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LOOK AT IT THIS WAY

The time has come for some straight talking. But before I begin to do just that, I must clear up one or two small but important points.

Firstly, I am in no way whatsoever connected with the Bristol Lions Cycle Speedway Club or with any other club.

Secondly, anything that I say in this magazine is my own personal comment and should not be confused with club policy.

I am a journalist and Cycle Speedway is just one of the things I write about. I need to do this to earn my keep. When I first came to hear about Cycle Speedway racing, a little over two years ago,

it's apparent security surprised me. But I have been disillusioned.

This season, before my very eyes, I have seen the mighty National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association humbled, ridiculed and pulled down to a shadow of its former self. When John Leith resigned as Secretary the Association began to crumble. If this seems dramatic, I stress that I am only stating a now readily accepted fact. If this decline continues, NACSA will lose its grip on Cycle Speedway altogether. Slowly but surely its finger has been prised away from the pulse of the sport. It is living in the past and its Executive is no longer planning ahead.

Why, why, why was a National Individual Quarter Final allocated to Drayton St. Leonard? Why should a track that cannot even raise a regular team be given a match that many other hard working NACSA clubs would have given anything to stage. What will other non-NACSA clubs think of this action. Will it attract them to NACSA? I am sure that it won't.

Then there is the case of the notification of riders. The Bristol riders drawn in the quarter finals of the National Championship, at Poole and at Drayton, never received notification. If Bob Merrett had not remarked about the draw in a conversation with one of the Lions riders, they would never have found out either. Until they actually turned up at the meetings in question and saw the programmes, they had no idea officially that they were riding.

And if criticism can be levelled against Drayton, what about the classic Hungerford situation. Hungerford can rarely raise a full team, they race in no organised league and yet they receive a number of top meetings - why should they? I admit they have a fine track but I am sure that the real reason is this. NACSA are now controlled by Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge, and both these well meaning people like to keep their own track to the fore. A semi-final of the National Individuals plus a preliminary round is too much for any track that does not compete in National competitions.

But not only has NACSA lost the respect of many of its members, it has blatantly ignored its own rules and regulations, and its Executive members have pleased themselves as to what they should do. It was agreed that riders should not be zoned in the National Quarter Finals - but they were. Who gave the Association permission to change rules without a vote?

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As long as these irresponsible actions continue, the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association will never be able to command respect from its member clubs again.

To my way of thinking, the BCSF offers much more. True, it will accept only clubs which will pledge themselves to improving conditions and putting on a good show at all times. But, if a club intends to get on, this is the best thing for it to do anyway. If Cycle Speedway is ever to be recognised as a major amateur sport, it must throw in its lot with an organisation ready and able to control it.

At the moment I can see no alternative to the British Cycle Speedway Federation. It does at least issue announcements to the Press, and keep its member clubs informed of its actions.

THE EDITOR.

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BRISTOL LIONS RIDERS AVERAGES. QUALIFICATION - 5 MATCHES.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. Massey	124	16	7.8
B. Martin	115½	16	7.2
N. Tullberg	122	17	7.2
T. Goverd	107	15	7.1
D. Roman	62	10	6.2
R. Withers	71	12	5.9
M. Curtis	84	15	5.7
P. Sposito	67	13	5.2
M. Dyer	47	9	5.1
R. Hellin	16	5	3.2

The NEIL TULLBERG Column

After several poor performances, the Bristol Lions are back on a winning trail. The entire team is back on form and it must be congratulated on its great performances, especially against Minster Lovell, Hellingly and Bournemouth.

On July 11th, with most of the first team away on holiday, a B team rode against Cleverton at Bristol, the only first team riders being Phil Sposito, Bob Martin and Neil Tullberg. The resulting match produced good racing for the first few heats until some of the Cleverton riders started using unfair tactics, for no apparent reasons. These antics were not confined to the track either. The highlight of the match was Mike Browns riding. He came through from the back in all his rides and put up a great performance, better even than his fellow juniors Dave Roman and Richard Hellin. If his gating were faster he would indeed be a star of the future. Bristol rode with a seven man team but their knowledge of the track easily pulled them through to a 62-33 win.

July 12th's match at Southampton against the Provincials must surely have been Bristols poorest showing away from home since last years fiasco at Poole. However, they were riding one short, Rob Withers and Mike Dyer being on holiday and Mike Curtis could not be bothered to get out of bed. The Millbrook track was a very poor substitute for the Sports Centre, although the main fault lay in poor gating by the whole of the Bristol team, with the sole exception of the skipper, Dave Massey, who scored ten out of twelve. Mike Curtis's absence could not have affected the score much, though Rob Withers might have.

The reason for the teams poor gating is easy to find. Dyer, Sposito and Withers hardly ever practice gating with the rest of the team.

THE BRISTOL SCENE by "WASP"

There is a new look at Oakdale Road. The old refreshment and Public Address hut has been pulled down and a much bigger one has been built in its place. The white line has also been strengthened and painted and parts of it renewed.

Well done, Messrs Bryant, Roman and Hampton for directing the traffic so well when the Lions coach ran out of fuel and blocked part of the road on the way back from Southampton. Rumour has it that all three have applied for the police force.

Young Drayton St. Leonard star, Roger Fortune, recently visited Oakdale Road and later told supporter Steve Frazer that he has never seen the circuit looking so smart.

Southampton Provincials rider, Mick Lyon, almost got himself a free ride to Bristol when he came into the Lions coach to talk to skipper, Dave Massey. Still Mick, we'd have taken care of you.

Dave Robinson has retired to become a steward. He has been registered by N.A.C.S.A. Good luck Dave.

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Recent visitor to the Bristol track was Eric Abbot who has just moved to Frome, Somerset, from Plymouth. He took an active part in stewarding a challenge match between the Lions and Cleverton and it looks as if he is very interested in Bristol Cycle Speedway.

Round and About — with Dave Robinson.

Since our last issue we have been grieved to hear that Mr. John Leith has resigned from N.A.C.S.A. Mr. Leith has been the mainstay of the N.A.C.S.A. organisation and it is with very deep regret that we of the Bristol Lions heard of his resignation. So we all offer our hearty thanks to Mr. Leith for all that he has done for Cycle Speedway.

It is interesting to note that there are new teams appearing in the West country and South Wales. Perhaps there will be International matches between England, Scotland and Wales and all that we want now is a team from Ireland.

Bristol Lions were visited by Cleverton Hornets on July 11th and Bristol ran out winners by 62-33. There was some trouble between the Cleverton captain and the steward from Plymouth. In my opinion, the steward did his job very well and there were no grounds for complaint.

JOHN WRIGHT LOOKS BACK

PART TWO

To me, the following season was full of mixed fortunes. The Chew Stoke team packed up after a short but promising 1959 season. But I was determined not to give up riding. In an effort to learn more about Cycle Speedway plus the possibility of a team place at either Swindon or Hungerford, I wrote to the ex England team manager, Mr. Dave Stevens (who at that time wrote regularly about Cycle Speedway in the Speedway World).

A few weeks later I received a reply from Mr. A.G. Mansbridge, manager of the Hungerford Panthers. He informed me that Mr. Stevens had passed on my letter to him and that he was willing to help me.

So, after several trips to Berkshire I signed on the dotted line to become a Panther. My first ride with the Hungerford boys was in a practice match at Marlborough. That day I held my own fairly well amongst the more experienced company. But it was a different tale when I rode the "home" track. Although Hungerford had one of the smartest looking circuits in England I'm afraid that I just couldn't manage those tight bends. I believe this somewhat shattered my confidence at the time. In Mr. Mansbridge though, we had a fine team manager and possibly one of the best friends that Cycle Speedway ever had.

I also had plenty of help from team mate Brian Geater. Quiet and unassuming, that was Brian. Although he suffered from ill health he rarely let the side down and was always a thrilling rider to watch with his tear-away style. If ever anyone was in difficulty, Brian was usually there to see if he could help.

During my stay with the Panthers, I rode in most of their away fixtures. The most memorable of these was the trip to Bournemouth for the opening of the Viscounts new track. All the riders invited along were introduced to the Poole international speedway rider, Ken Middleditch. Ken presented each of us with a certificate to commemorate our visit.

He then cut a tape and declared the track open, after which we all did a lap of honour, led by the former Pirate.

During the interval of the match that followed I approached Ken, told him I came from Bristol and knew Cliff Cox. He appeared interested and told me about his many visits to knowle Stadium. Although Ken said he had finally decided to call it a day as far as shaleshifting was concerned, he later donned leathers again to become Poole's leading points scorer. I later met the Wimborne based rider at Plymouth when he appeared there in a Provincial League match against the Devils. Oddly enough my old mate Cliff was skipper of the Plymouth side and I was riding second half. Ken was quite surprised to find that I had taken up speedway.

Getting back to Cycle Speedway for a moment, I must recall another incident that comes to mind. The Hungerford team had travelled to Reading to meet the Bucklebury Robins, The meeting had commenced and was running smoothly. (These two teams were dead rivals). I believe it was my second race. At any rate from number four on the gate. I rode around the other three on the first bend, whereupon I was amazed to see a conglomeration of signals etc., from the steward and flag marshall, indicating that I had been disqualified. Mr. Mansbridge protested most strongly, but all to no avail. I, personally, never knew why I had been disqualified. Oh well, I suppose it was just one of those peculiar decisions that stewards occasionally "decide" to make.

NEXT MONTH BRISTOL - AT LAST.

NEWS FROM DEVON

by RON VAULTER

Shaldon Kestrels are now leading in the Devon County League but they still have five matches to play. At Shaldon, an invitation sixteen riders individual tournament was ridden and presented on Westward T.V. Sports Preview on Monday July 13th, during which the Kestrels captain, Chris Farrell, was interviewed also myself with regard to Speedway in the South West and details of the Kestrels club and the set up of the Devon County league.

At Exeter the local clubs are riding each week and with great interest. The first rounds of the League Best Pairs and Individuals have been completed with very good results. The finals will take place early in September.

At Shaldon we hope to stage an event in aid of the Cancer Fund when it is expected that a large crowd will attend. Also, the Chairman of the Teignmouth Council will start the first race. The juniors are coming on very well both at Shaldon and Dawlish. A Cup has been presented and a number of matches are arranged with the two clubs and the winning club will be presented with the Cup.

The League Cup will again be presented by Mr. Pete Lansdale during September at the County Ground Stadium, Exeter, with many other cups, which clubs have won this season.

Photo right:

VIC HINCHLIFFE

leads TREVOR

GOVERD at

Bristol.



NEWS FROM DEVON

Photo left:

BOB MARTIN leads

with Bristol

skipper DAVE

MASSEY in the

rear.



ROSS'S ROUNDAABOUT

by ROSS MARTAKIES.

Nice to see my old mate Barrie Palmer belting around the tracks in his washed up 'ole van. Anyone who saw him sitting in a posh ARMCHAIR close to the Bristol safety fence recently would have thought that he was at last bowing down to old age. But no, Barrie reckoned that he deserved a rest after driving his Provincials all the way from Southampton.

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Trevor Goverd had a nasty shock during the match against Littlemore at Bristol. Trev was pushed out to the fence, somersaulted over an advertising banner and fell backwards into the Oakdale Road stream. Two minutes later Trev crawled back onto the track covered in thorns and muttering incoherent comments about thorn bushes or something.

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Ever seen Bristol's Neil Tullberg and Dave Roman rowing a boat. It's well worth watching. In one hour, at Eastbourne, they managed to hit the pier twice, loose an oar, nearly capsized the boat and then - just for good measure - they forgot where they hired it from.

Still, that's life.

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Talking of Trevor Goverd, his 1935 Morris 8 stood up to the trip to Eastbourne very well. It boiled away eight flagons of water, burnt four pints of oil and ploughed its way through fourteen gallons of petrol.

Steve Frazer has just bought himself a new road bike in racing trim. Said Steve to Trev "reckon I could get to Hungerford almost as fast as you".

Exit one cyclist with one Morris eight in hot pursuit.

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Some of the stewarding I have seen this year has been little short of scandalous. But one decision made by a steward at Bristol recently really took the cake. He allowed one of his own riders to carry on after Phil Sposito had had his back wheel kicked from under him. In another heat he called "under starters orders" while one rider was still adjusting his gloves.

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Former Bristol riders, Terry Buckingham and Roger Davy are riding again. Both have been turning out for Bristol's Combination side in the Southern League reserves league with some success.

CLEVERTON

Cleverton have applied for British League membership in 1965. Although far from strong, their form this year indicates a great improvement on recent seasons. An away win at Drayton St. Leonard and a home win over Raynes Park is very encouraging news.

PAUL MURRAY

NEWPORT

Cycle speedway is catching on fast in Newport. News is coming in of a scheme to reintroduce the sport to Cardiff. At least six teams are operating in Newport and District and plans are already to hand to form a league in 1965.

At the moment, the Somerset Wasps are the only team with a proper track and organised racing. Matches are raced on the thirteen heat Provincial Speedway League formula.

PAUL MURRAY

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Hornets would like to fix up home and away challenge matches with Southern League tracks. If anyone has any open dates please drop a line to Eric Abbott, 27 Bath Road, Frome, Somerset.

Plymouth are hoping to make an application to join the Southern League in 1965. At the moment matches have been arranged with Exeter and Teignmouth.

D.Liddicoat won the Plymouth junior riders Championship on Aug.2nd with nine points from three rides. Pete Neale won the senior championship with a fifteen point maximum.

ERIC ABBOTT

SWINDON

With Mike Richards, Graham Swan and Bob Merrett through to the final of the Southern League Riders Championship have a good chance of supplying the eventual winner.

They are also challenging for league honours and look a likely threat to Vikings.

TONY HARDY WINS BERKS. GRANDPRIX

by KEN WORLOCK

The 1964 Berks Grand Prix is over for yet another season. And after thirty two of the top riders in the country took part in this now famous event, the final result must be the surprise of the year when young Tony Hardy, 17 years old, of the Offerton Devils, pushed aside the big names to win this years Berks Grand Prix.

A deserved winner who showed the skill of a star man. Second home was Vinny Marsland followed by Johnny Watling both of the Gorton Pirates-Manchester. One of the best meetings seen at Hungerford for many years.

1st semi-final: T.Hardy 13, R.Dix 12, J.Mills, D.Garnett, K.Worlock 11, V.Marsland 10, J.Williams, P.Barnes 8, D.Scutts 7, V.Jones 6, T.Clark 5, D.Lilly, P.Blackwell 4, G.Moffatt 3, M.Little 1, G.Leale 0.

2nd semi-final: P.Rides 13, V.Hinchliffe 12, J.Watling, B.Moston 10, R.Russell, B.Merrett, B.Robinson 9, M.Webb, D.Tarr 8, B.Palmer 6, J.White 5, B.Hurst, J.Unsworth 4, J.Speirs 3, R.Smith 4, A.Piggin 0.

Final: T.Hardy 13, V.Marsland, J.Watling 11, V.Hinchliffe 10, B.Robinson 9, B.Moston, D.Garnett, R.Dix, K.Worlock 8, J.Mills 7, M.Webb 6, R.Russell, P.Barnes, P.Rides 5, J.Williams 4, B.Merrett 2.

August Monday saw 34 teams compete for the four a side K.O. trophy. Racing started at 1.0p.m. and lasted for 7½ hours.

The large crowd saw some very fast and exciting racing which was somewhat marred by bad stewarding. Out went the big clubs - Offerton, Gorton, Horspath, Bournemouth - disposed of by Southampton Vikings and Swindon Eagles. A good final between these two clubs was expected but, alas, Swindon were swamped to a 15 points to 7 defeat at the hands of the Vikings who rode hard throughout the days programme.

4 a side Senior K.O.

Round One

Wembley "B" beat Swindon "B" Uxbridge "B" lost to Horspath "A".
Brandon beat Tolworth "B".

Round Two

Raynes Park lost to Vikings "A". Belle Vue beat Uxbridge "C".
Keresley beat Cleverton "B". Cleverton "A" lost to Bournemouth.
Wembley "B" lost to Earlsdon Uxbridge "A" lost to Estuary "A"
Horspath "A" beat Bucklebury "A" Swindon "A" beat Bucklebury "B"
Poole "B" beat Horspath "B" Scottish Rangers beat Whipps Cross
Gorton beat Provincials Wembley "A" beat Leicester.
Offerton beat Hungerford Tolworth "A" beat Estuary "B"
Poole "A" beat Vikings "B" Brandon beat Carrs Wood.

Round Three

Offerton beat Wembley "A" Gorton beat Estuary "A"
Swindon beat Bournemouth Scottish Rangers beat Poole "B"
Horspath "A" beat Belle Vue Vikings "A" beat Earlsdon
Poole "A" beat Tolworth "A" Keresley beat Brandon.

Quarter Finals

Vikings "A" beat Horspath "A" Swindon "A" beat Poole "A"
Gorton beat Keresley Scottish Rangers beat Offerton

Semi-Finals

Vikings "A" beat Scottish Rangers Swindon beat Gorton.

Final

Southampton Vikings "A" beat Swindon Eagles "A" by 15 points to 7 points.

August 30th. NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL SEMI-FINALS

CARRS WOOD

Junior: P.Rennie (Gorton) 15, D.Roman (Bristol) 13, C.Hunt (Wembley) 12, D.McCue (Heron Cross) 12, R.Ross (Offerton) 11, B.Hardie (Earlsdon) 10, J.Watchman (Openshaw) 8, R.Carter (Brandon) 8.
Senior: V.Hinchliffe (Off) 15, P.Bury (Gort.) 14, C.Wheeler (Vik.) 13, V.Marsland (Gorton) 11, P.Rennie (Gorton) 10, J.Watling (Gorton) 10, J.Mills (Vik.) 8, T.Hardy (Offerton) 7.

HUNGERFORD Junior: B.Jackson (Gorton) 14, K.Jago (east Ham) 12, J.Hatton (Belle Vue), R.Mills (Vik.) 11, D.Worthington (Raynes Pk), V.Hockley (Est.), C.Jones (Keresley), B.Cord (Offerton).

Senior: D.Garnett (Offerton), S.Russell (Wembley), G.Swann (Swindon), B.Shapley (Earlsdon), R.Dix (Prov.), G.Brimson (Tolworth), B.Merrett (Swin), W.Truslove (Keresley)

POST RACING SECTION

DRAYTON 30 - CLEVERTON 42 (challenge)

Drayton put up a great hearted fight but the all round strength of the Hornets began to tell in the later stages. Cleverton went straight into the lead and Telling scored a maximum from his four rides.

DRAYTON ST. LEONARD: M. Parslow, J. Davis 8, D. Filer 7, L. Fruin 4, J. Wilson 2, P. Gisborne 1, G. Filer 0.

CLEVERTON: L. Telling 12, G. Fletcher 10, R. Jackson, J. Humphries 6, C. Potter 5, G. Fletcher 3, R. Payne 0.

RICHARD JACKSON

UXBRIDGE 75 - CLEVERTON 21 (Challenge)

Telling was again top Cleverton rider in their match against Uxbridge but the Hornets lost heavily to their Home Counties League opponents.

UXBRIDGE: J. Unsworth 12, J. King 11, W. Punter, V. Jones, B. Harper 10, G. Chamberlain 8, G. Pearce, E. Norris 7.

CLEVERTON: L. Telling 6, R. Jackson 5, C. Potter 4, G. Fletcher, J. Humphries 2, J. Foulkes, R. Heal 1, R. Payne 0.

Reserves match

UXBRIDGE 46: L. Walter 12, P. Sargood 11, J. Grant 8, R. Fletcher 7, R. Luck 5, E. Chamberlain 3.

CLEVERTON 26: C. Potter 10, R. Heal, J. Foulkes 6, G. Fletcher 3, M. Dunn, J. Wilson 0.

AVENGER

June 26th NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (Senior) Rnd 4 at Hungerford.

Only a shock defeat by Alwyn Dominey and Dave Tarr stopped John Brooks of Estuary Eagles from scoring a maximum. He rode extremely well to win his other four races, especially in heat eleven when he beat Dennis Lilly by two lengths.

SCORERS: J. Brooks (Estuary) 13, D. Lilly (Poole) 12, A. Bright (Poole) 11, A. Dominey (Poole) 11, D. Massey (Bristol) 10, D. Tarr (Poole) 10, G. Brown (Poole) 10, C. Russell (Wembley) 9, B. Saunders (Wembley) 8, G. Pearce (Uxbridge) 6, T. Goverd (Bristol), R. Tuthill (Wembley) 5, P. Richardson (Raynes Park) 3, K. Maidment (Poole) 3, M. Honour (Poole) 2, K. Harris (Wembley) 2.

TREVOR GOVERD

June 26th NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (Senior) Rnd. 4 at Littlemore

The fact that there were no official programmes available is the only reason why the score chart for the Littlemore round is limited to top scorers only. The most spectacular rider on parade was fast gating Neil Tullberg of the Bristol Lions.

SCORERS: B. Merrett (Swindon) 12, G. Swan (Swindon) 12, N. Tullberg (Br) 11, B. Martin (Br.) 10, R. Morse (Swindon), M. Dyer (Br.), B. Hollister (H'ford) 9, R. Smith (H'ford) 9, B. Hunt (Swindon) 8, D. Scutts (Swindon) 8.

ROSS MARTAKIES

June 26th NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (Junior) Rnd 4 at Minster Lovell.

Had Rod Mills turned up in time for his first race he would probably have pipped Chris Hunt for top scorers position. As it was, he scored four wins from four rides.

SCORERS : C.Hunt (Wembley) 14, R.Mills (Vikings) 12, K.Jago (East Ham) 12, V.Hockley (Estuary) 11, D.Worthington (Raynes Park), R.Helling (Bristol) 10, D.Roman (Bristol) 10, R.Burgin (Sheffield) 9, K.Burton (Vikings), Hunt (Uxbridge) 7, R.Watters (Wembley) 6, E.Blanche (Wembley) 5, P.Vaughan (Wembley) 4, M.Brown (Bristol) 2.

ROB WITHERS

July 11th BRISTOL "B" 61 - CLEVERTON 33 (Challenge)

Cleverton disgraced themselves completely in their first and last visit to Bristol this year. Foul language in the pits, threats directed at the spectators, insulting behaviour towards the Bristol riders and the withdrawal from the match of Richard Jackson, because of a disagreement with the neutral steward - Mr. Eric Abbott from Plymouth - left a foul taste in the mouth about the whole affair. The only blessing was the weather. The rain kept the bulk of the Lions fans away and only about fifty people were on hand to witness the whole degrading incident.

After the match, Bristol cancelled their visit to Cleverton, scheduled for later in the month.

BRISTOL "B": B.Martin, N.Tullberg 11, P.Sposito, D.Roman 10, M.Brown 7, D.Robinson, R.Hellin 6.

CLEVERTON : R.Jackson, G.Fletcher 8, C.Telling 6, K.Payne, C.Potter 4, R.Heal 2, J.Wilson 1, Dunn 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

CLEVERTON 51 - RAYNES PARK 45 (Challenge)

Cleverton raced into an early lead and the form of heatleader, Telling, who scored a maximum, helped them to record their first home win of the season. In the second half they lost a close match to Morden Stars after Telling had scored another maximum.

CLEVERTON : L.Telling 15, R.Jackson 11, C.Potter 10, R.Payne, D.Butcher 4
RAYNES PARK : D.Mercer 11, J.King, D.Worthington 8, L.Kitching 5.

CLEVERTON 32: L.Telling 12, G.Fletcher 11, C.Potter 6, R.Payne 2, Dunn 0.
MORDEN 40: R.Worthington, J.Johnson 9, Taylor, Tait, Sheppard, Hosier 6.

VANGUARD

July 12th SOUTHAMPTON PROV. 62½ - BRISTOL 32½ (South.Lge)

Unable to use the Sports Centre track because of a drainage scheme which has temporarily undermined it, Provincials were forced to race their league match against Bristol at Millbrook. To describe it as the worst track I have ever seen would be an understatement. It was terrible, but give Provincials their due, they did at least find another site. Some clubs wouldn't have bothered. It took half the match for Bristol to settle down and they were losing 37½ - ½ after eight heats. But with a little knowledge of the track gained from the opening races they settled down to hold the Provincials to 25½ - 23½ in the second half.

PROVINCIALS : M.Lyon 12, R.Dix 11, B.Palmer 8, P.Hobbs, J.Allan, G.Leale 7, P.Chambers 7½, M.Leale 3.

BRISTOL : D.Massey 10, N.Tullberg 9, B.Martin 4½, T.Goverd, P.Sposito 3, D.Roman 2, R.Hellin 1.

ROSS MARTAKIES

July 19th NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (Senior) $\frac{1}{4}$ -Final at Poole

Pete Rides of Tolworth missed his chance of reaching the semi-finals after losing his way on the road to Poole. Pete blamed insufficient track directions for the incident.

SCORERS: J.Brooks (Estuary) 12, G.Brown (Poole), D.Lilly (Poole) 11, R.Alderton (Estuary) 10, P.Luck (Tolworth) 10, S.Russell (Wembley) 10, J.Mills (Vikings) 10, V.Jones (Uxbridge), V.Hockley (Estuary), D.Tarr (Poole) 8, A.Bright (Poole), R.Mills (Vikings) 5, D.Massey (Bristol) 4, M.Dyer (Bristol) 4, E.Randle (Vikings) 3, B.Hollister (Hungerford) 2.

VANGUARD

July 19th. NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (Senior) $\frac{1}{4}$ -Finals
at Drayton St. Leonard.

This was Graham Swans big day. The Swindon youngster rode all the big guns into the ground to win the Drayton quarter final with thirteen points.

SCORERS: G.Swan (Swindon) 13, D.Dean (Uxbridge) 12, B.Merrett (Swindon) 12, B.Martin (Bristol) 11, C.Wheeler (Vikings) 11, R.Dix (Provincials) 9, G.Wallis 9, G.Brimson (Tolworth) 8, W.Punter (Uxbridge) 8, D.Dennis (Vikings) 6, R.Morse (Swindon) 5, C.Harrison (Provincials) 4, J.Unsworth (Uxbridge), N.Tullberg (Bristol) 4, W.Saunders (Wembley) 3, R.Smith(H'ford) 1

STEVE FRAZER

25th July BRISTOL 45 - VIKINGS 51 (Southern Lge)

Bristol let this match slip from their grasp after building up a four points lead by heat five. Two 5-1's from Vikings reversed the situation but Bristol soon hit back to within two points of the visitors. Two more 5-1's put Vikings into an unbeatable position and they coasted home to an easy win.

BRISTOL : B.Martin, M.Curtis 10, T.Goverd, N.Tullberg, D.Massey, D.Roman 5
R.Withers, R.Hellin 2.

VIKINGS : J.Mills 12, K.Burton, R.Mills 10, C.Wheeler 8, D.Hughes 7,
E.Randle 4, Jackson 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

August 2nd. RAYNES PARK 29 - BRISTOL 67 (Challenge)

Bristol ran riot over Surrey's Raynes Park Tigers. The home side tried hard but they could not hold the fast gating Lions. Bristol won ten of the sixteen heats 5-1. The only Raynes Park rider to win a heat was Don Mercer, who did so after Lions, Mike Curtis and Dave Roman had fallen.

RAYNES PARK: D.Mercer 7, J.Johnson, J.Martin, A.Hannam 5, L.Kitching 3,
B.Saunders, M.Hosier 2, R.Sheppard 0.

BRISTOL : N.Tullberg 12, D.Massey, T.Goverd 11, B.Martin, R.Withers 10,
M.Curtis 6, P.Sposito 5, D.Roman 2.

Let's not mince words. Bristol could have won by a maximum score and probably would have if Neil Tullberg had not been excluded on the gate and Trevor Goverd had refrained from playing with the opposition.

MORDEN 20 $\frac{1}{2}$: T.Johnson 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, M.Hannam 5, R.Hills 4, R.Wollen 3, D.Taylor 1,
D.Smith 0.

BRISTOL 51 $\frac{1}{2}$: D.Roman 12, D.Massey 10, M.Curtis 9, T.Goverd 8, N.Tullberg 7,
R.Hellin 5.

ROSS MARTAKIES

Aug. 8th

BRISTOL 45 - BOURNEMOUTH 51 (Challenge)

What a match. The Lions put up a great fight and they managed to pull back from being four points down after four heats to being four points up after heat eight. But a 5-1 from Graham Moffatt and Paul Thorne in heat nine, after Neil Tullberg had been excluded, levelled the scores and Bournemouth swept into the lead two heats later.

Bristol junior, Dave Roman, guesting for Bournemouth, rode extremely well. His four points included a fine win over Phil Sposito in heat 11.

BRISTOL: D. Massey 11, B. Martin 8, T. Goverd, M. Curtis 6, R. Withers 5, M. Dyer 4, N. Tullberg 3, P. Sposito 2.

BOURNEMOUTH : K. Worlock 12, P. Thorne 11, M. Pretty 10, J. White 6, G. Moffat 5, D. Roman 4, H. Baker 3, Cook 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

PLYMOUTH 34 - SHALDON 42 (Challenge)

Plymouth tried hard in their challenge match with Shaldon Kestrels but the Devon County League side won, thanks to its all round strength and faster gating.

PLYMOUTH : Meale, Harper 9, Baskerville, Foster, Bowden 4, Tout 2, Moulden 1
SHALDON : Farrell 10, Northway 9, Gooch 8, Leaman, Carthew 7, Moulder 1, Minment 0.

ERIC ABBOTT

Aug. 9th.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL (Great Milton)

With J. Hunt and E. Blake (Minster Lovell), G. Byles, J. Dale and K. Oakley (Littlemore) and E. Randle (Vikings) absent, an appeal had to be made for riders to make up the programme. Enough riders were found to put on a reasonable show but no explanation was offered as to why such a large number of riders had missed the meeting.

SCORERS: G. Swan (Swindon) 12, M. Richards (Swindon) 12, Merrett (Swindon), T. Clark (Bucklebury) 11, P. Sposito (Bristol), J. Mills (Vikings) 10, D. Light (Gt. Milton), D. Dennis (Vikings) 9, B. Martin (Bristol), R. Creigh (Gt. Milton) 5, W. Timms (Minster Lovell) 2.

Also rode: T. Goverd (Bristol), K. Oakley, Hughes 6, Lewis, R. Morse (Swin) 2.

VANGUARD

Aug. 9th.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL (Bristol)

No Littlemore riders turned up for this meeting. Ken Worlock has signed for Bournemouth and his absence was expected but neither Finlay or White put in an appearance either. Bristol fans were in for a shock. No Lions qualified for the final although Neil Tullberg could have if he had bothered to complete the last lap of heat nineteen after falling with no third rider on the track.

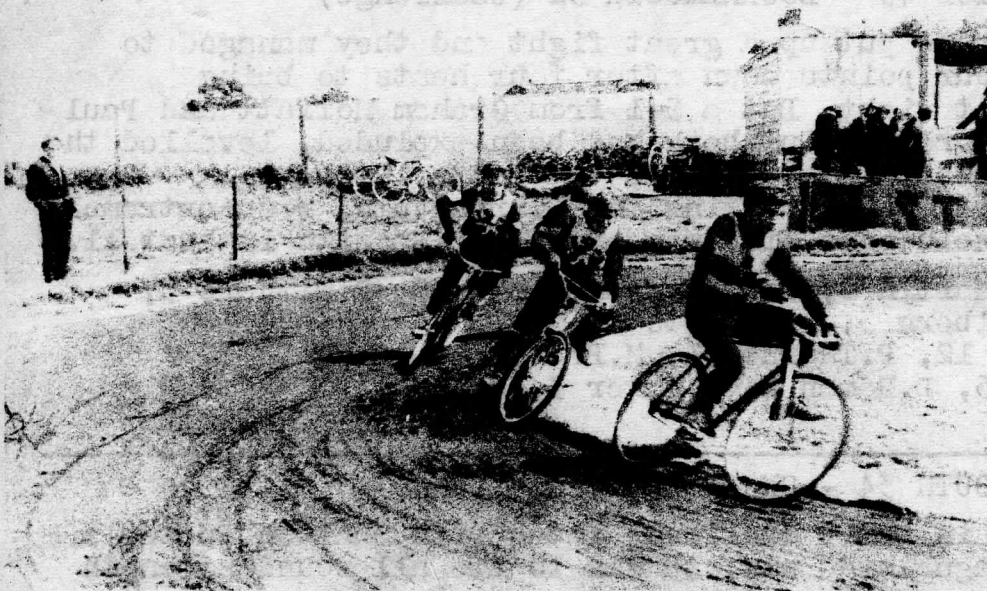
SCORERS: C. Wheeler (Vikings) 12, R. Sellwood (Bucklebury) 11, M. Watts (Bucklebury), P. Hobbs (Provincials), D. Lilly (Poole), R. Mills (Vikings), D. Tarr (Poole) 9, B. Hurst (Bucklebury) 8, Brown (Poole) 7, N. Tullberg (Bristol), R. Dix (Prov.) 7, A. Dominey (Poole), M. Dyer (Bristol), M. Curtis (Bristol) 6, G. Leale (Prov.) 4.

ROSS MARTAKIES

Aug. 15th.

HELLINGLY 51 - BRISTOL 45 (Challenge)

HELLINGLY: R. Smith 14, P. Smith, G. Hollebon 10, ... Killick 9, M. Keeley 4.
BRISTOL: R. Withers 10, T. Goverd 9, P. Sposito 7, N. Tullberg 6, D. Roman 5.



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Aug. 16th

BRISTOL 50 - LITTLEMORE 46 (Southern Lge)

Littlemore went straight into the lead in this Southern League match at Bristol and they held on to it until the halfway stage. In heat nine Bristol went into the lead but they lost it again three heats later. With just the nominated to go, the scores were level and Neil Tullberg and Trevor lined up against Finlay and Chalky White for the decider. The Littlemore riders shot into the lead but with both Bristol riders pressing hard, they were passed and White fell. Tullberg won from Goverd and Finlay.

BRISTOL : Goverd 11, N.Tullberg 9, D.Massey, D.Roman 7, R.Withers 6,
B.Martin, M.Curtis 4, P.Sposito 2

LITTLEMORE : Finlay 12, Lewis 8, Myles 7, G.Byles, C.White 6, Cook 3,
Godfrey, Bennett 2.

ROSS MARTAKIES

Aug. 16th

BRISTOL 58 - SOUTHAMPTON PROV. 38 (S.Lge) :

With Rob Withers again to the fore, Bristol won their second Southern League match of the day by 20 points. Dave Roman also rode well and he won the nominated from Palmer and Leale.

BRISTOL:R.Withers 11, T.Goverd 9, D.Roman 8, N.Tullberg, D.Massey 7,
P.Sposito 6, M.Curtis, B.Martin 5.

PROVINCIALS :B.Palmer 12, G.Leale 8, R.Dix 7, B.Chambers, P.Hobbs 5,
M.Lyon 1, Bonner, Haylock 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

Aug. 23rd

GREAT MILTON 40 - BRISTOL 56 (S.Lge)

Bristol Lions chalked up their first ever Southern League away win. The Oxfordshire team held the Lions to within four points until heat 11 but the visitors won the last five heats 23-9.

GT.MILTON:D.Light 12, D.Creigh 9, T.D'Anger 7, T.Kimber 5, G.Prior 3,
BRISTOL:R.Withers, M.Curtis 9, Sposito, M.Dyer, D.Massey, Tullberg 7
T.Goverd 6, B.Martin 4.