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LET'S LOOK AT IT THIS WAY.

Hello Everyone,

Here we are with issue number three of South Western Post.

As we go to press the National Amateur Cycle Speedway Association seems to have hit big trouble. After repeated - and definitely unfounded - criticism, Secretary John Leith has resigned. Mr. Leith has been instrumental in holding the Association together for some time. Without his guiding influence I can foresee trouble a-plenty in the N.A.C.S.A. camp.

Further news from the Bristol Corporation indicates that the Lions will soon be the owners of a new car park, tarmaced terraces, changing rooms and covered pits. The Lions are sharing the cost of this development scheme and if it actually comes off, it will make the Bristol track one of the finest in the country.

See you next month.

THE EDITOR

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Dave Massey begins his history of the Bristol Lions.

Ross Martakies looks back over the riding career of Ken Worlock.

John Wright begins part two of his life story.

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THE NEIL TULLBERG COLUMN

Since my last column various things have been going on in Bristol Cycle Speedway. After poor performances against Bucklebury Robins and Poole Tigers at Bristol, the Bristol team has now been rearranged and has settled down extremely well. The new pairings are as follows: Mike Dyer and Trevor Goverd, Dave Massey and Phil Sposito, Bob Martin and Rob Withers. Reserves - Mike Curtis and Neil Tullberg.

The idea of putting strong riders in 7 and 8 positions is to fill any gaps left by off-form first team riders.

This team ran Poole close at Upton on May 24th., pulling back eight points in two successive heats. It did not have the overall strength to win the match. The week after that, eight of our riders went to Poole for the third round of the National Individual Championships. Six qualified - skipper Dave Massey won the round with a fifteen point max. - Mike Dyer, Mike Curtis, Trevor Goverd, Neil Tullberg, Bob Martin and Dave Massey got through.

Offerton Devils, the National Champions of 1962, visited us on June 7th for a second round tie of the National Senior Team Championship. With both Vic Hinchliffe and Derek Garnett in the team, Offerton took the lead in heat one and never lost it. Bristol did manage to pull back six points to level the scores by heat thirteen but Offerton pulled up a point and won the nominated 5-1.

British League club, Hellingly Lions (Eastbourne) have asked Bristol for home and away challenge matches. Probable dates are August 15th at Hellingly and October 4th at Bristol. Bristol have also been asked to ride against Bournemouth. The match will take place at Oakdale Road, probably on August 2nd.

SOUTHAMPTON

DICES



ROUND AND ABOUT with DAVE ROBINSON

Bristol, with a population of over half a million, can boast only one major cycle speedway track. In comparison with our South coast neighbours, Southampton, population 200,000, this is not very encouraging, Southampton has three tracks and many teams and riders.

The Provincia s Cycle Speedway Club ride on a Council built and maintained track. For that matter, so do many other clubs in this country. So why, why, why, must Bristol always be behind the times and be last to get anything done?

It is time that the Bristol Corporation showed some interest in amateur sport. Athletics and cycling have been neglected, so have Cycle Speedway and bowling.

It was the same with the motor cycle speedway at Knowle Stadium. If the Council had bought the Stadium as a municipal Sports centre, it would have made a profit and also have given a reprieve to the speedway team. But no! They delayed too long and finally lost their chance, much to the annoyance of a large section of the Bristol public.

But, at last, it looks as though something might be done. The Corporation has started to fence off the Lions track. All that has been done so far is that a fence six foot high and twelve feet long has been erected at the Oakdale Road end of the track. It does not look as though they are in a hurry to finish it - work began two weeks ago and there is still much to be done but, IT IS AT LEAST A START.

Dave Massey the Bristol captain told me that when the track is properly fenced off the Corporation is to construct a car park, covered pits and tarmaced terraces. A refreshment room and changing room block is also in the planning stage. These improvements will make Bristol one of the finest tracks in the country.

Earlier in the season I said that Bristol was losing its riders and supporters but I am now happy to say that they have regained some of the fans and that some of the old riders are coming back.

Terry Buckingham has been persuaded to rejoin the Lions and will start riding as soon as his bike is delivered to him. The Lions can do with this experienced rider as they have only managed four league points at the time of writing.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH.

SNIPPET

Teams competing in the Poole Cycle Speedway League in 1950 were:- Gem Pirates, Parkstone Devils, Rossmore Tigers, Wareham Dragons, Ringwood Aces, Pennington Jets, Bashley Broadsiders, Langley Lions, Lawrence Saints, East Boldre Spitfires and Totton Tigers.

Gem Pirates won the challenge Cup Final after a close match with Parkstone Devils. Teams - GEM: J.Dale, J.Dunford, R.Bunter, J.Stanley, P.Bennett, F.Parkins, V.Cave, A.Davis. PARKSTONE : D.Gunn, W.Gunshon, N.Murray, H.Murray, G.Yarwood, G.Archer, M.Poore, M.McCarthy.

JOHN WRIGHT LOOKS BACK

During the early 50's there were many cycle speedway teams in and around Bristol. One of these teams existed at my home, Chew Stoke, a small village some eight miles south of Bristol.

At that time I was only a lad of around ten or twelve and, not knowing much about C/S, was unaware that any teams existed apart from Clutton Pirates and a team from nearby Bishop Sutton. To me these daring boys were something to be seen as they blazed around their cinder track on a Sunday afternoon. I longed to have a go but it was not to be as these skid-kids (as they were known at that time) were a toughish bunch and did not consider that I was big enough or old enough to participate in their rough and tumble activities.

Most Sundays it was the same old village team, racing against each other. This was mainly due to the fact that they had a reputation of being a "terrible team" who would resort to almost any tactics in order to win. It was not surprising that other teams rarely visited Chew Stoke.

Many times my friends and I would arrive at Knowle Stadium by coach to find the terribles racing around the car park, as if riding in from the country was not enough. During the interval of a Speedway meeting one week, C/S was held on the centre green. It was the first team I had seen outside of Chew Stoke. One of the stars on parade was a young rider by the name of Ken Worlock. I was struck by his fine riding, although the terribles were heard to say that "they could beat any one of that lot any time". As time went on a slump in Speedway came about, which forced the Bulldogs to close down through lack of support.

This, in turn, affected C/S in all areas. It was not until then, when the Chew Stoke track was rarely used, that a friend and myself ventured onto the cinder circuit to try our luck. About three laps and as many falls later I decided that I was no good and I gave up. Admittedly, the track was very rough and would never have complied with any present day grading system. So things remained dead for several years, until 1959, when a big Speedway revival started in the form of Mike Parkers Pirate League (later to become the Provincial League).

Bristol Speedway also reopened, which naturally revived an interest in Cycle Speedway. At Chew Stoke a group of enthusiasts led by myself, held a meeting and decided to dig up the old track and relay it. Then we set about forming a team. Everything went according to plan. We built a reasonable sort of track and a good team followed. But up cropped a snag, although I made many enquiries I could not locate any teams in Bristol who we could race against.

Owing to this the team gradually lost interest and drifted apart. If only I had started a year later when things became more organised, I honestly think that my team would have whipped any team Bristol could produce. Later I partly proved this by introducing another Chew Stoke boy - Mike Tucker - to the Arnos Eagles team and as I said at the time, I could have produced two as good but unfortunately they both had other commitments that would have prevented them from racing regularly away from home.

NEXT MONTH I GO TO HUNGERFORD.

BRISTOL SCENE by AVON

Ex Drayton and Arnos rider, Steve Fraser, has been riding in the Lions practice meetings. He has also been travelling about with the team.

Dave Robinson nearly jumped out of his skin when a large bumble bee started buzzing around in Ross Martakies' car on the way down to Poole. Ross nearly drove through a hedge trying to avoid the bee and Dave dived for the floor until the danger had passed.

A very puzzled looking bee finally decided that the time was ripe for a quick exit.

Phew!

Bristol skipper, Dave Massey, got a mention in the Newport Speedway programme recently.

A collection box containing three pounds in loose change was stolen from the announcers box at Bristol during the match against Minster Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge attended Bristols N.T.C. match against Offerton and met Manchester test team manager, Fred Ashtonhurst. Fred had only decided to come down the day before but he was greatly impressed by the Lions track.

Whether they are riding or not, a couple of coach loads of Bristol Lions will be making the trip to Hungerford on August Monday. Should be fun!

BRISTOL LIONS RIDERS AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Averages</u>
Bob Martin	63	8	7.9
Dave Massey	59	8	7.4
Trevor Goverd	45	7	6.4
Neil Tullberg	53	8	5.7
Dave Roman	9	2	5.5
Mike Dyer	43	8	5.4
Phil Sposito	32	6	5.3
Mike Curtis	42	8	5.3
Rob Withers	27	6	4.5
Richard Hellin	2	1	2.0

(Averages taken from Southern League, St.Johns Cup, National Team Championship and Leicester challenge match).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Littlemore	4	4	0	0	222	160	8
Poole	5	4	0	1	271	227	8
Swindon	5	4	0	1	220 $\frac{1}{2}$	161 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
Bucklebury	4	3	0	1	195	188	6
Bristol	5	2	0	3	255	196	4
Southampton V.	2	1	0	1	102	90	2
Provincials	1	1	0	0	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Minster Lovell	7	0	0	7	293	378	0
Great Milton	4	0	0	4	122	259	0

HERE AND THERE IN THE SOUTH AND WEST

PLYMOUTH

At the moment there is no cycle speedway racing in Plymouth. A group of enthusiasts are trying to rake up enough teams to form a league but several of the old Plymouth riders are riding in the Devon County League.

Ex Hornets rider, Pete Cooke, was hoping to ride in the Southern League but the travelling ruled that out. Instead, he is riding for Shaldon Kestrels.

Pete has promised to keep South Western Post readers informed about any Cycle Speedway activities in the Plymouth district.

All South Western fans will be interested to learn that Eric Abbott is now living in Frome, Somerset. Eric is taking a great interest in Bristol Cycle Speedway.

NEWPORT

With motor cycle Speedway making such a big hit in the Monmouthshire town, the local lads have been quick to pick up information about Cycle Speedway. Several junior teams are operating in the area but, as yet, no organised league has been formed.

Speedway promoter, Charles Foot, is taking a great interest in the sport and a C/S competition is being planned for later in the season. Full details next month.

BATH

A junior team has been formed in Bath. Two of the local riders visited Bristol recently for a second half spin. They were given a trial in a Lions junior match and both impressed.

The Bath team could be in a position to ride junior challenge matches with any team before very long.

SOUTHAMPTON NOTES by BARRIE PALMER.

One of the highlights of May was Southamptons Grand Prix at Shirley. Riders from all parts of the country participated but honours went to local riders. Winner was Dave Butcher with fourteen points, second was Colin Wheeler after a run off with Wally Dighton (Beckenham), both scoring twelve points.

Talking of Colin Wheeler, this Southampton speedster obtained second place at Leicester in the Minors Derby over Whitsun, behind Ken Adams. Colin must surely be destined to become National Champion some day.

Four Provincials travelled to Cleverton on Whit Monday for the Youth Championship with reasonable success. Barrie Palmer managed third place behind Graham Swann and Dave Scutts of Swindon. But for a questionable stewarding decision and bike trouble, Mick Lyon would have surely been up with the leaders.

Match of the month was undoubtedly the Hampshire v Middlesex encounter at Uxbridge. The lead changed hands throughout the match and the final result was the fairest - 48-48. In the nominated, Dixie Dean led with Bill Punter third. Colin Wheeler had worked his way into second place but knew he had to win to save the match, the score after fifteen heats was 45-45. With two laps to go Wheeler was nearly half a lap behind but made up the deficit to burst through on the last bend to take first place.

Southampton Saints have finally achieved their aim, they defeated old rivals, Bournemouth, at Ilford Lane, Tucton, by 50-46. Funny thing though, they had the same team that lost by twenty points to the Viscounts only a month ago. On May 24th the Vikings were considering playing Great Milton at water polo instead of Cycle Speedway. Needless to say, the track was waterlogged, by a tremendous storm about an hour before the start. The Oxfordshire team returned home after a fruitless journey.

National Individual rounds were held at the Sports Centre and Swaythling (Vikings) a few weeks ago. Barrie Palmer and Colin Wheeler were the respective winners.

Sports Centre: 1st. B.Palmer 15 pts, 2nd. M.Lyon, 3rd R.Dix,
4th Richardson.

Swaythling: 1st C.Wheeler 15 points, 2nd J.Mills, 3rd D.Dennis.

By the way, Hampshire Juniors defeated Middlesex Juniors at Uxbridge by 58-38, very good match too. The return is at the sports centre on August 8th.

The Bert Croucher Trophy was completed in the midst of a thunder storm and this did not help the state at the Sports Centre. Dices riders took the first three places in fine style with another filling fifth position.

Result: R.Dix 14; G.Leale 13, B.Palmer 12, R.Williams 11, M.Lyon 10,
M.Smith 9, P.Chambers 9, B.Barrow 9, G.Mintrum 9.

This was the last match at the Sports Centre for a while because a gas main is being laid beneath it and consequently the track will be ripped up. The whole track will then be relaid with a new concrete grid.

RESULTS

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE.

DRAGONS 41 : Allan 11, Pearce 7, Barrow 7, O'Connell 7.

DICES 47 : Dix 14, Lyon 12, Leale 11.

DRAGONS 46½ : Head 12, Barrow 12, Smith 10.

LIONHEARTS 37½ : Hobbs 14, Bonner 12, Meech 7.

ACES 41 : Williams 12, Mintrum 10, Vear 9.

LIONHEARTS 49 : Wheeler 13, Bonner 12.

DRAGONS 51 : Allan 14, Head 12, Barrow 8.

ACES 39 : Richardson 13, Mintrum 10, Williams 8.

DICES 63 : Lyon 15, R.Dix 13, Leale 13.

ACES 27 : Richardson 10, Christopher 6.

CHALLENGE.

SOUTHAMPTON 58 : Souh 15, Vernam 11.

PROVINCIALS 38 : Lyon 10, Bonner 7, Hobbs 6.

DEVON COUNTY LEAGUE by RON VAULTER

The Shaldon Kestrels rode their first home league match of the season against the Exeter Eagles and this resulted in a resounding win for the home team.

SHALDON 50: B.Farrell 11, L.Locke 11, P.Neale 8, M.Leaman, R.Gooch 7, P.Cooke 4, J.Cartkew 2.

EXETER 28 : D.Fairchild 11, T.Cornell, B.Bradbur, A.Trump, R.Webber 4, E.Back 1, B.White 0.

At the moment the league positions are: Exeter Aces 'A', Shaldon Kestrels, Exeter Eagles, Exeter Aces 'B', Exeter Pirates and Exeter Wolves. A league table will appear in the next edition.

It was the battle of the young ones on the Shaldon track when the Shaldon Juniors rode a six a side match. The match was enjoyed by all and a return will be ridden at Dawlish. I am giving a Cup to the winning team, on two away and two home matches, during July and August. It is very encouraging to see the junior interest in the Devon area...

SHALDON JUNIORS 38 : R.Farrell 11, M.Farrell 10, J.Towill 8, L.Newton 5, G. O'Connell 2, G.Newton 2.

DAWLISH JUNIORS 34 : R.Gooch 10, M.Leaman 8, W.Coombs 8, J.Hunt 3, R.Roden 3, D.Garvis 2.

The return challenge at

Dawlish was a reverse result and The Demons won by 47 to 30.

A four a side tournament was held at the Dawlish track, and was won by the home team.

RESULT : DAWLISH 36

STARCROSS 26

SHALDON 20

DAWLISH WARREN 17

Second Bend at Bristol



POST RACING SECTION

May 3rd

BOURNEMOUTH 82 CLEVERTON 25

(Gold Cup)

Cleverton visited Bournemouth on Sunday May 3rd and were well and truly beaten in a first round Gold Cup match. Only Spark Telling and Graham Fletcher showed anything like their true form and both Vic Brown and veteran Jackson had a complete off day. Potter was well below form.

In the reserve match, Cleverton fared little better. Both Brown and Jackson stepped down into the reserves but the home side ran out winners.

BOURNEMOUTH: G.Moffatt 14, M.Pretty 13, J.White 11, H.Baker 11,
K.Stillwell 11, J.Kiddie 10, P.Thorne 8, G.Still 6.

CLEVERTON H: S.Telling 8, G.Fletcher 6, J.Humphries 3, C.Potter 3,
R.Jackson 2, R.Snook 2, P.Curtis 1, V.Brown 1.

BOURNEMOUTH RES. 50 : P.Barnes 12, D.Lilly 12, P.Thorne 12, G.Still 9,
C.Shearing 7, R.Hamson 2,

CLEVERTON H. RES.22: R.Jackson 6, G.Fletcher 5, R.Snook 4, R.Payne 3,
V.Brown 3, P.Curtis 1.

MOONRAKER

May 10th

NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS RND. 2

(Vikings)

Vikings first team regular, Rod Mills, steamrollered his way through all the opposition to win this Junior round at Southampton. He scored a fifteen point maximum. Pete Hobbs was second and Dave Roman (Bristol) and Graham Wheeler (Provincials) joint third.

Roman beat Wheeler in heat fifteen and also had a hard tussle with Keith Burton in heat four. Graham Leale had a fine win over Alan Williams to his credit and Bristols Richard Hellin narrowly beat Wheeler in a real cracker.

SCORERS: R.Mills (Vikings) 13, P.Hobbs (Provincials) 13, D.Roman (Bristol) 12, G.Wheeler (Provincials) 12, A.Williams (Provincials) 11, G.Leale (Provincials) 10, K.Burton (Vikings) 10, R.Hellin (Bristol) 9, B.Bowers (Vikings) 7, M.Brown (Bristol) 5.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 17th

BRISTOL 43 POOLE 52

(Southern League)

Bristol fell away after the interval and lost their Southern League match against Poole by 52 points to 43.

Rob Withers was making a comeback after injury. He failed to impress and scored only two points. Second reserve, Neil Tullberg, rode the rapidly drying track well and beat Barnes and Bright in heat five. He went on to tie for top scorers position with former Drayton rider, Bob Martin, who was riding in his first league match for Bristol.

BRISTOL: B.Martin, N.Tullberg 8, M.Dyer 7, D.Massey 6, T.Goverd, M.Curtis,
P.Sposito 4, R.Withers 2.

POOLE : D.Lilly 14, D.Watkins, D.Tarr 10, G.Brown, A.Bright 6,
G.Maidment 3, P.Barnes 4, A.Dominey 0.

May 17th

BRISTOL 44 UXBRIDGE 52

(St. Johns Cup)

Uxbridge, led by veteran Bill Punter, coasted to a comfortable win in a first round St. Johns Cup match at Oakdale Road.

Bristol were losing by 14 points after seven heats but two consecutive 5-1 scores brought them to within striking distance of the Pirates.

Some fine riding by Dixie Dean, Bill Punter and Johnnie King soon pulled the visitors out of trouble and they won by eight points.

BRISTOL : B.Martin 11, T.Goverd 11, D.Massey 8, M.Dyer 6, N.Tullberg 5,
M.Curtis 2, R.Withers 1, P.Sposito 0.

UXBRIDGE : D.Dean 10, J.King 9, B.Harper 7, B.Punter 6, J.Unsworth 6,
V.Jones 5, E.Norris 5, G.Pearce 4.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 18th

LEICESTER 44 BRISTOL 28

(Challenge match)

The Lions lost their under eighteen match with Leicester. They were trailing by only six points at the interval but they fell away in the second half and lost the last four heats 17-7.

Bob Martin rode well. He was the only rider to beat Leicesters Ian Gibson and he did so in 46.8 seconds, one of the fastest times of the afternoon. Bristols only heat win came in the fifth heat when Neil Tullberg and Bob Martin beat Harvey and Gibson for a 4-2.

LEICESTER : I.Gibson 11, W.Burns 10, G.Warwick 9, R.West 7, G.Bamford 3,
S.Cobley 3, D.Harvey 1.

BRISTOL : B.Martin 7, D.Massey 6, M.Curtis 5, M.Dyer 4, N.Tullberg 4,
R.Hellin 2, G.Watt 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 18th

MINORS DERBY (Leicester).

Bristols Phil Sposito came seventh in the Minors Derby at Leicester. Leicester rider, Ken Adams, scored a fifteen point maximum to win first place and Southampton's Colin Wheeler was second. Spositos wins included heat victories over John White and Ray Swinchatt.

SCORERS : K.Adams (Leicester) 15, C.Wheeler (Southampton Vikings) 14,
R.Ellis (Wolverhampton) 10, J.Knock (Leicester) 10, J.Sanderson (Leic) 10,
J.Bailey (Manchester) 9, D.Collins (Tottenham) 8, P.Sposito (Bristol) 8,
J.White (Bournemouth) 6, C.Warren (Leicester) 6, P.Rennie (Manchester) 5,
P.Bury (Manchester) 5, J.Cobbin (Tottenham) 4, R.Foy (S.London) 4,
R.Swinchatt (Hawbush) 4, G.Moffatt (Bournemouth) 3, B.Thompson (B'ham) 0.

TREVOR GOVERD

May 23rd

BRISTOL 45 BUCKLEBURY 51

(Southern League)

With Basil Hurst and Robin Sellwood riding on top form, Bucklebury slammed the Lions by six points.

Bristol snatched the lead in the first heat when Dyer and Goverd scored a 4-2. They held on to this advantage until heat 11, when

Bucklebury pulled level with a 5-1 from Clark and Naylor after Sposito had fallen.

The Robins forged ahead in the next heat but were leading by only two points at the nominated. In the decider, Hurst and Sellwood beat Tullberg and Goverd for a 5-1.

BRISTOL : B.Martin 10, T.Goverd 8, N.Tullberg 7, M.Dyer 6, P.Sposito 5,
D.Massey 5, M.Curtis, R.Withers 2.

BUCKLEBURY : B.Hurst, R.Sellwood 11, T.Clark 8, C.Wootton 6, J.Naylor,
Pauling, M.Watts 5, Braybrook 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 24th

POOLE 53 BRISTOL 43
(Southern League)

Some first class riding by Dave Tarr, Dennis Lilly and Pete Barnes helped Poole Tigers to a 53-43 win over Bristol in a Southern League match at Upton. The Poole first strings dropped only two points between them.

Bristol were trailing by twelve points after eight heats but two consecutive 5-1 scores by Phil Sposito and Neil Tullberg and by Massey and Curtis, brought them to within four points of Poole.

Bristol held on until the nominated heat, when Tarr and Lilly beat Curtis and Tullberg from the gate and scored a comfortable 5-1.

POOLE : D.Lilly 15, D.Tarr 14, P.Barnes 11, A.Bright 5, G.Brown 4,
D.Watkins 3, K.Maidment 2, A.Dominey 0.

BRISTOL : D.Massey 8, N.Dyer, B.Martin, N.Tullberg 6, T.Goverd, P.Sposito
5, R.Withers 4, M.Curtis 3.

DAVE ROBINSON

May 31st

POOLE 45 SWINDON 50
(Southern League)

Poole lost their first home league match for as long as I can remember, when they lost to the battling Swindon Eagles at Ropers Lane, Upton.

Mike Richards and Graham Swann were in a dominant mood and they received sound backing from the entire team. Dave Tarr and Pete Barnes were the best for the Tigers but reserve Alwyn Dominey continued his improved riding with a well deserved eight points.

On this form Swindon will take some stopping in the battle for Southern League honours.

POOLE : D.Tarr 10, P.Barnes 10, A.Dominey 8, D.Watkins 7, D.Lilly 5,
G.Brown 3, A.Bright 2, T.Hunt 0

SWINDON : M.Richards 13, G.Swann 12, D.Scutts 8, R.Morse 6, B.Merrett 5,
K.Johnson 5, M.Hughes 1, C.Fenwick 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 24th

BUCKLEBURY 23 SWINDON 13 (Abandoned)
(Southern League)

After losing only one previous match, Swindon arrived at Bucklebury hoping for another win and two more match points. The match finally began fifty minutes late and in heat six the steward stopped the meeting.

The track had a 5 inch thick top layer of cinder and dirt although it is normal practice for most tracks to race with less than 1 inch. As the riders rode around, they sank into the track. Racing deteriorates and the riders tired easily.

Swindon will put up with most conditions and the team said afterwards that they were not cowards. They tried to ride on the track but found racing impossible.

MADELINE MORSE

May 31st NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (SENIOR) Rnd. 3
(Poole)

Bristol captain, Dave Massey, scored a faultless fifteen point maximum to win the Poole round of the National Individual Championships. Poole reserve, Alwyn Dominey, was the surprise of the meeting. He finished in joint second position with twelve points, tying with Bristols Neil Tullberg.

Swindons Dave Scutts also rode well. His three heat wins included victories over Ray Morse and Neil Tullberg. Dave Watkins had all the bad luck going. He fell in two of his races and was excluded at the gate in another.

The top ten qualified, two going forward as reserves.

SCORERS : D.Massey (Bristol) 15, A.Dominey (Poole) 12, N.Tullberg (Bristol) 12, D.Scutts (Swindon) 11, T.Goverd (Bristol) 11, M.Curtis (Bristol) 11, R.Morse (Swindon) 8, B.Martin (Bristol) 7, M.Dyer (Bristol) 7, H.Hughes (Swindon) 6, P.Sposito (Bristol) 5, D.Watkins (Poole) 5, A.Hunt (Poole) 4, D.Robinson (Bristol) 2, P.Gregory (Southampton Vikings) 2, T.Bonner (Provincials) 0, B.Barrow (Provincials) 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

May 31st NATIONAL INDIVIDUALS (JUNIOR) RND. 3
(Wembley)

At Wembley, home rider Chris Hunt, won the round with fourteen points. He was beaten only by Pete Hobbs. Bristol juniors, Richard Hellin and Michael Brown, both qualified for the next round.

SCORERS : C.Hunt (Wembley) 14, K.Jago (East Ham) 13, P.Hobbs (Prov.) 13, D.Worthington (Raynes Park) 12, R.Watters (Wembley) 11, P.Sargood (Uxbridge) 9, V.Hockley (Estuary) 9, E.Blanche (Wembley) 7, R.Hellin (Bristol) 7, M.Brown (Bristol) 6, B.Vaughan (Wembley) 6, J.Grant (Uxbridge) 5.

A big disappointment was the non arrival of the Poole and Southampton riders.

DAVE MONKS AND ROB WITHERS

June 14th SOUTHERN LEAGUE - FIRST ROUND
(Vikings)

Ernie Randle won Vikings round of the Southern League Riders Championship with a fifteen point maximum. Rod Mills was second and his only defeats came at the hands of Dennis Lilly (Poole) and Neil Tullberg (Bristol).

SCORERS: E.Randle (Vik.) 15, R.Mills (Vik.) 12, N.Tullberg (Bristol) 11, D.Lilly (Poole) 11, D.Scutts (Swindon) 8, P.Hobbs (Prov.) 8, B.Martin (Bristol) 8, M.Dyer (Bristol) 8, P.Barnes (Poole) 6, P.Chambers (Prov.) 6, A.Bright (Poole) 6, R.Morse (Swindon) 5, K.Johnson (Swindon) 2, I.Walker (Vik) 2, D.Wyatt (Prov) 1.

ROSS MARTAKIES

June 7th

BRISTOL 45 OFFERTON 50

(N.T.C. -Round 2)

The riding of Vic Hinchliffe and Derek Garnett proved too much for Bristol in their National Team Championship second round match at Oakdale Road. The Lions were trailing for the first eleven heats but a 4-2 by Bob Martin and Rob Withers in heat twelve put them on level terms. A 3-3 in the next heat kept the scores level but in heat 14 McKenzie and Curtis fell and Ross raced home first to give Offerton a 3-2. A further 3-3 in the next race was followed by a 5-1 in the nominated when Hinchliffe and Garnett outpaced Martin and Massey for a 5-1.

BRISTOL : D.Massey 10, N.Tullberg, R.Withers, B.Martin, T.Goverd 7, P.Sposito 5, M.Dyer, M.Curtis 1.

OFFERTON : V.Hinchliffe 15, D.Garnett 10, D.Hatton 8, A.McKenzie 7, T.Hardy 5, R.Ross 4, T.Lawton 1, D.Seppman 0.

ROSS MARTAKIES

June 14th.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE FIRST ROUND

(Poole)

R.Dix (Provincials) and Colin Wheeler (Vikings) tied for first place in the Poole round of the Southern League Riders Championship. John Mills and Alwyn Dominey were joint third.

SCORERS : R.Dix (Prov.) 12, C.Wheeler (Vik.) 12, A.Dominey (Poole) 11, D.Tarr (Poole) 9, D.Dennis (Vikings) 8, P.Sposito (Bristol) 8, M.Curtis (Bristol) 8, G.Seale (Prov) 7, G.Wheeler (Prov.) 7, D.Massey (Bristol) 6, M.Lyon (Prov) 6, D.Watkins (Poole) 5, D.Hughes (Vikings) 4, A.Bonner (Provincials) 3, T.Goverd (Bristol) 3.

DAVE ROBINSON

June 21st

BRISTOL 62 MINSTER LOVELL 32.

(Southern League)

Bristol romped home to a fine Southern League victory over Minster Lovell Meteors.

Vic Heinen rode well for the visitors and his partnership with Geoff Blake resulted in a twelve points total from three outings. Tom Warner substituted for John Pounder at the last moment and his only point was scored in the nominated race when Tullberg was edged out on the first bend.

BRISTOL : M.Curtis 11, D.Massey 9, P.Sposito 8, B.Martin 8, N.Tullberg 8, M.Dyer 7, T.Goverd 7, R.Withers 4.

MINSTER LOVELL : V.Heinen 10, R.Holloway 6, G.Blake 5, M.Timms 4, J.Hunt 3, W.Timms 3, P.Holt 2, T.Warner 1.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE RESULTS

BRISTOL 62:D.Roman 9, T.Goverd, M.Curtis, N.Tullberg, R.Withers 8,M.Dyer7
GT.MILTON 33:K.Oakley, T.D'Anger 8, D.Light 6, G.Prior, D.Glenn 3.

BUCKLEBURY 49 - SOUTHAMPTON VIK. 47. BUCKLEBURY 46 - LITTLEMORE 49
MINSTER LOVELL 41 - SWINDON 55. GT.MILTON 40 - LITTLEMORE 56.