BIRMINGHAM

By Clive Deacon.

Mr. Fred Goodes great efforts to restart Birmingham Lions, the pioneering Club in these parts, were recently realized on June 11th when several of the "old" riders alone with a few novices; plus Ewie Edwards back from Leicester were visited in a League Match by the other South Birmingham Club, Elmdon Bees who won a very hard fought match 51½-43½. The cinder surface which was very slick suited Edwards 11pts and Ray Goode 11pts (Lions). A Bennett 10pts was on top form for Elmdon.

The match was not settled until heat 15 (Reserves Race) when C. Deacon) Bees) won from P. Birch (lions) with J. Etheridge (bees) 3rd; this 4-2 ensured certain victory for Elmdon.

Elmdon Bees at home to 1st division Sutton Stars were inspired by their successors The Lions, rode in very determined fashion to defeat their visitors 57-49, although they could make very little impression on Sutton's Harry Loasby, who scored a 15pt "max". John Elmer was top scorer for the "Bees" with 8 pts, well supported by D. Hickman 7, M. Rose 7, and C. Deacon 7.

Aston Boys' Club were the visitors to Damson Lane, Elmdon and in continuous rain on a track with the bottom bend more like a swamp they were sunk without trace. Elmdon opened with two 5-1's and a deciding factor was the way the "Locals" slid their bikes round the 1st bend in speedway style. The steward, M. Brady, (Aston) twice considered calling the match off, but to no effect did anyone agree with him. The final score being 66-30.

After the match the Aston Manager also suggested that Elmdon were too strong to ride as a second division side, in effect they should be made to ride in the 1st Division? Very sporting I must say!

Sutton Stars suprisingly crashed 35-61 away to Kingstanding "B" who mollowed a few Junior riders. Jim Bond 6, Ray Day 6, were the best for the "Stars".

Pattinson 12, Evans 11, J.Blakey 9, Kean 9, were the best point scorers for Kingstanding.

The big clash took place when Kingstanding "A" defeated the "B" team 56-39, Harrison and Mills 11 each were top scorers for the "A" while Gerry Kean the "International" was left to do the bulk of the scoring for the "B" team, with 11 pts.

When Aldridge Hammers visited Kingstanding "B" Team they too like Sutton found the local side carried too many "big guns" for

thom in the fom of J. Dockerill 15 pts, V. Halliwell 12, W. Evans 11 and Kean 11; although John Hoaton 7 pts tried to stem the tide he received little support, so the Hammers went down 62-33.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F	A.	P.
Elmdon Boos	3	3	0	0	174½	122½	6
Kingstanding "B"	3	2	1	0	162	124	4
Kingstanding "A"	1	1	0	0	56	39	2
Birmingham Lions	1	0	0	1	43½	51½	0
Sutton Stars	2	0	0	2	84	118	0
Aldoridge Hammers	1	0	0	1	33	62	0
Aston Boys' Club	1	0	0	1	30	66	0

RESULTS.

Birmingham Lions 43½ (Edwards 11 Goode 11)
Eldon Boos 51½ (Bonnett 10)
Kingstanding "A" 56 (Harrison 11, Mills 11)
Kingstanding "B" 39 (Kean 11)
Elmdon Boos 57 (Elmer 8, Hickman 7, Rose 7, Deacon 7)
Sutton Stars 49 (Loasby 15, Bond 10, Arnold 8)
Kingstanding "B" 62 (Dockervill 15 Halliwell 12 Evans 11 Kean11)
Aldridge Hammers 33 (Hoaton 7)
Elmdon Boos 66 (Elmer 14, Hickman 12, Morrall 11, Etheridge 8, N. Thompson 7, Deacon 7)
Aston Boys Club 30 (C. Martinow 8, Parton 8)
Kingstanding "B" 61 (Pattinson 12, Evans 11, J.Blakey 9, Kean 9 Dockerill 8, Ward 8)
Sutton Stars 35 (Bond 6, Day 6)

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Beckenham third.

Jarman and England International Ron Holvey of Tooting Tigers had to run off for third position. Holvey won the toss and chose inside. For the first lap it was Holvey on the inside with Jarman trying to beat him round the outside but on the back straight of the second lap Jarman shot inside with a great burst of speed and held on to win a great race.

Roy Baker of Raynes Park Tigers has won the Southern Premier N.A.C.S.A. individual round and joins last years winner Bryan Wood in the final.

ROGER SEYMOUR'S MIDDX REVIEW

JULY 28th. Wembley visited Langley, and with 5 riders, pulled off a good win by 63-47. Geoff Pearce rode well for the Leopards to score 11. For Wembley, Laurie Pardoe hit his best form so far this season, and won his 4 races, with good support from Alec and Roy Fraser, with 14 each.
Wembley now top the League. Hendon were at home to Ruislip, and with Alan Cowland on holiday, were no match for a lively Ruislip team, and went down by 35-76. Best for Hendon was Brian Devereux with 9; and for Ruislip, Malcolm Richards did the scorers with 18 pts, with good backing from Billy Whyte with an 11pt Max, Johnny Woods 15. Riding in his 1st match for nearly 2 years was Ex-Southall and Greenford rider, Colin Roper, he should soon be able to add some strength to Ruislip who have been short of riders for some matches. Newcomers to the League Bushey Aces who were at home to Haddesdon. The Herts lads were too strong though, and had their 1st win in the League; score being 30- 80. Bill Gadsby and Eric Wells topped the Bushey scorers with 7 each. For Haddesdon Clive Hitch scored a good 20 pt maximum with good support from Alan Catley 12.
In the secondround of Middlesex K.O. Cup, Harefield Pirates were away to whipps Cross Comets "B", the visitors soon settled down, and with some good team riding held a commanding lead over their younger opponents; the result being 30-66. For Whipps Cross, Terry Platford rode very hard for only 6 pts, but was worth more; he's a good 'un and should be all the better by next season. For Harefield, Lenny Richards won his 5 rides without any effort, with good support from Pete Leckie, Dave Stonex and Roger Seymour, who were unbeaten by an opponent. - So, Harefield go to the Semi Finals.
Another 2nd round match was between Wembley and Walthamstow. The 1st leg was a very even match, and after 16 exciting heats, Walthamstow managed to win by 4 pts. 46-50, well supported by Roy Fraser with 10, and Keith Bristowe and Roger Dewhirst with 9 each. And for the Wolves Johnny Mornis rode well for 11 pts, and Pete Fraser 10. In the returns match the following night, resulted in a clear cut win for the Wolves by 57-38. aggregate. Wolves 107, All Stars 84. Tolworth she sould have ridden Weston, were unable to field a team, and gave We ston the points.
On Sunday 5th August The Middlesex A and B Test Teams were at home to Essex A and B on the Hayes track. Middlesex Manager Mr. Merner, had to make some hurried changes to the A Team, as Johnny Dryden has had to stop riding for a while, for health

reasons, and Rog Fraser didn't turn up. In the opening heat Essex were away to a 5-0 start, and were 3 pts up by heat 8. Middlesex pulled back in the next race and were one point behind and at heat 13, took the lead for the 1st time. 39-37. Essex drew level in heat 16 and took the lead again in the next race with a 5-1 and got two more in the closing heats to win by 65-52. Heat 13, was the turning point, Dixie Dean was racing for the bend with Roy Milano both trying to get near to the bend, and it ended in a nasty crash, with Dixie biting the dust. Milano was disqualified, and the race re-run. Dixie won it, but that was to be his last race as he was in great pain and it was thought that his collar bone was broken so an ambulance was called for Dixie. I am told also he had concussion and bruised kidneys. We don't know how long he will be out for but we hope it won't be long. The B match resulted in an easy win for Essex over a somewhat depleted side, 73-47.

On Monday (August) the 1st round of the Best Pairs took place. At Bushey it was local pair Bill Gadsby and Frank Males who finished joint winners, with Harefields pair, Pete Leckie and Dave Stonex, with 20 pts. Third were Brian Betts and Berny Cable 19½. At Harefield it was Hendon's top pair of Alan Copland and Brian Devereaux who won the round with 18 pts. Close behind were the Ruislip Pair Johhny Woods and Ian Dunford with 17 pts. Third were Colin Brabent and Alan Lusted with 12 pts from Bushey.

RESULTS.

K.O. Cup. 2nd Round. Whipps Cross B. 30, T. Platford 6, Harefield 66, L. Richards 15. P. Leckie 11, Dave Stonex 11, P. Seymour 9, J. Barrett 9.

Wembley 46. D. Dean 12, R. Frazer 10, R. Dewhirst 9, K. Bristow 8,

Walthamstow 50. J. Morris 11, P. Frazer 10, M.Bell 8,

Wolves 57. J. Morris 15, M. Bell 13, E. Palmer 9, T. Greenway 9,

Wembley 88. D. Dean 9, N. Hunter 8, L. Pardo 7, R. Frazer 7.

LEAGUE. Hendon 35. B. Devereaux9, G. Wallis 6, T. Wallis 6,

Ruislip 76. M. Richards 18, By Whyte 16, J. Woods 15, B.Robinson 10, B. Punter 9.

Bushey 30. B. Gadsby 7, E. Wells 7.

Hoddesdon 80. C. Hitch 20, H. Catley 12, V. White 12, D. Hutchin 9, D. Hannington 9, T. Kilby 8, D. Ellis 7.

Middlesex A. 52. B. Punter 11, D. Dean 9, B. Whyte 9, P. Leckie 7.

Essex A. 65. T. Greenaway 12, J. Morris 11, T. Walker 9, R. Gibbons 8, S. Tomlyn 8.

Middlesex B. 47. B. Betts 9, B. Cable 8, D. Thomson 7, M. Richards 7

Essex B. 73. B. Anthony 14, P. Bromley 13, G. Priest 11, D. Withe-ors 10.

On Monday 12th Aug, despite heavy rain, which caused floods in many areas, the Bushey Aces mud track was quite ridable. This was due partly to the fact that being on a slope most of the water drains right off the track, and partly due to the hard work put in by some of the rider before the match.

Bushey gained their first league points at the expense of Hendon Stars, who could only field 6 riders. Only Hendon riders to master the conditions were T.Frear & Deveraux with 13 & 11 each. Particulary impressive though was new-comer R.Summonds, riding in only his 2nd match, scoring 8 pnts. Summonds is another of Don Simmonds "finds" others being N.Hunter, A.Cowland, B.Deveraux and R.Humphries.

Bushey captain Frank Males hit top form scoring a brilliant maximum. Cliff Wise, one of the old Bushey stars, pushed into the team at short notice, was unfortunate to fall in his first ride, and was wrongly excluded in his second, but made no mistake in his last two winning rides, then both.

Bushey Aces.	60.	Males 20, Gadsby 12, Wells 8, Wise 7, Brabant 5, Gillett 5, Jefkin 3, Bodman 0.
Hendon Stars.	49.	Frear 13, Deveraux 11, Summonds 8, O'Grady 7, Cowland 6, Wallis 4.

Bushey Aces	36.	Gadsby 16, Males 7½ Brabant 4½ Cornell 3.
Harefield	76.	Leckie 16, Barret 12, Richards & King 10, Seymour 8.

Weston Stars	75.	Harvey 20, Webb 16, Cathcart 15, Humphrey 9, Betts 12.
Bushey Aces	37.	Gadsby 9, Males 7, Wells 6, Brabent & Lipscomb 4.

The following riders will represent Middx in their test matches V Birmingham (home) and Sussex(away).

A Team.	B Team.
J.Dryden (Weston Stars)	L.Richards (Harefield)
B.Whyte (Sth Ruislip)	D.Thompson (Harefield)
B.Punter (Sth Ruislip)	J.Barrett (Harefield)
B.Robinson (Sth Ruislip)	J.Unsworth (Langley)
D.Dean (Wembley)	B.Betts (Weston Stars)
N.Hunter (Wembley)	M.Richards (Sth Ruislip)
P.Leckie (Harefield)	B.Deveraux (Hendon)
D.Stonex (Harefield)	

Reserves. J.Woods (Sth Ruislip) D.Jenkins (Weston) G.Wallis (Hendon)

Ron Hallet, has been transferd from Hendon Stars to Bushey Aces.

SOUTHERN PREMIER

By. J. Richardson.

The South London Laurels.

The competition was won by Terry King (South London Rangers) who was closely followed by Martin Willgress (Beckenham) and Rob Coleman (South London Hunters.

Early on, it appeared that either Eric Bean (Thornton Heath) or Willgress would carry off the title, but first Bean then Willgress faded, and the field was wide open. After four rides each Willgress had 11 pts T. King 10 and A. Merritt 9.

When Coleman won the seventeenth heat he had assured himself of at least third placing in the competition but at this stage Merritt who failed to score in his last outing was out of the hunt. Eric Bean's hopes were dashed in heat 18 when he was excluded for touching the tapes.

The vital heat proved to be heat 19 when Mike Smith of Ditton won with Willgress coming in last. This meant Terry King had to win the last race to win the Laurels and when Sabourne of Ditton was excluded for touching the tapes his task was much easier. King had no trouble in beating the other two riders. Willgress and Coleman had to run off for the second and third places. A great tussle was expected but Coleman was unlucky to slip on the first bend and Willgress had an easy win.

Final Placings.

1st. T. King (South London Rangers) 13
2nd. M. Willgress (Beckenham) 11
3rd. R. Coleman (South London Hunters) 11

Other Scorers. M. Smith (Ditton) 10, R. Sotoris (South London Rangers) 10, J. Whittaker (Rangers) 9, P. Milton (Rangers) 8½, E. Bean (Thornton Heath) 8, R. Freeman (Beckenham) 6, M. Pullen (Hunters) 6, D. Mountenay (Beckenham) 4, B. King (Hunters) 4, S. Sabourne (Ditton 3½, G. Butler (Thornton Heath) 3.

Southern Area Open Individual Championships.

This meeting organised by the South London Club proved to be highly successful and was a credit to all concerned. The racing was of a very high standard throughought with 16 leading riders in the Southern Premier giving the large crowd plenty to shout about.

The Championship was won by England International Dave Chivers of Raynes Park Tigers who went through unbeaten to score 15 pts with Bryan Wood England International Champion second and Pete Jarman of

ESSEX BY RON BULL

Flyfield Falcons are no more... this club, which over the last few seasons have built for themselves a record and reputztion for clean and sporting racing have disbanded due to lack of riders. This was decided at a recent meeting. Already riders are going to other teams. International rider Alan Wood, along with Ron and Norman Sutton have plumped for The Gladiators. For Ron, it is renewing his association with the Club, started in '54 and '55. Riders yet to move are Fred Prior, John Blatch, Gerald Spooner and Reg Boxall.

Dave Stevens, South Essex Chairman has had to resign his position on the Board due to Gastritis. He will continue to run Thundersley, although Tony Fryer takes over as Team Manager and Peter Bambury as Secretary,

Cycle Speedway Argus will continue to be published by Dave but edited by Ted Sear, for the next few months.

Longbridge Leopards , following their letter of complaint against the officiating Steward at their Inter-County Tie, held at Hayes recently, directed to the N.A.C.S. Association, anxiously await the outcome. They are confident, that they can win, should a replay take place. Ron Gibbons, excluded at the gate in the very first heat for moving, said that he can now keep still, but promptly got excluded on Sunday, in his last ride.

Stocky Jim Morris, tousled-haired bomb of the Walthamstow Wolves made a name for himself when winning the 1957 Essex Individual Riders Championship Final, at Shelley, Ongar. With 13 points, he just beat last year's champion, Sid Tollyn, of the Longbridge set-up.

Brian Anthony, of The Gladiators, made history in a purely personal way on Sunday, when he collected his first ever match maximum, helping his team to beat Rayleigh Pirates. He very nearly repeated it at Hawbush three hours later, when he recorded 17 from six rides, losing only to Dave Stitchman, of East Ham, in a real humdinger. This was a disastrous match for Alf Cox, of Hawbush. Unbeaten on this circuit for seven months, Alf admitted defeat to the flying Anthony three times.

Bob Pike is again in the news. This revolutionary of Essex Cycle Speedway is forever coming up with something new. His latest idea is a 12 heat match run between two teams of three pairs. After the mid-way mark, Team Managers may shuffle their riders as they think fit.

Scoring takes place as a 5-0 when 1st and 2nd is granted, or 1-0 when only a 1st. Personal points do not count. This was recently tried out at Hawbush.

The new South Essex Junior League opened recently and is now in full swing. Favourites are Whipps Cross Comets "C", Walthamstow Diamonds, and Thundersley Vultures. The Crusaders, after having their first match with only three riders, have to settle on six of a bunch that is constantly increasing. They include Dave Green, Tony Steer, Alf Milham, Stan Lucking, Colin Bradbrook, Colin Harris and Peter Agland.

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.
ESSEX FINAL.

1st... Jim Morris (Walthamstow Wolves .. 13, 2nd ... Sid Tarlyn (Longbridge Leopards)..12, 3rd .. Peter Frazer (Walthamstow).. 12, Alan Risley (Longbridge) ..10, Peter Bromley (Walthamstow) ..10, Alan Wood (Fyfield Falcons)..10, Ron Gibbons (Longbridge) ..9, Stan Stevens (Longbridge) 9, Roy Milano (Longbridge)..8, Dave Withers (Rayleigh Rickets)..7, Terry Greenaway (Walthamstow)..5, Roy Archie (walthamstow) ..4, Ken Taylor (Longbridge)..3, Nobby Watson (Barling Brigands)..1, Terry Woolner (Barling) ..1, Roy Griggins (Rayleigh Rockets)..1.
S. McGillivray (Gladiators) and G. Priest (Southend Lions) were both unable to ride due to work, places taken by reserves.

In the other Southern Area Quarter Finals of the National Team Championship at the Fleet Track in Hampshire, Drayton Vampires defeated Hoddesdon Kangeroos by 38½ - 56½.

Hoddesdon, who have only had one or two matches this season and have not yet settled down, found the going too heavy for them.

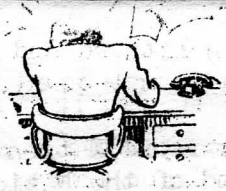
SCORERS.

Hoddesdon Kangeroos 38½.

Hitch 10, Hutchin 3, Kilby 4, Hannington 8, Catley 5, Skoggs 0, Sheriden 4, White 4½.

Drayton Vampires 56½.

Tidmarsh 14, Thomas 4, McMinn 11, Yeats 4, Rusher 13, sellers 4, yeats 4, Buckingham 2½.



THE EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION

It's a pity that Essex's fine Test victory over Middlesex was marred by filthy riding by one of their team. In heat 13 in the race for the bend, Milano barged Dean off his bike, this was the third time that he had used questionable tactics, and the steward disqualified him from the rest of the meeting. Dean won the re-run, but afterwards collapsed and was taken to hospital with a dislocated shoulder and bruised kidneys. Milano's comment was "I'm out for the rest of the meeting, now so is Dean". After this incident, the majority of the spectators "melted away" I dont suppose they took a very good opinion of the sport with them either.

While on the subject of Test matches, Middlesex seem to be going in for them in a big way, with home & away matches for A & B sides, against Birmingham, Essex, Leicester, Sussex and possibly Manchester. This is all very well for the riders selected to represent their County, but what of the remainder. Teams like Hoddesdon or Bushey whose riders do not take part in tests, can always arrange challenge matches, although they would undoubtably prefer to catch up on their league matches. Riders from teams that supply test riders or official are not so fortunate, true they could always go along and watch to cheer their team mates on, but when test matches take place on 5 consecutive weeks as they do at present, the novelty wears a bit thin. In mid summer this did not matter so much, as mid-week racing could take place, but now that the evenings are beginning to draw in, this is not possible for some teams. So now not only are the majority of clubs getting behind with their league fixtures but far worse about half of the riders in N.W.Middx will go 5 weeks without any organized racing at all.

For all individual or best pairs events this year, most riders have either, turned up at the wrong track, not turned up at all, or arrived about 1 hour late. The practice of allowing ½hour grace has been so abused, (the Weston Stars round started 2 hours late) that at last something is being done about it. As an experiment both rounds of the Best-Pairs semi-final on Sunday 25th August will be held on the same track (Uxbridge) Riders are being told to be present at 2.0pm. Racing will start at 2.30 sharp, any pair (or part of pair) not there at that time will be replaced by reserves. This should also suit riders who do not like going to an away track when their mate is drawn at home.

EXTRACTS FROM THE

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE BULLETIN

LANCASHIRE V CHESHIRE inter County round, National Team Championship.

In the first inter county round of the National Team Champ'ship, Carrs Wood and Belle Vue were drawn against each other. To save travelling both teams agreed to ride on the Longsight track. In the past when Hunters & Cobras have clashed, much ink has been used about bad sportmanship and the like, but this match was different, because both teams rode themselves to a standstill, and steward Mr Ashtonhurst did not even have to warn any rider, let alone exclude anyone.

The result of this hard and fairly fought match was 48 all, so the much critiscised regulation regarding a match race to decide the winning team had to be brought into operation. Most unfortunate for Belle Vue, who are an all round team, whilst Carrs Wood have several stars. So the teams had to leave McGee and Moston to decide their fate. The Belle Vue rider won the toss, but he could only hold Moston for half a lap. The second race with Moston on the inside was just a formality, McGee put everything into it, but just could not catch up.

Carrs Wood 48. B.Moston 11, P.Timberlake 10, N.Collier 9, D.Hiorns 8.

Belle Vue. 48. D.McGee 10, C.Nanfan 10, K.Graham 9, Edwards & Scales 6.

Cheshire Ind. Final. If you have seen any of the National Finals then you are certain to have seen Brian Moston competing, because he has ridden in them all since they were inaugrated in 1950. He was there with Charlton Aces in 1950-1 and with Carrs Wood in 1954-5. He has ridden in four individual finals 1951-2-5-6 as the Lancashire champ He will be there again this year with a new title, Cheshire Champion. This Title he achieved by scoring a 15 point maximum, in the final at Carrs Wood on Thursday evening July 4th.

Lancashire Ind. Final. held at Carrs Wood, provided a new name for the title, Longsight rider, Derek Togg. A convincing win it was too, with a maximum 15 points, his nearest rival (McGee) had 11, so winning his last race was a mere formality.

Junior Ind Championship. If this is junior individual racing then lets have more of it. The track unfortunatly wasn't very helpful, due to the dry weather the slickness of the surface caused quite a number of falls. As the event was run as a joint Lancashire & Cheshire final the top scorers from each county were declared respective champs After 20 heats and a run off it was Belle Vues's Terry Scales and Wilmslows Philip Moore who took the honours.

Manchester Grand Prix.

1. N.Collier(Ches) 14, 2.B.Moston(Ches) 12, 3.D.Togg(Lancs) 12.

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TOP. The start of a heat, during the Sussex V North London Test match at Hellingly. Riders from left to right are:-
B. Smith (Hellingly Lions) J. Pinnock (Finchley Sabres) D. Cox (H. Lions) and C, Road (Warwick Lions)

Botton. This action shot shows home riders Roger Seymour (inside) and Bill Fewell leading Reg Lester (Langley Leopards) Photo taken at Harefield Pirates track.

LEICESTER

Our Leicester reporter Chris Lynn is at present on holiday and his articles will be resumed in the next issue. He did however write to say that there has been no organised racing in Leicester for the last four weeks, due to extensive work being carried out on the Counties one remaining track.

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