

CYCLE SPEEDWAY.

City v Wembley.

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BUSHEY NO MORE

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bushey Cycle Speedway Club, the name Bushey Kangaroos was dropped. In future the club will just be known as The Saints. This almost unprecedented move was carried almost unanimously. There are no other drastic decision.

TRANSFER

Wembley rider Ron Watters will line-up in White City colours next season. Ron has an intimate knowledge of the Wormwood Scrubs track, living a few yards away, and is rarely beaten there. His third placing in the London Riders Championship is proof enough of this. Ron will now be at the same track where he started his career with Latimer Lions.

HENDON CHANGE

Mick Honour has taken over from Terry Blest as Manager of Hendon. Mick's address is as follows; 12, Woodgrange Mansions, Woodgrange Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx. Mick reports eleven riders on the books.

WEMBLEY NEEDY

Wembley are in need of a couple of riders to bring them up to a healthy number. Anybody interested in joining the Lions should contact Roy Tuthill

TRACK IMPROVEMENTS

The Wormwood Scrubs circuit will be completely done up in time for the start of the season. Amongst other things there will be a new surface, fencing in pits, gate, re-concreting, etc. The Council have agreed to do this after representations from the White City Club.

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TIGERS' SIGNING.

Raynes Park Tigers have signed on former Norwich rider, Dave Clark. Dave is currently studying in London.

NEW RIDERS

There are a large contingent of Cycle Speedway enthusiasts in the Golders Green area. In fact there are enough to form a team there, but this is unlikely due to the lack of a track. A couple will probably be signing for Wembley.

HACKNEY WIN

Hackney scored an easy win at Tottenham in a challenge match recently.

EPPING HOPE

By the time this appears in print, Epping Secretary Dave Gooday should have had a meeting with the Council Surveyor to ascertain the track position. It is possible that the Aces may have to build a track themselves although they could get some help with the materials.

BILL BACK

Bill Pittingale, who last rode about eight years ago, could well join his son Bruce at White City next season. Bill only requires to build up fitness, for he showed that he still had plenty of speed in some scratch races at the end of last season. Since retiring from Cycle Speedway he rode Speedway at Rye House and Eastbourne for a spell.

TIGERS EXPECT

Raynes Park anticipate fielding the following team for the new season;- Dave Clarke, Mick Hosier, Tony Johnson, Jeff Martin, Dave Mercer, Paul Richardson, Phil Tait, Barry Taylor.

'EAST LONDONER'

writes

EAST LONDON RIDES AGAIN! At the time of writing all but one East London team has agreed to attend a meeting called by the East London Secretary, to discuss possibilities for local racing. I expect to see the popular East London Riders Championship to be revived. Also expect to see a Test Match versus North London.

East London's top three riders for 1965 were as follows. **CHAMPION RIDER** - Mick Currey. **CHAMPION JUNIOR** - Vic Haines. **CHAMPION NOVICE** - Charlie Hunt.

Keith Jago is this year's Hackney Individual Champion. He scored a faultless 15 point maximum. Near-veteran Tony Marsh was a popular second, after a run-off with Pete Wardell.

The new address of Hawbush Hammers is now Mrs. T. Southan, 95, Rosebank Avenue, Elm Park, Hornchurch, Essex. Phone - Hornchurch 48121.

The Top Six averages of Newham Hammers for 1965, as supplied by Hammers averages expert Colin Wheeler, were as follows. George Hennessy 2.62, Colin Wheeler 2.52, Vic Duffy 2.50, Dave Tulloch 2.44, Mick Fenn 2.42, Charlie Morris 1.76.

Epping Aces, one of the teams interested in joining the East London Association, state that the Epping Council are still debating whether the Aces are to be given a site for a track. Let's all hope for the best.

CUP FOR INDEPENDENTS

Maurice Maitland has kindly donated a cup for the Middlesex Independent League Championship.

At a recent meeting, Maurice was elected League Treasurer in place of Frank Males, who resigned halfway through the season.

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THESE RIDERS HAVE HONOURS

60. DAVE ORTON (Tolworth Tudors).
3rd Novice of the Year 1964.

61. SID PIPE (Whipps Cross Comets).
England Test Trials 1957.

62. BILL PITTINGALE (White City Racers).
North West Middlesex Test Team 1954.

63. JOHN PIPE (Whipps Cross Comets).
1st London County Junior Champ 1960, 2nd South Essex Lge
Junior Champ 1960, 3rd Middlesex Junior Grand Prix 1961.

64. PETE PRITCHARD (Hackney Cheetahs).
East London Test Team 1964. 1st Novice of the Year 1964.

65. GEOFF PEARCE (Uxbridge Pirates).
England Test Trials 1957. 1st Bucks County Champ 1958.

66. BOB PIKE (Newham Hammers).
East London Test Team 1962.

67. COLIN PROSSOR (Watford Saints).
3rd Herts Junior Champ 1965.

68. BILL PUNTER (Uxbridge Pirates).
1st Ruislip Champ 1953, 2nd North West Middlesex Best
Pairs 1956, North West Middlesex Test Team 1957 & 1959.
World Finalist 1958. 2nd Middlesex County Champ 1959, 2nd
Home Counties Champ 1960. 2nd Middlesex Grand Prix 1960.
2nd Champion of Champions 1962. 2nd Middlesex County
Champ 1963. Middlesex Test Team 1964. South of England
Test Team 1965.

69. PETE PAGE (Tolworth Tudors).
1st Surrey County Champ 1958, 2nd North West Middlesex
Best Pairs 1958. 2nd Mrs. Males Memorial Trophy 1959. 1st
Arne Pander Trophy 1959. 3rd Surrey County Champ 1963.

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70. PETE RIDES (Tolworth Tudors).

1st Southern Premier Junior Champ 1957. 1st Surrey County Junior Champ 1958. 1st National Junior Champ 1958. 1st North West Middlesex Junior Champ 1958. North West Middlesex Test Team 1959. 3rd Surrey County Champ 1960. 1st Surrey County Champ 1963. 2nd Brian Biggs Memorial Trophy 1963.

71. PAUL RICHARDSON (Raynes Park Tigers).

2nd Pride of Middlesex 1963. 1st Surrey County Junior Champ 1963.

72. ROY RUSSELL (Estuary Eagles).

1st Southend Open Champ 1961. 1st Essex County Junior Champ 1963.

73. SID RUSSELL (Hendon Aces).

Middlesex Independent League Test Team 1963. 1st Middlesex Independent League Champ 1963. Middlesex Test Team 1964.

74. ROGER SEYMOUR (Uxbridge Pirates).

1st Ruislip Best Pairs 1953. 2nd Ruislip Champ 1953. 2nd North West Middlesex Division Two Best Pairs 1954. North West Middlesex Test Team 1957.

75. ROBIN SELLWOOD (Bucklebury Robins).

3rd Berks County Junior Champ 1961. 1st Pride of Essex 1965.

76. STEVE SOPER (Bushey Wallabies).

2nd Herts Junior Champ 1965.

77. RAY SPALDING (Hackney Cheetahs).

East London Test Team 1962. 1st East London Champ 1964.

78. PETE SAUNDERS (Saints).

1st Herts County Junior Champ 1957, 1958 & 1959. 2nd North West Middlesex Junior Champ 1958. 1st North West Middlesex Junior Best Pairs 1958. 1st North West Middlesex Junior Champ 1959. 2nd North West Middlesex Junior Best Pairs 1959. 1st Home

7. Counties Champ 1960. 3rd London Youth Champ 1961. 1st Herts Champ 1965.

79. DAVE SCUTTS (Hungerford Panthers).
1st Wilts County Junior Champ 1962.

80. GRAHAM SWAN (Hungerford Panthers).
1st Wilts County Junior Champ 1963. 1st Southend Grand Prix 1965. South of England Test Team 1965.

81. BOB SAUNDERS (White City Racers).
2nd Herts County Champ 1959. 3rd Herts County Champ 1960. 2nd Weston Whitsun Best Pairs 1961. 2nd Bank Holiday Champ 1964. 2nd White City Invitation Best Pairs 1965.

82. REG SQUIRES (Tolworth Tudors).
2nd North West Middlesex Best Pairs 1954 & 1958.

83. JACK SOUTH (Hawbush Hammers).
Dagenham Test Team 1949. 1st Dagenham Champ 1949.

84. BARRY TAYLOR (Raynes Park Tigers).
1st White City Junior Invitation Best Pairs 1965. 2nd Home Counties Junior Champ 1965.

85. ROY TUTHILL (Wembley Lions).
3rd Bank Holiday Champ 1964.

86. JOHNNY UNSWORTH (Uxbridge Pirates).
North West Middlesex Test Team 1957. England Test Trials 1957. 2nd Middlesex County Champ 1963. Middlesex Test Team 1964.

87. DAVE WORTHINGTON (Raynes Park Tigers).
3rd Pride of Middlesex 1963.

88. GERRY WALLIS (Hendon Aces).
2nd Herts County Champ 1960. 3rd Brian Biggs Memorial Trophy 1961. 1st Middlesex County Champ 1962. 3rd Brian Biggs Memorial Trophy 1962. Middlesex Test Team 1964. 2nd Home Counties Champ 1964.

8. 89. MICK WATTS (Bucklebury Robins).
Berks Test Team 1959.

90. LEN WALLER (Saints).
1st Pride of Middlesex 1961. 1st Wembley Junior
Riders Champ 1961. 1st Middlesex Independent Champ
1961. 2nd Sixteen Star Champ 1962. Middlesex
Independent Test Team 1964. 2nd Middlesex Independent
Champ 1964. 2nd Herts Champ 1965.

91. BILL WOOD (Morden Stars).
2nd White City Junior Invitation Best Pairs 1965.

92. TONY WHITE (Hackney Cheetahs).
East London Test Team 1964.

93. KEITH WEDDON (Hackney Cheetahs).
East London Test Team 1964.

94. ROGER WOOLLEN (Tolworth Tudors).
3rd Southend Junior Grand Prix 1965.

95. RON WATTERS (White City Racers).
Middlesex Independent Test Team 1964. 3rd Middlesex
Independent Champ 1964. 3rd London Riders Champ
1965.

96. PETE WARDELL (Hackney Cheetahs).
East London Test Team 1964.

Conclusion.

RAYNES PARK

Raynes Park members are hard at work each
Sunday on resurfacing and other improvements.
Tigers also hope to have cemented pits before long.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE 1965.

Final Averages

DIVISION ONE

1)	Dixie Dean	Uxbridge	2.47
1)	Chris Hunt	Wembley	2.47
3.	Mick Currey	Whipps Cross	2.45
4.	John Hocking	Southampton	2.34
5)	Keith Burton	Southampton	2.31
5)	Pete Rides	Tolworth	2.31
7)	John Mills	Southampton	2.29
7)	Rod Mills	Southampton	2.29
9.	Val Hockley	Estuary	2.28
10.	John Brooks	Estuary	2.25
11.	Austin Horrex	Rayleigh	2.22
12.	Joe Morement	Whipps Cross	2.16
13.	Bill Kemsley	Whipps Cross	2.09
14.	Roger Kirk	Tolworth	2.07
15.	Glynn Brimson	Tolworth	2.03
16.	Graham Fletcher	Uxbridge	2.02
17.	Neville Thompson	Estuary	1.99
18.	Danny Dennis	Southampton	1.98
19.	Robin Sellwood	Bucklebury	1.96
20.	Bill Punter	Uxbridge	1.94

DIVISION TWO

1.	Vic Haines	Hackney	2.73
2.	Graham Swan	Hungerford	2.61
3.	Pete Saunders	Bushey	2.52
4.	Keith Jago	Hackney	2.51
5.	Gerry Wallis	Hendon	2.47
6.	Dave Scutts	Hungerford	2.27
7.	Jeff Martin	Raynes Park	2.24
8)	John Burgess	Hackney	2.22
8)	Bob Merrett	Hungerford	2.22
10.	Ray Spalding	Hackney	2.17
11.	Bren Harper	Uxbridge	2.06
12)	Mick Hosier	Raynes Park	2.04
12)	Tony Marsh	Hackney	2.04
14.	Bonny Edwards	Hendon	1.88
15.	Brian Gillett	Bushey	1.85

10.	16.	Robin Morse	Hungerford	1.79
	17)	John King	Raynes Park	1.77
	17)	Tony White	Hackney	1.77
	19)	John Grant	Uxbridge	1.76
	19)	Tony Johnson	Raynes Park	1.76
	19)	Bob Saunders	Raynes Park	1.76

RAYNES PARK A. G. M.

Held on December 16th 1965.

Officers elected for the 1966 season were;-

MANAGER. R. G. Huggins (Re-elected).

ASSISTANT MANAGER. D. Mercer (New office).

SECRETARY. J. Martin (Re-elected).

TREASURER. Derek Hall (Re-elected).

PRESS OFFICER. P. Richardson (Re-elected).

SENIOR CAPTAIN. J. Martin (Succeeds D. Worthington
who has retired).

SENIOR VICE-CAPTAIN. T. Johnson (New office).

JUNIOR CAPTAIN. R. Hills.

EXTRACTS

From the Manager's report at the Raynes Park AGM.

"The team as a whole has acted in a manner reflecting the good name of the club..... Your conduct on the track this season has been a credit to the club. I have not seen any deliberate foul riding on anyone's part this season..... To those of you who do not get into double figures each week remember that your points count, every point counts in a match..... Next year let's see both teams in first place, but I shall not be disappointed if this does not happen so long as both teams give of their best."

ACTON

Acton Acorns hope to take part in the Middlesex Independent League next season.

The Dagenham League

by R. J. Pike.

Early in 1948 a group of boys aged 14 - 18 decided to form a Cycle Speedway club in Dagenham. They had no track but found a piece of waste ground and for three weeks working every night and all week-end managed to hew out a track. This venture attracted the attentions of the local press and a photo appeared in the 'Dagenham Post' of the 'Wantz Meteors' as their club was known, together with details of their riders, supporters and activities.

This was in June. The 'Meteors' then looked round for a league to join but were wasn't any in Dagenham. So their Manager put an 'ad' in the 'Post' requesting teams who were interested in a Cycle Speedway League to contact him. Time pressed quickly on however and by September only three other clubs had shown any interest. Now September is generally when leagues are ENDING not BEGINNING and besides a league with only four teams is hardly encouraging. But these plucky youngsters refused to be depressed and league matches started. Fortune favours the brave.....within a week another club had joined making the league five teams in all. League Individuals with qualifying rounds and a final were also planned for November on the Wantz track - that same track that had been just a waste piece of ground only months before. Now the adults of Dagenham had never been in favour of Cycle Speedway but the Dagenham League via local reports won over these people so much that on the day of the Final over 1,000 people were in attendance. Everyone worked hard to make sure that the Final was a success. The track was roped off and a 'fly-up' starting gate was brought in. The cups and trophies were prominently displayed (bought incidentally out of the riders' own pocket money) and a loudspeaker van was hired to give race-by-race results to the crowd. West Ham Speedway rider 'Howdy' Byford was there to present the cups, won by (1st) Roy Johnson, (2nd) Sleuth Newman, and (3rd) Denry Hubble. After this the League went from strength to strength. The next year saw seven clubs in

the League and Test matches were being arranged against other leagues. All because a group of people did not GIVE UP.

NEWS FROM SOUTH OF THE THAMES

by Len Kitching.

The local council has provided the Tolworth track with a fence. The only trouble is they omitted one small detail - a gate. Still, I suppose you can't have everything. Work has now been completed on an outside edge to the track. Being built on a council rubbish tip the track has stood up well to the winter rains, the foundations of old bedsteads, prams, etc., making a very efficient drainage system.

Chessington's proposal to use the Tolworth track was turned down but one or two Chessington riders will be joining Tolworth who are ressurecting the old Tolworth Aces to race in the Second Division. The Aces will use Chessington's black and gold breastplates with red Tolworth jerseys.

Pete Page seems to be the only doubtful starter from last season's first team but negotiations are taking place for one or two Mr. X's.

Raynes Park, whose own track is being relaid, will use Tolworth's track against Tottenham on March 13th (11.a.m.) and both Tolworth teams will meet Tottenham in the afternoon. Before this, on March 6th, Tudors visit Hawbush while the Aces are at Newham.

WHEELER FOR CITY

Former East Ham and Newham rider Colin Wheeler will be appearing for White City this season. Colin has suffered with foot injuries during the winter, but will be fully fit for the season opening. .

EAST LONDON COMPETITIONS

The East London Association met recently at Mr. Haines' house and decided upon the following competitions; An Open Individual will be held at Hackney on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30. A Junior Individual at Newham on Wednesday 6th July at 7.30. Test matches home and away with North London. The home match, it is hoped, will be in June at Hawbush. A Junior Knock Out Cup on a home and away basis. The draw for round one is;- Epping v Whipps Cross, Hackney v Hawbush, Newham bye. Team Managers to arrange convenient dates.

It was decided that the top East London team in the Home Counties Division One will race the top East London team in Division Two on a neutral track to decide the champion team.

The rules will be the same as in the Home Counties with the Junior age limits the same as NACCA. All riders taking part must be registered with the Home Counties.

Any other Test Teams interested in taking on the East Londoners will gladly be accommodated. There will be no age limit to Test Team selection this season, for the first time since 1962.

FIRST OF THE NEW SEASON MATCH REPORTS.

Chal. WEMBLEY LIONS 38 HENDON ACTS 34

This match was arranged to be ridden at Hendon, but when everyone arrived they found the track to be waterlogged, so both teams rushed over to Wembley. In heat one Wallis and Vaughan gained a 5-1 over Tuthill and Bird and things didn't look very bright for Wembley, but they were level by heat three, gaining two 4-2s. The points were then shared for two heats before Wembley gained a 5-1 to put them four points up. Hendon replied with a 5-1 in heat ten, again by Wallis and Vaughan, but Wembley quickly topped it with another 5-1 in the following heat. The points were shared in the final heat and so Wembley gained another victory over Hendon. Big surprise of the match was Barry Vaughan, who was joint top scorer for Hendon. He really is flying now. He was well supported by Bonny Edwards (8) and Gerry Wallis (8). For Wembley Chris Hunt was top with 11, well supported by Roy Tuthill and

14. Bren Harper with 9 each. (CH)

LIONS. C. Hunt 11, R. Tuthill 9, B. Harper 9,
M. Bird 6(1), T. Redman 2, A. Harman 1.

ACES. B. Vaughan 8(1), G. Wallis 8(1), B. Edwards 8,
M. Honour 7, D. Riley 3 (guest), C. Milner 6
(guest).

At Wembley. PROBABLES 54 POSSIBLES 42

PROBABLES. C. Hunt 14(1), R. Watters 8(1), J. Hill
8(1), T. Davies 6(1), M. Honour 6, B. King 5,
S. Russell 4, T. Redman 3.

POSSIBLES. G. Wallis 10, B. Edwards 9(1), R. Brooks
8, B. Vaughan 6(1), B. Saunders 6, T. Collins 2,
P. Tibbles 1.

RAYNES PARK VICTIMISED AGAIN

For the second successive year, the proposals of the League Committee for the formation of the divisions was rejected without a second. And for the second successive year, Raynes Park were made scapegoats. It was unfortunate that the Raynes Park representatives were not present, having broken down en route. Last year readers may recall that against their wishes, Raynes Park were relegated to division two. Tigers eventually finished third in the table, but are now weaker due to riders leaving. Even new signing Dave Clarke has returned to Norwich leaving them with only four seniors. Yet meeting decided to put Raynes Park back in division one. It was obvious that this was done as a compromise to humour Hackney. One vacancy had arisen in the first division due to the withdrawal of Rayleigh and the meeting saw fit to promote Hackney. Such were the bitter protests from Hackney that members decided to also put Raynes Park up with them. This presumably was intended to keep Hackney sweet. An emergency meeting was called of the Raynes Park club when they received the news and letters of protest were sent to the League. Raynes Park considered taking the unprecedented step of calling a Special Open Meeting, but as the fixtures had been issued by then, they decided against throwing

MAKING A NEW BIKE FOR THE NEW SEASON ?

Then don't forget that

CANADIAN BENDS

are in the shops again.

the League into further confusion.

REVIEW NEWS REVIEW

Former Whipps Cross rider, Eric Hemsley, has signed for Hackney.

Newham Hammers star, Charlie Hunt, is back again after breaking his wrist last year.

Bushey have added banking and a drainage system to their bottom bend.

Hendon have signed Roy Brooks from Wembley.

Wembley are again negotiating with the Council for a new track. A site is possible near the centre of Wembley.

The Greater London Council have hired a firm of contractors to renew the White City track.

Raynes Park have just completed track improvements including a new surface.

British League side Beckenham have closed down.

Experienced riders are like gold dust in the Middlesex area. Bren Harper had offers to ride for four different clubs, before eventually re-signing for Uxbridge.

Southampton Provincials at one time wished to join the Home Counties League. They were told that the matter would be placed before the Open Meeting in February. The Provincials then replied that they could not wait until then and asked for an immediate decision. The League then replied that, in view of the large number of teams applying and the geographical problems, the answer would have to be no. Now Southampton have written again asking to be admitted despite the fact that the season is about to start. They may have to close down if not admitted.

NACSA gave four tracks Grade One certificates last year, three of which are in the Home Counties.

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(advt)

REVIEW NEWS REVIEW.

The First Division Match Race will be contested on Easter Sunday at Southampton, where a home rider will oppose Dixie Dean. The Second Division Match Race takes place at White City on April 3rd when the top Racer takes on Chris Hunt.

A Cycle Speedway weekend is being held at Torbay Holiday Camp, Devon, at Whitsun.

Newham continue to improve their track. They now have a fence and new starting grid.

Hackney are awaiting the erection of covered pits.

Challenge match results. Newham 45 Hendon 51. Hackney 72 Hawbush 23. Wembley 31 Tottenham 65. Newham 63 Tolworth Aces 33.

The new Newham track record is 50.6 seconds set up by Charlie Hunt.

Bushey have re-signed all last year's riders. Tottenham recently decided to practice on the White City track, but on arriving found that it was unavailable due to improvement work.

Good to see co-operation between clubs at a high level these days. While the White City track is out of action, Wembley have kindly loaned theirs.

There is a hold up at the Cyclo factory with regard to rear sprockets. This is causing a grave shortage in some areas.

White City will be holding their Invitation Best Pairs again on Good Friday.