MANCHESTER'S DOUBLE OVER NORWICH

Report by J.Seaman....

Heartsease, September 11th.

Manchester completed the double over Norwich when they defeated them 72-46 in the return inter-cities match. It was a match that appeared to be very rough at times and the steward Dave Clark had his work cut out to keep the match in order. Manchester proved to be very good gaters, even from the outside positions, their highest scorers were John Watchman 13 pts and Derek Garnett 12 pts. Norwich with Rod Witham absent looked to be a weak team, Barry Woodcock gained 11 points making him the highest scorer for Norwich, two riders, Dave Baxter and Andy Hardy rode well and collected 8 points each. Bernard Hunt scored 6 six points before being injured and missed his last ride. Both Norwich reserves showed up well.

It would be impossible to single out any heats as outstanding for Norwich as most heats looked very ugly and exclusions were many, but two very good 5-1s deserve a mention. In heat 1 Dave Baxter and Bernard Hunt against Graham Gleave and John Watling, also in heat 13 Barry Woodcock and Andy Hardy a 5-1 against John Watchman and Ken Taylor. On this showing (the overall performance of Norwich) it will be many seasons before they can keep the final scores close yet alone beat Manchester.

NORWICH 46: B.Woodcock 11, A.Hardy, D.Baxter 8, B.Hunt 6, D.Harwood, C.Ellis 4, D.Wickenden 3 and Mervyn Tink 2.

MANCHESTER 72 : J.Watchman 13, D.Garnett 12, V.Marsland 11, G.Gleave 10, J.Watling 8, T.Hardy 7, K.Taylor 6, D.Wilson 5.

FOOTNOTE. It was ommitted from the above report the fact that Mervyn Tink turned up at the track to watch the above match, but due to John Elwin who was ninth man not bothering to ride, Mervyn took his place on a borrowed machine, we think it only fair to make this point clear.

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"CUBS" WIN THEIR FIRST MATCH

Heartsease, September 3rd The newly formed Hellesdon Cubs under their manager Mick Mallett, rode Thorpe Tigers B in a challenge match and came out shock winners, because half the young riders had never ridden cycle speedway before. Topping the Cubs scorechart was David Hagger with a score of 12 from five rides. Steve Rix also scored well, collecting 11 points, including bonus points, the third highest scorer was John Watts. The Norwich Scouts rider Alan Daynes looked to be a fine rider of the future scoring 8 pts. John Dye led the Thorpe Tigers B, he scored 9 pts in spite of having a nasty fall in one heat with Mick Rose. Up and coming Tigers rider, M.Self, rode well for his 8 points.

In all this match was very good with spirited riding by both teams. Cubs are now challenging the Eaton Tudors Juniors.

THORPE TIGERS B J.Dye 9, M.Self 8, P.White, M.Addison, R.Ringer 6
E.Kob 3.

HELLESDON CUBS D.Hagger 12, J.Watts 10, S.Rix 9, M.Rose 8, A.Daynes 8, A.Mobbs 6, R.Leggett, S.McGranigan 0.

BEST PAIRS FINAL

by J. Seaman .....

Heartsease - Monday 29th August.

Pairings : J.Attoe & A. Attoe (Galley); Dave Baxter & Roger Rix(Helles); Cliff Ellis & Eddie Paternoster(Helles); Denzil Harwood & Barney Hunt (Tigers); Barry Woodcock & Mick Copsey (Galley); Dave Wickenden & Andy Hardy (Eaton; Russell Osborne & Mick Craske (Galley).

Heat 1 J.Attoe, Rix, Baxter, A.Attoe.
Heat 2 Ellis, Harwood, Paternoster, Hunt.
Heat 3 Woodcock, Wickenden, Copsey, Hardy (F).
Heat 4 Osborne, J.Attoe, A.Attoe, Craske (Ex).
Heat 5 Ellis, Rix, Paternoster, Baxter.
Heat 6 Harwood, Copsey, Woodcock, Hunt.
Heat 7 Wickenden, Hardy, Osborne, Craske (f)

Each pair had now completed two rides and the scores were as follows: Ellis/Paternoster 8; Woodcock/Copsey 7; Wickenden/Hardy 7, Attoe/Attoe 6, Baxter/Rix 5; Harwood/Hunt 5; Osborne/Craske 4. The two 'favourites' were in second place with the lowest scoring qualifiers in the lead.

Heat 8 J.Attoe, A.Attoe, Ellis, Paternoster.
Heat 9 Harwood, Hunt, Baxter, Rix.
Heat 10 Woodcock, Osborne, Craske, Copsey.
Heat 11 Wickenden, A.Attoe, J.Attoe, Hardy.
Heat 12 Woodcock, Rix, Baxter, Copsey.
Heat 13 Hunt, Osvorne, Craske, Harwood.
Heat 14 Ellis, Hardy, Wickenden, Paternoster.

Four rides now completed and a 'Battle Royal' develops, Attoe/Attoe 14; Woodcock/Copsey 13; Wickenden/Hardy 13; Harwood/Hunt 13; Ellis/Paternoster 12; Osborne/Craske 10; Baxter/rix 9.

Heat 15 Harwood, Hunt, J.Attoe, A.Attoe.
Heat 16 Hardy, Rix, Baxter, Wickenden.
Heat 17 Ellis, Copsey, Paternoster, Woodcock (F)
Heat 18 Craske, Rix, Baxter, Osborne.

Baxter & Rix finished their rides with 15 points.
Heat 19 J.Attoe, Copsey, Woodcock, A.Attoe.
Both these pairings finished with 18 pts.
Heat 20 Ellis, Paternoster, Osborne, Craske (Ex).
Ellis & Paternoster totalled 21pts, Osborne & Craske 14 pts. Only one heat to go with Harwood & Hunt needing four points to take the title or three to force a run-off and Wickenden & Hardy needing five points to force a run-off for the title.

Heat 21 Hunt, Harwood, Wickenden, Hardy.

Final Scores.
D.Harwood(13) & B.Hunt (10) 23: C.Ellis (16) & E.Paternoster(5) 21; J.Attoe (13) & A.Attoe (5) 18; B.Woodcock (11) & M.Copsey (7) 18; D.Wickenden (10) & A.Hardy (7) 17; R.Rix (10) & D.Baxter (5) 15; R.Osvorne (9) & M.Craske (5) 14.

LEAGUE RESULTS

AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd. THORPE SAINTS 39 - THORPE TIGERS 57

Saints: D.Clarke 11, D.Allen 7, P.Haynes, P.Esteban 5, D.Wortley, J.Seaman, J.Bass 3, A.Clarke 2.

Tigers : A.Hay 14, G.Lake, B.Hunt 10, D.Harwood 9, T.Stringer 8, J.Dye 6, P.White 0.

Tigers took a four point lead from heat 2 and increased this to lead by 10 at the halfway stage. The fact that Tigers rode on this track last year probably accounts for the 18 point difference.

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Friday 12th GALLEY PIRATES 50 - EATON TUDORS 46

Pirates: B.Woodcock 12, M.Craske 11, J.Attoe 10, M.Copsey 8, A.Attoe 6, R.Osborne 2, N.Eaglen 1.

Tudors : D.Wickenden, A.Hardy 10, T.Claxton 9, J.Elwin 7, R.Hunt 4, A.Dunnell 3, G.Spooner 2, P.Anniger 1.

(This is the match that decided the league title, so Galley are champions yet again).

Eaton gained a 4-2 in heat 1 but Galley replied with the same in heat 2. Next two heats were drawn. Eaton then got a 5-1, Galley replied with a 4-2 the heat after. Next heat drawn, then Galley got another 4-2 to level the scores at 24-24. Heat 9 was another 3-3, then Galley took the next two heats by 4-2, next heat was drawn. Eaton got a 4-2 next heat was drawn again and Eaton got on level terms with another 4-2. With only the nominated heat to go the scores were 45-45. Galley with the inside positions had Woodcock & J.Attoe and Eaton had D.Wickenden and J.Elwin. Galley took the heat 5-1 to win the match. It seems strange that Eaton didn't have Hardy in this final heat as he had beaten both the Galley riders during the match.

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Monday 15th SCORPIONS 56 - THORPE SAINTS 40

Scorpions : M.Tink 14, A.King 13, K.Freeman, D.Bennison, D.Smith 9, R.Springall 2, R.Ramsbottom, M.Wotham 0.

Saints : P.Haynes 8, J.Seaman, D.Wortley 7, P.Esteban 5, A.Clarke, M.Mapes 4, J.Bass 3, D.Allen 2.

When Allen was twice headed from his bike, sustaining a bad arm injury, in heat 7 and there was no exclusion by the Galley steward, Saints were slowly defeated. The steward also failed to notice a rider without his sleeves rolled down or wheel hooking - so best forget about this match.

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Tuesday 16th HETHERSETT HAWKS 57 - HELLESDON LIONS 38

Hawks : M.Perkins 15, M.Arfield 11, G.Arfield 8, L.Childerhouse 7, B.Daniels, A.Palmer 6, S.Yull, R.Brown 2.

Lions ; D.Baxter, C.Ellis 10, R.Rix 8, S.Rix 6, M.Thomas 4.

Hawks took the first six heats by the 4-2 margin, and gradually increased this throughout. The Hellesdon five never had a chance.

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Wednesday 17th EATON TUDORS 45 - SCORPIONS 51

Tudors : A.Hardy 13, T.Claxton 11, M.Hunt 8, A.Dunnell 7, P.Armiger 4, J.Blyth 2.

Scorpions : K.Freeman 12, D.Smith, A.King 8, M.Tink 7, D.Bennison 6, R.Springall 5, M.Witham 3, P.Seaman 2.

Ten of the heats were 3-3s, three 4-2s and a 5-1 to Scorpions and two 4-2s to Tudors gave an away victory to the Scorpions.

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Monday 22nd. THORPE SAINTS 42 - GALLEY PIRATES 54

Saints : J.Seaman 11, D.Clarke 10, P.Esteban 6, M.Mapes 5, J.Bass 4, A.Clarke, D.Worthy 3, M.Houghton 0.

Pirates: R.Osborne 13, J.Attoe 10, M.Copsey, M.Craske 9, A.Attoe 8, A.Ingram 3, N.Eaglen 2, S.Pendrill 0.

After seven heats the scores were still level at 21 each and after eleven heats Galley had a two point lead. The Galley pairing gained a 5-1 in heat 12, heat 13 was a 3-3, heat 14 was a 4-2 to Galley, heat 15 a 3-3 and the final heat was a 5-1 to Galley. So Galley only narrowly defeated Saints who were without Allen and Haynes who might have been able to turn the tables.

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Tuesday 23rd. THORPE SAINTS 40 - HELLESDON LIONS 55

Saints : P.Haynes, D.Clarke 9, J.Seaman, P.Esteban 6, D.Wortley 4, M.Maoes, A.Clarke 3, J.Bass 0.

Lions : E.Paternoster 15, M.Mallett, C.Ellis 10, R.Rix 9, D.Baxter 4, M.Rose, S.Rix 3, M.Thomas 1.

After ten heats Hellesdon had a one point lead but with Cliff Ellis still in reserve berth, and two rides to come Lions were in a good position. The last six heats finished by two 5-1s and three 4-2s to Hellesdon with the other heat drawn.

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EATON TUDORS 50 - THORPE TIGERS 46

Tudors: D.Wickenden 13, A.Hardy 11, J.Elwin 8, M.Hunt 7, A.Dunnell 4, J.Blyth 3, P.Armiger, G.Spooner 2.

Tigers : G.Lake, D.Harwood 11, B.Hunt 10, T.Stringer 7, A.Hay 5, P.White 2.

Eight of the heats were drawn, Eaton gained one 5-1 and four 4-2s. Tigers gained two 4-2s and a 5-1 but lack of riders, only one in six of the heats gave them this defeat.

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Thursday 25th HELLESDON LIONS 55 - SCORPIONS 41

Lions: D.Baxter 14, C.Ellis 12, M.Mallett 10, E.Paternoster 9, R.Rix 5, S.Rix 3, J.Watts 2, M.Rose 0.

Scorpions : A.King, M.Tink 9, D.Smith 7, D.Bennison 5, K.Freeman 4, R.Springall, M.Witham 3, R.Ramsbottom 1.

The first eight heats finished level then Hellesdon got three 4-2s to take a six point lead. Heat 12 was drawn, heat 13 was a 5-1 to Lions, heat 14 was a 4-2 to Scorpions but Hellesdon settled the match with a 4-2 and 5-1 in the last two heats.

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Friday 26th GALLEY PIRATES 58 - THORPE TIGERS 37

Pirates : R.Witham 14, M.Craske 9, A.Attoe 8, M.Copsey, J.Attoe 7, R.Osborne 6, A.Ingram 5, N.Eaglen 2.

Tigers : B.Hunt 12, D.Harwood 9, G.Lake 6, D.Clarke 5, A:Hay 3, M.Self P.White 1, R.Ringer 0.

Galley took the lead from heat 1 and gradually increased throughout. Galley got four 5-1s and five 4-2s. Thorpe gained two 4-2s and one 3-2 and the other four heats were drawn.

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HELLESDON LIONS 65½ - EATON TUDORS 29½

Lions : D.Baxter 14, E.Paternoster 12½, M.Mallett 10, C.Ellis, R.Rix 8 J.Watts 5, M.Rose, S.Rix 4.

Tudors : J.Elwin 8½, A.Hardy 8, G.Spooner 5, M.Hunt, A.Dunnell 4, J.Blyth 0.

Understrength Eaton in this match could only manage to draw three of the heats as Hellesdon gained five 5-1s, seven 4-2s and a 3½-2½ when J.Elwin tied for first place with E.Paternoster in heat 8.

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SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st HETHERSETT HAWKS 41 - THORPE SAINTS 55

Hawks : M.Perkins 14, G.Arfield 12, M.Arfield 6, P.Riseborough, B.Palmer 3, B.Daniels 2, L.Childerhouse 1.

Saints : J.Seaman 10, M.Mapes, P.Esteban 9, J.Bass 7, P.Haynes 6, D.Allen, A.Clarke 5, D.Wortley 4.

Saints must have created a new record in this match gaining 13 bonus points in 16 heats. Nine of the heats finished 3-3s. Saints got five 5-1s and Hethersett one 5-1 and one 4-2.

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THORPE TIGERS 22 - GALLEY PIRATES 12.
(Match abandoned after 6 heats. Result to stand).

Tigers: G.Lake, A.Hay 6, D.Harwood 5, T.Stringer 3, R.Ringer, P.White 1 J.Dye 0.

Pirates : N.Eaglen 4, R.Osborne, A.Ingram 3, J.Attoe 2, M.Craske, S:Pendrill 0.

Both teams agreed to abandon this match after the rain started to fall during heat 6, making further racing impossible.

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Tuesday 6th. HELLESDON LIONS 46 - THORPE TIGERS 50

Lions: M.Mallett 12, C.Ellis 11, E.Paternoster 10, J.Watts, S.Rix 4, M.Rose 3, D.Hagger 2, M.Thomas 0.

Tigers : B.Hunt 11, D.Clarke, A.Hay, D.Harwood 9, G.Lake, J.Dye 6, R.Ringer, P.White 0.

Hellesdon without top pairing R.Rix and D.Baxter did wellto hold Tigers so close. After eight heats the scores were level but in the last eight heats Tigers gained two 5-1s and two 4-2s. One heat was drawn and Hellesdon got a 5-1 and two 4-2s.

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Only two matches are now outstanding:

Hawks v Scorpions - pending protest
Tigers v Saints - still to be raced.

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LEAGUE TABLE

	M	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Galley Pirates	12	9	1	2	616	467	19
Eaton Tudors	12	8	0	4	652½	472½	16
Thorpe Tigers	11	7	0	4	494	483	14
Hellesdon Lions	12	6	0	6	598½	543½	12
Thorpe Saints	11	3	1	7	445	599	7
Scorpions	11	3	0	8	471	576	6
Hethersett Hawks	11	3	0	8	462	588	6

TEAM ROUND UP 1966

No 1 — HELLESDON LIONS

Hellesdon Lions C.S.C. rode the 1966 season with a considerably weakened team - Clive Hurrell and Rod Witham haveing been transferred to Norwich Stars and Norwich Icenians respectively. On top of this two regular 1965 riders, Mick Buxton and Tom Granville could only manage four meetings between them - Mick Buxton took up road racing and Tom Granville got a job in London. This left only five first team riders from 1965 (the first five in the averages). To ensure that Hellesdon had a full team it was necessary to sign two riders who had never ridden a track before and four juniors. Below is a list of the thirteen riders who rode for Hellesdon in the '66 season together with brief details of their performances.

1. CLIFF ELLIS. (Manager, Secretary & Treasurer). The oldest and most experienced member of the team. Still gating as fast as ever this season, mainly due to cycling to work, he is also one of the fittest. He has represented Norwich at least three times this year, finished seventh in the Norfolk Individual Championship, second in the Best Pairs Final and qualified for the Norwich Individual Final. By far Cliff's best season for some time. All rumours that he is contemplating retirement are strenuously denied.

2. DAVE BAXTER (Team Captain) Rode his best season this year, since taking up the sport. Represented Norwich twice this year and finished fifth in the Norfolk Final. Qualified for the Norwich Individual Championship as well as the Best Pairs Final in which he finished 6th. He was beaten 2-0 when challenging Woodcock for his match race. Will be riding next year.

3. EDDIE PATERNOSTER. (Track Manager) Rode as well as ever this year Represented Norwich, qualified for the Norwich Individual Championship and finished second with his partner Ellis in the Best Pairs Final. Will still be riding next season.

4. MICK MALLETT. Improved considerably towards the end of the season and is now a very fast gater and able to mix it with the best of them. Represented Norwich 'B' team at the end of the season. Next year could be a rider to watch.

5. ROGER RIX Rode extremely well this season - better than his average suggests, probably because he always looks outside at the gate. Finished 6th in the Best Pairs and represented Norwich this season. He has just assembled a new bike and next season should be going even better . Controlled his temper very well this season.

MICK BUXTON Rode only three times at the beginning of the season. Still riding his do or die style. Doubtful for next season.

TOM GRANVILLE Rode only once earlier in the season and failed to complete his rides. Very doubtful for next season.

STEVE RIX Younger crother of Roger and the discovery of the season, with two years of junior riding in front of him he must be certain of top honours in this section.

JOHN WATTS Another promising junior who will become a rider to reckon with in future years.

MICK ROSE Joined Hellesdon in the latter half of the season and should prove to be quite a handy rider.

DAVE HAGGER Rode only one match for Hellesdon Lions but riding regularly with the Cubs. Another promising junior.

ROY BARGEWELL Riding his first season with Hellesdon. Must improve next year.

JUG THOMAS Another rider taking up cycle speedway at a relatively old age. Has parted with his bike many times this season and spectators have come from miles around to watch him ride. Can't be any worse next season - can he?

Even with this considerably weakened team Hellesdon have managed to finish third or fourth in the league and should do considerably better next season.

DAVE BAXTER.

TEAM AVERAGES FOR 1966	Matches	Rides	Points	B.Pts	Tot.Pts.	Ave.	Pos.
CLIFF ELLIS	18	80	191	17	208	2.60	1st
DAVE BAXTER	16	76	168	23	191	2.51	2nd
EDDIE PATERNOSTER	15	69	164½	6	170½	2.47	3rd
MICK MALLETT	12	50	96	5	101	2.02	4th
ROGER RIX	17	77	133	16	149	1.93	5th
MICK BUXTON	3	13	17	1	18	1.38	6th
TOMMY GRANVILLE	1	3	3	1	4	1.33	7th
STEVE RIX	14	57	61	9	70	1.22	8th
JOHN WATTS	6	21	19	3	22	1.04	9th
MICK ROSE	9	33	28	6	34	1.03	10th
DAVE HAGGER	1	3	2	1	3	1.00	11th
ROY BARGEWELL	6	22	11	5	16	.72	12th
JUG THOMAS	15	53	25	5	30	.56	13th

Dave Wickenden receiving a trophy for finishing fourth in the East Anglia Championship earlier this year. Riders also in the photo are Paul Baxter 3rd Paul Medlar 2nd and the winner Trevor Jones of Suffolk.

NORWICH TOP TWENTY

(For August - Sept.)

1. R.Witham	(4)	11 D.Wickenden	(12)
2. J.Attoe	(2)	12 D.Baxter	(15)
3. B.Woodcock	(5)	13 R.Hunt	(14)
4. M.Craske	(10)	14 R.Osborne	(11)
5. A.Hardy	(3)	15 J.Elwin	(16)
6. M.Copsey	(8)	16 A.Attoe	(17)
7. B.Hunt	(6)	17 P.Haynes	(18)
8. C.Ellis	(9)	18 M.Perkins	(-)
9. D.Harwood	(1)	19 G.Lake	(19)
10 E.Paternoster	(13)	20 D.Clarke	(-)

(Last months position in brackets)

FINAL POSITIONS

Tracktalk	Points Awarded No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	Total
1st Rod Witham	9	10	7	10	36
2nd Barry Woodcock	10	1	6	8	25
" Andy Hardy	8	3	8	6	25
4th John Attoe	-	4	9	9	22
5th Denzil Harwood	-	9	10	2	21
6th Mick Craske	7	5	1	7	20
7th Barney Hunt	1	8	5	4	18
8th Cliff Ellis	6	6	2	3	17
9th Nigel Harland	4	7	4	-	15
10th Mick Copsey	-	-	3	5	8
11th Ray Metcalf	5	-	-	-	5
12th Eddie Paternoster	3	-	-	1	4
" Dave Wickenden	2	2	-	-	4

NORWICH TEAM CUP

1st Round

Tuesday 12th July. THORPE SAINTS 43 - HELLESDON LIONS 76
Saints: P.Haynes 11, J.Seaman 10, D.Allen 9, P.Esteban, A.Clarke 4, D.Worltey 3, J.Bass 2, K.Stanton 0.
Lions : C.Ellis 17, D.Baxter 15, M.Mallett 14, E.Paternoster 12, R.Rix 10, J.Watts 4, M.Rose 3, M.Thomas 1.

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HETHERSETT HAWKS 57 - SCORPIONS 60
Hawks : M.Arfield 18, M.Perkins 16, T.Poll 9, L.Childerhouse 8, G.Arfield 4, D.O'Leary, P.Riseborough 1, R.Brown 0.
Scorpions : A.King 14, K.Freeman 13, D.Bennison 9, R.Ramsbottom 7, A.Lexton 6, D.Smith 5, R.Springall 4, P.Abbs 2.

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Wednesday 13th July. EATON TUDORS 69 - THORPE TIGERS 51
Tudors : D.Wickenden 14, J.Elwin 12, A.Hardy 11, R.Hunt 10, T.Claxton7, G.Spooner 6, M.Hunt 5, J.Blyth 4.
Tigers : G.Lake, B.Hunt, D.Harwood 15, J.Dye 3, T.Stringer, P.White A.Hay 1.

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Galley Pirates received a bye.

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Semi-Finals

Wednesday 3rd August. EATON TUDORS 65 - SCORPIONS 29
Tudors : A.Hardy 14, D.Wickenden 12, R.Hunt, T.Claxton, J.Elwin 8, M.Hunt 7, A.Dunnell, G.Spooner 4.
Scorpions : D.Smith 9, D.Bennison, A.King 7, R.Springall 3, A.Lexton2, K.Freeman 1.

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Match was raced over League Formula, but result stands.

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Friday 19th August HELLESDON LIONS 44 - GALLEY PIRATES 75
Lions : D.Baxter 10, E.Paternoster, C.Ellis 8, R.Rix 6, M.Mallett 5, S.Rix 4, M.Rose 2, M.Thomas 1.
Pirates : J.Attoe 16, M.Copsey 15, B.Woodcock 14, M.Craske 12, R.Osborne 10, A.Attoe 7, S.Pendrill 1, N.Eaglen 0.

NEW JUNIOR LEAGUE IN 1967

Yes, at long last Norwich can now have a Junior League as they did a few seasons back. Recently there has not been enough interest in forming such a league, the last junior league was formed in 1963 comprising of eight teams. Due to lack of interest from the Norwich Control Board it folded up. Now there is yet again a chance to cater for the Junior riders as there are four teams operating independent of the Control Board, Hellesdon Cubs under their manager Mick Mallett, Eaton Tudors managed by John Elwin, Thorpe Tigers B team and a junior team formed by Norwich Boy Scouts, there is also news of Galley Pirates running a junior team and that a new team will be starting in the Earlham area nextseason.

All this should result in the Norwich Control Board taking interest and forming these clubs into a junior league, riding a nine heat formula each match. The matches could be ridden before the senior league matches, starting at seven oclock. Now it all rests with the Control Board. How about it N.C.B?

MICK MALLETT

COVENTRY GAIN REVENGE

Coventry - 18th September.

Coventry gained revenge for their defeat by Norwich at Eaton Park in July, by defeating them 51-45 on the Brandon Bees track. On aggregate score Norwich won the series 119 points to 96.

The reason for Norwich's defeat was due to two star riders Barry Woodcock and Rod Witham being absent, as Coventry, with the exception of Chris Jones and John Heaton looked very unsteady. Norwich rode very well except for their two reserves, who never matched their fellow rulers in class. Dave Wickenden was Norwich's highest scorer with 12 points, Bernard Hunt scored 8 pts and Cliff Ellis and Dave Baxter scored 7 points each.

The most unlucky rider for Norwich must have been Andy Hardy who rode his heart out, although he was not amongst the points, but he helped his partner through on several occasions.

It seemed odd that there was a rider who could have helped both teams considerably, the rider being Nigel Harland who joined Eaton this year. Although he was not at the track, what a great waste of talent, as Nigel, formerly from Coventry, could ride ten times brtter than most on display in this match.

If this was Coventry Cycle Speedway, what bad organisation, on top of this it was cheapened by the announcer, who let one and all know the position the sport was in. Steward for the meeting was Mr. J.Leith.

COVENTRY : Chris Jones 14, John Heaton 10, Bill Savage 7, Will Truslove 5, Keith Jones, Ray Lewis 4, Bob Colley 4 and Glen Jenkinson 3.

NORWICH : Dave Wickenden 12, Bernard Hunt 8, Cliff Ellis 7, Dave Baxter (Cpt) 7, Denzil Harwood 7, Andy Hardy 2, Russell Osborne 1 and Roger Rix 0.

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Following the main match Coventry 'B' trounced Norwich 'B' 68-30. This was a very bad performance for Norwich 'B', only three riders scored respectable totals, those riders being John Elwin 8, Mervyn Tink 8 and Dennis Smith 6pts. Coventry's team piled up a steady score and were never in any trouble.

COVENTRY B 68:K.Smith 12, N.Fisher 12, M.Taylor, D.Parsons 9, J.Andrews, D.Landford 7, P.Denning, B.Shapley 5.
NORWICH B 30:J.Elwin, M.Tink 8, D.Smith 6, M.Mallett, J.Seaman, D.Bennison, T.Claxton 2, and A.Hay 1.

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