

# CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE

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Speedway riders of tomorrow*

## Councillor makes laws

**T**HE West Essex Cycle Speedway League, now in its first season and with a membership of twelve strong teams, plans to give a lead to cycle speedway all over the country.

Under the lead of a Chingford, Essex, Councillor, Mr. John Creasey, the West Essex League are engaged in drawing up rules which may prove the fore-runners of national regulations for all who may eventually race in Britain.

"We feel that Cycle Speedway needs several things," Mr. Creasey told Gil Snowden this week. "Adult supervision in some degree does appear necessary, but a more urgent need is a set of rules which can be nationally recognized. For too long, neighbouring teams have had their own ways of staging meetings and their own particular rules which leave visiting teams gasping in amazement."

Mr. Creasey is anxious to obtain a meeting of London

and district team representatives and Control Board officials, with a view to expounding his views and placing cycle speedway on a more permanent and lasting basis.

Speedway Gazette entirely agree with Mr. Creasey upon the necessity of an overhaul of the rules, and tentative moves have already been made by this magazine to obtain the backing of all London teams for a public meeting to investigate and discuss the position.

## Hastings are busy

It has been a busy week for cycle speedway in Hastings. Monday saw the opening matches of the individual championship ridden off at Ridge, Baidslow and the Red Devils' track. A fourth meeting takes place to-night at Rock-a-Nore. To keep up with the Hastings Carnival Week festivities, an extra meeting is being held at Pilot Field, the town's main sports stadium. There are two interesting events on the programme—a 20-heat one lap championship and a triangular team match between Bexhill, Hastings and Seascombe. The winner will receive the Morris Perpetual Challenge Trophy.

Hastings results: Baidslow 64, Red Devils 20; Ridge Eagles 39, Rock-a-Nore Rockets 45; East Hill Swifts 47, Ridge 37; Red Devils 28, Baidslow 56; Langham Lions 52, East Hill 32; Hollington Hammers 35, Ridge 48; Rock-a-Nore 36, Ridge 48.

## Yorks, Lancs, Fight Again

**T**HE battle of the Roses is on again, for with the rapid boom—spread of Cycle Speedway, Yorkshire, and over the border enemy Lancashire, are once more in opposition—this time in the Cycle Speedway field.

Yorkshire so far leads, and more than sixty new teams are reported as having sprung up in Sheffield, Huddersfield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Doncaster and other main Yorkshire towns, so far this season.

The growth is not only confined to the main cities and towns. Hundreds of Yorkshire villages have formed their own sides and week by week more new teams are reported.

## MANCHESTER HAS FIFTEEN

In Lancashire the growth is only slightly less amazing. Manchester has fifteen new teams. Salford has eight, Burnley has six, St. Helens six, and even at busy Blackpool, where most young men are too busily engaged in the holiday trade to worry about recreation, half a dozen clubs have sprung up since April.

Already negotiations are in progress for a series of five inter-county "Battle of the Rose" Test matches. First of these takes place at Bradford, during the second week of July, and will be followed by further matches at Manchester, Leeds and Burnley, whilst a spin of the coin will decide which county shall stage the final match.

Over the border the boom is catching on. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Ayr, Dunoon, Kirkcudbright and Falkirk, all have teams and Test matches between these areas are already in operation.

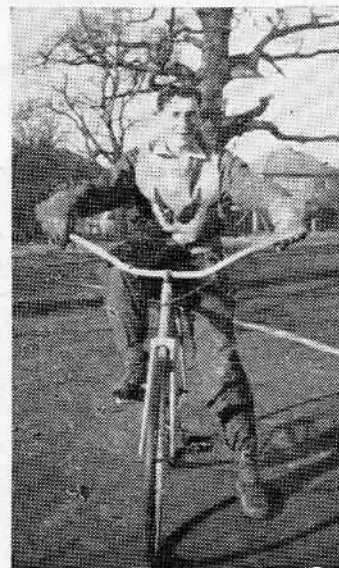
## An Apology

In his article on page 10 in this paper last week, Phil Sugden referred to the fact that John Deeley, Walthamstow's manager, was writing for us.

Owing to a printer's error, the name of "Speedway Reporter" was used in this connection. The paper concerned have pointed out this mistake and we apologise for any inconvenience which may have been caused to them by the wrong use of their name.

## BUTCHER'S BOY IS CAPTAIN

Derick Clemmett, 17-year-old butcher's boy of Slough, started his Cycle Speedway career with Slough Broad-siders and rode with them until they were disbanded in 1948.



D. Clemmett, Slough Flyers' captain, is one of the most consistent scorers in Southern England

After laying off of the sport for three months, he joined the Slough Flyers' team and was soon made captain of the side. In 1949 he won the Slough Individual Championship and the Slough Best Pairs helmet. In 1950 he was runner-up in the Slough Individual Championships. His latest honour was to be selected for the Home Counties team v. London at Earl's Court on May 4, 1950.

## For You

Cycle Speedway Gazette is anxious to assist all who are interested in the forming of a National Cycle Speedway body to formulate rules for the sport throughout the country.

It is proposed to hold a rally of all interested team representatives in the near future, and providing sufficient support for the scheme is forthcoming, Cycle Speedway Gazette is prepared to assist with arrangements.

ALL teams interested in the proposal are asked to communicate with the Editor, Cycle Speedway Gazette, 9, Gees Court, Oxford Street, W.1.

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# HAMMERS HIT FIRST LEAGUE WIN

**Maidenhead Hammers 49**  
**Cookham Cossacks 47**

This was the Hammer's first league win. Showing greatly improved form, they were leading 26-22 at the half-way stage. The racing grew very keen. The Cossacks forced the scores level at 45-45, but, in Heat Sixteen, Harrop and Roadnight pushed the Hammers' score to a victory total.

**Slough Aces 60**  
**Hazlemere Hurricanes 36**

In every race, the Aces were first away from the gate. They had just that extra touch with everything they did. Outstanding for the winners was J. Graham, who took 12 points. He was followed closely by W. Smith with 11. Hurricane's chief scorers were Page 8, and Channer 7.

**Maidenhead Lions 58**  
**Bluebells 36**

This match was held at Pinkney's Green. Outstanding for the winners was Walwyn, who gained 13 points. Following him up were Webb, Hunter and Baldwin, who each got 8. Highest scorers for the Bluebells were Scrivener with 9 and Newbold and Held, 6 each.

**Gilda Lions 60**  
**Hawkesbury Hawks 22**

This match was not so one-sided as the score suggests, for Hawks never gave up trying and rode some good races. Gilda's points scorers were P. Keall 12, G. Slocombe 12, D. Saunders 10, C. Gunton 10, D. Smith 6, P. Morgan 5, C. Anderson 4, G. Mildred 1. Hawkesbury: A. Millard 7, E. Butler 6, T. Watts 3, D. Watts 2, T. Wilkins 2, I. Morgan 1, C. Chapnell 1, C. Faulkner 0.

**Maidenhead Lions 58**  
**Oxford Lions 35**

The outstanding feature of this meeting was the performance of Baldwin, of the Lions. He took a 12-point maximum. George was the Lions' next highest scorer with 9. Oxford's leading scorers were Bennet 7, and Cook 6.

### Best Pairs

Ken Rogers and Charles Swatton, of Slough Flyers, won the Best Pairs Championship held on the Farnham Panthers' track. They obtained

33 out of a possible 35 points. A pair from the Panthers were second. They were J. Arnett and B. Brewer. They collected 29 points. Two hundred people saw the winners presented with "Biro" pens.

### Berks and Bucks League

#### Results

Wycombe Boomerangs 44, Maidenhead Bluebells 51; Maidenhead Hammers 43, Slough Aces 52; Slough Flyers 75, Cookham Cossacks 21; Maidenhead Bluebells 36, Maidenhead Lions 58; Slough Aces 36, Wexham Ghosts 57; Maidenhead Lions 56, Slough Flyers 38.

Slough Aces were knocked out in the first round of the "News Chronicle" trophy. Result: Wycombe Boomerangs 48, Slough Aces 45.

### Berks and Bucks League Table

|               | P  | W  | D | L | Pts. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|---|---|------|------|
| Slough Flyers | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 20   | 659½ |
| M'head Lions  | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3 | 16   | 605  |
| Wexham Gh.    | 10 | 7  | 1 | 2 | 15   | 534  |
| M'head B'bels | 11 | 7  | 0 | 4 | 14   | 522½ |
| Wycombe Bo.   | 11 | 6  | 0 | 5 | 12   | 522  |
| Cookham Cos.  | 11 | 3  | 0 | 8 | 6    | 467½ |
| Hazlemere H.  | 10 | 3  | 0 | 7 | 6    | 441  |
| Slough Aces.  | 10 | 3  | 0 | 7 | 6    | 441  |
| Wycombe W.    | 9  | 2  | 1 | 6 | 5    | 361½ |
| M'head Ham.   | 6  | 1  | 0 | 5 | 2    | 216  |

## TEAM ON T

Seen on the front page team. The men you see right Jack Winstanley, Ben Jack Chignell (captain), C Len Williams, Charles Ne