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JAM ON IT !!

Is your track a credit to the area you race in and the Sport in general?

Already, with only a few weeks of the new season gone by, the old complaint is being voiced—"Some teams are not making any attempt to get there tracks into a good and attractive condition for racing!"

It is obvious that not all teams have the same facilities for the improvement of their tracks. However, it isn't only these teams who are the culprits.

The teams we really have in mind are those who possess Council built or private tracks, and who are just letting their layouts fall into disrepair. It seems fantastic that while dozens of teams throughout the country would do anything to own such circuits, many of those who have been fortunate enough to have modern, well laid out circuits presented to them, have not the slightest interest in their property.

We repeat—"Is your track a credit to your League and the Sport in general?"

To the remainder, who do not seem to be able to get anybody interested enough to provide such facilities, we say—"Keep what you have in the best possible condition, for there are probably others who are far worse off than you are".

SUFFOLK SCENE

Just off the busy main trunk road lies the tiny village of Blakenham, population 187. Yet it was there that glamerous Swedish artist and model, Zsasa Brandon-Cox opened yet another Suffolk track. Nearly the entire population turned out to see it opened. The track itself was laid by the lads, with the assistance of the local vicar.

Using silver scissors, Miss Brandon-Cox cut the tapes which released the starting tapes, and at the same time a maroon was fired which to the amusement of many, instead of climbing straight up, took a slightly curving course, and nearly came to grief on top of a straw rick!

After this exciting start, a match between the new club, "the Blakenham Whippets" and Copdock Racers (B) took place. Although with only a few weeks of riding experience behind them, the Whippets showed that what they lacked in experience, they made up for by way of pluck and determination. They recorded no less than eight first places against far experienced opponents, and lost the match by only three points, the score being Whippets 46, Racers 49.

The inter-county match between Surrey and Suffolk has created a great deal of interest in this county. Despite the many counter-attractions that Whitsun has to offer in and around Ipswich, three coach-loads of supporters are making the journey. Ten days ago, it seemed highly improbable that this match would take place. Two of the riders selected, considered themselves superior to the "B" team status, and called off. Yet another two called off, one being called up, the other, - well?

This upset all our plans, and had it not been for two sporting clubs Woodbridge and Copdock, our teams would have been far inferior, and the journey not justified. However, after total re-organisation, two fairly presentable teams are being fielded.

I am in all agreeance with inter-county affairs, and wish we could have more of them. Not being able to attend this match, I am personally looking forward to meeting my old acquaintance Bill Cattle down here later in the season.

CLAUDE R. JOLLY.

N.W. Middlesex

BY
R. SEYMOUR

On May 7th. Harefield were at home to Wembley All Stars in the return leg of the National Trophy, which was held at Hayes as the Harefield track hasn't settled in yet.

The racing was very close, but the Pirates never managed to make up the 8 points they were in arrears. The result was a win for Wembley by 51-45. Wembley thus won on aggregate by 103-89 and meet Uxbridge in the Final.

In the League match at Uxbridge, Langley Leopards proved too good against their younger opponents, winning by 56-40. B. Punter dropped only one point to B. Harper.

On Saturday last, Harefield visited Drayton for a Challenge match. The racing was very close, and at the end Drayton won by 49-46. B. Harper guesting in place of Dave Stonnex was best for Harefield.

Harefield Pirates at home to Uxbridge Meteors gained a 16 point win. Pirates had only 6 riders. Dave Stonnex was in great form, dropping one point to his partner in the nominated heat.

Langley Leopards were not quite able to cope with Hillingdon at Hillingdon, and the Stars ran out winners by 51-44.

S.P. LEAGUE

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE-TEAMS TO MEET SUFFOLK AT GARRATT PARK, GARRATT LANE, EARLSFIELD, S.W. 18. ON SUNDAY 20TH. MAY.

"A" TEAM Bryan Wood (Rangers), Ray Chivers (Raynes Park Tigers), Clive Elmer (Tooting Tigers), Dave Chivers (Raynes Park Tigers), Ron Holvey (Tooting Tigers) (Capt.), Wally Dighton (Raynes Park Tigers), Denny Daniels (Pirates), Dereck Cattle (Tooting Tigers)
"B" TEAM Tommy Davis (Tooting Tigers) (Capt.), Tommy Roman (Tooting Tigers), Pat Carey (Cobras), Eric Avenell (Raynes Park Tigers), Tommy Frost (Raynes Park Tigers), Teddy Cracknell (Stars), Terry King (Hunters), Dave Fairfoul (Wildcats).

The result and report of the above match will be published in the next issue of the Spotlight.

W.J. CATTLE.

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-HERTFORDSHIRE SECTION-S.FNL-

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 49 (C.Hitch 12,D.Hutchin5,A.Hitch 10,
K.Cooper 5,M.Jeffery 7,D.Hannington 4,T.Salmon 3,A.Skeggs3)
WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 47 (M.Bell 10,R.Archie 4,T.Greenaway 10,
J.Morris 6,P.Fraser 6,P.Bromley 3,R.Massey 6,W.Harknett 2.)

WALTHAMSTOW WIN ON AGGREGATE 102-91.

PECKHAM STARS 46 (B.Cable 8,G.Heard 8,J.Dryden 9,R.Braddon
5,J.Atkinson 6,P.Mason 3,G.Leach 4,B.Brown 3.)

CLAY HILL ACES 48 (E.Brewer 14,V.Brooks 0,A.Doggett 5, B.
Scott 5,B.Hart 10,D.Washbourne 5,D.Gibson 5,A.Jones 4.)

PECKHAM WIN ON AGGREGATE 97-93.

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

EDMONTON SAINTS 97 (V.Cowell 15,T.Jackson 12,L.Westwood 17,
M.Reading 18,B.Taylor 8,J.Sayer 16,T.Kilbey 2,D.Keay 9.)

FINCHLEY SABRES 36 (J.Smith 3,R.Foster 3,B.Isaacs 5,R.
Wright 5,J.Jordan 3,B.Bacon 4,J.Pinnock 11,T.Porter 4.)

WHIPPS X COMETS 108 (J.Brown 12,S.Pipe 18,M.Brown 18,T.
Howse 12,T.Bunce 18,S.Kingsnorth 12,K.Mills 9,J.Woolnough9)

LANGLEY LIONS 29 (J.Ovey 4,T.Eagles 1,T.Catchpole 6,D.
Graves 7,K.Woolard 10,D.Emmings 1.)

FINCHLEY SABRES 65 (J.Pinnock 20,C.Kent 1,B.Isaacs 9,C.
Hockley 7,R.Wright 7,J.Harwood 3,T.Porter 11,B.Emmings 7.)

LANGLEY LIONS 71 (Ovey 14,Catchpole 5,K.Woolard 9,Buckridge
8,Graves 15,Wheeler 5,Cull 14,Atkinson 1.)

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 75 (C.Hitch 18,D.Hutchin 8,A.Hitch 13,
K.Cooper 6,M.Jeffery 12,D.Hannington 5,A.Skeggs 10,Salmon3)

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 63 (P.Zwager 4,R.Archie 16,T.Greenaway
17,D.Ellis 1,M.Bell 11,B.Brent 3,P.Bromley 10,W.Harknett 1)

EDMONTON SAINTS 57 (L.Westwood 3,M.Reading 9,R.Delaney 8,
T.Jackson 5,D.Keay 9,B.Taylor 3,V.Cowell 10,T.Kilbey 9.)

PECKHAM STARS 80 (B.Cable 13,G.Heard 10,J.Dryden 10,P.Mason
14,J.Atkinson 8,R.Braddon 18,J.Leach 4,Brown 3.)

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR RESULTS FOR INCLUSION NEXT ISSUE

HERTS

WITH KEN COOPER

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 19TH. MAY.

TEAM	PLD	H O M E			A W A Y			PTS
		W	D	L	W	D	L	
PECKHAM STARS	6	3	0	3	2	0	1	12
EDMONTON SAINTS	8	2	0	0	2	0	3	10
WHIPPS X COMETS	8	3	0	1	2	0	2	10
HODDESDON KANGAROOS	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	9
WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	9
LANGLEY LIONS	7	1	0	2	1	0	3	5
FINCHLEY SABRES	7	0	0	4	1	0	2	3
CLAY HILL ACES	6	1	0	2	0	0	3	2

Well! Herts finalists in the National Team Competition are Walthamstow Wolves and Peckham. Peckham just reached the final although they lost at Home to Clay Hill in the second leg by 2 points. The first leg at Clay Hill had of course resulted in a 6 point win for the Stars.

The other battle, at Hoddesdon, saw the Wolves lose their unbeaten record by a margin of two points, but the 12 points they had brought forward from the first leg gave them a surplus of ten on aggregate.

League racing has seen Peckham go to the top of the Table with 3 points from an away win at Edmonton, while Langley had a close struggle at Finchley to travel home with the three points they had collected from the Sabres. Both these teams have won on each other's tracks.

Finchley were also unlucky when they visited Edmonton the previous week in the hunt for League points.

Whipps X had a good fortnight with wins over Langley at Temple Mills and Clay Hill at Clay Hill, where the Aces just don't seem to be able to win. However, there is a long way to go with the fixtures yet.

The Wolves made the journey to Rye Park for the second successive week, this time in search of League points. The Kangaroos had a hard time against a much weaker than usual Wolves before they ran out the winners by a few points.

PITS PORTRAIT

BILL HENDERSON - (COALVILLE STARS)

Bill started riding in 1949, and in 1950, joined Craven Aces, and led them to the Second Division League Championship. The Aces folded up in '51, and Bill moved over to the Belgrave Red Devils, and assumed the role of captain. Once again, he led a team to the Division Two league title.

An individual honour came his way when he won the Captain Trophy. The Devils also took the Summer Cup.

By 1953, he had moved once again, this time to the Anstey Savoy Stars, and yet again he was captain. His team won the Coronation Cup and were runners-up in the First Division Championship of the Leicester League.

In 1955 he was with his present club, Coalville Stars, and it almost goes without saying that he was made captain. He was second in the averages, and took the Captains Trophy for the second time. He also got third placing in the Leicestershire County Final.

And what of 1956? Well, his hard riding has earned him a place in the England Test Trial on the 27th May on the Carrs Wood track in Manchester. Having seen him perform with much credit at the opening meeting at the Fox and Goose track in Coalville a few weeks back, I would say he'll give a good account of himself:

VIC COWELL

Featured in our next two issues will be, DON BIRD of the LAMBETH ACES BIRMINGHAM, and JOHNNY ATKINSON of the PECKHAM STARS LONDON & HERTS.

How are your junior riders getting on? We invite you to write to us and let us know how the newcomers to racing in your area are faring.

If you know of any newcomer who has created a surprise by beating an established star, or has won any important Trophy, let us know and we will pass the news on to our readers.

THE FOCUS ON

TRIMLEY TIGERS

The club was formed about 3 years ago when a few youngsters got together on a rough piece of land in Addington Road. In those days there were several Cycle Speedway teams in the Felixstowe district, and they were able to take part in local matches. Gradually, these teams vanished, and last year it was decided that they enter the Deben Area League.

They had now acquired a new track at the corner of Station Road, and had met one or two League teams in friendly matches the previous year, so they felt fairly confident of putting up a good show.

Taking it all round, they didn't do too badly, finishing 4th in the League and reaching the Suffolk semi-finals of the National Team Championship.

The Tigers are very fortunate in having a very keen and helpful advisory committee of parents and other adults, who give quite a bit of their spare time to the club. There have been changes in this committee from time to time, and this year we welcomed Mr. Taylor as Chairman, and Miss D. Cook as Hon. Secretary, whilst Mr. C. Rodwell has undertaken the duties of Treasurer.

Of the riders, probably the best known is Tigers' Captain, Brian Last, who this year has also taken on the job of Assistant Manager. Gordon Rodwell, Tony Keeble, Barry Gilbert and Peter Moyes will also be with us this year, and it is also hoped that Brian Smith, who showed good promise at the beginning of last season, will ride again this year. Bob Curtis may be taking up road racing, but we hope he will be seen on the Tigers' and other tracks as often as possible.

Charlie Hill and Peter Clark have not signed on so far this season, but we shall see what happens when the tapes go up.

For the coming season, we hope that Tigers will put up a good show, and they look forward to meeting their many friends on the various tracks about the County.

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MANCHESTER, STO

The first of the season's local Derbys between Lancs. & Cheshire went as expected in favour of the Cheshire team, but some very surprising races resulted, because even though the Red Rose boys knew that the odds were against them, they gave nothing away and at one stage it seemed that they would make the score far closer than the final 70-49. Riders of both sides must have been keyed up, because the first three heats had an exclusion, all for tape touching. The respective captains, D. Garnett (Cheshire) & K. Graham (Lancs.), both served their teams well. The Cheshire Captain, riding his own track, conceded only two points to the opposition. Surprising high scorers were all on the Lancashire side, and if only another double figures man can be found for the return on the Belle Vue track later in the season, then Cheshire will have to watch out.

Lancashire National Team Championship matches having been concluded the Belle Vue Cobras & Carrs Wood Tudors are brought into opposition in the Final. This should be an interesting clash. On paper the Belle Vue combination seems the stronger, but Tudors are still a power on their own track as was proved when they beat Openshaw by 17 pts. in the first leg of the semi-final. Up to this stage, Openshaw had not been beaten this season. The result was reversed in the second leg, but the Tudors had sufficient points to win the tie on aggregate. Nothing so exciting in the other semi-final, where Belle Vue took an eight point lead when they visited Kestrels, and further increased this in the return.

In the League matches, the surprise result was Offerton's win at Blackley, where the home team seemed all set for two points from this match after having beaten Tudors only a few weeks previously. Other League matches went as expected, although Offerton had very little in hand when they had a win over visitors from Longsight. Ladybarn King pins knocked up 29 points when they entertained Blackley - not a bad total from these new boys considering that their latest signing, Pete Reidel, was unable to get his usual week-end army pass.

An old face from the well known 'Chorlton Aces' team

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WITH
F. ASHTONHURST

has reappeared in the Carrs Wood Kestrels colours. Dave Williams was one of the mainstays of the Aces, and if he could hit anything like his old form, he would be an asset to the Kestrels. His display at his first turn out gave a good impression.

Middlesex rider, Brian Robinson, having a week-end up here with the Wilmslow Hammers team, turned out to ride a couple of match races during the Lancs. v Cheshire match. He was opposed by 1st. Reserves from both teams, C. Nanfan & F. Heath. Admittedly he lost both by 2-0, but considering that he had never even seen the Offerton circuit prior to that day, a few practice laps may have made a great deal of difference.

THE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO MAY 13TH. 1956.

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
BELLE VUE COBRAS	7	6	1	0	403	265	12
OPENSHAW MONARCHS	5	5	0	0	279	198	10
OFFERTON DEVILS	7	5	2	0	363	309	10
BLACKLEY FLYERS	9	4	4	1	422	440	9
CARRS WOOD KESTRELS	6	3	3	0	313	256	6
CARRS WOOD TUDORS	5	2	2	1	249	227	5
LONGSIGHT PEGASUS	7	2	5	0	325	339	4
WILMSLOW HAMMERS	4	0	4	0	143	239	0
LADYBARN KINGPINS	6	0	6	0	176	400	0

TEAMS REPRESENTING HERTFORDSHIRE AGAINST ESSEX ON 10TH.

JUNE 1956

"A" TEAM V. Cowell (Edmonton Saints), J. Atkinson (Peckham Stars), E. Brewer (Clay Hill Aces), J. Dryden (Peckham Stars), T. Greenaway (Walthamstow Wolves), M. Bell (Walthamstow Wolves), C. Hitch (Hoddesdon Kangaroos), A. Jones (Clay Hill Aces), P. Fraser (Walthamstow Wolves), M. Reading (Edmonton Saints).

"B" TEAM A. Doggett (C.H.A.), G. Heard (P.S.), A. Hitch (H.K.), S. Pipe (Whipps X Comets), J. Pinnock (Finchley Sabres), D. Graves (Langley Lions), L. Westwood (E.S.), R. Archie (W.W.), P. Bromley (W.W.), K. Woolard (L.L.) BOTH TEAMS TO BE CONFIRMED

OPINION!

For some weeks now we have been trying to make up our mind about something.

The problem is this — Would our readers rather that we remained as at present, with printed cover and sixteen pages, or that we raise the cost of each Issue to 6d., and include photographs from time to time?

Unfortunately, it is obviously not possible for us to include photograph under the present scheme of things. The question therefore is whether you would rather pay the extra for these photos, or whether you think it is more important that the "Spotlight" should be available at the lowest possible cost.

We are therefore asking for your opinion in this matter. Remember, this magazine is run for your benefit, and it has always been the policy of the "Spotlight" to publish what the majority of our readers want. So far this policy has met with no complaints, and it is for this reason that we are asking YOU to let us know your opinions

PRESS!!

For your information, the following are some of the Cycle Speedway Magazine and paper publications which are now available.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE, TRACK NEWS, LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE CYCLE SPEEDWAY BULLETIN, SUFFOLK CYCLE SPEEDWAY CHRONICLE, THE CYCLE SPEEDWAY EXPRESS.

If any readers are interested in obtaining any of the above publication, we shall be glad to supply the Editorial addresses on request.

TRACK BIKE

BY

BRIAN MOSTON.

FREAK MACHINES No.3.

In 1951, Lew Grepp, who was later to win the National Individual Championship, had a brainwave. He decided that gear ratios could not be entirely relied upon when assessing speed and acceleration of a bike. He worked out a system of leverages and forces, which to be quite honest, only Lew could understand, and he was in no mood to give away trade secrets. Everyone knew he was working on a special item, but no one was allowed to see it.

Then came the day of the trial, and we at once saw the basic principles of his leverage system. He had fitted a pair of $8\frac{3}{4}$ " cranks (normal size $6\frac{1}{2}$ "') and had raised his gear to 44-18. That was the main change he made, but on closer examination, we found that several alterations to the frame had been necessary to accomodate the long cranks.

He had met with three setbacks—
Firstly, both feet touched the ground when pedalling on the straight. Secondly, his cranks kept hitting his chain and consequently bringing it off. Thirdly, his cranks hit the front wheel every time he turned.

However, with the aid of a local welder, he had managed to overcome all these difficulties, and at last the machine was ready for racing.

As for starting and bursts of speed, his calculations had proved correct, but his legs were describing such a large circle that he swerved from one side of the track to the other on the straight. He calmly said that it was too dangerous, and when Lew said it was dangerous, you could bet your life it was suicidal.

The cranks had a very short life, but the frame kept in the limelight, and it was on that frame he won the National Title. Soon after winning it, he discarded the frame, and it passed from one rider to another, and as far as I know, it has reached the end of its days on a refuse tip....

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP- LANCASHIRE SEMI FINALS.

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 56 (D.Williams 14, N.Collier 11, B.Moston 11.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 39 (N.Nairn 11, F.Davies 6, J.Dobson 6.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 52 (T.Lawton 12, N.Nairn 10, K.Percival 8)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 44 (D.Williams 14, B.Moston 12, N.Collier 11.)

AGGREGATE: CARRS WOOD TUDORS 100 OPENSHAW MONARCHS 52

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 44 (A.Clark 12, D.Tegg 11, A.Bailey 9.)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 52 (B.Cramer 9, E.Timmis 8, K.Graham 8.)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 55 (K.Graham 11, J.Yacoby 9, J.Earp 7.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 41 (A.Clark 15, D.Tegg 11, A.Bailey 9.)

AGGREGATE: BELLE VUE COBRAS 107 CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 85

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BLACKLEY FLYERS 39 (J.Hughes 11, B.McArthur 8, D.Marshall 10)

OFFERTON DEVILS 57 (D.Garnett 14, F.Heath 13, V.Hinchliffe 10)

OFFERTON DEVILS 54 (H.Wood 12, F.Heath 10, D.Garnett 9.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 42 (A.Heywood 11, P.Loseby 11, B.Murphy 7, J.Heap 7.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 29 (B.Hope 7, R.Boole 6, G.Bleazard 4, L.Whittle 4)

BLACKLEY FLYERS 67 (J.Hughes 13, B.Taylor 11, B.McArthur 10)

INTER COUNTY MATCH -- CHESHIRE V LANCASHIRE

CHESHIRE 70 (D.Garnett 16, N.Collier 14, B.Moston 10, D.Tegg 10, F.Heath 6, E.Timmis 6, K.Bass 4, D.Williams 4.)

LANCASHIRE 49 (K.Graham 11, T.Lawton 11, A.Clark 10, A.Bailey 10, N.Nairn 4, B.McArthur 1, C.Nanfan 1, A.Heywood 1.)

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ARE YOUR RESULTS APPEARING REGULARLY IN "THE SPOTLIGHT"?
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RESULTS

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HAREFIELD PIRATES 45 (D.Stonex 12, A.James 4, E.Collett 4, L. Carter 3½, B.Ansell 0, P.Leckie 8½, D.Thompson 9, R.Seymour 4.)
WEMBLEY ALL STARS 51 (R.Dewhurst 4½, K.Bristone 13, B.Gadsby 5, B.Rankmore 8½, N.Hunter 8, D.Deah 7, E.Hill 3, A.Frazer 2.)
WEMBLEY WIN ON AGGREGATE 103-89

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

UXBRIDGE METEORS 40 (R.Davis 0, I.Dunford 7, P.Tucker 3, D. Edwards 6, M.Seymour 1, B.Punter 14, B.Fewell 7, J.Walland 2.)
LANGLEY LEOPARDS 56 (Scorers not available)

HAREFIELD PIRATES 56 (A.James 7, D.Stonex 14, L.Carter 9, R.Seymour 6, D.Thompson 11, B.Ansell 9.)
UXBRIDGE METEORS 40 (L.Dunford 10, R.Davis 2, B.Punter 11, M.Seymour 4, D.Edwards 5, B.Fewell 5, A.Martino 3.)

HILLINGDON STARS 51 (F.Tillyer 12, K.Sibley 12, J.Jacobs 9, J.Rance 5, K.Bates 5, A.Jee 3, F.Morgue 3, R.Twitchin 2.)
LANGLEY LEOPARDS 44 (G.Frewin 10, J.Unsworth 9, G.Pearce 9, B.Harper 4, P.Clark 4, J.Galbraith 4, R.Lester 3, K.Taylor 1.)
NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX CHALLENGE MATCH

DRAYTON VAMPIRES 49 (F.Tidmarsh 8, D.Rusker 8, E.Buckingham 14, T.Yeates 5, C.Ellum 5, D.Hooper 2, R.Yeates 3, N.Sellers 4.)
HAREFIELD PIRATES 46 (B.Harper 12, B.Ansell 0, A.James 5, L. Carter 6, R.Seymour 3, P.Leckie 11, D.Thompson 9.)

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE

CLAY HILL ACES 59 (E.Brewer 17, C.Hull 3, A.Jones 10, V.Brooks 8, D.Gibson 6, A.Doggett 14, B.Bourne 1.)

WHIPPS X COMETS 78 (T.Nastri 10, E.Hemsley 9, J.Brown 7, S. Pipe 12, T.Howse 12, M.Brown 12, T.Bunce 10, S.Kingsnorth 5.)
SOUTH ESSEX LEAGUE-DIVISION 2.

WHIPPS X COMETS "B" 56 (T.Sear 12, S.Pipe 10, J.Woolnough 7, S.Kain 2, M.Brown 11, K.Taylor 9, K.Mills 5, D.Storie 0.)
BARKINGSIDE COBRAS 52 (R.Barker 12, J.Hibben 8, B.Wilson 6, K.Barker 2, A.Patis 9, J.Koehler 8, A.Philips 5, D.Stevens 1.)

LATEST DATE FOR REPORTS TO REACH US FOR PUBLICATION IN THE
NEXT ISSUE IS TUESDAY 29TH.MAY.

RESULTS!

LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE.

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 69 (R.Cooper 11,Brant 11.)

AYLESTONE ACES 26 (Cope 7,Mills 5,Price 5.)

AYLESTONE ACES 35 (Cope 13,M.Halford 12,Wright 6.)

WEST END CYCLONES 49 (Tyers 12,Kerry 11,Naylor 10.)

COALVILLE STARS 70 (Rawson 13.Farmer 12.)

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 26 (Smith 10,Hill 6,York 4.)

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 42 (R.Cooper 12,Pickering 8.)

COALVILLE STARS 54 (Rawson 11,Hinds 10,Newberry 8.)

AYLESTONE ACES 53 (Cope 14,Mills 13,M.Halford 12.)

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 43 (Hill 10,York 8,Watson 7.)

WEST END CYCLONES 35 (Bentham 8,Tyers 6,Lowe 5.)

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 61 (Pickering 14,R.Cooper 12,Dent 8.)

COALVILLE STARS 58 (Rawson 10,Hames 10,B.Henderson 10.)

WEST END CYCLONES 38 (Rawlings 13.)

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 59 (Smith 13,Hill 11,King 9,York 8.)

AYLESTONE ACES 36 (M.Halford 11,Cope 7,Mills 7.)

LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO
AND INCLUDING SUNDAY MAY 13TH.

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LST	FOR	AGST	PTS
COALVILLE STARS	3	3	0	0	182	106	6
BELGRAVE RED DEVILS	3	2	0	1	172	115	4
WEST END CYCLONES	3	1	0	2	142	134	2
KIBWORTH ROCKETS	3	1	0	2	128	159	2
AYLESTONE ACES	4	1	0	3	150	220	2

CHALLENGE MATCH

WEST END CYCLONES 50 (No scorers available)

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 46 (Winn 12,Simpson 9.)

Leicester Look

I AM VERY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN MR. FRED WHITE, IS SLOWLY RECOVERING FROM THE SERIOUS ILLNESS WHICH HAS KEPT HIM CONFINED TO LEICESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Most of the interest in the county recently has been centred around league racing, which commenced on April 30th. Results and chief scorers of matches ridden can be found in the county classified results section.

It is already apparent that Coalville Stars and Belgrave Red Devils are the two strongest teams in the County, with little to choose between the others.

Belgrave's match at home against Coalville proved to be the thriller expected. After heat 11, the visitors led 34-32, but after this, the Stars greater experience was decisive, and they ran out worthy winners by 54-42.

Ayleston Aces won their first league points by defeating Kibworth, who were without captain Ted Smith. The Rockets, however, gained revenge by beating the Aces two days later. In both matches, the Kibworth score-chart had a very solid look about it.

Coalville Stars have written to at least one Suffolk club, with a view to arranging matches. If anything comes of this, it will be announced in this page. (Editors note. The hospitality of Coalville is personally recommended).

Another team wanting out-of-town matches, is Kibworth Rockets. They can be contacted through Mr. E. Smith, at 10, New Rd., Kibworth Leics.

Popular West End Cyclone, Jim Bentham, returned to the saddle last week.

Now more racing news. In West End's first home match the Cyclones failed to hold Belgrave, who, with Geoff, Pickering and Rob Cooper unbeaten, raced to an easy 61-35 victory.

Only two teams have ridden as yet at Coalville's new track, West End and Kibworth. Both returned pointless. The only visiting rider to reach double points there is Ted Smith (Kibworth)

Next time, I will write about Belgrave's new Open Individual Handicap Matches, which will be held every Sunday afternoon at the Devils track.

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SPARE SPINDLES.

LONDON: Apologies to Johnny Atkinson of Peckham Stars. In Edition nine we gave his score as six against Coalville Stars. It should have read ten. Sorry John!

MIDDLESEX: Wembley All Stars visit Devon over Whitsun. They are due to race the Shuldron Kestrels.

HERTFORDSHIRE: New address of Edmonton Secretary:- 12a. The Green, Winchmore Hill, London N.21. There's no telephone.

COVENTRY: Roger Gilbert of the Coventry team recently became involved in a motor bike accident. The "Spotlight" wishes Roger a speedy recovery.

SUFFOLK: Kesgrave Panthers are due to visit Edmonton Saints for the first and second team matches on May 27th.

LEICESTER: Belgrave Red Devils are now running an open Individual Handicap each Sunday. Handicaps are previously drawn up and not disclosed until the meeting is complete.

WALES: We have still received no news from the Welsh area.

HERTFORDSHIRE: Junior riders Zwager, Ellis and Brent, loaned to Walthamstow for the recent League match with the Kangaroos, almost swung the match in the Wolves' favour. Many of the Hoddesdon first team riders ended with sweating brow.

YOUR TEAM: Next Issue of the "Spotlight" will be on sale on MONDAY 4TH. JUNE '56. Don't forget to send you results and League Tables to reach us by Tuesday 29th. May.