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UNITY!!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the formation of the Association of Cycle Speedway Papers and Periodicals, as from June 1st., 1956.

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1. To further the sport of Cycle Speedway through the medium of Publicity.
2. To assist other members of the Association to the mutual benefit of all concerned, without in any way interfering with the individuality or character of any of the papers or periodicals concerned.

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The above Association is determined to FORCE Cycle Speedway into the public eye, and we take this opportunity of stressing " THIS IS A UNITED EFFORT for a UNITED SPORT! "

ESSEX WAY

WITH
RON BULL.

The two Divisions of the South Essex League are now fully under way, although with all the recent National Trophy Meetings, some teams have yet to race their first League match.

The two strong teams of Div. 1. are The Penguins, and Long Bridge Leopards, while Fyfield Falcons appear ready, should the leaders make a slip. Unfortunately, the early promise of Tottenham Kangaroos appears to be drifting away. Hawbush are another problem team, for if only they could field a full team, they could go places! Warescot Stars are, without hesitation, the chopping blocks of the season. Appears that their decision to stay in Div. 1. was very wrong.

In Div. 2, things are more interesting. Last year's Champions, The Gladiators, have yet to win a match on the track, whilst Whipps X Comets "B", cellar lads up to now, have shown great improvement recently, beating Barkingside Cobras home & away. Cobras applied to the Control Board for a 4 week period of cancelled fixtures to rebuild their 5 man team. Shelley Demons and Warwick Lions, both strong at home, can be prone to away defeats, but should figure well in this season's honours. Tottenham Wallabies and Fyfield Cubs may improve, but at present, their outlook is rather weak.

RESULTS

DIVISION 1.

THE PENGUINS 56,
HAWBUSH HAMMERS 67

Longbridge Leopards 52
WARESCOT STARS 37

DIVISION 2.

SHELLEY DEMONS 67
THE GLADIATORS 90
WHIPPS X "B" 75
WHIPPS X "B" 56

THE GLADIATORS 41
TOTTENHAM WALLABIES 0 (Delt)
THE GLADIATORS 33
BARKINGSIDE COBRAS 52

CHALLENGE

THE GLADIATORS 50
WHIPPS X JUNIORS 12

HAWBUSH HAMMERS 58
THE CRUSADERS 18

The Fyfield Perpetual Trophy was won by Trevor Turner, after winning 2-0 in a decider with Reg Boxall. Nobby Dunn also won a run-off, with Algn Wood, for 3rd. place.

SCORERS: T. Turner (F.F.) 12, R. Boxall (S.D.) 12, N. Dunn (T.K.) 11, A. Wood (F.F.) 11, R. Ketley (S.D.) 9, A. Ottley (F.F.) 9, P. Campen (F.F.) 8, G. Avery (S.D.) 8, S. Pipe (W.X.) 6, M. Gladstone (W.S.) 6, B. Sutton 6.

HERTS.

WITH KEN COOPER

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 2ND JUNE.

TEAM	PLD	HOME			AWAY			PTS
		W	D	L	W	D	L	
PECKHAM STARS	6	3	0	0	2	0	1	12
EDMONTON SAINTS	8	2	0	1	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	3	0	0	3	2

The first leg of the Final of the Herts. section of the National Team Championship, held at St. James Park on Sunday 20th. May, resulted in a Home win for the Wolves by 55-41.

Both teams apparently thoroughly enjoyed this match, and look forward to the second leg at Peckham on 3rd. June.

Walthamstow have not previously visited the Peckham track, and Captain of the Stars, Johnny Atkinson reckons his team will be able to pull back the lead by the end of the tie. Terry Greenaway, manager of the Wolves, has other ideas, and reckons that his team will be in the lead at the end. "The Spotlight" offers no forecast!

The selection of Greenaway and Clive Hitch for the Final England Trials on 10th. June will mean a couple of changes in the teams to play Essex in the overdue clash between Representative sides at Little Ilford Park, East Ham.

In the League, Peckham, Hoddesdon & Walthamstow are all still unbeaten at Home, but all eight teams have now lost away. With the League fixtures now about half way through, most teams still stand a chance of becoming the League Champions, while ALL teams can still end up in the top half of the Table.

By arrangement with Ron Bull, the report of the Test match with Essex will be supplied by Essex,

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-LEICESTERSHIRE-SEMI FINALS

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 68 (R.Cooper 15, Pickering 13, Brant 10.)

AYLESTONE ACES 28 (Scorers not available)

BELGRAVE WIN ON AGGREGATE 123-69

AYLESTONE ACES 41 (Mills 11, Cope 10, M.Halford 6.)

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 55 (Pickering 14, Dent 12, Brant 8.)

COALVILLE STARS 69 (Rawson 12, Adkins 10, Newberry 8.)

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 26 (Smith 10, York 7.)

COALVILLE WIN ON AGGREGATE 131-60.

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 34 (Scorers not available)

COALVILLE STARS 62 (Rawson 12, Adkins 10, Newberry 8.)

LEICESTER LEAGUE

COALVILLE STARS 57 (Henderson 12, Rawson 9, Sault 11.)

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 39 (Pickering 12, R.Cooper 10, Brant 5.)

CHALLENGE MATCHES

COALVILLE STARS 56½ (Rawson 13½, Henderson 9.)

COVENTRY 38½ (Gilbert 12½, Bamford 9.)

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE-NAT. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-CNTY. FNL. 1ST. LEE

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 55 (Bell 11, Archie 6, Greenaway 7, Morris 13, Fraser 8, Bromley 7, Massey 3, Harknett 0.)

PECKHAM STARS 41 (Cable 1, Heard 5, Mason 9, Leach 0, Atkinson 4, Braddon 10, Dryden 8, Brown 4.)

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE POSITIONS AT 26TH MAY.

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LST	PTS
BIRMINGHAM LIONS	3	3	0	0	6
AIDRIDGE HAMMER	4	2	0	2	4
KINGSTANDING MONARCHS	1	1	0	0	2
EIMDON WASPS	1	1	0	0	2
LAMBETH ACES	3	1	0	2	2
FASTMOOR BEES	2	1	0	1	2
SUTTON STARS	3	1	0	2	2
HALL GREEN HURRICANES	3	0	0	3	0

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ROLVENDEN ROCKETS 34

HELLINGLEY LIONS 46

BROAD OAK ACES 36

BROAD OAK ACES 50

ASHFORD EAGLES 49.

BROAD OAK ACES 37.

HELLINGLEY LIONS 47.

ROLVENDEN ROCKETS 33.

Leicester Look

FROM
CHRIS LYNN

LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SUN. MAY 27TH

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LOST	FOR	AGST	PTS
COALVILLE STARS	4	4	0	0	239	145	8
BELGRAVE RED DEVILS	4	2	0	2	211	172	4
WEST END CYCLONES	3	1	0	2	142	134	2
KIBWORTH ROCKETS	3	1	0	2	128	154	2
AYLESTONE ACES	4	1	0	3	150	220	2

Successful teams in the County Semi-Final of the National Team Championship were Belgrave & Coalville. The former travelled to Aylestone with a useful 40 points lead. With solid teamwork, the Devils won this match too, winning 123-69 on aggregate. Likewise, Coalville Stars had little trouble against Kibworth Rockets, winning both legs. Pete Rawson, who is scoring very heavily, was well supported, and Belgrave will have to be on top form in the Final.

Due to Whitsun, there was only one League Match, that being at Coalville's new track. Making their first visit were Belgrave Red Devils. After a hectic match, during which falls and collisions were frequent, the Stars retained their unbeaten home record.

Belgrave are running an Open Championship Handicap Competition every Sunday afternoon. Any rider is welcome (Coventry and Birmingham please note). Entry fee is 1/-, and each competitor is awarded a secret points handicap according to his age and ability. Scoring is 4-3-2-1, and a prize is awarded to the winner. Where the total aggregate score of a rider who scores maximum possible riding points is less, by reason of difference in Handicap allowance, than the aggregate score of another rider, he shall be entitled to a run-off, in which he shall start ONE BIKE-LENGTH behind for each point of difference in the Handicap of the riders. Fuller details from Mr. J. McPate, 24, Canon Street, Leicester.

Coalville track record is now held by four "Stars": Pete Rawson, Dennis Farmer, Bill Henderson and Geoff Sault.

Belgrave will ride at the Alvis track in Coventry on July 1st. against the Coventry Team.

The Coventry team, incidentally lost a Challenge Match at Coalville on May 24th., by 56½-38½.

RESULTS

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 62 (T.Frost 12,W.Dighton 12.)
STARS 34 (F.Bedford 9,T.Cracknell 6.)

S.LONDON RANGERS 52 (R.Webb 10,B.Wood 9.)

COBRAS 44 (E.Bean 12,E.Cooper 9.)

SOUTHERN PREMIER ASSOCIATION-JACK HULBERT SHIELD.

COBRAS 40 (E.Bean 10.)

TOOTING TIGERS 55 (C.Elmer 14,T.Roman 11,T.Davis 10.)

HUNTERS 38 (A.Broderick 11,J.Pickett 9.)

TOOTING TIGERS 58 (C.Elmer 10,P.Baldwin 10.)

BECKENHAM 66 (R.Hudder 12,D.Daniel 10.)

DITTON 30 (P.Bines 8.)

BECKENHAM 61 (B.Jarrett 14,T.Spaulding 11.)

WILDCATS 35 (B.Angold 10,T.Fox 8.)

RAYNES PARK 70 (D.Chivers 13,F.Lawrence 13.)

STARS 26 (T.Cracknell 8,F.Bedford 6.)

S.P.ASSOCIATION-SAUNDERS TROPHY-1ST ROUND-1ST LEG.

BECKENHAM 36 (T.Burns 10,P.Jarman 9.)

RAYNES PARK 60 (W.Dighton 12,D.Chivers 12.)

S.P.ASSOCIATION-CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY-SEMI-FINAL-1ST LEG.

HUNTERS 49 (P.Milton 14,G.Gilbert 9.)

WILDCATS 45 (B.Bruton 14,D.Fairfoul 12.)

STARS 53 (T.Cracknell 11,F.Bedford 9.)

DITTON 43 (M.Smith 9,J.Clark 8.)

TEST MATCHES-SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE v SUFFOLK-1ST.LEGS.

S.P.ASSN. "A" 55 (Wood 13,Chivers 6,Elmer 1,D.Chivers 11,
Holvey 8,Dighton 13,Daniels 2,Cattle 1.)

SUFFOLK "A" 41 (Bagley 7,Holland 4,Last 7,T.Keeble 3,
Lockwood 5,Beaumont 3,Pate 3,Benfield 9.)

S.P.ASSN. "B" 61 (Davis 11,Roman 7,Carie 9,Avernal 6,

Frost 9,Cracknell 11,King 7,Fairfoul 1.)

SUFFOLK "B" 34 (Darvel 11,Hill 2,Saunders 10,Taylor 1,
Eneger 2,Orford 3,Rodwell 2,M.Keeble 3.)

S.P. League

B Y
BILL CATTLE

LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
RAYNES PARK TIGERS	8	8	0	0	572	292	16
TOOTING TIGERS	7	6	1	0	415	252	12
RANGERS	8	5	3	0	434	283	10
PIRATES	7	3	3	1	354 $\frac{1}{2}$	303 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
STARS	8	3	4	1	379 $\frac{1}{2}$	482 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
DEVILS	6	2	3	1	262	314	5
COBRAS	6	2	4	0	251	321	4
HUNTERS	7	1	6	0	259	411	2
WILDCATS	7	0	6	1	232	440	1

JACK HULBERT SHIELD

SECTION "A"

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
TOOTING TIGERS	2	2	0	0	113	78	4
COBRAS	2	1	1	0	96	94	2
HUNTERS	2	0	2	0	77	114	0

SECTION "B"

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
PIRATES	3	3	0	0	196	91	6
WILDCATS	2	0	2	0	61	130	0
DEVILS	1	0	1	0	30	66	0

SECTION "C"

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
RAYNES PARK TIGERS	3	3	0	0	178 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
RANGERS	1	0	1	0	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
STARS	2	0	2	0	38	134	0

The above Tables show the positions in the various Competitions up to and including Monday 28th. May.

REMEMBER! LEAGUE TABLES MUST ARRIVE BY 12TH JUNE FOR INCLUSION IN ISSUE NO 12.

MANCHESTER, STO

In the "B" Inter-County match held at Heaton Park, the Lancashire team avenged the defeat of their counterparts in the "A" team the week previously, by having a resounding 71-48 win over Cheshire.

Apart from a 4-2 against them in the opening heat, the Red Rose boys never looked back, and three 5-1s in a row, just after the halfway stage, put them well on the road to victory. The Cheshire lads knew, even before the match started, that to win they would have to fight hard, but their chances of pulling out a shock win were reduced to almost nil when two of their team were delayed on the journey from Wilmslow, and arrived just as the last heat was being decided. Because of this, the Cheshire reserve, McGee, had his full quota of six rides, but even so, the Cheshire team had only one rider in four heats.

Star man of the afternoon was Dave Barlow, who conceded only one point, to finish with a total of 17, which, combined with partner Jim Yacoby's total gave them 26 points from a possible 30—without doubt the cornerstone of Lancashire's success. Red Rose skipper, Jeff Hughes, on this his own track had a very successful afternoon with 14 points, and his counterpart, Don Bull, on the Cheshire side, had also tried hard to keep the score down. The Cheshire team's highest scorer was Pete Rollason, who had his most successful time ever in this type of match.

In League racing, Openshaw Monarchs have had a busy two weeks, having ridden five matches in all, and won the lot, so taking over League leadership. The long awaited clash between Tudors & Kestrels lacked fire, and turned out to be "just another match", with Tudors proving beyond all doubt that they are the strongest team.

Original League leaders, Belle Vue Cobras, had only one match, when they easily accounted for Wilmslow Hammers, but even so, Hammers seem to be having a new life—their 56-40 defeat at Offerton is the best performance they have ever put up in all their many visits to the Devils' circuit. Devils, incidentally, lost a key match at Longsight—two points which were needed to keep in the running for League honour.

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A five-one win in the last heat would have given them a draw. Even though Devil Bass won to complete his maximum, however, Longsight packed in positions 2&3, and so the two points were theirs.

Shock match of the fortnight was Tudors easy win over Blackley, as only a few weeks previously, the Flyers had forced a draw with Tudors, who had been without Moston. On this occasion, however, they were never in the hunt. Tudors seem to have clicked into quite a solid team, and will want some beating, especially on their own track.

Last weekend the first round ties in the Lancs. section of the National Individual came up for decision, and as in all previous years, the turn up was very poor, due without doubt to the riders who originally signed on the affiliation form having now either given up riding, or not wishing to compete in individuals. All riders who qualified now take part in the semi-finals on 9th. June. The Final will be ridden on 24th. June.

CURRENT LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGST	PTS
OPENSHAW MONARCHS	9	9	0	0	520	339	18
BELLE VUE COBRAS	8	7	1	0	464	300	14
OFFERTON DEVILS	9	6	3	0	465	399	12
CARRS WOOD TUDORS	8	5	2	1	433	328	11
BLACKLEY FLYERS	10	4	5	1	451	506	9
CARRS WOOD KESTRELS	9	4	5	0	456	401	8
LONGSIGHT PEGASUS	10	3	7	0	451	500	6
WILMSLOW HAMMERS	7	0	7	0	252	418	0
LADYBARN KINGPINS	8	0	8	0	232	533	0

Are your results and League Tables appearing regularly in the "Spotlight"? If not, why not arrange for one of your team to post them off to us. Or better still, why not do it yourself. For inclusion in the next issue, reports etc., should reach us by TUESDAY 12TH. JUNE.

PITS PORTRAIT

DON BIRD-LAMBETH ACES

Don's career began with Pelshall Stars. Later, he joined Pelshall Pirates in the Birmingham & District League as captain. He always was a good sportsman, and had a handy average of seven points per match during the 1953 season. In 1954, he stepped this up to ten a match.

The following season saw the end of his club, and he joined his present club, the Lambeth Aces. Now the team was struggling at the time, and he was an inspiration to this bunch of lads having their first taste of league racing. He topped the averages with 9.2 per match. He was badly missed on several occasions, for Don is a trainee miner, and shift work only makes him available every other week. Add to this a six mile journey by bike over rough country, and you get some idea of the keenness of this Popular Aces star.

Don has not been without his big moments, for he has represented Birmingham on two occasions, and was picked once for the Staffordshire Team, only to be prevented from racing by his work. Perhaps bigger honours will come his way, who knows? I just wish I had a few more Don Birds....

Facts supplied by T.Slater
Manager, Lambeth Aces

DEVON DASH !!

Glorious Devon had a glimpse of the Wembley All Stars over Whitsun. That they liked what they saw, is obvious by the fact that they have invited the All Stars down again later in the summer.

Shuldon Kestrels did the entertaining on this visit, and a really thrilling match took place between the Kestrels and the All Stars "A" team. It was a ding-dong struggle throughout, with the result ending in a 48 points draw. Both teams were inspired by their captains, B.Hooper for Shuldon and D.Dean for Wembley.

In the following "B" team match, Wembley Juniors proved themselves stronger by winning 18 points to 6. V.MERNER.

TRIALS (South)

The Southern Test Trial, to select the "England" team to meet Wales, provided some interesting racing between a fairly evenly matched 16 riders. Non-appearance of National Champion Ron Bagley let in first reserve Crawley, but otherwise the riders rode according to programme.

Outstanding pair of the match were Greenaway & Stevens who scored two 5-1s and a 4-2 in four rides, and, but for Greenaway falling for no apparent reason when well in the lead with partner Stevens, they would have scored another maximum win. Top scorer for the meeting was Holvey with 10 points.

Most of the others riders scored between five and eight points, so you can judge for yourselves how evenly matched the riders were.

The match, which was held at the Raynes Park track in Morden Park, attracted a fairly large crowd.

After the match, the Selection Committee got straight down to the job, and, after a few minutes, announced the eight riders to take part in the Final Trials at the Alvis track on 10th. June. They are as follows:-

HOLVEY & WOOD, GREENAWAY & STEVENS, ELMER & DEIGHTON, COOKE & HITCH.

For the records, we made the scoring as follows:-

POSSIBLES Elmer 6, & Cooke 7, Greenaway 8 & Stevens 7, Wood 8 & Iamacq 5, Leckie 6 & Brown 6.

PROBABLES Holvey 10 & Riley 6, Deighton 6 & Stonex 4, Crawley 5 & Cowell 2, Hitch 7 & Tomlyn 3,

The Committee's nominations for the Final Trials seem to be pretty well in keeping with the racing and scoring.

Some riders didn't get all the breaks, as is usual in this type of competition, but the meeting was run in a pretty friendly spirit, and the racing was keen and clean.

"The Spotlight" wishes the eight finalists the best of fortune in their battle for International Honours, and offers its sympathies to those who didn't quite make it.
NOW FOR THE FINAL AND THENCE THE BATTLE WITH WALES.

KEN COOPER.

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-WARWICKSHIRE ROUNDS

SUTTON STARS 67 (Hemus 12, Bett 10, Loasby 10, A. Taylor 10.)

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 29 (J. Parker 10.)

SUTTON WON 137-55 ON AGGREGATE.

SUTTON STARS 40 (Hemus 12, Loasby 8, Ray Day 7.)

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 56 (Evans 12, J. Ward 11, Quick 10,
Blackwell & Pattinson 8.)

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

AIDRIDGE HAMMERS 36 (Heaton 13.)

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 59 (Blackwell 10, Dockerill 9, Quick 9,
J. Ward 9, Pattinson 8, Holyoake 7.)

SUTTON STARS 35 (Hemus 12.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 61 (D. Hill 12, Goode 9, Hancox 9, Kean 9, G.
Aston 7, Edwards 7.)

LAMBETH ACES 52 (Beasley 12, S. Ford 12, Bird 7, Lane 7.)

AIDRIDGE HAMMERS 53 (Heaton 13, Ken Maxwell 8.)

AIDRIDGE RECEIVED 10-POINT STARTING BONUS.

FASTMOOR BEES 63 (Martin Rose 11, Felton 10, Deacon 9, Ether-
idge 9, R. Harber 9, P. Jones 8.)

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 33 (J. Parker 11, Martin 7.)

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 21 (J. Parker 8.)

AIDRIDGE HAMMERS 75 (Heaton 12, Ken Maxwell 12, Holland 10,
Jackson 10, Ferneyhough 9, Poole 8.)

LAMBETH ACES 50 (Adams 10, Beasley 10, S. Ford 8.)

SUTTON STARS 45 (Hemus 12, Bond 12, Loasby 8.)

FASTMOOR BEES 29 (Martin Rose 8.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 66 (Hancox 13, Edwards 12, Kean 12, D. Hill 9,
Birch 7, Goodé 7.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 50 (Edwards 15, Hancox 12, Kean 12.)

LAMBETH ACES 44 (S. Ford 10, Rumbold 9.)

AIDRIDGE HAMMERS 43 (Ferneyhough 9, Jackson 7.)

SUTTON STARS 52 (Bond 11, Hemus 11, Loasby 11, Bett 9.)

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 45 (G. Parker 14, Phelan 10, Martin 8.)

ELMDON WASPS 50 (A. Bennett 12, Noel Thompson 10, Elmer 9.)

TRIALS (North)

Considering that this was a team event, team riding was at its lowest ebb because the evenness of the pairs gave the top scorers little chance of helping their partners. One of the best pieces of team riding came from Tegg when he gave Swain of Coventry the assistance required to give his team a 5-1 win. Again in the final heat Tegg tried hard to repeat the performance, but Swain's lack of local track knowledge foiled this effort.

Another pair, who were able to indulge in team riding, were Kingstanding's Arthur Wilkinson & Coventry's Roger Gilbert. Considering that Gilbert was one of the few riders who hadn't ridden the track previously, he gave a stirring performance, and his tally of 7 points from three rides was the best of the visiting riders.

Brian Moston had a faultless maximum of 12 points, while team mate Dewi Williams dropped only one point, to Alec Clark. Clark, for the other team, dropped his only point to Moston. Tegg & Garnett dropped two points each, both to Williams and Moston.

Dissappointment of the afternoon, was the low tally of Coalville's Bill Henderson, who had scored a 15 point maximum against Carrs Wood Hunters in Birmingham last year. Other riders of note were Dave Hemus from Birmingham, who twice followed Garnett home for 5-1s and suffered an exclusion for tape touching, and, Des Hooper from Drayton Vampires, who was beaten mainly by lack of track knowledge.

The Steward, Mr. Lord, was called upon to Steward this match at a minutes notice, due to the inability of the Nominated Steward to attend. Unfortunately he was criticised on several occasions. However, not many Stewards would have volunteered to fill the breach in a match of this type.

SCORERS

POSSIBLES 41 (B. Moston-Lancs. 12, D. Williams-Lancs. 11, D. Hooper-Oxon. 6, W. Henderson-Leics. 4, E. Buckingham-Oxon. 3, E. Edwards-Warks. 3, P. Blackwell-Staffs 1, D. Farmer-Leics. 1.)

PROBABLES 55 (A. Clark-Lancs. 11, D. Garnett-Chae. 10, D. Tegg-Lancs. 10, R. Gilbert-Warks. 7, D. Hemus-Warks 5, A. Wilkinson-Staffs. 5, P. Rawson-Leics. 4, D. Swain-Warks. 3.)

F. ASHTONHURST.

THE FOCUS ON

WESTERN STARS & WESTERN BROADSIDERS

The Western Stars and Broadsiders, who are both managed by Mrs.E.Jones, race in the London & Home Counties League. Mrs.Jones, together with the late Mr.Jones, has been connected with the Sport for a great many years, and is of course known to many of the older riders outside her own area.

The Stars were formed in 1950, and have proved a pretty successful combination, winning the Russell Trophy from Peckham in 1954, and the Hammersmith Trophy in 1952, '53 & '54, although they lost the latter to Raynes Park in the 1955 season. They were runners-up in the London League in 1952, and in the Middlesex League in 1954 & '55.

The Stars have a record of 51 wins, 2 draws and 8 defeats in 61 matches.

The present Stars team generally consists of:- Alf Webb, Roy Ruffle, Sid Luke, George Harvey, Brian Betts, Jim Riley, Johnny Lee (Capt), & "Tiddler" Humphreys.

The Broadsiders team is usually composed of:- Morrie Shaw, Brian Greatley, Gerry Wallis, Lenny Walker, Gordon Thomas, Bert Hammond, Teddy Wildman & Kenny Wildman.

Most of the Broadsiders team, which was formed in 1955, are youngsters, and they are all out to show the more experienced Stars which is the better team.

The important thing about these two teams is that they really are two separate line-ups. This means that all the Broadsiders are able to get regular rides, instead of the usual "one ride now and again" afforded to the newcomer to an existing team of really experienced riders. This two team system is strongly recommended, as is the 'Split down the middle' system of Manchester's Carrs Wood Club.

The Western teams, who race on the same track, look forward to some very successful seasons in the future in the London & Home Counties League.

KEN COOPER.

FROM FACTS GATHERED FROM JIM RILEY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN TEAMS.

RESULTS

INTER-COUNTY MATCH

LANCASHIRE "B" 71 (D.Barlow 17, J.Hughes 14, J.Yacoby 9, K.Percival 8, F.Davies 8, J.Dobson 7, D.Marshall 4, B.Taylor 4.)

CHESHIRE "B" 48 (P.Rollason 14, D.Bull 10, D.McGee 9, V.Hinchliffe 8, H.Wood 4, G.Riley 3.)

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 39 (J.Heap 10, P.Loseby 8, A.Sudbury 7.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 57 (N.Nairn 12, T.Lawton 9, J.Dobson.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 56 (F.Heath 13, K.Bass 12, H.Wood 9.)

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 40 (P.Rollason 13, P.Lomas 7, J.Mottershead 6.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 55 (B.Moston 12, N.Collier 11, D.Williams 11.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 41 (A.Clark 13, D.Tegg 8, A.Bailey 6.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 50 (P.Loseby 11, A.Sudbury 8, A.Heywood 7,
B.Murphy 7, E.Skelton 7.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 46 (K.Bass 15, D.Garnett 9, V.Hinchliffe 8.)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 61 (C.Nanfan 12, K.Graham 11, E.Timmis 10.)

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 35 (P.Rollason 14, P.Lomas 10, J.Mottershead 5.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 56 (K.Percival 12, N.Nairn 11, T.Lawton 9.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 40 (A.Clark 15, D.Tegg 7, A.Bailey 7.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 66 (D.Williams 12, N.Collier 11, B.Moston 11.)

BLACKLEY FLYERS (J.Hughes 9, B.Taylor 5, R.Hyde 5.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 70 (T.Lawton 12, K.Percival 10, D.Barlow 10,
J.Dobson 10, F.Davies 10.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 25 (B.Hope 6, R.Boole 5, E.Moss 5.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 58 (D.Barlow 14, K.Percival 9, T.Lawton 9.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 37 (A.Heywood 10, A.Sudbury 9, T.Rostron 6.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 63 (A.Pennington 12, D.Williams 12, G.Riley 11.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 31 (B.Hope 6, R.Boole 5, G.Bleazard 5, Moss 5.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 62 (A.Clark 13, D.Tegg 12, A.Bailey 9.)

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 34 (P.Rollason 12, P.Lomas 6, R.Powell 5.)

SPARE

SPINDLES.

KENT: Luck was with the Rolvenden Rockets team recently when the offside rear wheels on their coach came off. No injuries were sustained.

LONDON: We thank the gentleman who wrote to us under the title of "The Cycle Speedway Searchlight".

HOLLAND: Peckham Stars' visit to Holland is due to take place this month. Watch the "Spotlight" for on the spot reports of the Tour.

ESSEX: The Penguins' track in Little Ilford Park, East Ham, has now been altered and measures 95 yards.

COVENTRY: It looks as though John Leith (Editor of the Cycle Speedway Gazette) has been able to stir up some new teams in the Coventry area, and the outlook for the future now looks quite good.

MANCHESTER: The new-look Lancashire & Cheshire Cycle Speedway Bulletin is bigger, and if possible better than previously — it certainly is a fine advertisement for the Sport locally. By the way, the above magazine is also of general interest and can be obtained from F. Ashtonhurst, 14, Northolme Gardens, Manchester, 19.

ANYWHERE: Twenty observant readers can claim a free copy of issue No. 12. of the "Spotlight". Those of you who do notice anything queer about your copy of this issue should write to us, telling us of the abnormality by Wednesday 13th. June.

YOUR TOWN. The next issue of the "Spotlight" will be on sale on MONDAY 18TH. JUNE '56. Order your copy now!