ON THE SCENE

with ROSS MARTAKIES and JOHN WRIGHT

Nice work by Leicester boss, Jock McPate, who has persuaded the Stapleford team from Long Eaton, to fill in for the Monarchs juniors in one of their future British League combination matches. Mr. McPate was at Long Eaton Speedway when he heard an announcement concerning Cycle-Speedway racing in the area. Knowing that Notts. has been a dead area for the sport for many years, he wrote to the Speedway Supporters Club asking to be put in touch with one of the cycle-teams.

Stapleford replied and some of their riders travelled over to take a look at the Leicester track. Everyone was suitably impressed and the Nottinghamshire lads jumped at the chance of riding at Slater Street.

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It looks as though Coventry League side, Whoberley, have the whiphand in this year's N.A.C.S.A. National Junior Championships. In the N.J.I.C. Quarter final at Wolverhampton, Whoberley riders, Ray Dennis, Frank Smith, Paul Moor and John Harrison filled the first four places.

The Witches are currently second in the Coventry senior league, having lost only two matches from nine played and they are first in the Junior League with an unbeaten run of nine match victories.

In their recent N.J.T.C. macth, Whoberley beat Warwick Blue Diamonds 57-20. Some going that!

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Sporting gesture by young Vikings star, Keith Burton, Keith and John Attoe of Galley Pirates, Norwich, tied with eight points each for eighth place in the Uxbridge N.S.I.C. quarter final. Gallant Keith gave John the place without asking for a run-off and announced his intention of concentrating on the junior competition this year.

In the junior quarter final, Keith finished second to Hackney's Vic Haines, just clear of third placed Val Hockley of Southend.

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The Wiltshire Grand Prix, scheduled for August 14th, has attracted a first class line up. Cleverton manager, Richard Jackson ,tells us that B.C.S.F. executive has granted permission for the club to invite British League riders.

Acceptors so far are: K. Adcock, T. Gilbert, M. Parkins, P. Boxall, S. Garrett, B. Kett (Norwich), J. Harrhy (Warwick), M. Harban (Henley), T. Savery, P. Moore (Whoberley), D. Henry (Brandon), L. Telling, G. Fletcher, J. Foulkes, M. Hiscock (Cleverton), B. Merrett, G. Swann (Hungerford).

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Latest team to be formed on the South Coast are Hawginge Hammers from Folkestone, Doug Richards, tells us that the Hammers are currently trackless but as soon as they find a suitable piece of ground, they will be open to challenges from any team in the South-East.

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The Bristol track is becoming a second home for the Newport riders who make the regular fortnightly trip over to Bristol from South Wales. As many as twenty Newport chappies at a time make the nine shilling train trip—just to watch—and each one of the magrees that they learn something new from every visit.

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Even a fall in his first ride didn't stop Offerton's Derek Garnett from winning the N.S.I.C. quarter final at Wolverhampton. In what proved to be a very close meeting, Mick Price (Wolves), Roger Ellis (Wolves) and Dave McCue (Stoke) all reached double figures and qualified for the semi finals along with Johnnie Watchman, Ray Lewis, A. McKenzie and K. Taylor. In fact, only five points separated the top ten riders.

IN THE MIDLANDS . . . . . with Harold Smith

Congratulations to Ivor Walsh, who with scores of 15 at Perry Hall, 14 at Leicester and 9 at Southampton—totalling 38 out of a possible 45 points—has carried Kingstanding Monarchs' colours through to the final of the British Riders' Championship at his first attempt.

Frank Hammond was not so fortunate in his B.R.C. rounds. An asthma sufferer, he had difficulty in breathing in the dusty conditions at Leicester and had to withdraw after one ride, and he also missed his third round. Frank is now recovering in New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton. Get well soon, Frank, and here's wishing you a speedy return to the saddle.

Kingstanding Monarchs made one of their youngest-ever signings when Joe McGee put his signature on forms for the Birmingham club.

Joe is only thirteen but he has the beating of several 17 and 18-year-olds and Kingstanding think highly of his prospects.

The present Kingstanding team is Monarchs' youngest line-up for a good many seasons. Top scorer Ivor Walsh is seventeen and only three riders on their books—skipper Pete Blackwell, Peter Allen and Dave Roden—are over twenty years of age.

Midland Open

Derek Garnett has said 'yes' to an invitation to defend the Midland Open Championship, which is a qualifying meeting for the 'Rider of the Year' awards. at the Perry Hall track on Saturday, August 7th.

National champion Vic Hinchcliffe who with Derek, his team-mate at Offerton. was joint 'Rider of the Year' in 1964 is another acceptor. So too are Brandon Bees' three Johns—Harrhy, Smith and Sanderson.

The first four riders in the Midland Youth Championship were asked back to battle it out with the 'big boys' and Wolverhampton's dynamic Roger Ellis (1st) and Arthur Price (4th) have confirmed that they will be there. Kingstanding's Ivor Walsh (3rd) and Leicester's Wilson Burns (2nd) had to choose between competing at Perry Hall or at Tottenham where the London Youth Championship is being ridden on the same night. Ivor had already promised to race in the Midland Open when the second invitation reached him, so he regretfully turned down the offer from Tottenham but Will decided to join the under-21's at Stonebridge Lock.

Lions Struggle

Birmingham Lions, struggling after releasing Colin Jukes and Mick Taylor to Tipton, probably have the weakest team in the Birmingham League. They also recently lost Dave Wheeler who has retired. Ex-Cradley Heath Kestrel Graham Brimmell has been signed by Lions' manager, Brian Buck, who is himself riding again but it will take both time to get amongst the points.

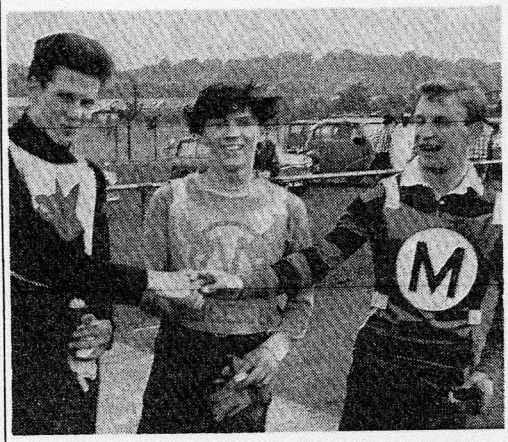
Rowley Stars and Aldridge Hammers fought out the second draw inside a fortnight. Aldridge went into the nominated heat four points in arreares but Rob Hardie and John Heaton collected maximum points for the Hammers when Rowley's John Andrews and Ray Moore got into a tangle.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE RESULTS

Rowley (48): J. Andrews 13, R. Moore 10, Whitehouse 7, P. Worwood 6, R. Newell 6, N. Bedford 4, J. Lown 2. **Aldridge (48):** R. Hardie 11, F. Smith 10, J. Heaton 8, J. Harrison 5, R. Dennis 4, T. Wall 4, T. Bowles 3, C. Nye 3.

Birmingham L. (37): K. Nock 9, J. Round 8, B. Buck 5, R. Faith 4, D. Bird 4, T. Bastable 3, P. Gould 3, D. Barnes 1. **Aldridge (58):** R. Hardie 10, J. Heaton 9, C. Nye 9, T. Wall 8, G. Heaton 7, T. Bowles 6, J. Harrison 6, R. Dennis 3.

Birmingham L. (28): J. Round 8, K. Nock 5, R. Faith 4, T. Bastable 3, D. Bird 3, D. Barnes 1, B. Buck 1, P. Gould 1. **Tipton (67):** D. Dale 12, K. Teasdale 11, C. Jukes 10, M. Roberts 9, M. Taylor 8, K. Robinson 7, R. Teasdale 7, G. Bradley 3.

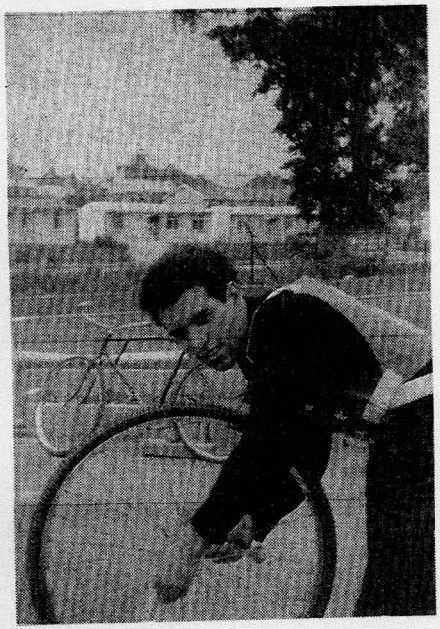


1965 Midland Youth Championship at Perry Hall, Birmingham. Left to right winner Roger Ellis (Wolverhampton), runner-up Wilson Burns (Leicester), 3rd Ivor Walsh (Kingstanding).

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The semi-finals of the NACSA National Individual Championships will take place at Raynes Park (Surrey) and Spencer Park (Coventry), on Sunday, September 5th.

The junior finals of both the team and individual championships will be staged at the Carrs Wood, Manchester track, on Saturday, September 25th. The senior finals will be held the next day.



Mike Pretty, Bournemouth. C.S.R.2

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INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Morden	4	4	0	0	11
East Ham	4	3	0	1	8
Hackney	4	2	0	2	4
Uxbridge	6	2	0	4	4
Hungerford	3	1	0	2	2
Bushey	5	1	0	4	2

NEWS ITEMS

The new Tolworth track looks quite good and judging by the youngsters present they should easily recruit a Junior team. They already have several juniors on their books.

Former Chessington manager Ray Harris is keen to reform the Aces. Idea is to use the Tolworth track when the riders are about. Ray hopes to join the second division next season as there is a vacancy still.

The expected split between Wembley and Hendon has finally materialised. A recent meeting dealt with this and Wembley will remain at Birch End Grove, and Hendon at Goldsmith Road.

Uxbridge Juniors, John Grant and Ray Clark tied for first place in the Pride of Middlesex Championship, Grant won the run-off and received a very handsome trophy from Mrs. Hunt, also a really excellent Sash, Ray Clark and Steve Lishman received awards.

Reading 53, Dereham 43

Chris Wootton was top scorer for Bucklebury in their match with Norwich club, Dereham Hammers. This was a pleasant change for the big boy who notched ten points.

This match consisted of eleven shared heats with the winning heats going to the Robins through, Clark and Pauling in heat 6, a 4-2 win, and another 4-2 in heat 7 through R. Sellwod and A. Waters. Then two 5-1 heat wins to D. Fry and C. Wootton in heat eleven and Colin Rolf and C. Wootton in heat fourteen.

This was the first match that Adrian Waters and Colin Rolf had ridden and they both did extremely well.

Reading Scorers: C. Wootton 10, T. Clark 9, D. Fry 7, A. Waters 6, R. Sellwood 7, J. Simmonds 6, C. Rolf 6, D. Pauling 2.

Rider Of The Year Awards

The results of Open events, ridden so far this season, which have been accepted as qualifying meetings to count towards the 1965 C/S Annual Rider of the Year awards are:

Cycle Speedway Gazette Cup
1st K. Adams 3pts., 2nd V. Hinchcliffe 2pts., 3rd H. Glover 1pt.

Devon-Knowle Championship
1st J. Smith 3pts., 2nd J. Harrhy 2pts., 3rd K. Lyons 1pt.

London Grand Prix
1st D. Garnett 3pts., 2nd J. Cobbin 2pts., 3rd D. Collins 1pt.

Pride of the South
1st D. Collins 3pts., 2nd M. Parkins 2pts., 3rd D. Butcher 1pt.

Southampton Grand Prix
1st C. Wheeler 3pts., 2nd T. Cracknell 2pts., 3rd B. Wyatt 1pt.

Horspath Open Championship
1st V. Hinchcliffe 3pts., 2nd R. Chivers 2pts., 3rd E. Butler 1pt.

Southend Grand Prix
1st G. Swan 3pts., 2nd V. Hinchcliffe 2pts., 3rd D. Garnett 1pt.

Devon Grand Prix
1st N. Tullberg 3pts., 2nd A. Patman 2pts., 3rd P. Cooke 1pt.

Summary of Marks awarded to date
V. Hinchcliffe, 7 D. Collins 4, D. Garnett 4, K. Adams 3, J. Smith 3, C. Wheeler 3, N. Tullberg 3, G. Swan 3, J. Harrhy 2, J. Cobbin 2, M. Parkins 2, T. Cracknell 2, R. Chivers 2, A. Patman 2, H. Glover 1, K. Lyons 1, D. Butcher 1, B. Wyatt 1, E. Butler 1, P. Cooke 1.

Shaldon 38, Exeter T. 39

Shaldon: C. Farrell 12, M. Farrell 10, R. Farrell 8, J. Towell 3, J. South 3, K. Tidball 1, G. O'Connell 1.

Exeter: G. Patman 7, S. Dowling 6, F. Spryfare 6, R. Bradbeer 6, A. Hext 5, D. McLean 5, J. Spiller 4.

Shaldon 24, Exeter Aces 51

Exmouth have applied to join the Devon County League in 1966.

Shaldon juniors are competing for a cup and shield, over 6 rounds, which will be held at Shaldon every alternate Saturday.

Belle Vue Devon Tour
August
3rd. Individual v Shaldon.
4th. Exeter v. Belle Vue.
5th. Dawlish v Belle Vue.
6th. Shaldon v Belle Vue.

FIXTURE CARD

JULY 17th

British League:
Eastbourne v Bournemouth (7)
Southern Championship at Garratt Park, South London (7)

JULY 18th

British League:
Eastbourne B-O v Bournemouth (3)
Leicester v South London (3)
Tilbury v Southampton (3)
Bristol v Ilford (C) (3)
Birmingham v Beckenham (C) (3)
National Individual Championship Rounds

JULY 24th

British League:
Eastbourne v Bristol (C) (7)
Midland Grand Prix at Leicester (7)

JULY 25th

British League:
Beckenham v Southampton (3)
Bournemouth v Tottenham (3)
Ilford v Leicester (3)
Oxford v. Tilbury (3)
Eastbourne B-O V v Bristol (C) (3)
Birmingham v South London (C) (3)
National Junior Team Championship
Home Counties League Div. 1:
Estuary v Wembley (3)
Tolworth v Rayleigh (3)
Southampton V v Whipps Cross (3)
Uxbridge P v Reading (3)
Home Counties League Div. 2:
Bushey v Hendon (3)
Raynes Park v. East Ham (3)
Uxbridge L v Hungerford (4)

JULY 31st

Home Counties K.O. Cup.

AUGUST 1st

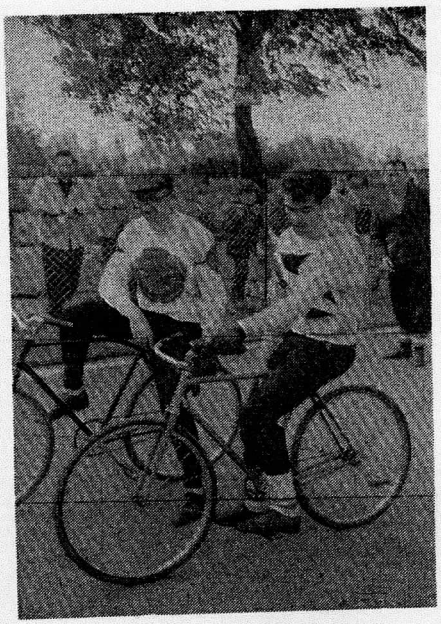
British League:
Eastbourne (B Oak) v. Tilbury (3)
Oxford v Ilford (3)
Leicester v Eastbourne H (3)
Southampton v Tottenham (3)
Beckenham v Bristol (C) (3)
Home Counties League:
Individual Championship rounds.
Manchester K.O. Trophy final.

AUGUST 7th

Open at Kingstanding (7)
London Youth Championship at Tottenham (7)

AUGUST 8th

National Team Championship Quarter finals.
British League:
Ilford v Southampton (3)
Leicester v Bournemouth (3)
South London v Tottenham (3)
Tilbury v Beckenham (3)
Kingstanding (B'ham) v Eastbourne (B Oak) (C) (3)
Home Counties League Div. 1:
Reading v Southampton (3)
Wembley v. Tolworth (3)
Whipps Cross v Uxbridge P (3)
Home Counties League Div. 2:
Hackney v Uxbridge L (3)
Hendon v Raynes Park (3)
Hungerford v Bushey (3)



Bill Punter and Jack Pinkerton

CYCLE-SPEEDWAY RACING IN PLYMOUTH

ERIC ABBOTT writes feature number three.

PART THREE 1952

The 1952 season brought surprises all round, as you will read later on . League-wise it was the same as 1951 with the following exceptions. Out went Ford Phantoms because of a row with the city council concerning the upkeep of their track. It was situated in a park and was usually in a shocking condition. Finally the Council banned them from using the ground and so the team had to disband.

Another team, the Woodland Wyverns, had the worst luck a team could wish for. Their track, in a council park, faced in the wrong direction. The first and second bend stood in the way of Council alterations and they had to wait while the council built another track twenty yards away. It took a year to complete, which, in the meantime, lost the club league status and most of their top riders to other clubs. The Laira Bees had a school built on their track so they had to disband.

One bright spot—entrance into the league of a new team, the Sparkwell Spitfires which brought the league up to twelve teams for the beginning of the season.

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First Surprises

The first surprise of the year was Alan Dabinette turning to motor cycle Speedway half way through 1952 when he was riding quite well. The Plymouth Monarchs supplied the other surprise. With one year of Cycle-Speedway behind them they swept the board. They won the League, Plymouth Individual Championship, Battle of Britain Cup and the Best Pairs competition, plus the new competition, the John Wheel Cup.

Although they lost their first match against the Eagles at home, followed by a defeat in their second match, against the Tigers by one point, they didn't lose another league match home or away and their last eight matches were won by thirty point margins or more.

Their best away win was over the Hammers 65-19 and their best home win was, I'm afraid to say, against my own team, the Torpoint Flyers 69-15. I wasn't at this match as I was on holiday, luckily.

The Monarchs were truly a great team and their line up was, Bob Ford, Brian Sugden, Terry Eddy (captain), Gerry Marshall (vice-captain), Roger Willis, Johnnie Parker, Andy Clynick and Perry Chapman.

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Monarchs Withdraw

Eddie won the Plymouth Individual Championship with Westcott (Badgers) second and Kenny Rees (Millers) third.

Sugden and Parker won the best pairs from Jones and Pooley of the Tigers and the Monarchs beat the Boars 103-65, on aggregate, in the final of the Battle of Britain Cup. They also thrashed the Millers to win the John Wheel Cup. In addition they won the NACSA Devon area team championship but withdrew at this point to concentrate on the Plymouth League. Why they did this I don't know to this day but I believe that they withdrew from the NACSA competition rather than get themselves into financial difficulties.

In the final of the Devon area Individual Championship held at Torpoint, Brian Dawe of the Tigers won with Terry Eddy second and Gerald Gould third. It was a great meeting with 1,000 people watching. Unfortunately, no Flyers were taking part.

The annual visit by Plymouth to Southampton and the New Forest resulted in a win for Plymouth at New Forest 42-52 and a win for Southampton, 49-47, the following day.

The results of the return visits—Plymouth beat Southampton 50-46 and New Forest 55½-41½.

The Plymouth test side that season was, Gerry Marshall, Terry Eddy, Ken Rees, Bill Bailey, Alan Soper, Charlie Soper, Gerry Gould, Arthur Chapman.

As for my team, we had another up and down season, losing more matches than we won. But they were a great bunch of boys who enjoyed every match and didn't really worry about results. I will never know why we didn't click together but then, that's Cycle-Speedway, I suppose.

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SCOTTISH NEWS

by JACK PINKERTON

Granton Griffins made an ignominous exit from the NACSA Team Trophy when they went down to Sighthill Hammers 69-25 in a rather disappointing meeting. Star riders Ray Waldie and Alan Dickson were unable to ride for the Granton team, and this left the side with a lop-sided look which the Hammers took full advantage of.

It was an uphill struggle for the Griffins right from heat one when Daly and Moir took a 5—1 at the expense of John Murphy, who was out on his own for Granton. The next three heats all went the same way and as the match progressed it was realised how desperately Griffins needed another two heat leaders. Granton tried hard but had to concede defeat before the meeting was half way through.

Unbeaten for the Hammers were Doug Bald, who has a habit of scoring maximums these days, Tom Daly, Don Moir and Jackie Pinkerton. Griffins' top men were Murphy, Allan and Francey with 5 each.

This result gives the Sighthill men a real chance of a place in the semi-finals as they are drawn at home again in the next round. A certain team by the name of Uxbridge Pirates will no doubt have other ideas about who will appear in the semi-finals. One thing, however, is certain, Uxbridge will know they have been in a match after racing the Hammers at Sighthill, for they have never been beaten there for five seasons.

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On the home front it is still the same picture at the top of the table while Libertion Rebels for so long a crack team, at the foot, still awaiting their first league points.

Redhall Tigers gave the mighty Scottish Rangers a fright when they went down narrowly after a hard fight. The Rangers squeezed home 52—44 with their experience telling in the later stages of the match. Rangers figured in another exciting match at Pilrig Park when they bagged another two points this time at the expense of Meadowbank Stars. Interesting point of this match was the return of ex-Edinburgh star Alan Hendry, who is back in league racing after a years lay off due to suspensions. Hendry looked good when in front and all the Meadowbank fans are sure he is the boy to bring back their former glory.

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The Eastern Organisation, namely Eastern Heralds, Flyers and Warriors, is finding it very difficult to collect league points this season having scored only 8 between the three of them. Willie Flett, the match secretary, also manages these Eastern teams and as if that was not enough he has just been given a list of 13 new teams who have applied to join the newly formed third division. Yes Edinburgh C.S. is in a healthy state as far as numbers are concerned. Should these 13 teams affiliate, the East of Scotland would boast a total of 29 teams. Quite a change from six years ago when four teams were struggling to keep the league going.

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Edinburgh Match Race: Ray Sangster (Rebels) won the silver helmet from John Murphy (Griffins) 2—1 at Southhouse.

Sighthill Cheetahs Shield (individual): 1 D. MacDonald 12, 2 J. Cockburn 11, 3 George Sneddon 11.

Tottenham . . . . The Go-Ahead Club . . . . . present the meeting of the year

THE 1965

LONDON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST, at 7.00 p.m.

THE TOP UNDER 21s IN THE COUNTRY BATTLE FOR THE BOB ANDREWS TROPHY

Belle Vue Ride In Devon writes Budd Abbott

The Exeter Tigers and Aces travel to Coventry on July 31st for a match against Brandon. Should be a great tussle but I have a feeling that the Devon lads will go the same way as so many other teams before them.

Belle Vue Gladiators visit Devon in August and ride the Exeter, Shaldon and Dawlish teams. It is also hoped to drag them forty miles to Plymouth as it appears that they are in Devon for a week's holiday. It will be a change to have a weekday match at Knowle.

Big John Smith of Brandon has consented to ride next year at Plymouth in the Devon Knowle Trophy. As John is the present holder, it is only fair that he should be given a chance to defend his title again next year. Mind you, with the rapidly improving standard of racing in Devon, this could prove to be a hard task.

Heard one Longford (Coventry) supporter at the recent Longford v Plymouth match remark "That bloke Pete Neale wants to swop that bike for an ESO and he'd be another Barry Briggs." Funny—all the Devon riders associated with Pete call him Briggo.

Wonder if that's an omen ?

Devon Cider

When Longford rode at Exeter, it took me a long time to find out why star, Tony O'Donnell, was off form. Later, I discovered that Tony had drunk ONE pint of Devon rough cider in the morning and was shattered for the rest of the day.

It now appears that Dawlish will ride Kingstanding in August instead of Shaldon. Most of the Shaldon riders are on holiday on the crucial date.

An apology has been received and accepted for the non appearance of the Dawlish riders on June 19th for the Devon Knowle Trophy meeting at Plymouth. The Dawlish van had trouble with its petrol pump on the way down.

At Coventry recently, Keith Lyons beat Mart Harban in a special match race. Harban led for three laps with Lyons practically sharing his saddle. Then, on the last lap. Harban slid slightly coming out of the top bend and Lyons was through.

Quite a race this.

Plymouth manager, Mr. R. A. Watson tells me that the Hornets have merged with the Plymouth Speedway Supporters Club for a trial period of one month. The club has advertised Cycle-Speedway matches in the local paper and has printed posters to display around the city. Already the track has been resurfaced and the starting area has been concreted.

Devon League

The Whipton v Dawlish clash was one of the best matches seen at Hamelin Park, Exeter, this season. Dawlish and Whipton desperately needed a win, now that the league has been thrown wide open by the withdrawal of the Exeter Eagles. From the word go, riding was hard and tough with spills and crashes occuring quite frequently. The atmosphere of this league match was so tense that nerves got the better of some of the riders. Four fights broke out during the match and it was only due to immediate and cool action by the two team captains that the match continued. It was anyones match two heats from the end but Whipton pulled out all the stops and chalked up two 5-1's to clinch the match.

Many riders complained that the steward failed to exercise proper control over this meeting. Several spectators, one in particular, caused very bad feelings amongst the two teams and the steward should have penalised him but didn't. After the match oddly enough, and as often happens it seems, everyone was friends again.

The withdrawal of the Exeter Eagles as I said before leaves the league wide open and ready for any one of the five sides to take it.

Whipton (44): K. Lyons 12, M. Sprayfare 8, B. Phillips 6, B. Webber 6, R. York 4, P. Roper 4.

Dawlish (33): C. Canon 10, L. Locke 7, G. Hughes 5, M. Leaman 4, E. Hockeridge 4, J. Carthew 2.

DEVON COUNTY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Whipton	4	2	0	2	158	152	4
Dawlish	4	2	0	2	157½	151½	4
Exeter	3	2	0	1	118½	114½	4
Plymouth	2	1	0	1	77	79	2
Shaldon	3	1	0	2	109	123	2

Devon at Kingstanding. Left to right Pete Claussen, Dave Mclean, Tony Hext, Geoff Patman, Pete Neale, Dave Tout, Keith Lyons, Vic Foster.

THE POTTERIES

DAVIES UNBEATEN IN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Peter Rushton reports

Qualifiers for the final of the "Potteries Individual Championship," to be held at The Croft, Penkhull, on September 12th, have now been decided. Leading the field is Doug Davies of Shelton Stars, with an unbeaten 30 points. He is followed by three Whiterock Eagles: Mick Wheat, Dave McCue, and Roger Adams, all on 29 points.

The complete list of riders then, is as follows: Davies, Hacker, Morris, Shaw, Jones, Nugent, Colclough and Hughes of Shelton Stars and Tigers; Wheat, McCue, Adams, Leverett, Bates and Mountford (res.) of Whiterock; Simmonds, Pennington, Parkes and Cliffe of Bucknall.

POTTERIES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd Qualifying Rounds Results

The Croft, Penkhull: Adams 15, Morris 14, Cliffe 12, Nugent 11, Hacker 11, Simmonds 10, Waskiel 10, Stoddard 9, Williams 7.

Shelton: Wheat 15, McCue 14, Foster 13, Shaw 12, Bailey 10, Cartlidge 10, Hughes 9.

Bucknall: Davies 15, Bates 12, Colclough 12, Leverett 11, Jones 11, Pennington 10, Parkes 8, Mountford 6, Shone 8

EAGLES TO VISIT COVENTRY

Local league leaders, Whiterock Eagles are to meet Coventry's Whitley Rangers on July 25th, at the Coventry team's track.

Whiterock are also staging a trophy meeting with a difference (August 29th). The first prize is a seven pint can of beer! Several riders from the Manchester area have, or will be, invited. Definite starters are the entire Eagles team, Ken Taylor and Josh Gleave of Blockley, and possibly Jackie Watchman.

Should be worth working up a thirst for!

STOKE-ON-TRENT & DISTRICT C.S.L. RESULTS

Whiterock Eagles 62. Mountford 12, Leverett 11, Smith 9, Adams 9, Bates 8, Foster 7, Salt 6, Phillips 1. **Shelton Tigers 33.** Shaw 13, Colclough 8, Morris 4, Mycock 3, Stoddard 2, Nugent 1, Cartlidge 1, McGarrigle 1.

Shelton Stars 60. Waskiel 14, Jones 13, Hacker 9, Hughes 9, Massey 5, Cliffe 4, Williams 4, Berrisford 2. **Bucknall Saints 33.** Pennington 10, Drummond 9, Parkes 5, Simmonds 5, Shone 4, Yates 0.

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COVENTRY CHAT .... from BARRY SHAPLEY

That crinkly haired Henley seventeen-year-old, Mart Harban, is having the time of his life—and at the expense of the senior riders in the Coventry and District League.

First he's the top scorer, nearly, in the Test Match in Suffolk; then he gets a tilt at Ray Lewis's Match Race title and does something no-one else has managed since 1960, when Barrie Butler achieved the feat, beat him. In between times he shows everyone else how to pass people on the Whoberley bowl in winning the Lockhurst Lane Co-op Cup.

What next Mr. Harban?

Another chappie who is currently making the big 'uns sit up, Coventrys star junior and the Whoberley Witches captain, Rob Hardie, has finished top of the June senior averages and he was the first challenger for Marts newly won title.

The top three senior league averages from each club in June were:-

Brandon: Barry Shapley 2.54, John Smith 2.46, John Sanderson 2.46.

Earlsdon: Ray Lewis 2.28, Roger Adams 2.00, Will Truslove 1.93.

Whoberley: Rob Hardie 2.68, John Heaton 2.33, Frank Smith 2.31.

Warwick: Glen Jenkinson 2.38, Bill Savage 2.36, John Watts 1.17.

Blackhorse: Ron Whittem 2.23, Tom Cater 2.00, Pip Deeming 1.77.

Longford: Paul Bullock 2.25, Brian Wilkins 2.13, Tony O'Donnell 1.92.

Henley: Mart Harban 2.40, Rich Pickard 1.72, Geoff Bryan 1.72.

Whitley: Des Faulkner 2.00, Alan Luddford 2.00, Nigel Underwood 2.00.

It's A Fact

Tony Savery, the fellow who's still an official Whoberley rider but who doesn't ride for them and may go to Henley, wants a lot of peace and quiet when he's up in Scotland with the Coventry boys. We are sure that nice quiet people like Messrs. Sanderson, Moore, Horsley, Truslove and Flanagan, to mention the more sober minded ones in the party, will ensure that Tony gets his wish—or will they?

John Sanderson is going to be racing NINE days following from July 16th onwards. Five matches in Scotland, in the Pride of the Midlands at Leicester, on Saturday, July 24th, tests against Norwich the next day and then the Coventry v. Holland match on Monday, July 26th.

The Coventry v. Norwich Test Matches will not be held on the Whoberley track on July 25th. On that day the junior Witches are away from home in a National Junior Team Championship third round tie, and so the home club will be unable to stage the event. Fixtures secretary, Graham Courts, will probably switch the venue of this match with that of the Coventry v. Wolverhampton tests. This would mean that Henley would stage the Norwich ones and Whoberley the Wolves ones. The Wolverhampton test is on Sunday, August 1st.

Nationals

Congratulations to the seven man Earlsdon team who travelled to Bushey, Herts, and soundly thrashed the local Kangaroos in their second round Senior tie.

Hard luck to Whoberley Witches, who without cup tied Ray Smith and Tony Savery, crashed to a 38-58 defeat against Whipps Cross Comets at the latters London track. Only Gray Doubleday, a junior like the rest of the side, managed to get on terms with the winners.

Longford Lions could also claim missing riders. Both Tony O'Donnell and Barry Taylor again unaccountably not arriving for their third round Nationals match, at home to Cradley Heath. But, and I quote manager John C. Lakin on this, they had one of the best and cleanest matches of the year and he did not think that the addition of the missing stars to the team would have made a great deal of difference.

So in the team events, Coventry have only two teams still in with an interest. Whoberley Witches in the Junior and Earsldon in the senior. The former must have a great chance of not only reaching the finals in September, but this writer cannot see any other Junior side defeating them at all—and I forecast that in Whoberley, we have the first ever Nationals winners in the sports history in this area—I hope I'm right.

Trouble

Remember the day when former Earlsdon rider, now with Whoberley, Tony Savery, rang up his manager, Mr. Hardie, and didn't ride in their Senior Nationals side when they beat Wembley Lions?

That day Tony told Mr. Hardie that he couldn't ride the Hearsall Common track and that he wished to leave the Witches. He didn't go then but waited, presumably, for the offers to come in for him. They didn't. Mostly because Tony was bang off form when he made the decision to leave.

After one more ride for the Witches, at Henley, he was rather surprisingly dropped from their home match v Henley in the A. D. Ellis Memorial Cup first round.

After thirty-six hours of deep thinking, Tony made an approach to Henley manager in chief, Allen Nash, for a berth in the Hunters team. Then, deadlock, Mr. Hardie would not sign his transfer form. A hurried consultation with Association Chairman, John Leith, and Tony slammed in a letter to both the Association and to the Whoberley club, telling them that he had resigned from the club. Presumabily, all he does now is to register with Henley.

To keep a rider on the shelf, if he does not want to race for a certain club seems wrong to me. But there may well be another side to this story which will be interesting to hear.

Coventry League Results

Whitley 45: A. Luddford 10, N. Underwood 9, D. Faulkner 8, S. Flanagan 6, W. Fisher 6, M. Jones 3, M. Oaks 3, D. Williams 0; **Blackhorse 51:** P. Deeming 12, T. Cater 9, C. Whittem 8, J. Cater 5, D. Whittem 6, B. Lewis 2, T. Milton 2.

Juniors: Whitley 18, Blackhorse 18.

Match Reports

TILBURY — July 4th
by Bluey Waterson

Bournemouth had little trouble in winning this British League match at Thurrock by 65 points to 31. The local Racers were without Hammond and Waterson and Bournemouth were without Ken Worlock who was on holiday.

All in all, this match was not as exciting as Tilburys last two home matches.

Tilbury 31: W. Gill 9, A. Rayner 7, L. Marshall 6, B. Gill 5, C. Gibbs 3, D. Mansfield 1, B. Beadle 0, A. Baker 0; **Bournemouth 65:** D. Tarr 13, G. Moffatt 10, J. White 10, M. Pretty 10, A. Dominey 9, G. Brown 5, M. Greaves 4, P. Barnes 4.

BRISTOL — July 4th
by John Wright

With unsettled weather the order of the day, Bristols usual large crowd was reduced to the minimum for the top of the bill clash between Bristol and Tottenham.

Unfortunately, for the few faithfuls who braved the adverse conditions, there was an early disappointment. Tottenham had arrived without their star men, in particular John Cobbin, whom everyone had hoped to see in action.

However, weak team or not, Tottenham put up a fine fight and provided plenty of entertaining racing.

Bristol 58: N. Tullberg 10½, D. Massey 10, B. Martin 9, M. Curtis 8, R. Davey 7, C. Sprague 6, P. Sposito 4, R. Withers 3½; **Tottenham 38:** P. Hooper 10, P. Chapman 8, P. Carr 7, M. Reading 6, S. Fordham 3, P. Edward 2, A. Whitaker 1, C. Hill 1.

Whilst talking of the North London club I must make some reference to their junior side. Although losing to a combined Bristol and Exeter team, they tried very hard and considering their ages (the youngest is only twelve years old) they put up a good fight.

Lion Cubs 49: B. Phillips 12, C. Sprague 11, T. Coombs 9, R. Withers 7, B. Drake 7, T. McLean 3; **Wallabies 23:** P. Carr 8, S. Fordham 6, C. Fowle 3, C. Archer 3, P. Wooton 2, D. Fordham 1.

The match that followed was a real ding-dong affair between Bristol and Exeter.

With hard riding being dished out by both teams, it was no surprise that tempers began to fray a little. But all ended in an orderly fashion with Bristol running out winners 54-42. Mainstays of the Devon team were Keith Lyons and Geoff Patman, neither of whom seemed to have much difficulty in defeating Bristol riders.

A special word of praise for Bristol youngster, Charlie Sprague, who rode in all three matches and scored well.

After it was all over, Charlie looked as fresh and cheerful as when he started.

Bristol 54: C. Sprague 12, N. Tullberg 9, R. Davey 8, M. Curtis 7, D. Massey 6, B. Martin 6. P. Sposito 3, R. Withers 3; **Exeter 42:** G. Patman 15, K. Lyons 9, L. Locke 8, R. York 4, B. Webber 2, E. Sprayfare 2, J. Carthew 1, P. Roperl.

Henley 35: M. Harban 12, G. Bryan 7, R. Pickard 5, R. Francis 4, H. Wright 3, W. Wright 2, C. Butler 1, G. Pittaway 0; **Whoberley 61:** R. Hardie 12, R. Dennis 11, J. Heaton 8, G. Doubleday 7, F. Smith 7, R. Smith 7, T. Savery 6, J. Harrison 3.

Juniors: Henley 10, Whoberley 26.

Brandon 70: J. O'Leary 11, B. Colley 10, J. Sanderson 10, J. Smith 9, R. Lane 9, B. Shapley 8, J. Harrhy 8, D. Henry 6; **Warwick 26:** B. Savage 11, M. Molony 4, J. Horsley 3, C. Daly 1, J. Wickes 2, C. Dee 2, B. Tilley 1, J. Watts 0.

Juniors: Brandon 23, Warwick 13.

Earlsdon 66: R. Lewis 11, P. Lissaman 11, R. Adams 10, C. Jones 9, W. Truslove 9, A. Summers 7, G. Colledge 7, K. Cox 2; **Longford 30:** B. Wilkins 10, J. C. Lakin 7, P. Bullock 4, N. Young 4, D. Pearce 3, S. Lester 2, G. Burbury 0.

Juniors: Earlsdon 30, Longford 6.

Warwick 49: J. Watts 13, B. Savage 11, G. Jenkinson 8, J. Horsley 5, C. Daly 4, M. Molony 4, B. Tilley 3, J. Wickes 1.

Earlsdon 40: R. Lewis 12, W. Truslove 9, C. Jones 7, R. Lewis 5, P. Lissaman 4, A. Summers 2, G. College 1, Roger Adams 0.

Juniors: Warwick 22, Earlsdon 14.

Henley 64: M. Harban 12½, R. Francis 11½, G. Bryan 9, G. Pittway 8, R. Pickard 7, H. Wright 6, C. Buckler 6, B. Johnson 4.

Whitley: W. Fisher 9, A. Luddford 7, M. Oakes 6, B. Doubleday 5, D. Faulkner 4, D. Williams 1.

Juniors: Henley 24, Whitley 12.

Longford 51: B. Wilkins 12, J. C. Lakin 10, N. Young 8, N. Pearce 7, R. Carter 6, P. Bullock 4, G. Burbury 2, S. Lester 2. **Warwick 45:** B. Savage 12, C. Daly 9, G. Jenkinson 8, J. Horsley 7, J. Watts 4, B. Tilley 4, C. Dee 1, M. Molony 0.

Juniors: Longford 11, Warwick 25.

A. D. ELLIS MEMORIAL CUP
ROUND ONE

Whoberley 52, Henley 44.
Whitley 45, Warwick 51.
Brandon 65, Blackhorse 31.

WOLVERHAMPTON OR CRADLEY
asks Brian Buck

Already the Birmingham League looks to be a two horse race, with both Wolverhampton Wolves and Cradley Heath Heathens still unbeaten. Tipton and the vastly improved Aldridge are disputing third place, leaving Rowley and Oldbury at the tail end, with the latter in particular having a very thin time.

Will it be Wolverhampton or Cradley Heath for the Championship? If I were a betting man my money would be on the Wolves. They are a powerful all round side with a wide range of riders to call upon. They have achieved consistency at all tracks, and there is not the discord among their riders that seems to be developing at Cradley.

Very often in recent years, Motor Speedway Promoters with Team difficulties have looked towards the continent for additional strength. Although Aldridge Hammers Chief, John Heaton, has not exactly turned his eyes quite that distance, he has in fact managed to transform his team from last year's chopping blocks to quite a formidable line-up, by the addition of no less than four Coventry League Riders.

And returning the compliment as it were, Heaton himself also rides for Keresley in the Coventry league! And the Managers are happy all round!

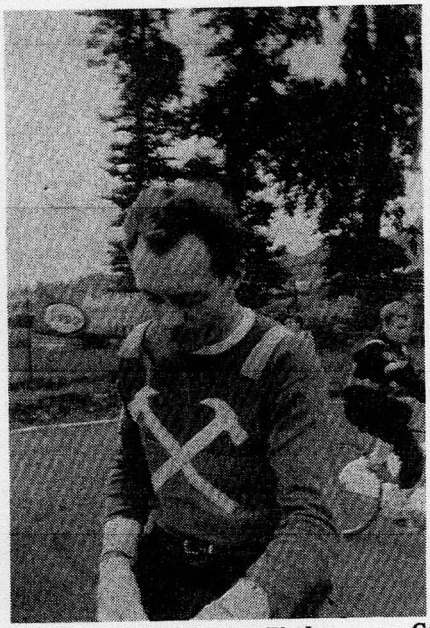
Cycling his way to a match on his home track, there was a bleak outlook for Oldbury's Ron Faith when the familiar blue uniform barred his way. For Ron was using his racing machine—with no brakes! "But I'm a Cycle Speedway Rider late for the match" protested Ron vainly. The law remained unimpressed. So Ron whiped out his riders licence. The Policeman studied it intently. "All right," he said, at length, "Carry on."

Tipton have made a triumphant return to Cycle Speedway after two seasons out in the cold. A fine track, smart turnout, and good racing is bringing in regular three figure crowds.

What a transformation there has been this season at Oldbury. Look at the riders no longer with them; Geoff Jones—transferred to Cradley Heath at his own request, Sam Jukes, Keith Teasdale and Tiggy Taylor—left to reform the Tipton Team, Paul Dudley—moving to live at Portsmouth, Graham Brimmell—retired. Now to make life more difficult for the club, both Dave Wheeler and Kevin Nock have had to make temporary breaks from racing in order to concentrate on their examinations.

But although results have been depressing, the Lions are well satisfied with the promise shown by their three first year lads Dave Bird, Dick Barnes and Phil Gould. And John Round who joined the club from Rowley only last week has made a splendid debut in the Lions team notching 17 points in his first two matches.

Non-League side Brierley Hill Aces, only recently formed, made a distinct impression in their first Challenge Match, holding Oldbury Lions to a draw.



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MANCHESTER NEWS
by Derek Garnett

The draw for the 13th Annual Manchester Grand Prix was: 1 T. Hardy (Offerton), 2 D. Garnett (Offerton), 3 V. Hinchliffe (Offerton) holder, 4 W. Truslove (Earlsdon), 5 J. Knock (Leicester), 6 R. Lewis (Coventry), 7 N. Briggs (Ashton), 8 R. Ellis (Wolverhampton), 9 R. Wells (Yorkshire), 10 V. Marsland (Gorton), 11 J. Pinkerton (Scotland), 12 F. Finnigan (Carrs Wood), 13 P. Bury (Gorton), 14 C. Wheeler (Southampton), 15 G. Gleave (Blackley), 16 D. Dean (Uxbridge) . . .

In the National Team Championships, Round 3, Offerton the 1962 and 1964 winners, beat Gorton the 1963 winners by one point, 48—47 at Offerton . . . Ashton Aces beat Tolworth Tudors (Surrey) 54-42, and Blackley Flyers were beaten at Uxbridge 55—41 . . .

The League Junior Match Race Championship resulted in a 2—1 victory for the holder, J. Watchman (Openshaw) over R. Rose (Belle Vue) at Gorton.

Qualifiers for the National Individual Semi-Finals from the Manchester League were: At Wolverhampton, D. Garnett 12, P. Bury 10, J. Watchman 9, A. McKenzie 8. At High Bank, J. Watling 14, T. Hardy 12, V. Marsland 11, P. Rennie 9.

K.O. Cup. In the Knock-Out Trophy Semi-Finals, as expected, both Offerton and Gorton won, and will meet in the Final. Offerton beat Blackley 80—29 and 65—42 with Gorton beating Openshaw comfortably also . . .

In Div. 1 Gorton still head the table on average with Offerton yet to be beaten. Ashton are holding third place, but not too far ahead of Blackley, Belle Vue and Openshaw . . .

Offerton with a fine win over Belle Vue remain at the top of Div. 2, but the title is very open with Belle Vue, Wilmslow and Gorton only a few points behind.

Belle Vue are making the running in the Junior League with Wilmslow their nearest challengers . . .

Bredbury Bees are still the strongest team in the League, holding all three divisions up on their shoulders! They have yet to win a league match this year in Div. 1, Div. 2 or Junior Leagues. Enough to knock the keenness out of any club, but Bredbury still come up smiling and trying . . .

On Sunday, July 25th, Manchester race Edinburgh over the border in a test match . . .

Several Manchester clubs and riders will be racing at Hungerford at August Bank Holiday in the Berkshire Grand Prix and The Wiltshire Herald 4-a-side Trophy. Tony Hardy (Offerton) holds the Grand Prix and Southampton the 4 man K.O. Cup . . .

Belle Vue Gladiators, last years runners-up in The National Junior Team Championship Final are touring Exeter and Devon at the end of the month and are racing teams from the Devon League . . .

For the first time in many years Yorkshire teams have been accepted to race in The North of England Trophy. Sheffield clubs Parsons Cross and Sheffield Tigers join the Manchester, Stockport and District teams for this year's competition. The holders are Gorton Pirates.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

Tipton Invaders 44, Moreton Monarchs 34; Highcroft Saints 29, Talisman Tigers 49; Moreton Monarchs 46, Wednesfield Dragons 32; Bushbury Bees 51, Oxley Saints 26; Moreton Monarchs 59, Highcroft Saints 19; Bushbury Bees 55, Highcroft Saints 23.

League Table at June 24th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Moreton	11	8	1	2	501	354	17
Tipton	8	7	0	1	394	229	14
Talisman	7	5	1	1	287	256	11
Monmore Green	5	3	1	1	229	161	7
Bushbury	6	3	1	2	258	228	7
Moxley	6	3	0	3	237	229	6
Wednesfield	9	3	0	6	350	348	6
Sedgley	6	2	0	4	233	234	4
Oxley	6	0	0	6	136	331	0
Highcroft	6	0	0	6	119	349	0

Wolverhampton Chronicle Cup—Round 2: Monmore Green 49, Bushbury 35.

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