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REPORTS FROM CLUBS IN THE
HASTINGS AND DISTRICT MATCHES

They've Played 28 And Lost The Lot

East Hill Swifts 64
Sthn. Rlwy. Hawks 20

Swifts had a runaway victory in their race for the League Championship against the unfortunate Hawks. Hawks are bottom of the League, with the unenviable record of failing to win a League encounter in 28 matches. The Swifts gained 10 maximum heat wins. The Hawks could only share the points in the remaining two heats. B. Ingram, newly-promoted reserve in the Swifts' side, rattled up a well-earned maximum. Another match maximum came from Crash-a-Day Wickens. This was the first match for a long time in which he has completed the full four laps in each of his four races.

The Hawks reserve, Vidler, shared the doubtful honour of being his side's top scorer. *Swifts:* Wickens 12, B. Ingram 12, Buckland 10, K. Ingram 9. *Hawks:* B. Biles 4, Vidler 4.

Individual Championship (Final)

An evening of good racing mixed with bad, a new track record, and a popular winner of the first championship, sums up the Final of the 1950 Hastings Individual Championship.

The meeting opened sensationally when Gurr, a fancied candidate, was left badly at the gate and failed to make up lost ground. Apps won the first race to make him favour-

ite by the half-way stage of the meeting. In Heat 8, the hope of the Hallington supporters, Tommy Harris, set up a new track record of 50.6sec. At the half-way mark Apps led with nine points. He was followed by Buckland (Swifts) eight and Burgess and Downs (both of Langham Lions) seven. In Heat 15, Apps was beaten into fourth place, Buckland taking the lead with a second in the same heat.

Two heats later, Buckland won from White and Utting to become the first holder of the trophy. A tie was recorded for third place between Apps and Harris. In the match race decider, Harris won by half a lap.

Full point scorers.—Buckland (*East Hill Swifts*) 13, Gurr (*Ridge Eagles*) 11, Harris (*Hollington Hammers*), Apps (*Rock-a-Nore Rockets*) 10, Potter (*Eagles*), Downs (*Langham Lions*) 9, Sanders (*Eagles*), Burgess (*Lions*), Rayley (*Rockets*), Mope (*Eagles*) 7, Pepper (*Eagles*), Morris (*Red Devils*) 6, White (*Rockets*), Rolf (*Lions*) 5, Utting (*Eagles*) 4, Groves (*Sidley Cyclones*) 3.

Hastings League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
East Hill	29	21	1	7	43
Ridge E.	25	19	2	4	40
Baldslow B.	28	19	0	9	38
Hollington	30	18	0	12	36
Rock-a-Nore	30	17	0	13	34
Langham L.	29	14	2	13	30
Sidley C.	24	6	3	15	15
Red Devils	28	7	0	21	14
Sthn. Rly.	28	0	0	28	0

On-Form Cyclones Beat The Devils

Sidley Cyclones 52
Red Devils 32

The Cyclones gained a double over the Red Devils at the Buckholt Lane circuit last Saturday. Despite the 20-point final advantage, the Cyclones' racing was of the highest order during the whole evening.

The match was still in doubt after Heat 10, when the home riders held an eight-point lead. The score then read 34-26. Then came disaster for the visitors when they surrendered the three succeeding heats to the Cyclones, all by maximum margins. The final heat was tied. For the Cyclones, Christmas dropped his only point of the evening to Chatfield in Heat 2. A notable surprise was the failure of P. Brett, the Sidley cap, who could muster only two points from his evening's endeavours. For the Devils, Gutsell rode hard for his total of nine points. He received good support from Chatfield.

Cyclones: Christmas 11, Gladman 10, Groves 10. *Devils:* Gutsell 9, Chatfield 7, T. Harding 6.

Baldslow Boomerangs 48
Ridge Eagles 48

Although holding the Eagles to a draw, the Boomerangs lost this semi-final tie on aggregate. Their visitors brought a 23-point lead with them from the first leg. After the Eagles claimed a 4-2 win in the first heat, the next eight were all divided at three-all. Baldslow brought the scores level in Heat 10, when Howard and

Bourner scored major points over Hope and Sanders. Sanders had a poor match, his sole point was gained in Heat Six. Despite the fact that Baldslow had lost all hope of reaching the final of the Cup, they continued to press the Eagles. Their efforts were rewarded when they won Heats 12 (4-2) and 13 (5-1). Ridge hit back, taking the two succeeding heats. With Sansom winning the 16th and final heats from Gurr and Hope, the match was tied. The Eagles now meet either Langham Lions or Sidley Cyclones in the final.

Boomerangs: Sansom 10, Hall 8, Howard 7. *Eagles:* Hope 11, Phillips 9, Gurr 8, Utting 8.

Red Devils 33
Sidley Cyclones 50

This match meant a lot to these teams, for both are lowly placed in the League.

The Cyclones richly deserved their victory. They were faster from the gate in every heat and showed far greater speed in the straight. Falls upset the Devils, whose riders fell five times. Usually two of their leading scorers, C. Morris and Harding, could do no more than scrape seven points between them. As a result, only Gutsell remained a danger to the visitors. Morris did, however, inflict the only defeat of the evening on Brett. Christmas remained unbeaten by a home rider.

Devils: Gutsell 8, T. Morris 6. *Cyclones:* Brett 11, Christmas 11, Carey 10.

Speedway Racing at DUDLEY WOOD STADIUM

Next Meetings

Every
Monday

Fleetwood - Monday, Sept. 11
Yarmouth - Monday, Sept. 18

at
7.45

B.B.C. To Record Speed Cycle Match

A MATCH to be raced on the Temple Mills Track, home of Whipps Cross Comets, leading East London side, is to be recorded by the B.B.C. for future use in a sporting programme, writes "Easterner."

Team - manager Johnny Brown received a written request from the B.B.C. features department last week for permission for a recording van to visit the track and the recording will probably be made during the last week of this month.

Comets, despite losing Brown to the services, are still one of the strongest teams in the East London area.

Clubs taking part in the Edmonton and district League will shortly be commencing their long winter programme. A Winter League will be part of the programme.

SCOTS TO VISIT

The Scottish touring team which successfully visited southern counties this season is to be invited to East London next summer. Arrangements are in hand for a num-

ber of Test and representative matches. In addition, challenge matches with several leading London teams will be arranged.

COMETS IN FINAL

Beating Forest Aces on a 112-104 aggregate after two hard matches, Whipps Cross Comets qualified for the final of the West Essex trophy last week. Final will be staged next week.

Johnny Orlendi (Streatham Panthers) was beaten in two straight runs by the outstanding East London rider Dave Smith (Hackney), when the two met in the long discussed match race at Hackney Marshes on Sunday.

Return match takes place at Streatham on Sunday and if a decider is necessary, a neutral track will be used.