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BOUQUET

Where Cycle Speedway is discussed thesedays, one topic which inevitably crops up is the cohesion which currently exists within N.A.C.S.A.

In the past few weeks, the Association has proved its right to govern the sport. Its organisation of the English Test Trials was excellent, but even more pleasing was the speed with which the National Secretary was able to despatch the circular informing the sixteen riders of their selection for the final trial in Coventry.

So often in the past, hasty words have been written about the Association; but here and now, we would like to give credit where it is due.

We learn that the various officers of the Association are given much more co-operation by clubs and individuals than was previously afforded to them. There is a lesson to be learned here. People organising events, can only be assured of success when those for whom they are working give them their utmost help and consideration.

So think twice before you rush into criticism of N.A.C.S.A. or any other association. Remember, it may be through lack of co-operation on your part that the Association takes the blame.

We are all links in the chain -
ONE WEAK LINK, - THE CHAIN BREAKS!

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-LANCASHIRE FINAL-1ST. LEG.

BELLE VUE COBRAS 45 (K.Graham 12, B.Cramer 8, C.Nanfan 7.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 51 (D.Williams 13, B.Moston 9, N.Collier 8.)

MANCHESTER, STOCKPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BELLE VUE COBRAS 60 (K.Graham 11, C.Nanfan 10, D.Bull 9.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 36 (K.Percival 11, N.Nairn 8, J.Dobson 5,
T.Lawton 5.)

LADYBARN KINGPINS 36 (R.Boole 8, B.Hope 5, G.Bleazard 5, Moss 5.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 58 (D.Williams 15, A.Bailey 12, D.Tegg 11,
D.Wright 11.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 48 (D.Garnett 12, K.Bass 10, F.Heath 8.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 48 (A.Pennington 12, B.Moston 12, N.Collier
10.)

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 30 (P.Rollason 15, J.Mottershead 5, W.Howard 4)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 64 (D.Bull 11, K.Graham 11, E.Timmis 11.)

BLACKLEY FLINERS 43 (J.O'Reilly 9, J.Hughes 8, B.McArthur 7,
B.Taylor 7.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 53 (D.Tegg 12, A.Clark 10, A.Bailey 9.)

WILMSLOW HAMMERS 33 (P.Rollason 9, J.Mottershead 9, P.Lomas 5)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 62 (N.Nairn 14, K.Percival 9, J.Dobson 9,
T.Lawton 9.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 61 (P.Loseby 13, A.Heywood 12, A.Sudbury 11,

LADYBARN KINGPINS 34 (P.Reidel 13, B.Hope 7, R.Boole 4.)

BELLE VUE COBRAS 62 (B.Cramer 12, K.Graham 11, C.Nanfan 11.)

LONGSIGHT PEGASUS 34 (J.Heap 8, B.Murphy 5, T.Rostron 5.)

CARRS WOOD KESTRELS 51 (A.Clark 11, D.Tegg 11, A.Bailey 11.)

OFFERTON DEVILS 44 (D.Garnett 12, F.Heath 11, R.Garnett 8.)

OPENSHAW MONARCHS 61)

BLACKLEY FLYERS 34) No scorers available.

LADYBARN KINGPINS 38 (R.Boole 8, B.Hinchy 6, B.Hope 5, E.Davies
5, E.Moss 5.)

CARRS WOOD TUDORS 57 (M.Spray 11, D.Williams 11, A.Pennington
11.)

HERTS and ESSEX

On the large sweeping Ilford Park circuit, Essex "A" just held Herts "A", to win by 5 points before a crowd in the region of 200. The width of the track didn't auger well for close racing, but the riders of both teams really had a go, and provided thrills all the way. Essex took a lead up until heat eight, and then, with Gibbons and Pageth being excluded for tape-touching, Herts. took a 5-0, which brought them within 1 point of the home County. But still Essex held on. A 5-1 in the last heat would have made a draw, but with Jeffery coming a purler on the second lap, Herts. hopes were dashed. All credit to Essex for this win, and plaudits too for Herts who never gave up fighting.

In the "B" test, both Counties included several new cap. This match was closer than the score suggests, for Herts. led from heat three until heat 14. Essex however drew level in heat 15, and then slapped in three five ones in the closing heats, to win by 60-48.

ESSEX SELECT "A" 56 (Kelman 3, Wood 6, Milano 9, Adams 9, Padgett 6, Goode 12, Cox 1, Gibbon 7.)

HERTS "A" 51 (Jeffery 4, Fraser 9, Brewer 9, Dryden 10, Cowell 5, Bell 7, Jones 4, Westwood 3.)

ESSEX SELECT "B" 60 (Boxall 12, Sutton 9, Hibbin 3, Berwick 9, Barker 8, South 1, Dunn 10, McGillivray 8.)

HERTS "B" 48 (Doggett 9, Pipe 3, Archie 5, Heard 9, Pinnock 7, Graves 7, Woolard 1, Howse 7.)

HERTS. LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING DUNDAY 10TH. JUNE.

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

VIC COWELL.

ENGLAND

NOTES BY
KEN COOPER

Well! The Final Trials are over, and the Team to race against Wales has been selected. Naturally, not everyone will agree with those nominations, but then it would be very surprising if there were not any other views on the abilities of various riders. However, the Selection Committee have done their best to fulfill a very hard task.

The ENGLAND TEAM is as follows:-

1. BRIAN MOSTON (CAPT.) (CARRS WOOD TUDORS, MANCHESTER.)
2. DERECK TEGG (CARRS WOOD KESTRELS, MANCHESTER.)
3. STAN STEVENS (LONGBRIDGE LEOPARDS, ESSEX.)
4. DAVE HEMUS (SUTTON STARS, BIRMINGHAM.)
5. BRYAN WOOD (SOUTH LONDON RANGERS, LONDON.)
6. WALLY DEIGHTON (RAYNES PARK TIGERS, LONDON.)
7. DERECK GARNETT (OFFERTON DEVILS, MANCHESTER.)
8. DEWI WILLIAMS (CARRS WOOD TUDORS, MANCHESTER.)
9. EWART EDWARDS (BIRMINGHAM LIONS, BIRMINGHAM.)
10. CLIVE ELMER (TOOTING TIGERS, LONDON.)

Scorers in the Final Trial were as follows:-

NORTH Moston 10 & Tegg 10 (Unbeaten pair), Williams 6 & Clark 5; Garnett 5 & Hemus 7, Gilbert 4 & Wilkinson 4.
SOUTH Greenaway 1 & Stevens 9, Elmer 7 & Deighton 7, Wood 8 & Holvey 5; Cooke 2 & Hitch 5.

Reserves Edwards of Birmingham, and Hooper of Oxfordshire, did not ride in the match due to an oversight by the selectors and team managers, but Edwards showed up well against other Trials riders in a special scratch race series.

It can be said that generally the scores represented the riders showing in the match. Moston and Tegg were outstanding, scoring a maximum of 20 points from their four rides.

Well there it is! Now it is up to the riders concerned to justify their selection. Whatever the faults found with the team selected, everyone will agree that the method of selection has been far fairer than the one used in 1950 to select the team to race Holland.

Mr. W. J. Cattle of Tooting Tigers has been fined 10/- by The Southern Premier Association for conduct not becoming an Official.

BRUM CALLING

B Y
HAROLD
SMITH.

League Table

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LST	PTS
BIRMINGHAM LIONS	5	5	0	0	10
ALDRIDGE HAMMERS	5	3	0	2	6
KINGSTANDING MONARCHS	2	2	0	0	4
ELMDON WASPS	3	1	0	2	2
LAMBETH ACES	4	1	0	3	2
FASTMOOR BEES	2	1	0	1	2
SUTTON STARS	3	1	0	2	2
HALL GREEN HURRICANES	4	0	0	4	0

Take a close look at the Birmingham League Table shown above, for this is the last time that Lambeth Aces will appear in it. Managerless since the resignation of Tom Slater a month ago, Lambeth Aces have disbanded.

It is always sad to see a club put up shutters, but there is a brighter side; former promoter Ron Bowen plans to revive the Pelsall Pirates, who, subject to Control Board approval, will take over the Aces' record and remaining fixtures. Don Bird, Dennis Marshman and Phil Saunders will re-join Pelsall, but the other ex-Lambeth boys have not yet sought new homes. Tom Slater, meanwhile, is now controlling the Cycle Speedway team recently formed by Aston Boys' Club.

A.B.C. have impressed at practice, and look good prospects in the Birmingham League's new Junior Division, which also includes Hall Green Hornets, Junior Monarchs, Perry Barr Pirates and Sutton Starlets. Membership of these teams is restricted to riders without previous League experience; many of them have not yet reached their twelfth birthday.

All of which seems to indicate that some of those stories about youngsters not being interested in taking up the the Sport were exaggerated.

After scoring a first-ever away victory, by 52-44 over Midland neighbours Coventry, the Birmingham "Test" Team is confident of putting up a good show at Manchester on June 30. The Brummies' line-up will be: E. Edwards, captain, and D. Hill (Birmingham Lions); P. Blackwell (Kingstanding Monarchs) and G. Hancox (Birmingham Lions); D. Hemus (Sutton Stars) and A. Wilkinson (K.M.); J. Ward (K.M.) and J. Heaton (Aldridge Hammers).

Reserves are H. Loasby (S.S.) and G. Kean (B.L.)

TRACKS

As I have now scraped the barrel clean of all track bike material, the editors have asked me to carry on writing about any interesting occurrences which have come my way since I started riding.

The first one that comes to mind, took place in 1949 the year that Cycle Speedway in Manchester started to pull out of the chaotic era. An inter-city match had been arranged, Bradford v. Manchester, the first leg to take place in Bradford, and after many trial matches, I was lucky enough to be selected. As this was the first time the Manchester team had entered the field of battle, we wanted to give a good account of ourselves, and asked for details about the size of the track.

We received the reply that it was 81 feet inside measurement with banking on both bends. On receipt of this information, we decided that they had made a mistake and meant 81 yards. We travelled to Bradford and were met at Odsal Stadium by a rider who was to direct us to Bradford on his track bike. He forgot that he was leading a coach, and took us the way he normally went on his bike, with the result that we finished up in someone's back garden! After much blue language and manouvering, we eventually arrived at the circuit to find it was 81 feet. The banking on the bends was almost 45 degrees, and this fact coupled with a track of 27 yards put us off completely.

For the record, I was pushed over the banking once, was disqualified for repaying the compliment in another heat, and finished the match with one point from five rides. We lost the match by about 79-41, Lew Grepp being our leading scorer with ten.

One day if you have nothing to do, measure out a track of 27 yards and see how it compares with present day standards. You will find that it is much smaller than the average circus ring!

BRIAN MOSTON.

RESULTS

LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SUN. JUNE 10

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LST	FOR	AGT	PTS
COALVILLE STARS	7	7	0	0	435	236	14
BELGRAVE RED DEVILS	7	5	0	2	390	280	10
KIBWORTH ROCKETS	8	3	0	5	340	423	6
WEST END CYCLONES	7	2	0	5	276	380	4
AYLESTONE ACES	7	1	0	6	267	389	2

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-LEICESTERSHIRE FINAL

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 39 (R.Cooper 14, Pickering 6, Dent 6, Brant 6)
 COALVILLE STARS 57 (B.Henderson 11, Rawson 10, Newberry 8.)

COALVILLE STARS 57 (Rawson 13, Scholes 11, Rawlins 8, Sault 8.
 BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 39 (R.Cooper 14, Brant 7, Dent 6.)

COALVILLE WIN ON AGGREGATE 114-78

LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE

WEST END CYCLONES 29

COALVILLE STARS 67

COALVILLE STARS 66

AYLESTONE ACES 30

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 64

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 31

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 60

WEST END CYCLONES 36

AYLESTONE ACES 42

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 54

WEST END CYCLONES 51

AYLESTONE ACES 44

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 32

COALVILLE STARS 63

WEST END CYCLONES 40

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 54

KIBWORTH ROCKETS 35

BELGRAVE RED DEVILS 61.

LANCASHIRE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP-QUALIFIERS FOR FINAL.

LONGSIGHT 9TH.JUNE- B.MOSTON 15, D.Williams 14, N.Collier 13,
 B.Cramer 12, J.Darling 10, D.Tegg 9.

BELLE VUE 9TH.JUNE- A.Clark 14, C.Nanfan 13, D.McGee 12, K.
 Graham 11, J.Hughes 11, E.Timmis 11.

BELLE VUE 10TH.JUNE- D.Barlow 13, T.Lawton 12, N.Nairn 12,
 A.Heywood 12.

MANCHESTER, STO

Interest in recent racing centred on the Team Championship Final between Belle Vue & Carrs Wood Tudors. A few weeks ago, this would undoubtedly have been a first leg win for Belle Vue, but, the newly strengthened Tudors came away with a 6 point lead. Belle Vue had been unbeaten on their own track so far this season. It now seems that once again a Carrs Wood team will be Lancashire Champions, because the Tudors appear unbeatable on their own circuit. Cobras, however, are a 'never say die' team, and they could win for a shock result. Strength of Cobras can be gauged by their 60-36 win over unbeaten Openshaw Monarchs earlier in the week, although riders from both teams agree that racing was far closer than the score suggests. Both of these teams have been to Wilmslow Hammers during the fortnight, and come away with the points. Brilliant riding for a 15 point maximum by Hammer, Pete Rollason, wasn't enough to save his team from defeat by Cobras.

The closest match recently was Tudors visit to Offerton. With the match half over, the score stood at 24-24 - still anybody's match. As the riders came to the gate for the final heat, Devils were 4 in front, but, a brilliant 5-1 from Moston and Pennington gave Tudors another match point. This was the Tudors second drawn match of the season.

Kestrels have had three matches and won the lot, to give them 4th. position in the League Table. This turn of speed from Kestrels puts them in the satisfactory position of knowing that the League Championship might still be theirs.

"Strong men" of the League, Ladybarn Kingpins, even though giving a far better display than at the beginning of the season, still have very little to show for their trouble. Their rider, Pete Reidle, scored 13 points when the team visited Longsight, by far the best performance of any Kingpin so far. Even against a weakened Tudors they still were well behind, and a good performance from Tudors' new boy, Mike Spray, helped the Carrs Wood score to rocket.

Both Offerton & Blackley, who began with much promise, seem to have lost their winning ways. Devils have scored 1 point in their last three matches, whilst Blackley have lost their last 4.

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W I T H
F. ASHTONHURST.

The team who keep plodding on, are Longsight Pegasus, and, even though at the wrong end of the Table, they still take their riding seriously, and could shock one of the big teams soon.

Other main event of the fortnight was the final qualifying rounds of the Lancashire Individual Championship. In the three rounds, the qualifiers from each compete in the Final at Carrs Wood on Sunday 1st. July.

Latest acceptance for the Manchester Grand Prix is Rob Cooper of Leicester.

The Cheshire Individual Final will be held at Wilmslow on Tuesday 3rd. July.

Pete Rollason (Wilmslow) has been selected as July Challenger for the Match Race Championship.

First of this season's Inter-City Test Matches is Manchester v Birmingham, to be ridden over 16 heats at the Belle Vue track on Saturday 30th. June.

LATEST LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	PLD	WON	LST	DRN	FOR	AGT	PTS
OPENSHAW MONARCHS	12	11	1	0	679	466	22
BELLE VUE COBRAS	11	10	1	0	650	400	20
CARRS WOOD TUDORS	10	6	2	2	538	414	14
CARRS WOOD KESTRELS	12	7	5	0	618	524	14
OFFERTON DEVILS	11	6	4	1	557	498	13
BLACKLEY FLYERS	12	4	7	1	528	620	9
LONGSIGHT PEGASUS	12	4	8	0	546	596	8
WILMSLOW HAMMERS	9	0	9	0	315	544	0
LADYBARN KINGPINS	11	0	11	0	340	709	0

It is with the greatest possible pleasure that we announce that the "Lancashire & Cheshire Cycle Speedway Bulletin" have accepted an invitation to join the "Gazette", "Express", & "Spotlight" as founder members of "The Association of Cycle Speedway Papers & Periodicals".

As many of our readers will be aware, the "Bulletin" is the oldest Cycle Speedway publication in existence.

RESULTS

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

TOOTING TIGERS 71 (.B.Baldwin 13,T.Davis 12,C.Elmer 11.)
WILDCATS 25 (S.Parker 5,D.Fairfoul 5.)

PIRATES 60 (D.Daniels 12,H.Wilgress 10.)
WILDCATS 36 (S.Parker 13,D.Fairfoul 7,A.Boyd 7.)

DEVILS 30½ (P.Bines.)
PIRATES 65½ (P.Jarman 14,D.Daniels 12.)

RANGERS 43 (B.Wood 10,P.Price 8.)
TOOTING TIGERS 53 (D.Cattle 12,R.Holvey 10.)

SAUNDERS TROPHY

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 63 (T.Frost 15,P.Andrews 14,T.Smith 14.)
BECKENHAM PIRATES 33 (P.Jarman 8,V.Burns 7.)

RAYNES PARK TIGERS WIN ON AGGREGATE 123-69.

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY - 2ND LEG - SEMI FINAL

THE WILDCATS 56 (S.Parker 15,A.Boyd 11.)

HUNTERS 40 (J.Pickett 9,T.King 8.)

WILDCATS WIN ON AGGREGATE 101-89.

DEVILS 48 (P.Bine 11,J.Clark 10.)

STARS 48 (F.Bedford 11,T.Craoknell 12.)

STARS WIN ON AGGREGATE 111-91.

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-LONDON SECTION-FINAL-1ST.LEG.

TOOTING TIGERS 49½ (D.Cattle 14,R.Holvey 11.)

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 46½ (T.Andrews 8,R.Chivers 7.)

HAMPSHIRE! - HAMPSHIRE! - WHEREFORE ART THOU HAMPSHIRE?!

TO ALL HAMPSHIRE TEAMS: Since my appointment to the position of Press Officer to the Control Board about eight weeks ago,I have to date received a list of results from the Secretary,which are given elsewhere,and information regarding the activities of one team from the team Secretary. From the remaining teams not a word!! If you don't know my address,it is 15,BONCHURCH ROAD,BASSETT GREEN,SOUTHAMPTON. If you do,why haven't you written?? Due to troubles of my own,I have not been able to see as many matches as I had hoped so far this season,but if you write to me,I will have your news published. J.A.LINDSAY.(P.O

Leicester Look

FROM
CHRIS LYMN.

Coalville Stars are through to the National Rounds of the National Team Championship after defeating Belgrave in both legs to win on aggregate 114-78. As is customary when these graet rivals meet, the matches were fast and furious, but the ultimate result was never in doubt. Everyone in the County wishes the Stars the best of luck in the competition, and hopes they can bring the 'Pot' back to Leicestershire.

Promising Belgrave rider Eric Winn has joined the Merchant Navy.

The date for Belgrave's visit to Peckham is Sat. June 30 and as a result, their match against Coventry at the Alvis track has been postponed to Sun. July 15th.

Syston Foxes have now aquired some riders from the city and were due to ride their first match last week, but it was washed out by heavy rain.

Terry Croft, the ex-Mowacre manager, is trying to reform the old Fleckney Flyers club.

Leicestershire's three entrants in the England trial match at Carrs Wood did not ride well enough to qualify for the Final Trial at Coventry.

Work has started on the Blaby Lions track. Could it mean the Lions re-entry into the Sport?

In the meantime, work continues on the Mountsorrel track and practice will start as soon as possible, with a view to arranging challenge matches later in the season.

A Leicestershire select side is being formed to ride against Coalville at the Stars' track on Sat. June 23rd. Riders who have consented to ride are:- Geoff Pickering, Barry Dent, Rob Cooper and Dave Brant (Belgrave), Barry Hill and Ted Smith (Kibworth), and Alan Cope (Aylestone).

The last two weeks league racing has produced no shocks and with only two more matches to be ridden at the time of writing, the League Table is unlikely to show much change.

Coalville's track record is taking quite a battering recently, and the latest holder is Star Pete Rawson with a time of 45 seconds.

Summer Cup racing commenced on June 11th., and the first results will be in the next issue.

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-WARWICKSHIRE-ROUND 2.

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 54 (J.Ward 13, Quick 10, Dockerill 9,
Evans 9.)

SUTTON STARS 42 (Bond 9, Hemus 9, Leasby 9.)

KINGSTANDING WON 110-82 ON AGGREGATE.

INTER-CITY MATCH

COVENTRY 44 (Gilbert 12, Swain 8.)

BIRMINGHAM 52 (Wilkinson 10, Edwards 9.)

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

HALL GREEN HURRICANES 24 (McMahon 7.)

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 66 (Evans 15, A. Rake 12, J. Ward 12,
Mills 10, Pattinson 10, H. Smith 7.)

LAMBETH ACES 39 (Bird 10, Marshman 9, Lane 8.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 56 (Edwards 15, Kean 11, D. Hill 7.)

ELMDON WASPS (Elmer 11, Hickman 8.)

BIRMINGHAM LIONS 49 (Goode 12, R. Taylor 10, G. Aston 9, Hawker
9, D. Hill 9.)

ALDRIDGE HAMMERS 66 (Heaton 11, Jackson 11, Ken Maxwell 10,
Poole 9, Ferneyhough 8, Holland 7.)

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

GEM PIRATES 33

SHIRLEY BOMBERS 47

CHANDLERS FORD STARS 63

BRANSORE 31

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 59

HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE

SHIRLEY BOMBERS 19

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS 10

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 10

BRANSORE BULLDOGS 12

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-HANTS SECTION-1ST.ROUND.

FLEET FALCONS 64

BRANSORE BULLDOGS 54

FLEET FALCONS WIN ON AGGREGATE 106-86.

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS 50

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 42

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS WIN ON AGGREGATE 104-88

CHANDLERS FORD STARS 63

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 49

GEM PIRATES 33

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS 65

SHIRLEY BOMBERS 36

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 11

BRANSORE BULLDOGS 14

SHIRLEY BOMBERS 19

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS 12

BRANSORE BULLDOGS 32

FLEET FALCONS 42

BURLEY BROADSIDERS 46

BITTERNE PARK VIKINGS 54

RESULTS

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

LANGLEY LEOPARDS 34 (R. Lester 2, G. Pearce 10, P. Clarke 3, J. Unsworth 11, G. Trewin 3, D. Kent 3, K. Taylor 0, J. Galbraith 2.)
HAREFIELD PIRATES 62 (A. James 7, P. Leckie 10, E. Collett 7, L. Carter 11, R. Seymour 6, D. Stonex 8, D. Thompson 9, B. Ansell 4.)

HAREFIELD PRIATES 62 (R. Seymour 12, P. Leckie 8, E. Collett 4, L. Carter 9, A. James 7, D. Stonex 11, D. Thompson 10, B. Ansell 1.)
HILLINGDON 34 (R. Twitchin 5, F. Tillyer 5, J. Jacobs, J. Rance 3, R. Parker 2, A. Coolman 9, F. Morgue 3, K. Bates 1.)

GREENFORD 60 (C. Brooks 11, J. Nairn 7, L. Benham 8, R. Gray 5, B. Whyte 12, B. Robinson 8, B. Newton 3, M. Porter 6.)
UXBRIDGE 36 (I. Dunford 10, A. Martino 0, B. Punter 9, J. Walland 3, R. Davies 5, P. Thomas 4, B. Fewell 5, R. Jennings 0.)

NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE TABLE UP TO JUNE 10TH.

TEAM	PLD	WON	DRN	LST	PTS
HAREFIELD	4	4	0	0	10
GREENFORD	2	2	0	0	4
HILLINGDON	4	2	0	2	4
LANGLEY	4	1	0	3	3
UXBRIDGE	5	0	0	5	0

N.W. MIDDLESEX MATCH RACE-1ST LEG.— D. Stonex 2, F. TILLYER 0.

WHIPPS X COMETS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP (1955 holder, D. Gray)
K. Taylor 14, M. Brown 13, S. Pipe 11, J. Brown 10, D. Gray 10, T. Bunce 10, E. Hemsley 9, T. Nastri 8, T. Sear 7, K. Mills 6, T. Howse 6, J. Woolnough 5, M. Taylor 3, B. Storie 3, S. Kingsnorth 3, S. Kain 0
WHIPPS X COMETS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP P. SOUTHGATE 9, T. PLATT 0
ORD 8.

READERS CLAIMING PRIZES FOR SPOTTING THE DELIBERATE MISTAKE IN ISSUE NO 11 ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

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EACH OF THE ABOVE WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THIS ISSUE.

THEIR COPIES OF ISSUE 11 WERE HEADED 'ISSUE NO 1, VOL NO 11.'

RESULTS

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP-HERTS SECTION-FINAL.

PECKHAM STARS 58 (Cable 8, Heard 4, Dryden 14, Mason 6, Atkinson 10, Braddon 6, Barnes 4, Leach 6.)

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 38 (Bell 8, Archie 4, Greenaway 4, Palmer Fraser 7, Bromley 6, Massey 4, Harknett 4.)

HERTF PECKHAM STARS WIN ON AGGREGATE 99-93

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE

LANGLEY LIONS 48 (Cull 8, Wheeler 3, Ovey 9, Woolard 7, Graves 16, Emmings 1, Ebers 3, Reeves 1.)

HODDESDON KANGAROOS 90 (C. Hitch 14, Hutchin 13, Skeggs 12, Zwager 6, Catley 15, Salmon 5, Jeffery 13, Hannington 12.)

EDMONTON SAINTS 70 (Cowell 10, Bowden 6, Westwood 12, Reading 14, Delaney 11, Sayer 4, Kilbey 7, Jackson 7.)

WHIPPS X COMETS 67 (Hemsley 12, Nastri 8, J. Brown 5, Pipe 7, Howse 8, Gray 14, Bunce 5, Kingsnorth 7.)

CHALLENGE MATCHES

EDMONTON SAINTS "A" 61 (Bowden 10, Jackson 5, Westwood 11, Reading 11, Delaney 9, Sayer 9, Kilbey 6, Taylor 3.)

KESGRAVE PANTHERS "A" 48 (Gorham 3, Self 4, Latter 13, Derrett 2, Porter 7, Chamberlain 11, Stokes 4, Beecroft 4.)

EDMONTON SAINTS "B" 46 (Sear 14, Pinnock 12, Isaacs 8, Porter 4, Wright 3, Oneal 2, Parsley 2, Hurst 0.)

KESGRAVE PANTHERS "B" (Hunting 15-Max, Rackhom 9, Fisher 7, Whitmore 6, Dams 4, Miller 4, Bennison 3, Hubbard 3.)

SOUTH ESSEX LEAGUE

WHIPPS X COMETS "B" 75 (K. Taylor 15, M. Brown 12, Hemsley 12, Woolnough 7, Mills 7, Storie 6, Kingsnorth 6, Sear 10.)

GLADIATORS 33 (Perham 8, Bull 8, Chambers 6, Grant 5, Robinson 2, Wells 2, Gibson 2, Waterman 0.)

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THE MELTON METEORS - SUFFOLK.

The club started in 1953, the work being done by the boys themselves. In their first season they rode only friendlies, and in 1954 they entered the league. Before this however, they had to leave their track, and after much deliberation, were allowed to make a new one on the Playing Field, where they now pride themselves on having one of the best tracks in Suffolk. In building this new track, they had no help financially or otherwise from their local council. They pay seven guineas a year rent. This is where their supporters come in. They give great help and have made it possible for the Meteors to achieve what they have.

Last season was their best to date. They were the runners-up in the Debden Area League, and reached the final of the Suffolk round of the National Team Championship, going out to the Ipswich Vampires.

Like so many other clubs, Melton have been hit heavily by National Service. To quote the words of their manager F. Benstead, "Don Friar, Tony Soames and Terry Milldown have gone, I. Ward has packed up, so that is four of our stars missing. But with some good keen youngsters, and with the leadership of our Capt. Mike Orford and "Snip Bridges", I think one or two of them will really surprise."

Only a few weeks back, Backhouse and Smith came down a terrific bang with one of the Copdock boys. No one was to blame, but the two Melton lads were taken to hospital. Both were discharged after a couple of days, with nothing worse than a nasty shaking and shock. Both are dead keen to get mobile again.

Such is the spirit of the Meteors, a team for whom no odds are too great. With such an atmosphere prevailing, they surely will succeed.

From facts supplied by F.E. BENSTEAD.