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NEW TEAMS AIM HIGH

TWO of East London's newest Speedway teams are taking the eye at present time, writes "Easterner." They are the Bow Street Runners, formed in the Bromley-by-Bow, Stratford, area only six weeks ago, and Dagenham Racers, also a new team.

Both without experience, they are at least full of ideas! Runners returned to London this week-end after spending a week in Lancashire, where, as a result of a recent announcement in "Sports Reporter," four matches were arranged. Runners won two and lost two, but, says secretary George Harris, "the results just didn't matter. All our team arranged a week's holiday for the tour and we rode in Blackpool twice, where, of course, we stayed for a few days, Manchester and Salford."

"What we saw has led us to believe that Cycle Speedway has come to stay up north. We shall enter a league next season and we hope to run at least four teams. Tours will quite definitely be a part of our programme, and we hope to return to Lancashire next summer, next time for a fortnight."

TO RAISE FUNDS

Dagenham Racers team is formed of lads from a local Youth Club, all keen Speedway followers who racked their brains when their club wanted to raise funds for club equipment.

Eight members decided to form a Cycle Speedway team three months ago and take collections on their bomb-site track. The collections, consisting of a few shillings a week, are handed over without deduction to the Youth Club for the equipment fund, and so

far almost nine pounds have been raised. A good effort Racers!

With many riders on holiday, racing has been curtailed in the East London area and only those clubs with ample reserves have been able to keep their fixtures going.

Whipps Cross Comets, Walthamstow Wolves, Stratford Hammers and Mile End Tigers continue to dominate the near East side results.

WINTER RACING

Plans for all-winter racing are now under discussion in the East London camps and in Walthamstow, Leyton, Chingford, Woodford, Dagenham, Tottenham and Edmonton areas, most teams will continue to ride throughout the winter months.



Two familiar figures on the Hastings tracks are these brothers. C. Horris and Terry, his brother, demonstrate how they get the points for the Red Devils

News from Oxford

By Mike Reynolds

CROWD of several hundreds turned up to see the opening of the new track of the Kennington Kestrels. A challenge match took place with the Highfield Boomerangs. A strange track to both teams, no rider could settle down.

Not until Heat Four did Kestrels gain the points majority of a heat, when Denny Matthews and Digger Dowse team riding for two laps, managed a 4-2. C. Moss and M. Price (Boomerangs), one of the best pairs of the meeting, kept the lead in the following heat, getting a 5-1, bringing the Boomerangs' points lead up to eight.

Until now, the timings had been in the 45 second region, but D. Stockford (Boomerangs) who held the record of the Kestrels' previous track, left everybody standing at the gate in his second heat, knocked the timing down to 43.8 seconds, and once again held the Kestrels' record.

By now, the Boomerangs had got a grip of the track, and were maintaining a steady score heat by heat, leading by 20 points at event 10. J. Lawrence and J. Hall (Boomerangs) usually one of the hardest pairs to get by, were split by Barry Jackson (Kestrels). Leading from the gate and beating C. Moss to the bend, Bill Whitcho (Kestrels) sweated down the straights, gaining a quarter of a lap. He finished first, and, at the same time, robbed Stockford of his record by completing the three laps in exactly 43 seconds. Although the teams kept the last three

heats at 3-3, Boomerangs won the meeting 53-31.

Kestrels: Bason Smith 6, Denny Matthews 4, Bry Cox 5, Bill Whitcho 6, Colin Underwood 3, Pat Lamper 3, Digger Dowse 1, Barry Jackson 3.

Boomerangs: Cliff Moss 8, Malcolm Price 10, Dave Stockford 9, R. Chaundy 6, Johnny Lawrence 8, Jimmy Hall 8, B. Brown 4.

DOG BEATS DOG

Baskerville Hounds met the **Cold Arbour Bulldogs** in a challenge match. With two of their top riders, A. Packham and Derrick Mechen, missing, Hounds still presented a strong team. A. Collins (Bulldogs) provided stiff opposition for R. Hall and J. Gillett, and when Hall came off, he led from Gillett and stayed there. M. Davies (Hounds) tried hard in his two rides, but was no match for the stronger and more experienced Bulldogs.

Heat Six, and the Bulldogs were three points in the lead. B. Clarke and R. Allsworth (Hounds) battled with Russell. Allsworth overtook Russell on the straight, Clarke lost his lead to the other Bulldog rider, but the Bulldog overslid to Clarke on the last bend, and the Hounds won a 5-1.

This put them one point in the lead, and with L. Webb and Dennis Mechen gaining another 5-1, the Hounds mounted a steady score for the next five heats, winning the match 46-37. During the meeting L. Webb (Hounds) clocked 40.2 seconds to break the track record.

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HASTINGS REPORTS**Eagles heaviest home defeat**

Ridge Eagles (Hastings) 32
Gem Pirates (Poole) 50

The Pirates maintained their remarkable record when they inflicted upon the Eagles their heaviest home defeat in two seasons. Both teams took considerable time to settle down and the first seven heats all resulted in maximum wins, five of them going to the Pirates. The Eagles then settled down but could do no more than tie the scores in four heats. It was not until the final heat that they could claim major points.

A feature of the Poole team was their fast gating and the ease and speed with which they took the corners. On this showing they are certainly favourites for the National Trophy.

Eagles: Hope 8, Gurr 6, Sanders, Phillips 5, Barton 3, Pepper, Utting 2, Potter 1. *Pirates:* Bennett 11, Gale 9, Dunford 8, Bunter, Parkins 7, Davis 5, Stanley 3, Cave 0.

Red Devils 35
Rock-a-Nore Rockets 48

Minus their opening pair, the Morris brothers, the Red Devils could not continue their recent improvement against the Rocks. After falling two points behind in the second heat, they tied the score in Heat Three, only to fall in arrears again in the succeeding heat. They held the Rockets to four points until Heat 11, when a 5-1 from Rich and Apps started the rot. Rockets won the last three heats 3-2, 4-2 and 4-2.

Devils: T. Harding, Gutsell 7, Knight, Chatfield 6. *Rocks:* Duly 12, Bayley, Rich 9.

Langham Lions 50
East Hill Swifts 33

With their recent acquisition P. Downs, from Hollington, scoring eight points, and with the remainder of the team giving all-round solidity, the Lions thrashed the Swifts severely at Fellowes Road. Only Buckland and Kerridge offered any serious threats to the Lions' supremacy. The

Swifts started off in fine fettle and took an early lead, which they held until the sixth heat. Lions then took the initiative and at Heat 11 held a five-point advantage. The Swifts then collapsed, and in the final three heats Lions scored 15 points to the Swifts' two.

Lions: Burgess 10, Sellens 9, C. Downs, P. Downs 8. *Swifts:* Buckland 10, Kerridge 7.

Rock-a-Nore Rockets 52
Hollington Hammers 32

An injury-depleted Hammers' team proved no match for the vastly improved Rocks, who won nine of the 14 heats, with four heats tied. The sole Hollington win was in Heat Five. The Hammers held the Rocks to two points until Heat Six, and then the rot set in and it was a question of how many the Rockets could make their total.

Rocks: Apps 11, Benton, White 9, Duly, Bayley 8. *Hammers:* Harris 10, Spray 7.

Hollington Hammers 44
Ridge Eagles 40

The Eagles dropped two valuable points in their battle for the League championship in this match with the injury-riddled Hammers. With their riders with wrists encased in plaster and with badly swollen knees, the Hammers scored their win of the season. The home team took the lead in the first heat and held it until Heat Five, when a maximum score from the Pepper-Gurr pair gave the Eagles their initial advantage of the night. Heat Eight saw the Hammers' score their first maximum and re-take the lead. After two drawn heats, the Hammers increased their lead with a 4-2 in Heat 11. Eagles then brought the scores level in the succeeding heat, but Spray and H. Upton put Hollington four points up when they scored a 5-1 from Barton and Utting, who got tangled up entering the second

lap. With Harris and B. Upton being content with the minor placings in the final heat, victory went to the Hammers.

Hammers: Harris 11, Spray 9, Gurr 11, Petter 8.

Shirley Bombers 45
A Hastings Select 39

Bombers: Rogers 8, Haile 7, Smith 6, Quarrell 5, Cole 4, Hooper, Wood, Winter.

Hastings: Bourner 10, Sansom 9, Hunt 8, Palmer 5, Clack 3, Harding, Knight 2.

East Hill Swifts 41
Ridge Eagles 41

In this battle between the League leaders and their most formidable contenders, the lead was constantly changing hands. With two heats to go, the Eagles held a four point lead. Two successive 4-2 heat wins by the Swifts gave the home side a division of match points and heightened their chances of depriving the Eagles of League honours. Buckland gained a fine maximum for the Swifts and was backed up well by Kerridge, who dropped his only point to Hope in Heat Two.

Swifts: Buckland 12, Kerridge 11, B. Ingram 8. *Eagles:* Pepper, Hope 10.

Coventry and District Results

Adderley Aces 54 (Rogers 11); Red House Lions 29 (G. Lissaman, Gardner 8).

Binley Bees 59 (D. Savage 12); Longford Hounds 25 (Williams 7).

Cheylesmore Flyers 49 (Floyd 9); Meadow Monarchs 35 (Stockley 9).

Walsgrave Wallabies 49 (Allibone 12); Radford Rockets 35 (M. Johnston, McIlwain 7).

Devonshire Devils 56 (White 12); Stoke Swifts 28 (Widlake 8).

Fletchamstead Phantoms 57½ (Tomkins 12); Sadler Stars 26½ (Adcock 10).

NEWS FROM OXFORD

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JET-PROPELLED

In the trophy match between the *Grandpont Cobras* and the *Cold Arbour Bulldogs*, the Bulldogs won. At the same time, in a four sided match between *Osney Falcons*, *Botley Monarchs*, *Baskerville Hounds* and *Y.M.C.A.*, the Baskerville Hounds won.

Jets by name and nature, the *Peat Moor Jets* certainly move off the starting gate. On Friday in their challenge match they scored nine 5-1s, and only once failed to gain the points majority of a heat. Outstanding team riding kept them well in the lead, and good knowledge of cornering gained several yards at the bends.

R. Young scored his maximum, and was given no real opposition during the whole meeting. Jimmy Whitlock and G. Impey were definitely top in cornering. Missing his maximum by only one point, Ivor Saunders, paired with Impey, proved a very formidable rider and a great asset to the team.

N. Childs and Noel Kinch were up to their usual standard, as was M. Smith, even after an accident to a hand. Johnny Pledge, reserve for the team, found form and rode well with Smith.

Fletchamstead Phant. 57½
Sadler Stars 26½

The Phantoms with one of their best riders missing started off on the right foot after the summer holidays.

Stars put on a good show with two riders missing.

Throughout the match, there was only one rider disqualified. He was J. Stokes, who rode over the line. Tompkins and Lee had bad luck not to get their maximum as a pair. Lee overslid on the bend and Adcocks, of the Stars, saw his opportunity. He slipped through into second place.

Phantoms: Tompkins 12, Morgan 8, Manning 8, Lee 8, Adams 8.

Stars: Adcocks 10, Greatorex 6.