# SUSSEX

Out of the six riders present at the first meeting of the Brighton Scorchers, no fewer than four of them were ex-Fisher gate Flyers. It is hoped that two or three others can be persuaded into our ranks.

Of the old favourites, Pat Paterson and young Roger Brazier seem likely to form the nucleus of our team with 'Darodevil' Dan Nicholls, 'Jako' Paterson and myself in support.

Youngsters Laurie Etheridge and Brian Gregory will be fighting for a place, and if Derek Banks, another ex-Flyer can be re-signed he will also add strength to our team.

WORTHING CLUB TO OPEN

In nearby Worthing, a group of about 20 youngsters, all with 'track irons' are seriously considering forming a club. We hope that we can encourage them in their efforts and envisage many stirling tussles between the Scorchers and the Eagles.

Anyone wishing to contact us should write to secretary B.Makepeace, 5, Freshbrook Road, Lancing, Sussex.

"BO-BO"

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# LEICESTER

My apologies to Dave Brant for an apparent misunderstanding during a recent conversation.

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I agree most wholeheartedly with "Argus's" article on juniors He has pointed out the way to salvation, if we can but follow it.

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A recent conversation brought to mind some of the now almost forgotten circuits around the county. Very few now will recall Nowbold Verdon, the home of Verdon Vultures. The track was surfaced with large clinker, about the size of a golf ball, and on the back straight the tufts of grass were more prominent than the clinker in places high enough to hide the bricks that marked the edges of the circuit. One rider did not realise that he was off the track until he found himself passing behind a group of spectators ! Another strange track was that of Glen Hill Dragons. By modern standards it would be regarded as wide enough for two only, and as it ran around several tree stumps, the penalty for leaving the track was certainly more than exclusions.

ROY WRIGHT.

# FREE FOR ALL

## YOUR LETTERS

FROM : 2787232 S.A.C. Cobain J. RAF Buchan, Aberdeenshire.

Dear Sir,

I read with some considerable surprise in one of your recent issues that I was to take part in the NACSA Championships. This was the first intimation I had of this and have no idea where your reporter got his information.

I have been out of touch with my association recently and naturally they were rather annoyed at me accepting an invitation to ride in a meeting without first obtaining permission.

Of course I received no invitation, official or otherwise, but on Sunday when I went to a meeting there was a lot of explain-ing to do.

Barry Shapley has been rather irresponsible with his articles and I would respectfully suggest that in future anything he writes about Scotland should be thoroughly checked as his information is liable to be incorrect and misleading. He is not in contact with our Control Board, therefore it cannonly be assumed that his facts were concocted in his own mind, and I am sure you don't wish to print false information in your magazine.

In closing may I thank you for your otherwise excellent magazine and wish you every success in your efforts to keep cycle speedway to the fore in Great Britain.

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EDITOR : I received, too late unfortunately to be able to print, a letter from the Glasgow Association on this matter the day after the Finals stating that they know nothing about Jim Cobain riding in that event, and they were understandably quite annoyed, but as he did not take part, I felt that there was nothing to complain of. However, I hope that Jim will accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused him through the publication of Mr. Shapley's article.

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FROM : R.V.GIBBONS Upperton Road, Plaistow, E.13

Dear Sir,

I have just read with disgust Ron Bull's moan at the South Essex Control Board. Re Gazette 150, Ron stated that the Board decided not to make a ruling, yet Ron received at least five copies of the Board's news sheet which began as follows : As a result of a complaint arising from one of our league matches a short while ago, the following rule has been formulated and made a rule of this Control Board : "Team Managers must inform

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the steward at least 10 minutes before the commencement of a meeting of their team's riders, in riding order, and may not make any alteration to this list at any time thereafter.

Ron Bull has always worked very hard for cycle speedway in Essex, I hope he doesn't go and spoil it with any more of these articles.

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EDITOR : In Ron's defence, I must say that his article on this matter was in my hands awaiting space before any decision was made by the South Essex Control Board.

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READERS LETTERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED. Why not write to "FREE FOR ALL" yourself ? After all - it is !

# TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS

Big smile on the face of Tottenham's Clive Hill after the North London Independent League match Tottenham v Edmonton, had been won by Tottenham 63½-44½, was because after four months of bad luck with chains breaking, wheels buckling, crashes and exclusions, he seems to have lost the gremlin perched on his shoulder. Clive's 6 out of 9 points was a treat to watch.

Rumours from Tottenahm seem to show that the North London league winners have trouble. Brian Travis will have to concentrate more on his studies next year, while Mike Smith, with a new motor cycle doesn't know whether he wants to ride or not. "Remember Mike, three of your team mates have motor cycles but they are still riding."

On the brighter side however, is the news that last winter's junior signings Ted Saunders and Johnny Thick are going great guns.

# MANCHESTER MIRROR

With the North West Middlesex Test Team failing to put in an appearance, a Best Pairs match was arranged. Winners were N.Collier (9) and D.McGee (10) - 19 pts. Second : K.Graham (11) and A.Bailey (7) - 18 pts. Although D.Togg scored a max. his partner, Longsight junior G.Lock could only manage 2. They finished third with 17 points.

Manchester became the first Test side to win a match in Birmingham when they won the return against the Brummies 63-56. C.Nanfan realised an ambition, riding as tactical reserve, he became the first Londoner to ride for Manchester.

This weekend we have our first Trophy Final when Blackley entertain Wilmslow in the first leg of the Handicap Trophy.

J.D.MOTTERSHEAD.

# RESULTS

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 53 T.Bunce 13, D.Gray 10, M.Taylor 10, E.Hemsley 8, J.Brown 6, T.Howse 3, S.Pipe 2, S.Kingsnorth 1.
WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 43 P.Bromley 10, T.Greenaway 10, P. Fraser 10, R.Archie 6, C.Booth 3, E.Palmer 2, M.Bell 2.

WALTHAMSTOW WOLVES 51 R.Archie 15, P.Fraserv13, T.Greenaway 8, P.Bromley 6, M.Bell 5, E.Palmer 2, C.Booth 2, K.Lewis 0.
WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 45 D.Gray 8, T.Bunce 8, E.Hemsley 6, M.Taylor 6, S.Kingsnorth 6, T.Howse 5, J.Brown 4, S.Pipe 2.

ELMDON BEES JUNIORS "A" 32 D.Morrall 11, E.Capewell 9, T. Morris 6, D.Cooper 3, B.Morris 2, V.Cooper 1.
ELMDON BEES JUNIORS "B" 45 C.Bennett 11, T.Baker 9, T. Morrall 9, C.Little 8, J.Clarke 4, G.Pedrick 4.

HUNGERFORD PANTHERS 36 J.North 8, A.Barrett 8, K.Worlock 7, M.Cooper 6, T.Usher 4, P.North 1, A.Stacey 1, A.Cox 1.
DRAYTON VAMPIRES 60 F.Tidmarsh 15, K.McMinn 11, B.Shapley 9, D.Hooper 7, D.Rusher 6, T.Yeates 6, E.Buckingham 4, P.Fisher 2

HILLSIDE HURRICANES 58 J.Newberry 11, J.Simpson 10, J.Pickering 10, C.Evans 9, D.Bird 8, M.Halford 6, C.Lymn 4.
AYLESTONE ACES 37 B.Dent 13, A.Cope 7, H.Glover 7, F.Farmer 5 Stevenson 3, V.Harman 2, W.Hull 0.

COVENTRY TEAM 51 M.Wale 14, T.Long 11, B.Bailey 6, B.Higgins 5, R.Lewis 5, F.Spence 4, B.Moore 3, B.Colley 3.
AYLESTONE ACES 45 J.Pickering 12, M.Cousens 8, B.Naylor 7, D.Udall 4, P.Clark 4, F.Halford 4, A.Cope 3, F.Farmer 3.

KINGSTANDING MONARCHS 58 J.Dockerill 15, V.Halliwell 11, J. Blakey 9, I.Pattinson 6.
ELMDON BEES 48 J.Elmer 9, D.Hickman 9, J.Etheridge 6, M. Morrall 4, C.Deacon 4.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 36 M.Taylor 12, J.Woolnough 7, D.Storie 4, T.Platford 4, V.Copping 3, I.Stewart 3, I.Pryke 2, M. Scott 1.
HAWBUSH HAMMERS 71 B.Waterson 12, F.South 11, A.Cox 10, L. Gibbons 10, A.Warren 8, P.Chubb 8, R.Johnson 7.

# DEVON DIARY

A meeting has been held under the auspices of the Shaldon Kestrels and the newly formed Newton Abbot Stars, and Torquay Pirates C.S.C.

When a decision was reached to bring once again the Teign & District League into active existence for 1958 season after a lapse of one season, the opinion was expressed unanimously by those present that in view of the interest which has been maintained, and hard work to hold the flag of the sport in Devon during the past season, every effort should be made to again place the sport upon a firm footing.

It was known that many lads keenly desirous that a regular programme of events should be arranged, and those present at the meeting felt that this applies equally in other parts of the surrounding area previously covered by this league. After a full discussion the following officers were elected.

Chairman : R.Vaulter. Hon. Secretary : J.Ball. Treasurer : S.Taylor, Committee ; Above and G.Luxton, A.Mitchell, and one position remains vacant.

Ron Vaulter stated after being elected that he hoped that as from now the sport will grow very fast, and he expressed the wish that if it were at all possible he would like to see this league affiliated to NACSA.

He expressed thanks to those who had come forward to help our youth, and to give them every help possible after a season which sometimes looked as though cycle speedway would be gone forever in Devon. It was then arranged to hold a meeting each month.

# GLASGOW GOSSIP

At present, both the Knightswood and Craigton tracks are under re-construction, with keen competition between the respective managers as to which track will be the scene of the 1958 Scotland - England International.

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Congratulations to Willie Wilson of Knightswood, who was engaged lately, and also to our individual starter and former Craigton and Pollock starBob Devine, who was married on October 5th. Best of luck to both couples.

DICK BARRIE.

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READERS LETTERS ARE ALWAYS QELCOMED. WHY NOT WRITE TO "FREE FOR ALL" TODAY ? WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT CYCLE SPEEDWAY.

# NOT FALSE SAYS LYMN

I see my article revealing the true set-up in Leicestershire has prompted a reply from Mr.Wright. He accuses me of 'palpable falsehoods' and proceeds to name but one, which concerns the County Junior Championship.

This event, due to the lack of registered junior riders in Leicester was intergrated with the Fred White Shield, an all-comers event. In other words, the highest scoring junior rider would be Leicester's Junior Champion and represent the county in the National Finals. Sixteen riders entered for the Shield, six from Aylestone and Coalville, and four from Belgrave. Of these, 13 were 18 or over, and 6 were in their 20's ! This left three juniors - Simpson (Coalville) who eventually won, Glover (Belgrave) and Udall (Aylestone), who if I remember rightly, was accepted on the track just before the start. Where on earth Mr.Wright gets six juniors, four of whom ride for his club, baffles me.

Jeering at my skill as a rider (which I admit is limited), sliding round the main issue by claiming he hasn't space to reply and introducing irrelevant subjects such as the England Trials, Association funds etc, are all old tricks used by writers to cloud the issue and sway opinions in their favour.

Also your reporter accuses me of 80% falsehood. Talking of this he writes in issue 150 "Secretary Dave Brant informs me that Belgrave Red Devils have now aquired a second team". I showed this to Dave, and he assured me it was complete fiction. Believe me, I have enough targets already to shoot at without inventing any.

Mr.Wright says that finance is a sordid subject. On the contrary, finance is the backbone of any club. No matter how much enthusiasm or organisation a club has, if it has no funds it will collapse.

I did not day it was inevitable for a strong team to place the N.T.C. BEFORE ALL ELSE. I said that Coalville Stars had, not unnaturally, placed a great deal of importance on the competition. As for the sport existing before my arrival on the scene, I am aware of this fact. I believe kids used to race round bricks on bomb sites didn't they ? Cycle Speedway has come a long way since then. It's ampity that one of it's founders in this city is still living in those disorganisod days.

To conclude, despite my 'many blunders', I am secretary of our Association, secretary of my club, and reporter for a rival magazine which strangely enough sells five times more copies in

Leicester than the "GAZETTE". May I thank everyone for the congratulations for my article. May I also thank the editor for the space in his excellent magazine, which I think everyone in the sport ought to read.

CHRIS LYMN.

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EDITOR : Both Mr.Wright and Mr.Lymn have by now just about gone as far into this issue as readers will want to know about. Anything more that could be said by either will have degenerated into a personal matter between them, and as they have both had two articles on the subject of who is right and who is wrong about the state of affairs in Leicestershire, I think that is about enough. Both sides have been presented exactly as they reached me, and if readers in other parts of the country have been sufficiently interested, it will suffice that they reach their own conclusions.

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# NORTH LONDON TO JOIN NACSA ?

Vic Cowell tells me (writes Mick Boddy) that in the very near future he will be travelling down to Southampton for a meeting with Mr.Bennett, Secretary of the National Association.

Could it be that the North London League will be linked back with NACSA for the 1958 season ? Or is he going down to discuss Anglo-Dutch relations for 1958 ?

My guess is that it is in regard with the latter. Nothing definate could I find out, but watch the "GAZETTE" for further developments.

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# ELMDON BEES

During the winter, Elmdon Bees are to concentrate on building up a good junior team and possibly a second team worthy of entry into the Birmingham League.

Several riders who have had experience with the old Elmdon Wasps have been persuaded to return to the saddle and these should provide the background necessary.

The club is at present awaiting permission to construct a new track and dances are being held during the winter to provide the cash to make a first class track.

NOEL THOMPSON.

# SUFFOLK SCENE

Going to the Kesgrave track the other evening with my riders, I was looking forward to enjoying watching a meeting (for a change) - the final of the Brett Best Pairs Competition.

As the time for the start of the match approached, the local manager looking very worried, strolled over and asked if I would steward. My hope of an easy evening faded, the appointed steward having failed to turn up.

The match turned out to be one of the finest that I have ever had the pleasure to steward, and the riding was without fault - not one exclusion all evening. The winners, for the record, were Redgrave and Bridger of Melton Meteors, who took maximum points from their first three rides and finished with 20 out of 25, being defeated only by Friar, also of Melton (a 3-3) and the Greyhound pairing of Ford and Keeble (a 4-2). Other scorers : Boar and Fellingham (Ipswich Pirates) 17, Scarlett and Robinson (Foxhall Pirates) 15, Hunting and Fisher (Kesgrave Panthers) 13, Ford and Keeble (Claydon Greyhounds)12, Friar and Orford (Melton Meteors) 12.

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The Bradbees Trophy Final (the trophy is 3ft.high) was ridden over two legs between Kesgrave and Claydon. In the first leg, Kesgrave gained a 10 point lead, mainly due to the County Champion, Hunting. In the second leg at Claydon, the Panthers quickly added 4 points and looked set for a good win, but Claydon's veterans, Lockwood and Morgan put the Greyhounds ahead for the first time in the two matches. Saunders, brought in because of the shortage of home riders due to 'flu, scored 13. He has been under doctors orders not to ride since early in the season. The final score was a 65-43 victory to the Greyhounds, and a win on aggregate 114-102. Martyn Page, Claydon No.7 in the first match is only 11 years old.

1st. Leg PANTHERS Rookyard, 14 Hunting 14, Gorham 10, Dorrett 8 Lee 4, Fisher 4, Payne 3, Porter 3. CLAYDON Lockwood 13, Ford 8, Wolton 7, Hiskey 6, Keeble 5, Morgan 5, Page 4, Garrod 1.

2nd. Leg. CLAYDON Saunders 13, Ford 12, Lockwood 12, Wolton 8, Keeble 7, Morgan 7, D.Lockwood 5, Scrivenek 1. PANTHERS Rookyard 11, Dorrett 8, Porter 8, Fisher 7, Thorpe 4, Hunting 3, Gorham 2.

ROCKY MORGAN.

# RESULTS

EAST HAM STARS 42 N.Lillywhite 12, J.Barratt 9, A.Perfect 6,
THE GLADIATORS 65 A.Wood 12, N.Sutton 11, Anthony, McGillivray and Perham 9, L.Knight 8.

EAST HAM JUNIORS 32 J.Wright 10, L.Morgan 9.
THE CRUSADERS 16 D.Green 6, J.Stepney 5.

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# DUTCH INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Dutch Championship 1957 was held on the new track in Hilversum, Riebeeckweg Hilversum, the home of the 'Panthers'. Every rider took part in ten races.

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| 1. | Kees Koudijs | 3-3-3-3-3-1-3-3-3-3- | 28 | Age - 16 |
| 2. | B.Klomp | 3-3-3-2-3-3-2-2-3-3- | 27 | - 23 |
| 3. | J.Kriek | 2-1-2-3-3-2-1-3-2-3- | 22 | - 16 |
| 4. | H.Blankenstein | 3-0-3-1-2-3-3-3-0-3- | 21 | - 16 |
| 5. | K.Cloudt | 2-2-2-1-3-2-1-2-1-1- | 17 | - 15 |
| 6. | J.v.Meteren | 2-0-2-3-1-1-2-1-3-2- | 17 | - 15 |
| 7. | J.Bakker | 3-2-3-0-2-0-2-2-1-2- | 17 | - 16 |
| 8. | J.Kats | 1-1-2-2-1-2-0-3-2-2- | 16 | - 15 |
| 9. | N.Kriek | 1-3-1-2-2-1-0-1-2-1- | 14 | - 16 |
| 10. | T.Leeuwenberg | 0-2-0-3-2-3-0-1-0-2- | 13 | - 15 |
| 11. | J.Langhout | 2-3-0-0-0-0-3-0-3-0- | 11 | - 17 |
| 12. | v.Waveren | 1-0-1-0-1-3-2-0-1-1- | 10 | - 15 |
| 13. | v.d.Heuvel | 0-1-0-1-0-1-0-3-1-0- | 7 | - 15 |
| 14. | S.v.Meteren | 0-0-0-2-0-0-2-0-1-2- | 7 | - 19 |
| 15. | A.de Wit | 0-2-0-1-0-2-1-0-0-1- | 7 | - 15 |
| 16. | J.v.Dongen | 1-0-1-1-1-0-1-1-0-0- | 6 | - 16 |

NICE RACE - NICE WEATHER - NO PEOPLE ..... HARTOG DE RONDE.

Past Champions

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| 1948 - H.de Bruin | 1953 - M.v.d.Brakel |
| 1949 - H.de Bruin | 1954 - M.v.d.Brakel |
| 1950 - H.de Bruin | 1955 - H.de Bruin |
| 1951 - H.de Bruin | 1956 - M.v.d.Brakel |
| 1952 - H.de Bruin | 1957 - K.Koudijs |

EXCLUSIVE

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# MIDDLESEX REVIEW

In the final of the Uxbridge Council Festival Shield, the holders, Harefield Pirates, met Langley Leopards. There was some good racing on this grass track, and Harefield led by 8 points at the halfway stage, going on to win 55-39. For the Pirates, Pete Leckie, Lennie Richards and Fred Tillyer rode very well to score 11 each, with good support from Dave Stonex 10, and Dave Thompson 8. Heading the Langley scorers was young Reg. Lester, who rode very hard to score 10, with Geoff Pearce and Johnny Unsworth 9 each. Johnny Dryden rode well, but could only manage to collect 4. Harefield were without Jim Barrett, who was a 'flu victim, his place being taken by former Harefield rider/manager Ed Collett.

Harefield have now won this event three times in succession.

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On Sunday, Harefield were in another Final, this time it was the Middlesex Invitation K.O. Cup. Their opponents were the strong Whipps Cross Comets "A" team. It was ridden on the immaculate Hayes track, which is only used for special events.

Both teams were at full strength, Jim Barrett being a surprise starter for Harefield, although he didn't look too good.

The Comets started off well with a 5-1 from Derek Gray and Eric Hemsley. Heat two brought a 5-1 from Pete Leckie and Dave Stonex, which made it 6-6. The next four heats were even and by the halfway stage Whipps Cross led 24-18. They finally won a very good match 55-41.

Whipps Cross were all consistent, with Derek Gray and Moe Taylor topping the scorers with 9 each, well supported by Eric Hemsley 8, Terry Howse 7, Sid Pipe 6, Sid Kingsnorth 6, Johnny Brown 5, and Terry Bunce 5. Outstanding for Harefield were Pete Leckie 11, and Dave Stonex 9. This pair rode together. Lenny Richards scored 7.

In heat 4, Derek Gray was very unlucky. He made a good gate only for his handlebar to break in half!

The only thing which wasn't good about the meeting was the stewarding. Riders were doing a bit of taking out wide, and sometimes, when in front, were coming to a standstill to help their partners, which isn't really necessary on this fast track. Other than that it was a very friendly meeting, and the best team won.

Thanks, Comets, we look forward to meeting you again.

ROGER SEYMOUR.

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# BIRMINGHAM v MANCHESTER

Although rather cold and damp, quite a large crowd watched this exciting battle of two cities. Home riders won the first two heats, with Manchester riders taking second and third positions. Heat 3, and Moston and Tegg put the visitors into the lead with a well taken 5-1. Their lead was increased with a 4-2 in the following heat.

Points were shared in heat 5, but Moston and Tegg again raced home to a 5-1 in heat 6. This was followed by another 4-2.

The home side then brought in reserve Edwards who replaced Dockerill, and the Brummies gained their first heat win with a 5-1. Heat 9 the points shared, but in heat 10 the home side continued their fight back when Blackwell caught the so far unbeaten Moston/Tegg pairing napping. He beat Tegg for third place and so at the halfway stage it was Birmingham 27 Manchester 33.

Points once again shared in heat 11. After a mix up on the first bend. Edwards, who was replacing Loasby, pulled out and the visitors went on to an easy 5-1. This was followed by another 4-2, Evans splitting Moston and Tegg. In heat 14, Nanfan, Manchester reserve, came in for Pennington, but failed to score, and Blackwell and Halliwell collected a 4-2 from Hinchcliffe, but Manchester reversed the score in the next heat. What a heat 16 was, Loasby thrilling the crowd with a great ride round the outside, snatching victory from Bailey on the line, Graham taking third place. Heat 17, and another 4-2 to Moston and Tegg. This time it was Dockerill who split them. Heat 18, and a 4-2 to the Brummies, Pennington going over the outside edge. The next heat was drawn, and in the final heat the home side reduced the visitors lead scoring a gift 5-0, Graham falling and Bailey being excluded for going over the outside edge.

The final score was Birmingham 56 Manchester 63, and so Manchester by recording their first victory in Brum, became the first ever team to beat the Brummies on their own soil.

BIRMINGHAM P.Blackwell 11, V.Halliwell 7, A.Harrison,9, J.Heaton 1, H.Loasby 6, J.Ward 6, W.Evans 7, J.Dockerill 5, E.Edwards 4.
MANCHESTER N.Collier 8, D.McGee 8, K.Graham 3, A.Bailey 9, D.Tegg 11, B.Moston 9, V.Hinchcliffe 8, A.Pennington 7, C.Nanfan 0.

J. D. MOTTERSHEAD.

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NOTE TO ESSEX NACSA MEMBERS

Will all clubs please inform the County Secretary, T.W.Greenaway, of any resolutions, proposed amendment to the rules, or new rules which they wish the Board to place before the National A.G.M. (which is being held in Manchester in January) before November 8th. 1957.

# BARRY SHAPLEY

DRAYTON VAMPIRES "B" 66 B.Shapley 13, F.Tidmarsh 13, P.Fisher 9, H.Newman 8, J.Thomas 8, K.McMinn 8, T.Yeates 4, N.Sellars 3. HINKSEY BULLDOGS 30 K.Marchant 8, Major 5, Taylor 5, Moore 3, Beasley 3, Winchester 3, Butler 3, Nowall 0.

I started this week with this result for a reason. "Long John Silver" of Suffolk, bless him, says that (after a load of nice things) I was more often last than first in Suffolk. Just for the record, in 1954 I raced in 15 matches, scored 155, with 40 firsts, 15 seconds, and 5 lasts. All five lasts over a period of 3 matches. Also in 1952 I was Ipswich Vampires highest scorer until I 'retired' in August ; second highest to Peter Ford when with Felixtowe - all the time I was there.

So 'Long John', not only did you like me, but I wasn't a terrible rider either !

Incidentally, I'm holidaying in Felixtowe next June. Any rides with anyone ?

NATIONALS : Bob Saunders - I salute you on the best written, well worded letter on this subject. I hope I lot of people read it.

Re my award - I didn't expect one, but I don't see why all competitors shouldn't get one. Back to Suffolk - I hope they and the S.P. join NACSA for 1958. We can't do without anyone, but Mr.Jolly, re my award in the Finals, it's no achievement to be asked to make the number up, but assuming everyone, including Bryan Wood, was getting one - I didn't complain - if it does any good I won't accept one and send it, if I still get it, to Mr.Wood. O.K.? And Claude, when did I do any "buttering" in Suffolk ?

The Editor's note below my letter points out that should Blackwell's points not have counted in the final result, Wood would have scored more. How. ?

1957, for me, has been a great year. At Drayton, in Oxford, I've joined a great team, even though I've only scored a few points - bringing the yearly average down to 10.75 (including bonus points) I've really had a grand season.

Roll on 1958 !

BARRY SHAPLEY.

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INTRODUCE ALL YOUR CYCLE SPEEDWAY FRIENDS TO THE "GAZETTE" !

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# SLOW UP YOUR REQUESTS, LADS!
## FOR HOLLAND TOURS

Every week I receive requests from English clubs wishing to visit Holland during the 1958 season. To date, the total number of requests are 12.

May I, as organiser of the sport in Holland make it clear that we feel very proud to have this interest shown by the clubs in England, and the knowledge of this interest is a great honour to me and the work I have done for Cycle Speedway, both in Holland and in England. I would be only too pleased to continue this international friendship, but reasons make it almost impossible. 1. My home. 2. My business. 3. My health, and 4. the increasing interest. It is the fourth that disturbs me.

For these reasons, it is toommuch for me to promise to satisfy you all. My representative in England and myself are buried with work.

In the past I arranged for the visits of Cray Tigers (twice) ; Slough Flyers (twice) ; Wimbledon Stars (twice) ; Tolworth Tudors Edmonton Saints, Edmonton Monarchs, Combined Essex team and probably one or two I have forgotten. All in 9 years ! In addition, seven visits to England, visits to over 30 English clubs.

My representatives have helped me very much, especially my present Representative, Vic Cowell. I cannot overload him, and I cannot be overloaded myself.

I only have a small organisation over here, and the sport in Holland is demanding more and more of my attention.

All I can say is that we shall do our best !

HARTOG DE RONDE.

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# BIRMINGHAM BULLETIN

The new Birmingham Senior Champion is Alan Harrison of Kingstanding Monarchs. Alan went through the meeting unbeaten ; second was Pete Blackwell 14, third John Dockerill 11.

This was a tremendous achievement for the Monarchs, for five out of the first six were Monarchs ! John Heaton (Aldridge) broke their run by getting 4th place with 11.

HARRISON 15, BLACKWELL 14, DOCKERILL 11, HEATON 11, WARD 10, HALLIWELL 8, BLEST 8, R.MARTINALI 7, LOASBY 6, SMITH 6, GULLIVER 5, COOPER 5, PATTINSON 4, BURKE 4, BOND 3, E.SMITH 3.

Harry Bastable, the ex-Brummies rider, presented the prizes.

TIM WALL.

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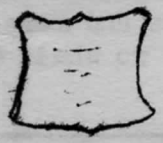

When making order, please state colours and design, also type of badge required (i.e. "A" or "B").

PRICE PER DOZEN - - - 27/-.

ALSO - - -

# CHALLENGE SHIELDS

15" x 13" POLISHED OAK. PRICE £5.15.0
5¾" x 5¾" POLISHED OAK. PRICE £1.10.0

8 small winner badges with oblong plate at top.

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