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EDITORIAL. by Ross Martakies

Hi Everyone,

Cycle-Speedway Record is here at last and take it from me, it's here to stay. Cycle-Speedway racing has been without a pukka National newspaper for more than a decade. Record has filled this gap and now that We're here, we intend to keep you bang up-to-date with fortnightly issues containing features, news, views, pictures and results.

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Enjoy your racing. Be seeing you.

NEALE GETS A FIT OF THE BENDS

writes BUD ABBOTT

Plymouth Hornet Pete Neale, put on a set of narrow bars for the Longford match at Plymouth and bent them in his first ride. All this after years truly had spent weeks nagging him to make the change from the outdated cowhorns. Oddly enough, after a few moments spent moaning at me he went out and won his next race.

A word about the Longford v Plymouth match. In the nominated, Pete Neale and Keith Lyon rode brilliantly with a professional bit of team-riding. Pete, helped by Keith, came from last to first on the outside on the first lap. Lyons is without doubt the best rider in Devon, as an all-rounder. A good team man, but at the same time a good individualist.

GARRETT PARK OF THE WEST

Dawlish recently held a N.A.C.S.A. meeting on their track (Mr. Mansbridge stewarded), and therefore became the first team since 1954 to do so. Devon, once a hotbed of N.A.C.S.A. enthusiasm, looks like repeating history, judging by this. Plymouth's ambitions — which at the moment look

WITH THE SEASON well under way, the first division is being closely contested. In top position are Southampton Vikings. They have provided some interesting racing with close wins over Uxbridge 50-45, Estuary 53-42, Tolworth 55-40, and a shock away victory over the champions Uxbridge Pirates.

Whipps Cross Comets have slipped into second place with wins over Wembley, Southampton, Rayleigh and Bucklebury. They have lost only to Uxbridge 45-50. Uxbridge, unbeaten champions for two seasons have not had things easy, they have four wins over Tolworth, Bucklebury, Estuary and Whipps Cross. Despite two defeats by Southampton, Uxbridge will not give up the title without a fight.

Tolworth have shown improved form and should surprise a few on their new track. Newcomers Bucklebury Robins have defeated Rayleigh and Wembley, and gave Whipps Cross a close match.

Estuary have only one win, away to Wembley, but have figured in some close results including a last heat draw with Tolworth. Rayleigh, promoted from division two, have not found things easy with three defeats. They finally managed a home win over Wembley. For Wembley, things have not worked out very well. After last sea-

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DEVON LEAGUE PAUSE

The Devon League takes a pause during June and begins the best pairs and individual competitions, holding the finals in August. Plymouth are not included because of their late entry. Come July and August there will be a lot of activity in Devon. Kingstanding tour Devon — on August 14th at Plymouth, 15th at Shaldon, and then Tottenham try their luck at Plymouth on August 29th.

by ROGER SEYMOUR

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They are followed by Hungerford, Bushey and Uxbridge Lions. Hungerford have beaten Uxbridge, and drawn at Hackney. Bushey have managed two wins over Uxbridge and East Ham, while Uxbridge Lions have settled down after a shaky start, and have wins over Hackney and Bushey. Hendon are in bottom position but with the team now strengthened it shouldn't be long before they started to win.

The league has made many improvements in its three year's existence, and seven counties are represented. The two divisions are well balanced, closer in fact than in past seasons. Southampton, Bucklebury and Hungerford are the newcomers to the league, and they have fitted in well. Presentation is

becoming more and more important and most club's realise this. There is a very full fixture list which includes the league knock-out cup, and Division 1 and 2 K.O. cups, also the Rider's Individual Championship Racing continues from April until November.

In the May ratings, Chris Hunt of Wembley, is top with 2.78; M. Currey, Whipps Cross 2.76; Graham Fletcher, Uxbridge, 2.48; and in Div. 2, Vic Haines again heads the list with 2.89; second is Pete Saunders, of Bushey, 2.81; and third

Keith Jago with 2.78.

In the South of England team which defeated Scotland 60-35, six of the team were from the Home Counties League. John Mills and Mick Currey were leading scorers with 9 each. Bill Punter, who captained the side, rode unselfishly, and scored 7, as did Glyn Brimson, Dixie Dean and Graham Swan 7. The match, which was held at Manor Way, Uxbridge, was watched by a large crowd. Scotland were very good in the first half and kept on even terms. The South pulled ahead in the last six heats to win an enjoyable match.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE TABLE

	DIVISION 1													
	Home					Away								
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
1	Southampton Vikings	6	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	332	223	11	Hants
2	Whipps Cross Comets	5	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	271	214	10	London
3	Uxbridge Pirates	6	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	310	258	10	Middx
4	Tolworth Tudors	5	1	0	0	1	1	2	27	236	7			Surrey
5	Bucklebury Robins	5	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	195	262	5	Berks
6	Estuary Eagles	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	179	204	4	Essex
7	Rayleigh Robins	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	167	216	2	Essex
8	Wembley Lions	5	0	0	2	0	0	3	192	282	0			Middx

DIVISION 2													
Home						Away							
	P	W	D	L		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1 Raynes Park Tigers	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	214	167	7	Surrey
2 East Ham Stars	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	142	66	6	London
3 Hackney Cheetahs	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	277	154	5	London	5	London
4 Hungerford Panthers	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	152	134	4	Berks		Berks
5 Bushey Kangaroos	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	218	260	4	Herts		Herts
6 Uxbridge Lions	5	2	0	1	0	0	2	218	261	4	Middx		Middx
7 Hendon Stars	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	83	200	0	Middx		Middx

WEST MIDLANDS COLUMN

by FRANK HAMMOND

Cycle-Speedway racing in the West Midlands is enjoying its most successful season for years. Twenty-five teams are competing in the Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Netherton (Cradley) leagues. A number of clubs have entered teams in the N.A.C.S.A. team championships and individual events with varied success.

Wolverhampton Wolves were due to meet Scottish Rangers (Edinburgh) in the second round of the N.T.C. at Vulcan Road on June 12th. Incidentally, all of the Wolves top seven riders have reached the third round of the Individual Championship, Pete Rhodes scoring 13 points at both Earlston (first round) and Vulcan Road (second round).

The current Wolverhampton League leaders are '64 champions, Moreton Monarchs, but in recent weeks they have been hard pressed by Tipton Invaders, who beat them convincingly at Tipton in May.

C Coventry met Wolverhampton in a junior and senior inter-city match towards the end of May. The meeting proved to be the best seen in the Midlands for

some time. Coventry got both decisions by margins of six and four points respectively, but the Wolves can hope for better things in the return at Coventry on August 1st. For the first meeting they were unable to select any Moreton riders because of their prior commitments in Sussex.

Wolverhampton (46): R. Ellis 13, A. Price 7, P. Gilchrist 7, C. Adams 6, B. Ellis 6, P. Rhodes 3, R. Clarke 3, M. Price 1, Coventry (50): B. Shapley 11, J. Sanderson 11, J. Smith 8, R. Lewis 7, B. Munns 5, B. Colley 4, J. Harry 3, W. Truslove 1.

Wolves Juniors (44): M. Taylor 11, C. Cukes 9, K. Teasdale 9, K. Robinson 5, D. Dale 5, L. Swift 2, G. Downen 2, M. Oldfield 2, Coventry Juniors (50): M. Harland 9, M. Harban 9, K. Smith 8, G. Jenkinson 8, T. O'Donnell 6, R. Tolley 4, J. Lakin 2, J. Cator 2.

The happiest man in Wolverhampton this week is star rider, Roger Ellis, who has been picked for the England team to meet Scotland at Edinburgh. Roger rides with John Sanderson (Coventry) and together they form a formidable pairing.

JACKSON SCORES TEN AGAINST ALDRIDGE

writes MOONRAKER

Birmingham league side, Aldridge Hammers, paid their first visit to Cleverton and went away worthy winners after a tough and hard fought match.

For the home side, veteran Jackson rode well, after a slow start, and young Mike Hiscock put on a fine display with a hard-earned nine. Star man, Telling, had mixed fortunes with two falls to his credit. Both Foulkes and Graham Fletcher tried hard without much luck.

Aldridge guest rider, Martin Harban, from Henley, scored a maximum, whilst C. Nye dropped his only points when he fell in the nominated. The visitors proved a solid team scoring right down to number eight.

Cleverton (36): R. Jackson 10, M. Hiscock 9, L. Telling 5, G. Fletcher 4, J. Foulkes 4, R. Payne 3, B. Fletcher 1, D. Collins 0.

Aldridge (60): M. Harban 12, C. Nye 12, J. Heaton 9, T. Wall 8, G. Heatin 7, J. Horsley 6, B. Tilby 4, G. Nye 2.

RAYNES PARK LOSE

On June 6th, Raynes Park visited Chippenham for a challenge match. Both teams had lost top riders over the holiday and Raynes Park included three juniors whilst Cleverton had three guest riders from Hungerford. A very close match followed, resulting in a win for Cleverton by one point. Both Hiscock and Jackson rode well below their previous week's form but perhaps this was just as well for the visitors, as the three guests ably filled

the gaps left by Telling, who was riding in a motor-cycle trial, and John Foulkes and John Harris, who were both away for the holiday weekend.

Bob Saunders and Geoff Martin scored eleven each for the visitors, the former having a very heavy fall when fighting a hard race with Scutts in heat five. Richardson gave this pair sound support with eight points.

Cleverton (48): P. Lloyd 13, K. Johnson 11, D. Scutts 10, G. Fletcher 6, R. Jackson 3, M. Hiscock 2, R. Payne 2, M. Scull 1.

Raynes Park (47): B. Saunders 11, J. Martin 11, P. Richardson 8, T. Johnson 5, B. Taylor 5, M. Hosier 4, B. Woods 2, R. Sheppard 1.

CLEVERTON JUNE FIXTURES

Sunday, June 20th—
Oxford (home)
Saturday, June 26th—
Oxford (away)
Sunday, June 27th—
St. Johns Cup (home)

BIRMINGHAM FIXTURES

July

10—Bournemouth v Birmingham
11—Southampton v Birmingham
18—Birmingham v Beckenham
25—Birmingham v S. London

August

7—Midland Open Championship
8—Birmingham v Eastbourne B.O.
14—Plymouth v Birmingham
15—Shaldon v Birmingham
21—Birmingham v Ilford
22—Birmingham v Eastbourne H
28—S. London v Birmingham
29—Beckenham v Birmingham
30—Tottenham v Birmingham

September

26—Bristol v Birmingham

PLYMOUTH FIXTURES

June

19—Devon Knowle Trophy

July

4—Plymouth v Exeter E.
10—Whipton v Plymouth
17—Plymouth v Estuary
Plymouth v Exeter T.
24—Plymouth v Shaldon

August

7—Shaldon v Plymouth
14—Plymouth v Birmingham
21—Dawlish v Plymouth
28—Plymouth v Dawlish
30—Plymouth Riders Champ.

September

11—Plymouth v Bournemouth
25—Eastbourne H v Plymouth

October

2—Pride of Devon
9—Bournemouth v Plymouth
16—Plymouth v Bristol
23—Bristol v Plymouth
30—Plymouth v Eastbourne H.

Devon County League Results

KNOCKOUT CUP FINAL
1st leg: Dawlish 49, Shaldon 47.
2nd leg: Shaldon 48, Dawlish 48.
Aggregate winners: Dawlish.

LEAGUE
Shaldon 56, Exeter E 22.
Dawlish 43, Exeter T 35.
Exeter E 21, Dawlish 57.
Dawlish 46, Shaldon 32.

WHIPTON (35): K. Lyons 11, Sprayfair 10, Webber 6, Sleep 4, B. Drake 2, R. Drake 2, Roper 0; **SHALDON (42):** C. Farrell 11, R. Farrell 9, M. Farrell 7, Towill 6, Northway 4, Tidball 3, Steam 2.

EXETER T (50): Patman 11, Hext 11, Dowling 10, Coles 9, McLean 9, Baker 0; **EXETER E (28):** Trump 10, Brunsdon 7, Bradbys 5, Bradford 4, Bailly 1, Sleep 0.

WHIPTON (51): Lyons 12, Roper 11, Sprayshire 9, York 8, Webber 7, B. Drake 2, R. Drake 2; **EXETER E (27):** Trump 9, Bailly 6, Bastin 6, Bradford 3, Brandon 2, Sleep 1, Perryman 0.

Bristol Fixtures and Results

March

28—Birmingham 55, Bristol 40

April

4—Bristol 42, Southampton 54
11—Tilbury 41, Bristol 49
16—Exeter 33, Bristol 35
25—Ilford 46, Bristol 50

May

2—Bristol 56, Ilford 52
9—Bristol 59, Tilbury 37 (Gold Cup)
15—Bristol 53, Beckenham 42
23—Bristol 53, Leicester 55 (Gold Cup)
29—Leicester 64, Bristol 32

June

13—British Riders Championship Round 1

July

4—Bristol v Tottenham
11—Bristol v Bournemouth
18—Bristol v Ilford
24—Eastbourne H v Bristol
25—Eastbourne B O v Bristol

August

1—Beckenham v Bristol
8—Oxford v Bristol
15—Bristol v Birmingham
21—South London v Bristol
28—Bristol v South London

September

12—Bristol v Eastbourne H
October
3—Bristol v Eastbourne B.O.
10—Tottenham v Bristol
16—Plymouth v Bristol
23—Bristol v Plymouth

ON THE SCENE

with ROSS MARTAKIES and JOHN WRIGHT

Southampton's Colin Wheeler was involved in a tricky dispute between the Raynes Park Tigers and his own club recently. Colin, who won the Brian Briggs trophy at the London circuit last season, was asked to defend it at this year's meeting. But Saints manager, Brian Makepeace, told him not to ride because of a Raynes Park ban on British Cycle-Speedway Federation riders. The Tigers were willing to lift their ban in Colin's case because he was a N.A.C.S.A. rider when he won the trophy. Colin is still trying to make Mr. Makepeace change his mind.

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Bournemouth rider, Ken Worlock, was a late entrant for the British Riders Championship rounds. Ken, who retired at the beginning of the season, rode at Bristol on June 13th and will appear at Beckenham and Bournemouth in the second and third rounds.

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Don't ask Beckenham's Bernie Cable anything about petrol. Team-mate Wally Dighton ran out of juice on the way home from Horspath and sent Bernie off to get a gallon at the village filling station. 'Fraid that Bernie couldn't find a spare can and had to hoist the petrol back to the car in one of his wellington boots. Quick thinking, mate.

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Talking of Wally Dighton, the veteran Beckenham star is a great pal of Newport Speedway's Geoff Penniket. In fact, Geoff used to ride Cycle-Speedway himself—at Raynes Park.

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Gordie Clark, the former Bristol Eagles rider, showed great courage when he helped to save the lives of four young children, trapped in a blazing house in the Easton district of Bristol. The children, whose ages ranged from eight months to four years, were all detained in hospital with burns and shock. As for Gordie, apart from one or two minor burns, he came through it all practically unscathed.

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Big shock in N.A.C.S.A. circles is the news that Manchester's Vic Hinchcliffe will miss the Nationals. Vic, the current National Champion, hurt his leg the night prior to the third round ties.

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Former B.C.S.F. club, Cleverton Hornets, have arranged a challenge match with the Newport representative side for mid-July. Hornets manager, Richard Jackson, hopes to persuade the Welsh controlling body to enter a team in the Southern League, if the latter competition can be revived again next year.

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Acceptors, so far, for the Wiltshire Grand Prix at Cleverton on August 14th, include Mike Parkins, Pete Boxall, John Harry and Martin Harban.

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The draw for the semi-finals of the British Cycle-Speedway Federation Gold Cup is:
Oxford v Southampton
Leicester v Tottenham
The final will take place in London on Sunday, September 19th, the day after the World Speedway Final at Wembley.

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Dutch riders, Fred van den Dolder, Donald Reiche and Johan Kondijs, will ride in the Pride of the Midlands event at Leicester on July 26th.

WHO ARE THE ALL TIME GREATS

... ASKS JOHN WRIGHT

MOST SPORTS, both amateur and professional, have at one time or another tried to name their most outstanding performers. Of course this is not as easy as it first appears. You have to take a sweeping survey of the sport and sportsmen concerned, before you can confidently proclaim that Joe Bloggs was better than Harry Ticker. Even then — especially if you're a sportswriter — you may find that many people don't agree with your deductions. Although I must admit that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion.

Nevertheless, I have made a fair and careful study of the star riders that cycle-speedway has seen over the years. Having done so I will make one of the few and rare attempts to name, **THE TOP THREE RIDERS OF ALL TIME.**

For my first choice then, we must go north, to Manchester in fact, and the home of **Brian Moston.**

Yes it's Brian for the title of 'The Greatest'. Since 1941 the wily Moston has been gracing the tracks of not only Manchester, but all of Britain. A glance through the record books tells its own tale of Brian's achievements. Surely there is not one other rider in the history of cycle-speedway who can come within an ace of this Northern based flyer.

Brian has appeared in almost every Individual Championship Final. He has held and successfully defended the Manchester Match Race Championship countless times, and won the Manchester Grand Prix on five occasions. Naturally enough the distinction of captaining England was fitting for such a brilliant performer.

These are just a few of Brian Moston's greater successes. I could go on and on, but as I said, the record books tell their own story.

LONDON RIDER FILLS SECOND PLACE

In an endeavour to select my choice for numbers two and three fairly, a lot of midnight oil was burnt. So many riders could have qualified for these positions, and there was indeed so much talent which could not be overlooked. Star men such as Vic Hinchliffe, Lew Grepp, Roy Baker, Derek Garnett, etc. But of course someone has to be eliminated.

So eventually from a short list of half-a-dozen riders I picked Londoner **Dixie Dean** to fill the second slot.

Here is a rider with a decade of racing under his belt, and a load of points and trophies to prove it. To survive among the hot competition dished out by the London trackmen is some feat. Dixie in his day, and that was almost every time he appeared, could beat the best of 'em. Twice skipper of England and runner-up in the 1958 World Championship Final, these are just a few of the

many successes that have come the way of the ever-popular Metropolis speedman.

WEST COUNTRY RACING

The West Country is not generally recognised for producing cycle-speedway talent on the scale of London and Manchester. But one of the best known riders in the game is a Bristolian. My number three choice in this greatest riders feature is **Ken Worlock.**

There are several reasons why I should not have picked Ken. Firstly, he happens to be an old pal and team mate of mine, and secondly, because the people who

already know this, may jump to the wrong conclusions.

But let me say without hesitation, there is absolutely no favouritism here, and furthermore, Ken Worlock is well aware that I would not have chosen him if I honestly thought he was not worthy of that position. But after weighing everything up in an unbiased fashion I was unable to find anyone to fill the bill except Ken. Admittedly he is rather a controversial figure around the Southern circuits, and yet many a team-manager would give his right arm for the Worlock signature.

With some twenty years experience behind him, who can blame them. Yes, twenty years is a long time, and a stretch that can only be matched by a very few. For the bigger part of his career Ken's racing was confined to the South-West, where he was the undisputed champion. So it was very much to his credit that when he travelled away to such cycle-speedway hot-beds as London and the Midlands, maximums still came his way with apparent ease. Many people thought that the run of success away from Bristol would not last, but that was way back in 1955, or thereabouts.

The England selectors obviously thought otherwise, for the next few years brought three Test caps to the perpetual West-countryman. That's only one less than those gained by Brian Moston.

Well there it is. The three all time greats have been named.

1. **BRIAN MOSTON**
(Manchester)
2. **DIXIE DEAN**
(London)
3. **KEN WORLOCK**
(Bristol)

As I mentioned earlier, many will disagree with my choice. But come what may, that's my selection, and I shall stick to it.

Although, that doesn't mean I'm not prepared to lend an ear to someone else's particular choice. If you disagree, then let me hear about it.

MIDLAND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP AT BIRMINGHAM

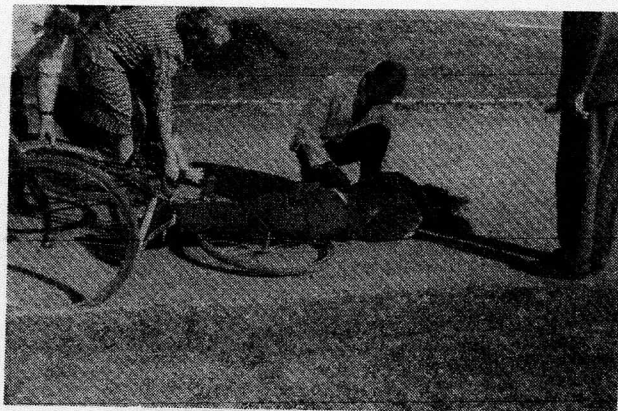
by Frank Hammond

Roger Ellis rode superbly to win the Midland Youth Championship at Perry Hall with fourteen points. Sympathies must go to Arthur Price who, having beaten Roger in his second ride, developed machine trouble in the final heat while on a maximum.

Wil Burns, Ivor Walsh and Arthur Price rode-off for second place after all three had tied with twelve points. Burns made no mistake from the inside grid.

SCORERS:

Roger Ellis (Wolverhampton) 14, Wil Burns (Leicester) 12, Ivor Walsh (Birmingham) 12, Arthur Price (Wolverhampton) 12.



N.A.C.S.A. Senior Steward Mr. Lionel Baldwin assists Will Truslove (Coventry) at Hungerford.



Skipper Ken Worlock leads out Britain at Beckenham, 1963.

Cycle-Speedway Racing in Plymouth

ERIC ABBOTT BEGINS A SERIES OF FEATURES
ON PLYMOUTH RACING

PART ONE — 1947-1950

IN 1947 Motor Cycle Speedway returned to Plymouth and with it came a new sport, Cycle Speedway.

Youngsters, trying to imitate their big brothers, formed several teams around the Plymouth district mainly on bomb sites. There were troubles though. One minute you had a bomb site track, then along came the workmen and no track remained. Elsewhere in Plymouth tracks were attracting Council attention and finally they granted these skid-kids permission to use waste ground where they could form a proper team and track and settle down without fear of being kicked off every five minutes.

As far as I know the following teams operated in 1947/8: Hartley Hammers, Pennycross Pirates, Laura Wasps, Crompton Diamonds, Laura Lions, Houndcombe Hawks, Pennycumbquick Pirates, Manadon Lightenings, Green Aces (Ford), Dockland Aces and Flying Devils.

There was no league, the teams were very inconsistent and friendlies were ridden in a half hearted manner. There were no stewards to control the matches or controlling body to organise things and teams very often failed to turn up. Punch-ups were frequent and dirty riding or boring on the track was the order of the day for some teams.

Obviously, soon or later a league had to come and during the close season of 1948 all the riders interested and quite a few interested adults got together at a meeting held at St. Budeux and the Plymouth Cycle Speedway league was born. A control board was formed by the adults and each team had a representative at each meeting which was held once a month.

During the 1947/8 seasons, three teams were very prominent. They were the Flying Devils, Laura Wasps and Manadon Lightenings and matches between these teams attracted anything up to 800 people.

For the Lightenings a young man called Alan Dabinette burned a trail of glory for himself and his team wherever they went in Plymouth. He could ride four laps flat out on any track without putting his foot down — on the outside of the track at that. He reigned supreme until 1952 when he switched to motor speedway, but I'm afraid that he found it much tougher than Cycle Speedway. He finally quit the Speedway scene for good in 1954.

The Wasps were a powerful team with no actual stars but in the league later to come they certainly proved they were a team to be feared. The most popular team then was the Flying Devils. Led by Ray Hood

(captain) and Bob Lawrence, Bob and Johnnie Kelloway, they showed Cycle Speedway at its best wherever they rode.

Some of the tracks in these days were anything but tracks. My first team, the Pennycross Pirates, rode in a wood with a tree marking the first bend. If you rode the white line, bang went your foot. Laura Wasps, for a long time had a big crater in the centre and if a rider was pushed into the centre you can imagine the result. The centre was at last filled-in, in 1949, after the loss of many riders.

The Pennycumbquick Pirates only lasted six months in 1948. They rode around a ruined house and you can imagine what happened when the riders disappeared from sight on the first square.

Hartley had a very rough track on a slope and if you went wide on the bottom bend you ended up in a gorse bush and hospital.

By the early part of 1949 most of the rougher tracks had disappeared — the Control Board saw to that. Everyone got ready for what promised to be the best season for Cycle Speedway in Plymouth. Business men took a great interest and put up a league trophy, a best pairs cup and a Plymouth Individual Cup. Each track who entered the league received 5,000 programme blanks from one sales merchant. A massive Battle of Britain Trophy was put up by the traders to be run off as a K.O. Cup Championship.

The organisation was terrific, Plymouth being the most far flung post of Cycle Speedway, yet it was said that in the coming 1949 season they were far ahead of bigger cities in England including London. Everything was ready, the press gave the sport terrific publicity and kept it up all through 1949. Every rider had a licence book issued to him and had to produce it at a match to prove he was a registered rider. The public interest had been roused and both riders and public alike were looking forward to April 1st, 1949, when the first league match would be run.

Flying Devils Win First League Match

850 people turned up on April 1st to watch the Flying Devils at their State track riding the Laura Wasps in the first league encounter. After a terrific match, full of spills and arguments about rules and close racing, the Devils won 47-36. A new team called the Fulston Eagles made their entry into the league with a 57-27 win over Dockland Aces. The Eagles nearly won the league but the Wasps made a storming finish

by pipping the Eagles in their very last match which the Wasps won 42-41.

Top boys that year were definitely the Wasps and the Eagles with the Devils close behind and whenever they clashed the matches were first class and drew big crowds. Dabinette was rarely beaten and people came to the Eagles track and away tracks to see who could defeat him. Not many did. He held every track record in the league at the end of the season, won the Plymouth Individual Championship with a faultless maximum watches by 5,000 people. Dabinette's team, the Manadon Lightenings, couldn't give him the support and ended up half way in the league. In front of 5,000 at the Devils' track, Dabinette and Archie Green (Lightenings), won the best pairs tournament with R. Hood and Bob Lawrence (Devils) second, and Larry and Dave Tucker (Eagles) third.

Another large crowd watched the final of the Battle of Britain Trophy between the Eagles and the Devils.

Eagles: Frank Osbourne, Dave Osbourne, Dave Tucker, Larry Taylor (capt.), Rob Kiler, Pete Colman, Alan Pritchett, Alan Royal. Devils: Ray Hood (capt.), Bob Lawrence, Eric Abbott, Pete Mitchell, John Kelloway, Bob Kelloway, John Horsham, John Brickell.

At the Devils track the Eagles drew 42-42, and the return leg at the Eagles, well, after a terrific scrape with the lead changing and chopping the match was level by the thirteenth heat. In the final, heat fourteen, Mitchell and Brickell lined up against Osbourne and Tucker (D). Mitchell led from the gate and the two Eagles chased after him. On the last bend of the last lap, Dave Tucker caught Mitchell and won the heat. Brickell and Osbourne collided and failed to finish and Mitchell came second, but the Eagles won on aggregate 84-83.

It was a fabulous season with crowds averaging 1,250 per track. The Press helped tremendously, printing weekly results and advertising the coming events. The business men put up all the trophies and cups and track conditions improved tremendously. Organisation was the best you could wish for.

The first Plymouth v Exeter Test matches were started, but when Exeter visited Plymouth for their match, they were outclassed on the high Laura track. To wind up the season a big



Rod Mills rides around the outside at Hungerford

dance was held and prizes were presented. It was definitely the most successful season for the sport in Plymouth and Devon, never to be repeated. Now everyone was looking forward to a good 1950 season. News of new teams forming came to light, the Manadon Lightenings, Pennycross Pirates, Flying Diamonds and Dockland Aces all packed in — Dabinette went to the Eagles and new teams entered the league for 1950. They were Stoke Dragons, Weston Millers, Barton Falcons, C.H. Mercuries and the Laura Bees.

Bristol Team Lose to Eagles

The 1950 season came after a winter in which everyone was raring to go. Five new teams had entered the league during the winter months but when the season started two more teams hurriedly joined. These were the Plymouth Lions and the Woodland Wyverns (now the Honicknowle Hornets).

A lot of new faces appeared on the scene, more attractive teams keeping the interest in Cycle Speedway in Plymouth

going great guns. As for myself, I signed for the powerful Fulston team who, as I said before, secured Plymouth champ Alan Dabinette for the side. As the league got under way, it was obvious that the Eagles were going to win the championship. The Flying Devils, Wasps and the new team, Lions, put up terrific opposition but the Eagles shrugged them all off to finally win the league. All the teams joined N.A.C.S.A. on entering the league and the Eagles forced their way to the final of the Devon area in the 1950 team championship competition. They rode off with Plymouth Lions to win on aggregate. They were drawn at home next, against the Clutton Pirates (Bristol) who they beat 48-46.

Eagles: Alan Dabinette, Keith Williams, Ray Hood, Bill Horsham, Colin Davis, Herby Hallett, Dave Blackmore, Ginger Mitchell (Tucker and Osbourne were injured). Pirates: M. Sage, J. Sage, Ettie, Flowers, Branch, Kerby, M. Blackmore, Bennett.

This was a great match, but I must say Clutton were unfortunate to lose. Mechanical

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Mix-up

CYCLE-SPEEDWAY RACING IN PLYMOUTH

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trouble hampered them throughout the match. Again, Dabinette was unbeaten, but the Eagles had plenty of weak spots, especially the reserves.

Again, for the next round, the Eagles were drawn in Devon, against the Gem Pirates of Poole, who went on to win the N.A.C.S.A. Championship that year. It was a controversial match. Prior to their visit (130 miles) to Plymouth, the Pirates received a number of anonymous letters stating that the steward and track were not neutral. Well aware that the Eagles had used their own track in the match before, the Pirates agreed to come to ride. What a team. They rode the Eagles' track as though it were their own and won an easy match 52-44. The Eagles were never in it, even the great Dabinette was off form and the Eagles rode as if they were not interested in winning (guilty conscience perhaps?).

Eagles: Osbourne 6, Tucker 7, Horsham 8, Abbott 6, Williams 5, Hood 5, Davis 3, Dabinette 4. Pirates: J. Gale 14, Bunter 12, Bennett 12, Parkin 4, J. Dunford 3, Davies 1, Stanley 1.

If the Eagles had used their reserves more, perhaps the score might have been closer. Dabinette won the Plymouth individual title again but the opposition was tougher with Rex Grayling second and Marshall (Lions) third.

R. Hood and Williams won the best pairs trophy from A. Soper and Chapman (Wasps) and Eddy and Nicholls (Lions). The Wasps won the John Wheel Cup but the Eagles took the other trophies put up for competition. Dabinette went to London's Empress Hall to represent Devon in an England selectors match but was not very successful. A new series of test matches were started between Plymouth and Southampton, home and away, in order to get some recognition. They lost at Southampton but won in Plymouth. Cycle Speedway was at its peak in Plymouth and matches were ridden every night except Sundays as there were rules stating that the Council would allow no racing on Sundays officially.

At the end of the season, a massive ball was held in Exmouth Hall and with a record attendance, all prizes and cups were presented.

PLYMOUTH LEAGUE 1949

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Laira		14	12	1	25
Fulston		14	12	0	24
Flying D		14	11	1	23
Manadon		14	5	2	12
Pennycross		14	4	1	9
Hartley		14	4	0	10
Green A		14	3	0	11
Dockland		14	2	1	5

PLYMOUTH LEAGUE 1950

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Fulston E		20	16	1	33
Flying D		20	15	2	32
Laira W		20	15	1	41
Plymstock L		20	13	4	30
Weston M		20	12	2	26
Woodland W		20	6	3	11
Stoke D		20	6	1	13
Laira B		20	5	1	14
Ford P		20	4	1	15
Camelas Hd M		20	3	0	17
B. Barton F		20	1	0	19

OFFERTON TOP MANCHESTER LEAGUE

writes DEREK GARNETT

Several finals have been ridden this month with league champions, Gorton Pirates, beating National Champions, Offerton Devils, 12-11 in the Fred Ashtonhurst Trophy Final at Carrs Wood. Twenty-five teams entered the competition.

The first of the season's inter-county matches resulted in a 60-59 win for Cheshire over Lancashire, at Wilmslow after a thriller of a match. Tops for Cheshire were Vic Hinchcliffe and Tony Hardy, with Keith Lumb and Vinny Marsland topping the Lancashire scores.

In League racing, unbeaten Offerton are top of Division 1 with Gorton close behind having been beaten only once, by Offerton 49-46. In third and fourth places are Ashton and Blackley. In Division 2, Offerton are again top with a 100% record, followed by Belle Vue, Wilmslow and Gorton. Belle Vue top the junior league.

In this year's County Finals, yours truly won the Cheshire Senior title with fifteen points at High Bank. Vinny Marsland became Lancashire Champion at Ashton with Rick Rose of Belle Vue Lancashire Junior Champion, and Chris Whittaker, of Offerton, Cheshire Junior Champion, both on their own tracks.

The North of England team to race Scotland at Edinburgh contains no fewer than six Manchester League riders: V. Hinchcliffe (Offerton), J. Watling (Gorton), D. Garnett (Offerton), V. Marsland (Gorton), R. Ellis (Wolverhampton), J. Sanderson (Coventry), T. Hardy (Offerton), P. Bury (Gorton).

Manchester riders have been very successful racing out of the area in recent weeks. Vic Hinchcliffe won the Oxford Open Championship and took second place in the Gazette Cup at Coventry, and the Southend Grand Prix. Offerton Devils won the May Cup 4-a-side championship also at Southend at Whit.

The League match race champion, Vic Hinchcliffe, successfully defended his title 2-1 against P. Bury at Openshaw. In the Junior match race championship, at Ashton, J. Watchman (Openshaw) became the new holder, beating I. Armstrong (Blackley) 2-1.

GRAND PRIX

Arrangements for one of the country's top individual events, the Manchester Grand Prix, are well under way, and the following riders are competing: V. Hinchcliffe (holder), V. Marsland, D. Garnett, C. Wheeler, R. Wells, R. Lewis, D. Dean, J. J. Pinkerton, C. Hurrell, R. Ellis;

with several more still awaiting acceptance.

Test matches are scheduled versus the British League, Coventry and Edinburgh—all home and away. The British League fixture is at Beckenham on July 3rd.

The National Finals are to take place at Carrs Wood this year, the first time they have ever been in the North. The National Champions, Offerton, meet the 1963 winners, Gorton, so at least one of the leagues top two won't be in the final. Editor's Note: Columnist, Derek Garnett, took first place in the London Grand Prix and also third place in the Southend Grand Prix at Whitsun.

Scottish News

by JACK PINKERTON

In Division I of the Edinburgh League, Sighthill Hammers are again setting the pace, and along with Granton Griffins and Scottish Rangers are still unbeaten.

Liberton Lions are topping the Division 2 chart at the moment, having dropped only two points away to the Pilrig Pirates. However, Sighthill Cheetahs are not far behind and it could well be the deciding match when Lions meet Cheetahs.

Doug Bold of the Hammers is out to secure a place in the Scotland team to meet the North of England. He shouldn't have much trouble, Doug hasn't dropped a point this season! Don Moir has been selected as captain for this match which should provide quite a few surprises.

Tom Daly (Hammers) finished fourth in the Southend Grand Prix after a run-off for third place with Derek Garnett (Manchester).

Edinburgh was represented in the Minors Derby by Jack Pinkerton and Don Moir. Moir had a bad meeting but Pinkerton scored 10 points to finish fourth.

Granton Griffins are away to Levenshulme (Manchester) in the National team trophy, and should they win they will meet the Edinburgh champions Sighthill Hammers.

Results

Eastern Warriors 38, Scottish rangers 57 (Speirs 10, Forbes 9). Sighthill Hammers 62 (Bald 15, Moir 12, Pinkerton 13), Meadowbank Stars 28 (D. Wood 10).

Edinburgh Match-Race Championship: J. Pinkerton beat D. Wood 2-1.

Granton Griffins Team Championship: 1st J. Murphy 15, 2nd R. Waldie 14; 3rd K. Hunter 13.



Study in Concentration — Bournemouth rider at Bristol.

DAVE TARR WINS B.R.C. SOUTHAMPTON ROUND

FIRST ROUND RESULTS
JUNE 13th

Beckenham: W. Dighton (Beckenham) 14, K. Adams (Leicester) 14, R. Chivers (South London) 13.

Bristol: V. Armstrong (Oxford) 11, D. Butcher (Southampton) 10, M. Greaves (Bournemouth) 10, M. Hobbs (Southampton) 10, B. Martin (Bristol) 8, G. Moffatt (Bournemouth) 8, M. Pretty (Southampton) 7, D. Massey (Bristol) 7, C. McCormick (Southampton) 7, E. Butler (Oxford) 6, N. Tulberg (Bristol) 6, M. Bell (Ilford) 6, K. Worlock (Bournemouth) 6, M. Flanagan (Oxford) 6, B. Rose (Bournemouth) 4.

Southampton: D. Tarr Bournemouth 13, B. Wyatt (Southampton) 13, P. Yates (Southampton) 11, R. Smith (Eastbourne H) 11, M. Vernham (Southampton) 10, D. Ellis (Eastbourne B-O) 9, T. Killick (Eastbourne H) 9, J. Myles (Eastbourne H) 8, J. White (Bournemouth) 8, M. Curtis (Bristol) 7, P. Barnes (Bournemouth) 6, E. Randle (Southampton) 6, S. Hibbert (Eastbourne B-O) 4, D. Roman (Bristol) 2, A. Bonner (Bournemouth), B. Barrow (Southampton) 0.

South London: D. Collins (Tottenham) 15, D. Chivers (South London) 14, R. Foy (South London) 12.

Tilbury: M. Reading (Tottenham) 13, L. Adams (Tottenham) 13, T. Cracknell (South London) 12, R. Baker (South London) 12.

SNIPPET

Stan Stevens, former Rayleigh and West Ham Speedway rider, has signed for Ilford in the British Cycle-Speedway League.

THE POTTERIES

Stoke Defeated in First Test

PETER RUSHTON REPORTS

This was the Stoke team's first test match, and hard as they tried they couldn't avoid defeat. Only spirited riding from Dave McCue and Rex Leverett prevented the "Brummies" from reaching an even higher score. Roger Ellis, the Birmingham maximum man, was well supported by Dave Underhill, Roy Moore and Sam Jukes. (At Oldbury) Birmingham 63: R. Ellis 12, D. Underhill 10, R. Moore 10, S. Jukes 9; Stoke-on-Trent 30: D. McCue 9, R. Leverett 7, D. Davies 5, T. Colclough 4.

POTTERIES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

(1st Qualifying Round)

This was not an outstanding meeting. Dave McCue, White-rock Eagles captain, rode through effortlessly for a maximum. Team-mate Lance Bates rode well to collect 14, as did John Hughes, of Shelton Stars, who picked up 13. In general the meeting produced no surprises, and only confirmed the view that McCue must surely win the championship for the first time. D. McCue 15, L. Bates 14, J. Hughes 13, B. Massey 11, D. Mountford 11, L. Cotton 9, P. Sant 8, J. Murphy 7, J. Shone 7, B. Yates 6, T. Phillips 6, D. Cartledge 3, S. Cosby 2.

STOKE-ON-TRENT & DISTRICT CYCLE-SPEEDWAY LEAGUE

Results

Bucknall Saints 32 (Harper 9, Pennington 6); White Rock Eagles 64 (McCue 15, Leverett 14). Shelton Stars 53 (Hacker 13, Jones 12), Shelton Stars 38 (Colclough 12, Davies 11).

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ALL TYPES OF SECURITY

ALL KINDS OF KEYS CUT TO PATTERN



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COVENTRY CHAT . . . from BARRY SHAPLEY

LEAGUE REVIEW

Brandon set the pace

In the Coventry & District Senior League, which is having a very successful season so far, only one team is unbeaten, Brandon Bees. With heat leaders of the calibre of John Smith, John Harry, Bob Colley and John Sanderson, they look as though they will have little trouble in retaining this record for the rest of the season.

Wolverley Witches and Earlsdon C.S.C. seem the only ones capable of upsetting the Bees, though the former have already lost at home to them.

Of the rest, Longford Lions had an early season shock when their new signing from 1964 side Morris Motors, now defunct, John Reynolds, was the victim of a nasty road accident and is certainly out for season 1965, if not for good. Incidentally a fund was started for John, and after all the eight clubs had donated, John was the recipient of over £35. The Lions also had 1964 Test star Barry Taylor on the sidelines through injury, for their early matches, and as yet haven't struck the form which, on paper, they must be able to achieve.

Warwick Blue Diamonds, last year the "chopping blocks" of the competitions in this area, struck a very good patch early on, winning their first four matches. However two home defeats, at the hands of both Brandon and Wolverley, have rather unsettled them, although it cannot again be as bad as last year.

Blackhorse Champs were without skipper Nigel Harland for their first two or three matches — he's studying hard for University entrance — and although beating Whitley Rangers the other week, are yet to get into top gear.

Henley Hunters and Whitley Rangers, the clubs with a preponderance of younger riders in their sides, are struggling at the moment. However these two sides cannot get worse, and with the enthusiasm both clubs display — their two tracks being two of the better ones in the area — better things must be expected of them.

In the Junior section of the league — this being run after each Senior match, Wolverley are unbeaten. These matches, raced with four riders, over six heats, are giving the spectators almost more to shout about than the Senior ones. The success of

the Witches underlines the great chance they must have in the National Team Championships and makes one wonder what they would have done in the Senior league if their top riders John Sanderson, Dave Henry and Barry Shapley had not all gone to Brandon, after an upset with manager Bert Hardie. As it is only two of their Senior side are actually Seniors.

Test successes

Test racing has always been a feature of the Coventry scene and this year has been no exception. Matches have been arranged, home and away, with Norwich, Suffolk, Manchester and Wolverhampton.

So far Coventry have won two of these, and both were away from home. At Bilston, Staffordshire, they won the "A" match by 50-46 and the "B" one 50-44 against Wolverhampton.

At Woodbridge Coventry again achieved the double, this time winning by 63-45 and 80-28 respectively, against an inexperienced looking Suffolk combination. Bob Colley (12), Mart Harban (11) and Ray Lewis (10), were the "A" side's best — but they couldn't find the answer to the maximum form of Suffolk's Chris Gooch, whilst for the "B" side no fewer than four Coventry riders scored "paid" maximums — Bill Savage, Glenn Jenkinson and John Horsley (all of Warwick) and Tony Savery, of Wolverley.

For their next matches Coventry have had to call upon a "new look" pair of sides. The reason for this is that on the same day, June 27th, no fewer than eight of the sides which rode in Suffolk are engaged in National Individual ties on the

same day. The sides for these matches with Suffolk, at the Spencer Park circuit of Earlsdon, are:

"A": 1 John O'Leary (Brandon); 2 Graham Doubleday (Wolverley); 3 Bob Colley (Brandon); 4 Martin Harban (Henley); 5 Brian Munns (Earlsdon); 6 Chris Jones (Earlsdon); 7 Nigel Harland (Blackhorse); 8 Brian Wilkins (Longford).

"B": 1 Glen Jenkinson (Warwick); 2 Bill Savage (Warwick); 3 Roger Adams (Earlsdon); 4 Kevin Cox (Earlsdon); 5 John Horsley (Warwick); 6 Will Fisher (Whitley); 7 John Lakin (Longford); 8 Roddy Lewis (Earlsdon); 9th man: Paul Bullock (Longford).

Bits of news

John Smith of Brandon was, the other week, suspended from all Coventry racing until July 2nd. John was also debarred from Test team selection for three months. This was because of incidents in the Suffolk v Coventry Tests. John, who was one of the hot favourites, now misses the final of the Co-op Cup Individual on June 20th. This may not harm Brandon's chances too much, however, as now they can use Barry Shapley in local racing. The reason for this is that the local association only allowed Shapley's transfer to Brandon from Wolverley providing he only rode when certain named riders were unavailable. Smith was one of them.

Coventry are pleased that the Dutch touring side will be including them in their July tour. They are due to ride the Coventry team on either of July 26th or 27th.

In July, Coventry have a tour.

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Coventry & District Senior League Table (at 4/6/65)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Brandon Bees	6	6	0	352½	214½	12
Wolverley Witches	6	4	2	310	255	8
Warwick Blue Diamonds	6	4	2	312	263	8
Earlsdon C.S.C.	4	2	2	203	181	4
Blackhorse Champs	5	2	3	218½	260½	4
Longford Lions	5	2	3	204½	265½	4
Henley Hunters	4	1	3	200½	181½	2
Whitley Rangers	6	0	6	192	382	0

JUNIOR TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Wolverley Witches	6	6	0	0	158	58	12
Blackhorse Champs	5	4	1	0	81	31	8
Warwick Blue Diamonds	6	4	2	0	108	100	8
Brandon Bees	6	3	3	0	126	89	6
Henley Hunters	4	2	1	1	81	50	5
Whitley Rangers	6	1	4	1	95	121	3
Earlsdon C.S.C.	4	0	4	0	38	106	0
Longford Lions	5	0	5	0	37	137	0

Home Counties League, Div. 1: Estuary v Uxbridge; Rayleigh v Whippis Cross; Tolworth v Southampton; Wembley v Reading.

Home Counties League, Div. 2: East Ham v Hackney; Hendon v Hungerford; Raynes Park v Bushey. All matches at 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 19th
Home Counties KO cup matches.

Sunday, June 20th
British League: Beckenham v Ilford 3 p.m.; Eastbourne (Broad Oak) v South London 3 p.m.; Tilbury v Bourne-

mouth 3 p.m.

Challenge: Bristol v Tottenham, 3 p.m.

Home Counties League Div. 1: Reading v Estuary; Southampton v Wembley; Uxbridge v Rayleigh; Whippis Cross v Tolworth.

Home Counties League, Div. 2:

BRITISH RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

SECOND ROUND

BECKENHAM

M. Reading (Tottenham), D. Chivers (S. London), T. Cracknell (S. London), M. Vernam (Soton), L. Spaulding (Beckenham), G. Brown (Bournemouth), P. Yates (Soton), A. Chalmers (Beckenham), J. White (Bournemouth), D. Tarr (Bournemouth), T. Barrett (Beckenham), K. Dare (S. London), T. Pope (S. London), G. Still (Bournemouth), G. Smith (Beckenham).

BOURNEMOUTH

C. Wheeler (Soton), G. Moffat (Bournemouth), R. Voller (S. London), R. Baker (S. London), D. Massey (Bristol), D. Butcher (Soton), A. Dominey (Bournemouth), D. Lilley (Bournemouth), C. Dunford (Soton), G. Watkins (S. London), B. Rose (Bournemouth), G. McCormick (Soton), D. Ellis (S. London), R. Newman (Horspath), D. Morris (Horspath), D. Roman (Bristol).

EASTBOURNE

B. Cable (Beckenham), N. Goodrum (Beckenham), K. Wilson (S. London), R. Chivers (S. London), A. Bonner (Bournemouth), T. Killick (Hellingly), D. Hutton (S. London), R. Beadle (Beckenham), R. Smith (Hellingly), M. Pretty (Bournemouth), P. Barnes (Bournemouth), L. Harlow (Beckenham), R. Foy (S. London), J. Myles (Hellingly), M. Greaves (Bournemouth).

LEICESTER

M. Parkins (Norwich), W. Burns (Leicester), M. Curtis (Bristol), E. Butler (Horspath), I. Walsh (Kingstanding), B. Kett (Norwich), C. Warren (Leicester), B. Heath (Leicester), R. Finney (Kingstanding), M. Flanagan (Horspath), V. Armstrong (Horspath), R. Martin (Bristol), J. Dicks (Norwich), K. Adams (Leicester), N. Tullberg (Bristol), F. Hammond (Kingstanding).

NORWICH

G. Warwick (Leicester), A. Ingram (Norwich), K. Adcock (Norwich), C. Gibbs (Thurrock), P. Hooper (Tottenham), R. West (Leicester), P. Boxall (Norwich), P. Hammond (Thurrock), M. Taylor (Thurrock), L. Adams (Tottenham), P. Carr (Tottenham), T. Gilbert (Norwich), J. Knock (Leicester), P. Chapman (Tottenham), W. Gill (Thurrock).

TOTTENHAM

A. Whitaker (Tottenham), T. Spaulding (Beckenham), C. McCormick (Soton), A. Ellis (Broad Oak), P. Edwards (Tottenham), D. Collins (Tottenham), T. Trievnor (Beckenham), R. Watson (Thurrock), S. Hibbert (Broad Oak), R. Wyatt (Soton), E. Randle (Soton), J. Cobbin (Tottenham), W. Dighton (Beckenham), P. Hobbs (Soton), M. Bell (Haw-

bush).

Challenge: Bristol v Tottenham, 3 p.m.

Home Counties League Div. 1: Reading v Estuary; Southampton v Wembley; Uxbridge v Rayleigh; Whippis Cross v Tolworth.

Home Counties League, Div. 2:

THIRD ROUND

BOURNEMOUTH

R. Martin (Bristol), B. Cable (Beckenham), G. Brown (Bournemouth), D. Tarr (Bournemouth), P. Hobbs (Soton), R. Wyatt (Soton), M. Curtis (Bristol), W. Dighton (Beckenham), G. Still (Bournemouth), M. Pretty (Bournemouth), E. Randle (Soton), L. Harlow (Beckenham), N. Tullberg (Bristol), M. Vernam (Soton).

EASTBOURNE B.O.

T. Pope (S. London), R. Smith (Hellingly), T. Killick (Hellingly), P. Yates (Soton), T. Barrett (Beckenham), S. Hibbert (Broad Oak), K. Dare (S. London), C. Dunford (Soton), A. Chalmers (Beckenham), A. Ellis (Broad Oak), J. Myles (Hellingly), T. Cracknell (S. London), G. Smith (Beckenham), L. Spaulding (Beckenham).

ILFORD

J. Cobbin (Tottenham), K. Adcock (Norwich), K. Adams (Leicester), M. Bell (Hawbush), R. Kett (Norwich), R. Waterson (Thurrock), M. Taylor (Thurrock), P. Chapman (Tottenham), R. Voller (S. London), B. Heath (Leicester), D. Ellis (S. London), P. Boxall (Norwich), P. Hammond (Thurrock), R. Baker (S. London), R. Chivers (S. London), W. Burns (Leicester).

OXFORD

B. Rose (Bournemouth), J. White (Bournemouth), C. Warren (Leicester), R. West (Leicester), A. Whitaker (Tottenham), D. Morris (Horspath), D. Massey (Bristol), A. Bonner (Bournemouth), J. Knock (Leicester), D. Collins (Tottenham), P. Edwards (Tottenham), E. Butler (Horspath), P. Barnes (Bournemouth), D. Roman (Bristol), R. Newman (Horspath), G. Warwick (Leicester).

SOUTHAMPTON

F. Hammond (Kingstanding), R. Beadle (Beckenham), T. Spaulding (Beckenham), G. Moffat (Bournemouth), G. McCormick (Soton), D. Butcher (Soton), I. Walsh (Kingstanding), T. Trievnor (Beckenham), M. Greaves (Bournemouth), D. Lilley (Bournemouth), C. McCormick (Soton), C. Wheeler (Soton), N. Goodrum (Beckenham), R. Finney (Kingstanding), A. Dominey (Bournemouth).

TOTTENHAM

D. Hutton (S. London), R. Foy (S. London), M. Reading (Tottenham), W. Gill (Thurrock), M. Parkins (Norwich), M. Flanagan (Horspath), K. Wilson (S. London), P. Hooper (Tottenham), C. Gibbs (Thurrock), J. Dicks (Norwich), T. Gilbert (Norwich), A. Ingram (Norwich), P. Carr (Tottenham), G. Watkins (S. London), V. Armstrong (Horspath), L. Adams (Tottenham).

Bushey v Hungerford; Hackney v Raynes Park; Uxbridge v East Ham. All matches at 3 p.m.

National Team Championship Rounds.

Devon County League: Plymouth v Exeter E.

FIXTURE CHART

Saturday, June 19th
British Riders Championship Round at Hellingly (Eastbourne) 7 p.m.

Devon Knowle Trophy at Plymouth, 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 20th
British Riders Championship Rounds at Bournemouth, 3 p.m.; Beckenham, 3 p.m.; Leicester, 3 p.m.; Norwich 3 p.m.; Tottenham, 3 p.m.

National Junior Team Championships.

Home Counties KO cup matches.

Wednesday, June 23rd
Home Counties League, Div. 1: Rayleigh v Estuary, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 26th
Challenge: Longford v Plymouth, 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 27th
British Riders Championship Rounds at Bournemouth, 3 p.m.; Eastbourne B.O. 3 p.m.; Ilford, 3 p.m.; Oxford, 3 p.m.; Southampton, 3 p.m.; Tottenham, 3 p.m.

National Individual Championships, Round 4.

WHITSUN RACING REVIEW

PRIDE OF THE SOUTH AT BOURNEMOUTH

by Ken Worlock

A win by Dave Collins in heat nineteen gave the Tottenham rider the chance of a run off with Mike Parkins for first place. Collins was second for much of the nineteenth heat but took first place when Leicester's Colin Warren fell while leading.

In the run-off, Collins pipped Parkins on the line after an extremely close tussle.

Harry Glover led Dave Butcher for most of the third place run-off, but he pulled a locker to give his rival the chance to slip through to win.

Top Scorers: Dave Collins (Tottenham) 12, Mike Parkins (Norwich) 12, Dave Butcher (Southampton) 11, Harry Glover (Leicester) 11.

BRITISH LEAGUE SCORERS

B. Wyatt (Southampton)	2.5
J. Cobbin (Tottenham)	2.5
W. Dighton (Beckenham)	2.4
R. Baker (S. London)	2.4
T. Cracknell (S. London)	2.4
D. Collins (Tottenham)	2.4
N. Goodrum (Beckenham)	2.3
E. Butler (Horspath)	2.3
K. Knock (Leicester)	2.3
R. Chivers (S. London)	2.3
H. Glover (Leicester)	2.2
W. Burns (Leicester)	2.2
K. Adams (Leicester)	2.2
D. Butcher (Southampton)	2.2
V. Armstrong (Oxford)	2.2
K. Rowland (Oxford)	2.2
G. Moffatt (Bournemouth)	2.1
P. Chubb (Ilford)	2.1
J. Myles (Eastbourne)	2.1
G. Hollebon (Eastbourne)	2.1
C. Wheeler (Southampton)	2.1
L. Adams (Tottenham)	2.1
M. Reading (Tottenham)	2.0
E. Randle (Southampton)	2.0
M. Pretty (Bournemouth)	2.0
J. White (Bournemouth)	2.0
B. Cable (Beckenham)	2.0
J. Botting (Eastbourne)	1.9
A. Ellis (Broad Oak)	1.8
W. Gill (Tilbury)	1.5
D. Roman (Bristol)	2.2
I. Walsh (Birmingham)	2.1

COMBINATION LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

A. Chalmers (Beckenham)	2.8
L. Harlow (Beckenham)	2.6
R. West (Leicester)	2.6
M. Harvey (Leicester)	2.3
M. Flanagan (Oxford)	2.3
A. Dominey (Bournemouth)	2.3
G. Brown (Bournemouth)	2.3
C. Baldwin (Oxford)	2.2
D. Dines (Beckenham)	2.2
A. Sutton (Beckenham)	2.2
B. Ward (Leicester)	2.1
T. Trevnor (Beckenham)	2.1
P. Hobbs (Southampton)	2.1

COLIN WHEELER WINS SOUTHAMPTON GRAND PRIX

writes Dave Massey

This was Cycle-Speedway racing at its very best. Southampton's Viking turned Saint, Colin Wheeler, forced his way to a brilliant fourteen-point match total and pipped Ted Cracknell of South London by one point for the trophy.

Wheeler dropped his only point to Cracknell in the opening heat and Cracknell, in turn, lost his only points to Ernie Randall and Mike Parkins in heat nine. The Championship trophy was presented to the winner by the Mayor of Southampton, Alderman R. C. Haskell.

Scorers: Colin Wheeler (Southampton) 14, Ted Cracknell (South London) 13, Bob Wyatt (Southampton) 11, Dave Butcher (Southampton) 10, Mike Parkins (Norwich) 10, Dave Collins (Tottenham) 8, John White (Bournemouth) 8, Ernie Randle (Southampton) 7, Mike Pretty (Bournemouth) 6, Geoff Smith (Beckenham) 6, John Warren (Leicester) 6, Colin Knock (Leicester) 5, Neill Tullberg (Bristol) 4, Tom Killick (Eastbourne) 4, Mike Vernham (Southampton) 3, Roy Baker (South London) 3.

Dave Morris (Oxford) did not ride.

League Tables

BRITISH LEAGUE June 17th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. London	9	8	0	1	535	321	16
Leicester	9	8	0	1	509	351	16
Beckenham	10	7	0	3	548	411	14
Tottenham	10	7	0	3	507	448	14
Oxford	9	6	0	3	463	398	12
South'pton	7	4	0	3	386	285	8
Bne'mouth	9	4	0	5	447	414	8
E'bourne H.	9	3	0	6	385	477	6
E'bourne BO	9	1	0	8	329	533	2
Tilbury	9	1	0	8	276	585	2
Ilford	10	1	0	9	394	561	2

COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beckenham	7	6	1	0	306	196	13
Oxford	8	6	0	2	318	254	12
Leicester	6	4	0	2	243	189	8
Bne'mouth	6	3	0	3	232	261	6
South'pton	5	2	1	2	180	177	5
Ilford	5	1	0	4	151	209	2
S. London	3	0	0	3	93	121	0
Tottenham	6	0	0	6	127	305	0

DEVON COUNTY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dawlish	4	3	0	1	182	123	6
Exeter T.	4	3	0	1	168	142	6
Shaldon	4	2	2	0	165	146	4
Whipton	2	1	0	1	86	69	2
Exeter E.	4	0	0	4	98	214	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	000	000	0

LEICESTER'S WHIT DOUBLE

by Barry Shapley

The weather was fine and the track riding well when the annual Minors Derby Day started at the Slater Street track of Leicester Monarchs on Whit-Sunday. Prior to the individual event there was an interesting four-side three team match between riders from Leicester, Warwick and Edinburgh, all of the under 18 years age group.

At the start both Warwick and Edinburgh were holding their own, but towards the end, mainly through superior knowledge of the vagaries of the track, the Monarchs pulled away to win. The best of the winners was Rich West, only being beaten by Warwick's Colin Daly in his four rides.

SCORERS: Leicester (30), Rich West 10+1; Bruce Ward 9+1; Dave Hayward 6+1; Keith Neale 5+1. Edinburgh (22), Brian Bridson 8+1; George Leitch 8; Dave Henry (guest) 6; Dougie McCullough 0. Warwick (19), Bill Savage 8+1; Colin Daly 7+1; Bob Tilley and John Horsley 2.

The fairly large crowd had enjoyed this racing and with the big event to come they were on their toes.

Heat One and Chris Hunt, off four gate, surprised the lot of them by winning from Ivor Walsh and Joe Hutton, with Bob Martin last. Time: 44.4.

Heat Two saw a very clever white-lining Mick Vernham hold on to his gate and win from local best Grant Warwick and Jackie Pinkerton and last year's winner Colin Wheeler surprisingly last. Time: 43.4.

Heat Three: Lanky, oh so casual, Don Moir was the third inside gater to win; there was quite a scrap behind for the

minor position, with Will Truslove gaining second place and Nigel Harland a third, after Wilson Burns' bike had given up. Time: 44.4.

Heat Four: Another inside gate win this time, with local "baby-face" Bruce Heath showing as John Cobbin (2nd) and the night before's Midland Youth Champion Roger Ellis the fastest way round. Last was Vic Armstrong. Time: 44.0.

Heat Five: Cobbin showed he'd learn the track quickly with yet another gate one win. Mike Vernham had little difficulty in holding on to second over rapidly tiring Will Truslove and Joe Hutton. Time: 44.8.

Heat Six: Roger Ellis simply flew from the gate in this one, to set up the fastest equal time of the day. Colin Wheeler lost his chance of winning for the second time, with a third place behind Ivor Walsh with Don Moir last. Time: 42.4.

Heat Seven: Willy Burns became the second rider to not win from the inside lane. Little Bruce Heath won this from gate two, from team-mates Warwick and Burns, with Martin last again. Time: 43.4.

Heat Eight: Chris Hunt from the inside and a bit of a procession this one. 2nd Pinkerton, 3rd Harland, 4th Armstrong (fell). Time: 45.0.

Heat Nine: Wheeler showed his prowess this time and won easily again from the inside. 2nd Armstrong, 3rd Hutton and last Burns (exc.). Time: 43.0.

Heat Ten: Inside gates were certainly the best today, this time it was Harland's chance, and he held on well to win. 2nd Vernham, 3rd Walsh, and, his chances gone, Heath last (fell). Time: 43.4.

Heat Eleven: Jackie Pinkerton, off "need I say it?", from Truslove, Martin and trailing Ellis. Time: 44.0.

Heat Twelve: From the gate Warwick, and looking as though he had an outside chance. Following him were Cobbin, Moir and bike-falling Hunt. Time: 43.0.

Heat Thirteen: Warwick again, and now looking much more than an outside chance. Behind, Hutton and Harland, with Ellis going out after a gate move exclusion. Time: 44.4.

Heat Fourteen: Walsh at last showed some form by equalling the day's fastest time in winning from Cobbin, Pinkerton and Burns. Time: 42.4.

Heat Fifteen: Armstrong's chance of an inside gate, and he took it well, winning easily enough from Vernham, Martin and Moir. The latter doing a fine first to last in one lap exhibition. Time: 43.4.

Heat Sixteen: Truslove had another gate one to come after this one, and if he won them both he could have finished the top three. He didn't. This time coming second to Colin Wheeler, with Hunt and Heath behind him. Time: 44.0.

Heat Seventeen: No-one with a chance of the honours in this one, and there was another "quiet" looking follow my leader race. First was Pinkerton, from Heath, Hutton & Moir. Time 44.2.

Heat Eighteen: A great gate from the bloke who had to win to win the trophy - Grant Warwick. And he did win. 2nd was Walsh and both Armstrong and Truslove failed to finish. Time: 44.2.

Heat Nineteen: Cobbin, if he won this could have been second, instead of that he finished behind that ace of the overtake, Wheeler. Third Martin and bike falling Harland was last. Time: 44.0.

Heat Twenty: Vernham had the inside gate and made no mistake in winning this. Ellis was second for most of the race but on the line Burns caught him and they dead-heated. Last was a very dependent looking Chris Hunt. Time: 43.2.

SCORERS: Grant Warwick (Leicester) 13, Mike Vernham (Southampton) 12, John Cobbin (Tottenham) 11, Jackie Pinkerton (Edinburgh) 10, Colin Wheeler (Southampton) 10, Ivor Walsh (Birmingham) 10, Bruce Heath (Leicester) 8, Chris Hunt (Wembley) 7, Will Truslove (Coventry) 7, Nigel Harland (Coventry) 6, Joe Hutton (Manchester) 5, Vic Armstrong (Oxford) 5, Roger Ellis (Wolverhampton) 4, Don Moir (Edinburgh) 4, Bob Martin (Bristol) 3, Willy Burns (Leicester) 2.



Riders at the gate at Garratt Park, London.

"COVENTRY CHAT" Continued
ing party going for a week's racing over the border in Scotland. Whilst not a Test team, some of Coventry's best are in the party which is: Shawn Flanagan (Whitley); Will Truslove and Chris Jones (Earlsdon); Mart Harban (Henley); Bill Savage, Colin Daly and Bob Tilley (Warwick); Paul Moore and Tony Savery (Whorley); Dave Henry, Barry Shapley and John Sanderson (Brandon). Graham Courts, Coventry's top steward, is going as team manager.

This will be Shapley's first visit to Scotland since he lived there as far back as in 1956, at which time he raced in the Glasgow league.

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