

Cycle speedway ends Season at Hanham

A publication of the

Acting secretary

Publishing Editor

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So now I know who the rider is!!!

As well as the ones below I received emails from:-
John Brown, Jim Mitchell, Pete Barnes, Vic (The Legend) White, Pete Fraser, Pete Saunders and Terry Denton.
Phone calls from Mick Green, Roy Delany and Terry Porter.
Also a letter from Derek Garnet.

Tut! Tut! Bill.

You didn't recognise cycle speedway's second and Britain's first WORLD CHAMPION!!

It was Les Westwood of Edmonton racing in a British League match in 1960-1962. Don't think the track is Edmonton's, could be Beckenham but not to sure. It's the chimney pot in the background that is throwing me! But it is definitely Les.

MICK JEFFERY

Let me be the fiftieth person to put a name to the rider on the front page of the May issue of the Track Record. It is of course Les Westwood of Edmonton Monarchs a former World Champion. Les is Riding his trade mark ladies frame bike. I raced against Les many times and sometimes even finished on the same lap as him! He was a good rider but even more important a very nice guy.

DANNY DANIEL

On the front page "Who is this rider?" I am sure that you have been told already??? But it is my old mate, World Champion Cycle Speedway Rider, Les Westwood of Edmonton Saints.

And on page 15 (Cycle Speedway Teams Down the Ages) the Edmonton Saints team, Ivan Mauger was only used as a "ring in" for one match. And where am I? I was in the team and Terry "Chubby" Denton and Ernie Skinner. Perhaps Roy Delany can get in touch about that?

Great magazine, enjoy my read, I shall visit Tommy Sweetman later and we will go through it together.

By the way, my email address in the Directory of Members is an old one I had years ago, it is now:-

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BOB ANDREWS

I believe the rider is Les Westwood, formerly of Edmonton Saints and latterly of Edmonton Monarchs. Les is sadly not with us any more, but as a former team mate at the Monarchs, he was one of the strongest riders I have ever seen. Although not particularly fast out of the gate, his passing ability was legendary. This was best demonstrated in the World Championship final at Garratt Park in the early sixties. Despite being badly baulked in one race, Les made up some 60 yards to come from last to first-and against class opposition. Les went on to win the Final and become World Champion.

Your reference to our 2003 "Pilgrimage" looking for former tracks brought back happy memories, what a good day it was. If there are any tracks left we should maybe do it again some time.

DEREK WILLS

Rider on the front page must be Les Westwood of Edmonton, who apart from having been World Champion, also appeared in Eagle comics. The give away, was the ladies frame he was riding and the background looks like the now demolished St. Chads School in Tilbury. The track of course is an earlier Thurrock track.

I see that you lost the names of the Horspath Riders on the front cover picture of February issue.

The riders are:-

Grid 1. Gerald Smith Horspath

Grid 2. Ernie Randle Southampton

Grid 3. Mick Grant Horspath.

Grid 4. Dave Butcher Southampton

BILL GILL

Bill Gill.





From Derek Garnet.

Just a line to identify the riders in the photograph on page 5 in last months Track Record.. It was in the News Chronicle and was The South v The North Test Trials to pick the England team to race at the Empress Hall, London on 26th October 1950. The Riders were:

- Lew Grepp (Cheadle Hulme Rangers, Cheshire.)

Brian Moston (Chorlton Aces, Lancashire) and

Ken Worlock (Dings Hammers, Gloucester)

The track was on wooden boards, with a sawdust surface!

The picture on the cover looks remarkably like Ed-monton's World Champion Les Westwood.

From Rod Witham

After the publication of the latest edition of the Track Record, with the photograph from the Empress Hall London, Lew Grepp rang to let me know that the picture was taken on 28th March 1951. It features Lew himself and the late Brian Moston. Unfortunately Lew could not remember the name of the rider in third place, but the pic was taken during a special North West v South East match. Also on the same day there was another challenge match between the County of London and the City Birmingham.

From Dave Butcher

I am not sure if they are Dutch riders, unless they are on borrowed bikes.

At Southampton in 1960, we invited several Dutch riders to ride in an invitation individual event. All the riders bikes had a 26" front wheel, and an 18" back wheel. Quite distinctive.

This photograph shows myself with, I believe at least 2 of the Dutch riders, far left and 2nd left is if I remember correctly is Jan Holder, the then current Dutch National Champion. I can not recall the name or the Nationality of the rider on the far right. The visitors did not score too heavily—they found the Southampton track too wide and long to cope with well. The mystery rider on the front of the May issue? My first thought is Les Westwood of Ed-monton.



From Derek Cattle

Reference the photo on page five of the last issue.

It was taken at the Empress Hall, London on March 28th 1951. After a lot of searching, my friend Ron Holvey found the programme. We are sure that it is heat 14. Outside Lew Grepp, inside D. Fletcher, not sure of the third rider, probably Ron Swaine.

The Puzzle about the picture is why the third rider is wearing a Tooting Tigers breast plate. I can only assume that South had no suitable breast plate.

Copy of programme overleaf.

NEWS CHRONICLE AND CYCLE SPEEDWAY

The following appeared as a leading article in the *News Chronicle* on Tuesday, February 27th, 1951:—

SKID KIDS

It looks as if the skid kids are to be taxed off the cycle tracks which, by their own efforts, they have created on derelict bombed sites.

Some of them have been taking money at their meetings to cover their modest expenses and therefore they must pay rates and income-tax.

This seems a pity, for if they are to be taxed most clubs who make and use these

tracks will now have to pack up. Their members will lose a healthy recreation.

No doubt the law demands its pound of flesh, but it might have been better not to take action against these youngsters unless there were signs that their cycle tracks were turning into financial rackets.

It is a wise administrator who knows when to hold his hand. In this case someone has been less than wise.

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

7.30 p.m. Parade of Riders

7.35 p.m. North v. South Test Trial

8.25 p.m. Interval

8.35 p.m. Inter-City Team Challenge Match, London v. Birmingham, for *News Chronicle* Trophy

9.25 p.m. Presentation of Trophy to winning team

LONDON

V

J. LUNAN, *Verney Lions*
T. WESTON, *New Cross Rangers*
J. BUFFHAM, *W. Kensington Archers*
E. BLACK, *Battersea Eagles*
R. BRADDON, *Peckham Stars*
R. HOLVEY, *Tooting Tigers*
G. HARRISON, *Hackney Comets*
D. BOTTAZZI, *Warwick Lions*

BIRMINGHAM

V. HALLIWELL, *Rogues, Birmingham*
B. SLATER, *Blackpad Panthers*
R. TURNHAM, *Hansworth Hammers*
R. FARNDON, *Courthouse Cobbers*
H. KENT, *Aston Aces*
M. SPOONER, *Roland Rockets*
E. BAMWELL, *Aston Aces*
A. HERBERT, *Paradise Pirates*

NORTH

V

B. MOSTON, *Chorlton Aces, Lancashire*
L. GREPP, *Cheadle Hulme Rangers, Cheshire*
M. FLOOD, *Earlham Eagles, Norfolk*
G. BARRACLOUGH, *Grange Leopards, Yorkshire*
K. VINE, *Duston Devils, Northants*
D. FLETCHER, *West End Cyclones, Leicestershire*
B. SLATER, *Blackpad Panthers, Warwickshire*
J. HAWLEY, *Staffordshire*

SOUTH

S. LUKE, *Acton Acorns, Middlesex*
R. SWAINE, *Rye Aces, Sussex*
A. DABINETTE, *Foulston Eagles, Devonshire*
K. WORLOCK, *Dings Hammers*
J. HENDERSON, *Kent*
M. MULHOLLAND, *Crossway Flyers, Wiltshire*
D. HUNTER, *Maidenhead Lions, Berkshire*
J. WINDSOR, *Norton Knights, Somerset*

NORTH OF ENGLAND 66

SCORE
CHART

SOUTH OF ENGLAND 21

1	B. MOSTON	1	2	2	3	3	10	2
2	L. GREPP	3	2	2	2	1	10	3
3	M. FLOOD	3	3	W	5	15		6
4	G. BARRACLOUGH	2	1	3	2			8
5	K. VINE	3	1	3	3			10
6	D. FLETCHER	1	2	2	3			8
7	B. SLATER	1	3	3	3			7
8	J. HAWLEY	2	1	2	1			6

NORTH
V
SOUTH
TEST
TRIAL

28TH MARCH 1951

1	S. LUKE	2	1	F	3		
2	R. SWAINE	1	2	F	1	4	
3	A. DABINETTE	1	3	D	F	3	
4	K. WORLOCK	1	3	D	1	2	7
5	J. HENDERSON	2	1	2	1	1	6
6	M. MULHOLLAND	1	F	1	1	0	
7	D. HUNTER	1	1	2	3		
8	J. WINDSOR	3	1	1	3		

			N.E.	S.E.
1	RED	B. MOSTON	—	3
	BLUE	L. GREPP	3	3
	WHITE	S. LUKE		2
	YELLOW	R. SWAINE	3	1
	1ST B	2ND W	3RD Y	TIME 57.1
2	RED	M. FLOOD	3	4
	BLUE	G. BARRACLOUGH	2	4
	WHITE	A. DABINETTE	8	—
	YELLOW	K. WORLOCK	8	1
	1ST R	2ND B	3RD Y	TIME 57.2
3	RED	K. VINE	3	6
	BLUE	D. FLETCHER	1	6
	WHITE	J. HENDERSON		2
	YELLOW	M. MULHOLLAND	12	
	1ST R	2ND W	3RD B	TIME 58
4	RED	B. MOSTON	2	9
	BLUE	B. SLATER	1	9
	WHITE	D. HUNTER	15	—
	YELLOW	K. WORLOCK		3
	1ST Y	2ND R	3RD B	TIME 58.1
5	RED	M. FLOOD	3	11
	BLUE	G. BARRACLOUGH	1	11
	WHITE	S. LUKE	19	2
	YELLOW	R. SWAINE		2
	1ST R	2ND Y	3RD B	TIME 59.7
6	RED	K. VINE	1	14
	BLUE	D. FLETCHER	2	14
	WHITE	A. DABINETTE	22	3
	YELLOW	K. WORLOCK	22	5
	1ST W	2ND B	3RD R	TIME 63.8
7	RED	B. MOSTON	22	15
	BLUE	L. GREPP	22	15
	WHITE	J. HENDERSON	27	1
	YELLOW	M. MULHOLLAND		F
	1ST R	2ND R	3RD W	TIME 61.6
8	RED	M. FLOOD SLATER	2	18
	BLUE	J. HAWLEY	2	18
	WHITE	A. DABINETTE	29	1
	YELLOW	J. WINDSOR	29	3
	1ST Y	2ND B	3RD —	TIME —

			N.E.	S.E.
9	RED	K. VINE	3	19
	BLUE	D. FLETCHER	2	19
	WHITE	S. LUKE		1
	YELLOW	R. SWAINE	34	F
	1ST R	2ND B	3RD W	TIME 58.5
10	RED	B. MOSTON	3	20
	BLUE	L. GREPP	2	20
	WHITE	A. DABINETTE	39	F
	YELLOW	K. WORLOCK		1
	1ST R	2ND B	3RD Y	TIME 58.5
11	RED	M. FLOOD HAWLEY	1	22
	BLUE	G. BARRACLOUGH	3	22
	WHITE	J. HENDERSON	43	2
	YELLOW	M. MULHOLLAND		—
	1ST B	2ND W	3RD R	TIME 58.6
12	RED	K. VINE	3	23
	BLUE	J. HAWLEY	2	23
	WHITE	S. LUKE	48	F
	YELLOW	D. HUNTER		1
	1ST B	2ND B	3RD Y	TIME 66.9
13	RED	B. SLATER	3	24
	BLUE	G. BARRACLOUGH	2	24
	WHITE	J. HENDERSON	53	1
	YELLOW	J. WINDSOR		—
	1ST R	2ND B	3RD W	TIME 56.9
14	RED	L. GREPP	2	25
	BLUE	D. FLETCHER	3	25
	WHITE	R. SWAINE	58	1
	YELLOW	M. MULHOLLAND		—
	1ST B	2ND R	3RD W	TIME 62.2
15	RED	B. SLATER	3	27
	BLUE	J. HAWLEY	1	27
	WHITE	D. HUNTER	62	2
	YELLOW	J. WINDSOR		—
	1ST R	2ND W	3RD B	TIME 56.9
16	RED	MOSTON. B	3	29
	BLUE	GREPP L	1	29
	WHITE	HENDERSON	66	—
	YELLOW	WORLOCK		2
	1ST R	2ND Y	3RD B	TIME 57.6

NOMINATED
RIDERS

LEAGUE TEST SAW CLOSE FINISHES

South-east London's test match against East London was over twenty heats.

The match started with Jarrett and Eldridge holding the Stratford pair of Jackie Wilson and George Stephens to a three-all. The next heat was a 5-1 against S. London, but a three-all by Goody and Fowler followed. The score was evened to 12 all when Jarrett and Eldridge won 5-1.

At the end of heat 10, S.E. London were 10 points down. In heat 11, the tide turned with a 5-1 from Goody and Fowler — heat 12 saw Garrett and Ryles hold it to a three-all, and the score was then 39-33. Heat 13 was a 4-2 for Jarrett and Jenkins.

Special credit must be given to Jenkins and Ryles. Neither of them had been chosen to ride, and in fact they had turned up as spectators. On being asked to ride they readily agreed to do so, in ordinary kit and on borrowed cycles. Everyone of their team mates expressed admiration for their efforts.

In heat 15 a 5-1 by Eldridge and Garrett compensated for a 5-1 against in the previous heat. Heat 16 was a 4-2 against Goody and Mogridge, followed by a 4-2 for Eldridge and Jenkins. The last two races, however, were 4-2's against S.E. London.

S.E. London can feel justifiably pleased. Without two of its original team, and on a strange track, the league was beaten only by 64-56. Interest will be high for the return match on the New Cross track on 12th October.

Scorers — Ron Jarrett (Blackheath Aces) 13, (six races); Terry Eldridge (Blackheath Aces) 9, (five races); Gus Garrett (Verney Lions) 13, (six races); Cliff Mogridge (Blackheath Aces) 0, (five races); Joe Goody (capt.) (Blackheath Aces) 12, (five races); Chas. Fowler (Verney Lions) 3, (five races); Mick Jenkins (res.) (Blackheath Aces) 5, (four races); Bert Ryles (res.) (Nunhead Dragons) 1, (four races).



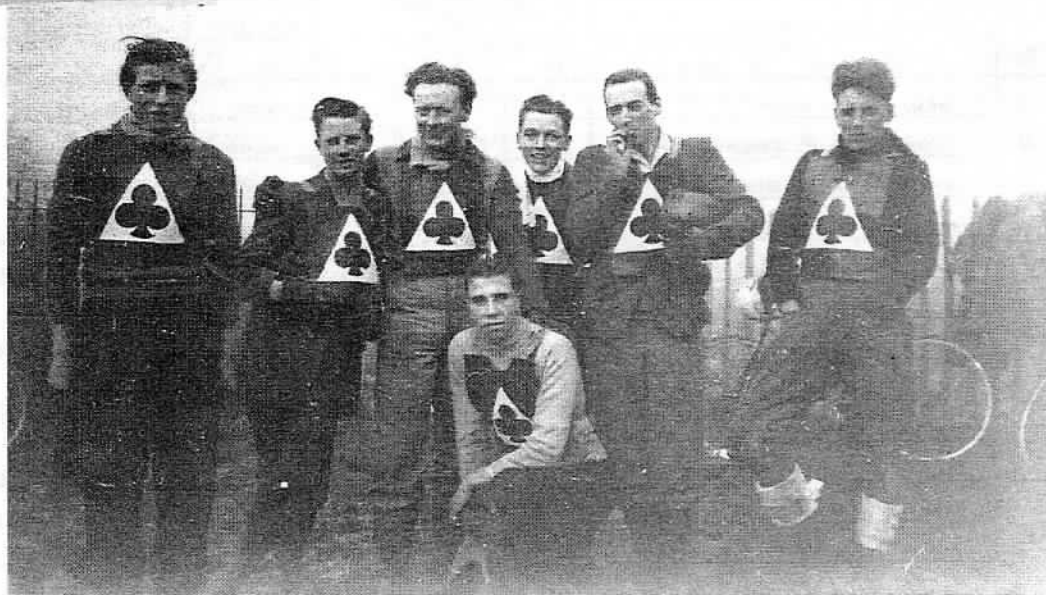
Ron Jarrett and Terry Eldridge in South East colours for a Test Match V East London in 1952.

Match Report from South London Press 7th Sept. 1952

Photo Below Blackheath Aces from 1952/53 from the South East London League.

L. to R. C. Steele, L. Germaine, D. Ross, V. Winter, R. Elwood, P. Jarman and T. Eldridge.

Team members missing from photo:- J. Goody, M. Jenkins & R. Jarrett.



From Terry Eldridge.

The Meteors blaze out

Photographed by BERT HARDY

The boys of Hayes built their own cycle speedway track, founded a club, got grown-ups to help organise it, and now are ready to take on anybody.

THE crowd is straining forward on tiptoe. Several hundred grown-ups among the seven hundred are shouting louder than they did on V.J. night. On the back straight teenagers from the Supporters' Club are puffing, five to one fag, with the superstition that if a pretty girl gets the last drag, it's good luck for the home team. Hayes Meteors are putting the Indian sign all over Walton Swans. The club is booming at last, having worked out its own destiny, literally from the ground upwards.

At first it didn't look as if it would do so: and that was a shame and a scandal. You see, when you are between boyhood and manhood and have a hunger for adventure in your soul, you've got to have thrills, and not secondhand thrills at that. You've got to be a sweating hero with clear eyes gleaming out of the streamlined black mask of your face. You've got to go like a bat out of hell, and not on foot either. Machines are the thing.

In Hayes, Middlesex, six such boys foregathered a few months back to make their dream come true. They cut out a track on Cranford Park, and had hardly time to taste it before they were thrown off and cautioned. They scratched their bloody but unbowed heads and tried again. They settled on a bit of bush, which turned out to be the property of the Middlesex County Council. Even so, the lessee had pity on them and allowed them to skin their noses there, until a Common Informer stepped (or crept) in, and the dream ended.

But by now the boys had found friends. Grown-up to the County Council and secured over a thousand signatures. Hayes Meteors zoomed into being with club colours of blue and cream, and a place in the Thames Valley and District League. True, the track had to be conjured out of a swathe of suburban jungle. A dozen boys turned up after school and office hours, shifted four tons of earth and laid down cinders, possibly acquired while the quickness of the hand deceived the eye.

There is the track. A flag pole is set up. Pits are hacked out of the surviving bushes. The margins of the hairpin bends are dazzlingly whitewashed. A starting-gate is proudly erected, to be operated by a battery from starter Tom Jenkins' car.

But somehow money has to be made to pay for the smashing cycles and the posh crash helmets, the insurance carried by every rider, the secretary's stationery, and the Cola and cakes for the visitors. No charge can be made for admission. But there are weekly collections (averaging 18s.), a raffle (averaging twice as much, human nature being what it is). There are profits on the sale of minerals, and weekly club fees of 3d. from schoolboy riders and 6d. from teenage wage-earners. With the help of grown-up organisers, the club balances its books. Today the £2 yearly rent is paid, other expenses of £58 4s. have been met, and there is £19 13s. 4½d. in the bank. The dream has come true.

DENZIL BATCHELOR

This article and the pictures on the next two pages of photographs were published in the "Picture Post" on 11th of November 1950.

These pages were prepared by FRED PALLETT, who reduced the size of the photos to fit the magazine and retyped the original captions.



First round the corner has the best chance of being first home. That's the way it is in real speedway racing, of course. Here comes Johnny Clark (Hayes Meteors) in the lead. He's intent on staying in front for the three laps of the 200-yard-long track that go to a race. The Sunday afternoon's programme contains sixteen of these thrillers.



Up goes the starting gate that is the pride of the club. (Left to right) Tucker (Hayes), Hunt (Walton), Collier (Hayes) and King (Walton). The gate is operated by the battery from the starter's car; and nearly always works.

A pin-up; girl does her job for the visiting side. He's one of the Walton Swans and a star in Thames Valley cycle speedway. The sport goes on all the year, excites as much hero worship as motor cycle speedway itself.





The field straightens out for the final dash to the line. A Swan leads on the rails. Micky Coillier comes wide and Johnny Tucker hugs the rails. Average age of the victorious Hayes Meteors team of six is 15. Age limits are 12-30. The Meteors once met Stanwell Moorhens (average age 21) in a match. They won. Often, there's a talent scout from Wembley watching.



Disaster on the edge of the back straight. Two Swans come to grief. What's more, it's the second time in this heat. Most teams are much more at home on their own track, where they know each cinder personally.

Secretaries Notes – August 2011

Directory Amendments

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AN OPEN LETTER

TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE DINNER/DANCE HELD AT PARADISE WILD LIF PARK 2.11.10.

It appears that there were a large number of complaints, although not to me. There seems to be four areas of discontent.

1. The seating. 2. The Disco. 3. The buffet service 4. The raffle.

Item 1.

In respect I was partly to blame. I had paid for 21 guests and insisted that they were seated on one table. Unfortunately, the caterers took this to mean everyone as we sent a block of members and who they wished to sit with. In retrospect long seating is not unusual, as it had been used at Bulphan for many years.

Long tables were used when we were entertaining the members down from Manchester. Not to everyone's taste, but not disastrous.

Item 2. Disco.

The complaints that it was too loud and the wrong type of music. When I employ a D.J., Plumber, Carpenter or Electrician, I do not tell them how to do there job.

Oddly during the whole evening not one person approached me to say it was too loud or could he change the music.

Item 3.

I agree that I did not think the food was the quantity and quality we were used to. Bulphan 2009 excepted.

The Dinner and Menu were presented to the committee in June 2009, stressing that it would be a buffet style main course. There was no objection or dissent from the committee.

Item 4. The raffle.

Again presented to the committee at above meeting. Voted unanimously to accept proposal, proceeds to British Heart Foundation.

The three of us Pete Leckie, Pete Saunders and myself, put in a lot of work, writing, phoning and pestering people. Our efforts brought in 105 paid seats. It was a new establishment and we took that chance.

One thing is for sure, this is one who will not volunteer again.

DEREK CATTLE.

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Closing date for entries 7th September.

Please complete form enclosed to help organize the day

There is a floodlit match against Iver Heath at 6.15pm. You are welcome to stay for this



Bournemouth v Edmonton 1961.
T. Porter, V. Cowell and T. Walters.



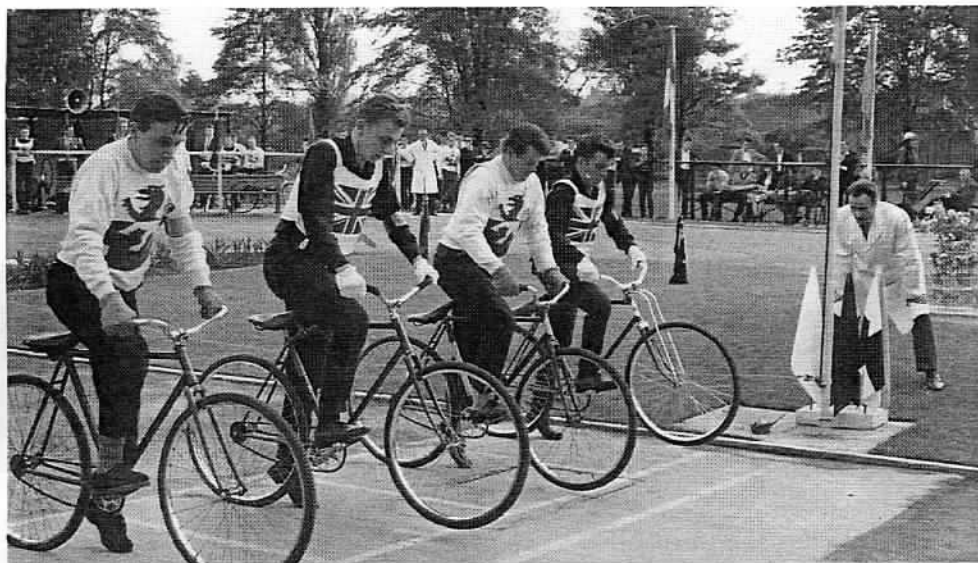
Beckenham V Edmonton 1961
Mick Jeffrey & Terry Porter (both Edmonton)



M. Jeffrey, D. Wills, D. Chivers & B. Moston.



EDMONTON MONARCHS 1958
Back row L to R Paul Bowden, Mick Jeffrey, Tony Mobbs & Les Westwood
Front row L to R. Terry Porter, Bob Isaacs, Vic Cowell & Micky Hall.



V.Hinchcliffe, T. Cracknell, D.Garnett, & R.Baker



Dave Chivers, R. Smith, R. Chivers & B. Moston.



Former Edmonton Track from the air.

EDITORS NOTES.

Many thanks to everybody who pointed out that the picture on the front cover of the last issue of the Track Record was Les Westwood. I must admit that I did not recognise him, but so far as I can remember, I never raced against Edmonton. The only time that I saw Les ride was when he won the World Championship.

I have found another picture for you to identify the riders. It is from the "Boys Book of All Sports" from 1950. Published by the News Chronicle. It is a montage of speedway and cycle speedway riders. At least it names the teams, Caledonian Tigers and Arsenal Gunners. I will include it in the next issue.

Thanks also for the comments that you made about the magazine, although I just put together all your contributions. Thank you for all of those, especially to Fred Pallett for the article and pictures from the "Picture Post" From editing the Track Record, I know how much work it is to resize pictures and retype the captions.

From Les Gustafson.

The photo on page 4 of post war Newcastle Cycle Speedway, sent to you by my old riding mate Jim Smith, now forms the home page of a new website on Cycle Speedway in the North East. (Newcastle, South Shields & Middlesbrough.) It is being set up by another old riding mate Keith Dyer, who also spent some time riding for Hawbush during the years he was working down south. (I sent him a copy of page 10 about Dave Heals, as he remembers him well) The site is well worth a look, and it is being added to day by day. www.newcastlecyclespeedway.co.uk



Had an email from Pete Barnes, who as well as naming Les Westwood, said that it was the 50th anniversary of the Poole Tatnum Tigers this year. And that Robbie Frampton, who now lives in Zurich is trying to arrange a re-union.

Finally a photo of the parade at the 1960 World Championship.

Sent in by Bill Punter, that's him in the middle between the two Dutch Riders. Also in the picture Vic Hinchcliff, Brian Moston and Fred Boutell. And yes I do recognise Les Westwood.



SOUTHAMPTONS SAINTS 1968 GOLD CUP WINNING TEAM



Back row L-R Colin Wheeler, Graham Davis, Brian Makepiece, John Hocking & Pete Hobbs.
Kneeling L-R Clive McCormick, Dave Butcher, Bob Wyatt & John White.

I was most interested to spot the name Brian Makepeace in the riders list for Finchley Sabres (London).

I had the pleasure and privilege to ride for Southampton in the 60's when Brian led the Saints into the BCSF.

I regard Brian as probably one of the very best tactical managers in the sport.

I clearly remember when we reached the Gold Cup semi-final drawn away against Horspath (Oxford), who were then virtually unbeatable at home. Brian analysed every race in detail, studying the opposition's pairings, identifying every strength and weakness.

He then assembled our team and discussed in detail with us how and when to ride, gate positions and use of reserves.

We even rehearsed his plans on our own track.

The plan worked and I remember the Horspath team being quite stunned at what had happened.

Brian then set about his strategy against Leicester in the final at Thurrock. Again with credit to Brian, we came away with the Gold Cup.

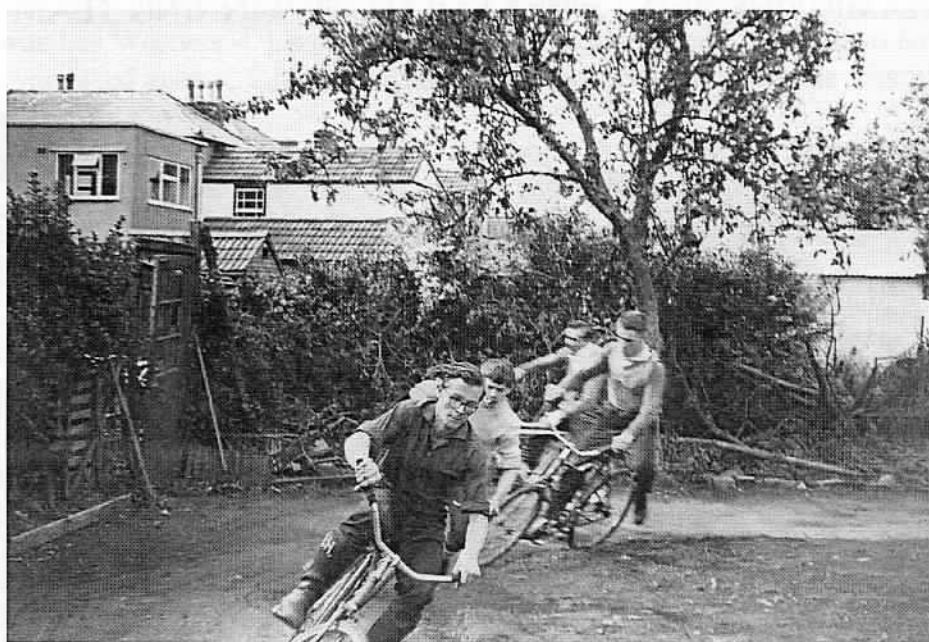
But this was just one example of Brian's excellent ability to get the best out of his team with his enthusiasm, dedication and rider management.

I think few people outside of our squad were fully aware of Brian's contribution to Southampton's success in the 60's, not just in team events, like lifting the League title, but the riders in Individual events.

When I spotted his name the memories came flooding back.

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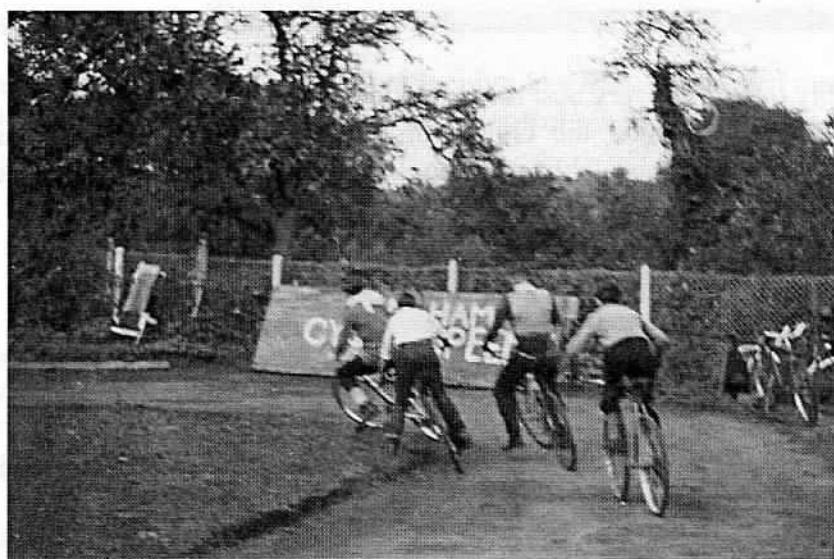
CYCLE SPEEDWAY ENDS SEASON AT HANHAM.



Keith Harris leading from Mike Alder, Peter Williams and Derek Mills

Saturday saw the close of the Cycle Speedway at Hanham and after a good meeting over 15 heats two riders tied for the title of Hanham Panthers Champion . They were Mike Parry and Derek Mills, the ex Bristol Eagles rider, who scored 13 points each. In a close and exciting deciding race, Mike led past the post by the length of his machine, to take the title. Derek Mills took second place and Mike Alder came third. Roger Davis, who accumulated 10 points was presented with a medal for the hardest trier. Keith Harris was among the leaders until he was involved in a spill in the tenth heat, and Peter Williams bent the frame of his machine in a pile up on the fence, but still rode on to score 5 points.

Roger Blake performed as steward at the meeting and the Hanham Panthers Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Taylor, who generously allowed the speedway to be marked out on his land.



The Hanham track Derek Mills Leading

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