GAZETTE CENTURIES

by BOB SAUNDERS

So here we are with edition number 300 of the "Gazette". A sport which can claim a magazine 300 issues old must surely be well established one would think. But look at the dismal scene painted by the headlines in issue 299.

TROUBLE IN THE BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE
WOLVERHAMPTON CHANGES AND TRANSFERS
COVENTRY : CHAIRMAN TO RESIGN
CLEVERTON OUT OF THE FEDERATION - MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED

At this rate, there will hardly be a 400th. edition.

Lets turn back to issue 200 and see what the situation was then. The 200th. edition was published just six years ago, in November 1958. No headlines to quote this time, for the "Gazette" was sectionalised into area headings. From the articles, the following situations were revealed.

Mick Jeffery won the Hellingly Supporters Trophy after a "rather controversial" run-off.

A very small crowd at Garratt Park saw Roy Baker win the Southern Premier Individual Championship.

The Annual General Meeting of the Leicester League had a good attendance with talk of new teams for the first time in years.

New teams were springing up in the Birmingham area.

Birmingham League clubs failed to give their support to either NACSA or BCSF.

Sweden declared themselves to be associated with NACSA with regard to organised international matches.

Edition 100 was published on August 29th.1956. The "Gazette" was a weekly at that time and claimed a readership of over 1,000. It was also the official organ of NACSA. The following details are extracted.

Edmonton Saints toured Holland.

Suffolk beat the Southern Premier League in "A" and "B" matches. A Southern Premier official tried to "knock somebody's block off". Peckham Stars were banned from all Suffolk tracks.

John Hurley, Coventry test team captain and manager of Shilton Stars, was fined 10/- and suspended for 30 days after walking out of a Control Board Complaints Committee meeting.

Coventry Control Board decided to inspect all tracks and demand that they be brought up to standard.

Barry Shapley wrote his first regional article for the "Gazette" and wrote of the gloomy and dismal state of affairs generally.

And all the reports featured the words "rain" and "Flooded"regularly.

Exactly what you are supposed to ascertain from this article is a matter of individual opinion. It seems to indicate that things have never run smoothly ! One thing is certain though. The slight increase in teams this year must be maintained at all costs.
Compare the following :-

"GAZETTE" CENTURIES ..... continued

LEAGUE OR AREA	NUMBER OF TEAMS		
	1956	1958	1964
Glasgow	4	4	0
Edinburgh	5	0	10
Manchester	9	9	11
Bradford	0	4	3
Wales	1	0	6
Birmingham	8	10	6
Coventry	5	4	9
Leicester	5	3	3
Norwich	6	8	6
Colchester	5	0	0
Suffolk	12	8	5
Bristol	1	0	-
London and Home Counties	7	-	-
North West Middlesex	5	9	-
Hertfordshire	8	-	1
Southern Premier	9	8	-
Essex	12	7	-
Southend	7	0	3
Kent and Sussex	7	-	-
Oxford	8	6	-
Wiltshire	8	7	1
Devon	4	1	5
Plymouth	2	0	1
Hampshire	6	6	-
Berkshire	5	3	-
North London	-	6	-
Wolverhampton	3	3	-
Southern Counties	-	3	-
British League	-	-	11
Home Counties	-	-	13
North East Norfolk	-	-	6
Southern League	-	-	8

Note. Teams have been included under their league as distinct from their county where different.

BOB SAUNDERS.

MANCHESTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Tony Hardy became Manchester Junior Champion with a faultless maximum at High Bank. Second place went to Gerald Young (Ashton), with National Junior Champion Joe Hatton third.

DEREK GARNETT.

ROGER ELLIS NEW BIRMINGHAM CHAMPION

by "SPOKESMAN"

Roger Ellis of Wolverhampton is the new Birmingham Senior Champion. He scored maximum points in the re-run final, at Quarry Bank.

Netherton's Midland Youth Champion, Dave Underhill, was runner-up, and Geoff Jones (Birmingham Lions) third.

When the first meeting was stopped through fog after 17 heats, only one point separated eight riders. Points scored in the final, with first meeting figures in brackets, were as follows :

R.Ellis 15 (8)
D.Underhill 14 (9)
G.Jones 11 (8)
I.Walsh 10 (9)
A.Price 8 (8)
J.Humphreys 8 (8)
B.Thompson 8 (5)
R.Bradley 8 (5)
R.Finney 7 (4)
B.Ellis 6 (8)
P.Gilchrist 6 (8)
G.Reeve 5 (2)
D.Wheeler 5 (5)
J.Clarke 5 (4)
F.Hammond 4 (2)
J.Andrews 0 (3)

FRED ASHTONHURST TROPHY

National Team Champions Offerton Devils won the Fred Ashtonhurst Trophy at Carrs Wood, beating Gorton Pirates 15-14 in the Final.

Seventeen four man teams entered and there were 16 matches. In the semi-final, Offerton beat Offerton "B" 18-6, and Gorton beat High Bank 20-4.

In the Final with the score at 12-12, Vic Hinchliffe beat Vinny Marsland in the run-off, and set up a new Carrs Wood track record - 46.6 secs.

DEREK GARNETT

MOVE TO MINETY

Minety is a large village situated about 12 miles from Swindon. It has a population of about 400 people including many teenagers. The [illegible] Cycle Speedway club will be an off-shoot of the local Youth Club, and will be formed around the nucleus of three regular Cleverton riders, S.Telling, R.Payne and G.Fletcher.

Their main problem is the siting of a track. The lads are keen [illegible] enough to get started, but so far sites for a track cannot be found.

So far, about 12 people have offered their services as riders. It is to be hoped that a track can be found.

RON PAYNE.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Any reader who has photographs they would like published may send them in, providing they are clear and sharp in detail.

BECKENHAM IN HOLLAND

by Alan Harvey

PART ONE

It was in September 1963 that our manager, Ron Johnson put forward the suggestion that the club might like to spend a racing holiday in Hilversum, Holland. To many our visit in 1960 was remembered and tales of this to new members led to a unanimous decision in favour of a further visit. Many letters crossed the North Sea between Ron Johnson and his many Dutch friends, as well as a visit made by Ron to Holland in November 1963. To move a cycle speedway team en bloc across a wide expanse of water, together with friends and supporters was no small task, all credit for its successful achievement must go to Ron, with each rider having a detailed itinerary the odds on a mishap occurring were reduced.

As our departure date, 25th July 1964 moved nearer, a sense of anticipation grew. Marked by the sudden appearance of smooth tread road tyres, padded racing kit and lots of leg pulling about each others passport photographs. It was on the Friday, the 24th July that the advance party moved off from Beckenham at 5.45p.m. Tommy Spaulding and Dickie Hudders were to cross the Channel via the Dover-Dunkirk Ferry and then drive across Belgium in "Five Star" motoring style. The cargo - 8 track machines, their luggage and a full passenger list with Laurence Spaulding, Tommy Spaulding's wife Heather and her young son Mark, who at but a few months old was about to start on one of the longest journeys of his life. Dickie Hudders had his wife and brother-in-;aw aboard on what for Dickie, was to prove a very eventful holiday.

It was at 8a.m. at Liverpool Street Station the next morning that the main party assembled. Tired, sleep starved figures they looked, surrounded by a mass of luggage, racing helmets and other holiday essentials. Our departure was made without complication, much to the surprise of Ron Johnson I think!, especially if you consider that "night owl" Dawson had not hit the hay until 1 a.m. that morning and that Tommy Davis had been up until 4a.m. on Friday morning pulling a Tower Crane apart. However, in brilliant sunshine we left Liverpool Street Station on the first lap of our journey to Harwich. At Harwich we were soon aboard the boat train Prinsess Beatrix, lapping up the sun and catching up on our lost sleep in readiness for our social round in Holland. Many of us soon made friends with our fellow passengers, with one particular rider working his ticket for free "Bed and Breakfast in Bath". We docked at the Hook of Holland at 5.15p.m. and disembarked but not without incident. "Duffy" Dighton met up with a little Dutch official dom, without his landing ticket he was not allowed to leave the quayside. Wally's cockney did not seem to get over too well and the uniformed official was insistent, no landing ticket, no leave boat. After frantic searching Wally's ticket was found with Tommy Davis, whose hearty guffaw was small comfort to Wally, who by now was being looked upon as an undesirable alien!

On through the customs control and we were soon on our way to Rotterdam, Tommy Davis and Wally Dighton trailing cigar smoke and appraising the Dutch female natives, whilst the rest of the party added a little English joviality to the Dutch Train service with a little community singing. With a change at Rotterdam for a train to Utrecht and then on to Hilversum, we arrived safely, a little sunburned but tired. It was at Hilversum Station that we were treated to our first sample of Dutch hospitality. The whole Hollandse Welpen Club had turned out to welcome us, with every form of mobile conveyance. Baggage, bodies and all other portables were whisked off to the hotel on a nightmare of a drive on the right hand side of the road. Coffee, followed by a Henry VIII supper of chicken saw us ready to sample the hotel beds, though in our state of fatigue no one was too fussy. It was the thought of the practice session the following morning that sent us happily to the land of 'Nod'.

THE FIRST THREE IN THE 1964 NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL FINAL

L to R

Pete Bury (3rd.)
Vic Hinchliffe (1st.)
Derek Garnett (2nd.)

POSTBAG

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DON'T DELAY - WRITE TODAY !

TEAM REVIEW

During the Winter months, it is always a difficult time as you will appreciate to find interesting material to keep up to one issue every month. We have always managed it in the past, and we are optimistic about the coming close season, but please, if you have a team re review, let us have it NOW.

SHAKE-UP IN COVENTRY

by John Leith

A complete shake-up in Coventry took place at the Annual General Meeting held on November 18th. The new officers elected were : Chairman : J.K.Leith, Vice-Chairman : R.H.Lewis, Secretary : B.Shapley, Treasurer : J.K.Leith, Fixtures Secretary : J.Harrhy, Press :B.Shapley, Tracks : Ray Lewis and B.Butler, S cial Secretary : E.Taylor.

The only officers remaining the same as last year were the Treasurer John Leith, Fixtures Sec. John Harrhy and Press Barry Shapley.

The Balance Sheet showed Cash in Bank and in Hand at £206.0.10d and assets at £158.16.5d. (This has now been increased to £363 plus the same amount of assets.)

At the first Executive Committee meeting after the AGM the members confirmed the major points of policy to be carried out in 1965 on which they were elected.

No club will be admitted into the League unless their track comes up to the required standard, i.e. proper racing surface, concrete starting area, flat centre green, minimum width of 18 feet, and white inner and outer lines. A fence of temporary or permanent nature must be erected for all matches.

All clubs will have their own racing nights, matches to start at no later than 7.45 p.m. which is the official starting time.

A Junior League will be formed of four man teams, matches taking place after each senior league match.

All clubs will be insured, no club being allowed to compete unless this is done. All clubs will be members of the National Association.

The local authority has agreed, after lengthy negotiations between Mr.Leith and Parks Department officials, to assist with the preparation of the Whoberley track, and from this start it is hoped that assistance will be given to others on council property.

The Treasurer introduced the new system of one third of the money brought in by the clubs being returned to them in a credit form, which they can ddaw out whenever they wish, including provision to "overdraw" by £10 if necessary. Since this system has been in operation, the Tote has increased in amount five times, the total profit each week now being £20 to £25.

A disappointment has been the putting back until next March the decision by the Bedworth Council on the building of the track in Heckley Playing Fields, but this could turn out to be a good thing, as it appears possible that much more than originally planned may be spent should the Council decide to go ahead.

The Coventry Team will be selcted by a four-man committee next year, and will not be the sole responsibility of the Coventry Manager as has been the case until now. John Leith was elected manager for the full season at the AGM.

Matches have already been arranged against Manchester, Suffolk and Norwich, all home and away. The fixture list will only allow for three more home and away matches, and Coventry are waiting for the moment in case any area wishes to challenge before making further arrangements.

The Presentation Dance which will be held in the Banba club on the Foleshill Road looks like being a success. The cost looks to be in the region of £60. Two groups - The Kin Pins and the Five Dimensions have been booked, in addition to the Sky Blues Showband. It is likely that the President, Jimmy Hill (Coventry City F.C.) will attend, and Charles Ochiltree (Coventry Speedway) one of the Vice-Presidents has also promised to be there. Replies are still awaited from the other Vice-Presidents.

Unfortunately, the Dance is on a Wednesday night, December 16th. which may prevent many of our friends from distant parts from coming, but we would like to see as many of you there as possible.

With all the outdated methods and ideas having been swept away, it is hoped that 1965 will prove to be the best season yet in Coventry.

CLEVERTON IS FINISHED

by RON PAYNE

Cleverton, in the heart of a country area, struggled for 12 years with little money and even less support. Regretfully, they have had to cancel matches because of having so few riders, and have had to struggle to keep out of debt.

Now comes the final crushing blow, the top brass in the BCSF have wielded their axe, they don't want to know us anymore, and Cleverton must die.

In 1964, 13 first team matches were raced, Cleverton winning 3 and losing 10. Riders used this season in their normal riding positions :

1. 'Spark' Telling. Again team captain and top points scorer this year. Fast gater with an excellent style of riding. 4 maximums this year.
2. Ron Payne. Not very consistent this season. Can gate and ride well if he puts his mind to it. Seems to shine against good opposition.
3. Colin Potter. Fairish season. Main fault is that he lets his temper get the better of him. Nasty habit of falling when in first or second place.
4. Ron Heal. Made a come-back this season, with moderate success. Useful second string once he proved his fitness.
5. Richard Jackson. Veteran of the side, but enjoyed one of his best seasons. Was manager and driving force in the Cleverton side.
6. Graham Fletcher. Improved a great deal this season, culminating in snatching the clubs senior championship from Spark Telling.
7. Malcolm Dunn. No confidence in himself - hence another poor season.
8. Various riders in this position, John Foulkes, John Harris, John Humphries, Phil Curtis and Chris Groombridge. Some good prospects there but none of them really keen enough to ride regularly.

SO ENDS CLEVERTON HORNETS CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB.

It is always sad to hear of the death of an established Cycle Speedway Club, in this case all the more because of the length of time the club has been with us. Twelve years is a long time, and no matter what may be thought of Cleverton, they obviously were dedicated to our sport, and Cycle Speedway will be the poorer without them.

EDITOR.

TEAM REVIEW TOTTENHAM

With the season starting in March, the Tottenham club spirit was very high as there were three weddings during the month. Manager Nobby Dunn, skipper Len Adams and Tony Marsh all tied the proverbial knots. So the Kangaroos went into their first home fixture against Broad Oak in a very gay mood, and won accordingly by a very high margin.

The next visitors to Stonebridge Lock were a vastly improved Leicester side, who laid into the Tottenham side - the Kangaroos had no answer to their superior team strength and lost the match by ten points. The following week away at Bournemouth it was defeat again, in the hands of the team that was beaten home and away the previous season.

Naturally, two defeats in a row, rare to the Tottenham team, moral was very low. Then it happened - the signing of Dave Collins, was like a breath of life to the dying Kangaroos. His spectacular riding style brought inspiration to everyone in the team. Bournemouth and Thurrock were heavily defeated at home. Theffollowing week, on mud bath tracks the Kangaroos were away to Beckenham and then Hellingly. Matches resulted in wins for the Tottenham side. So strong was the team that there was talk among the older Tottenham followers, that this was the strongest Tottenham side ever. To support this theory, away to a combined Leicester and South London team, the Kangaroos only lost by a few points, quite an achievement. At the end of May the might of the team couldbe seen by the result of a top individual event - the Southern Area Championship-winner, John Cobbin, second Dave Collins, third Len Adams, a real Tottenham clean up!

In the Gold Cup competition, win after win andscheduled to meet Horspath in the semi-final, prospectscould not have been rosier. Then internal troubles around the start of August threw the team off balance. Derek Wills and Tony Marsh hadboth moved some distance away and both decided to stop racing. Likewise Mick Seyd who decided to devote all his time to his newly formed business. Consequently, for the semi-final at Horspath, it was a very weak team that was on display, and needless to say the Kangaroos were defeated and were so out of the competition.

Then the Kangaroos were left to struggle through the remaining British League fixtures with this weak team. In spite of this they still managed two wins away at Hawbush and Thurrock. The powerful influence of the skipper Len Adams certainly wasaa lesson in how to hold a weak team together and how to get the best out of them. It was very fitting that Len should have been given the captains job for the B.L. representative team that visited Manchester.

Through the lack of a junior team the combination League was not entered in 1964. However, with a hard seasons coaching, it does appear that a band of younger club members have been knocked into shape, teamwise. In a few end of season challenge matches, the youngsters have done well and by the start of the 1965 season they should be in good shape. The two second team mainstays, Tom Pope and Chris Barltrop will

be supported by Alan Whittaker and his brother Ron. Peter Hooper, a lad of 15, has the style, keeness and guts to put him among the top scorers in a few years time and Steve Fordham is responding to coaching very well, besides some six or so keen lads just itching to get in the team.

For the senior team, starters for next season are John Cobbin, Len Adams, Malcolm Reading, Dave Collins, Clive Hill, Pete Edwards, all are ready to go, after the British League title, John and Len possibly are fancying their chances for the British Riders Championship. Who knows what 1965 has in store for the Kangaroos, in the nineteenth year of their life.

HOME COUNTIES REVIEW

This has been Uxbridge Pirates year, league Champions for the second year running, also unbeaten in a league match as per last year, they retained the Division 1 K.O.Cup and won the new league K.O.Cup and for the first time they added the St. John K.O.Cup to the league treble, beating Whipps Cross 51-44.

Estuary Eagles were runners up in division 1, they were strongly tipped for the top spot, but in fact they had a mixed season. They lost several top riders and concentrated on the young riders, of these Val Hockley and Neville Thompson made great strides.

Estuary are a very capable side and will be hard to beat next season.

Wembley Lions made big improvements this term. Not regarded as over average they really handed out some surprises and finally finished third in the league and were beaten finalists in the League K.O. Cup.

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In division 2, Rayleigh Rockets were winners of the league, they lost only one match at Kingsbury and figured in some close away matches. They are hoping to move up to division 1 next season and have an experienced side.

Runners up in the league were East Ham Stars, they were strong favourites to win the Championship but defeats at Rayleigh and Hackney prevented this. They made up for this by winning the division 2 K.O.Cup.

Newcomers Hackney improved as the season went on, they finally moved into third place, a creditable position, another year or two could see them a strong outfit.

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For once league averages have worked out true. Dixie Dean is top and Gerry Wallis second, they finished in that order in the Home Counties Riders Championship. Vaughan Jones rated 9th finished third.

ROGER SEYMOUR

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mike Cockroft, Bradford League Secretary and editor of the Bradford News, can now be contacted at: Far Royd Farm, Shay Lane, Ovenden, Halifax. Telephone HX 61514.

POSTBAG

THE LETTERS YOU WRITE
TO THE EDITOR.

From : Harold Smith - Editor, Cycle Speedway Annual.

Congratulations on reaching your 300th. edition - an achievement unequalled in cycle speedway reporting, and likely to remain so for a very long time.

From : Barry Shapley, 97, Lyndale Road, Coventry.

Dear Sir,

So Brian Robinson cannot stand my writing nor my BCSF praising. Well, I'm afraid nothing can change my opinion that the Federation is the better of the two major administrating regimes of our sport, whether I ride in one or the other.

This year, I couldn't ride Federation as I was not near enough to a league club which had room for an old man like me, but with other keen people in Coventry I'm now devoting my energy trying to help the local Association become as nsar to Federation standard of organisation, presentation and tracks as possible.

Possibly, in a year or so, the Association here will then go BCSF, but not at the moment, for we are not quite good enough yet. That's my position.

As for Mr.Robinson, his letter was entertaining and interesting until that last little bit "if BCSF still exist" - that was so idiotic that I can't find words to discuss it !

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ONLY THREE LETTERS THIS MONTH. THERE MUST BE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT CYCLE SPEEDWAY ?

From : F.Hammond, 175, Winchester Rd., Fordhouses, Wolverhampton.

Dear John,

It was with regret that I read your remarks concerning Aldridge Hammers in the last edition. Firstly, with regard to the transfer of Ron Finney from Wolverhampton, which your correspondent stated caused trouble was cleared up several weeks ago when secretary Brian Buck found the letter detailing the legitimate transfer of Ron to Aldridge and was therefore compelled to return his deducted points.

Secondly, regarding the alleged unfair tactics used by the team, I can only say that in the clubs thirteen years history, it has never had a rider fined or in any other way disciplined. Our manager Mr.John Heaton, has represented his country and is well known at tracks in many counties. The rest of our team consists of youngsters, who, though have been well beaten in most of their matches (the team finished bottom of the Birmingham League) they have accepted defeat in good spirit. Several other league teams have been disciplined this season so I can only assume your source of information singled us out because of some personal grievance against the club.

Finally, I would ask you to consider our side of the question, as the remarks not only damage the club, but also prevent it from getting its challenge matches for 1965.

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EDITOR : The article referred to was by "SPOKESMAN" in "Midland Profile"

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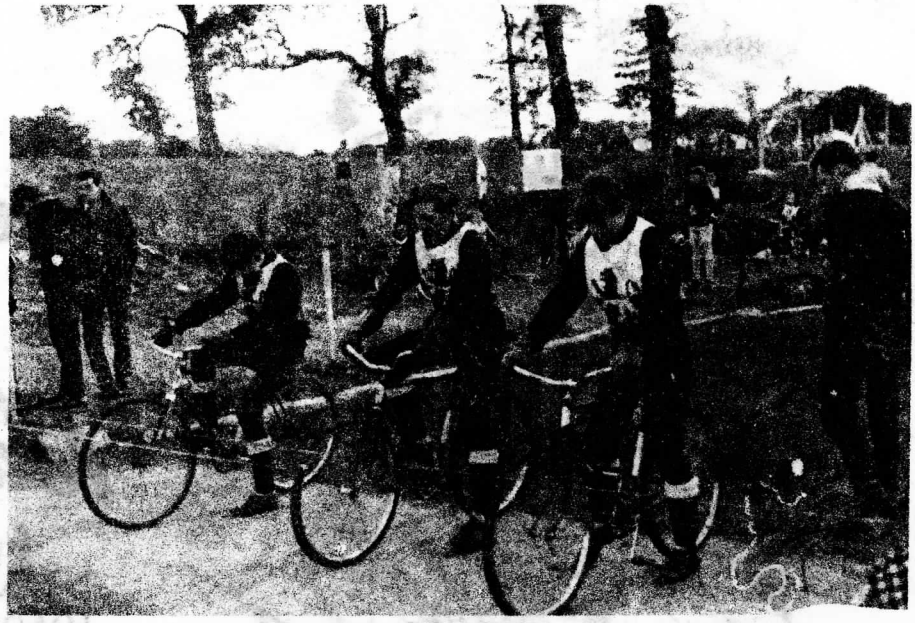

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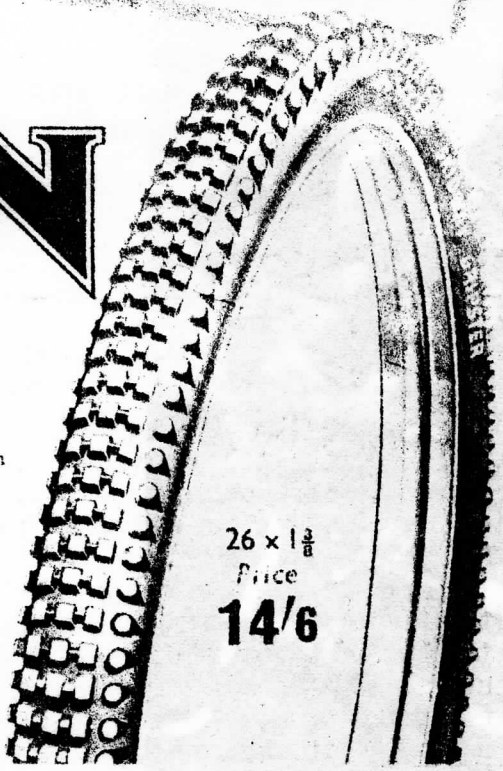

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NACSA SHOULD COPY FEDERATION

by G. R. MILES

What do N.A.C.S.A. do ?

Nothing to bring the sport to be recognised as a National sport, thats my opinion. What must they do, then ? Here are a few examples that must be put into action right away.

(1.) First throw out the present organisers.
(2.) Throw out teams who make a mockery of fixtures and tracks.
(3.) Charge £5 affiliation fees to keep the "rubbish" out.
(4.) Select only clubs with the best organisation and tracks.
(5.) Make rules whereby only tracks with inside and outside lines and P/A equipment are elected to any leagues.
(6.) Most important, forget the amount of teams in the Association and select only the best. To do this, the Committee, selected by the selected body, should make six zones into six leagues, say of about 14 teams, with a reserve league.

Yes ! On Federation lines ! Copy them if you like. You can't go wrong. Teams then left out will either close down, or make the effort.

Each of the six areas would have their own organisers. The selection committee could use their discretion at the beginning of each season as to whether a track has been brought up to standard required.

Make all National fixtures an out of the hat affair, no zoning. Teams who are organised would and should be able to afford it.

Just imagine six good leagues run by NACSA efficiently on the lines of the Federation, with the rubble kicking themselves for not being with it.

Just an idea ?

COVENTRY NOTES

from BARRY SHAPLEY

Longford New manager J.C.Lakin is enfusing new enthusiasm into Longford Lions. Their track is undergoing considerable alterations, and with ten signed riders are going to be all out for honours in 1965.

Whoberley The new Whoberley Witches side provided a sensation when John Sanderson, who has been riding with British League side Leicester, signed for them the other week.Since a press plea for more riders was published, manager Bert Hardie has been inundated with signed registration forms.

Earlsdon With messrs. Hardie, Harrison and Shapley going to Whoberley, Dave Williams and Ron Kempin retiring, and Barry Taylor re-signing for Longford, Earlsdon manager Dai Lewis is looking around for riders.

Whitley/Keresley With riders moving from both clubs, a merger of the Rangers and Cobras is quite probable for 1965. They would ride at Whitley.

KEN ADAMS RETIRES ?

Ken Adams, stormy petrel of the Coventry scene before joining Leicester Monarchs last season, says he's retired. We will wait and see.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where your results, averages, League Tables etc. can be found.

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

	P	W	D	L	PTS.
Gorton	17	16	1	0	33
Offerton	17	16	1	0	33
Ashton	18	12	0	6	24
Carrs Wood	18	10	0	8	20
Blackley	18	9	0	9	18
High Bank	18	7	0	11	14
Belle Vue	18	7	0	11	14
Openshaw	18	6	0	12	12
Wilmslow	18	3	0	15	6
Bredbury	18	2	0	16	4

*The title depends upon the result of a protest as reported elsewhere.

Division Two

Ashton	20	20	0	0	40
Belle Vue	20	18	0	2	36
Blackley	20	12	1	7	25
Carrs Wood	20	12	0	8	24
Offerton	20	10	0	10	20
Wilmslow	19	7	0	12	14
Openshaw	19	6	1	12	13
Gorton	20	6	1	13	13
High Bank	20	6	0	14	12
Bredbury	20	6	0	14	12
Adswood	20	4	1	15	9

*No reason given for two teams only having raced 19 matches.

Junior League

Belle Vue	16	14	2	0	30
Blackley	16	14	1	1	29
Ashton	16	8	1	0	17
High Bank	16	7	0	9	14
Adswood	16	7	0	9	14
Openshaw	15	7	0	8	14
Wilmslow	15	4	1	10	9
Carrs Wood	16	4	1	11	9
Offerton	16	2	0	14	4

* No reason given again for incom -plete table.

MANCHESTER DIVISION ONE AVERAGES
Top 10 (over 100 points)

	Pts.	Ave.R
D.Garnett (Offerton)	304	2.92
V.Hinchliffe (")	265	2.86
V.Marsland (Gorton)	274	2.82
J.Watling (Gorton)	286	2.80
P.Rennie (Gorton)	270	2.64
P.Bury (Gorton)	257	2.64
T.Hardy (Offerton)	267	2.56
D.Benyon (Blackley)	177	2.35
A.Harrison (Ashton)	141	2.35
B.Shaw (High Bank)	204	2.34

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EDINBURGH & LOTHIANS FINAL TABLES

Division One	P	W	D	L	PTS.
Sighthill	14	14	0	0	28
Granton	14	8	1	5	17
Liberton	14	8	1	5	17
Meadowbank	14	8	1	5	17
Bridgend	14	5	2	7	12
Dunedin	14	5	1	8	11
Portobello	14	5	0	9	10
Redhall	14	0	0	14	0
Division 2.East					
Northfield	8	6	0	2	12
Gracenount	7	5	0	2	10
Liberton	7	4	0	3	8
Meadowbank	8	3	0	5	6
Pilrig	8	1	0	7	2
Division 2 West					
Edinburgh Falc.	6	5	0	1	10
Sighthill	6	3	1	2	7
Corstorphine	6	2	1	3	5
Polwarth	6	1	0	5	2

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Div.2 East Title awaiting result of a protest.

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NEW PARKS TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Stadium 35 J.Sweetman 13, R.West 9, S.Rowlett 7, L.Cumberley 4, L.Kershel 2.

Aylestone 26 C.Morton 10, S.Higgins 7, P.Slater 6, C.Doyle 3

New Parks 25 K.Naylor 9, S.Thrift 7 A.Wood 6, B.Heath 3.

WHITE CITY SELECT 41 D.Mercer 11, P.Richardson 9, J.Martin 8
BUSHEY KANGAROOS 55 P.Saunders 14½, D.Dunlop 11, B.Gadsby 7.

WHITE CITY JUNIORS 22 B.Bingleton 6, T.Davis 6.
BUSHEY KANGAROOS "B" 37 B.Gadsby 9, M.Barnard 9, J.Gillett 9.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 49 P.Saunders 9, B.Gillett 9, D.Dunlop 7, B.Gadsby 7.
WHITE CITY SELECT 47 F.Blinman 13, B.Saunders 10, D.Mercer 7.

BUSHEY JUNIORS 42 S.Lishman 9, J.Gillett 9, V.Higgs 9.
WHITE CITY JUNIORS 18 T.Davis 6, D.Baynton 5, K.Bennett 3.

OPENSHAW 65 Bostock 14, Watchman 11.
BREDBURY 31 Blinston 9.

OFFERTON 74 Hinchliffe 15, Hardy 14, McKenzie 9.
OPENSHAW 22 Watchman 6, Lee 5, Bostock 4.

GORTON 69 Thompson 12, Marsland 11, Rennie 11.
CARRS WOOD 27 Woods 7, Finnigan 4.

BLACKLEY 70 Armstrong 11, Benyon 11.
WILMSLOW 25 Lomas 8.

Challenge
OFFERTON 45½ Hinchliffe 13, Garnett 11, Hardy 8½.
WOLVERHAMPTON 49½ R.Ellis 14, A.Price 8, B.Ellis 7.

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MATCH REPORT SECTION

The feature where YOUR match report should be.

UXBRIDGE 54 HELLINGLY 42

The visitors gave Uxbridge an interesting match which was ridden under very friendly conditions. Racing was close throughout, despite seven five-ones. This swayed the match in Uxbridges favour.

Bill Punter was outstanding, being unbeaten by an opponent. He had bags of speed and was unbeatable.

Vaughan Jones, Graham Fletcher and Dixie Dean gave sound support. George Hollebon was top for Hellingly. He rode very well for 9. Ron Smith, John Myles and Tom Killick each scored 8.

Terry Gardner guested for Hellingly, and it was noted that Terence was wearing "brown boots" - Gad Sir !

ROGER SEYMOUR.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 41 TOTTENHAM 55

Tottenhams winter team minus Len Adams and Clive Hill, defeated Bushey Kangaroos, after having defeated them the previous Sunday at Tottenham 72-24.

This time, Tottenham took a little longer to settle down, and only four points seperated the teams after five heats. Reading and Edwards banged in a 5-1, Cobbin won his race, also Pope his, and the Kangaroos from Tottenham were set for a win again.

Young Pete Hooper is always a trier, although on this occasion he scored 2 points

Pete Saunders scored 10 points for Bushey, and his race with Dave Collins was a ding dong battle all the four laps, Pete winning by a tyres width.

This 16 heat match was trying for Bushey, as Tottenham piled on the pressure in the last six heats.

"SPARTACUS"

TOTTENHAM 48 HAWBUSH 48 (Challenge)

An exciting match, with a final heat decider. Tottenham, needing a 5-1 in the last heat to draw, put Dave Collins and John Cobbin in, both being unbeaten throughout the match, and they rose to the occasion.

For Hawbush, D.Peel and F.Watkins were top scorers. Special mention must go to young Steve Fordham of Tottenham, who scored only three points, but this belied the way he fought tooth and nail for each one.

T.P. COLLINS

TOTTENHAM WALLABIES 38 NORWICH MOONSTERS 34 (Challenge)

A grand pairing of Tom Pope and Alan Whittaker formed the basis of the Wallabies strength to enable them to narrowly defeat the Norwich Junior side.

The newly appointed Wallabies captain, Chris Barltrop scored his first ever maximum.

T.P.COLLINS

UXBRIDGE 63 RAYNES PARK 33

This was the final league match, and Uxbridge maintained their unbeat-en league record for the second season running. Dixie Dean (10), Bill Punter (12) and Vaughan Jones (9) spearheaded this win which put the Tigers in sicth place. Bob Saunders (8) and Dave Worthington (7) were top for the visitors.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

WEMBLEY 46 WHIPPS CROSS 50

Whipps Cross moved off the bottom with this close win over a depleted Lions side. Gerry Wallis, Chris Hunt and Ken Harris rode well to keep Wembley in the hunt, the match going to Comets in the final heat.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

TOTTENHAM 42 SOUTH LONDON 54

In the last B.L. fixture of the season, and with John Cobbin back in the saddle after his suspension, a good crowd turned up despite the cold weather. The Kangaroos put up a fighting display against Ron Webb and his hard riding Rangers.

A truly heroic performance from Dave Collins helped to spur the home side along, but the superior team strength of the Rangers, led by the Chivers brothers, Ray and Dave, began to show, and from heat six they slowly increased their lead.

Another two points to the Rangers to confirm their league champion-ship !

T. P. COLLINS.

TOTTENHAM WALLABIES 35 SOUTH LONDON HUNTERS 37 (Challenge)

A really good scrap by the young ones ended in a win for the South London side. Ken Dare rode well for the Hunters. The Wallabies top scorer being Peter Hooper - certainly the future looks very bright for this very keen youngster.

T.P.COLLINS.

TOTTENHAM 53 NORWICH STARS 43 (Challange)

For the final meeting of the season, the Kangaroos entertained the Stars from Norwich, ably captained by the London Youth Champion, Peter Boxall, and supported by Mike Parkins, runner-up to the British Riders Championship.

The Stars were tough opposition for the home team, however, with spirits very high among the Kangaroos, it appeared that they were readyf for any opposition. Len Adams rode unbeaten throughout the meeting - a fine finish to his best ever season.

T.P.COLLINS.

HOME COUNTIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Home Counties League A.G.M. will again be held at Chiswick on 6th. December.

A big attendance seems likely. Invitations have been sent to clubs who have enquired about join-ing the League.

It is hoped that there will be several more clubs in each division.

UXBRIDGE SPEND ON TRACK

Uxbridge have spent £50 on their track, including the whole resurfac-ing with red shale.

COVENTRY COUNCIL ASSIST IN TRACK PREPARATION.

The Coventry Council are to level the Hearsall Common track splitting the cost with the new Whoberley club.

NATIONAL CHAMPS BEATEN AT HOME BY WOLVES

Racing Wolverhampton Wolves at home, Offerton were beaten 45½-49½ by a hard riding Midlands team.

Offerton, understrength, lacked the extra riders to stop the Wolves from winning. In terrific form was Roger Ellis, who beat Garnett, Hardy and held Hinchliffe behind him twice ! He dropped only one point to Garnett.

Good support came from Price, and B.Ellis, with all the team riding well.

Once again Offerton relied too much on Hardy, Hinchliffe and Garnett.

OFFERTON 45½ Hinchliffe 13, Garnett 10, Hardy 8½, Seppman 5, Ross 4, Card 3, Lawton 2, Elliot 0.

WOLVERHAMPTON 49½ R.Ellis 14, A.Price 8, B.Ellis 7, Broadbent 6, Gilchrist 4, M.Price 3, Shaw 2, Rhodes 5½.

DEREK GARNETT.

PROTEST ON LEAGUE TITLE

The Manchester League title is still open, as there is a protest under consideration by the Control Board.

At the moment, both Offerton and Gorton are at the top of the Table with 33 points each.

The Division Two winners were Ashton with 40 points, and the Junior League was won by Belle Vue with 30 points, a close thing between them and Blackley, who finished with 29.

KINGSTANDING LOSE RIDERS

Kingstanding Monarchs fortunes continue to fluctuate and manager John Ward's problem is still to find a settled team.

The mid-season retirement of Arthur Wilkinson, a grand clubman with some ten years service at Kingstanding, left a gap that has been difficult to fill. Then followed Roger Ellis's request for a transfer back to Wolverhampton, and now top scorer Pete Allan has dropped a bomb -shell by deciding to quit, due to indifferent health.

Pete's retirement is perhaps the biggest blow of all as he was regarded very highly, and looked upon as a natural successor to the captaincy when it next became vacant.

Pete Blackwell has missed several matches because of a strained back, while young reserve Keith Thomason will be out of action for the rest of this year following a motor-cycle accident in which he sustained a fractured skull, facial injuries and shock, and was in hospital on the danger list for several days.

There have been however a few bright spots at Kingstanding.

Several new riders have been signed up, notably Ivor Walsh who was previously with Aldridge Hammers, and John Round from Netherton.

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WHOLE NETHERTON TEAM FINED

by "SPOKESMAN"

In a sensational finish to the Beehive Shield Final at Perry Hall, Wolverhampton Wolves were awarded the match against opposing finalists Netherton Cubs.

Wolverhampton, who were expected to assert their superiority from the outset, were in subdued mood, and it was Netherton who took a surprise 4-2 lead in heat 1 when Wolves Roger Ellis was excluded for breaking the tapes, and partner Pete Rhodes could only manage second place between John Humphries and Bob Woodall. However, a 5-1 from Pat Gilchrist and Arthur Price in heat 2 put Wolves, the favourites, in front by 7-5.

Some "feeling" crept into the match in the sixth heat which led the steward to warn of the consequences of excessively robust riding. In the seventh heat, after some riding wide and a deliberate hooking incident, steward Brian Buck abandoned the match and awarded the shield to Wolverhampton. Netherton immediately protested at this decision, with riders and officials swarming onto the centre green, while Wolves riders showed great restraint in remaining in their pits.

The Control Board later upheld the stewards action and also fined the Netherton secretary, Dave Phillips, for his conduct during the match.

Previously, Netherton had been reported to the Board for incidents in their semifinal against Kingstanding Monarchs. As a result, their manager Jack Mason and rider John Andrews were both fined and reprimanded.

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Seven days later, Wolves visited Netherton in a Birmingham League match. Again, there was a dispute which led to the Wolves refusing to continue racing. The Board ruled that Wolves were wrong in walking off the track and awarded the match to Netherton, but in view of the home teams behaviour throughout the season, imposed a fine on all seven members of the Netherton team : John Humphreys, Geoff Reeve, Dave Underhill, Stan Mason, John Andrews, Ray Moore and Bob Woodall.

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Cleverton Hornets failed to show up for a challenge match with Kingstanding at Perry Hall on October 25th. Aldridge Hammers sportingly travelled from a league fixture to provide Monarchs with some opposition until failing light stopped racing.

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If you can't get all this in your box, the answer is very simple, get a bigger box.

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NEW PARKS TOURNAMENT ENDS LEICESTER SEASON

by ROY WRIGHT.

The season ended with the New Parks Triangular Tournament, which was won by Stadium. A good ending to a somewhat unhappy season for the Spitfires. The home team, after winning most other things this year, finished last. They dropped out of the running by failing to finish a rider in their second and third rides, for which BRUCE HEATH was mainly responsible, having a couple of most spectacular mis-haps.

Aylestone then fought it out with Stadium until CLIVE MORTON's steering failed, conceding a 5-1, and the winners were never again troubled. The interest then focussed on whether New Parks could catch Aylestone for second place, but they failed by a single point.

OFFERTON DEVILS 1964

L to R standing :

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D.Sppman
T.Lawton
R.Ross
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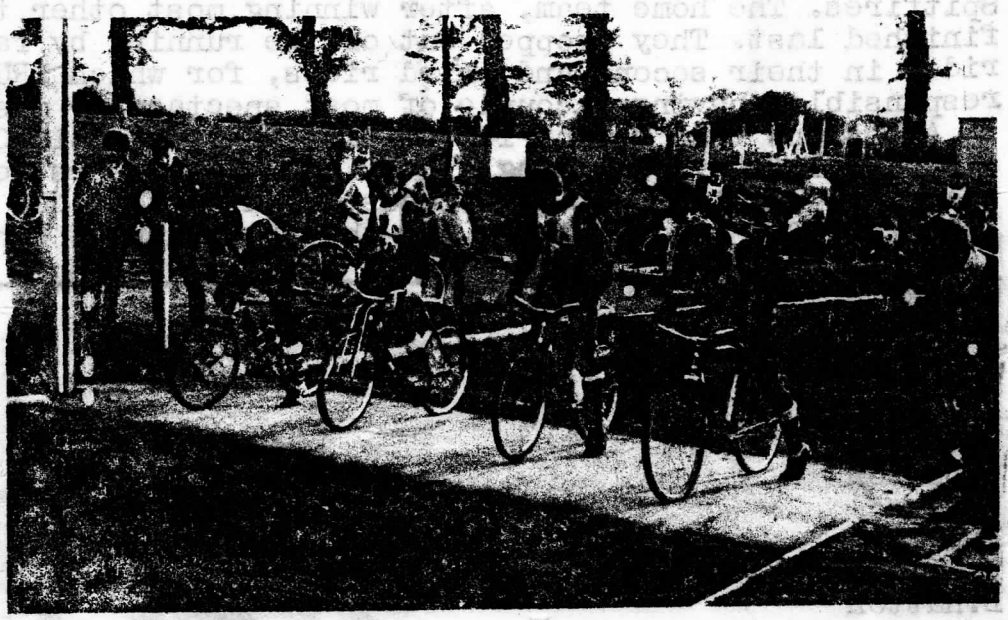
Dave Massey
John Brown
- Steward.



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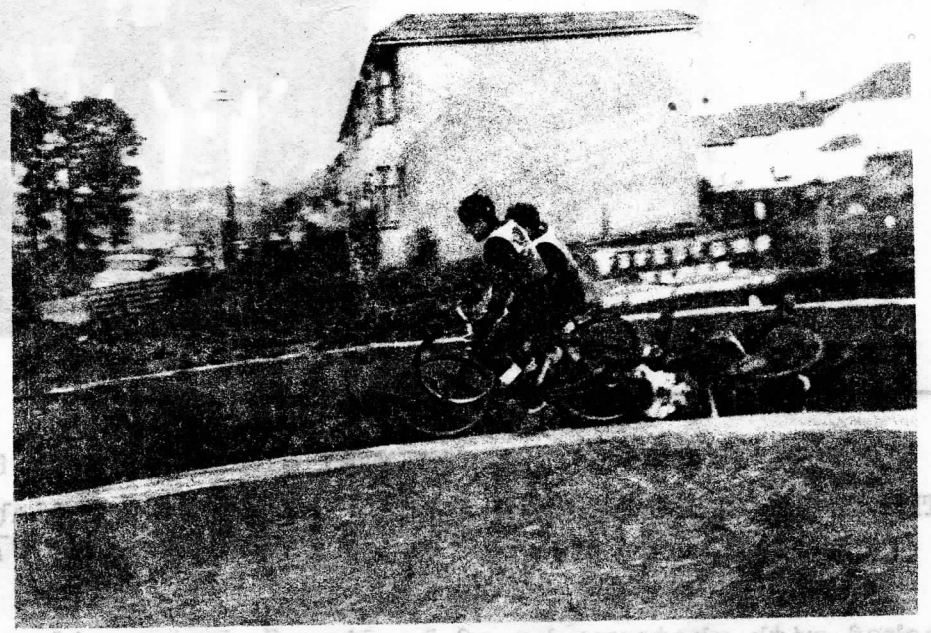
Dave Massey
inside, Neil
Tullberg outside,
Bob Davis falling.