

Southend Pictorial

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★ **Cycle speedway club news** ★

BRUMMIES MAY SEND THREE TO GRAND PRIX

FIRST acceptors for the Essex Grand Prix, which will be staged at Southend this Easter, are the Birmingham League. They have not yet officially nominated their riders, but it is fairly certain that Pete Blackwell, Alan Harrison and Gerald ("Sweeny") Kean will be making the journey.

All three ride for Kingstanding Monarchs and between them they must have the finest record in cycle speedway.

Last year Blackwell was individual champion of Staffordshire and Harrison the individual champion of Warwickshire. In the National Individual final Harrison finished in second place and Blackwell close behind in third place.

Kean, along with Blackwell and Harrison, toured the area last year with Kingstanding Monarchs. He will be remembered for his outstanding bursts of speed down the straights. Kean also represented England in last year's international match against Scotland.

EIGHT TEAMS IN

Friday's meeting of the Southend Control Board was confined to general discussion on the coming season's fixtures. As no more than eight senior teams entered, league racing has been postponed to early June. It is hoped more teams will start racing in the area by then and it will again be possible to run two divisions of league racing.

Racing will start on March 2nd with the Spring Cup, a knock-out competition. Semi-finals will be raced on March 16th and the final on March 30th.

Following the Spring Cup, the Zone Cup will be staged. Last year this competition was run in two zones, East and West, and staged as a knock-out cup. This year teams will again be zoned into two areas, but the competition will take the form of two leagues with each team meeting every other team in their area twice, once at home and once away, and the winning team of each section will meet in the final, which will also be staged on a home and away basis.

Conditions of entry for the juniors' league have now been finalised.

Junior teams will comprise four riders each and the only conditions are that none may have ridden in more than six matches for a senior team at any time. There is no age limit. Special permits may be issued to riders who have ridden in more than six official senior matches at the Control Board's discretion.

Junior League racing may start in March. Junior League teams will be accepted at any time to the end of August.

More riders have left the Thundersley club in the last week, including Dave Withers (twice Individual Champion of Southend), Barry Trowbridge, Ted Lawrence and Dave Briggs. The club will hold a general meeting tonight (Friday) at 45, Hart Road, Thundersley, at 7.30 p.m.

The adjourned meeting of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association takes place this coming Sunday. The Association have many requests on hand, including one from the Southend Association that they be recognised as an independent body, separate from the County of Essex Control Board.

GOLD MEDAL

The South Essex League held a dance on Saturday at Walthamstow, and during the evening awards were presented for the 1957 season. Due to the bad weather, Hadleigh Hurricanes were unable to attend to collect their medals and they were given to Hurricanes' former manager, Dave Stevens, to pass on.

Mr. Stevens was presented with a gold medal "For Meritorious Service to Cycle Speedway in the County of Essex." The presentations were made by Walthamstow Carnival Queen, Miss Pamela Eeles.

Barling Brigands started the 1958 season well when they beat neighbours Woking Hawks 69-39 in a challenge match.

Southend Control Board met – eight teams confirmed for 1958 league fixtures – 3 Birmingham riders, Pete Blackwell, Alan Harrison and Gerald (Sweeny) Kean expected to be nominated for the Essex Grand Prix!

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★ **Cycle Speedway Review** ★

SOUTHEND TEST TEAMS WILL MAKE DEBUT AT PANTILE AVENUE

ON Sunday, at the Southend Lions track in Pantile Avenue, Southend, the Southend Test team will make their first appearance on the track, when they meet the Raynes Park Tigers' Test team. Following this match the Southend "B" team will race the Raynes Park Stars' Test team.

Both the Raynes Park teams will contain a majority of the club's own riders, but they will be using one or two guests, including Pete Jarman (Beckenham Monarchs), who won the Essex Grand Prix at Southend over the Easter Holiday.

The Raynes Park club are one of the oldest in the Southern Premier League. They were founded in 1954, when their present manager, John Bradin, retired from active racing to take over the management.

In their first season they won the Saunders Trophy; they again won the trophy in 1955, a year which also saw them league champions and winners of the Jack Hulbert Shield. They were again the league champions in 1956 and 1957, and also won the Jack Hulbert Shield in both these seasons.

Last year was probably the Raynes Park club's best season, for in addition to the above championships they were also runners-up in the National Team Championship.

The teams

Raynes Park Tigers' team will be: Ray Chivers, Dave Chivers, Pete Jarman, Geoff Penniket, Charlie Vaughan, Fred Bedford, Ted Cracknell and Fred Lawrence.

Raynes Park Stars: B. Lamond, J. Tulin, A. Cross, D. Hennessy, P. Lawless, R. Cingell, M. Bartlett and J. Cummins.

Southend "A": "Nobby" Watson (Barling Brigands), Tony Woolner (Barling Brigands), Bert Randall (Rayleigh Rockets), Dave Withers (Southend Lions), Graham Priest, capt. (Southend Lions), Roger French (Southend Lions), Stan Thompson (Southend Lions), Mick Atherton (Southend Lions).

Southend "B": Neville Franklyn (Barling Brigands), Roger Rolph (Southend Lions), Barry Cracknell (Rayleigh Pirates), Barry Hills, capt. (Barling Brigands), Stan Witton (Barling Brigands), Pete Corby (Woking Hawks), Billy Beeson (Thundersley Vultures), Brian Milbourne (Woking Hawks).

Racing will commence at 3 p.m.

Fixture list

Sunday: Southend "A" v Raynes Park Tigers' Test Team; Southend "B" v Raynes Park Stars' Test Team, at Pantile Avenue, Southend, commencing at 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Barling Brigands v Woking Hawks (Zoned Cup), at Kimberley Avenue, Little Woking, 7.30 p.m. Rayleigh Rockets v Rayleigh Pirates (Zoned Cup), at Thundersley Common, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday: Woking Hawks v Barling Brigands (Zoned Cup) at Savoy Drive, Little Woking, 7.30 p.m.

Friday: Rayleigh Pirates v Rayleigh Rockets (Zoned Cup), at Leslie Road, Rayleigh, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 25th May The Southend test team made their first appearance at the Southend Lions track in Pantile Avenue.

Southend Pictorial Pub. Friday 7th February

ACES SPIN THEIR WHEELS AGAIN

BACK in cycle speedway circulation this year will be the Leigh Aces and from their line-up they certainly look as though they have turned up trumps. In addition to last year's stalwarts, Andy Coxhead and John Berry, they have signed those riders who have left Thundersley Cobras and expect to enter two senior teams and one junior team into the Southend League.

At a general meeting of Leigh Aces on Thursday week, the following committee were elected: Manager and Secretary, Dave Stevens; Treasurer, Jack Baines; Assistant Secretary, Cliff Edwards.

The committee will be made up from the captains of the various teams, when they have been elected.

Former Thundersley riders to follow their manager into the new Leigh Aces club are Dennis Baines, Ken Emery, Barry Trowbridge and Dave Withers. They join Andy Coxhead, the Berry Brothers (Sandy, John and Frank), Gerry Poore and Cliff Edwards.

In addition, Aces will have the services of former Longbridge Leopards' riders, Stan Stevens, Sid

Tomlyn and Ken Taylor, and another former Thundersley rider, John Koehler.

Stevens, Tomlyn and Taylor have all ridden for Essex test teams, and Tomlyn was the Essex Individual Champion in 1956, when he finished sixth in the All-England final.

Koehler, who is now demobbed from the R.A.F., is also an ex-Essex rider, and will be remembered for the few appearances he made with Thundersley Vultures in the 1956-57 Winter League.

Entries for the World Championship are coming in very fast, and the latest rider to enter is rider-manager Pete Chilton, from Woking Hawks.

NATIONAL MEETING

The adjourned meeting of the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association was held in London on Sunday. Officers elected for three years were: Chairman, Mr. George Fernyhough; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Albert Mansbridge; Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett.

The Executive Committee, elected for only one year, are: J.

Bradley (Birmingham), T. Greenaway (Essex), J. McPate (Leicester), B. Moston (Cheshire) and D. Stevens (Southend). The Public Relations Officer will be Ronald E. Bull.

The Association agreed to continue with all last year's National Championships, viz., Team, Individual and the Junior Championships.

In addition to the senior clubs, junior teams will now be allowed to affiliate to the National Association on payment of 1s. per rider, which will entitle the riders to enter the Junior Individual Championship.

LAST CHANCE

Several known teams in the Southend area have still to affiliate to the Southend League for the 1958 season. All teams are reminded that no entries will be accepted for the Spring and Zoned Cup after Monday, February 10th, 1958.

The annual meeting of the Essex County Cycle Speedway Control Board will be held at the C.I.U. Hall, Leyton High Road, Leyton, London, E.11, on Saturday, February 22nd, commencing at 3 p.m.

This meeting is open to all clubs in Essex. Further particulars are obtainable from the Secretary, Mr. Terry W. Greenaway, at 64, Davies Lane, Leytonstone, London, E.11.

Former Thundersley riders to follow their manager (Dave Stevens) into the new Leigh Aces club!

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Cycle speedway

Cup victories for Devils

Shoebury Devils 55, Rayleigh Pirates 40

RIDING with only seven men, Shoebury Devils won the first leg of their Association Cup match against Rayleigh Pirates by 55 points to 40 on Friday. A faultless maximum by Peter Broomfield failed to save the Pirates from defeat. Scorers:

Shoebury Devils (55): M. Odell and N. Kemp 10 each, D. Hallums and B. Rand 9 each, J. Murray 7, D. Robertson 6, J. Essam 4.

Rayleigh Pirates (40): P. Broomfield 12, R. Osler 8, B. Broomfield 6, K. Nash 5, B. Cracknell 4, A. Ponder 3, M. Britton 2, B. Single 0.

Pirates 44 pts., Devils 52 pts.

At the return leg on Wednesday, the Devils again proved themselves the masters at Rayleigh. Ron Osler (Pirates) headed the home team's score with 11 points, while M. Webb scored 11 for the Devils. Scorers:

Rayleigh Pirates (44): R. Osler 11, M. Britton 8, B. Cracknell 7, I. Watson and B. White 6 each, A. Ponder 4, B. Single 2, K. Nash 0.

Shoebury Devils (52): M. Webb 11, M. Odell 8, D. Hallums 7, J. Murray 6, J. Essam, N. Kemp, D. Robertson and B. Rand 5 each.

At a meeting of the Association on Monday, Barling Brigands were awarded both matches against Waking Hawks, and go forward to the second round.

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Cycle speedway

Second cup for the Brigands

Barling Brigands 52 pts., Shoebury Devils 44 pts.

AT Great Waking on Sunday Barling Brigands won their second cup of the season by defeating Shoebury Devils in the final of the Southend and District Cycle Speedway Association Cup.

Shoebury took an early lead, but after 16 heats of some of the best racing seen in Southend this season the Brigands ran out narrow winners by 52 points to 44. Scorers:

Barling Brigands (52): S. Witton 12, R. Watson 11, B. Hills 10, N. Franklyn 8, R. Petley 5, T. Woolner 4, P. Moss 2.

Shoebury Devils (44): M. Odell 10, D. Hallums 8, D. Robertson 7, N. Kemp and B. Rand 5 each, C. Edwards 4, J. Murray 3, J. Essam 2.

LEAGUE TABLE						
	P	W	D	L	P	
Shoebury Devils		2	2	0	0	4
Barling Brigands		1	1	0	0	2
Waking Hawks		2	0	0	2	0
Rayleigh Pirates		0	0	0	0	0
Southend Skulls		0	0	0	0	0

Southend Lions, one of the leading teams last season, have disbanded.

LEAGUE FIXTURES	
Sunday:	Southend Skulls v Shoebury Devils, Barling Brigands v Waking Hawks.
Wednesday:	Shoebury Devils v Barling Brigands.
Thursday:	Southend Skulls v Waking Hawks, Rayleigh Pirates v Shoebury Devils.

Southend Lions, one of the leading teams of 1957 disbanded

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Cycle speedway

Gallant Skulls get a hiding

**Southend Skulls 26,
Shoebury Devils 82**

AT the Kursaal circuit on Sunday Southend Skulls, who have gallantly returned to First Division racing owing to lack of support in the Second Division, lost their first League match of the season to top-of-the-table Shoebury Devils by 82 points to 26.

Scorers:—

Southend Skulls (26): B. Grew 7, G. Mange and P. Mange 5 each, J. Williams 4, Jupson 3, R. Jordan and I. Wright 1 each.

Shoebury Devils (82): N. Kemp 15, D. Robertson 14, B. Rand 13, M. Odell and C. Edwards 11 each, D. Hallums 10, J. Murray 8.

Ex-Southend Lions ace Stan Thompson has joined Wakering Hawks.

Fixtures for the week are as follows:—

Sunday: Barling Brigands v Southend Skulls. **Wednesday:** Southend Skulls v Rayleigh Pirates. **Thursday:** Wakering Hawks v Barling Brigands.

Southend Skulls return to 1st Division league racing, losing their first match on the 'Kursaal' amusement park circuit