

CYCLE SPEEDWAY GAZETTE

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NEWS FROM OXFORD

By Mike Reynolds

HIS score of five did not give credit to the outstanding riding of Jimmy Hall when the Highfield Boomerangs met the Peat Moor Jets. In his first heat, he overtook N. Kinch (Jets) and led for the remaining laps, but lost his footing on the last bend, enabling Kinch to regain first position. Leading once more, his bike broke down and he had to withdraw. For his last event, after team riding with M. Price, Hall battled with R. Young for three laps and came in second.

Jets were very quick at the gate and in nine heats had a good lead into the first bend. C. Moss (Boomerangs), although falling off after following I. Saunders for a close second, made up his lost points in good starts in his other two events, when he led by a good quarter of a lap and sailed in an easy first.

Boomerangs were minus a good point-scorer in D. Cook, who will not be riding until the cracked bone in his leg heals.

Boomerangs: Moss 7, Price 7, Baker 3, Stockford 4, Lawrence 5, Hall 5, Chaundy 4, Brown 2.
Jets: Smith 1, Saunders 12, Young 12, Impy 5, Childs 4, Kinch 5, Good 5, Pledge 3.

PIMM'S THE NAME

With a 45-39 win over Y.M.C.A. "B" team, Littlemore Stars earned another two points in the league. Best scorer of the evening, P. Pimm (Stars) with 10, and J. Pimm with his partner, led the way round for two 5-1's. Other point scorers were B. Collins 2, D. Collins 4, and P. Adams 4. T. Bostock (Stars) not only scored 8, but in the return match which the Stars won 50-33, he got his maximum.

Wolvercote Wolves made a good start against **Baskerville Hounds** on Monday. Wet surface riding seemed to be an advantage for the Wolves, but by heat 7 each team was rallying with alternate 5-1's. A. Packham (Hounds) after a bad start, finished first with the score 21-20 to the Hounds. Heat 9 provided the first 3-3 of the meeting, and the changing point of the evening. Wolves tried hard, but after a mishap in heat 12 gave only more points to the Hounds, losing 40-42.

EASY FOR BADGERS

Highfield Badgers walked away with their meeting against Sandford Monarch Juniors with a

56-28 win. Out of the 14 heats, the Monarchs only managed three firsts and three seconds, while the Badgers piled point upon point. By event 10 they had comfortably won the match.

P. Lamper (Monarchs) did not settle down until after half-way through, while W. Whitchole did not settle down at all. Longford, Brown and Gibbard (Badgers) scored 29 points between them and with Rod Trafford's 7 points nearly won the match on their own.

We now know that **Rose Hill Hunters**, although better off than some teams in owning their own track, have withdrawn from the league through shortage of riders.

The **Littlemore Eagle Juniors** had a 55-29 victory over the **Cowley Bats** on Wednesday, and at the same time **Botley Monarchs** beat **Osney Falcons** with 50 points to 34. **Highfield Badgers** gained two league points, beating **Sandford Monarch Juniors** in the return match at Sandford, 51-33.

FIERCE TIGERS

There was stiff opposition for **Cumberland Panthers** in their meeting with **Peat Moor Tigers**, when Impy and Scudder were riding. The Panthers started well with a 5-1, Rex Trinder overtaking on the inside, followed by L. McPherson. R. Bradley (Panthers) tussled hard with Wilkins (Tigers) and won by half a wheel. Griffin, peculiar foot-forward rider, managed three firsts during the meeting, but was no match for Whitlock, Tiger's No. 1. The second half of the match saw the scoring altered. Tigers gained a 5-0 when Bradley withdrew with a chain off and Ken Tyson rode over the white line. C. Ford and R. Trinder (Panthers) pulled up their score with a 5-1, but were too late. Tigers were leading by 9 points and won 43½-38½.

Cycle Speedway

EAST HILL SWIFTS 49
LANGHAM LIONS 46

For the second consecutive week, the Swifts were concerned in a last heat decider. This time they take only a three-point advantage to the Lions' den. This advantage was mainly due to riding by Kerridge and Mann, who scored over half the Swifts' total. Lions were a solid, compact team with no outstanding individualist.

Swifts: Kerridge 13, Mann 12, Baldwin 8. **Lions:** Marchant 10, Burgess, Sellons 8.

SIDLEY CYCLONES 42
RIDGE EAGLES 42

Riding their third match in three days, the Eagles had to fight hard to snatch a point from the vastly improved Cyclones. Entering the last heat four points in arrears, the Eagles pair, Gurr and Barton, made a fast gate and led Skelton (Cyclones) home for a maximum heat win. Sidley started off in fine fashion, claiming major points in the first three heats. But for their very poor performances at the opening of the season, the Cyclones would be in a very different position in the league.

Cyclones: Brett 11, Christmas, Gladman 7. **Eagles:** Gurr 11, Hope 10, Barton 7.

LANGHAM LIONS 54
EAST HILL SWIFTS 40

The three-point lead the Swifts gained on their own track was of little assistance to them in the return half of the match. The Lions romped home by a clear 14-point margin, making the aggregate score read: Lions 100, Swifts 89. The match was a personal triumph for Watson, the Lions' reserve, who was called upon for five rides and dropped only one point. Kerridge (Swifts) went one better and made a maximum, the first in the Battle of Britain Cup series.

Lions: Watson 14, Downs 11, Relf, Marchant 7. **Swifts:** Kerridge 15, Mann 7.

ROCK-A-NORE ROCKETS 56
RED DEVILS 28

The Rockets got away to a flying start in this league match and

were leading 19-5 after four heats. The Morris brothers gained a 5-1 for the Devils. But this was a short-lived respite, and the Rocks continued to pile up the points. Duly (Rocks) obtained a maximum, and C. Morris (Devils), after a fall in his first ride, was unbeaten in his remaining three.

Rocks: Duly 12, F. Waite 9, Muggridge 8. **Devils:** C. Morris 9, Harding 5.

HOLLINGTON HAMMERS 55
SIDLEY CYCLONES 41

The Hammers gained the advantage in this Cup match. For the second time in a week in the Hastings area it was a reserve who stole the honours. B. Mephram (Hammers) got his five rides and was beaten but once by an opponent. Brett (Cyclones) was unbeaten until Mephram came on the scene.

Hollington: Mephram 13, Fleming 9, B. Upton, Downs 8. **Cyclones:** Brett 13, Christmas, Gower 6.

SEDLSCOMBE LEAGUE 29
HASTINGS LEAGUE 79

This was a travesty of cycle speedway racing. A crowd of over 300 politely acknowledged the almost continuous procession of maximum heat wins for the Hastings riders. The only time they had anything to shout about was in Heat 5, when Morris (Hastings) and Fifield (Sedlescombe) rode shoulder to shoulder for the four laps. Morris overslid on the last bend, allowing Fifield to romp home.

Allen (Sedlescombe), who was in third place, seized his opportunity to nip in behind his partner for the solitary Sedlescombe heat win of the evening.

The only other item of interest was the performance of Bert Gurr (Hastings captain), who was the first Sussex rider to score a maximum in an 18-heat match.

Hastings: Gurr 18, Sanson 15, Brett 13, Groves 12, Pepper, Morris 10, Christmas 0. **Sedlescombe:** Fifield, Allen 7, McKenzie 5, A. Mephram 4, Illesly 3, Akehurst, B. Mephram 1, Ansette 0.

Speedway Racing at DUDLEY WOOD STADIUM

Every Monday

Next Meetings

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Coventry - Monday, August 7th

at 7.45

Reports From All Parts

FLETCHAMSTD. PHANTOMS 44 ASH GREEN ACES 39

Everything depended on the last heat for, at the thirteenth, the score was 39—38. Then G. Tompkins and R. Adams scored a 5—1 for the Phantoms. J. Stokes had bad luck when he had to retire from two races when his chain came off. Durkin (Aces) lost points by oversliding on the bends.

Phantoms: J. Brown 9, G. Tompkins 7, R. Adams 7, R. Adams 7, R. Morgan 7, B. Manning 6, Milne 2, Lee 4, J. Stokes 2. *Aces*: Lycett 9, Jedd 7, Friswell 6, Durkin 6, Brownson 4, Allen 4, Moulton 2, Musson 1.

COVENTRY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fletchamstead Phantoms had eight riders in the first round of this competition and each qualified for the next round.

They were: G. Tompkins 14, J. Brown 13, R. Adams 12, J. Stokes 12, R. Morgan 10, B. Manning 10, M. Milne 9, C. Brown 8.

Riders who passed on the Phantoms' track were: M. Weston 9, Greatorex 8, J. Mason 13, A. Widlake 10, Friswell 11, D. Finch 15 (max.), Betlis 10, Masson 8, J. Maddison 8.

MAIDENHEAD LIONS 51 DRAYTON WASPS 45

In the county final of the "News Chronicle Trophy," Maidenhead Lions beat Drayton Wasps by six points. This match was a real fight all through and there was never much between the two teams. A crowd of about 300 witnessed this sporting final. The Lions are now in the last 26 teams in the trophy.

Lions: D. Hunter 12, Slade, Cleaver and Baldwin 8 each. *Wasps*: T. Clark 13.

MAIDENHEAD LIONS 69 HAZLEMERE HURRICANES 27

A crowd of 250 watched this very disappointing show. The Hurricanes arrived with only seven riders, including several reserves, and were never in the same class as the Lions.

Chief scorers: *Lions*: D. Hunter 12, B. George 10. *Hurricanes*: I. Page 9.

MAIDENHEAD BLUEBELLS 59 MAIDENHEAD HAMMERS 37

The Bluebells took the lead in the opening heats, with excellent team riding by P. Held and J. Burnett. The Hammers were ably led by P. Roadnight, who was riding his last match before going in the Army. R. Walwyn, of the Bluebells, scored a good maximum.

Chief scorers: *Bluebells*: R. Walwyn 12, J. Burnett 11, C. Newbold 10, P. Held 8. *Hammers*: P. Roadnight 7, R. Fromant, T. Roberts, J. Parker 8 each.

HAZLEMERE HURRICANES 31 SLOUGH FLYERS 56

Over 300 supporters witnessed a sporting match. The Flyers proved too fast for the Hurricanes and were first in nearly every heat. D. Clemmett, the Flyers' skipper, scored another maximum. Other points scorers were: *Hurricanes*: *Flyers*: Clemmett 12, Swatton 10, Rogers 10.

BERKS AND BUCKS LEAGUE RESULTS

Results: Maidenhead Hammers 35, Wycombe Wildcats 61; Hazlemere Hurricanes 52, Cookham

Cossacks 43; Maidenhead Bluebells 52, Wexham Ghosts 44; Slough Flyers 58, Maidenhead Lions 38; Slough Aces 39, Slough Flyers 54; Wycombe Wildcats 60, Wycombe Boomerangs 35; Cookham Cossacks 53, Maidenhead Hammers 41; Maidenhead Lions 69, Hazlemere Hurricanes 27. "News Chronicle Trophy" — County Final: Drayton Wasps 45, Maidenhead Lions 51.

BALDSLOW BOOMERANGS 49 ROCK-A-NORE ROCKETS 34

Commencing this second leg of the R.A.F.A. Cup with a six-point lead, the Boomerangs did not expect to be unduly pushed to reach the semi-final. The Rocks, however, had other ideas, and although the Boomers had added a further five points on to their lead by the end of Heat 3, a stalemate developed with the next five heats being drawn. Rocks failed to stand the pace and the Boomers won four of the last six heats.

Baldslow: Sanson 10, Howard, Hall 8. *Rockets*: Duly 8, Bailey, Muggridge, White 6.

RIDGE EAGLES 53 HOLLINGTON HAMMERS 30

The Eagles maintained their pressure on the league leaders with this 23-point victory. Gaining a lead of 18—6 after four heats, the Eagles kept the Hammers at bay and finished the match with two maximum heat wins.

Ridge: Gurr 11, Sanders 8. *Hammers*: Harris 8, B. Upton 7.

RED DEVILS 45 RIDGE EAGLES 49

In this return leg Cup match, the Devils gave the Eagles a shock by taking the lead in the initial heat and holding it until Heat 5. By virtue of two 4—2 wins, the Devils brought the scores level in Heat 8. The Eagles drew away with two maximums and maintained their advantage. The aggregate score for the match was: Red Devils 67, Eagles 121.

Devils: C. Morris 9, Martin 7, Harding 6. *Eagles*: Hope 12, Phillips 9, Potter 7.



Winners of the best pairs cup at the Pressed Steel sports were R. Hall (left) and A. Packham (right). With them is their manager, Mr. G. B. Baskerville