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Scottish News By Jack Pinkerton

The all conquering Manchester League added another scalp to their collection when they defeated Edinburgh by 49—70 in a match which the English boys never looked like losing.

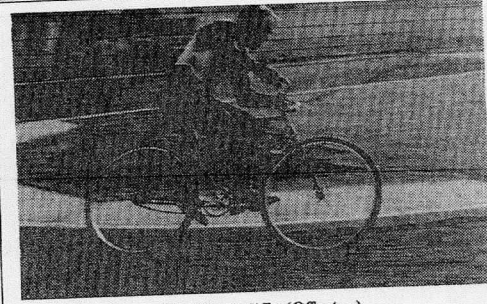
On the greasy Sighthill circuit it was Tony Hardy who was first to show his skill with a fine win from Don Moir and John Murphy after Hinchcliffe had fallen on the first lap. Daly won heat two from Marsland and Rennie but a fall in the next heat by Pinkerton gave the visitors a four-two through Watling and Bury. The next three heats were drawn before Moir and Murphy tied up the score at 21 each with the best race of the afternoon. Murphy dived inside Watling at the first bend and took the lead while Bury Moir and

Watling jockeyed for positions for 4 laps, until a final spurt by Moir gave him a hard earned 3rd place, inches behind Bury. The match continued with Tom Daly winning five consecutive rides from the gate. His team mates however did not hit the high spots and by the 17th heat Manchester were in an unassailable position. The penultimate heat gave Daly his first defeat when both he and Hardy were excluded while Pinkerton, Marsland and Rennie split the points in the last heat to make Manchester clear winners by 21 points.

FESTIVAL TROPHY
Plans are well under way in Edinburgh for the annual Festival trophy week-end which takes place on the

22nd August. Many acceptances have been received from English clubs wishing to take part. Blackley Fliers (Manchester) will be making a welcome return to see if they can win the foursomes trophy they so nearly did last year. Sighthill Hammers, on the other hand, intend to retain the trophy but they will have to do without the services of key men Moir and Pinkerton who are riding in the N.A.C.S.A. semi-finals on the same week-end. The individual trophy will be a tough one but Tom Daly has a knack of rising to the occasion and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Whichever way the finals go however, it is sure to be an action packed week-end with thrills a plenty.

With the monsoon's postponing match after match



Vic Hinchcliffe (Offerton)

very little change has come about in the league leadership. One match the weather man did allow was the Rangers-Griffins thriller at Griffin Park where the Rangers crashed to the tune of 55—41. Alan Dickson, making a very welcome return to league racing, showed he is back in business, scoring a useful 9 points. Rangers took an early lead in the second heat when Carlin of the Griffins was excluded for hooking but Waldie and Murphy hit back with some spirited riding which brought

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— BRADFORD NEWS AND VIEWS —
YORKSHIRE FINAL PREVIEW

By C. Ormondroyd

The Yorkshire riders Senior Individual Championship which is to be held this year at Morley Carr—home of the "Elmfield Tudors"—promises to be one of the best finals for years.

The Sixteen finalists qualified—via 3 qualifying rounds and 2 semi-finals, and of the riders fancied to reach the final, only Dave Northrop (Elmfield) failed to do so.

Points wise Paul Croy (Bradford Moor) unbeaten in the qualifying rounds, stands a good chance but doesn't ride the "Elmfield" track very well.

Of the 3 home riders, Meadowcroft, Ormondroyd, and Cornwell—the former, already a past champion, is rather fancied to win again with two gate ones and a good draw. Cornwell who is very speedy these days will shock a few, whilst Ormondroyd who has to overcome

a bad draw will have to fight for every point.

Robin Wells, who has seen the Title slip from his grip on at least two previous occasions will be there at the finish. As usual Horton's Mike Cockcroft and vastly improved D. Burnett will live up proceedings and a lot of people think Cockcroft can win the Title for the second year running, although he often expresses his dislike of the "Elmfield" track.

From Lindale—four riders qualified, the best of these may be Peter Bates who always rides well in individuals, but brother Dave, Pete Gregory and Ray Wilson will be trying all the way.—fellow veteran Phil Young (Bradford Moor) is a model of consistency and is sure to collect his fair share of points, but in what appears a very open event I'll go along with

Meadowcroft for the Title.

Halifax Revival

Halifax Speedway rider Vic Lonsdale who once rode Cycle Speedway has built a track near his home in Halifax, and one or two of the Bradford riders who have been over to try it out have had nothing but praise for Vic's hard work. The track is rather on the small side, but both bends are banked and racing is, to say the least, very fast. Already about 20 youngsters are taking a keen interest in the project, and it is hoped before long to stage a "Junior Inter-City Match" at the new track.

Leagues

Leaguewise in Bradford, Horton are fairly safe at the top with Lindale, Bradford Moor and Elmfield. Fighting for second place Bierley and Bowling the two bottom teams in the League could both do with strengthening, but by the time this is in print Bierley will probably have been strengthened.

YORKSHIRE FINAL "65"

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| 1 P. Gregory | Lindale Lions |
| 2 M. Cockcroft | Horton Rangers |
| 3 R. Wilson | Lindale Lions |
| 4 P. Goy | Bfd Moor Saints |
| 5 D. Bates | Lindale Lions |
| 6 D. Burnett | Horton Rangers |
| 7 J. Meadowcroft | Elmfield Tudors |
| 8 R. Wells | Bierley Vikings |
| 9 R. Hopkinson | Bowling Aces |
| 10 C. Verity | Horton Rangers |
| 11 P. Bates | Lindale Lions |
| 12 P. Young | Bfd Moor Saints |
| 13 E. Verdeyen | Bierley Vikings |
| 14 S. Cornwell | Elmfield Tudors |
| 15 A. Rushworth | Bierley Vikings |
| 16 C. Ormondroyd | Elmfield Tudors |

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Horton	12	10	1	1	648	502	21
Elmfield	13	9	0	4	646	588	18
Lindale	13	7	1	5	633	608	15
Bfd Moor	11	4	2	5	543	507	10
Bierley	12	3	0	9	494½	644½	6
Bowling	11	1	0	10	466½	581½	2

Riders Table — Top Five Averages — Up to 7/8/65

	Pts.	Rides	Av'ge
1 M. Cockcroft (Horton) ...	149	54	13.80
2 P. Bates (Lindale) ...	140	54	12.95
3 D. Burnett (Horton) ...	151	60	12.58
4 P. Goy (Bfd Moor) ...	117	47	12.45
5 S. Cornwell (Elmfield) ...	111	45	12.33

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EDITORIAL

The time has come for some straight talking. A number of letters have reached the Record office recently from people accusing us of favouring NACSA and of giving the cold shoulder to the BCSF.

To those concerned I have this to say. Since the Record first appeared in mid-June, the only body which has bothered to submit ANY official news at all has been NACSA. In fact, NACSA leagues and individuals have been extremely eager to help the magazine. Although I would like to give more coverage to the BCSF clubs, I cannot, until someone in authority will submit regular copy. By this I do not mean that the individual British League and BCSF clubs are not helping—because, on the whole, they are. But is it not possible for the BCSF executive to submit a regular news-sheet, containing league tables, scorers, fixtures, results and general interest news items, for publication in the Record?

I have asked, that I can assure you, but nothing has yet been done. If NACSA can do it, then so can BCSF.

NATIONAL
INDIVIDUALS

The semi-finals of the NACSA National Individual Championships take place on Sunday, August 22nd, at Spencer Park, Coventry, and Raynes Park, Surrey.

Racing in both instances begins at 2.30 p.m., with the junior semi-finals, followed at 3.30 p.m. by the senior semi-finals. The full draw was printed in the last issue of the Record.

Full reports and scorers from both rounds will appear in the next issue.

HOME COUNTIES REVIEW

By Roger Seymour

A close tussle is developing in Division I with all teams now entering the final stages. Southampton and Uxbridge share the lead with 19 pts, Whipps Cross, with a match in hand, have 15 pts, and Tolworth are on 13.

The holders, Uxbridge, are fighting hard to retain the championship; with four matches remaining they meet Estuary and Wembley at home and Rayleigh and Whipps Cross away. Southampton have five matches left; at home to Wembley and Rayleigh, and away to Tolworth, Bucklebury, and Wembley, and with Whipps Cross still to meet Uxbridge, Bucklebury, Rayleigh and Tolworth at home, and Estuary, Rayleigh and Tolworth away they appear to have the hardest task.

Tolworth have six matches to race. The four at home will be their main hope of winning and they meet Bucklebury, Estuary, Southampton and Whipps Cross. They could well pull these off and they should win at Wembley and look likely to finish in fourth place. Without doubt there is going to be a most exciting finish to the season, so much can happen.

Second Division

In the second division three teams, Hackney, Hungerford and Raynes Park, are involved in a close tussle for promotion. The young Hackney side are going great guns and will take some stopping. Hungerford are relying on experience and are quietly going about their business. Raynes Park remain in the hunt, thanks to a fine home record. But they are not consistent away, and this will probably keep them in division two for another season. Its very difficult forecasting, but I take the experience of Hungerford to take them into division one, but it will be a close call.

July Ratings Top 20

Division I

1 C. Hunt (Wembley)	2.78
2 D. Dean (Uxbridge)	2.51
3 M. Curry (Whipps C.)	2.50
3 P. Rides (Tolworth)	2.50
5 G. Fletcher (Uxbridge)	2.36
6 A. Horrex (Rayleigh)	2.32
7 J. Brooks (Estuary)	2.30
7 B. Kemsley (Whipps C.)	2.30
9 J. Hocking (Estuary)	2.25
10 V. Hockley (South'pton)	2.20
11 K. Burton (Uxbridge)	2.17
12 B. Hurst (Bucklebury)	2.15
13 R. Kirk (Tolworth)	2.13
14 J. Morement (Whipps C.)	2.12
15 R. Mills (South'pton)	2.10

16 E. Hemsley (Whipps C.)	2.08
16 J. Mills (South'pton)	2.08
18 R. Sellwood (B'bury)	2.00
18 N. Thompson (Estuary)	2.00
18 J. Unsworth (Uxbridge)	2.00

National Championships

The top three teams in division one are still interested in the National Team Championship. Uxbridge, finalists for the past two seasons are up in Edinburgh, they have a tough 'un here. The Vikings also have a right tough match away to Offer-ton. The Vikings went pretty close last year, losing 50-46, and maybe they can turn the scales this time. Whipps Cross join in the travelling and pop up near the Pennines to take on Ashton, conquerors of Tolworth. The Comets appear to have the easiest task, but are any of them easy?

Looks like being a few shocks this weekend. Uxbridge have a 780 mile trek so they will be happy if they win, but oh! what a journey.

DIVISION ONE

Estuary 53, Wembley 43

Both teams provided good racing. With the scores even for most of the match, John Brooks gave Estuary a good start by defeating Chris Hunt in a terrific scrap. Estuary led 29-19 at the interval and held on to win by ten points. John Brooks recorded maximum points and was ably supported by Nev Thompson 10, Val Hockley 9, and reserve Barry Hill who was unbeaten by an opponent. Chris Hunt, apart from his defeat by Brooks, went on to win his remaining four rides. Roy Brooks and Roy Tuthill finished with eight apiece.

Southampton 57,
Whipps Cross 38

This was a useful win for the Vikings over close rivals Whipps Cross. Better teamwork put Southampton in command, and with a lead of 13 at the halfway mark they pulled away to win. Rodney and John Mills were in good form, each scoring double figures. They had solid support from John Hocking 9, Keith Burton 8, and David Hughes 7. Best for the Londoners were Bill Kemsley and

John Pipe, with 8 each. Mick Curry had an off day as did Joe Morement.

Uxbridge 58, Bucklebury 38

On a heavy track, racing was made difficult for a while but the red shale dried out, and the racing improved. Uxbridge held a six point lead at heat 8, and were being hard pressed by a lively opposition. Uxbridge pulled away in the closing stages with three 5-1's to win a sporting match. Dixie Dean, making a welcome return after a rib injury, soon settled down and scored 14 and was only beaten by partner Bill Punter. John Unsworth continued his improved form with a well deserved 11, and his one defeat was to Tony Clark. Graham Fletcher backed up well with a 10 points tally. Best for the "Robins" was a very tired Basil Hurst with 8, Robin Sellwood and Tony Clark 7 each.

Rained Off

At 2 p.m. the Uxbridge track was a sheet of water.

thanks to a terrific storm. With a busy afternoon's racing lined up, the Uxbridge crew set to armed with rakes, brooms and spades. Hundreds of gallons of water were drained and by 3.30 the first match took place on a pretty good surface. Hackney provided the opposition in a Junior N.T.C. match. Hackney won quite easily and look like reaching the final.

The Division I match with Bucklebury went off smoothly, and with Hungerford ready to meet Uxbridge Lions the heaven's opened up and the track was soon under water. The match was cancelled as was the Bushey v Hendon, this was abandoned after heat 2.

Sid Russell, want to move from Wembley to Hendon. His transfer request was turned down last month owing to Wembley's team trouble. Now Wembley are running smoothly. Ken Harris was allowed to move from Hendon to Wembley. Ken is Wembley's manager. Terry Blest is back in control at Hendon.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE TABLE

		Division 1					A	Pts
		P	W	D	L	F		
Southampton	.....	9	8	0	1	496	342	19
Uxbridge	.....	10	7	1	2	532½	420½	19
Whipps Cross	.....	8	6	0	2	445	326	15
Tolworth	.....	8	4	2	4	394	366	13
Estuary	.....	10	3	1	6	452	594	8
Bucklebury	.....	9	3	0	6	367½	471½	7
Rayleigh	.....	10	3	0	7	428	520	6
Wembley	.....	8	0	0	8	292	466	0

		Division 2					A	Pts
		P	W	D	L	F		
Hackney	.....	7	5	1	1	392	277	13
Hungerford	.....	6	4	1	1	315	259	11
Raynes Park	.....	6	5	0	3	426	339	11
East Ham	.....	7	3	0	4	334	322	6
Uxbridge	.....	8	3	0	5	350	416	6
Bushey	.....	7	2	0	5	302	368	4
Hendon	.....	5	1	0	4	159	300	2

N.A.C.S.A. TEAM CHAMP'S
QUARTER-FINALS

LATE FLASH

Sighthill 57 Uxbridge 39

Sighthill Hammers scored a great win over the Uxbridge Pirates when they beat the Londoners by 18 points on August 8th. Hammers shook Uxbridge with a first heat 5-1 through Moir and Daly, while Bald and Pinkerton made it 10-2 in the second. An on form Whitehead easily beat Dean and Norris in heat 3 for the first drawn heat.

Some good team work pulled the Pirates up a bit with 4-2's in heats 8, 12 and 14, but the Sighthill boys, who were streets ahead at the gate, replied with two 5-1's to keep well ahead.

Although Uxbridge tried everything they knew, it was all in vain, and the match ended with Hammers going safely through to the semi-finals.

LEICESTER WIN SILVER HELMET

writes Ross Martakies

The Dutch tourists have come and gone and what wonderful racing they provided on our unfamiliar British tracks. Led by Dutch National Champion Johan Koudijs, who averaged over 12 points per match and scored an 18 point maximum at Tottenham, the Hollandse Welpen Cycle-Speedway Club from Hilversum, proved beyond all doubt that international club matches are here to stay.

BIG WIN

Although losing five of their seven matches, the visitors fought every inch of the way and their win at Tottenham was particularly praiseworthy. Johan Koudijs, Fred Van der Dolder, Donald Reiche and H. Van Boeyen totalled 54 points between them at Stonebridge Lock, a fair indication of their form throughout the tour.

Leicester handed out the visitors' biggest defeat when they beat them by 34 points in the second leg of the Silver Helmet Competition. The Monarchs won 117½—89½ on aggregate and were presented with the Silver Helmet permanently in recognition of their fine performances in the competition.

Unfortunately, I have been unable to trace the Edmonton result and scorers—from the final match of the tour—but as this meeting seems to have been arranged rather as an old pals act than as a serious match, I am not too worried about this, and the result will appear in the next issue.

DUTCH TOUR RESULTS

Beckenham (53): N. Goodrum 12, G. Smith 9, D. Dines 8, L. Spaulding 7, B. Cable 6, W. Dighton 5, A. Chalmers 4, G. Bovington 1. **Hollandse Welpen (41):** J. Koudijs 11, F. Dolder 8, D. Reiche 7, T. Spaulding (guest) 5, H. Boeyen 4, D. Daniels (guest) 4, F. Wilt 2, A. Kok 0.

South London (63): R. Chivers 15, D. Chivers 12, T. Cracknell 11, R. Baker 10, R. Foy 8, K. Dare 7. **Hollandse Welpen (45):** J. Koudijs 15, F. Dolder 11, D. Reiche 9, H. Boeyen 4, A. Kok 3, F. Wilt 3.

Tottenham (48): M. Reading

12, P. Hooper 11, P. Chapman 8, A. Whittaker 6, J. Cobbin 6, P. Edwards 5. **Hollandse Welpen (60):** J. Koudijs 18, F. Dolder 14, D. Reiche 12, H. Boeyen 10, A. Kok 5, F. Wilt 1.

Leicester Reserves 32,

Hollandse Welpen 40

The Dutch team in their first match on the Slater St. track beat the home Combination side by fast gating and superior team riding from their three heat leaders. The track suited the visitors, being wet, and grippy, with the man of the match Johan Koudijs showing how to ride it by cornering with both feet on his pedals.

Leicester (32): M. Harvey 9, R. West 7, D. Haywood 6, S. Copley 3, K. Neale 2, B. Ward 3, B. Adams 2. **Hollandse Welpen (40):** F. Dolder 12, J. Koudijs 10, H. Boeyen 9, D. Reiche 6, F. Wilt 2, A. Kok 1.

Grant Warwick

Leicester 25

Hollandse Welpen 24

Coventry 23

A three team match full of surprises and excitement with the young Leicester team pulling off a great victory by one point. Surprise in heat one when Bruce Heath and Steve Copley gained a 5—1 over Ray Lewis and Barry Shapley. Surprise also to see the strong pairing of Donald Reiche and Fred Van der Dolder not at their best. But the biggest surprise of all was the failure of the strong Coventry team, odds on favourites for this match, to master the wet track.

Leicester (25): R. West 9, S. Copley 8, B. Heath 5, B. Ward 3. **Hollandse Welpen (24):** J. Koudijs 8, D. Reiche 7, F. Dolder 5, H. Boeyen 4. **Coventry (23):** J. Sanderson 7, R. Lewis 6, W. Truslove 6, B. Shapley 4.

Grant Warwick & Rich West

Coventry 64,

Hollandse Welpen 41

In twenty years of racing I cannot quite remember a match with better presentation (as per BCSF) or excitement and atmosphere (as per NACSA), as this one at Spencer Park, Coventry.

If I say that EVERYTHING was organised 100% then even the best imagina-

tion will not give credit to it all. For a welcome change one could hear the loud-speakers — national anthems before the match and articulate announcements from John "Jimmy Saville" Smith.

Dutch and English flags decorated the centre green; the track looked superb, even though the first bend was slick; the weather was ideal and even the no parking signs and two policemen couldn't keep away a large crowd.

After the presentation by Alderman Harry Weston, on behalf of the absent Lord Mayor, of mementoes of Coventry to the Dutch lads, the racing got under way.

The first race set the tone for the rest of the meeting. Johan Koudijs, the Dutch Champion, went into an early lead with Ray Lewis and Barry Shapley tucked in behind. Lewis, ridding better than ever before this season, passed Koudijs on the second bend, last but one lap, to set up the fastest time this year of 40 seconds.

Coventry (64): R. Lewis 16, J. Harry 11, J. Sanderson 10, B. Shapley 9, W. Truslove 9, B. Copley 9. **Hollandse Welpen (41):** J. Koudijs 14, D. Reiche 8, F. Dolder 7, A. Kok 6, H. Boeyen 4, F. Wilt 2.

Barry Shapley

Leicester 71,

Hollandse Welpen 37

(Silver Helmet second leg).

Aggregate score: Leicester 117½, Hollandse Welpen 89½.

After their fine performance on Friday and Saturday, the Dutch team came up against the full might of the title-chasing Monarchs on July 27th. Although they tried hard they could do nothing about the superior speed and track knowledge of the home side.

The Monarchs had pulled back their six point deficit from the first leg by heat three and never looked back although many of the races were closer than the final score indicates.

The Dutch team-riding was very suspect with some races being run at walking pace while the rider behind used the inner concrete line to bore across at the opponents. Despite this, the match was run in a friendly manner with the bright point coming in heat 13 when Leicester skipper Harry Glover swept around the well prepared track to equal the track record set by Colin Wheeler, at 42 seconds, in the Minors Derby in 1963.

FOCUS JOHN WRIGHT talks to PETE CHUBB



PETE CHUBB (Hawbush)

C.S.R.6

Although he may not be known as one of the galaxy of international star riders, Pete Chubb has ridden with the best, and proved during his career to be an able team man. That alone is worth a star rating, but, unfortunately the solid type team men rarely get much in the way of publicity.

Pete, younger brother of Tottenham's assistant manager, Tom Chubb, first took to the skid sport in 1951 at the age of 13. His first team was the Dagenham Diamonds.

The ensuing years has only seen one change for Pete, and that was when he joined the "team of gentlemen", Hawbush Hammers of Ilford.

"And after all this time I still can't ride my home track", quipped Pete.

For a rider who, on two occasions, has won the Champion of Champions event at Hawbush, I think that remark was a trifle modest.

Pete, born at Barking, Essex, and still resident in that area, has represented his county on several occasions.

"My biggest disappointment so far," said the amiable Hammer, "was when my chain broke whilst leading in my last race, having won my first four during the 1960 Thurrock Carnival Cup, although it was some consolation that a team-mate from Hawbush was the eventual winner".

I asked Pete for some comment on present day racing standards, etc. He didn't hesitate to say that the general standard had improved 100 per cent. over the last few years, but some of the B.C.S.F. rules were a bit stiff, and there was far too much red-tape involved in major B.C.S.F. events.

Away from the track, Pete's main interest is that of keeping tropical fish.

As for the future, a glance into the crystal ball may well reveal a member of the Chubb household partaking in speedway proper.

Leicester (71): W. Burns 16, K. Adams 15, J. Knock 12, H. Glover 10, G. Warwick 9, B. Heath 7, R. West 2. **Hollandse Welpen (37):** J. Koudijs 14, D. Reiche 8, F. Dolder 7, H. Boeyen 6, A. Kok 3, F. Wilt 1.

Rich West

DUTCH MATCH

AVERAGES

	M.	Pts.	Av.
Johan Koudijs	7	90	12.8
Fred Dolder	7	64	9.1
Donald Reiche	7	57	8.1
Herman Boeyen	7	41	5.8
Anton Kok	6	18	3.0
Freddie Wilt	6	11	1.8

OLDBURY WIN FIRST MATCH

writes BRIAN BUCK

Although Oldbury and Rowley went out of the National Team Trophy at the first hurdle this season, the Birmingham League still has a strong hand, with both Wolverhampton and Cradley Heath still interested.

Both have made short work of their opponents so far, and the two were due to meet in the quarter-finals on August 8th, when my tip will be that the winners will go on and take the Trophy, giving the Midlands its first National success since Kingstanding won the same competition in 1959.

In an effort to prevent absenteeism from the qualifying rounds of the Birmingham Senior Championships this season, the Control Board have introduced a system whereby an entry fee of 2/6 is required. The fee will be returned to all riders honouring their commitments.

Over the last two seasons, the Board zoned the qualifying round, but with this system open to abuse, it has been scrapped. Too often, championship rounds have been reduced to farces through non-appearances, and the new experiment will be watched with interest.

Oldbury Lions won their first match for eight weeks the other Sunday, when they defeated Aldridge Hammers by a single point at the latter's track in a Beehive Shield first round fixture.

A point was not enough though — Aldridge already held a 15 points lead from the first "leg".

But it did the trick as far as confidence was concerned, for the following Wednesday in a challenge affair, Oldbury stormed to a 30 points win — their biggest in seven years.

So entertaining have been the five matches in which the two teams have met (two league and two Beehive Shield and a challenge) that the respective managers have decided to arrange more friendly until one team gains a clear two match lead.

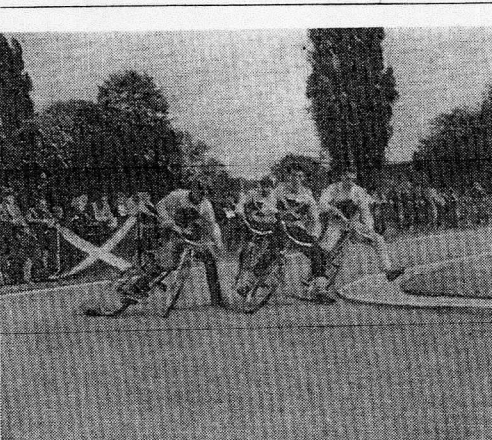
In another Beehive Shield tie, Rowley Stars, who have been having a thin time of late, put up a splendid showing at Wolverhampton where despite being forced to ride a man short through holidays, they gave the home side several anxious moments before conceding defeat.

Wolverhampton it appears, will remain unconquered for some considerable time. Their last defeat was at the hands of Birmingham Lions (now Oldbury Lions) as long ago as 1963. They seem to have an unlimited supply of riders on whom to call upon, and of the local teams, only Cradley Heath are capable of extending them.

Personally, I would back them against any team in the country.

A disgraceful episode took place at Aldridge during their match with Cradley Heath last Sunday. Two opposing riders were reduced to fighting on the track. Sportsmanship in this area has deteriorated rapidly in the last few years, and this latest outrage — in front of the best Aldridge crowd of the season — is the culmination of petty squabbles which have gone on some time.

It's not for the writer to comment on the rights and wrongs of the matter, but it will be a test of strength of the Control Board who met to discuss the matter on Wednesday.



Left to right: G. Swann, J. Pinkerton, M. Currey, at Uxbridge

NORWICH HAVE CLOSE WINS AT COVENTRY writes Rod Witham

Norwich won both test matches with Coventry on Sunday, July 25, by very narrow margins. The results were: Coventry 'A' 47, Norwich 'A' 49; Coventry 'B' 46, Norwich 'B' 49. Both meetings could have had different results as each depended on the nominated heat and in each case Norwich had positions 1 and 3 after winning the toss twice.

In the 'A' team match Coventry took an early lead with Ray Lewis and Barry Shapley scoring a 4-2, and by the third heat Coventry led by 4 points. But in heat 4 Norwich riders Russell Osborne and Cliff Ellis hit back with a 5-1, to make the scores even. Yet in the very next heat Bob Colley and Bill Savage regained the 4 point lead in favour of the home side, but again in the next race the totals were the same when Galley pairing Mick Copsey and Barry Woodcock scored a 5-1.

Both teams shared heat points for the next two races but Coventry scored 4-2s in heat 9 and 11 from John Sanderson and Bill Savage, John Harry and Bob Colley and by heat 13 Coventry were two points up. But in the fourteenth the two Norwich junior riders, Rod Witham and Barney Hunt, took a 5-1 from Bill Savage and John Harry to put Norwich two points ahead with two heats to go. In heat 15 Ray Lewis led from the gate but Russel Osborne and John Attoe managed to hold off Barry Shapley to share the heat points. So all depended on the nominated heat in which Coventry had positions 2 and 4. In this heat Ray

Lewis flew from gate two, with Andy Hardy following him from the inside. With Lewis in front Barry Woodcock held Barry Shapley behind and nursed Andy Hardy into second place, sharing the points 3 each and therefore winning the meeting by two points.

Scorers : Coventry—R. Lewis 10, B. Shapley 7, R. Colley 7, J. Harry 5, J. Sanderson 8, W. Truslove 6, C. Jones 1, B. Savage 4. **Norwich**—C. Ellis 2, A. Hardy 8, B. Woodcock 10, M. Copsey 3, B. Hunt 6, J. Attoe 4, R. Osborne 6, R. Witham 10.

The 'B' match was just as exciting but this time Norwich took an early lead in the third race when Mick Watts and Alan Attoe scored a 4-2. Again Coventry showed spirit and hit back in heat 5 with Bill Savage and Chris Jones getting a 5-1. In the next two heats the home side scored two 4-2s from Tony Savery and Tony O'Donnell and Glen Jenkinson and John Horsley to make the score 26-16 in favour of Coventry.

A Norwich 5-0 from Dave Wickenden and Ray Hunt cut down the lead and by heat 11 the scores were Coventry 36, Norwich 29.

In the twelfth race the Eaton pairing Wickenden and Hunt struck again with a 5-1 and a Norwich 4-2 in the next heat from Denzil Harwood and Everett Starling put Norwich 1 point behind.

In heats 14 and 15 the points were divided to put Coventry ahead by a single point with only the nominated heat to go. In the final heat Mick Watts team rode brilliantly to get Dave Wickenden in front and so Norwich took a 5-1 to win by 3 points.

Both meetings were a credit to the name of Cycle-Speedway with both sides riding tough but with great track-craft. Henley Hunters must be congratulated for their fine presentation and organisation which helped to

make the afternoon's racing such a success.

Coventry 'B': G. Jenkinson 10, B. Savage 9, R. Lane 7, T. O'Donnell 7, T. Savery 6, C. Jones 4, C. Daly 2, J. Horsley 1. **Norwich 'B':** M. Watts 10, D. Wickenden 10, R. Hunt 6, D. Harwood 6, A. Attoe 6, E. Starling 5, J. Elwin 5, B. Chapman 1.

RESULTS

MIDLAND OPEN —

Kingstanding

National Champion Vic Hinchcliffe beat Arthur Price of Wolverhampton in a run-off to win the Midland Open Championship at Birmingham's Perry Hall circuit, after both riders had finished five rides on 13 points.

Derek Garnett, winner in 1964, was placed third with 12 points.

TEST MATCH

CARDIFF 42, NEWPORT 54 (Second Test)

Cardiff: G. Escott 14, R. Isidoro 12, P. Stone 5, R. Matthews 4, B. Richards 3, W. Trevellon 2, P. Irvin 2, M. Escott 0.

Newport: A. Coule 10, K. Madden 10, K. Pike 8, S. Smith 7, B. Tennant 7, M. Spolinski 6, K. May 4, R. Zeal 1.

LONDON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

C. Wheeler 15, G. Warwick 12, W. Burns 12, M. Vernham 11, J. Cobbin 10, D. Collins 10, P. Boxall 7, K. Dare 7, E. Randle 7, N. Tullberg 6, P. Neale 6, M. Flanagan 5, T. Chalmers 4, P. Edwards 3, K. Wilson 1.

DEVON TOUR

Shalbon "B" 23, Belle Vue 72, Exeter 38, Belle Vue 56, Dawlish 40, Belle Vue 56, Shalbon "A" 44, Belle Vue 52.

BELLE VUE TROPHY AT SHALDON

D. Condon (Belle Vue) 14, R. Rose (B.V.) 13, F. Finagin (B.V.) 11, R. Farrell (Shaldon) 10, J. Towell (Shaldon) 10.

RESULTS

Hellingly 46, Bristol 49, Broad Oak 54, Bristol 42, Beckenham 56, Bristol 40, Hawbus 28, Leicester 68, Leicester 53, South London 43, Dawlish 37, Whipton 40, Leicester 64, Hellingly 31, Sth. London 54, Tottenham 42.

TEST MATCH

NEWPORT 69, CARDIFF 33 (First Test)

Newport: S. Smith 14, K. Pike 14, K. May 13, K. Madden 11, A. Coule 8, B. Tennant 7, M. Spolinski 2.

Cardiff: G. Escott 16, R. Isidoro 12, M. Matthews 6, B. Richards 2, R. Matthews, 2, M. Escott 0.

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THE POTTERIES

First Defeat for Whiterock Eagles

Peter Rushton Reports

Turn up for the books, was the first defeat of league leaders Whiterock Eagles. Responsible were the Stars of Shelton. It was a close meeting with the Stars running out winners by five points. Henry Jones scored fourteen for the home team, and was well supported by Shaw, Davies and Hacker.

Eagles' Dave McCue scored his usual "max". The result of this match means that the league championship will not be decided until the final league battle of the season.

League Results

Shelton Stars 50: H. Jones 14, Shaw 9, Davies 8, Hacker 7, Hughes 6, Colclough 5, Massey 1, Horwell 0.

Whiterock Eagles 45: McCue 12, Bates 7, Smith 6, Leverett 6, Adams 5, Wheat 5, Foster 3, Mountford 1.

Shelton Stars 74: Davis 15, Colclough 14, Shaw 11, Hacker 9, H. Jones 9, I. Jones 7, Massey 5, Hughes 4.

Shelton Tigers 22: Shone 6, Waskiel 4, Nugent 4, Cliffe 3, Hunter 2, Stoddart 1, Williams 1, Cartlidge 1.

Bucknall Saints 53: Drummond 13, Shone 10, Pennington 10, Cliffe 5, Parkes 5, Simmonds 5, Copeland 4, Cooke 1.

Shelton Tigers 40: Waskiel 14, Morris 10, Stoddart 7, Nugent 6, Hicks 3, Gentile 0.

POTTERIES & DISTRICT C.S.L.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Whiterock Eagles	8	7	1	0	521	334	19
Shelton Stars	8	6	2	0	494	371	16
Bucknall Saints	8	2	6	0	343	505	4
Shelton Tigers	8	1	7	0	343	503	3

SHELTON BEST PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

This was a marathon of a meeting, 45 heats in all, involving nine rides per rider. Eventual winners were the Whiterock pairing of Dave McCue and Dave Foster with a total of 40 points.

Scorers were: McCue (27) & Foster (13) 40pts, Hacker (12) & Colclough (23) 37, Hughes (10) & Davis (23) 33, Jones (19) & Simmonds (14) 33, Waskiel (16) & Nugent (14) 31, Harper (7) & Drummond (18) 25, Pennington (14) & Parkes (10) 24, Shone (16) & Cliffe (5) 22.

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the teams level at the half way stage. Even Chic Mackie "the entertainer" as he is known up here, could not save the Rangers now, although he showed he can still turn a good wheel with a brilliant dive inside Alan Dickson going into the first bend. Murphy and Waidie put another few nails in the Rangers' coffin with a nominated heat 5-1 at the expense of John Speir and Brian Bridson who both 'slept' at the gate. Griffins showed that with a full strength team they can beat the best while Rangers, who were best served by Barrie Bridson and Speirs, had no gating prowess and had to fight an uphill battle all the way.

This win puts the Griffins two points behind the Hammers who still have to visit Griffin Park in a match which could decide the league title.

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Second Division

Liberton Lions have no doubts about who is going to win the second division and cycle speedway fans up Liberton way are premar-

turely tipping Lions 'B' for the 3rd division title. The third division is a new venture for the east of Scotland C.S.A. but it is hoped that the three leagues are here to stay.

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With the Edinburgh Individual Championship rounds beginning about now, the prospect of any Meadowbank rider appearing in the final was dealt a cruel blow by the long arm of the Disciplinary board who have suspended half the Meadowbank team for sentences of up to 12 meetings. Poor Don Moir had to wait 3 hours for his case to come up, and when it did come before the board Don was not called in. Such is the reward for being a steward in a rowdy match.

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Sighthill Hammers and Scottish Rangers will be going to Hungerford at the end of the month to see if they can relieve Mrs. Mansbridge of some of the silverware she has bought for the occasion. For all of the Hammers party it will be their first Hungerford week-end and I know they are hoping for a first time lucky trip.

Williams (3) & Stoddart (11) 14.

GENERAL NEWS

On the 15th August a representative Sheffield side are to visit the Shelton Stars. The return will be two weeks later.

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The scheduled match between the local Eagles and Whitley Rangers of Coventry has had to be postponed. A new date should be made soon.

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Dave McCue is preparing himself for the N.A.C.S.A. Senior Individual event. He's having a light-weight frame built specially for the day, with welded spokes in his rear wheel!



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WEST MIDLANDS COLUMN

by FRANK HAMMOND

The inter-city test matches between Wolverhampton and Coventry, were held on Sunday, August 1st, at Whoberley's Hearsall Common track. The meeting provided fast, exciting racing with the Wolves out to avenge their home defeats in the first test.

With this target in mind Wolves made a great start with a first heat 5-1 from Arthur Price and Pat Gilchrist, over Ray Lewis and Barry Shapley. This lead was gradually increased to 12 pts, by heat 7, thanks largely to the fine teamwork of the visitors. Then followed a really spirited revival by the home team, spearheaded by maximum man John Harry, who won the next five consecutive heats so by heat 12 the teams were all square.

With their backs to the wall Wolves fought back in heat 13 with Ivor Walsh and Mick Price lining up against Lewis and Shapley. The race was re-run after a first lap pile up and a clever change of tactics by Mick Price saw him fly into the lead. Ivor Walsh joined him for a 5-1 giving Wolves a slender 4 pt. lead with three heats to go. This was halved in the next heat with a 4-2 from Harry and reserve Bill Savage, and with a 3-3 in the 15th, all hinged on the nominated heat. Harry and 11pt. man John Sanderson lined up against Gilchrist and Walsh, and with the Wolves pair effectively locking out San-

derson, Wolves won by 49 pts. to 47 pts.

Scorers. Coventry 'A': R. Lewis 4, B. Shapley 5, W. Truslove 2, J. Harry 15, J. Sanderson 11, B. Colley 3, C. Jones 3, B. Savage 4. **Wolverhampton 'A':** A. Price 5, P. Gilchrist 11, I. Walsh 9, M. Price 4, B. Ellis 5, C. Adams 9, L. Broadbent 2, G. Downen 4.

SECOND MATCH

The 'B' team match proved an equally close affair with the advantage alternating throughout. By heat 11, however, Coventry had built up an 8 pt. lead. With a Ray Dennis - Dave Henry 5-1 over Ron Finney and Keith Sayfritz. Wolves hit back in the next heat with a Pete Rhodes - Barry Watts 5-1 over Keith Smith and Bronco Lane.

The next three heats were drawn so Wolverhampton needed maximum points from the nominated heat to tie the match. They looked like getting it when Ron Finney flew round Ray Dennis and Keith Smith on the back straight, but a do-or-die effort by Dennis saw him pass Pete Rhodes on the inside to split the Wolves pair and earn the Coventry team a two point decision by 49 pts. to 47 pts.

Coventry 'B': T. Savery 2, J. Harrison 12, R. Dennis 11, D. Henry 6, K. Smith 9, R. Lane 5, P. Moore 1, J. Horsley 3. **Wolverhampton 'B':** P. Rhodes 10, B. Watts 4, D. Parry 6, F. Hammond 8, R. Finney 9, K. Sayfritz 4, D. Oldfield 3, P. Smith 3.

British League Jottings . . by Onlooker

As forecast, by many of the pundits in League circles, the 1965 Gold Cup Final will be staged at the Horspath (Oxford) circuit. The choice of this tight speed bowl could make for a razor-edge result on the day and one wonders just which of the competing teams is favoured by the selection.

The fast gating, cock-of-the-walk Midlanders seem supremely confident that this is their track. Whilst the Southern based Southampton octet are probably still divided, despite their dramatic triumph over the local side in the semi-finals.

Which ever team tastes the delights of victory or the bitter rancour of defeat on the day can surely be assured that there will be other occasions. The one thing in com-

mon being the general youngness of both.

Talking of the finalists, and I see they are due to meet in a League battle at Southampton on Saturday, August 28, the Southerners seem to be a little lacking in their acknowledged team spirit.

If I am not mistaken, Manager Makepeace has more than enough domestic problems on his hands in the talented Shirley road ranks. Time will tell.

Tottenham's popular General Manager recently became a proud father. Mother and daughter are fine but the rigours of parenthood are already evident for Mr. Dunn. Congratulations all round.

NORWICH NEWS AND VIEWS

by ROD WITHAM

NORWICH CYCLE SPEEDWAY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galley Pirates	13	12	0	1	726	515	24
Hellesdon Lions	13	10	1	2	758	480	21
Eaton Tudors	12	7	1	4	637	510	15
Thorpe Tigers	10	3	1	6	452	477	7
Scorpions	7	2	0	5	256	413	4
Dereham Hammers	9	0	1	8	343	513	1
Icenians	8	0	0	8	235	529	0

Galley Pirates are once more heading for the position of Norwich League champions. An early setback, a home defeat by Hellesdon, has been overcome and the team has been strengthened by new signings. So it looks very much as if the Pirates will still hold the league shield in 1965 and if they do so, it will be for the fourth successive year.

Hellesdon looked like causing the shock of the season when they led the league table for 10 matches but two recent defeats by Galley and an away draw with Dereham have subdued their previously high hopes. But nevertheless, the side has made much progress during the season and they are hoping to do better next year.

Eaton Tudors had only three riders at the beginning of the season, but they have strengthened their side and are now well placed in the league. Manager Dave Wickenden must take much of the credit for this outstanding performance because hard work gives a high reward and now he has a united and very popular team.

Thorpe Improve

Thorpe Tigers are improv-

ing with every match after a very poor start to the season. The side have ability and enthusiasm but at the start of the season they didn't 'click'. But with the prospects of a new council track for next year the side can do well in '66.

Scorpions have the youngest team in the league as all their riders are under 17 years of age. But so far they have done very well in winning two of their first seven matches and there is no doubt that in two or three years time they will gain experience and become a very good side.

Dereham Hammers are a go-ahead club and the latest addition to the league. They have built a large club fund and have already visited Bucklebury Robins of Reading, giving them a close match, which shows that there is talent in the team.

Gaining Experience

Icenians also entered the league this season and their young team have improved in leaps and bounds under the guidance of their manager, Dave Clark. They are gaining valuable experience and together with new signings they

Much has been said about the Thurrock club's standard of presentation of big events, and I would be the first to endorse this. But pop down for a League meeting and despite having a rider/manager the standard is as high as anywhere. When the racing is as close and exciting as the recent clash with Broad Oak then these meetings take a lot of beating. Credit to Bill Gill and his small band of helpers.

Holiday town homesters, Bournemouth, always with more than their share of problems have another setback now as I hear veteran Dave Tarr has been out with a back injury. The way he has been going this year then he surely must be missed.

Down at South London they're still smarting over that tousing at Leicester. However, calm and calculating as ever the local 'Rangers'

are still looking for that League title again. They reckon on whipping back those two points when the Midland 'Monarchs' come a-visiting, but they still have that unaccountable lapse at Tottenham early in the year to overcome.

Personally, I don't think they will relish the prospects of visiting the in-form Beckenham side who recently held them to a mere three points at 'the Park'.

The shock news of the coming movement of London-based Broad Oak man, Art Ellis could well be overshadowed at season's end by an even bigger name leaving an even bigger named club.

At the other extreme I have yet to see Mick Green's re-debut for Hawbush. His inclusion will undoubtedly ease promoter Newham's worries a little. Along with the return of a rejuvenated Jack South (the same 'Tiger' South, champion of Dagenham, in 1952) and the addition of newcomer Bond looks to be a good start for a Hawbush revival.

Glamour-ground club Hellesdon are still smarting from the Bournemouth defeat. As we come to expect from Hellesdon's 'dedicated men' they take exception to home defeats. Could be they'll make Cup finalists. Southampton suffer when they go to the country.

League favourites, Leicester, must be looking for a double victory this term—Cup and League. The adds I must report are surely in their favour for 'the double' has been achieved four times already—if my memory serves. Three of these by that great North London squad of Vic Cowell's, Edmonton Monarchs. At one stage the proud boast of the Montague Road crowd was 'home of British, European and World Champions'. Justifiably proud I may add.

Talking of Edmonton I believe its true that at least three British League clubs will be taking their chances on the tarmac this year. Could this mean that good sense has at last prevailed.

rounds produced some very fine racing, in which riders from the North-East Norfolk League and the Norwich League took part.

Each rider had to race on one track in North-East Norfolk and also one track in Norwich.

The following riders qualified for the Final, which will be held at Eaton Park, Norwich, on 12th September.

Kenny Adcock (Norwich Stars) qualified with 27 pts.; John Attoe (Galley Pirates) 27; Paul Baxter (Marshall) 27; Clive Hurrell (Hellesdon) 27; Tony Hardy (Eaton) 27; Mike Parkins (Norwich Stars) 27; Peter Boxall (Norwich Stars) 26; Rodney Witham (Hellesdon) 26; Barry Woodcock (Galley Pirates) 26; Mike Craske (Galley Pirates) 25; David Wickendon (Eaton) 24; Pat Callow (Marshall) 24; Brian Kett (Norwich Stars) 23; Cliff Ellis (Hellesdon) 23; David Daniels (Marshall) 23.

Mick Copsey and Ray Metcald (both of Galley Pirates) will have a run-off for a place in the Final and 1st Reserve. 2nd Reserve will be the winner of the run-off between Phil Furness (Galley Pirates) and Paul Medler (Marshall).

Norfolk News Brian Kett Reports

LEAGUE POSITION (as at 28th July, 1965)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich Stars	12	12	0	0	600	407	24
Marshall Thunderbolts	11	9	0	2	514	398	18
Spixworth Comets	11	7	0	4	481	441	14
Scottow Horsesoes	10	4	0	6	416	420	8
Itteringham Rockets	10	3	1	6	389	443	7
Banningham Lions	10	3	1	8	375	463	3
Spixworth Spooks	12	1	0	11	403	602	2

THE 1965 SPASTICS TROPHY

After beating the 1964 holder, Dave Hinsley, in his first race Mike Parkins had no difficulty in gaining a maximum of 15 points to make him the 1965 winner of the Spastics Trophy for the Perseverance Shield.

The Shield and Replica was presented to Mike by Mr. J. Tubby of the Norfolk and Norwich Spastics Associ-

ation, who also presented medals to Trevor Jones (2nd) and Kenny Adcock (3rd).

Originally the Shield was raced for at Norwich Speedway and the first winner was Ove Fundin, who at that time was World Champion Speedway Rider.

All proceeds of the meeting (which amounted to approx. £6) was given to the Norfolk & Norwich Spastics Association by the Spixworth C.S.C.

will become an established club in a few seasons.

Norwich Team Cup

The Norwich Cup Final looks like being a Hellesdon-Galley battle with Galley hoping to regain the cup they lost in 1964.

(Semi-Final Draw)

Thorpe Tigers v Galley Pirates

Top scorers : Mike Parkins (Norwich Stars) 15 points; Trevor Jones (Gt. Blakenham) 12; Kenny Adcock (Norwich Stars) 11; Harry Curtis (Spixworth Comets) 10; Pat Callow (Marshall) 10; Tony Wallis (Kesgrave) 10.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

The Norfolk Senior Individual Riders Championship

**HAWBUSH HAMMERS 1965**

Left to right back row: B. Vickers, J. South, P. Chubb, F. Watkins, J. Newham; left to right front row: D. Bond, M. Bell (capt.) on machine, T. Blows.

Photo: Gordon Pearce

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SHEFFIELD NEWS

by ALAN CHALMERS

For the first time ever there has been organised league racing in Sheffield.

At the beginning of this season there were seven teams, but the withdrawal of Fox Hill halfway through cut the number to six.

The league has developed into a two horse race between Sheffield Tigers 'A' and Parson Cross Flyers, both having scored 29 points with three matches to go.

Hackenthorpe 'A' and Sheffield Tigers 'B' are both trying desperately to catch Parson Cross Devils who are in third place. Hackenthorpe 'B' are well out of the running, taking their only league point from a draw with Sheffield Tigers 'B'.

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The draw for the first round of the first ever Sheffield Individual Championship has just been made. The final will be held at the Tigers' track on Sunday, September 12th.

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Riding in the North of

England Trophy. Sheffield Tigers were beaten 68—27 by Ashton Aces from Manchester. The more experienced Ashton team had no difficulty in beating the Tigers who only had two heat wins.

Scorers were:—**Sheffield Tigers:** A. Chalmers 6, E. Fordham 5, T. Michell 4, P. Yates 4, B. Saunby 3, P. Howe 2, K. Howe 2, G. Hoole 1. **Ashton Aces:** N. Briggs 14, S. Buckley 12, D. Gordon 12, P. Gordon 11, J. Crout 9, P. Hazlewood 5, A. Harrison 4.

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RECENT RESULTS

Aldridge Hammers 59, Sheffield Select 37; Sheffield Select 42, Aldridge Hammers 53; Hackenthorpe Select 42, Bredbury Bees 53; Sheffield Tigers 48, Bredbury Bees 47; Sheffield Tigers 27, Ashton Aces 68.

LEAGUE RESULTS

Sheffield Tigers 'B' 18, Sheffield Tigers 'A' 30; Sheffield Tigers 'B' 18, Parson Cross Flyers 30; Parson Cross Devils 36, Hackenthorpe 'B' 11; Parson Cross Flyers 26, Sheffield Tigers 'A' 20; Parson Cross Flyers beat Hackenthorpe 'B' on default; Hackenthorpe 'A' 27, Sheffield Tigers 'B' 21.

SHEFFIELD LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Tigers 'A'	17	14	1	2	418	250	29
Parson Cross Flyers	17	14	1	2	327	243	29
Parson Cross Devils	16	8	0	8	277	190	16
Hackenthorpe 'A'	14	6	0	8	269	306	12
Sheffield Tigers 'B'	13	4	1	8	259	268	9
Hackenthorpe 'B'	19	0	1	18	265	478	1

HOME COUNTIES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Round One—August 1st

(Top Six from Each Round)

SENIOR — at Bushey

J. King (U.P.) 14, J. Mills (S.V.) 14, G. Pearce (U.L.) 12, B. Edwards (H.A.) 11, K. Harris (W.L.) 10, T. Blest (H.A.) 10.

SENIOR — at Whips Cross

R. Mills (S.V.) 12, G. Swann (H.P.) 12, D. Pauline (B.R.) 10, R. Sellwood (B.R.) 10, D. Dennis (S.V.) 10, J. Unsworth (U.P.) 9.

SENIOR — at Hackney

C. Hunt (W.L.) 15, M. Currey (W.X.) 14, C. Wallis (H.A.) 12, E. Hemsley (W.X.) 12, R. Tait-hill (W.L.) 10, W. Punter (U.P.) 10.

SENIOR — at Uxbridge

A. Horrex (R.R.) 15, G. Fletcher (U.P.) 13, N. Thompson (E.E.) 13, B. Merrett (H.P.) 12, K. Jago (E.H.) 10, R. Walters (W.L.) 9.

JUNIOR — at Bushey

T. Johnson (M.S.) 14, J. Burgess (H.C.) 13, M. Hosier (M.S.) 13, J. Grant (U.L.) 12, P. Tait (M.S.) 11, K. Nevard (R.R.) 10.

JUNIOR — at Whips Cross

V. Haines (H.C.) 15, K. Burton (S.V.) 14, P. Wardell (H.C.) 12, T. Gardner (U.L.) 12, V. McGuire 11, B. Taylor (R.S.) 10.

Code: S.V. Southampton; E.H. West Ham, H.A. Hendon; U.P. Uxbridge Pirates; U.L. Uxbridge Lions; E.E. Estuary; W.L. Wembley; H.P. Hungerford; B.R. Bucklebury; B.K. Bushey; R.R. Rayleigh; R.P. Raynes Park; H.C. Hackney; W.X. Whips Cross; M.S. Morden.

MANCHESTER NEWS

by DEREK GARNETT

The League Junior match Race Championship was retained by the holder Johnny Watchman who beat Frank Finnigan 2-1 at Offerton.

In the North of England Trophy Gorton narrowly beat Belle Vue 51-45 and now meet either Ashton or High Bank in the next round as these teams drew 48-48 and have to replay. Offerton beat Adswold and they also have to wait for Openshaw and Wilmslow to replay as they also drew 48-48. Both the Sheffield teams were knocked out in the first round by Ashton and Openshaw.

Offerton are still unbeaten in Division One although they had to fight hard before beating an improved Belle Vue team 51-44 at Belle Vue, they go back to the top of the table with this win, with Gorton two points behind. Ashton are holding steadily on to third place.

Offerton also say at the top of Division Two with a good win at High Bank 37-35. Belle Vue stayed close with a 37-35 win at Wilmslow where Offerton lost. Gorton also stayed in with a chance with a 40-32 win at Ashton. New team Levenshulme moved up the table with three wins from three matches and are steadily improving.

The Manchester League has eight riders in the National Semi-Finals three at Spencer Park and five at Raynes Park. They also have 18 juniors in the Junior Semi-Finals.

Bredbury Bees won their first match this season with a win over Carrs Wood in Div. 2 and Junior League.

Gorton star John Watling beat Derek Garnett the holder 2-0 in the League Match Race Championship at Wilmslow.

Belle Vue look certain Junior League Champions with a nine point lead over nearest challengers Blackley and Ashton.

GORTON WIN MANCHESTER K.O. TROPHY

Manchester's top two teams met in the League Knock-Out Trophy Final at Wilmslow Hammers track with Gorton narrowly winning 56-52 over Offerton. The match was evenly contested

with first Offerton leading then Gorton. With three heats to go the score was 45-45 but Gorton reserves scored a 5-1 to put them four in front with the last two heats drawn they won for the second year. Gorton had a more solid team with Marsland, Bury, Lumb, Rennie and Bartholomew scoring well. Offerton had the high scorers with Hinchliffe scoring a perfect maximum being well supported by Garnett, Lawton and McKenzie. Card and Ross tried hard but Juniors Elliott and Collier weren't up to Senior racing. McCormack rode well in one of his few Div. 1 matches.

Gorton 56: V. Marsland 10 (3), K. Lumb 9 (1), P. Bury 9, P. Rennie 7 (1), J. Bartholomew 7 (1), M. McCormack 6, J. Watling 5 (2), M. Aldred 3. **Offerton 52:** V. Hinchliffe 15, D. Barnett 11, T. Lawton 9, A. McKenzie 7 (4), R. Ross 4 (1), B. Card 3, P. Collier 2, G. Elliott 1.

LEAGUE TABLES

Manchester, Stockport and District League Tables at 1/8/65

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Offerton	15	15	0	0	30
Gorton	15	14	0	1	28
Ashton	12	9	0	3	18
Blackley	12	7	1	4	15
Belle Vue	14	5	2	7	12
Openshaw	13	5	2	6	12
High Bank	15	5	1	9	11
Wilmslow	12	5	0	8	10
Carrs Wood	15	2	0	13	4
Bredbury	16	0	0	16	0

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Offerton	17	16	0	1	32
Belle Vue	16	14	0	2	28
Gorton	17	14	0	3	28
Blackley	17	10	0	7	20
Wilmslow	14	9	1	4	19
Ashton	16	9	0	7	18
Levenshulme	18	9	0	9	18
High Bank	17	4	1	12	9
Carrs Wood	16	4	1	11	9
Adswold	17	4	1	12	9
Openshaw	17	4	0	13	8
Bredbury	18	1	0	17	2

JUNIOR

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Belle Vue	14	14	0	0	28
Blackley	13	9	1	3	19
Ashton	14	9	0	5	18
Wilmslow	14	8	1	5	17
Openshaw	16	6	1	9	13
Denton	14	6	0	8	12
Carrs Wood	13	5	1	7	11
High Bank	12	5	0	7	10
Adswold	14	5	0	9	10
Salford	13	4	0	9	8
Bredbury	13	2	0	11	4

DEVON LEAGUE NOTES

by Eric Abbott

The Devon League Championship is certainly "hotting up". The Exeter Tigers are at present league leaders, but they have Dawlish and Whipton Aces breathing down their necks. Coming up fast are late inclusion "The Plymouth Devils"—who are determined to win the league at their first attempt. All four teams are in with a chance, with Plymouth having the advantage of one match in hand over Dawlish and two in hand over the Tigers. It will be a tremendous finish to the season, with every single point counting. In my honest opinion I take Dawlish, who have everything in their favour, to win, but cycle-speedway is so unpredictable that anything could happen.

DEVON LEAGUE (as at 25 July 1965)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter Tigers	7	5	0	2	286½	257½	10
Dawlish Demons	6	4	0	2	278½	187½	8
Whipton Aces	6	4	0	2	260	203	8
Plymouth Hornets	5	3	0	2	206	184	6
Shaldon Kestrels	7	2	0	5	253	288	4
Exeter Eagles	5	0	0	5	113	277	0

ST. JOHN'S CUP

Dawlish travelled to Cleverton (Wilts) recently for their St. John's Cup round, and the Wiltshire team, obviously out of practice, just couldn't hold the Devon "Demons" from Dawlish. They rode Cleverton into the ground, proving they are very match fit.

Poor Cleverton must be fed up with Devon teams after the beating they received at Plymouth.

L. Telling featured in the best racing heats, trying hard to rally his team, without success.

The Dawlish captain rode brilliantly and was well supported by all his team.

SCORES: Cleverton (31) L. Telling 11, G. Fletcher 5, R. Jackson 5, M. Hiscock 4, J. Harris 4, J. Foulkes 2, M. Scutt 0, B. Fletcher 0. **Dawlish (62)** L. Locke 13, J. Cannon 12, J. Carthew 9, M. Leaman 8, B. Barton 7, C. Davey 6, T. Hughes 5, R. Hockridge 2.

BAD WEATHER HELPS PLYMOUTH

Plymouth v Shaldon

Shaldon came south to Plymouth for their league clash and so did the rain — rain! rain! rain! Plenty of it and the Plymouth boys love mud!

Ron Vaulter and Eric Abbott had a 'conflab' and it was decided to carry on with the match because, although the track had puddles on the bends, it was rideable.

So after a Vulture's Race between Pete Clausen, John Moulder and Trevor Maibe, to decide Plymouth's 6 and

7 for the match, Neale won the toss and with Ron Vaulter as steward, a quick 25 minute 13 heat league match was run off. Shaldon, weaker by not having Martin Farrell, had to rely on Bob, Chris Farrell and John Towell for their points, but three riders don't make a team.

As for the 'Devils', from the word go they rode hard and as a team, with even Pete Neale doing a rare bit of team riding. Tout and Daniels are fast becoming Plymouth's strongest pair, and rode well. Vic Foster scored a quick max, then rushed off to have a bath, then on to a date with his girl. Vic is gradually getting the name of 'Moaner' as he sits on his bike in the pits before matches and just moans at everyone. One way of relieving match tension I suppose!

All the riders of both teams put up a terrific show considering the atrocious conditions and they all deserve M.B.E.s, which I'm sure they won't get.

For the fifth time running, Pete Neale won the red sash, this time beating plucky Bob Farrell. On Pete's form this year I don't think anyone will take it from him. Mr. Vaulter brought down a coach load of supporters to see the match but the rain kept them in the coach. Dawlish captain, Jim Carthew, was present, as a spectator, and was drowned with the rest of us.

The main difficulty the riders found, riding on the mud track, was dirt in the

eyes and after the match all the riders looked like 'riders'. Covered from head to foot in good old Plymouth mud. Two riders who lapped up the conditions were Pete Neale and Stu. Daniels.

Plymouth (52): P. Neale and V. Foster 12, Dave Tout 10, S. Daniels 8, P. Moulder 4, T. Maibe 3, P. Clausen 3. **Shaldon (26):** B. Farrell 10, C. Farrell 7, J. Towell 6, T. Tidball 2, G. O'Connell 1, B. Ledger 0, R. Steane 0.

CAMP TEAM

A holiday camp near Exeter sponsors a Cycle-Speedway team and have challenged several of the local Devon league teams already.

The best part about these matches is the slap-up feed supplied by the holiday camp after the matches. Regular visitor to the camp — Mr. Keith Lyons of Whipton Aces.

CLEVERTON SLAUGHTERED

Plymouth v Cleverton

Sunday, July 25, saw the Cleverton "Hornets" in Plymouth for a challenge match.

The full "Devils" team, plus Malc Evely (ex-Laira 'Wasps' rider, now, scramble and trials rider) who has decided to make a temporary comeback, lined up against the Cleverton Hornets for this match.

From the word go the Hornets from Wiltshire were out-gated, outridden and out-classed by the hard riding, vastly improved Plymouth Devils. As the match progressed the Devils piled up the points. Eleven 5—1s and four 4—2s to boot. It was a massacre and rather boring and too one sided. Only when L. Telling (captain of Cleverton) rode, did the match brighten a little. Malc Evely's comeback was brilliant, as No. 8 he had 3 rides, 3 wins. Neale and Foster and Tout were in a scoring mood, in fact the whole team rode well. It's a pity Malc Evely's comeback is only temporary as he has lost none of his talent.

Plymouth (74): Pete Neale 15, Vic Foster 14, Stu Daniels 10, Malc Evely 9, Dave Tout 8, Pete Moulder and Pete Clausen 7, John Moulder 4. **Cleverton (21):** L. Telling 8, M. Hiscock and J. Harris 5, G. Payne 2, J. Foulkes 1, R. Jackson, Cousins and B. Fletcher 0.

THE LONDON SCENE

by Bob Saunders

Raynes Park riders are going into their top bend a little faster than usual these days. No, they have not found a new way of negotiating the bend. Nor have they been doing extensive training. It's just that they have discovered a hornets nest on the outside banking there. Even fence-scraping Jeff Martin has taken a different line of late.

happened. The back wheel was wrecked. What's more, no shop would repair it in time for the Sunday match. John did not know whether to emigrate or wait for Fred's arrival and break the news gently. White faced, with knees knocking, John saw Fred arrive for the match.

"Fred, I er, well see, er ..."

"And when will it be ready then?" interrupted Mr. Bouttell.

Perhaps Fred knows what dangers his bike is in when he leaves it at Bushey.

White City rider, Brian King, has a complaint. He reckons that opposing riders are not friendly enough.

"When I raced in the National Junior Individuals, the only people to talk to me all afternoon were team-mate John Hill, the Stewards, and a rider asking if he could borrow my bike," said Brian.

"The only friendly team we know are Morden Stars".

Dedication to the sport is a great thing, but a costly thing in some cases. Take Stan Severn, an official at Hackney. He was asked to be pit marshal in the Home Counties Individual Round there. Stan agreed. The following day he was asked to work, but had to turn it down due to the pit marshal duties. And it would have meant £15 to him.

Malcolm Bell of Hawbush, was spectating at Wimbledon Speedway recently when a 'fan' rushed up to him and demanded his autograph across his photograph in the "Record". Malc duly obliged but closer inspection revealed that this was no ordinary fan. It was none other than well-known Cycle Speedway chat-box Mick Green. Could Mick be a fan of Malc's? Well he bought four copies! Mick revealed that he is much too busy to race regular Cycle Speedway these days, although he has made a couple of appearances for Hawbush.

Fred Bouttell stores his bike at Bushey during the week. Johnny Gillett decided to sample the Bouttell machine on the quiet. Of course, it

The visit of the Dutch boys revealed that they were 100 per cent for winning this time and less concerned about putting on a show to suit the occasion. In the past, Dutch visits have normally been the signal for big presentation, showpiece meetings, and crowds of inquisitive spectators more interested in the fact that they were foreigners than their racing. The match results have usually been an anti-climax. This is not to say that they were not giving of their best. They have always tried their hardest, but their best was not good enough. Or not until this time as I have just said. This was proved at Garratt Park. Gone were the spectator aids. The famous Dutch crash helmets were not seen. The small wheeled bikes were discarded. Yes, to hell with tradition, the visitors were out to gain every possible point. Well done.

The Home Counties League are following up news of Cycle Speedway in Epping, Essex.

Real value for local spectators at Watford is young Dennis Riley. Dennis is the Watford 'King of Crash' and in one race he either collided with other riders or fell on no fewer than five occasions. In the next race he actually fell across the finishing line.

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