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EDITORIAL COMMENT by John Leith

There was a storm last year over riders taking part in the National Individual Championships as non qualifiers. Certain parties thought that even if there were insufficient competitors at a meeting, the match should go on with those who are there unless there are some riders present who had already ridden in the competition.

We have just had the first rounds of the National and Junior Individuals and not one track had a full turn out. What if this happens again? There won't always be riders at a meeting who have ridden in the event before and what difference does this make anyway? Surely it is better to have a full complement of sixteen riders even if some of them are non qualifiers.

When you get to the stage where the only riders present are actually those allowed to ride under the present system, are we to witness the farce of 10 or 11 riders (or even 9) racing a full match to get a top 8 qualifiers?

No wonder people don't take us seriously when they see matches like this because of a senseless rule.

The B.C.S.F. are very quiet these days. Trying to find out anything about what goes on in this organisation is very difficult. Is it that the Federation prefer to go on without any publicity or is it that if nothing good is said about them, nothing bad can be said either?

If the B.C.S.F. are really interested in pushing their name forward, for the betterment of the sport of course, why can't we have some official news items to publish?

The Federation seem to like a challenge - well, there's one to go at!

THE "GAZETTE CUP"

JUNE 21st

MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH

THE NATIONALS

Condensed review by "REBEL"

N.T.C.; JUNIOR

1st Round: With a wholesale dropping out by all but three of the Southern Junior clubs in this competition, the South only had one match, in it Southampton Provincials beat Southampton Vikings, but, as yet the score is not known at NACSA's H.Q. The Provincials are now into the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals - which no doubt sounds ridiculous to you, but if you look at the next statement Wembley are also, WITHOUT HAVING RIDDEN A MATCH! Perhaps you think this is NACSA's fault in zoning the competitions, but it isn't. There were an original entry of TEN junior sides and the draw was made and published long ago. At no time, up to a few days before the matches were to be held, with the exception of Uxbridge and Estuary, was the NACSA Secretary told of this. Unfortunately, too late.

It makes me think back to the days when everyone was clamouring for this competition to be started. Now it seems, that idea is old fashioned. What a pity,

Up in the North, a different spirit exists. Both round one matches were run, and the results were:

OFFERTON DEVILS 36(A, Seaton 9, G. Gilbert 8,)
BELLE VUE GLADIATORS 42(J. Hatton 15, P. Williams 9)
HYDE PARK TIGERS 40(T. Kay 14, B. Shaw 12)
OPENSHAW MONARCHS 38(Butler 10, Bunch and Smith 7)

INDIVIDUALS. Junior Qualifiers

1st Round... at Offerton B. Jackson 15, P. Williams 14, D. Hatton 13, B. Meredith 11, J. Smith 11, P. Higginson 10, B. Wheatley 10, I. Turner 9, at Carrs Wood S. Broadfield 14, P. Finnigan 14, D. Wilson 13, H. Ross 13, J. Watchman 11, I. O'Conner 10, M. Buggett 9.
at Wembley R. Watters 14, K. Jago 12, J. Grant 12, P. Sargood 11, E. Blanche 11, R. Rix 11, B. Vaughan 10, R. Luck 9,

INDIVIDUALS Senior

1st Round

Of the five scheduled ties, only Hungerford was postponed even with the existing weather conditions all over the country. At Carrs Wood however, only six riders turned up and, they qualify. They are; T. Lawton, A. Fantom, M. Ashton, T. Kay, H. Edmunds. I. O'Conner.
Qualifiers at Wembley C. Hurrell 15, S. Russell 14, J. Brooks 13, R. Alderton 10, V. Hockley 10, K. Harris 9, J. King 9, R. Tuthill 8.
at Bristol T. Goverd 14, D. Massey 13, M. Dyer 10, D. Robinson 10, B. Martin 9, N. Tullberg 9, M. Cubis 9, P. Spesite 7,
at Offerton V. Marsland 15, D. Garnett 14, J. Watling 13, T. Hardy 10, G. Gleave 10, B. Robinson 9, E. Bostock 8, T. Mann 8,

STOP PRESS. BRIAN MOSTON is not entered in the NATIONALS!!!!



Photo top: DAVE MASSEY, Bristol skipper.

Photo bottom: ROB WITHERS, of Bristol, cornering.

RAYNES PARK

Practices were held on Sunday, March 1st and March 8th, with the resurfaced track in good condition.

The away challenge match with Wembley Lions scheduled for March 15th had to be cancelled following forty eight hours rain.

On Easter Sunday, March 29th Raynes Park were due to visit Coventry to race Keresley Cobras but this had to be called off as Raynes Park could not raise a team.

Challenge match held at Morden Park on March 22nd.

RAYNES PARK 28:Whitlam 9, Mercer 6, Lawrence 5, Martin 4, Richardson 2
UXBRIDGE PIRATES 68:Lester, Punter 10, Dean 12, Pearce 7, King, Norris 9

With passing impossible on the waterlogged track, Tigers were beaten at the gate by the slicker trapping Uxbridge side. Halfway through a cloudburst held the match up for about ten minutes.

Dave Worthington had to miss this match due to a fractured wrist sustained playing football.

L.KITCHING

SHALDON

The Shaldon Kestrels opened their 1964 season on Easter Monday with a match with the local shipwrights Hotel, most of whom are ex cycle speedway riders. It was a very enjoyable match, with many local supporters cheering on the teams, after which tea was served by Mrs Brown the landlords wife, to the riders. The match resulted in a win for the Kestrels 49-29.

KESTRELS 49:Leaman, Neale 9, Northway 10, Locke, Farrell 5, Carhew 3
SHIPWRIGHTS DART TEAM 29:Long 14, Hooper 6, Beal 4, Stoneman, Ripley 2

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An Easter Kestrels only Individual event was won by L.Locke, second was M.Farrell. Twelve riders entered.

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An Open Best Pairs contest was ridden at Shaldon with the following results: 1st A.Northway 13 / C.Farrell 8 - 21(Shaldon); R.Gooch 12/ R.Farrell 7½ - 19½ (Dawlish); P.Neale 12/P.Cooke 6½ - 18½ (Plymouth); L.Locke 10/ J.Carhew 3 - 13 (Starcross).

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Exeter Clubs commence racing on the last week of April as the track is not available until then. The Devon County League will commence in May.

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The Kestrel Juniors have also commenced with an individual event on April 8th, when some very keen racing was seen. Ten riders contested, including Dawlish riders, who now come under the one club. Scorers:R.Farrell 13, R.Gilpin 12, T.Hughes 9, T.Steane, J.Towill 4 J.O'Connell 1.

Pete Neale and Pete Cooke from Plymouth have signed up for the Kestrels, bringing the total to 20 riders, plus juniors. R.VAULTER

SCOTTISH SURVEY

Our season, up here in the land of 'Haggis-bashers' started off with a bang during the Easter weekend, with a Scottish Rangers invitation championship on the Saturday, a match between Sighthill Hammers and Wilmslow Hammers on Easter morning and a match between Granton Griffins and the same foreign team in the afternoon. We were rather disappointed that our guests had to leave without any honours but nevertheless the weekend was, apparently, enjoyed by all.

Our league racing got under way the following week with a few rather surprising results. The most surprising result of all was an under strength Liberton Rebels team - runners up in the league and K.O. Cup last season - going down to junior team Portobello Diamonds.

Already there have been a few changes in the A & C.L.C.S.A. management committee. President Mr. Gavin Love has resigned due to an unforeseen misunderstanding. Vice President Mr. Mike Grainger takes over as President while Mr. Willie Flett comes in as Vice President. Mr. Ted Over has filled Mr. Flett's office and secretary Mr. Ross Gargrave is, once again, P.R.O.

The latest edition of 'Smoke Signals' - the unofficial Scottish Cycle Speedway magazine - was on sale at the beginning of this month. This edition was most certainly the biggest and best yet produced by the production syndicate.

Now that White City, Glasgow, has again, after a ten year lay-off, opened its doors to speedway, there is a chance that the cycle speedway flame may be rekindled, although at present there are no rideable tracks.

Well folks, that's all for the moment from the tartan side of the sport - Cheers!

"MACH"

RAIN/RAIN/RAIN/

Splosy Report by Barry Shapley...

EARLSDON 81: R. Lewis 17, B. Lewis, R. Hardy 12, B. Shapley 10, D. Lewis 9
WARWICK 36: Jenkinson 11, Horsley 9.

In the kind of 'Meteorological Office' weather which Sunday 19th April brought and also put one in the very Australia emmigrating mood their authorities pray for, Earlsdon Hammers forced me to make my Coventry debut. We won 81-36, which sounds great, but as we were racing a side which was full of juniors and in their first match, it wasn't that great. After one ride Mr. Lewis, our manager, put us on a 5 yard handicap. This upset some of us, as trying to start on the slushy surface was mighty difficult. All told, however, we weren't really in trouble, in fact Ray Lewis in his paid maximum effort was starting further and further behind. Earlsdon surely have a chance in their Nationals bid on this showing?

RESULTS

EAST LONDON

HACKNEY CHEETAHS 48:White, Haines 12, Hunnibell 11.

HACKNEY TIGERS 24:Wardell 7,Barker 6.

EAST HAM STARS 46:Jago 11,Spalding 10.

HACK.CHEETAHS 26: Haines, White 8.

HACKNEY CHEETAHS 40: Haines, White 9, Pritchard 7

STRATFORD SHADOWS 31:J.Morement 11, Butler 8.

MANOR PARK GREYHOUNDS 39: S.Featherstone 10

HACKNEY TIGERS 33: Barker 9

HACKNEY CHEETAHS 37:Haines 8

WALTHAMSTOW GIANTS 35:Kemsley 12

HACKNEY TIGERS 47:Beech 12, Wardell 9.

MANOR PARK GREYHOUNDS 25: Morris 10, S.Featherstone 4

HACKNEY CHEETAHS 35: White 11, Haines 9½, Pritchard 5½

EAST HAM STARS 37:South 12, Duffy 8, Langley 7

EAST HAM STARS 43:Jago 12, Langley 11

EAST LONDON 47: Haines 14, Pike 11.

EAST HAM STARS 46:Jago 14, Langley 11, Duffy 9.

THE REST 44: Pritchard, Dennis 8, Appleby 7

DUFFY'S TEAM 40:Langley 13, Pritchard 11, Bull 7

SOUTH'S TEAM 44:Haines 14, South 11 Featherstone 7

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

SWINDON 69:Richards 15, Swan 14, Scutts 11, Merrett 10

GREAT MILTON 27:D'Anger, Light 6, G.Prior 4.

MINSTER LOVELL 47:Hickman 10, Holloway 9, Green, Heinen 8.

BUCKLEBURY 49:Clark 12, Watts 9, Sellwood 8, Hurst 7.

POOLE 50:Lilly, Barnes 11, Tarr, Bright 7.

MINSTER LOVELL 46:Holloway 12, Hunt, Heinen 7, Pounder 6

PROVINCIALS 48½:Palmer 14, Dix 10, Lyon 9

SWINDON 46½:Johnson 11, Richards 10, Merrett 7

GREAT MILTON 28:D.Light 7, D'Anger 6, Duncan 4.

LITTLEMORE 67:Dale, Byles, Miles 12, White 9.

Reserve League

PROVINCIALS 20 - SWINDON 10

POOLE 6 - MINSTER 24

MINSTER 10 - BUCKLEBURY 20

GREAT MILTON lost by default to LITTLEMORE.

SWINDON beat GREAT MILTON by default.

FLASHBACK

THE LAST IN THE SERIES

by Bob Saunders

So you reckon that the £1 or 30/- entry fee into your local league is a bit stiff? In 1953 the entry fee into the Thames Valley League was £5.

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Since the sport of cycle speedway first came into being, arguments have raged as to whether the sport should be affiliated to the N.C.U. At first the Union were not favourable toward our sport, regarding it as a flash in the pan. As it built up, however, some form of recognition was afforded. In November 1949 came the news that the N.C.U. were going to draw up standard rules for cycle speedway. With the inception of N.A.C.S.A. a couple of months later, this move was apparently abandoned.

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In 1952 a move was made to form a London Super League. This was entitled the County of London League and the idea was to have the best teams in the London area competing in a streamlined organisation. This was not the anticipated success, partly due to many of the leading teams resisting efforts to persuade them to join, and partly because the organisation did not come up to expectation. The line-up for the commencement of the league was - Arsenal Aces, Blackheath Aces, Clapham Panthers, Hackney Comets, London Gunners, Peckham Stars, Poplar Penguins, Ruskin Flyers, South London Flyers, Tooting Tigers, Warwick Lions, West End Wanderers, Western Stars and Wimbledon Stars.

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The cost of the National Team Championship Trophy, when bought in 1953 was £85. 15. 0.

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Visits to Holland were a regular thing for teams in 1950. This was before the Dutch had tarmac. Cray Tigers were the first over and they raced a total of 7 matches in their April visit. This included two wins over the famous Hollandse Welpen club and a 51-30 win over the Dutch Representative side. All seven matches were won and this was a truly great performance when one bears in mind the fact that 1950 was the year when Holland defeated England 49-47 at the Empress Hall. The next club to visit Holland was the New Cross Rangers June Tour. Here again the Rangers raced four matches and won all four. The Dutch were not to be regarded as easy meat though as Slough Flyers found to their cost when they arranged a short day visit to the land of tulips and lost both matches.

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Tolworth Tudors were formed late in 1953 and for their first season of competitive racing joined the 1954 North West Middlesex League. The league had two divisions in that year, but it was decided to put the new club into division one. Just as well too, for the Tudors walked away with the league title at the first attempt. When one considers that such sides as Western Stars, Harefield Pirates, Langley Leopards, Roxeth Rockets and Hendon Cobras were also competing, this was no mean performance.

CRADLEY LOSE TRACK

A meeting of the Birmingham Control Board was hurriedly called when Cradley Heath Kestrels lost their track and warned that they might pull out of the league. However, Kestrels have been offered the use of Quarry Bank's circuit at the Plateau, while they look around the area for a new site, so a crisis has been averted.

Bernard Thompson, the Birmingham Senior Champion, has left the Kestrels to join Quarry Bank.

Cradley Heath Cubs have been renamed 'Netherton Cubs' and will race in future at Yew Tree Road, Netherton.

Kingstanding Monarchs' latest signings are ex-Sutton veteran Harry Loasby and former Aldridge junior, Keith Thompson.

'SPOKESMAN'

EAST LONDON WINTER LEAGUE HONOURS LIST

League Champions - EAST HAM STARS; Runners up - HACKNEY CHEETAHS

Winter League Individual Championships (at Well St. Common, Hackney)

Section 'A' : 1st R.Spalding, 2nd V.Duffy, 3rd W.Kemsley.

Section 'B' : 1st D.Butler, 2nd J.Jordan, 3rd C.Morris.

'EAST LONDONER'

"ANNUAL" WILL BE LATE

From: HAROLD SMITH, Editor of 'Cycle Speedway Annual.

May I again take advantage of your columns to apologise for the delay in publication of the 1964 Cycle Speedway Annual, due to a hold-up at the Printers.

The Annual should be ready as this month's 'Gazette' is issued, and all orders will be despatched immediately the copies reach me.

PREDICTIONS

Poole, Estuary, Gorton, Kingstanding and Carrs Wood will be out of the Nationals (Senior) by round three. My finalists ... OFFERTON and UXBRIDGE.

Bill Timms' MINSTER LOVELL METEORS are my tip for Southern League upsets ... wouldn't be surprised if I saw them win it. With Rod Holloway, John Hunt (and, can we dare hope, Geoff Blake?) etc., it's quite possible.

The news that POOLE have a new track for 1964 will please more than just the Pirates. Count me in the great number of riders who just didn't like the old one at all.

BARRY SHAPLEY



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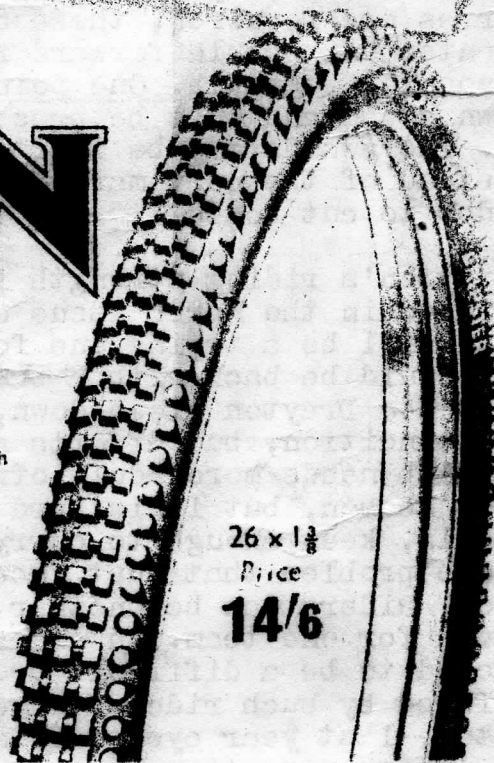
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DRAYTON

The season for Drayton St. Leonard C.S.C. as yet, has not got under way. The reason is that, owing to heavy flooding in March, the track is quite sodden. Matches already arranged during April have had to be cancelled and for this the club wishes to apologise for any inconvenience to the clubs concerned. At the best of times home fixtures do not start at Drayton until late April or May and consideration should have been made over this point. It has been said before that the area in which Drayton stands, is of very low level, especially the ground on which the track stands and therefore suffers considerably when the nearby river overflows.

One anxiety facing the new management at the moment is the thought of clubs arriving at Drayton for matches of which the club has no knowledge and for that matter clubs expecting Drayton to visit them. Very little news of fixtures has been received from the late secretary of the Drayton Club. If clubs have matches arranged with Drayton would they please contact the present secretary: R. Christian, 'Bear Cottage', Stadhampton, Oxford and confirm.

On May 17th, Whit Sunday, Drayton again holds its annual Whit-Sun Junior event for riders 16 years of age and under. 16 junior riders plus two reserves are required, these are the only stipulations. Any club may enter and should forward riders names and ages to Mr. Christian as soon as possible. One point is that riders must travel under their own steam and must be present no later than 2.30p.m. for a 3p.m. start. The awards may be limited to the first four places this year, instead of the customary eight as in the past, quite frankly in order to cut costs.

News of Drayton's riding strength is not yet available, except what was mentioned in the March issue of the Gazette.

This season will be a trying one for the Drayton C.S.C. and if all goes well they could be back with a bang next year. It would be a pity to have to see Drayton close down, especially with the track in its present condition, but efforts are going on to see that it does not. The club needs more adult officials in helping run it, this was proved last season, but it is hard to find anyone, especially at Drayton itself, keen enough to carry out these responsible duties. This is just one problem that must face many clubs in isolated spots such as Drayton. Riders can be another problem, but the club is lucky in having enough for one team. In order to obtain a top flight team, it has been found to be a difficult prospect because of travelling difficulties faced by such riders. Dave Collins, ex-Provincial rider from Southampton, last year cycled 22 miles from R.A.F. Halton, where he is serving as an apprentice to ride for the Drayton club, this shows the keenness Dave showed towards cycle speedway. It is possible of course, that the present team may build into a good combination. We must wait and see.

"VAMPIRE"

SOUTHERN LEAGUE FIXTURE LIST

March 29	Swindon v Gt. Milton	Sept. 6	Swindon v Bucklebury
	Minster Lovell v Bucklebury		Littlemore v Vikings
	Vikings v Provincials		M.Lovell v Provincials
	Bristol v Poole		M.Lovell v Poole
April 5	Bristol v Bucklebury	13	Provincials v Gt.Milton
	Gt.Milton v Littlemore		Provincials v Littlemore
	Provincials v Swindon		Swindon v Vikings
12	Vikings v Minster Lovell		Swindon v Minster Lovell
May 3	Littlemore v Minster Lovell		Bucklebury v Poole
	Bucklebury v Vikings		Bucklebury v Bristol
	Swindon v Bristol	20	Poole v Swindon
	Gt.Milton v Poole		Poole v Minster Lovell
17	Minster Lovell v Swindon		Vikings v Bucklebury
	Bucklebury v Littlemore		Littlemore v Bristol
	Poole v Provincials		Gt.Milton v Provincials
24	Bucklebury v Swindon	Oct. 4	Gt.Milton v M.Lovell
	Minster Lovell v Littlemore		Gt.Milton v Swindon
	Vikings v Gt.Milton		Bucklebury v Provincials
June 14	SOUTHERN LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND ONE.		Poole v Littlemore
	Littlemore v Swindon		Poole v Bristol
	Poole v Vikings	11	M.Lovell v Bristol
	Bristol v Gt.Milton		M.Lovell v Gt.Milton
	Bristol v Minster Lovell		Vikings v Poole
July 12	Provincials v Bristol		Littlemore v Provincials
	Provincials v Poole		Littlemore v Bucklebury
	Vikings v Littlemore	18	SOUTHERN LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL RIDERS FINAL.
	Gt.Milton v Bucklebury		
19	Poole v Gt.Milton		
	Bristol v Swindon		Matches start at 3 p.m.
	Provincials v Vikings		(afternoon)
26	Bucklebury v Minster Lovell		7.30 p.m.
	Bristol v Vikings		(evening)
	Littlemore v Poole		
	Swindon v Provincials		2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Aug. 8	Littlemore v Gt.Milton (7.30)		for double headers.
	Vikings v Swindon		
9	Vikings v Bristol		
	Provincials v Minster Lovell		
	Provincials v Bucklebury		
16	Bucklebury v Gt.Milton		
	Minster Lovell v Vikings		
	Bristol v Littlemore		
	Bristol v Provincials		
	Swindon v Poole		
23	Poole v Bucklebury		
	Gt.Milton v Vikings		
	Gt.Milton v Bristol		
	Swindon v Littlemore		
30	SOUTHERN LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL SEMI-FINALS		

WEMBLEY

The opening match of the season was a challenge between Wembley Lions and Kingsbury Falcons. Scores were fairly close in the first half, but then Lions romped away to a 64-31 victory. Gerry Wallis and Bob Saunders were unbeaten for Wembley, whilst Robin Morse scored 9 for Kingsbury.

The Easter tour of Norwich was not a success resultwise. Easter Sunday saw two heavy defeats at the hands of Norwich Stars (38-70) and Galley Pirates (35-83). The Lions riding was extremely poor as was some of the equipment. On the Monday Wembley defeated Spixworth Comets 44-40 and the final match was against another touring side, Bradford's Bowling Aces. The match was extremely close until the Aces took a series of 4-2s to win by 10 points.

Following this poor showing the manager sent a circular to all club members in the form of a "pep up" note. This had the desired effect, for the following Sunday the Lions commenced their league campaign away to Raynes Park and with all riders giving 100% effort, won handsomely 61-35. Only Dave Chivers had an answer to the speedy Lions outfit for whom Gerry Wallis topped the scores and Bob Saunders was unbeaten.

Kingsbury Falcons, in their opening second division match, created a big surprise by beating fancied Chessington Aces 51-45. After the first few heats Kingsbury assumed control and only a 5-1 in the nominated made the Chessington score look close. New signing, Terry Blest, scored a maximum with great support from an effervescent Ron Watters. Alan Whatley saved the Aces from a heavier defeat.

WEMBLEY LIONS 64:G.Wallis 14, C.Hunt 12, B.Saunders, S.Russell 11.
KINGSBURY FALCONS 31 :R.Morse 9, M.Honour 6, T.Blest, R.Watters 5.

NORWICH STARS 70:Parkins 15, Garrett 13, Boxall, Adcock 12.
WEMBLEY LIONS 38: S.Russell 12, C.Hunt, KK.Harris 6

GALLEY PIRATES 83:M.King 18, J.Attoe 15, Craske 13.
WEMBLEY LIONS 35: Harris 8, Russell, Tuthill 7.

SPIXWORTH COMETS 40:Hinsley, Willgress 11, Ives 6.
WEMBLEY LIONS 44: Wallis 11, Tuthill 8, Harris, Honour 6.

WEMBLEY LIONS 37: Wallis 8, Hunt, Saunders 6.
BOWLING ACES 47: Cockroft 12, Burnley 11, Spence 9.

RAYNES PARK TIGERS 35: Chivers 12, Kitching 8, Lawrence 5.
WEMBLEY LIONS 61: Wallis 14, Hunt 10, Russell, Saunders 9.

CHESSINGTON ACES 45: Whatley 13, Gould, McAlpin 9
KINGSBURY FALCONS 51: Blest 12, Watters 9, Morse 8.

R. SAUNDERS

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WHAT A JOB!

BY BARRY SHAPLEY

No wonder no-one wants the N.A.C.S.A. Secretary's job, I used to think I would like it but recently I've been in pretty close contact with John Leith and I now say "What a Job"! Reams of paperwork, addressing envelopes (70 at a time, when circulars go out) and working out individual and National rounds - to mention only one or two of the many items of toil involved.

What saddens me is the fantastic amount of non-co-operation there is, from a big percentage of clubs. Circulars are sent out (and they DO explain everything) and a week later some secretary of a club asks a query on something just explained in the circular. he must have at home. Days, weeks after the final affiliation day - clubs apply to join, the same applies to riders who have just signed on and want to ride in the National Individuals. Queries by J.L. as to, say, the availability of a track for a big event go unanswered, in many cases, until it's too late to do anything about it and lots more, I can assure you.

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Did you know Coventry has an exceedingly well run League, with numerous Individual and Test matches? Also mid-week racing? I didn't until I came here because there just hasn't been any publicity. No-one's fault because the people who run the league just haven't time. I'll try to keep you informed.

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New Littlemore captain is their 1963 star John Dale, a worthy successor to Jock Sutherland, who informs me once again he's retired I wonder!

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Ken Adams - Keresley's banned till June rider - will probably come back to them from Leicester when his ban expires. Meanwhile he's doing 'very well' for H.Glover's lot.

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I'm just itching to get started racing again when the Coventry Spring Cup starts soon. With Barrie Butler, Rod Lewis, Barry Lewis and some riders from Whitley Rangers (formerly Stoke), I've been trying to get a winning way around Spencer Park track. I know WHERE to go, but these old, old legs ... OH!

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Showing best in practice so far is Ray Lewis's brother Rod ... he's 18 and a sure future star.

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Good to see the name of Scottish Rangers in the National Team Championship Draw .. Doug Maxwell, Jimmy Cobain etc... those names bring happy memories.

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For anyone's interest my Coventry address is Chace Guildhouse, Chace Avenue, Coventry ... Send anything except bills please!

HAWBUSH LOSE AT LEICESTER

BRITISH
LEAGUE

As reported in last months issue, Hawbush Cycle Speedway Club of Ilford, Essex, were to race against the Blackbird Monarchs of Leicester. Unfortunately the team lost, but didn't go down without a good fight.

Pete Chubb of Hawbush showed most of the Leicester team the way arpund and deserved every one of his final score of 10 points. He was backed up well by Malcolm Bell and Ray Swinchatt. Also riding very well was combination rider Geoff Douglas.

A lot of accidents happened on the first bend and Ron Gibbons had his frame snapped, John Newham had half a dozen spokes out of his front wheel, Fred Watkins had two front wheels go

After all these the match ended up in favour of the strong Leicester team, the scores being Leicester 57 - Hawbush 39.

The Combination team didn't fare too well either, they lost but didn't go away too disappointed with themselves. Riding well was Tony Motley and his team mate Geoff Douglas, who both showed a few of the Leicester team the way home.

A good ride by Fred Watkins was followed by an accident in which he badly damaged his bike, a front wheel, kindly loaned to him by Ron Gibbons was a complete "write off", also Fred's new chrome forks being badly bent.

Brian Pearl, out for the first time on his new bike for the "64 season, rode a very good match. Ronnie Amos rode well to collect four points and Dave Tulloch was top scorer. The final scores were: Leicester Comb. 47 points - Hawbush Hunters 24 points.

The club welcomes any new members and supporters, anyone interested should contact Pete Chubb at DOM 2715.

D. TULLOCH

LEICESTER

Slater Street. Sunday May
Gold Cup Round One

MONARCHS v SOUTHAMPTON

Saturday May 9th 7 p m

MONARCHS v TOTTENHAM

HORSPATH

Saturday May 9th

HORSPATH

v

BROAD OAK

at 6;30 p m

ALFIE COX, PÉTE
CHAPMAN, 'FRED
WARRINS and
JOHN KOEHLER'

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TOTTENHAM

The month of March proved a busy one for the few remaining batchelors in the Tottenham camp. On the 7th skipper, Len Adams married his fiancée, Jaqueline, who is the sister of fellow Kangaroo, Clive Hill. Saturday, 28th, Club Manager, 'Nobby' Dunn, married Christine Halls, Club Secretary, Terry Collins, was best man. On the same day, the newest Kangaroo, Tony Marsh, married his fiancée, Frances. So with over half the team married, could be that prams will be taking the places of the bikes at Stonebridge Lock!

In the annual London Cup competition, between South London and Tottenham, the Kangaroos were heavily defeated both home and away by the Rangers. On the visit to South London, the Kangaroos took with them a 30 point deficit, only to finish the return leg, the overall losers 98-63 on aggregate. Ray Chivers, Roy Baker and Ted Cracknell scoring 11 each for the Rangers. Top scorer for the North London side was reserve Tony Marsh, who really pulled some surprises for the opposition, with his bursts of speed up the inside.

The first British League match at Tottenham against the Monarchs of Leicester, was washed out. On the following Sunday, 22nd March, the visitors were Broad Oak. Some fine riding by Len Adams, John Cobbin and Malcolm Reading helped in a win for the Kangaroos 57-39. John Botting starred for the Aces. The match started as a fright for the Kangaroos supporters, when in the first heat, at the gate, Malcolm Reading snapped his chainwheel, and the Aces pair streaked home to a 5 - 1 win. A very rare occurrence at Stonebridge Lock!

Sunday, 29th March, the re-arranged Leicester fixture, had the Kangaroos in a great spirit. After the fine win the previous Sunday they were all set to do it again to the northern side, and by heat 6 had pegged down Harry Glover and his boys, and had an eight point lead. Then the Monarchs started riding! Of the remaining ten heats, seven of them were 5 - 1s in their favour! The superior team work of the Monarchs made the home boys look like novices. Only skipper, Len Adams could make any impression on the opposition, who were spurred on by the fine riding of Ken Adams and Harry Glover. It would appear that Leicester took revenge for the Broad Oak defeat for the final score was 39-57.

Sunday, 5th April, away to a strong Bournemouth side, the Kangaroos were more than apprehensive. Club Manager, Nobby Dunn, just back from honeymoon the previous night, arranged a 30 minute 'warm up' before the start to give the boys a bit of confidence, also to loosen up another honeymooner, Tony Marsh. Then after a Dunn special verbal pep-up, the Kangaroos were ready. In heat 1, Malcolm Reading put up the fastest time of the day 50.2 secs. The lead changed hands several times throughout the meeting, and the Viscounts coming out eventual winners by one point 48-47. Young Jim Kiddie rode a splendid meeting for the Viscounts and scored ten points, as he is the youngest in the team, this is really some achievement. For the Londoners, Len Adams was his normal self, along with John Cobbin, scoring 12 each.

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Len Adams, the Tottenham skipper, is certainly on form at the moment. This raises hopes in the Tottenham camp, for on April 25th Len defends his own British League Laurels Cup at Thurrock. Len, although always managing to shine in team competitions, never seems happy when riding on his own account and it was hoped that his winning of the Laurels Cup at the end of last season meant that this bogey was over. However, curiosity must be kerbed until after the Thurrock meeting.

The highly travelled youngster, John Cobbin, is again in demand for individual competitions this year. His recent acquisition of a van, for the purpose of a more reliable method of transport, should ensure that every invitation can be accepted. Unfortunately, last season a few of his invitations did have to be declined through lack of transport, but he thinks that he will be able to ride in just about any meeting this year, although he thinks with the invitations he receives getting farther afield every time, by next season he will have to trade in his van for a good second hand low mileage camel!

T.P. COLLINS

HUNGERFORD

Thank you Editor for the article in issue 291. It is true that the Hungerford Club came very close to closing up. Behind the scenes much has been said and done, from a stormy A.G.M. and two Extraordinary General Meetings and three Committee Meetings we have emerged from the fire and we are on our way to recovery.

We lost three senior riders, which forced us to withdraw from the Home Counties League and National Team Championship. With Bob Hollister, John Lillis and Peter North as a start, Rex Smith and Gerald Hollister agreed to ride and John Canning has now returned. Brian Geater and Ken Clements have said that they will ride part-time, and we have one or two newcomers. Fixtures will be made up as we go. The following have been fixed up - four riders to enter the National Individual, four aside and Grand Prix at Southend at Whitsun. St. John's Cup, Bragg Cup and Berkshire Individual. It is hoped to enter Home Counties K.O Cup and Individual and to arrange a few friendly matches. The main thing will be the August weekend and finally the Charlie May Cup which will this year be a four team - 4 aside individual event, between Hungerford, Scottish Rangers, Estuary Eagles and Carrs Wood Hunters.

The club is affiliated to N.A.C.S.A., Berks C.S.A. and Home Counties League. The officers of the club are as follows: Chairman - Mr. A. Mansbridge Secretary - Mr. R.G. Smith, 22 Park St, Hungerford, Treasurer - Mr. A.E. Richens, Team manager - John Lillis, Committee members - Mrs North, Mrs Mansbridge, Miss E. Hollister, Mr. G. Hollister, Miss J. Horsel, Mr. F. Richens, co-opted members - P. North, B. Hollister.

August weekends racing will take place whatever happens. The programme of events will be pretty well the same as in the past. It is hoped to get a T.A. Band from Swindon and to have a parade of riders from the club N.Q. through the main street to the track for the opening ceremony. In addition to the Berkshire Grand Prix there will be the Senior and Junior 4 a-side, speedway queen competition, 2 lap backward race and slow cycle race time permitting, cross country race and sideshows, music and refreshments.

R.G. SMITH P.R.O.

LEICESTER INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

A. G. M.

The Annual General Meeting was held early in March at Whetstone.

The entries of three teams were received, an increase of one over last year.

Officers elected were - Mr. Roy Wright Chairman and Secretary; Mr. Ian Gibson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Steve Cobley, Treasurer; representing Aylestone New Parks and Whetstone respectively.

It was agreed that there should be fines for riding without a full team and for making a late start.

It was decided that a representative team be fielded against Granton Griffins of Edinburgh, who are touring England in April.

All clubs were invited to seek stewards from the more experienced members, in the hope that a neutral steward could be provided for all matches.

As some riders were attending evening classes, matches will not start until after Whitsuntide.

It was suggested that a letter to the local newspapers might be of use in Whetstone's search for a track, as they had now been refused the use of both Whetstone and Wigston tracks and were faced with having to ride all their 'home' fixtures in Leicester.

ROY WRIGHT

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR HAMPSHIRE JUNIORS

COVENTRY JUNIORS 24 -

- HAMPSHIRE JUNIORS 6

Coventry Juniors scored an excellent win over an outclassed Hampshire side after the main event at Spencer Park on April 5th.

Roddy Lewis, brother of Ray Lewis, scored a 9 points maximum and Ray Smith and Keith Smith were also unbeaten with 6. B. Lane scored 3.

Hampshire scorers were D. Hughes 3, B. Burroughs, P. Gregory, K. Burton 1.

CLEVERTON

The match at Cleverton v Swindon which was to have taken place on March 22nd was cancelled as a weeks rain had made the track unfit.

The Swindon track is in even worse condition than Cleverton and they visit Great Milton on March 29th in their opening Southern League match, without a lap of practise.

RESULT

LEICESTER SELECT 63: J. Sanderson 12, K. Adams 11, I. Gibson, J. Knock 9, M. Harvey 7, R. Chapman 6, B. Adams, B. Ward 3.

CLEVERTON 33: C. Potter 10, R. Jackson, G. Read 5, W. Curtis 4, G. Fletcher, R. Payne 3, M. Dunn 2, P. Curtis 1.

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