS MATCH RACE

The League Match Race Championship at Gorton saw Derek Garnett retain his title from Brian Moston 2-1, the races just being a matter of who drew inside and Garnett was the lucky one. This being Garnetts 4th. defence of the title he now receives a replica. Mr. Ashtonhurst made the presentation along with the League Individual presentations.

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CARRSWOOD SKIPPER,
BRIAN MOSTON leads
HORTON STARLET FRED
WALKER at CARRS WOOD.



OFFERTON DEVILS 1962

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

by DEREK GARNETT ...

This season has been one of tremendous success for the Cheshire club. Formed in 1952, the team entered Div.2 of the Manchester League in 1953 finishing runners-up. Going into Div. 1 in 1954 they never made the top as a team, their best effort going down heavily to the then all-conquering Carrs Wood team. Disbanding in 1957, when manager Derek Garnett went into H.M.Forces, it wasn't until 1961 that the Devils colours were hoisted again by Garnett and Vic Hinchliffe (captain of the team in 1956) and they came back with a vengeance. Starting 1961 badly they finished 3rd in Div. 1. and were knocked out of the N.T.C. by Carrs Wood. Blending together at the end of the season they won the North of England Trophy and were runners up in the K.O.Trophy, losing on a technicality after drawing the match 54-54 with rivals Gorton Pirates. Individually club riders brought many honours to the club, the highest perhaps being Hinchliffe and Garnett taking 1st and 2nd places in the National Individual Final at Uxbridge. Other honours included the Manchester Championship, League Match Race Title, Champion of Champions Trophy, Arne Pander Trophy, Berkshire Grand Prix, Wiltshire Herald K.O.Trophy, International honours, three riders selected for Manchester and five for Cheshire.

This season Offerton have gone right to the top. First honour came when Fletcher won the Cheshire Junior Final followed by the senior team riding unbeaten to win the league Div.1 Trophy and also taking the K.O.Trophy 68-40 at Carrs Wood. Manager Garnett was runner-up in the World Final at Edinburgh last month with Hinchliffe 5th.

The climax to their success came when they beat Tatnam Tigers in the final to become 1962 National Champions at Hungerford. They almost made it a double when Vic Hinchliffe lost a close decision for 1st place in the National Individual. Offerton Devils 1962 are worthy of the title "English Champions".

BRADFORD
MOOR RES. 34

HOLMEWOOD 37

by TONY EMMOTT ...

Holmewood never lost the lead from heat one through a 5-1 by Ian Paton and H.Broadbent. Four points separated the two teams for most of the match. For the Devils M.Gregory gained a faultless 'max' and was well supported by H.Broadbent and the Paton brothers. Dave Rayner rode well for the Vulcans (10pts. including three wins) as did Jack French and Brian Haley. The home side, needing a 5-1 to win almost pulled off the match in the last heat, but after an incident between Brian Haley and M.Gregory on the back straight, steward Kit Lunn rightly ordered a re-run. Holmewood gained two vital league points, further improving their position in the second division.

BRADFORD MOOR RESERVES 34: D.Rayner 10, J.French, B.Haley 7, T.Emmott 5, J.Duckworth, P.Hanson 2, Cactus 1.

HOLMEWOOD RED DEVILS 37: M.Gregory 12, H.Broadbent 7, I.Paton 6, R.Paton 5, M.Johnson 3, F.Calvert 3, M.Jackson 1.

LEICESTER

Report from ROY WRIGHT

The season here is drawing to its close, with everything of importance settled.

Mowmacre Magpies are sure of the League Championship, after Groby and Aylestone both gave them a good match at home. These two disputed second place all the season. Aylestone, having won at home, needed a draw at Jean Drive to land runners-up spot, but had to field a team of juniors, all making their first appearance of the season, in the absence of all the regular team. Groby were two short of full strength. The match turned out to be much more even than expected, as the young Aces disputed every point, and were never more than five points behind. They won the last two heats, to lose 35-36. Paul Lowe had his best ever with 11, Ian Gibson 9 and Michael Hancock 8.

For Aylestone John Adshead, who rode with the Aces in 1960, came back with 10, newcomers Rob Cave and John Burton had 9 each. Both sides look to have the making of a good team for 1963.

Now it seems that second place will depend on the last league match, Mowmacre v Groby and probably points average to decide. With the two teams at two wins each for the season a friendly is expected shortly to settle the series for 1962.

GROBY GLADIATORS 36:Lowe 11, Gibson 9, Hancock 8, Hillyard, Marriott 4.

AYLESTONE ACES 35:Adshead 10, Cave, Burton 9, Chapman 4, Fairey 2, Davies 1.

BRADFORD

League Div. 1. (Up to and including Oct. 20th 1962)

	Played	won	drawn	lost	Pts For	Pts Agst.	Pts.
HORTON RANGERS	12	11	0	1	676	471	22
LINDALE LIONS	15	7	0	8	712	722	14
ELMFIELD EAGLES	15	7	0	8	624	807	14
BRD MOOR VULCANS	15	5	1	9	706	729	11
BOWLING ACES	13	4	1	8	626	615	9

League Div. 2.

HOLMEWOOD DEVILS	15	10	0	5	523	554	20
BOWLING ACES	12	9	0	3	538	323	18
BFD. MOOR VULCANS	14	6	1	7	519	484	13
HORTON RANGERS	12	6	1	5	481	380	13
ELMFIELD EAGLES	15	1	2	12	379	699	4

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BOWLING ACES

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HOLMEWOOD DEVILS

by JOHN BURNLEY ...

The Aces hard hit by retirements introduced Brian Madjerson and Martin Morris besides Dave Midgley and Ken Dickinson, both short of practice. The Aces took a quick 4-2 lead through Fearn and Madjerson, but quickly lost it in heat 3 with a Calvert/Gregory 5-1. Another 5-1 reverse in the next heat put the Aces 9-15 behind.

However both Fearn and Dwyer were unbeatable up to now, and with Madjerson putting in some spirited efforts, there was still hope. By heat 7 the score was 20-22 in Holmewoods favour. Further wins by Fearn and Dwyer followed but heat 10 saw the Aces fall further behind, Gifford and Midgley gated for a 5-1 but over-keenness saw them both fall and so the Devils scored a 5-1 to make the score 27-33 with 2 heats left. A good team side in the next heat by Fearn gave him and Madjerson a 5-1 over Bob Paton to put the Aces 2 down. In the last race Dwyer gated the Devils with Gifford challenging behind, on the second lap Dwyer fell, foiling Gifford for a Devils 5-1 and the match 39-33.

For the Aces Ken Fearn, with a 'bonus' max, and Danny Dwyer were exceptional, whilst newcomer Brian Madjerson, bonus 7, was really 'going' on his debut. John Gifford and Dave Midgley had some bad luck and each fell twice in four outings. Ken Dickinson put in one very good ride.

A more compact Devils were well held by the strong Calvert - Mick Gregory pairing. The I.Paton - Broadbent pairing also scored well.

All told an exciting local 'Derby' with plenty of needle.

BOWLING ACES 33: K.Fearn 11, D.Dwyer 9, B.Madjerson 6, J.Gifford 4,
D.Midgley 2, K.Dickinson(R) 1, M.Morris 0.

HOLMEWOOD DEVILS 39: F.Calvert 10, I.Paton, H.Broadbent 7, M.Gregory 5,
M.Johnson 5, B.Paton 5, B.Belton (R) did not ride.

STEWARD - M.COCKROFT.

COVENTRY

COVENTRY 64
OXFORD 32

TRACK RECORD BROKEN
TWICE IN THIS LAST MATCH

Report from John Leith.

In this return match against Oxford (the away match was drawn 48-48) Coventry outclassed the visitors to the tune of 32 points. In heat 9, Ken Adams, already the track record holder at 39.8 sliced one fifth off this in a 5-1 over D'Anger and Byles. But a faster time was yet to come - in a melee in which Coventry's John Smith was excluded, amid howls of protest from the crowd, Ray Lewis, whom no one was watching, all being intent on the struggle at the rear, simply belted around the track, to finish in the astonishing time of 39.2 !

COVENTRY 64 R.Lewis 15, K.Adams 12, C.Miles 10, K.Wilkins 8,
J.Sanderson 7, J.Ball 6, J.Smith 3, B.Butler 3.

OXFORD 32 G.Miles 8, J.Dale 6, R.Holloway 4, T.D'Anger 4, D.Busby 2,
J.Hunt 2, P.Barlow 2, G.Byles 2.

BOWLING ACES

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LINDALE LIONS

by JOHN BURNLEY ...

Riding in the proverbial mud-bath plus driving rain this meeting was exceptionally entertaining. The rejuvenated Lions had star Dave Bates missing but this setback, when Bolland and Inskip packed up after heat 4, was at least countered.

The Aces went ahead in heat 5 with a Burnley/Bastow 4-2 over I.Paton but in heat 7 the scores were levelled again, Mick and Pete Gregory taking a 4-2 over Hopkinson. Burnley out by himself in heat 8 accounted for Pete Bates and Ian Paton after a bad gate. Heat 10 settled the fate of the match when Bastow and Gifford took a great 5-1 over Johnson to put the Aces 32-28 up.

Two great rides by Brian Bastow and Danny Dwyer kept the Aces 46-43 up with the 'nomi' to go. For Bowling captain Bob Hopkinson and unbeaten John Burnley lined up, for Lindale Pete Bates and Pete Gregory, Bowling on the inside gate. However the Lions gated ahead with the Aces quickly chasing, a Bates slip on the second lap and the Aces were round him and on the last lap Bob Hopkinson rounded Pete Gregory for a great Bowling victory.

For Bowling Hopkinson and Burnley headed the scores but this was a great team victory with special mention of Brian Bastow and Danny Dwyer for their best ever performance, George Spence and John Gifford backed well.

The Lions had Pete Bates and Mick Gregory heading their scores, with all the team backing well although the reserves had one or two, 'one man opponent' races which helped.

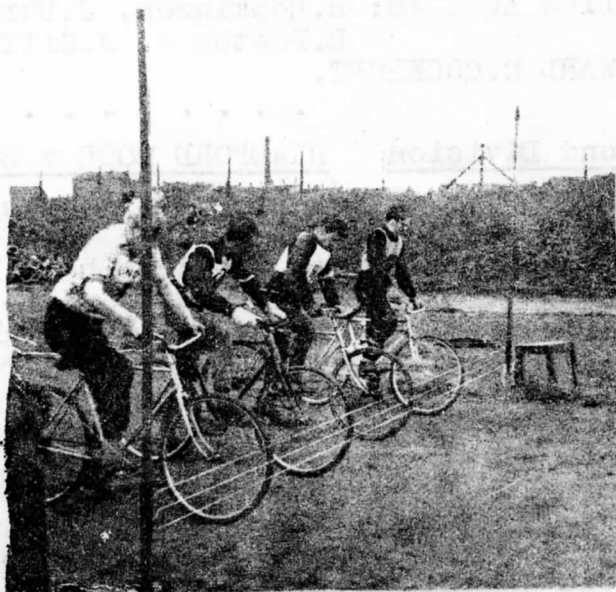
A good match in impossible conditions - every rider trying all the way - sums this match up.

BOWLING ACES 50: B.Hopkinson 13,
J.Burnley 13, D.Dwyer, B.Bastow 9,
G.Spence 4, J.Gifford 2, G.Inskip 0,
D.Bolland 0.

LINDALE LIONS 45: P.Bates 10,
M.Gregory 8, J.Shaw, B.Paton 6,
P.Gregory, M.Johnson 5, H.Broad-
bent 3, I.Paton 2.
STEWARD - K.Lunn.

On the starting line at Bowling..

Left to right: Jack Shaw (Lindale),
Cam Ormondroyd (Elmfield),
Kit Lunn (Bfd.Moor.), Steve
Barraclough (Horton).



WELL FOUGHT DRAW

by JOHN BURNLEY ...

BRADFORD MOOR v BOWLING ACES

The Aces took an early lead when in heat 3 both Ken Fearn and George Spence passed home star Kit Lunn for a 5-1. Two drawn heats followed before the Aces struck again with a Burnley/Dwyer 5-1 against Lunn again.

The Vulcans quickly fought back when in heats 7 and 9 they took two 4-2s and then drew level in heat 10 with a Raynor/Berry 5-1 over Bastow. Goy won heat 11 but his team mate Tony Emmott fell heavily and was taken to hospital. The Vulcans unperturbed, won the next heat when Burnley rode round Phil Young on the last bend with Dwyer third for a good 4-2 win. Spence beat berry in heat 14 and with Bastow in third slot the Aces once again led. Another 4-2 through Fearn and Bastow over Berry followed and so the Aces had opened up a 47-43 lead with the 'nomi' to go.

With Bowling on gates 1 and 3 the result looked certain, however Young on gate 2 sped away with Burnley being excluded for crossing the inside before he reached the first bend. Hopkinson chased the Goy/Young pairing in vain for a Vulcans 5-1 and a 48-48 draw.

For the Vulcans Phil Young and Paul Goy, excelled with Kit Lunn and 'Bill' Berry backing well. Of the rest Dave Raynor and Tony Emmott were best.

The Aces were well led by Bob Hopkinson and John Burnley, with Ken Fearn and George Spence providing a really good third pairing. Dwyer, Bastow and Gifford gave good support, whilst newcomer Brian Madjereson found the going tough on his debut, although he was always in amongst the fray.

BRADFORD MOOR VULCANS 48: P.Goy 13, P.Young 11, K.Lunn, B.Berry 8,
D.Raynor 4, T.Emmott 2, M.Booth, B.Haley 1.
BOWLING ACES 48: B.Hopkinson, J.Burnley 11, K.Fearn 10, G.Spence 6,
B.Bastow 4, J.Gifford, D.Dwyer 3, B.Madjereson 0.
STEWART M. COCKROFT.

Second Division BRADFORD MOOR v BOWLING ACES.

The strong Aces team won convincingly against the inexperienced Vulcans. Madjereson and Fearn took a 5-1 in heat 1 and quickly built up a good lead. With the Aces heat leaders winning at ease, except when out against French and Raynor, they were 10 points up after heat 7. Despite the Aces giving reserve Dickinson three rides they continued to build up their lead and when Gifford and Spence finished half a lap in front in heat 12, the Aces came out 44-28 winners.

For the home team French rode exceptionally well with good backing from C.Emmett and D.Raynor. King and Duckworth disappointed, although both had machine trouble.

For the Aces Fearn scored a 'bonus' max, whilst Madjereson, Dwyer Gifford and Spence rode well as expected. Dickinson also rode well, whilst newcomer Ian Holdsworth could not get going on a strange bike.
BRADFORD MOOR 28: J.French 9, D.Raynor 8, C.Emmett 5, King 4, M.Booth 2,
J.Duckworth, H.Mortimer (R) 0.
BOWLING ACES 44: J.Gifford 11, K.Fearn, D.Dwyer 10, B.Madjereson 7,
G.Spence 4, K.Dickinson (R) 2, I.Holdsworth 0.

NATIONAL FINALS (A TRUE STORY)

Part 1.

The flap which was on in Bradford 48 hours before the three Yorkshiremen were due to depart on the 200 mile journey to Hungerford in Berkshire for the Finals of the National Championships were unbelievable.

It had been arranged that Dave Goodall, Dave Northrop, Mike Cockcroft and the Lancastrians Pete Bury and Johnny Watling would be travelling down in a car hired by Mike. This fell through on the Monday morning when Mike learned that the car was booked and that the only alternative was the hire of a van from Leeds. This could not be obtained before noon, Saturday, and as the Junior Final was to be held on that Saturday at 4.15p.m., things looked black for Messrs Bury, Northrop and Goodall.

However, Steve Barraclough's father agreed to take Dave Goodall, whilst Mr. Northrop agreed to provide transport for his favourite son and Pete Bury. This was Thursday night, and there was no way of contacting Pete Bury. Pete, unaware that transport was available in Bradford, caught a train on the Friday morning and made his way to Swindon, after changing several times. The final part of the journey, from Swindon to Hungerford, a distance of seventeen miles (twice the distance from Bradford to Halifax) was accomplished by pedalling his track bike.

Meanwhile, back in Bradford, the Horton team managers meagre brain had lightly turned to thoughts of money. Why, he thought, should we pay Mr. Northrops petrol bill and Mr. Barracloughs petrol bill when both could travel down with the latter. And so, it came to pass that the party left Odsal Top at 6a.m. (Yes, Cameron, six in the morning!).

Mike Cockcroft and Johnny Watling left at the more civilised hour of 1p.m., arriving in Hungerford at 6.30p.m. after getting lost in Leicester and Banbury. Johnny happened to spot speedway riders Hagon, Goody, Bishop and Genz of Oxford Cheetahs and suggested that, as they would be riding at Swindon, they should be followed. Unfortunately, they were riding at Coventry. Pshish!

They went straight to Hungerford to pick up 'Northy' and Pete Bury who had decided to stay over and watch the senior, and then travelled to Swindon for the evenings speedway match.

'Northy' kept grumbling how hungry he was, so it was decided, after the speedway, to go into Swindon for some 'eats'. At this point it might be wise to point out that nobody had been washed for about twelve hours and all four looked positively shop-soiled. After selecting the classiest Chinese Restaurant in Swindon, the four grubby individuals tramped in and sat down amidst stares from the regular clientele. After surveying the menu, Pete had the nerve to order fish and chips, whilst Mike, who had left Bradford without a handkerchief kept blowing his nose on the restaurant's paper serviettes.

to be continued

ELMFIELD JIM
MEADOWCROFT and
BOWLINGS JOHN
GIFFORD photographed
in Glasgow ...



SOLID LINDALE CRUSH EAGLES

LINDALE LIONS 57: P.Bates 14, D.Bates 9, M.Gregory 8, P.Gregory 7,
Shaw 5, I.Paton 5, Broadbent 5, R.Paton 4.

ELMFIELD EAGLES 37: Meadowcroft 11, Rowntree 8, Ormondroyd 5, Asquith 5,
Cornwall 4, Barton 2, Womersley 1, Pollard 1.

With veteran Cam.Ormondroyd out of touch, it was left to Jim Meadowcroft and Frank Rowntree to stem the Lindale onslaught, a task which is fast becoming extremely difficult.

Pete Bates was in unbeatable form whilst big brother Dave had a good meeting. The Gregory brothers looked solid and were unbeaten as a pair.

Bright spot from the Eagles point of view was the form shown by young Charlie Asquith. He split the team-riding Howard Broadbent and Dave Bates, no mean feat for a fourteen year old. Frank Rowntree had a 'duck' in his opening heat but was beaten only by Pete Bates in his remaining rides.

On the showing, the Lions look like finishing high up the league table, but the luckless Eagles will have to do something about that pitifully weak tail. It only needs one of the 'big-three' to have a poor match, and the whole side is 'up the creek'.

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