CYCLE SPEEDWAY IS REVIVED IN HOLLAND

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM HARTOG DE RONDE

Bad management of the Hilversum club "Hollandse Welpen" over the past three years has brought the sport almost to a halt. However, hard work during the last three months with the support of all the boys has resulted in a reasonable welcome for the invited British clubs, Beckenham and Leicester, visits which we hoped would give cycle speedway a boost in Holland. The club has a new manager in Mr.Sluyter, and everybody over here has hopes of a new and brighter future.

The visit of the Beckenham Monarchs under the excellent management of Mr.Ron Johnson, has resulted in an unforgettable week of fine and sporting racing, with full press reports, a reception at the Town Hall and a visit to the Radio Centre. During this week of international racing, the crowds have come back to watch cycle speedway, showing a lively interest, and appreciation of excellent racing.

New supporters have joined the club and a former rider, Mr.Blankenstein has been able to form a new club, with 17 enthusiastic riders, and there have been negotiations with the Hollandse Welpen club to obtain practice facilities. This is a direct result of the visit of Beckenham, and we give our thanks to them and to Mr.Ron Johnson.

This week we saw, for the first time in the history of cycle speedway in Holland, riders from the Midlands of England, the team of Leicester. I must admit that I have never seen the Hollandse Welpen in such serious trouble as against these Leicester riders, who got used to the concrete track very quickly. Extremely sporting races were ridden, and the crowd gave a big hand of applause to the British riders for their brilliant team-work and formidable fighting spirit. Never have the Hilversum riders been so near to defeat on their own track as against Leicester.

We must congratulate the B.C.S.F. on having these teams, Beckenham and Leicester - they are real representatives of perfect behaviour, discipline and fine sportsmanship.

We expect Hellingly Lions in September and Edmonton in October. We will arrange a hearty welcome for them, as we see in them the "liberators" of the sport in Holland. 1964 will be noted as the best period in Holland since I resigned three years ago, and I feel that my 13 years of work for cycle speedway in this country have not gone unrewarded after all.

The results of the matches are not important - what is important is the re-birth of the sport here, something we thought not to see again.

Editor's Note : This article has of course been subjected to re-phrasing etc. to make easier reading, but the point has not been lost I hope in so doing.

BANK HOLIDAY CHAMPIONSHIP at Hendon

Riders representing clubs of the past, present and future took part in this event. It was originally scheduled for the Wormwood Scrubs track, but due to the drainage works in progress there, it was changed to Hendon at the last minute. Much confusion arose from this, due to the procession of competitors getting lost between the two tracks. A re-shuffling of the line-up had to take place due to this situation and the loss of Tim Whall, who was last seen heading along the Edgware Road in the direction of Cricklewood, did not help matters.

The Hendon circuit was in quite good shape, despite lack of regular usage this year. Chris Hunt scored maximum points to win the Championship.

Scorers: C.Hunt (Wembley Lions) 15, B.Saunders (White City Racers) 13, R.Tuthill (Wembley Lions) 12, K.Harris (Wembley Lions) 11, T.Blest (New Cross Pirates) 11, D.Orton (Tolworth Tudors)10, F.Blinman (Kensington Diamonds) 9, M.Honour (Kensington Diamonds) 7, P.Richardson (Raynes Pk. Tigers) 7, C.Gale (Tolworth Tudors) 6, L.Kitching (Raynes Pk.Tigers) 6, S.Lishman (Bushey Kangaroos) 5, S.Soper (Bushey Kangaroos) 4, J.Gillett (Bushey Kangaroos) 3, J.Whall (Kensington Diamonds)- Non starter, B.Edwards (Wembley Lions)- non starter.

BOB SAUNDERS

PLYMOUTH RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday, August 2nd at 2.30p.m. the Plymouth Riders Championships were held on the Hornets track at Knowle Fort. All the top riders in Plymouth competed and also riders from Dawlish, Shaldon and Torquay were in the line-up.

The first event was the Plymouth Junior Championship which was last held in 1962, when D.Baskerville won. Baskervill is now one of the top riders in Plymouth, as are many other riders who rode in the 1962 Junior Championship. This years winner was C.Liddicoat, with maximum points. He won because of his superior gating and ability to hold the white line. E.Bowden was unlucky to be excluded for breaking the tapes in his first ride but did well to finish joint runner-up with P.Moulder.

Event 2 was the Plymouth Senior Championship. For the first time for three years the Senior Championship has been held in good conditions. On the previous years it has always rained, making good racing impossible. The winner of this event was P.Neale (Hornets) 15pts and D.Tant(Hornets) 11½pts, runner-up. Visiting riders from Shaldon, A.Northway and M.Leaman did well to finish joint third with 10 points each.

Trophies were presented to the winners of the Senior and Junior Championships by Mr. Eric Abbot.

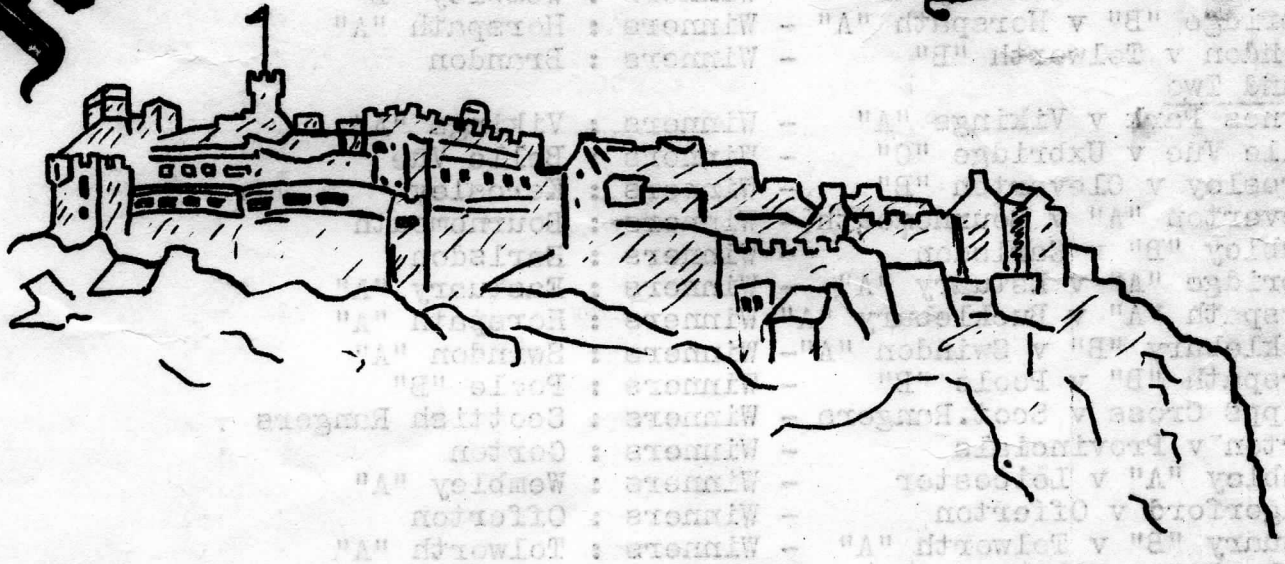
After an interval Plymouth had a challenge match with current Devon League leaders, Shaldon Kestrels. Plymouth led by one point after 4 heats but Kestrels, after a 5-1 in heat 5 never looked back to take the match 45-33.

PLYMOUTH 33:Neale, Harper 9, Baskerville 6, Bowden 4, Tout 3, Foster 1.
SHALDON 45:Farrel, Leaman 10, Northway 8, Gooch 7, Cartlew 6, Moulder 3, Meshennet 1.

P.NEALE.

Edinburgh

Festival Trophy



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Festival Foursomes

HUNGERFORD – AUGUST MONDAY

4-a-Side Junior K.O.

Round One

Whipps Cross v Belle Vue - Winners : Belle Vue
Wembley v Provincials - Winners : Provincials
Byes : Vikings, Morden.

Round Two

Belle Vue v Provincials - Winners : Belle Vue
Vikings v Morden - Winners : Vikings

Final

Belle Vue v Vikings - Winners : Belle Vue

4-a-Side Senior K.O.

Round One

Swindon "B" v Wembley "B" - Winners : Wembley "B"
Uxbridge "B" v Horspath "A" - Winners : Horspath "A"
Brandon v Tolworth "B" - Winners : Brandon

Round Two

Raynes Park v Vikings "A" - Winners : Vikings "A"
Belle Vue v Uxbridge "C" - Winners : Belle Vue
Keresley v Cleverton "B" - Winners : Keresley
Cleverton "A" v Bournemouth - Winners : Bournemouth
Wembley "B" v Earlsdon - Winners : Earlsdon
Uxbridge "A" v Estuary "A" - Winners : Eastuary "A"
Horspath "A" v Bucklebury "A" Winners : Horspath "A"
Bucklebury "B" v Swindon "A"- Winners : Swindon "A"
Horspath "B" v Poole "B" - Winners : Poole "B"
Whipps Cross v Scot.Rangers - Winners : Scottish Rangers
Gorton v Provincials - Winners : Gorton
Wembley "A" v Leicester - Winners : Wembley "A"
Hungerford v Offerton - Winners : Offerton
Estuary "B" v Tolworth "A" - Winners : Tolworth "A"
Poole "A" v Vikings "B" - Winners : Poole "A"
Brandon v Carrs Wood - Winners : Brandon

Round Three

Offerton v Wembley "A" - Winners : Offerton
Estuary "A" v Gorton - Winners : Gorton
Bournemouth v Swindon "A" - Winners : Swindon "A"
S.Rangers v Poole "B" - Winners : Scottish Rangers
Belle Vue v Horspath "A" - Winners : Horspath "A"
Vikings "A" v Earlsdon - Winners : Vikings "A"
Poole "A" v Tolworth "A" - Winners : Poole "A"
Brandon v Keresley - Winners : Keresley

Quarter Finals

Horspath "A" v Vikings "A" - Vikings "A"/ Swindon "A" v Poole "A" - Swindon
Keresley v Gorton - Gorton / Offerton v S.Rangers - Scottish Rangers

Semi-Finals

Vikings "A" v S.Rangers - Vikings / Swindon v Gorton - Swindon

Final

Vikings v Swindon - Winners : Southampton Vikings.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS ARE OUT!

GORTON LOSE APPEAL

At an Appeals Meeting held at August Week-End in Hungerford, the Gorton appeal against the decision to give the National Team Championship match to Tolworth was turned down.

The Appeals Committee members were Mr.J.Cobain (Glasgow), Mr.R.Smith (Hungerford) and Mr.G.Davis (Southampton).

The steward, Mr.L.Baldwin (Berkshire) had granted the Quarter-Final match to Tolworth on application after Gorton had not arrived by the official starting time of 3 p.m.

Gorton were 14 minutes late, and stated in their defence that the track directions supplied by Tolworth were misleading.

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP - SEMI-FINALS - August 30th. 3 p.m.

At Carrs Wood

1. B.Munns (Keresley) 2. E.Bostock (Openshaw) 3. D.Lilley (Poole) 4. R.Alderton (Estuary) 5. P.Bury (Gorton) 6. T.Hardy (Offerton) 7. J.Watling (Gorton), 8. C.Wheeler (Vikings) 9. V.Marsland (Gorton) 10. G.Brown (Poole) 11. P.Rennie (Gorton) 12. R.Kirk (Tolworth), 13. V.Hinchliffe (Offerton), 14. G.Wallis (Wembley) 15. J.Mills (Vikings) 16. P.Rhodes (Wolverhampton) Reserves : Roddy Lewis (Earlsdon), N.Briggs (Ashton).

Junior Semi-Final.

1. R.Burgin (Sheffield) 2. R.Ross (Offerton) 3. B.Wheatley (High Bank) 4. S.Broadfield (Openshaw) 5. D.Wilson (Openshaw) 6. D.McCue (Heron Cross) 7. R.Carter (Brandon) 8. B.Harwood (Adswood) 9. P.Rennie (Gorton) 10. R.Adams (Keresley) 11. F.Massey (Belle Vue) 12. C.Hunt (Wembley) 13. J.Watchman (Openshaw) 14. D.Roman (Bristol) S.Bates (Blackley) 16. B.Hardie (Earlsdon). Reserves : B.Lewis (Earlsdon), B.Laine (Brandon).

At Hungerford

1. S.Russell (Wembley) 2. B.Shapley (Earlsdon) 3. W.Truslove (Keresley) 4. R.Dix (Prov.) 5. D.Garnett (Offerton) 6. A.Price (Wolv'ton) 7. J.Brooks Estuary) 8. Ray Lewis (Earlsdon) 9. G.Swan (Swindon) 10. G.Brimson (Tolworth 11. D.Dean (Uxbridge) 12. V.Hockley (Estuary 13. B.Merrett (Swindon) 14. R. Ellis (Kingstanding) 15. K.Lumb (Gorton) 16. B.Martin (Bristol). Reserves : W.Punter, (Uxbridge), V.Jones.

Junior Semi-Final

1. K.Taylor (Belle Vue) 2. B.Jackson (Gorton) 3. J.Hatton (Belle Vue) 4. K.Cox (Keresley) 5. D.Worthington (R.Park) 6. V.Hockley (Estuary) 7. C.Jones (Keresley) 8. K.Jago (East Ham) 9. R.Mills (Vikings) 10. B. Meredith (Belle Vue) 11. M.Lees (Wilmslow) 12. R.Hellin (Bristol) 13. B. Card (Offerton) 14. D.Higginson (Adswood) 15. I.Armstrong (Blackley) 16. M.Corlett (Belle Vue). Reserves : K.Burton (Vikings), J.Grant (Uxbridge

HOME COUNTIES

Uxbridge skipper, Ernie Norris, had to miss the Openshaw match, as his wife Valerie, has just had a baby daughter, both are doing fine. A couple of weeks ago Dixie Dean became the father of a boy, his second son. Uxbridge are thinking ahead and now have three stars for the late Seventies, Paul Unsworth and Mark and David Dean, watch out for these names. Talking of Paul, this young 'un must be the most travelled of all, already this season he has clocked over 1000 miles to watch his dad ride.

The grapevine says Glyn Brimson is leaving Tolworth for Raynes Park. Tolworth, who fancy their chances of being National Team Champions, are unlikely to let Glyn go, as they are building up the strongest side they can muster. Even Pete Page, who hasn't ridden this season, recently transferred from Raynes Park and with Paul Murden and Eddie Hurley around they see this as the ticket to the National. Raynes Park certainly could do with a heat leader such as Brimson, but somehow I can't see him leaving.

Bushey Kangaroos have re-formed for mid-week matches. Roy Tuthill, Frank Males and Bob Saunders are behind this venture. They all live in this area and may well have a team ready for league racing in 1965. Rayleigh are also contemplating a second team for division 2, the first team will probably move into division 1.

With the possible inclusion of Littlemore in division 1 next season, things are cetainly improvong. The Oxford side would be a popular attraction, they recently beat Wembley Lions 50-46 in the St.John's Cup.

Estuary have lost Brian Wiles, seems Brian was none too happy with the clubs policy. Rayleigh may try to tempt him to ride for them. Back for Estuary is Roy Russell. Wembley have signed Roy Fraser, former Middlesex Champion, Roy has ridden for Hendon All Stars in the past. The draw for the semi-finals of the division 1 and 2 K.O.Cup is as follows

Div.1. Wembley v Tolworth ; Uxbridge v Estuary.) August 9th.
Div.2. Kingsbury v Harefield; East Ham v Rayleigh.)

For the Home Counties League K.O.Cup - August 23rd.
Estuary v Whipps Cross; East Ham V Uxbridge ;
Wembley v Hungerford ; Hackney v Rayleigh or Tolworth.

Hungerford make their first appearance in a Home Counties fixture. They visit Wembley and will need a good team to upset the Lions. Second division East Ham have an interesting home match with the league champions, Uxbridge and Hackney meet the winners of the Rayleigh/ Tolworth match. They have given Rayleigh a close match in the league. Tolworth should, by right, win this match, but being mid week they may not have a full side out, this promises to be an exciting tussle.

In the Division 1 K.O.Cup, Wembley meet Tolworth. The Lions already have a league win and could well repeat this. Tolworth can be stronger now and will certainly make it a close match. Uxbridge have Estuary as visitors, a lot will depend on Estuary having a settled side, they have had a few changes recently. Uxbridge have not lost at home for some time now and should reach the final.

In Division 2, East Ham and Rayleigh meet, this match will be hard ridden, such is the rivalry between these two. The league match was a draw. Kingsbury have an easier match at home to Harefield, the Falcons have a stronger side and this should prove too much for the young Middlesex side.

Uxbridge are unbeaten and with four matches left seem certain to retain the division 1 title, they need only to win two of these to clinch it. Tolworth and Whipps Cross have matches in hand, but they have Wembley and Estuary to contend with.

Although Kingsbury beat Harefield 70-26, they still remain in fourth place. Hackney managed to beat Kingsbury, at Well Street 55-41 and hang on to third place, one point behind East Ham. Rayleigh are still leading division 2, two points clear of East Ham. Rayleigh have three home matches left.

Bob Saunders will enter the newly formed White City Racers in division 2 next season, the team will use the Council track near Wormwood Scrubbs, which is undergoing some improvements. The team will shortly start racing challenge matches.

White City were in operation in the early fifties, the last teams to use this track were Weston Stars and more recently Kensington Diamonds. Two teams have been reformed without harming any others. There may be more, Hendon have been mentioned, their track, which is also Council, is rarely used, which is a great pity. Maybe during the coming months an attempt will be made to form a team, it shouldn't be too difficult.

ROGER SEYMOUR

"RIDER OF THE YEAR" PLACINGS

Results of Open events ridden so far - numbers in brackets denote marks.

Cleverton Easter Trophy - K.Adams (1), C.Hurrell (2), M.Parkins (1).
Southend Jubilee Grand Prix - D.Garnett(3), V.Hinchliffe(2),Adcock(1).
Horspath Open Championship -C.Hurrell(3), B.Dawes (2), D.Garnett(1).
Southern Area Championship - J.Cobbin (3), D.Collins(2), L.Adams (1).
London Grand Prix - B.Dawes (3), M.Parkins(2), V.Hinchliffe(1).
Pride of the Midlands - R.Chivers(3), K.Adams (2), J.Cobbin(1).
Manchester Grand Prix - Hinchliffe(3), Hurrell (2), V.Marsland (1).

Marks awarded to date(July 31st):

C.Hurrell (Hellesdon Lions)	7	marks
V.Hinchliffe (Offerton Devils)	6	"
K.Adams (Leicester Monarchs)	5	"
B.Dawes (Horspath Hammers)	5	"
J.Cobbin (Tottenham Kangaroos)	4	"
D.Garnett (Offerton Devils)	4	"
R.Chivers (South London Rangers)	3	"
M.Parkins (Norwich Stars)	3	"
D.Collins (Tottenham Kangaroos)	2	"
L.Adams (Tottenham Kangaroos)	1	"
K.Adcock (Norwich Stars)	1	"
V.Marsland (Gorton Pirates)	1	"

Events to be included - Southampton Grand Prix, Pride of the South, Gazette Cup, Thurrock Carnival Cup.

N.T.C. OPENSHAW v UXBRIDGE

Uxbridge Pirates visited the North of England for the quarter-final of the National Team Championship with Openshaw Monarchs as opponents. This was the first time these teams had met. Uxbridge journeyed up on Saturday, thus allowing the riders time to get settled and also to make certain of arriving in good time. The match was due to start at 11a.m. so nearly everyone was up bright and early. We left our hotels and made our way from Stockport to Ashton on Lyme. We had heard that the track was only 80 yards and were dubious as to what to expect. On reaching the track all doubts were removed, the track was better than we had hoped for, the surface was firm and slightly banked and over 80 yards, With plenty of time to spare the bikes were assembled and checked. We were very high up and the air seemed very bracing, in the distance the Pennines stood out giving a fine view.

The opening race is often important and Graham Fletcher gated well to take the lead with Bill Punter in third place biding his time. Bill had that chance when the Openshaw rider left a gap, Bill was inside and gone before his startled opponent had time to remedy going wide, this meant a 5-1 for Uxbridge. King and Jones rode well in heat 2 for Uxbridge as did Unsworth and Dean in heat 3. The riders were relaxed now they liked the track and could sense the way things were going. Graham Fletcher, the babe of the side, figured in some fine riding, which earned him deserved applause, he was completely at home and came from the back well on several occasions, he went on to score maximum points. Dixie Dean was in good form, being unbeaten by an opponent. Unsworth, Punter and King showed up well.

Uxbridge ran out winners 58-38 and now meet Tolworth or Gorton in the semi-finals. This is the third successive year that Uxbridge have reached the semi-finals.

In the afternoon we called in at CarrsWood to watch the Manchester Grand Prix, plenty of spills here. Mr. Hinchliffe displayed his usual immaculate form and won the trophy for the second successive year. Our league representative, Pete Rides, finished halfway, he was unlucky when his cotter-pin snapped in half at the gate in heat 1 and later when he fell when challenging strongly. We finally motored home, feeling tired but pleased, after such an enjoyable weekend.

ROGER SEYMOUR

ST. JOHNS CUP - SEMI FINALS

By virtue of their 55-39 victory at Great Milton, Bucklebury, currently enjoying what must be their best ever season, have reached the semi-final stage of the St.John's Cup competition. They certainly have a hard task ahead though, as they are drawn to meet Uxbridge on the large Middlesex circuit.

The other semi-final is between Whipps Cross and Littlemore at Hackney and who will win that one is anybody's guess. The teams have met each other several times so they are not strangers and I can forsee quite a tussle there.

LIONEL BALDWIN

MORRIS = COVENTRY GIANT KILLERS!

Following the match against Netherton, John Leith picked the following A and B sides to meet Bradford at Spencer Park on Sunday 23rd August.

A Team: B.Colley(cpt), 2.B.Taylor, 3.B.Munns, 4.W.Truslove, 5.R.Lewis, 6.B.Shapley, 7.J.O'Leary, 8.T.O'Donnell.

B.Team: 1.R.Adams, 2.C.Jones, 3.J.Reynolds, 4.D.R.Lewis(cpt), 5.R.Smith, 6.R.Carter, 7.P.Moore, 8.T.O'Donnell.

The name of Nigel Harland is seen to be missing. This popular Blackhorse star is under doctor's orders not to ride following a leg injury sustained in a scooter accident. Messrs Jones, R.Smith, Carter, Moore and Hardie, are new caps.

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Morris Motors - a team with only three league wins to its credit- were not expected to get anywhere in the A.D.Ellis Benevolent Cup, especially when they were due to meet Longford in the second round. But, they beat Longford - 48½-47½ and then took on Earlsdon in the semi-final. To everyone's amazement they beat the mighty Hammers by 5 - 46. Warwick nearly won their semi-final v Brandon. The visitors went to the tricky racecourse circuit with Test star John Harrhy absent and at heat eleven were two down. However, veteran Bob Colley rallied his rather rattled riders to allow the Bees an eight point win ... and a sigh of relief.

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The Coventry A.G.M. is on Wednesday November 18th. The first time for many a year that the meeting has fallen in the current year!

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Speaking on behalf of all the Coventry competitors, I would like to thank the Hungerford management and helpers, for a grand August Monday's entertainment. Thank you.

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Warwick manager, Eric Philpot is annoyed. Seems when teams race his bunch of youngsters, they don't show any mercy and try to win by mammoth scores. He reckons this must dishearten his young lads and make 'em think of packing up. I don't agree. Warwick were plunged into cycle speedway at the deep end and they've had some wallopings, butwhen every match point counts in reckoning league winners, then who can blame the 'big boys?' Anyway, these big defeats are paying dividends for Warwick. No-One goes to Warwick expecting it easy any more ... messrs Watts, Horseley, Jenkinson, Savage and Tilley are making sure of that ... and next year perhaps they will be doing the same anyway!

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Keresley Cobras, who, with Ken Adams and John Sanderson, last season swept the local honours board, are thinking of disbanding by 1965. They have no manager, as present rider/manager John Smith says he cannot do both successfully. If they do close down, then expect Earlsdon to step in for one or two of the surplus riders in an effort to recapture some of their, in recent years, lost glory.

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Efforts are being made, behind the scenes, to spread Coventry finals to other tracks in 1965. In the past Spencer Park, home of Earlsdon, has been the venue of every final.

'ALLOTT'

MANCHESTER BEAT BRITISH LEAGUE

Manchester were made to go all out before they managed to take a commanding lead in the last few heats. For those who thought that Manchester were going to thrash the British League at home a shock awaited them. After 15 heats Manchester were only 4 points in front with the British League fighting for every point. Only in the past four races did Manchester pull away to win scoring three 4-2s and a 5-1. Vic Hinchliffe was in brilliant form with a maximum and once again his pairing with John Watling was a deciding factor. Derek Garnett and Vinny Marsland gave excellent support with reserve Tony Hardy making up for his bad score at Horspath.

For the British League all their riders rode consistently but they lacked a really high scorer with Ray Chivers and Barry Dawes topping the score sheet with 9 each. And so this inter-league series ended more or less all square with the British League winning at home by 13 points and Manchester reversing the result at CarrsWood by 14 points. Two closely fought and interesting matches.

MANCHESTER 67:V.Hinchliffe 18, D.Garnett 14, V.Marsland 11, J.Watling 8, T.Hardy 7, P.Bury, P.Rennie 4, B.Jackson 1.
BRITISH LEAGUE 53:R.Chivers, B.Dawes 9, D.Butcher 8, L.Adams, J.Miles, W.Deighton 7, J.Cobbin 4, R.Souch 2.

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MANCHESTER

Manchester riders were successful in the Berkshire Grand Prix at Hungerford with Offerton's Tony Hardy having his first big win, Gorton's Vinny Marsland and John Watling took second and third places .....

Still at Hungerford, National Junior Team Finalists, Belle Vue, were successful winning the Junior Team Cup from Southampton in the final...

In the Manchester K.O. Trophy Final at Ashton, Gorton beat Offerton 58-50 after a close match.. Garnett 13, Hinchliffe 12 ... Marsland 12, Watling 10, Bury 10 ....

Gorton were unsuccessful in their protest against Tolworth in the N.T.C. and Tolworth now meet Uxbridge in the semi-final.....

Southampton Provincials start a tour of Manchester on August 23rd and will race most of the League's clubs, finishing off with an individual event .....

Sighthill Hammers, Edinburgh champions, rode three matches against Manchester teams on Aug. 8th and 9th. Losing to Blackley 43-53, to Offerton 61-34 and to CarrsWood.....

P.Rennie retained the Junior Match Race title 2-1 against G.Young (Ashton) ....

D.Garnett retained the Senior Match Race title against T.Hardy (Offerton) 2-1 .....

In the National Team Championship semi-final at Earlsdon, Coventry, Offerton beat Galley Pirates 64-32 in a one-sided match.

D.GARNETT

THE LONDON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

With the holder of the 'Bob Andrews Trophy', Barry Dawes, too old to participate in this years event, the Championship was more open than usual. The star of England and Wimbledon speedway, Bob Andrews was unable to present his cup and in his absence, the B.C.S.F. Press Officer Mr. Alan Baldock, was guest of honour.

The first half of the meeting was uneventful, the score-charts just taking shape. One possible disappointment was the poor showing of the Birmingham champion, Bernard Thompson. In his three rides before the interval, he showed only glimpses of his usual self, and in fact retired from the rest of the meeting with an upset stomach.

At the halfway stage, the score chart was topped by Peter Boxall and Mick Vernam with seven from three rides. Colin Wheeler was second with a maximum from two rides. In heat 11, after the interval, all eyes were on Wheeler to watch this very fast Southampton boy score his third win. But a movement at the starting gate brought him an exclusion, that was generally accepted to put him out of the running. Heat 12, all Tottenham riders, was won by John Cobbin, with Dave Collins and Pete Edwards only a bikes length away. Heat 13, and it was Boxall first over the line. Heat 14 and Kangaroo Dave Collins, in a spectacular style, pounded his way through the field for a fine win. The score charts were getting fuller. Heat 15, Roy Newman scraped home from Pete Edwards. Heat 16 and to show us all that he was not perturbed by an exclusion, Colin Wheeler leapt from the gate to romp home in the fastest time of the day 49.1 secs.

For the last four heats, all riders having ridden four times, hearts were definitely beating faster. Boxall had scored 10, Wheeler and Newman 9 each, Cobbin and Vernam 8 each. Heat 17 and Peter Boxall made certain of the trophy with a fine win from the gate. Heat 18, a win for Colin Wheeler, giving him a good chance of runner up. Heat 19, what a thriller a win for Roy Newman would have given him a chance of a run off for runner-up, he meant to win. However, the determined Dave Collins, in a race that had the crowd screaming, passed him on the last lap and Roy had to be content with third place. The last heat was taken by Ray Foy, in easy style.

So, the new London Youth Champion, is 17 year old, Peter Boxall of Norwich. Colin Wheeler, possiblyrobbed of the trophy by the exclusion, said he was quite happy to be the runner-up, considering the company present!

Generally, an exciting meeting, with some of the best racing seen in a Youth Championship for some years.

Scorers: P.Boxall (Norwich) 13, C.Wheeler (Soton) 12, Roy Newman(Horspath) 11, J.Cobbin, D.Collins (Tottenham) 10, R.Foy (South London) 9, M.Vernam(Soton), V.Armstrong (Horspath) 8, Pete Chapman, R.Swinchatt (Hawbush) 7, P.Edwards (Tottenham) 7, D.Blakely (Beckenham) 6, J.Sanderson (Leicester) 5, B.Thompson (Quarry Bank) 4, S.Reardon (T'ham)2, C.Barltrop (Tottenham) 1.

T.P.COLLINS

BERKSHIRE GRAND PRIX

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

T.Hardy 13, R.Dix 12, J.Mills 11, D.Garnett 11, K.Worlock 11, V.Marsland 10, J.Williams 8, P.Barnes 8, D.Scutts 7, V.Jones 6, T.Clark 5, D.Lilly 4, P.Blackwell 4, G.Moffatt 3, M.Little 1, G.Leale 6.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

P.Rides 13, V.Hinchliffe 12, J.Watling 10, B.Moston 10, R.Russell 9, B.Merrett 9, B.Robinson 9, M.Webb 8, D.Tarr 8, B.Palmer 6, J.White 5, B.Hurst 4, J.Unsworth 4, J.Spiers 2, R.Smith 4, A.Piggin 6.

FINAL

Tony Hardy (Offerton)	3	3	2	3	2	-	13	
Vinny Marsland (Gorton)	1	1	3	3	3	-	11	Won Run-Off
Johnny Watling (Gorton)	2	3	3	2	1	-	11	
Vic Hinchliffe (Offerton)	3	1	3	X	3	-	10	
Brian Robinson (Gorton)	0	2	3	2	2	-	9	
Brian Moston (Carrs Wood)	1	2	0	3	2	-	8	
Derek Garnett (Offerton)	2	3	2	1	0	-	8	
Richard Dix (Provincials)	1	3	2	2	0	-	8	
Ken Worlock (Bournemouth)	2	2	1	1	2	-	8	
John Mills (Vikings)	X	0	2	2	3	-	7	
Mick Webb (Estuary)	0	1	1	3	1	-	6	
Roy Russell (Estuary)	3	2	0	0	0	-	5	
Pete Barnes (Poole)	1	0	1	0	3	-	5	
Pete Rides (Tolworth)	3	X	0	0	1	-	5	
John Williams (Carrs Wood)	2	0	1	1	0	-	4	
Bob Merrett (Swindon)	0	1	0	1	X	-	2	

This event was run on August week-end at Hungerford. The semi finals on Saturday, the final on Sunday.

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL at Spencer Park, Coventry. Aug.16th.

GALLEY PIRATES 32 R.Osbourne 9, P.Furness 5, J.Attoe 4, M.Copsey 4, B.Woodcock 4, M.King 3, A.Attoe 2, R.Metcalf 1.

OFFERTON DEVILS 64 T.Lawton 12, D.Garnett 11, T.Hardy 10, V.Hinchliffe 9, R.Ross 7, D.Hatton 6, D.Seppman 5, A.McKenzie 3.

A.D.ELLIS BENEVOLENT FUND CUP FINAL at Spencer Park, August 16th.

BRANDON 49 J.Harrhy 13, J.O'Leary 9, B.Colley 8, B.Butler 7, L.McIllwaine 5, R.Smith 4, R.Carter 3,

MORRIS MOTORS 46 J.Reynolds 14, B.Wilkins 12, F.Smith 5, N.Young 5, G.Bryan 4, P.Bullock 2, B.Johnson 1.

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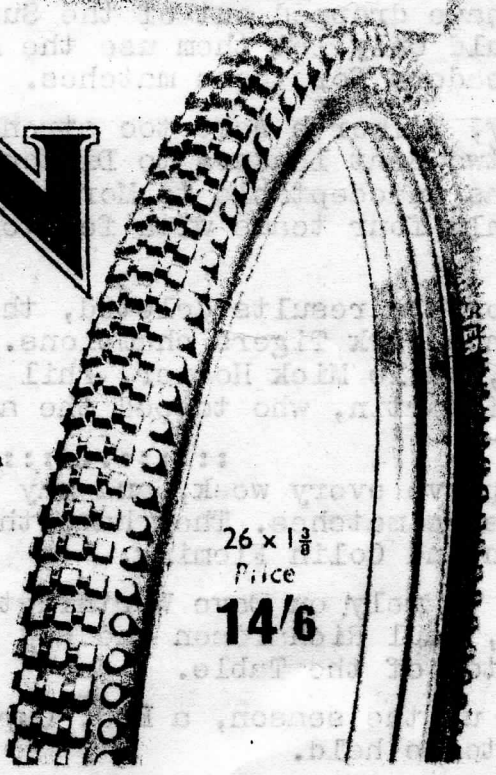

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BREDBURY IMPROVING

Things have been going much better at Bredbury lately with much more interest being shown by all members. Many hours have been spent on the track which had been badly neglected. Although it is still far from perfect it is much better than it was.

Due to the Council's plan to build on the site, the club are reluctant to spend money on the track.

The old fault of riding short has also disappeared, in only one match so far have the club been short-handed, and the transfer to the club of Shelton and Blinston from Longsight has helped a great deal to ensure a full turn-out.

From a results point of view, not many victories have been recorded, but apart from two matches against the powerful Offerton team, have managed to keep the opposition score to reasonable levels in recent matches. Most eagerly awaited clash now is the North of England Trophy semi-final at home to Belle Vue, and as the Bees held Belle Vue to 13 points away, they must have a good chance of qualifying for their first Final since the old Bredbury team competed in the same trophy in 1953.

"BRUTUS"

SURREY LEAGUE TOLWORTH OUT

Tolworth have dropped out of the Surrey League as the Morden and Raynes Park club would only let them use the Morden Park track if they dropped their heat leaders for these matches.

Admittedly, Tolworth were too strong for the league but they had agreed to transfer two heat leaders to Ditton for Surrey League purposes. It seems this was unacceptable to Morden and Raynes Park, so the league was reduced to only four teams with few top class riders for the juniors to learn from.

With Tolworth's results deleted, the league is now completed with unbeaten Raynes Park Tigers champions. Johnny King scored the bulk of their points, while Mick Hosier, Phil Tait and Barry Taylor continued to improve. Jeff Martin, who topped the averages, helped Morden into second place.

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Ditton improve every week, and may become Tolworth's Second Team for Sunday challenge matches. They have three fine prospects in Dick Naylor, Roger Woollen and Colin Fleming.

Cheam had to rely on Dave Worthington for most of their points although Tony Johnson, Paul Richardson and Rod Sheppard were always trying. They finished bottom of the Table.

To finish up the season, a K.O. Cup competition and Individual Championship are to be held.

MATCH REPORTS

This section of the magazine will be devoted entirely to Match Reports each month.
If you want your reports to go in this section, please mark clearly when sending.

ESTUARY 65 HOME COUNTIES SELECT 65 (Challenge)
Estuary drew with the Home Counties select, Val Hockley being in good form for Estuary, winning seven races. Sid Pipe guested for the Eagles and scored 11. Terry Howse 15, and Reg Squires 13, were top for the Select.

RAYLEIGH ROCKETS 56 EAST HAM STARS 40 (League)
The visitors slammed home two 5-1's in the opening heats to take an early lead. Rayleigh drew level at the halfway stage and took the lead with three 5-1 wins in heats 9, 10 and 11. This put them 12 up and they went on to win.
Austin Horrex was outstanding for the Rockets with 15, Norman Smith (12) gave sound support. Best for East Ham was evergreen Jack South with 11 and Keith Jago 8.
ROGER SEYMOUR.

UXBRIDGE 51 WEMBLEY 45 (League)
Uxbridge further increased their league position by beating Wembley. The score was close throughout. Wembley reserve Barry Edwards was in fine form scoring maximum points, as was Sid Russell who scored 12. Dixie Dean dropped one point to Russell, and topped the Uxbridge scorers. Harper, King and Jones all scored well.
ROGER SEYMOUR.

WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 43 TOLWORTH TUDORS 51 (League)
In Division One, Tolworth won a close match at Whipps Cross. Pete Rides led the Tudors well with 14, best for the Comets was Bill Kemsley with 12.
ROGER SEYMOUR.

BUSHEY KANGAROOS 50 HAREFIELD 46 (Challenge)
Bushey beat Harefield in a mid-week challenge match. Racing was very exciting, and a large crowd was present. Roy Tuthill and Bob Saunders both rode unbeaten for Bushey, while for Harefield, Colin Ferguson and Tom Thrift were the highest scorers.
ROGER SEYMOUR.

CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 54 PREDBURY BEES 41 (League)
The Bees were in with a good chance of winning until a spate of falls ruined their chances and Carrs Wood recorded a deserved win. Highlight of the match for Bees was Harrisons determined riding. He recorded the highest individual score for a Bredbury rider this season. For Hunters, Mann, Therwell, Piggin were best.
Carrs Wood : T.Mann 10. Bredbury : D.Harrison 13, D.Blinston 8, R.Chapman 6.
BRUTUS.

BREDBURY BEES 41 CARRS WOOD HUNTERS 55 (League)
A 5-1 to the Bees in heat 1 was a fine start and they made the Hunters fight all the way and at the end of heat 12 the visitors were only 4 points up, but then three succesive 5-1s settled things. Chapman and Blinston were

best for Bees, with Fairclough impressive until he had a last place in his fourth race. For Hunters Bailey was unbeaten and Mann and Piggin again scored double figures.
Bredbury: Chapman 10, Blinston 8(4) Fairclough 7(1)
CarrsWood: Bailey 10(2), Piggin 10(1), Mann 10. 'BRUTUS'

BREDBURY BEES 41 HIGH BANK TIGERS 55 (League)
On a rain soaked track, High Bank adapted themselves much better and fully deserved victory. Bees led twice, but four successive 5-1s to High Bank in the middle of the match more or less assured them of victory and only a late rally by Bredbury kept the score reasonable.
For Bredbury, Harrison (10), Stafford (9) and Blinston (9), fought a lone battle, the rest looked lost on the wet track. For High Bank, Shaw (12) was unbeaten and Ritter (12) lost only to Blinston, the rest of the team all backed them up solidly. 'BRUTUS'

BREDBURY BEES 30 OFFERTON DEVILS 65 (League)
Against the title chasing Devils team, the Bees were beaten but not disgraced. They made a good start and were only 2 down after four heats but then the powerful Devils machine got going and the Bees had very little to offer but a refusal to give in.
Fairclough was the only Bees rider to find anything like his usual form, with 7 points, Chapman, Skelton and Stafford scoring 6 each. For Devils Hinchliffe(15) and Lawton (10) were unbeaten, but Garnett lost in the nominated to score (10). 'BRUTUS'

BELLE VUE GLADIATORS 54 BREDBURY BEES 41 (League)
Bees were always within striking distance of the Gladiators until the later stages and in the end the home team fully deserved their win. The Bees just couldn't make any impression on Taylor (14) and Hatton (12), with the rest of the Belle Vue team all riding steadily, the Bees cause was a lost one. Harrison (10) topped the scorechart and the remainder of the Bees team did reasonably well, with Blinston (8) and Stafford (7), but not well enough to win. 'BRUTUS'

BREDBURY 55 OPENSHAW 40 (League)
Against a sadly depleted Monarchs team, Bees started well, being 21-9 up after 5 heats but in the face of some really determined riding by a Monarchs team who refused to give in to the Bees, faded and were unable to add very much to that lead. All the Bredbury team scored well with the exception of Tootal and Wooley, both first year riders and for Monarchs, Bostock dropped his only point to Fairclough.
Bredbury: Blinston, Fairclough, Skelton 10
Openshaw: Bostock 14, Watchman 8, Bunch 7, Broadfield 7.
'BRUTUS'

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 59 SOUTHAMPTON 37 (British League)
With most of the team feeling fit after a holiday, the British League encounter with Southampton on July 19th was one of the best matches at Tottenham for a few weeks. The Kangaroos came out eventual winners 59-37. For the visitors, captain Mick Vernam and Dave Butcher were top scorers. Dave, of course, is no stranger to the Tottenham circuit, as he smashed the track record only some six weeks earlier. Kangaroos skipper, Len Adams, as calm as ever topped the scores for the home side.
T.P.COLLINS

BECKENHAM 52 HORSPATH 44 (British League)
August 9th brought an away fixture with Beckenham which resulted in a 52-44 defeat. The Hammers rode well but the opposition were the better side on the day. Top scorer for Horspath was Eric Butler who stormed his way to 10 points while other scorers were Barry Dawes 9, Kevin Rowland 8 and Mick Grant 7 (this with an exclusion in his third ride).

The Horspath Combination team won their match again, but this time by the narrowest of margins, the scores being 37-35. They now top the league with an impressive record of ten wins from ten matches.

COVENTRY EVENING TELEGRAPH CUPS

Senior. In 1962 and 1963, Ray Lewis (Earlsdon) finished in the top two of this event, but didn't win. After 20 heats of the best racing Coventry has seen in years, he at last won. Of the others, Barry Shapley lost his chance with a 4th ride, John Smith likewise in his last, Will Truslove had a first ride last, Barry Taylor had an early fall and Tony Savery who could have won the title with a last heat win - finished third.
Scorers:R.Lewis 12, J.Smith, W.Truslove, B.Taylor 11, R.Smith, B.Shapley, T.Savery 10, J.O'Leary, J.Reynolds 9.

Junior. But for trying an outside line in his third ride, Rob Hardie (Earlsdon), won the other four rides from the gate and may have won this. However, this last place only earned him a run-off for second with Roger Adams (Keresley), Rogers team-mate, Chris Jones having already clinched the trophy with four fine winning rides and a third.
Scorers: C.Jones 13, R.Adams, R.Hardie 12, K.Cox 11.

'ALLOTT'

COVENTRY 51 NETHERTON & DISTRICT 44 (Test Match)
Dave Underhill didn't do anything after his first ride and Allen and Bernie Thomson only shone once or twice. The home side won through solid consistency and didn't really miss, on holiday Ray Lewis and suspended Brian Munns.
COVENTRY:J.Smith 11, W.Truslove 9, B.Colley 8, T.O'Donnell 7, B.Taylor 6.
NETHERTON:P.Allen 9, B.Thomson 8, D.Underwood 7.

BOB FLETCHER CUP - Qualifiers for semi-finals.
at Morris:C.Jones 12, R.Pickard 11, C.Doubleday, T.Savery, P.Bullock, J.Harrison, T.Cater, B.Butler 10, 1st.res L.Hurley 9.

at Keresley:W.Truslove 15, B.Taylor 14, J.Smith 13, R.Lewis 12, R.Smith 11 D.Henry 10, D.Faulkner, R.Francis 8, 1st.res P.Moore 7.

at Whitley:B.Colley 13, T.O'Donnell, R.Hardie 12, B.Shapley, R.Adams 11, J.Reynolds, L.McIlwaine 10, K.Smith 8. 1st res.M.Tollan 7.

SNIPPETS

Glyn Brimson of Tolworth almost joined Raynes Park recently. He actually signed the transfer form but was talked out of the move by Tolworth's manager, Mick Little. One signing which did go through was Bob Saunders from Wembley. He makes his Raynes Park debut over the August Bank Holiday.

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Tottenham Kangaroos have ridden themselves into the semi-final of the Gold Cup K.O. competition, and have been drawn away to the powerful Oxfordshire side, Horspath Hammers. The match to be ridden on Aug.22nd. The return to the saddle of Steve Reardon should strengthen the side a bit, providing Steve can get back into form before the date.

TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 62 WEMBLEY LIONS 46 (Challenge)
A mid week challenge match against old rivals, Wembley Lions, brought some exciting racing and a larger than usual crowd. Kangaroos came out tops but the Lions showed that they were a force to be reckoned with, Messrs. Tuthill, Wallis and Hunt doing most of the scoring. Malcolm Reading with partner Derek Willcocks rode unbeaten for the Kangaroos.
T.P.COLLINS

SOUTH LONDON and LEICESTER 62 TOTTENHAM KANGAROOS 34.
In another challenge match at Garratt Park on the 26th July, the Kangaroos really bit off more than they could chew! They raced a combined South London and Leicester side, going down 62-34. Len Adams had an off day, as did youngster John Cobbin. Fortunately, Dave Collins could do nothing wrong or the score might have been worse. Stylist Dave, well suited to the Garratt Park circuit, scored ten from four rides.
T.P.COLLINS

BRISTOL LIONS 45 SOUTHAMPTON VIKINGS 51.
Southampton Vikings arrived at Bristol one short for the Southern League match, although a thrilling match ensued for the larger than usual crowd. Bristol took the lead in heat 4 with a 4-2, increasing their lead in heat 5. Vikings hit back with a 5-1 in the next heat, recapturing the lead with another 5-1 in heat 8 after a tactical mess up by Bristol. After a Bristol 5-1 in heat 11, Rod and John Mills scored their third 5-1 in heat 12 to take the lead again. Hereafter Bristol, as usual, weakened, Vikings running out winners 51-45.

Apart from Curtis and Martin, Bristol were jaded, while for Vikings Colin Wheeler was a bit off, although the Mills's and young Keith Burton rode really well.

Bristol:Curtis, Martin 10, Tullberg 6, Goverd, Massey, Roman 5, Hellin Withers 2.

Vikings:Mills 12, R.Mills, K.Burton 10, Wheeler 8, Hughes 7, Randle 4.
'OAKDALE'

HELLINGLY SUPPORTERS TROPHY
Tommy Killick became the first Hellingly rider to win the Supporters Trophy. Geoff Smith was great throughout and Parkins impressed for a first time at Hellingly. Scorers on results page.
'LION CUB'

CHAMPION OF CHAMPION (HAWBUSH)
Chivers fell in the run-off. Cobbin fell in his first ride and badly gashed his left knee. Green looked all set after two great rides, but made a bad mistake by trying to go round Chubb. Ray Chivers took both.
Myles (hellingly) 13, Ray Chivers (S.London) 13, Ken Adams (Leicester) 12, Dave Chivers (S.London) 11, Green (Hellingly) 10, Len Adams (Tottenham)10, W.Gill (Thurrock) 9, Swinchatt (Hawbush) 8, Greenaway (Hawbush) 7.
'LION CUB'

HORSPATH 50 LEICESTER 46 (British League)
Horspath won an exciting home encounter by only four points oin one of the closest fought matches seen at Horspath for a long time. Leicester took the lead from the start and at one stage held a six point lead, but some spectacular riding by the Hammers reduced a near defeat into a hard earned victory. Horspaths points came from Barry Dawes 12, Eric Butler 10, Kevin Rowland 9 and Vic Armstrong 6, but the whole team rode extremely well. The Leicester top scorers were Knock and Warren with 9 points each, followed by Glover 7, Burns 6 and Adams 5.