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Sunday January 22nd 1961

Cycle Speedway Returns to Prittlewell!

Estuary Eagles open their 1961 season on the track in Gainsborough Drive with a visit from the Whipps X Comets from East London

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No facilities for cycle speedway

NO facilities are available at present for cycle speedway racing in the Borough, Southend Town Council will be told today (Thursday).

This follows an application by Estuary Eagles Cycle Speedway Club.

The Parks Superintendent has been asked to bear in mind the possibility of providing these facilities in the future at Southchurch Park.

Hawbush Hammers 65½, Estuary Eagles 43½

A strong wind and blinding rain spoiled this challenge match at Ilford on Sunday. Both teams put up a good show under such bad conditions.

The Southend team included two latest signings in Bob Jarvis and Arthur Pemberton in place of skipper Roger Rolph and Les Grant.

Scorers:-

Hawbush Hammers (65½): P. Chubb 14, J. Koehler 13, A. Warren 10, J. Newham 10, R. Swinchatt 7, K. Sharp 5, B. Newham 4½, J. Besant 1.

Estuary Eagles (43½): P. Wilkins 12, T. Stone 11, P. Chilton 8, R. Russell 4, D. Searle 4, D. Russell 2½, A. Pemberton 2, B. Jarvis 0.

Cycle speedway

Only four teams in Essex League

THIS Sunday Estuary Eagles travel to East Ham to meet the local stars in a challenge match. The Eagles' second team will meet East Ham Starlets.

The Eagles' line-up is: Terry Stone and Dave Russell; Pat Wilkins and Pete Chilton; Roger Rolph and Roger Greenaway; Roy Russell and Les Grant.

A doubtful starter is Roger Greenaway, who injured an arm in a local football match.

Eaglets team: Arthur Pemberton, Dick Searle, Roy Russell (captain) and Tony French.

Only four teams will take part in the Essex League this season: East Ham Stars, Estuary Eagles, Hawbush Hammers and Whipps Cross Comets.

Estuary Eaglets will race in the Essex Junior League.

The Essex League is now affiliated to the National Cycle Speedway Association. This means that Estuary Eagles will compete in the National Trophy.

The points awarded in the Essex League this season have been altered as follows: Two points a home win; three points away win; one point a home draw; two points away draw.

Thursday February 2nd 1961

According to the report in the 'Standard' Estuary Eagles would be telling the Southend Council that no cycle speedway facilities (Tracks) existed in Southend. The Parks Superintendent however had, apparently been told to look at the possibility of providing a track in Southchurch Park

Southend Standard Pub. April 13th

England rider joins the Eagles

ON Sunday Estuary Eagles entertain the formidable Wembley side in a challenge match. Included in the Wembley all-star line-up is Freddie Boutell, who finished third in the world championship last season.

The London side are bringing a number of supporters to the Gainsborough Drive race bowl and the meeting starts at 2.30 p.m. The Eagles line-up is:—

Terry Stone, Dave Russell; Pat Wilkins (captain), Graham Priest; Pete Chilton, Brian Wiles; Roy Russell (reserve) and Bernard Hill (reserve); ninth man, Ray Locker.

In an effort to win the Essex Senior League Estuary Eagles have signed Ron Gibbons from the defunct East Ham Wolves. Since 1958 Gibbons has been capped by England on three occasions, against Scotland (twice) and Sweden. The signing must be sanctioned by the Essex Cycle Speedway Association.

Gibbons will make his debut against Whipps Cross Comets at Temple Mills on April 23rd.

Following the successful Easter tour of the Home Counties Estuary Eagles plan an East Anglian tour at Whitsun. Matches will be arranged against Leiston Aces (Suffolk), Norwich Stars and Scottow Horseshoes.

There is a possibility of Leigh

Aces being revived in the near future. It is understood that Roger Rolph and John Berry (Estuary Eagles) will apply to join the Aces.

MATCH RESULTS

East Ham Stars 60, Estuary Eagles 48

Scorers:

East Ham Stars (60): J. Barrett 14, J. Halloran 12, V. Duffy 11, D. Stinchman 6, A. Butler 5, J. Butler 5, K. Barrett 4, R. Spalding 3.

Estuary Eagles (48): P. Wilkins 12, T. Stone 10, G. Priest 9, D. Russell 5, P. Chilton 4, B. Wiles 4, R. Russell 3, B. Hill 1.

East Ham Stars "B" 18, Estuary Eagles "B" 53

Estuary Eagles "B" trounced East Ham Stars "B" in this Association Cup match on Sunday. This was the Stars first home defeat in this competition for three years.

Scorers:

East Ham Stars (18): J. Butler 7, B. Coleman 3, R. Spalding 2, E. Nokes 2, V. Duffy 2, T. Petherbridge 2.

Estuary Eagles (53): P. Chilton 12, B. Wiles 12, G. Priest 11, D. Russell 8, R. Russell 7, B. Hill 3.

East Ham Starlets 22, Estuary Eaglets 49

Estuary Eaglets won their first Essex Junior League points on Sunday when they overwhelmed the young Starlets. Scorers:

East Ham Starlets (22): B. Nokes 8, R. Spalding 7, T. Petherbridge 4, B. Coleman 3.

Estuary Eaglets (49): R. Russell 10, D. Searle 10, D. Russell 9, H. Harris 9, B. Hill 8, C. Radford 3.

Thursday April 13th 1961

England Rider Signs for Estuary Eagles

Well known East London rider Ron Gibbons, in 1956 Ron rode for the Essex Champions 'The Penguins' along with Ernie Lamacq, Ted Walker, Alf Pageth, Reggie Goode, Johnny Halloran and reserves Mick DeCourcy and Colin Booth

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CYCLE SPEEDWAY REVIEW

Four teams join league

GOOD news for Southend Cycle Speedway followers is the re-formation of the Southend and District League.

The teams taking part are Priory Eagles, Southend Saints, Hadleigh Heathens "A" and "B."

Any team wishing to enter should contact the League Secretary, Miss M. Watson, 86, Ruskin Avenue, Southend.

For their match at Ilford on Sunday against Hawbush Hammers the Eagles will have Ron Gibbons back in their line-up.

Eagles "B" will include newly-signed Ken Emery, ex-Thundersley Cobras rider for their Association Cup encounter with Hawbush Hammers "B."

Estuary Eaglets hope to chalk up another win with their visit to Hawbush Diamonds.

Without Terry Stone and Ron Gibbons Estuary Eagles were crushed by the high-scoring Comets at Temple Mills on Sunday by 72 points to 35.

Consolation for Estuary—Graham Priest clocked the fastest time of the match (46 secs.). Scorers:—

Comets (72): E. Hemsley 13, S. Pipe 11, J. Brown 11, T. Howe 10, T. Sear 9, W. Kemsley 7, J. Pipe 6, M. Currey 5.

Eagles (35): P. Wilkins 12, B. Wiles 6, G. Priest 5, D. Russell 4, R. Russell 3, P. Chilton 3, D. Searle 2.

In a challenge match Whipps Cross Comets "B" beat Estuary Eaglets by 58 points to 14.

Scorers:—

Comets "B": D. Butler 12, J. Pipe 10, T. Sear 10, W. Kemsley 10, M. Currey 8, A. Wright 8.

Eaglets: B. Hill 4, R. Russell 3, P. Cabuche 3, D. Searle 2, H. Harris 1, K. Emery 1.

Thursday April 27th 1961

Re-formation of the Southend & District League Announced

4 Teams, Priory Eagles, Southend Saints and Hadleigh Heathens 'A' & 'B' had so far indicated they would join!

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Cycle Speedway Review

BROTHERS FINISH FIRST AND SECOND

THE Southend Open Cycle Speedway Championship was marred by the non-appearance of two Hadleigh Heathens' riders and Rayleigh Rockets. The winner was Roy Russell (Estuary Eagles) with 14 points.

Roy's only defeat was at the hands of brother Dave, who was the eventual runner-up with 12 points. Neil Thompson (Hadleigh Heathens) finished in third spot with 11 points. Scorers:

R. Russell (Estuary Eagles) 14, D. Russell (Estuary Eagles) 12, N. Thompson (Hadleigh Heathens) 11, P. Cabuche (Estuary Eagles) 10, G. Walker (Estuary Eagles) 8, T. Ryall (Hadleigh Heathens) 8, Barry Hill (unattached) 8, Bernard Hill (Estuary Eagles) 8, G. Hatcher (Thundersley Cobras) 7, K. Hodges (Thundersley Cobras) 7, I. Howell (Estuary Eagles) 5.

EAGLES WIN

Estuary Eagles 55, Thundersley Cobras 47.

INCLUDING only three regular first team riders Estuary Eagles had quite a battle holding this young Thundersley side. The racing was fast and keen. Ian Howell was top scorer for the Eagles, while Dave Spurgeon was the top Thundersley rider.

On this form the Cobras can be serious challengers for League honours this season. Scorers—

Estuary Eagles (55): I. Howell 15, Bernard Hill 10, P. Chilton 8, K. Emery 8, G. Overton 7, Barry Hill 5, K. Watson 2, B. Williams 2.

Thundersley Cobras (47): D. Spurgeon 9, T. Ryall 8, G. Hatcher 7, D. Stobbs 7, C. Price 7, M. German 6, K. Hodges 5, J. Beasley 0.



Riders who took part in the Southend Cycle Speedway Championship on Saturday.

CHALLENGE MATCH

ON Saturday evening (7.30 p.m.) Estuary Eagles will meet the Rest of Southend in a challenge match.

On Sunday the Eagles entertain league leaders Hawbush Hammers in an Essex League encounter, while the Eaglets take on Hawbush Diamonds in an Essex Junior League match. The meeting starts at 2.30 p.m. All the matches will be raced at the Gainsborough Drive track.

Visitors to Southend next month will be Chessington Aces. The Eagles v Aces fixture is scheduled to take place at Gainsborough Drive on Sunday, June 26th.

Estuary Eagles require an experienced rider to replace Terry Stone, who now seems to have obtained a permanent berth in the Rayleigh Rockets speedway team. His 11 points in the world championship round at Rayleigh last Friday evening was a creditable performance.

Efforts are being made to include Stone in the Eagles line up against Hawbush Hammers on Sunday.

Sunday May 28th 1961

'Southend Open Cycle Speedway Championship'

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| 1- R. Russell, Estuary Eagles | - 14 pts |
| 2 - D. Russell, Estuary Eagles | - 12 pts |
| 3 - N. Thompson, Hadleigh Heathens | - 11 pts |
| 4 - P. Cabuche, Estuary Eaglets | - 10 ^{1/2} pts |
| 5 - G. Walker, Estuary Eaglets | - 10 pts |
| 6 - T. Ryall, Hadleigh Heathens | - 8 pts |
| 7 - Barry Hill, Unattached | - 8 pts |
| 8 - Bernard Hill, Estuary Eagles | - 8 pts |
| 9 - G.Hatcher, Thundersley Cobras | - 7 pts |
| 10 - K. Hodges, Thundersley Cobras | - 6 pts |
| 11 - I. Howell, Estuary Eaglets | - 3 ^{1/2} pts |

First home win for Eagles in Essex League

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Estuary Eagles 54 pts., Whipps Cross Comets 53 pts.
GREAT riding by Brian Wiles, Graham Priest, skipper Pat Wilkins and young Dave Russell gave the Eagles their first home win in the Essex Senior League at the week-end.

After five heats the Southend club were leading by 19 pts. to 11 pts. but the East Londoners fought back and at heat 17 the Eagles were leading by 51 pts. to 50 pts.

In the final heat Estuary had Graham Priest and Brian Wiles at the tapes against Eric Hemsley and Mick Currey.

On the second lap leading rider Mick Currey brought down Graham Priest and the Steward, Mr. D. Searle (Leigh) had no hesitation in disqualifying the Whipps Cross rider.

The Comets, however, feel this was a bad decision and are appealing to the Essex Cycle Speedway Association. Scorers:—

Estuary Eagles (54): B. Wiles 12, G. Priest 11, D. Russell 8, P. Wilkins 8, B. Hill 7, R. Russell 4, P. Cabuche 5, P. Chilton 1.

Whipps Cross Comets (53): C. Hart 10, J. Pipe 10, E. Hemsley 9, T. Sear 9, J. Brown 9, W. Kemsley 4, M. Currey 2, D. Spring 0.

Welcome return

Estuary Eagles "B" 67, Thundersley Cobras 41.
ESTUARY Eagles, new signing, Alan Payne, ex Leigh Aces, made a welcome return to the track after four years.

Alan scored four victories and in his fifth ride parted company with his machine. Ian Howell and another new signing, Barry Hill, each scored 15 apiece to top the home team's score chart. Geoff Hatcher and Keith Hodges were the top Cobras riders. Scorers:—

Estuary Eagles "B" (67): I. Howell 13, Barry Hill 13, A. Payne 12, Bernard Hill 10, G. Overton 7, V. Endersbee 7, P. Cabuche 5, B. Williams 0.
Thundersley Cobras (41): G. Hatcher 11, K. Hodges 9, D. Stobbs 7, R. Baines 6, M. German 4, R. Hobbs 2, K. Emery 1, M. Brown 1.

Lions on top

Westcliff Lions 58, Thundersley Cobras 46.
IN their first fixture and with the help of guest riders, Westcliff

Lions defeated Thundersley Cobras by 58 pts. to 46 pts. Scorers:—

Westcliff Lions (58): J. Brooks 11, R. Russell 10, P. Chilton 10, P. Cabuche 8, L. Kems 5, T. Mercer 5, I. Howell 5, B. Williams 4.

Thundersley Cobras (46): G. Hatcher 11, D. Stobbs 10, L. Chambers 6, K. Hodges 5, E. Hobbs 5, K. Emery 4, N. Sams 3, M. Brown 1.

Sunday's match

On Sunday at Gainsborough Drive Estuary Eagles entertain the Southern Premier League team Chessington Aces. The meeting starts at 2.30 p.m.

Essex Senior League

	P	W	D	L	P.
Hawbush Hammers	7	6	0	1	15
Whipps Cross Com.	7	6	0	1	13
Estuary Eagles	10	1	0	9	3
East Ham Stars	5	1	0	4	2

The Essex League table is based on the new point-scoring system of three points for an away win and two points for a home win, two points an away draw and one point a home draw.

The above table does not include the Eagles v Whipps Cross Comets fixture raced last Sunday.

In the hope of changing their luck Estuary Eagles have decided to change their colours. Going is the famous Blue Eagle. The new colour scheme is yellow with a black sash and two bold E's.

Annual meeting

The Southend and District Cycle Speedway Association held their annual meeting on Sunday when the following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. D. R. Winch; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Spurgeon; Treasurer, Mr. P. Wilkins; Committee, T. Ryall, K. Emery, S. Barker, D. Russell and P. Chilton.

The Chairman Mr. Winch was also elected Public Relations Officer. There are still three more names to be elected to the Committee.

A Secretary will be elected at the next meeting of the Association on Monday at 67, Mendip Crescent, Westcliff.

Clubs represented were Estuary Eagles, Hadleigh Heathens, Thundersley Cobras, Rayleigh Rockets, Priory Eagles and Westcliff Lions.

It was agreed that racing in League matches this season will be over 12 heats for teams of six riders with two points for a win and one for a draw.

Thursday 22nd June 1961

Essex Senior League

	P	W	D	L	P
Hawbush Hammers	7	6	0	1	15
Whipps Cross Comets	7	6	0	1	13
Estuary Eagles	10	1	0	9	3
East Ham Stars	5	1	0	4	2

Sunday 18th June 1961

Annual General Meeting

Southend & District Cycle Speedway

Association

Officers Elected :-

Chairman Mr. D. R. Winch

Vice Chairman Mr. J. Spurgeon

Treasurer Mr. P. Wilkins

Committee

T. Ryall, K. Emery, S. Harker, D. Russell and P. Chilton

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Eagles held to a draw

Estuary Eagles 53, Woodbridge
Wildcats 53

A LARGE crowd at Gainsborough Drive on Sunday saw Estuary Eagles held to a draw by Woodbridge Wildcats.

After four heats the Southend club had a six-point lead and looked all set to complete the double over the visitors from Ipswich.

Eagles skipper Pat Wilkins rode well for his 11 points to top the home score chart. Wilkins' partner, Johnnie Brooks, is settling down well in senior class racing, and his 10 points surely stamps him as a star of the future. For the Wildcats Knock (13) was their outstanding rider. Scorers:—

Estuary Eagles (53): P. Wilkins 11, J. Brooks 10, T. Ryall 8, D. Russell 7, Bernard Hill 7, B. Wiles 6, P. Chilton 3, R. Russell 1.

Woodbridge Wildcats (53): B. Knock 13, P. Ryan 10, K. Heyman 9, N. Stallard 8, I. Stallard 7, J. Earrey 4, J. Coles 2, T. Skeet 0.

Southend and District League results were as follows:—

Thundersley Vikings 0, Southend Saracens 60 (on forfeit); Rayleigh Rockets 11, Southend Saracens 51; Gainsborough Goblins 17, Hadleigh Heathens 55; Gainsborough Goblins 60, Rayleigh Rockets 0 (on forfeit).

FINAL TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Thundersley Cobras ..	10	10	0	0	20
Southend Saracens	10	7	0	3	14
Hadleigh Heathens	10	7	0	3	14
Rayleigh Rockets	10	3	0	7	6
Thundersley Vikings ..	10	2	0	8	4
Gainsboro' Goblins	10	1	0	9	2

Challenge match: Estuary Eagles "B" 40 (Barry Hill 11, B. Beeston 9), Woodbridge "B" 31 (T. Skeet 8, K. Heyman 7).

Thursday November 2nd

Southend & District League -Final Table

	P	W	D	L	P
Thundersley Cobras	10	10	0	0	20
Southend Saracens	10	7	0	3	14
Hadleigh Heathens	10	7	0	3	14
Rayleigh Rockets	10	3	0	7	6
Thundersley Vikings	10	2	0	8	4
Gainsborough Goblins	10	1	0	9	2