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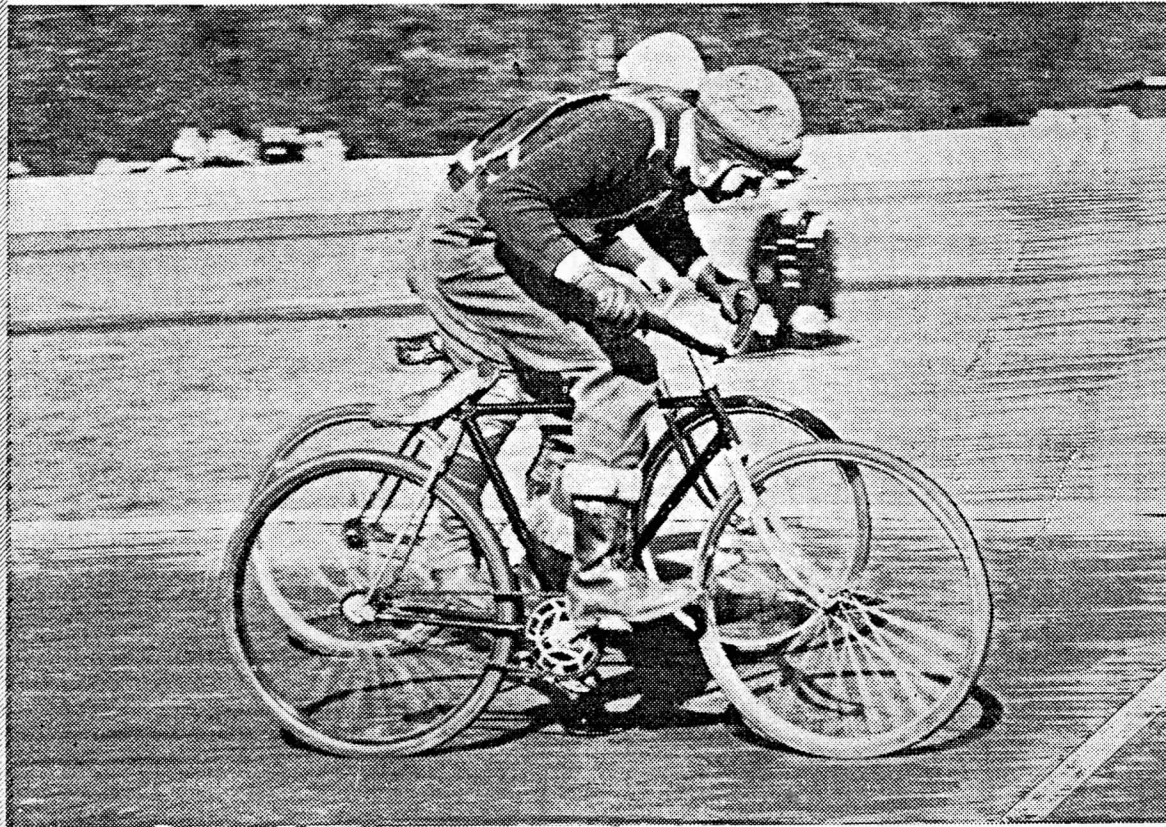
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are you? See our
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Roy Bullet’s DOWN
YOUR WAY: S. E.
London

(Top photo) Nearly a photo-finish
as two riders speed at the finish in
the Middlesex v. London at High
Beech. (Bottom) Ron Newson leads
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PROUD? I say I am. Not in that show off sort of way—just to know you all think the Monthly tops. You've all been a grand bunch of lads, faithful in your promises to keep your team in regular touch and corresponding whenever you can, that's something I shall remember for a long time.

When we started five months ago, we explained that we were out to

Date to Remember

DON'T forget to pop along to the White City Racers' track (near Q.P.R. F.C.) on August 28th at 3 p.m., for that is when the Racers play the Oakdale Gem Pirates from Poole, Dorset. Refreshments and programmes will be on sale.

AT LAST

ALTHOUGH it is practically half way through the season the Dagenham Lions have only just registered their first win. They did so at the expense of the Cambell Dragons. The score, 51-45 suggests that they are on the road to many big wins.



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help all teams, and in that very short time, we have built up a cosy friendship that I know will last. I am the editor of your own magazine, and I shall see to it that you all have your say in our columns, please remember that.

GRAB YOUR PENS

If you've not been mentioned, send in something about your team now. I'll see that you get the much needed publicity. Grab your pen and drop us a line now. We'll be glad to hear what you like or don't. From now on I'm seeing that you get what you want.

So when you next pull your chair up and start to scrawl us a line, spare a moment to think of us here, working away to see you favourite magazine includes your favourite features, for we're doing our best. Thanks, I knew you would.

RESULTS

We will publish any results you care to send us, also your league positions, they will be set out neatly for you to collect. We go to press with one eye cocked to the future. What there is in store we shall make

ARE TRANSFERS WANTED?

IS the need for transfers, as practised in other sports, a necessary addition to our own sport? writes James Prentice. It is done by many teams, and if a rider is discontented with his own team that is the only reasonable alternative. Apart from breaking away from cycle speedway altogether, it is obviously the best thing for both the team and rider concerned.

Fees such as are paid in this country's major sports are naturally not practicable, and so small fees, such as 7/6 and 10/- are quite reasonable prices to expect.

To name a few such as Basil Eyres and Eric Smith who transferred from Forest Gate Tigers to the Walthamstow Wolves, and Ted Phillips of St. Albans Swifts to the E.A.C. Hawks, another of these is Johnny Pinnock, who left the Finchley Eagles to ride for the Boreham Wood Stars, (price paid was 7/6). Latest among these transferred riders is the Beckton Aces rider, Ray Black, who has gone to join the Ripple Greyhounds.

This system has one big advantage, it stops the nasty habit of riders changing teams at their own whim. For if every team adhered

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it our business to find out. This is NOT an appeal, just a line from your editor, who wants to express his thanks. Cheerio till next month, lads.

BACKNUMBERS

A limited number of back-numbers were retained in order that the unlucky ones may keep their set complete. Only the first applicants will be absolutely certain to get a copy, so write TO-DAY to: Backnumbers Dept., C.S.M. 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex. Copies are 6d. each, post free.

strictly to this way of exchanging riders it would be impossible for riders who hop from team to team to find a place in any club that takes their fancy. For even contracts are not sacred, and there are many instances of them being violated in this way, making them nothing more than worthless scraps of paper.

The East London League and the Hertfordshire League have both adopted the transfer system, fixing as their ceiling price the sum of 10/-, with a slightly lower price of 7/6, which I suppose is an alternative for the not so rich clubs.

One of the leagues against transferring is the Surrey League, who make it a condition of membership that riders once signed up cannot change without suitable permission from the Board.

Of course I do not expect all riders to agree with the views expressed in this article, and I am anticipating quite a few nasty letters condemning my point of view. Nevertheless I should like to hear from you all so, that I can come to a conclusion about the majority's feeling on this matter, a matter which covers a system very much on the increase in the cycle speedway world.

Greyhounds and Racers Impress

by G. PAYNE

CYCLE speedway received great publicity at the Harrow Town F.C. Fete, held at the ground on Bank Holiday Monday. A match was arranged between the local lads, the South Harrow Greyhounds and the visitors, Hillingdon Racers for a silver plaque offered by the Harrow Town F.C. and presented after the match by ex-Arsenal and England footballer Jack Crayston. The Greyhounds won by 46-37.

GREAT BATTLE IN N. STAFFS

FROM our Staffordshire Correspondent, Len Staton, comes the latest news of the North Staffs League. The Wolves team can still pull off the championship—they are lying in a handy position near the top, and manager Rob Dobson has secured the transfer of Bill Robot-ham and his partner Peter Boardman from the Hartshill Hammers. In exchange, Hartshill received three Wolves riders.

The Hammers aren't having much luck, their riders are good, they have lost all their matches by the odd four or five points. Latest news reports they at last won their first match against Barlaston Aces.

The Newcastle Pirates have been through a rough phase losing six matches in a row. They still have hopes of the championship, and manager Len Staton has completely changed the pairings. The Pirates won their last three matches by clear margins, and are hitting top form.

Crack teams, Stoke Stars and Etruria Jets, who previously had only lost one match each, have now lost at home, and the Jets also away. Stockton Brook Racers are certainly drawing the crowds, their attendances average 500 every meeting. They have just relaid their track, and the banking on the outside is nearly a foot high. This ground is owned by their manager, and although in a low position, they make their opponents fight for the points.

The League's largest track is owned by the Cobridge Cobras. They were the last to join the league, for they took the place of the Shelton Tigers, who disbanded through lack of riders. Trent Vale Eagles have also disbanded, half their riders have been called up.

Well over a thousand watched the match that was run on perfect lines. Stewards were dressed in their white coats, bend stewards positioned well. Bell, loud speaker, flags, starting gates and the Greyhounds in their new yellow polo neck jumpers impressed everyone. If only more matches followed this example. Outside the stadium windows of every house were open, and one husband climbed the roof of his garden hut.

The track, sand on grass, is usually very slow, but it did not affect these lads. Dixie Dean (Greyhounds) being the most impressive, with his three firsts and one second. Ken Wakerley (Greyhounds) showed great bursts of speed on the bends, and collected a well earned 10.

For the Racers, Dave Johnson was best. His holding off an opponent while his second string breaks through has to be seen to be believed. Maxie Bacon started off very well, but failed to finish in his last two races.

Highlights of the match were R. Guildfield's (Greyhounds) great win in heat 13, after his partner had been disqualified. Greyhounds reserve, Laplanche, who once broke from last to second, found himself beaten to last again, but made a magnificent come back on the last bend, and finally finished third. Racer K. Lynch gave a grand display notching 8 valuable points.

There were loud cheers for the losers and winners, and Berny Thomas, Greyhounds captain, led his team round the track holding up the trophy. I know the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the racing as much as I did, and I think we owe a lot to the Greyhounds and Racers for the example they set.

Final scores: S. H. Greyhounds: (46) D. Dean 11; K. Wakerley 10; R. Snelson 8; R. Guildfield 6; T. Wallis 4; B. Thomas and R. Laplanche 3; G. Snelson 1. **H. Racers** (37): D. Johnson and K. Lynch 8; M. Bacon and A. Merritt 6; M. Scowen 4; A. Pilton and P. Tack 2; W. Adam 1.

JAMES PRENTICE'S ON THE SPOT

YOU can hear the laughter at every track, from the riders in the pits and from the spectators. In crowded trains, from busy newsagents, in fact any place where the Monthly is sold. And ten to one they'll be laughing at our side splitting On The Spot feature by ace reporter James Prentice. Grab your specs and read the following comical incidents that happened at some of the tracks recently. Have you seen anything amusing that is worthy of mention in On The Spot? We shall post the sender of anything published a free copy of next month's Monthly. Mark your entries "On The Spot."

IT was the last heat of the match between the South Harrow Greyhounds and the Acton Acorns at South Harrow. Fred Smallwood (Acorn) shot into the lead followed closely by Dixie Dean (Greyhounds). The crowd roared Dixie on as he made continual attempts to overtake, but without success. Into the last bend they skidded when Fred wobbled, lost balance and toppled backward in a sitting position. Dixie, unable to stop, came roaring round and sped up Fred's back. The crowd roared (with laughter) as Fred (unhurt) rose to his feet with a tyre mark up his back.

Prentice's sum up:

Fred never gets "tired" of backing another man up.

AT a recent Best Pairs Championship at the Walthamstow Wolves' track, one of the heats saw an amusing battle for third place. Seaforth (Ashem Racers) and Russel (Wolves) were skidding round the bends almost neck and neck, so close in fact, that they collided. Seaforth vanished amidst a spray of dust while Russel went to have a closer view of the spectators.

Both riders rushed to their bikes and tried to remount, but only Russel succeeded, for Seaforth missed his pedal and hit the floor again. Russel went on to finish third.

Prentice's sum up:

H-m-m-m. Russel third, Seaforth.

PECKHAM STARS, S. EAST HEROS

Says ROY BULLET

FIGHTING to the end, Peckham Stars, by their great performance in the Speedway World Cup Final, have established themselves as one of the finest teams South East London have produced for many a year. They are setting a cracking pace in the S.E. London League and are the firm favourites

Their path to the final was by no means an easy one, and they met and beat the Ruskin Flyers, Willesden Comets, New Cross Rangers, Tooting Tigers and Teddington Tigers until they ended their run to Stratford Hammers in the final. Without a doubt, their greatest rider was Ray Braddon, who scored an average of 12 points every meeting.

The final was a very thrilling affair, and the stars gained a lead of eight points in the first leg at Peckham. Certainly one of the greatest matches seen in London, and the S.E. supporters went away muttering "poor ole' Hammers." But fight as the Stars did, the lengthy Hammer's track was too much for them. They puffed and tired long before they had completed the laps, and the Hammers, taking advantage of this, snatched a lead which widened to 22 points. They won the Trophy on aggregate of 107½-85½.

Complete scores for the two legs:
STRATFORD: J. Wilson 22, J. Livings 21, R. Garnham 17, J. Heard 15, R. Wilmore 10, L. Silver 8, E. Parham 8, R. Archie 6½. **PECKHAM:** R. Braddon 26, H. Brand 15, C. Buckingham 12, T. Jarret 10½, R. Austin 7, S. Murphy 6, H. Ball 5, H. Moore, 3 G. Dixon 1.

More recently the Stars have beaten the present champions, Honor Oak Aces at Honor Oak 54-42, Verney Lions 64-32, and gained a runaway victory over Peckham Juniors by more than 40 points.

The Local Council is taking more interest in the teams in S.E. London, and it seems that the Stars and Verney Lions will soon have tracks built for them. Many have signed a petition which is to be handed to the Council very shortly.

Cray Tigers, the "dark horse" of the League, now run their meetings in impressive style. Their 90 yard circuit has a good surface, and they have catered for their supporters by roping off a large safe space. Their loud speaker is one of the most efficient used in cycle speedway. Joe Abbott and John Pollard have now left the New Cross Rangers to join the Tigers, they are certainly pushing the Tigers to the top.

Honor Oak Aces aren't striking last year's form, and to make matters worse, Stan Glover and Shelford have decided to retire, and Eric Bulmer, who only lost two races in June, has been suspended. They have signed Al Gibbs from Verney Lions, and he is setting a good example with his dash and incentive.

New Cross Hammers and Verney Racers have left the League, both were comparative newcomers. Racers disbanded to share their top riders with their parent team, the Lions. Al Degerland, Verney Racers Captain Art Calvert, Norm Huntingford, Harry Martin and Ray Schnieder

DOWN YOUR WAY

THIS MONTH:
S. E. LONDON

have joined the Lions, while Norm Cast, Roy Cast and Frank Thorley have announced their retirement.

One of our S.E. London correspondents, R. Whichello, is awarding a certificate of merit to certain teams, riders or persons connected with the sport for any outstanding performances. Recently he presented one to Messrs. Forrester, Rosser and Salter of Cray Tigers for the fine work they have done at St. Mary Cray in building the track, buying bikes for the riders and also for the sporting manner in which they conduct their meetings.

They have worked wonders on the bunch of lads who, some months back were raw, inexperienced, but very determined. It just goes to show the way they breed them in S.E. London.



WHEN I arrived in England last year, in the company of fellow Australian, Ernie Brecknell, we were staying with Mrs. Bettis of Plaistow, and I might mention, the proud mother of Frank Bettis, who now rides for West Ham, and it was suggested a couple of days after our arrival, that a visit to the local cycle speedway would be thoroughly enjoyed.

Cycle speedway? I asked. So being rather inquisitive we eventually, after half an hour's walk, arrived at a bombed-out allotment, and not expecting to see more than a dozen people, I was rather surprised to find many hundreds. The name of the team eludes me, but the show they put on was very good and I readily realised that cycle speedway would one day be a very prominent sport amongst the junior ranks.

Firstly, in my opinion, cycle speedway embodies one of the main factors for the would-be speedway rider. It teaches him sportsmanship, inasmuch, that win or lose the particular race he is in, he knows that he has a team and supporters to think of, and consequently although at first he may be an individual, he finds that after a short while that the team man is very much appreciated and usually acts accordingly.

NO CISSY'S GAME

Secondly, it's no cissy's game. Lots of falls, nasty abrasions and many bruises are incurred. Consequently, he learns how to fall and in the process toughens his body.

Thirdly, there is no doubt that a great amount of physical strain is needed. This tends to develop the lad and endows determination, skill and balance, all of which are essentially required in the speedway world. This, of course, is just a beginning. For a speedway rider there is no back door and perhaps if I relate a little of my climb up the ladder to speedway fame, it will serve as a guidance to you lads. For I came up the hard way and I know.

It doesn't seem very long ago since I was racing around on my push bike, tearing up and down footpaths and skidding round gravel corners and doing all the things that a mother scorns at. No, I was not a cycle speedway exponent, but I used to take on anyone that wanted to have a go in the neighbourhood. Then I commenced work. My one desire was to own a motor cycle and after working long hours for a very small return, for I was an apprentice, the great day arrived.

MY FIRST MACHINE

My first bike I purchased for the amount of £10 0s. 0d. but luckily for me it was a solid job and took the caneing I gave it without throwing in the sponge. For I had never ridden a bike until I sat astride this one and as a bare novice gave the mount a rather hard time. Then

... I think Cycle Speedway embodies one of the main factors for the would-be speedway rider—Sportsmanship. But remember

THERE'S NO BACK DOOR TO SPEEDWAY, LADS

perienced road rider with thousands of miles behind me, I realised that to become a speedway rider I required much more broadsiding experience. So with what little deferred pay I had, and a few pounds that I managed to scrape together, I purchased another machine and concentrated on scrambles and grass-track meetings.

NEVER SAID DIE

At this stage I could mention hundreds of setbacks such as bad health, financial aid and many other things, but being of a determined nature and adopting a "never say die" attitude I managed with the help of my mother and some of my close friends to purchase my first dirt-track machine.

I thought I was made—but unknown to me the hardest part had yet to come. Two years of riding, one night a week, with no more than two starts a night, working on numerous jobs, six days a week, and hours of constant practise on the week-ends were only some of the work necessary. But eventually I made the grade, took a chance and came to England, and as one prominent paper stated recently, arrived with less than 2d. in my pocket, I pushed my way into speedway. The rest is speedway history.

STICK TO IT

So to all you lads, who think you have the makings of a rider, stick at it and maybe you will make the grade. If you don't, don't be down-hearted because we can't all be speedway riders, and the enjoyment derived from cycle speedway racing and the hours of time passed in a healthy, clean sport is beneficial for every walk of life.

Best of luck in whatever you decide to do, and good racing always. Bye for now.



**Says Aussie Star
GRAHAM WARREN**

the exchanges started and in the following two years I had bought and sold, exchanged, etc., no less than a dozen breeds.

By this time, after taking some very nasty tosses, I had acquired a good road sense and at the time, was still working as an apprentice for an engineering firm. Before I turned 18 I had enlisted in the R.A.A.F. and was mustered as a dispatch rider, for motor cycling had become an obsession with me.

After 3½ years service I was discharged and although having reached the stage of a most ex-

QUALITY QUIZ 1

WHAT kind of rider are you, anyway? Do you consider yourself a good sportsman, do you often argue with the stewards?

Here are six specially set questions, answer them honestly by placing a cross against either (a), (b) or (c). Then turn to page 13 and see what sort of character you really have.

It's foolish but it's fun. If answered correctly you may be surprised at the results. So come on, get out that pencil and try our Quality Quiz.

This Month: THE RIDER

1 It is the start of a race, and you are up at the tapes alongside the others. The starter does not hurry himself, and keeps you in suspense. Do you:

... (a) Get a hollow feeling in the pit of your stomach and become a trifle nervy?

... (b) Simply wait patiently, letting nothing bother you?

... (c) Think of the rush into the first bend, wondering whether you will be in the lead?

2 You are just about to overtake the leader on the inside. You nearly succeed when he moves in closer, and forces you over the white line. The bend steward excludes you. Do you:

... (a) Argue with the steward, for the sake of venting your feelings?

... (b) Force your dismay back, and walk back to the pits.

... (c) Consider yourself unjustly treated, and resolve to try to get your own back on the other rider in another heat?



3 You have had a bad day. Three rides and no points. You come up for the last race, a dismal feeling inside of you. Your opponent is a star rider who is so far unbeaten in the match. Do you:

... (a) Give up hope?

... (b) Make a supreme effort?

... (c) Ride on normally?

4 You have sustained a bruised leg and it hurts quite a lot. You're scheduled for the next race. Do you:

... (a) Get up and ride?

... (b) Let a reserve, who is not up to your standard ride in your place?

... (c) Ride, but without putting your best into your racing?

5 You're only a reserve. Not an exceptional rider, but you feel that you could beat some of the first team riders any day. Do you:

... (a) Start practising hard in your spare time?

... (b) Give up all hope of riding in the first team?

... (c) Make an extra effort on the track in front of the others?

6 You're a top class rider. Your team mates expect a lot from you. Just before your race your back wheel sticks and becomes unmovable. You have only two minutes. Do you:

... (a) Do everything in your power to set it right. For you know that you ride much better on your own machine?

... (b) Give it a kick which seems to make it O.K. and go out to ride hoping that it remains as it is?

... (c) Borrow your pal's bike and try to make the best of it?

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HULL'S RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

GLORIOUS weather heralded the day for Hull's Individual Riders' Championship, held at East Pack track, writes our Hull reporter.

And to help to make this day even more memorable, present at the meeting were no less than six members of Hull Speedway. All ready and willing to join the fun in the unusual role of onlooker were Mick Mitchell, Baker, Alf. Webster, Derek Glover, Jack Watts, and Don Wilkinson.

The match itself was a very exciting affair, with plenty of thrills and spills to keep the crowd happy. It was found, that two riders had drawn level with 12 points. These two Dennis Wood (Wembley Lions) and Ron Blood (Cordens Cubs) had to run off a deciding heat. This was won by Wood of the Lions.

Prizes for the winner and runners up were presented by Mick Mitchell, Hull Speedway Captain. D. Wood, the winner, was possessor of a Biro pen, and the richer by 10/-. R. Blood (Cordens) received a shaving

kit and 5/-. T. Lawson (Starlets) 3rd in the match received 20 cigarettes, and K. Clunley (also of the Starlets) was presented with a bottle of hair cream. These first two prizes were presented by the Hull Speedway team.

After the match had finished, three members of the Hull Speedway team thought they would like to try their hand at it. So lining up at the tapes were D. Glover, Alf Webster and D. Wilkinson. They started off with Don going to the lead closely followed by Alf, who finally passed him to win, leaving Derek, who fell off and cut his finger.

A good match all round, this last heat put the final touches to a well run meeting.



CLUB SOUVENIRS

WILDCATS ARE LEAGUE WINNERS

THE Battersea and District League came to a close finish recently, with the Battersea Wildcats finishing champions. Battersea Eagles were the runners-up obtaining the same number of points but being behind on the average.

Final placings were:

	P	W	L	D	Pt
Battersea Wildcats	14	8	3	3	19
Battersea Eagles ...	14	9	4	1	19
Wandsworth Racers	14	7	3	4	18
Grayham Aces	14	7	3	4	18
Kennington Eagles	14	8	5	1	17
Fulham Lions	14	5	9	0	10
Chelsea Tigers	14	2	8	4	8
Putney Eagles	14	2	12	0	4

After the league was determined, a series of Trophy matches was run. At the Battersea Flyers' track the Flyers' Cup was held, and Stan Blackwell was the winner after a run-off with Ernie Cole. Complete scorers: S. Blackwell (Clapham Panthers) 12; E. Cole (Battersea Flyers) 12; V. Parmere (Battersea Flyers) 11; A. Dent 11; D. Gray 10; V. Stoniman 10; Lloyd 10; Richardson 9; Mackensen 4; Flammvund 3; Sims 2; Hamshaw 2.

After the Cup, the Battersea Flyers challenged and beat the rest

of the cup riders by 55-53, a very close match. Score: **Flyers:** V. Parmere 17; D. Gray 15; V. Stoniman 12; E. Cole 6, Richardson 5; Hamshaw 0. **The Rest:** S. Blackwell 15; A. Dent 11; Sims 8; Mackensen 8; Hammond 7; T. Lloyd 4.

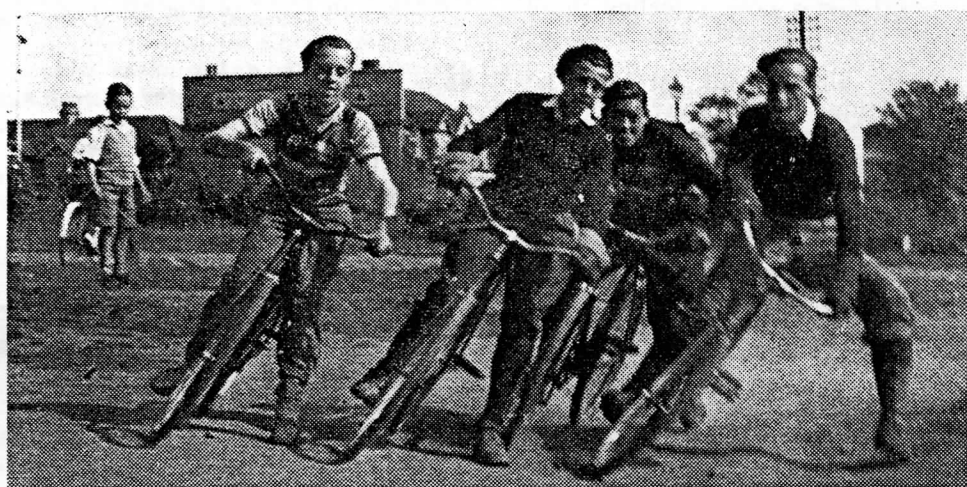
Other results in South Western London: Putney Eagles 60; Lachmere Eagles 36. Chelsea Tigers 72; Battersea Aces 23. Putney Eagles 58; Fulham Lions 38. Battersea Aces 27; Chelsea Tigers 69. Fulham Lions 49; Kennington Eagles 47.

LOCAL LADS

SOUTH HARROW Greyhounds were formed in 1947, and throughout the year played a series of challenge and friendly matches on their own track, and were unbeaten. They joined the Harrow League, but later made application to the Wembley League (Div. 1) and settled down to a good season's racing.

They entered the Speedway World Championship, and after knocking out both the Stockwell Aces and Southend Lions, finally went out to the Teddington Tigers in the third round.

The Greyhounds are all local lads, and they have one of the best tracks in their district, so much so that it has been chosen for the Wembley



Here come four of Dagenham's Foxland Panthers round their home track. (left to right) Loey Cohen, Kid South, Inky Warren and Tiger South

PLYMOUTH'S 'TERRIBLE TRIO'

WITH the Plymouth League season half completed it is time to take stock of the teams' positions, writes Johnny Bricknell, our Plymouth Correspondent. Bunched together at the top we find the Flying Devils, Luira Wasps, and the Foulston Eagles. These teams aptly named the "Terrible Trio" of the League are having a rare tussle for league leadership, and although at the time of going to press the Devils and Wasps are level with a two point lead over the Eagles, the issue is still very much in the balance.

One of the shock teams of the season has been the Pennycross Pirates, whose spirited riding has given nasty surprises to many of the more fancied teams. Next in line are the Manadon Lightnings who, despite the severe handicap of as yet having no home track, are still a force to be reckoned with.

The Green Aces and the Flying Diamonds are performing quite well

but have yet to prove themselves a strong away team.

Right at the bottom of the league table are the luckless Dockland Aces, the Aces have yet to gain a point. Nevertheless they are seemingly on the up grade, and by the time this appears in print they should have one or two victories to their credit.

So far this season the League's highest point scorer has been Pete Coleman of the Flying Devils. For Pete, although only fifteen, has proved himself a very consistent rider and has scored no less than eight maximums.

This league has brought out many outstanding riders, among them being Alan Dabinette (Manadon Lightnings), Clive Osborne and Arthur Chapman (both of the Foulston Eagles), Rex Grayling, Dave Kitts, and Cyril Chapman (of the Wasps), and many more, all potential Test Team candidates.

LAST season, the Earlham Eagles of Norwich scored a hat-trick by winning the Norwich League, the Cup and Knock-out Competition. Unbeaten at home, they only lost away to their old rival, the Helledon Harriers.

The Eagles in those day included Fred Smallwood, Malcolm Flood, Jack Howard, Colin Howard, Clicker Claxton, Jack Mayhew, "Wog" Vickers, Ronnie Woodcock and Jim Dack. But at the end of the season Fred Smallwood moved to London, Jack Mayhew and Jack Howard were called up, and Clicker Claxton and Colin Howard announced their retirements. Having no reserve riders to call upon, the Eagles disbanded and the remaining riders joined the newly-formed Earlham Arrows.

The Arrows, never a happy team,

MAKE GOOD

versus Coventry Test Match on August 27th. A good layer of cinders, a first class starting gate, loud speaker, good crowds and good management are some of the things the Greyhounds are noted for.

The Manager is Mr. Dean, who is out to give the boys a good time as well as make them one of the

(capt.), and Dick Guilford; Dixie Dean and Tex Wallis; Ken Wakerley and Ron Snelson; (Res.) Keith Williams and Ron Laplanche.

Gordon Snelson and Fred Lewin ride when on leave from the army, while Peter Parker, Peter Dickinson and Maurice Fernival often assist from the Junior Team. As we go to press, the Greyhounds have played 17 matches, won 8, lost 8, drawn 1. They started off rather badly but more recently have col-



South Harrow Greyhounds (l. to r.) Dean, Snelson, R., Williams, Snelson, G. Laplanche, Dickinson, Wakerley, (Sitting) Thomas, (Inset) Wallis, Guilford

strongest teams in the district. Mr. Dean has sunk all his interests in the Greyhounds, and they in return do their best for him.

They Greyhounds' colours are yellow with blue background, and the present team is: Berny Thomas

lected 13 match points out of 18.

Ken Wakerley and Dixie Dean have both represented Middlesex and Wembley in various Test Matches, and early 1949, Tex Wallis and Dick Guilford secured transfers from the Malvern Monarchs.

ARLHAM EAGLES HAT-TRICK

split up early this season and plans were laid for a fresh Eagles line-up.

A challenge match was arranged with the Ripple Greyhounds from East London, and at the same time application was made to re-enter the Norwich League. The Eagles celebrated their re-formation with a sound win over the Greyhounds by 62-34, and they are now planning a return match at Barking to try to repeat the dose.

The regular 1949 line-up is expected to include Malcolm Flood (capt.), "Wog" Vickers, Ron Woodcock, Clicker Claxon, Teddy Eaglin, Jim Dack and Lou Walpole.

ROCKETS ARE 'LONELY'

ONE of the most out-of-the-way teams from Rainford, near St. Helens is the Rainford Rockets, who were formed last year.

The Rockets have won all of their matches, and by a wide margin. They have a small track (52 yards) with a fine cinder surface, and their four lap record holder is John Hilton, with 38 secs. They have an elastic starting gate, which adds to the neat appearance of their track.

Alan Dagnall is the Rocket's captain, and their next best rider is S. Dean, the rest of the team is: J. Hilton, G. Raspin, R. Dagnall, G. Saunders, E. Saunders, E. Roughly and L. Dean. Their ex-rider manager is G. Woods, and their worry at the moment is the lack of other local teams to ride against.

THE OLD

OR

THE NEW?

Last month we introduced the first of many good changes to your Cycle Speedway Monthly, a new cover. We have had so much co-operation from you all that we felt we had to do something in return. You asked for the improvement and you got it, and from the many letters we received, we know we haven't disappointed you.

If Cycle Speedway Monthly is going to be your very own favourite mag, it has got to be run as you want it, we realise that. And you may be sure we are very grateful for all the club secretaries and press officials who are doing their utmost to help us.

We want to know what else you consider would make Cycle Speedway Monthly the best paper of its kind in existence. Our new cover, which has been improved upon this issue, was received as a great success. Write and let us know how you like it. Be blunt, for its your magazine and so you deserve your views about it.

If space allowed, we would have printed all the letters we received; below you will see what some of our readers thought.

Ted Shacklady, (Earlsfield Road, London, S.W.18): Your new cover was the necessary round off to your perfect magazine. Before, your magazine was packed full with excellent news and photos, all it lacked was an attractive cover. Now you have it, which makes Cycle Speedway Monthly faultless. Keep this up and you will have the support you deserve, I'll vouch.

Bill Pipe, (46 Headstone Gardens, North Harrow, Middx.): You certainly seem to know what the average cycle speedway follower wants in his favourite magazine. I have had Cycle Speedway Monthly from the start, and was a little doubtful on the old cover. Now all my uncertainty has gone, in fact I will go as far as to say that your magazine is now better than many others I could mention, that have been on the market for years.



Out in front (as usual) is Bill Ritchie (Shieldhall) with Ron Braham (Craigton) trying to push through on the inside. Hand on the handlebar in the rear belongs to Bill Dunn.

AS most of you probably know just recently I came to London to take part in and see racing in the East London area. Well, I did both, and I shall now compare East London with Glasgow.

With regard to racing, East London is faster than ours up here, taking it on the all-round average. But I do think that we have riders (perhaps only a few) who would be able to give some of the Londoners a great fight.

The organization in East London is amazing. With three divisions, representing a few hundred riders, to have a control board as efficient as the one in control now is not far short of a miracle by Glasgow's standards. We have five teams—60 riders—one control board.

Although East London has more tracks in relation to the number of teams Glasgow has, the tracks up

East London is Faster

here are superior. I think that none of Glasgow's tracks can be termed as bad! but nearly all in East London that I visited can be! It is the surface that counts of course, and the sooner I see the bumps go from your tracks the happier I'll feel next time.

Cycle speedway in East London, and this goes for most of the areas South of the Border, has gripped the public far more than it has here in Glasgow. Some say it is because East London started racing before Glasgow, but believe me there isn't such a great margin between the two. No, I think organisation and showmanship goes a long way where public interest is concerned.

Anyway I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and found that it makes a lovely change when you don't have to get up so darned early for work in the mornings!

From Scottish Reporters

THE Scotstown Grand Prix match held recently at the Norse Road track, provided thrilling racing, writes our special correspondent, James Brown.

Bob Browning (Charing X Rangers) won the trophy in grand style, touching his very best form. In a class of his own, Browning notched 13 points out of a possible 15. Ron Braham (Craigton) might have won the match but for the bad luck which hit him.

When Ron had 11 points in his vital next race he fell whilst in the lead. Ron had to race off a decider with Jimmy Brown for second place and won it.

Final scores: R. Browning 13; R. Braham 11; J. Brown 11; D. Robson and Jack Cunningham 8 each; J. Braham 4; R. Sillars (res) 1.

ACES WIN

Also from our correspondent James Brown comes news of the recent Shieldhall Stars versus Scotstown Aces Select Challenge Match held at Shieldhall.

The Aces won the match by 49-44, and the score suggests the keenness of the battle, and what a battle it was. At the half way mark, Shieldhall led by 24-23 but Scotstown fought back with a 5-1 win in the next heat. Even so the teams were on level pegging again later.

Then Ron Braham and Dave Robson brought off a brilliant 5-1 win for Scotstown, and from then onwards, Scotstown just managed to hold on to their slight lead and finished up winners by five points.

Final scores in this match were: **Shieldhall Stars** (44): R. Miller 15; B. Ritchie 12; S. Fraser 5; A. Miller 5; L. Dick 4; J. Adams 3. **Scotstown Aces** (49): R. Braham 12; R. Browning 12; J. Braham 8; J. Brown 8; D. Robson 5; A. Cassidy

BILL GOES TO SCHOOL AGAIN

Bill Robotham is in the news a lot this month. The other day he visited the Roy Dook Speedway Training School, and teacher Eric Irons was very pleased with him. Bill never fell off but had some nasty experiences. Once when he flipped the throttle, the safety fence came speeding towards him. Of all the spills cycle speedway can offer, Bill said that this sensation turned his stomach upside down. If he can produce this form in his next lesson in August, Bill has been promised a letter of introduction to Belle Vue.

NEWCOMERS

A new team for next season will be the Pollock Shields, and to all intents and purposes it will be one very hard to beat for test rider John (Giant) Weinman will be their captain and he has high hopes of securing such top notch men as Alex Miller from the Shieldhall Stars, and Bob Patterson and Howard Shaw from the Craigton Eagles. If this is so all I can say to others is watch out. There are many lads contemplating a team up here, and a team already on the path of fame are the Rucruil Rockets.

The Rockets challenged the Shieldhall Stars not so long ago, and they only lost by ten points, certainly very good going.

Glasgow's most exciting league match for June was undoubtedly the Crossmyloof Giants versus Shieldhall Stars, when the Giants won 51-45. Crossmyloof are so far unbeaten in the league, and so the excitement was understandable, for the Giants, winning as they did, made certain of the league honour. And fight as Bill Ritchie and Alex Miller did, they could not stop the Stars.

Contrary to other reports, a league has not been started in Hamilton. However, a Glasgow representative side may go to Hamilton to stage an exhibition match

Pull Your Socks Up Norwich

THE Norwich Cycle Speedway scene has lately been looking rather black. Attendances at most of the tracks have dropped to a dozen or less. Several teams have withdrawn from the Norwich League and some other League teams are often forced to ride a match with only seven or even six riders simply because their reserves couldn't be bothered to turn up.

This state of affairs obviously cannot continue for long. Unless both riders and supporters can regain their old interest in the sport then cycle speedway is on the way out in Norwich.

COSTLY VENTURE

Changes have been made recently in the Norwich Control Board, in an effort to put an end to the financial losses which have been suffered fairly regularly this season. The visit of the Norwich Test Team proved to be a costly venture for the Board as several seats in the coach were empty due to the lack of previous publicity for the trip.

On the brighter side, the result of our visit to London was very satisfactory. Having held East London to a lead of only eight points away, we can expect a very keen return match at Norwich and feel we have an excellent opportunity of becoming the first provincial team to lower the East Londoner's colours.

Thank you, East London, for a really sporting match, on a fine track, and thanks also to the lady who invited the whole Norwich team to her house to wash off the dust and sweat and also to dispose of her tea ration.

RANGERS LEAD

Norwich League and their knock-out competitions are progressing well, with Harvey Lane Rangers still at the top of Division I table.

All the Division II Championship rounds have now been completed and the highest scorers progress to the First Division Rounds.

The East London Ripple Greyhounds visited Norwich on Saturday, July 16th, as a result of a challenge offered while the Norwich boys were riding their recent match with East London on the Greyhounds track.



The author, Wog Vickers, in action

Two matches had been arranged for the week-end. Greyhounds v. Harvey Lane Rangers (Norwich), at Hellesdon on Saturday, and Greyhounds Earlham Eagles (Norwich) at Earlham on Sunday.

After two days of torrential rain the riverside track at Hellesdon was really slippery and racing was very slow until the match was abandoned through more rain after the twelfth heat.

Being "washed out" was a great disappointment as members of the Hellesdon Lions had put a great



HELP!

Cinders Exchange

Kenneth Allot, 47 Garnet St., Middlesbrough, Yorks, would like to exchange ideas for fixing a low saddle to his high frame.

LANCASHIRE (Man 17)

Bob Hunter would very much like to join a team in the above area. If team managers wish to get in touch with him, he lives at 1175 Eleventh Street, Trafford Pk., Man. 17.

CHESHIRE (Hyde)

J. Cooper is trying to get a good team together. If anybody interested would contact him, he would be pleased to hear from them. Applications should be forwarded to J. Cooper, 10 Miles Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

deal of hard work in preparing their track for the match.

Fortunately, the following day's match at Earlham was not spoiled by the rain and racing was fast throughout. Malcolm Flood scored maximum points for the Eagles.

Result: Earlham Eagles 62; Ripple Greyhounds: 34.

The Eagles, by the way, have not been beaten at home since the team was reorganised late in 1947!

I would like to apologise to the Ripple Greyhounds for our failure to advertise the match. The Norwich crowd was, I believe, outnumbered by the couple of dozen Greyhounds' supporters who travelled down with the team.

Return matches at Barking are already being arranged in order to give the Greyhounds a chance to get their revenge.

Ted Eaglin and Swede Cushin (Norwich) lead Roy Garnham and Jim Heard (East London) in the recent Norwich versus East London match at Barking

MANAGER'S QUERIES COLUMN

ANSWERED
BY



TERRY BROWN

NOT so long ago, 2430835 AC/2 Terry Brown, of the Beckton Aces, had his first flight in a Avro Anson. As the plane left the ground, Terry's stomach gave a series of rumbling noises and his feet began to knock loudly together. But after he had been in the air two or three minutes, it—to put it in his own words—got sort of tame compared with cycle speedway.

We've always told you that cycle speedway is no kids game, and Terry realises that most managers must have a worrying time trying to cope with the many problems that continually crop up. Terry wants to help them, and although in the R.A.F., he is going to find time to answer manager's queries through this column.

We invite all managers to send in their question to: Terry Brown, Inquires, Cycle Speedway Monthly, 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middx. Answers will be published in this column every month.

WE must apologise for publishing an incorrect individual score list to the recent Manchester versus Birmingham representative match at Belle Vue.

Correct final scores are: Manchester: (64) J. Pennington 17; L. Grepp 16; B. Moston 13; B. Rosstron 7; L. Martin 5; W. Green and D. Newton 3; D. Maynard 0. Birmingham (54): G. Burton 12; V. Halliwell 9; M. Westwood and B. Morgan 8; G. Sylvester 7; D. Smith 5; J. Banks 3; M. Lawrence 2.

We are indebted to G. W. Fernyhough, our Manchester Correspondent for the correct figures. The lead changed hands many times, he writes, but in the sixteenth heat Grepp and Green put the Mancunians a further eight points ahead, a handicap the gallant Brummies could never overcome.

The half way stage has been reached in the Manchester League Championship, with Cheadle Hulme still undefeated. In their 13 matches they have scored 716 points which gives them an average of 55 points per match. Lew Grepp, Cheadle Hulme captain, has ridden in all the matches and has notched 148 points out of a possible 156.

Salford Panthers, lying second in the League table, have lost three of their matches to Cheadle Hulme. Top scorers are Dave Newton with 134 points (-4 matches) and Ernie Armitt, 144 points (16 matches).

THE HALF WAY STAGE

	P	W	L	D	Pt
Cheadle Hume R ...	14	14	—	—	35
Salford Panthers ...	16	12	4	—	30
Chorlton Aces	15	10	5	—	23
Belle Vue K	18	8	10	—	18
Stockport Def.	11	5	6	—	12
West End Racers...	14	4	10	—	10
Werneth Lions	7	3	4	—	6
Chorlton Hammers	17	—	17	—	0

TRACK CHAT

TEAMS in the Slough, Bucks, area recently staged their first-ever Individual Riders' Championship on the Bawyers Flyers' track. Twelve riders took part in the final, and put up some good racing before a large crowd.

The match was won by R. Davies of the U.S.A. team, who was presented with the champion's cap and medal. Runner-up was C. F. Swatton, who made a strong finish. P. Pearson was third.

A special mention must be made to Messrs. Ball and Buckett, who helped along a fine evening's sport by performing their task of stewarding the meeting very ably.

THE Stoke Stars were formed in 1946, and a year later entered competitive racing. During the present season they have so far lost only one game to Newcastle Pirates, and that owing to the fact that most of the team could not turn up.

Stars of the Stars are D. Wood, who scores maximums galore, J. Hawley (capt.), H. Baggaley and R. Whitehead are undoubtedly some of the finest exponents of team riding, while Graham Lloyd and Geoff Ball have match winning ways.

Captain J. Hawley was the mainstay of the team at the beginning of this season, then he signed on many promising riders. J. Ellis, R. Mayer and M. Carter are considered stars of the future and in S. Cooper and D. Ellis are the finest pair of reserves any team could ask for.

But apart from the fine lads above the Stars have a brilliant discovery in Pete Taylor, who is only twelve years old. Pete has been riding since the Stars were formed.

At present, D. Wood and R. Whitehead are in the Services and only ride when home on leave, but Stoke Stars top the league and are the finest team seen for quite a while.

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SOUTHWICK TIGERS CERTAIN CHAMPIONS

By our BATH Reporter T. S. VOWLES

BATH & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Southwick Tigers ...	13	11	1	1	23
Norton Knights	14	9	4	1	19
Oldfield Hammers ...	15	9	6	—	18
Odd Down Rockets,...	15	7	6	2	16
Weston Tigers	14	3	11	—	6
Frome Stars	15	2	13	—	4

THE Bath & District Summer League is rapidly nearing completion, and the Southwick Tigers look firm favourites for the championship. But there will be a great fight for runners up between Norton Knights, Oldfield Hammers and Odd Down Rockets.

Norton have lost their star rider, Jeff Gray, and Odd Down and Oldfield have been weakened recently by holiday calls. Southwick's only defeat was away to Norton, losing by 59-25. Their captain, J. Lander, is the League's Champion rider.

On August Monday, a Test Match took place on Oldfield's 96-yard track between Bath and Bristol. A good crowd watched some close racing and saw Bath win by 58-50. In heat one there was an unusual incident when Tony White (Nor-

ton) rode over a stray dog that wandered on to the bends. Tony took a tumble and it upset him, for after riding in two more races he felt unwell and retired.

Ken Worlock rode very well for Bristol, being beaten only once by John Lander. Doug. Wotton (son of famous Les.) also rode well and Bath's best were Ken Knott (Odd Down) and Dent Coombs (Oldfield).

Complete scores: Bath (58): K. Knott (Odd Down) 15; D. Coombs (Oldfield) 14; J. Lander (Southwick) 12; B. Jones (Odd Down) 9; J. Windsor (Norton) 4; T. White (Norton) 3; P. Anstey (Weston) 1; M. Clements (Oldfield) 0.

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Quotes...

Overheard by the Editor and entered into his notebook.

"Boy, I was staring so hard at the tapes, that when they did fly back, I could still see 'em"! (Barry Shapley on his first race in London).

"Scratch races? Is that what they call them when all the lads are itching to go?" (A mother at the South Harrow Greyhound's track).

"1½d. per rider, per week, perhaps." (L. A. Miles at one of the recent Surrey Board meetings).

"Never have I ridden so hard for a last place!" (Len Silver, on the recent Hammers v. Aces World Cup semi-final).

Meet Our Friends

INSTEAD of introducing you to one cycle speedway personality every month as we have been doing in Who's Who, this new feature will give you the chance to meet a host of people each month. They're our friends, because they're cycle speedway's too, and whether famous or not, in their own little way they are keeping the sport alive. We want to introduce you to them. Some of them ride, some manage, and every team in the country has others like them. Send in an outline of your teams captain or leading personality and we shall include them in this new series.

QUALITY QUIZ ANSWERS

Key to Quality Quiz on page 7

In questions 1 to 3 score: (a)—1 mark, (b)—6 marks, (c)—3 marks.

In questions 4 to 6 score: (a) 6 marks, (b) 1 mark, (c) 3 marks.

30 to 36 marks: You're on the right lines to becoming a decent rider, keep it up. You are one for hard work, and think of the team before yourself. You are a very successful heat leader, if not one already.

24 to 29 marks: A little fidgety and hot tempered. A good rider and always trying hard, there is just a little something lacking. As a partner in a race you'd be ideal. Don't worry so much about how you're doing—and you'll do better.

16 to 23 marks: Half and half. If the time calls for a good ride—you do. If on the other hand you can't be bothered to—you won't. If there's an easy way out—you'd take it.

Below 13 marks: Not a care for your team, as you are inclined to think more of yourself. As a team rider—you lack perseverance, you shine more as an individual, but only a little. Very impatient and discontented. If you can pick a flaw in the steward's decision you most certainly will. Try lumping your failures more often, it will certainly help.

RAMON WILMORE'S cycle speedway career began in early 1946, when his team, the Stratford Hammers were then named the Deanery Road Vikings.

He's another who intends to devote all of his time to the sport, and when he is not riding for the Hammers, he manages the Gurney Rangers, also from East London.

Ramon rides a girl's frame—a Royal Enfield—which is roughly fifteen years old he tells me. When riding on the lengthy Janson Road track, he uses a cog ratio of 44-18, but for tracks under a hundred yards he finds a 44-20 is more suitable.

TO miss the cheery voice of Roy Whitehead of the Stoke Stars is to separate fish and chips—they go together—Roy and his cheery smile.

Roy has sunk his heart in cycle speedway, and wants to give as much of his time to helping others as well as practising harder for his team.

To many teams in Stoke, Roy is more than a name. He isn't a brilliant rider, and he'll be the first to

say so, but he has a personality, and that's half his battle won.

Although definitely not an individualist, Roy is a tip-top team rider, probably one of the best in his district. His style varies from foot forward to leg trailing, so you see you simply can't tell what he will do next. He recently was called up and is in the army now, but every time he has leave, he rides for the Stars. They certainly miss him when he's away.

Roy originally worked at Hanley Greyhound Track, and got himself a trial on the speedway. He did not disgrace himself. With the future of the team at heart, Roy coached their younger blood to success, and he has now the satisfaction of seeing the Stars at the top of their league.

Roy hasn't won anything special, and he only notched 4 points in a Best Pairs Championship recently, it was his last night of his leave and all the Stars did not really expect wonders from him.

If he doesn't think he was worthy enough to represent the Stars in special matches, he won't ride, that's the kind of chap Roy Whitehead is.

**WHO SAYS IT
WON'T LAST?**

IT'S HERE FOR KEEPS IN BRISTOL

CYCLE speedway in Bristol is a very new venture. In fact, it is so new that very few people realise what these budding speedway boys of the future are really doing to help the popularity of the speedway game.

In Bristol, I produce a special speedway edition at the Bristol track every Friday night and as soon as cycle speedway was introduced to the local fans a deputation of young officials asked me to give as much publicity as possible in my paper to their cycle speedway.

I did this. Now I find that there is definitely a ready public to read this speedway paper purely to get information of cycle speedway.

MY FIRST GLIMPSE

One of my first impressions of this sport was at Plymouth, when I was leaving Plymouth rugby ground with the Bristol team after a grueling game in the mud. In the centre of the city—what is left of it—I saw a crowd of probably 2,000 people surrounding a blitzed site and yelling like mad. The rugby coach stopped and we all went over to watch cycle speedway for the first time ever. We were there for more than an hour and all the rugby lads came away fully appreciating just what the cycle speedway boys put into their racing.

A very popular young rider in the Bristol area is Douglas Wotton, young son of Wimbledon speedway

Says—

BOB HATSELL

*Evening World (Bristol)
Speedway Correspondent*

rider, Les Wotton. Douglas started his cycle speedway days near the Knowle Stadium track on his mother's bicycle. He washed it up so many times it eventually went into the dustbin and now Douglas has the real job with plenty of chrome and cow-horn bars.

Wotton rides for Whitby who win matches at home by 70 points to 30, and can also win away by 50 points to 20. That's the type of team young Douglas rides for.

I firmly believe that cycle speedway can produce speedway riders of the future. The whole atmosphere creates enthusiasm and once these lads get speedway riding into their blood there is no knowing how far they may jump into fame.

I think the day will come when most towns of any size will have

their cycle speedway teams and my advice to all speedway fans who have never seen these youngsters at work is to pay a visit to the nearest cycle circuit. They won't be disappointed.

There is a well organised league there.

running in Bristol this season with several teams competing not only from the city of Bristol itself, but also sides racing in the outlying districts of Somerset and Gloucester.

I have watched cycle speedway at Bristol, Plymouth, Nailsea (Somerset), and Clutton (Somerset), and I would like to pay a compliment to these lads because they have really done something to develop an entirely new sport—and a very successful sport, too, for younger element.

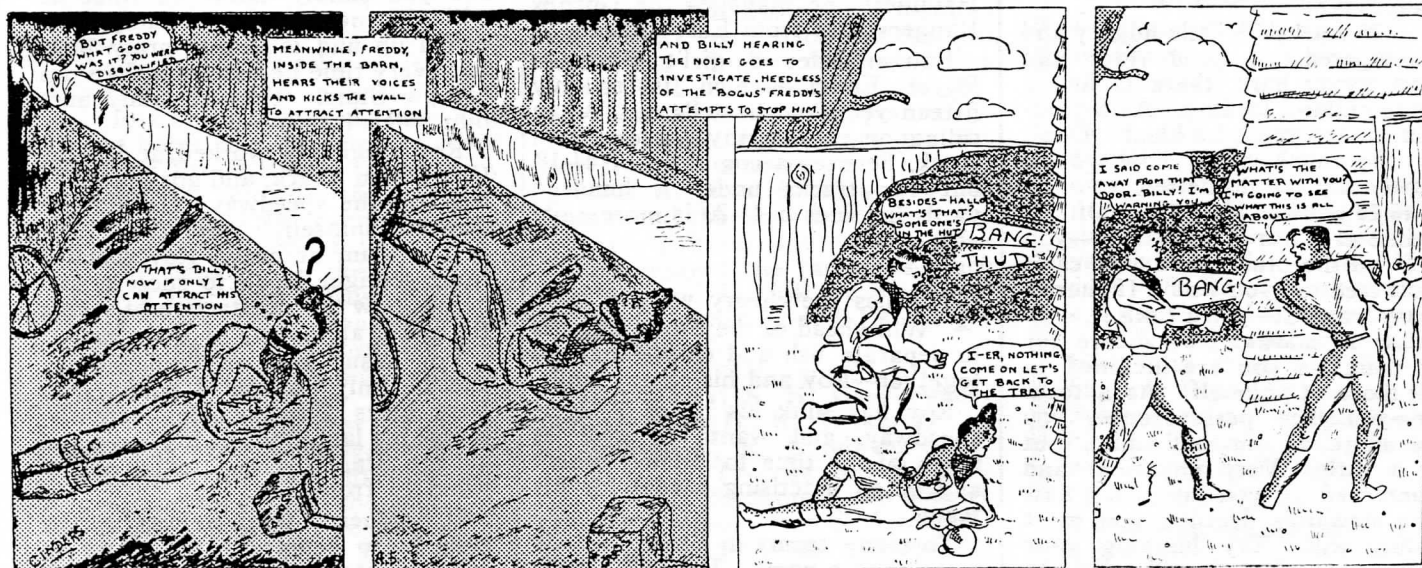
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FREEWHEEL FREDDY

By CINDERS

Freewheel Freddy is laying helpless inside an old barn, while his double, a spiv named Mike Smirk, rides dirty in his place. Mike fouls the opposing captain in a race and the crowd think it is Freddy, but Billy Skid, Freddy's best pal, talks to Mike after the race. While they do, they hear a banging from the old barn nearby. . . .



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A PAGE FROM

LEN SILVER'S DIARY

IT seems that shortly another cycle speedway personality will leave our ranks to begin a career in senior speedway. He is Billy "Lamont" Gladstone, ex-Forest Gate Tigers, and now Beckton Aces. Already Billy has a machine, and this winter will see him in strict training with Colin Clarke, brother of Rayleigh's Pat Clarke. Pat intends to coach them in the gentle art of cinder shifting. So by next season some third division team may be richer by two novices. Good luck to both of you.

Billy, incidentally, is one of the original personalities of the sport. He started riding about the same time as the fabulous Tiger Genz, and was the founder member of the Forest Gate Tigers. He was a star rider right up to the time he went into the Services in 1947. Now, in civvy street, he is regaining some of his old dash with the Beckton Aces.

TRACK PROBLEM

The track situation is becoming desperate. Every week more and more track sites are being used for building purposes. Get your district to provide you with a council sponsored track. Keep on trying, for if you give in, cycle speedway is doomed to die a slow death in many areas. Remember, the number of

permanent tracks is so small, we might as well have no tracks at all!

Worry your council through the petition. We want cycle speedway to live and expand.

So the Southern Region is no more. At long last the bomb has fallen. Goodness knows, it's been hovering long enough! I think that the main trouble all through has been that the Board has been flying far too high, instead of turning its attention to the domestic matters. Dutch trips were planned, High Beech projects and so on. I only hope the present Board has learnt a lesson from the last. Let us see those rule books, people are crying out for them all over the country.

TRIBUTE

I learned with deep regret the passing of Roy Fellows, young Speedway Gazette columnist. May 1, on behalf of all cycle speedway enthusiasts extend my deepest sympathy to his relatives. His loss will long be felt by speedway and cycle speedway personalities all over the country.

Roy always gave the little man a chance to air his views in his weekly Gazette column, and almost every club in the country has something to thank him for. Thanks, Roy, you were great.

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THANK you for your letter received some time ago. May I congratulate you on your splendid magazine and I must admit learning of your age, I am really astounded at your accomplishments.

I am sure you will realise how many similar requests I receive from time to time and at the same time it is almost impossible to favour every request; but as I have a soft spot for cycle speedway boys, I have condescended to forward the enclosed article.

Wishing your magazine every success in the future. — **GRAHAM WARREN, BIRMINGHAM SPEEDWAY.**

Thank you Graham Warren. We are sure the lads found your article on page six great reading, and we are all proud to know you think cycle speedway has a grand future.

Good wishes and the best of luck to your monthly cycle speedway magazine. — **Bob Hatsell, "Evening World" (Bristol) Speedway Correspondent.**

Thanks Mr. Hatsell. Them's mighty kind words.

HAPPY

I bought it once. I'll buy it always now. It keeps my boy friend happy, and that's all that matters. Dad likes it too. — **Betty Leyland, High Street, Wealdstone.**

Good old papa.

The Postman brought these

SPEECHLESS

Your July-August issue left me rather speechless at first. It is now beyond my wildest dreams of a super cycle speedway magazine. Without exaggeration, I can honestly say that each issue gets better as it goes along. — **Terry Brown, R.A.F., Cardington, near Bedford.**

Thanks a million Terry, hope you are getting on well in the R.A.F.

FINE JOB

I would like to congratulate Mr. Duffield on his re-election as the Chairman to the Board. He has done a very fine job in the past, and I know he will continue to do so in the future. Also my congratulations to Mr. Simpkins, who has done a very fine job in taking over the treasurer's position and has been able to sort things out. Best wishes. — **Stan Leeds, Hartham Road, Hol-loway.**

We'd like to add our best wishes here as well, and hope that the new board will not make the same mistakes as the last.

UP THE NAVY

If you hadn't sent a Monthly to my boy friend in the Navy I would never have known about your grand new mag. Although he's in the Forces, he's always writing home about cycle speedway, and we are getting on fine now that I know quite a lot about it too. — **Pauline Foster, Hastings, Sussex.**

All the nice girls like a sailor that likes a good Sport. And you're all tied up in the best of them, Pauline.

JUST THE THING

Give yourself a big hug for me. Your magazine is just the thing cycle speedway wanted. What's more, it caters for all the family and everyone in our house reads it. I hope one day you will chose me for your Women & Wheels, or better still print me on your new cover. — **Miss H. King, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W.10.**

I hugged the first person I laid hands on, deary; but nearly had my ribs smashed in doing so. Think I chose Freddy Mills or someone.

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