

CYCLE SPEEDWAY REVIEW

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GOLDEN HANDSHAKE

THE "REVIEW" OFFERS A GOLDEN HANDSHAKE TO
THE FOLLOWING WHO HELPED THE SPORT IN 1965.

- TO Southampton, the team of the year.
- TO those who are interested in the sport and not just their club.
- TO the riders whose names never appear in the top twenty but are the backbone of the team.
- TO men such as Ken Harris and Roy Tuthill who were prepared to spend time in encouraging and forming new teams from scratch.
- TO Mr. A. E. Stevens for his enthusiasm in his Newham venture.
- TO Vic Haines for bringing the National Junior Championship back South.
- TO those clubs which present their matches in a worthwhile manner.
- TO those clubs with the gumption of taking advantage of the facilities offered by the "Daily Express".
- TO the new clubs.
- TO the good clubs.
- TO the sporting riders.
- TO the club officials.
- TO those who do not give up in times of trouble.
- TO the unlucky ones.
- TO the only truly neutral steward, Pete Lipscomb.

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2. A. E. Stevens Trophy, second leg.

WHITE CITY RACERS 37 NEWHAM HAMMERS 59

Hammers came to White City with a 33 point lead and added to it. Racing was fast and good. Although Newham generally had the better heat leaders, Racers were involved in some grand scraps for the minor placings and gave a far better display than in the first leg. George Hennessy and Colin Wheeler each only dropped one point to the opposition, while Micky Fenn showed his best form yet. Dave Tulloch won his first three rides but fell in his last when trying to catch Trevor Davies. Brian King was best for the home side. Bob Saunders only dropped one point but could only manage three rides. Trevor Davies was a first class reserve, and John Hill would have had a good score but for a shed chain in his last ride when well placed.

RACERS. B. King 9, B. Saunders 8, T. Davies 7, J. Hill 6, J. Eaglestone 5, B. Keane 1, P. Tibbles 1, B. Bailey 0.

HAMMERS. M. Fenn 11(1), G. Hennessy 11, C. Wheeler 10(1), D. Tulloch 9, V. Duffy 6, A. Dennis 4(1), L. Morris 4, N. Hennessy 4.

Aggregate - Newham 123, White City 68.

Junior Trophy.

WHITE CITY JUNIORS 44 NEWHAM JUNIORS 34

A real thriller this. Newham had a seven point lead from the first leg and opened this to eleven when Hibben and Davis took a 5-1 in heat two. White City remained behind until heat six when they scored 5-1, 4-2, 4-2, 5-1, 5-1 to take the lead. At the nominated there was just three points in it, but King and Hill followed Hibben home to share the heat. An exciting match which gave the spectators plenty to shout about - and shout they did.

WHITE CITY. J. Eaglestone 10(1), B. King 10, T. Davies 9(1), J. Hill 8, B. Bailey 4, P. Tibbles 3(1)

NEWHAM. S. Hibben 12, P. Davis 6(1), A. Skipper 5, M. Featherstone 4, S. Jago 4, F. Taylor 3.

Aggregate - White City 79, Newham 76.

3. Div 1. TOLWORTH TUDORS 51 WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 44

Bill Kemsley was unable to ride for Whipps Cross due to an injured leg sustained playing football the day before, and Pete Page turned up too late to take his place in the Tolworth line-up. Tudors took an early lead with a Brimson/Little five-one over Eric Hemsley and Johnny Pipe but Comets fought back to go ahead by four points in heat seven when Howse and Morement led home Chris Gale after Pete Rides had dropped out. In the meantime Reg Squires almost pipped Joe Morement for first place in heat three and Mick Little inexplicably let Sid Pipe and Mick Marney through to spoil a Tolworth five-one in heat five. Johnny Pipe went inside Squires on the last bend of heat six for a third placing. Despite slipping his pedal out of the gate in heat eight Mick Currey recovered to take second place and in heat twelve he fell on the first bend when level with Trevor Winham. Mick Little took Terry Howse for a ride in heat eleven and Little's resultant fall meant an exclusion for Howse. Heats fourteen and fifteen were re-run after first bend falls. Tolworth made sure of a win with a nominated five-one by Brimson and Squires over Morement and Currey. (LK)

TUDORS. G. Brimson 14, R. Squires 10(1), R. Kirk 8(1), T. Winham 7, P. Rides 6, D. Naylor 3, M. Little 2(1), C. Gale 1.

COMETS. J. Morement 12(1), M. Currey 8, M. Marney 5, S. Pipe 5, E. Hemsley 4, T. Howse 4, J. Pipe 3, P. Rowlingson 3.

Chal. TOLWORTH TUDORS 26 WHIPPS CROSS COMETS 45

TUDORS. T. Winham 10, P. Page 7, C. Gale 3, R. Gale 3, R. Woollen 2, L. Kitching 1.

COMETS. J. Morement 10(2), M. Marney 8, P. Rowlingson 7, M. Little (guest) 7, D. Naylor (guest) 7, M. Currey 6(1).

Div 2. HENDON ACES 43 HUNGERFORD PANTHERS 53

ACES. G. Wallis 13, B. Carter 8, B. Edwards 8, S. Russell 5, M. Honour 3, B. Vaughan 3, C. MacDougall 3, J. Rowland 0.

PANTHERS. Scores not to hand.

4. Introducing the new "Review" winter series.

THESE RIDERS HAVE HONOURS

1. JOHN APPLEBY (Newham Hammers).
East London Test Team 1964.

2. JOHNNY BROWN (Whipps Cross Comets).
3rd International Grand Prix 1958. 1st London
County Champ 1959.

3. TIGER BEECH (Hackney Tigers).
East London Test Team 1964.

4. FRED BOUTTELL (Bushey Kangaroos).
1st Mrs. Males Memorial Trophy 1959. 3rd Middx
County Champ 1959. 3rd Middlesex Grand Prix 1959.
N.W. Middx Test Team 1961. 3rd World Champ 1960.
1st Middx County Champ 1961. 1st Weston Whitsun
Best Pairs 1961. 3rd Herts Champ 1965.

5. MICK BIRD (Wembley Lions).
3rd Novice of the Year 1965.

6. GLYNN BRIMSON (Tolworth Tudors).
3rd Mrs. Males Memorial Trophy 1959. 2nd Arne
Pander Trophy 1959. World Finalist 1962. 2nd
Surrey County Champ 1962. South of England Test
Team 1965.

7. PETE BRAYBROOK (Bucklebury Robins).
2nd Berks County Junior Champ 1964.

8. JOHNNIE BROOKS (Estuary Eagles).
1st Southand Indiv Champ 1961. 3rd Pride of Essex
1965.

9. ROY BROOKS (Wembley Lions).
2nd Pride of Middlesex 1964. Middlesex Independent
Test Team 1964.

10. JOHN BURGESS (Hackney Cheetahs).
2nd Novice of the Year 1964. East London Test Team
1964.

5. 11. KEITH BURTON (Southampton Vikings).
1st Home Counties Junior Champ 1965.

12. MICK CURREY (Whipps Cross Comets).
1st Essex Junior Champ 1960. 1st Middx Junior Grand Prix 1961. 1st National Junior Champ 1961. 2nd Cleverton Easter Trophy 1963. 1st Berks County Champ 1963. South of England Test Team 1965. 2nd London Riders Champ 1965.

13. PETE COURTS (Hendon Aces).
3rd Novice of the Year 1961. Middlesex Independent Test Team 1962 & 1963.

14. TONY CLARK (Bucklebury Robins).
3rd Berks County Champ 1963. 1st Southern League Champ 1963.

15. RAY CLARK (Uxbridge Lions).
2nd Pride of Middlesex 1965. 1st Novice of the Year 1965.

16. DIXIE DEAN (Uxbridge Pirates).
Wembley Test Team 1949 & 1950. Middlesex Test Team 1949. Home Counties Test Team 1950. 2nd London Grand Prix 1950. 1st N.W. Middx Best Pairs 1953. 1st Middx County Champ 1956 & 1963. 2nd National Indiv Champ 1956. N.W. Middx Test Team 1957, 1959 & 1961. England Test Trials 1957. 2nd World Champ 1958. 2nd Middx Grand Prix 1958. 2nd Middx County Champ 1958. Captain of England 1958. 2nd Glasgow Grand Prix 1958. 2nd Middx County Champ 1961. World Final 1962. 3rd Middx County Champ 1962. 2nd Home Counties Champ 1963. Middx Test Team 1964. 1st Home Counties Champ 1964. South of England Test Team 1965.

17. VIC DUFFY (Newham Hammers).
2nd Greenwich Champ 1955. 3rd Gladiators Perpetual Cup 1958. 2nd Essex Indiv Champ 1960. East London Test Team 1962. 2nd East London Champ 1964.

18. ALAN DENNIS (Newham Hammers).
East London Test Team 1964.

19. BONNY EDWARDS (Hendon Aces).
2nd Middx Independent Champ 1962. Middx Independent Test Team 1962. 1st Stonebridge Invitation Best Pairs 1962.

6. Middlesex Independent Test Team 1963. 1st White City Invitation Best Pairs 1965.

RATINGS

Compiled by Roger Seymour

Below are the September ratings, based on all league matches to the end of August. The next "Review" will contain the final ratings chart for the season based on the total rating points obtained.

<u>Division One.</u>				
Pos.	Name	Club	Race Ave.	Rating
1.	Chris Hunt	Wembley	2.54	20
2.	Dixie Dean	Uxbridge	2.51	19
3.	Mick Currey	Whipps Cross	2.44	18
4.	Pete Rides	Tolworth	2.41	17
5.	Graham Fletcher	Uxbridge	2.36	16
6.	Bill Kemsley	Whipps Cross	2.34	15
7.)	Austin Horrex	Rayleigh	2.32	14
7)	Keith Burton	Southampton	2.32	14
9.	John Hocking	Southampton	2.31	12
10.	John Mills	Southampton	2.30	11
11)	Johnnie Brooks	Estuary	2.28	10
11)	Bob Mills	Southampton	2.28	10
13.	Val Hockley	Estuary	2.24	8
14.	Roger Kirk	Tolworth	2.13	7
15.	Joe Morement	Whipps Cross	2.09	6
16.	Robin Sellwood	Bucklebury	2.02	5
17)	Neville Thompson	Estuary	2.00	4
17)	Johnny Unsworth	Uxbridge	2.00	4
19)	Basil Hurst	Bucklebury	1.95	2
20.	Mick Watts	Bucklebury	1.93	1

Division Two.

1.	Vic Haines	Hackney	2.73	20
2.	Gerry Wallis	Hendon	2.57	19
3)	Pete Saunders	Bushey	2.54	18
3)	Graham Swan	Hungerford	2.54	18
5.	Keith Jago	East Ham	2.51	16
6.	Bob Merrett	Hungerford	2.31	15

Pos.	Name.	Club.	Race Ave.	Rating
7.	Ray Spalding	East Ham	2.30	14
8.	John Burgess	Hackney	2.27	13
9.	Dave Scutts	Hungerford	2.21	12
10.	Tony Marsh	Hackney	2.16	11
10.	Jeff Martin	Raynes Park	2.16	11
12.	Johnny Unsworth	Uxbridge	2.14	9
13.	Pete Pritchard	Hackney	2.09	8
14.	Bonny Edwards	Hendon	2.08	7
15.	Mick Hosier	Raynes Park	2.07	6
16.	Bren Harper	Uxbridge	2.06	5
17.	Bob Saunders	Raynes Park	1.88	4
18.	Dave Mercer	Raynes Park	1.87	3
19.	Brian Gillett	Bushey	1.85	2
20.	Tony White	Hackney	1.79	1

MIDDLESEX INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

Compiled by Roy Tuthill

Including bonus points. Minimum qualification 5 matches.

Pos	Name	Club	Race Ave	Match ave
1.	John Grant	Uxbridge	2.95	13.0
2.	Ray Clark	Uxbridge	2.76	13.0
3.	Steve Lishman	Bushey W	2.68	11.8
4.	John Gillett	Bushey W	2.56	12.8
5.	Mick Bird	Stonebridge	2.34	11.1
6.	Jim Eaglestone	White City	2.33	11.2
7.	Brian King	White City	2.27	10.6
8.	Trevor Davies	White City	2.18	9.2
9.	Steve Foskett	Bushey W	2.17	9.0
10.	Pete Smith	Uxbridge	2.15	8.6
11.	Terry Redman	Stonebridge	2.13	7.9
12.	Alan Harman	Stonebridge	2.02	8.6
13.	Steve Soper	Bushey W	2.00	8.0
14.	Tom Harrington	Bushey W	1.92	7.7
15.	John Hill	White City	1.91	7.6
16.	Ron Edwards	Stonebridge	1.80	8.0
17.	Eric Chamberlain	Uxbridge	1.76	7.4
18.	Vince Higgs	Bushey W	1.72	7.1
19.	Malcolm Munday	Watford	1.51	6.8
20.	Dave Shaw	Stonebridge	1.44	6.1

8. At White City.
NOVICE OF THE YEAR

Heat one commenced with John Hill knocking 0.8 off the junior track record. Bill Wood was excluded for rolling. Ray Clark reduced the record by a further 0.6 in heat four and clocked an identical time (40.6) in the fifth. Mick Bird recorded his second win in heat six. Terry Redman made it eight from nine in heat eleven, and Ray Clark beat Mick Bird in heat twelve. Bird returned to winning ways in the next race and Clark pegged back Redman in the following. King kept up his challenge with a sixteenth heat win. Redman won his final race and stood a chance of a place. King beat Bird in heat eighteen and knocked a further 0.1 off the record in doing so. Ray Clark rode to his maximum in the next heat and put paid to all record talk by making it 40 dead. Heat twenty gave Bill Wood his first win of the day. So three riders were on the 13 point mark. Two would receive medals and one would miss out. To the first bend it was as the grid positions - Redman, Bird and King. Out of the fourth bend came Redman. Down he went. Into him piled Bird and King followed suit. Emerging from the mass of bikes and riders came Brian King. He cruised round to take overall second with Mick Bird following behind. To Terry Redman only honours. Ray Clark was far and away the best rider and deservedly added his name to the many famous riders who have won this event for first year riders.

R. Clark (Uxbridge)15, B. King (White City)13, M. Bird (Wembley)13, T. Redman (Wembley)13, r/o, S. Hibben (Newham)9, A. Harman (Wembley)8, T. Davies (White City)8, M. Elkins (Wembley)8, N. Hennessy (Newham)8, B. Wood (Morden)6, J. Hill (White City)5, D. Riley (Watford)5, P. Tibbles (White City)4, C. Milner (Watford)2, B. Bailey (White City)2, J. Males (Bushey)1.

All Cycle Speedway followers can attend the Home Counties League Annual General Meeting at the Small Hall, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, Hammersmith, W. 6 on Sunday, December 12th at 2.30.

9. Chal. UXBRIDGE PIRATES 38 TOLWORTH TUDORS 58

Under the Uxbridge car "flood" lights a weak looking Pirates team, with Pete Crissell having his first ride for several years, and Ron Gale guesting from Tolworth, were well beaten by the flying Tudors. Tolworth scored three five-ones to Uxbridge's one. Pete Rides and Reg Squires were in fine form for Tolworth while Bill Punter headed the Uxbridge scorechart. Making good use of the shadows Glyn Brimson slipped inside Dixie Dean to win heat six while Dixie thought he was coming round the outside. It is not often Glyn Brimson cannot take all his rides but in this match after three fine wins he collapsed and had to be replaced in his last ride. (LK)

PIRATES. B. Punter 11(1), J. Grant 7, D. Dean 6, R. Clark 5, E. Norris 3, G. Pearce 3, P. Crissell 2, R. Gale 1.
TUDORS. R. Squires 11(1), P. Rides 10, T. Winham 8(2), G. Brimson 9, C. Gale 6, R. Naylor 6, R. Kirk 4, M. Little 4.

Chal. RAYNES PARK TIGERS 49 HELLINGLY LIONS 46

Although only winning this match by three points, Tigers always appeared the better team and only a 5-1 in the nominated pulled Hellingly back. After four shared heats, Tigers took the lead with a 4-2 through Martin and Taylor, and were never behind from thereon. Tom Killick was on great form for the Lions being beaten only by Dave Worthington, and George Hollebon was also good. Riders had great difficulty in riding the back straight for there was a strong bustery wing blowing on this dull Saturday afternoon. It is not often that you see Jeff Martin collapsing, but it was so in this case. The wind seemed to blow extra hard when Jeff went out. Tony Johnson was again in great form for Raynes Park, and Dave Mercer showed a good return to form. This was a satisfactory last match of the season for the Tigers and crowned a very competent season.

TIGERS. T. Johnson 11, D. Mercer 9, D. Worthington 8, M. Hosier 8, J. Martin 7, B. Saunders 4, D. Hall 1, B. Taylor 1.

LIONS. T. Killick 13(1), G. Hollebon 12, J. Myles 8, R. Smith 6, J. Martin 2, P. Smith 2, D. Lancaster 2, L. Cox 1.

10. Chal. EPPING ACES 62 WHITE CITY RACERS 34

Well, what can you say? Racers were amazed by the riding of the Aces on a treacherous 'track'. There was no grid and the rain had soaked everywhere and everything. Racers just spun at the start, but the Aces didn't. Racers slipped, slithered, broadsided, fell and got into all sorts of trouble on the muddy bends. Aces didn't (well not so much anyway.). The writing was on the wall after just two heats - both 5-1s to Epping. White City settled a little later and even took a 4-2 on one occasion. Dave Gooday was on great form to score a 15 point maximum and partner Les Stevens was also unbeaten. All the team men scored well. ACES. D. Gooday 15, A. Ratcliffe 11, L. Stevens 9(3), D. Hart 8(2), D. Shoat 8, J. Mealing 7, K. Berry 2, P. Hinds 2. RACERS. B. Saunders 9, J. Hill 8, D. Baynton 5, B. Keane 3, B. King 3, J. Brookes 2, P. Tibbles 2, D. King 2.

Chal. EPPING 'B' 49½ WHITE CITY 'B' 28½
EPPING. C. Summersell 14, P. Millard 10(1), G. Lupton 7, D. Garner 6½(2), R. Jones 6(2), P. Speller 6.
WHITE CITY. P. Tibbles 14, J. Brookes 5, B. Keane 4½, P. Arrowsmith 2(1), B. Pittingale 2, I. Noble 1.

At Morden. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL FINAL.

Starting three-quarters of an hour late due to the weather, this meeting was eventually abandoned after eleven heats of racing. The track was a terrible mess and the rain almost unceasing. Passing was almost out of the question yet at the time of abandonment there were no fluke results. Vic Haines and Mick Hosier were definitely the best riders on view, both being unbeaten. John Grant and Keith Nevard were just one point behind.

SCORES (rides in brackets). M. Hosier (Morden) 9 (3), V. Haines (Hackney) 9(3), J. Grant (Uxbridge)

11. 8(3), K. Nevard (Rayleigh)8(3), K. Burton (Southampton)5(3), T. Johnson (Morden)4(3), P. Tait (Morden)4(3), G. Dowson (Hungerford)3(2), B. Taylor (Morden)3(2), P. Wardell (Hackney)3(2), R. Holt (Hackney)3(3), T. Russell (Hackney)2(2), D. Hall (Morden)1(3), S. Jago (Newham)1(2), V. McGuire (Southampton)1(3), T. Gardner (Uxbridge)0(2).

At Morden. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL FINAL

Here we go again - and its raining. Fortunately this time the meeting was able to be completed. The results certainly were different to the previous week. The winner, scoring a 15 point maximum, was Keith Burton. Second, just one point less was Barry Taylor. Third came last week's joint leader, Vic Haines. He scored 13. The other joint leader? Mick Hosier scored four and had the cruellest luck - perhaps the bad luck started the previous week when the meeting was stopped with Mick looking the likely winner. Not much more to say about this final except to acknowledge the new star Barry Taylor. The way he went round Vic Haines was almost unbelievable.

K. Burton (Southampton)15, B. Taylor (Morden)14, V. Haines (Hackney)13, K. Nevard (Rayleigh)12, T. Johnson (Morden)10, V. McGuire (Southampton)8, D. Hall (Morden)7, J. Grant (Uxbridge)7, P. Tait (Morden)7, P. Wardell (Hackney)7, R. Holt (Hackney)6, A. Garner (Estuary)5, M. Hosier (Morden)4, T. Russell (Hackney)3.

Chal. WHITE CITY RACERS 53 EPPING ACES 43

Although White City gained revenge for their defeat the previous week, it was not quite so convincing. Aces took the lead in heat two with a Stevens-Gooday 4-2, but Racers slammed home a Hill-King 5-1 in the next. White City were never behind from there on, but the score remained close until heat 14. Aces appeared to be heading for a 4-2, but Davies cleverly helped Keane through. Going into the last bend Shoat missed his pedal and although recovering almost immediately, Keane drove through his inside and Davies his outside for a 5-1. Les Stevens was again on wonderful form for Epping, being unbeaten until the nominated. This boy can really go.

RACERS. B. Saunders 13, B. King 9(1), J. Hill 8, T. Davies

12. 7(1), J. Brookes 6, D. Baynton 4, B. Keane 4,
P. Tibbles 2.
ACES. L. Stevens 14, D. Hart 9, A. Ratcliffe 7,
D. Gooday 4, D. Shoat 4, J. Mealing 4, P. Hinds 1,
K. Berry 0.

Chal. WHITE CITY 'B' 33 EPPING 'B' 45
WHITE CITY. B. Keane 14, D. Baynton 6, D. King 5,
I. Noble 4, R. Compton 3, B. Pittingale 1.
EPPING. C. Summersell 14, P. Arrowsmith 8(1), P.
Speller 7, P. Millard 6, R. Jones 5(2), G. Lupton 5.

NOTES AND NEWS

Eric Hemsley has left Whipps Cross. No news as yet where he will race next season.

Progressive Cycles of Watford give 10% discount to Cycle Speedway riders. This was originally open to Watford riders only, but now it seems that it applies to any rider who can produce written evidence of being in a club.

Epping are certainly an enthusiastic crowd. There was a huge band of them when they visited White City recently. And they are going to be really good. The Aces are interested in joining the Home Counties.

Chris Hunt will be riding for Hendon this winter as Wembley are not doing winter racing.

The North London Association are to promote a league for evening racing next summer. This was announced in a local newspaper.

Mick Hosier won the Morden and Raynes Park Club Championship with a great 15 point maximum.

Rayleigh's Doug Berrill has retired.

A first class photo appeared in the Wembley Observer recently. It showed Rod Mills leading Ken Harris and Ron Haylock. It took up over half the page in size. Certainly was an eye opener.

Unconfirmed rumours have it that the Middlesex Independent League may run a senior section next year in addition to the usual junior league.

Uxbridge, usually one of the first clubs to break for the winter, are still going strong at the time of writing. Unusual but unavoidable.

13. At Wembley. SENIOR INDIVIDUAL FINAL.

At the third attempt the senior final was eventually run off. Although everybody knows of his capabilities, it was nevertheless something of a surprise to see Rodney Mills walk off with a 15 point maximum. Proving Southampton's previous liking of the Wembley track was John Mills who finished third. Between them in second place was another fine performance from Graham Fletcher. He dropped but one point, to Rod Mills. Bill Punter, coming in as reserve, scored 10 well earned points. Gerry Wallis, Mick Currey and Graham Swan were off form, and Chris Hunt, on his home track, did not seem his usual self. Taken all in, a good final.

R. Mills (Southampton)15, G. Fletcher (Uxbridge)14, J. Mills (Southampton)12, W. Punter (Uxbridge)10, C. Hunt (Wembley)9, E. Hemsley (Whipps Cross)8, J. King (Uxbridge)8, M. Currey (Whipps Cross)7, B. Merrett (Hungerford)7, R. Sellwood (Bucklebury)7, G. Wallis (Hendon)6, G. Swan (Hungerford)6, D. Dennis (Southampton)3, B. Edwards (Hendon)2, J. Hocking (Southampton)2, K. Harris (Wembley)1

NO MERGER

Hendon recently offered Wembley a merger. It would have meant racing at West Hendon and giving up the Birchen Grove circuit, but retaining the team name of Wembley. After a club meeting, Wembley rejected this offer, and did likewise at a meeting with Hendon. Wembley contend that there was no point in the merger and that if a couple of reported retirements materialise, Hendon would need Wembley riders to fill the places. Wembley also did not wish to give up Birchen Grove. After all the years of negotiation with the Wembley Council for a track site, it would be foolish to just throw it away.

Graham Fletcher won the Uxbridge Cowley Brick Trophy. This months star prospect - Les Stevens of Epping.

White City are to use p.a. at all matches next season.

Gerry Wallis won the North London Individual Championship with Fred Bouttell second and Pete Saunders third.

BUT the "Review" offers no handshake

- TO the foul riders.
- TO the scruffy teams.
- TO those who see a protest form as an excuse for defeat.
- TO the clubs who cannot be bothered to develop their own talent.
- TO - even worse - those who have juniors but do not use them.
- TO moaners and criers of 'fiddle'.
- TO those clubs who expect to belong to a well run league yet fail to give their support.
- TO those riders who cannot be bothered to keep their track in good condition.
- TO the obstructers (riders who think that team riding is slowing down a race to crawling pace).
- TO the poachers.

THE N.A.C.S.A

A.G.M.

A shocking attendance was at Southampton on November 13th where the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association held its Annual General Meeting. In the Chairman's Report, Mr. A. Mansbridge said that track standards had again dropped a little since last year. He particularly mentioned Wembley as the worst example. He gave praise to Southampton and Tolworth as new tracks. Only two of the resolutions were actually passed, both regarding zoning of National competitions. The Secretary is to investigate the possibility of a competition for champion teams of various leagues throughout Britain. There was little change in the officials elected, the only major one being the election of Ted Mills to the National Executive in place of Ross Gargrave. The lack of numbers at the meeting resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Mansbridge as Public Relations Officer, a post which she did not want and having previously resigned from. It is just as well that there are a handful of people in Britain willing to do the work or there would not be a N.A.C.S.A.

THE WATFORD REVIVAL STORY The SAINTS start marching

by Roy Tuthill

One evening on returning from a match at Wembley I drew up outside my lodgings. A fair sized mob of youngsters were milling around as they do in all towns. My bike was perched on top of the van and I began to take it off. One of them shouted out "Let's have a go on your bike, Mister." They having already noticed that it was not the usual type of machine. Cautiously I looked around at them wondering if I dare. Most of them seemed about 12 or 13 years old, but I noticed one was slightly older. "Let's have a go, Mister," came the voice again. With some apprehension I handed over my bike to the larger boy and he proceeded to mount it. A few seconds later he was whizzing around two trees on a piece of grass on the other side of the road. I think he managed about a couple of laps. The next time around his mates were so eager to have a go themselves that they stood in his way. It wasn't long before all of them had their spin. "Do you race these, Mister?" "Yes, at Wembley." "Cor, will you take us?" The questions were coming thick and fast. Those who weren't asking questions were going over my bike as though they were Sherlock Holmes. I turned to the older boy. "You get yourself six riders and I'll take you racing," I told him. With that I finally managed to get my bike put away.

Next day I was eating my tea and looking out of the window when I saw this frame going up the street. It was in fact being carried in the air by a boy riding another bike. Hardly at all during the next few weeks was there one evening when you couldnt see someone carrying wheels, handlebars, etc., up the road.

Their first match was against another new team at the time, Stonebridge Vikings. A few weeks later they entered in the Middlesex Independent League and although they only drew bottom they were by no means a flop.

The riders now total twelve and there are more willing to join. As I write this article now we have just been challenged by another team in Watford. Not only have they challenged us but they claim that they have a track of their own, which is more than the Saints have (We are applying to the council for assistance to get a track

16. built).

Cycle Speedway has returned to Watford after nine years. It has returned with a vengeance. Let's hope it is here to stay.

BUSY CLOSE SEASON

Raynes Park will be hard at work during the winter break. During the next few weeks the track is to be resurfaced with black ash. A new starting grid will be laid together with some re-concreting of the inside line. If time and money permit, the whole pit area will be concreted. At all matches at Morden Park next year electric gates and p.a. system are to be used. Plans for the new season will be presented to the club at their A.G.M. in mid-December. Almost all of the 1965 riders are expected to sign for '66 plus possibly one or two new signings, together with a young, keen junior side.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Epping recently lost to Newham in senior and junior matches at Little Ilford Park.

The league tables published in the last issue can be taken as official.

A combined Estuary and Rayleigh team heavily defeated Thurrock home and away.

The new landlord at the Black Boy, Bushey's drinking headquarters, is an ex-Warwick Lions supporter and is to put up a trophy for the club.

The Home Counties Presentation Dance, which is being held on January 15th at the Battle of Britain Hall, Uxbridge (8 - 12), will no doubt draw the crowds again. Tickets are 6/6d, obtainable from your club secretary or the League Treasurer, Bill Punter. His address is 48, Manningtree Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex.

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