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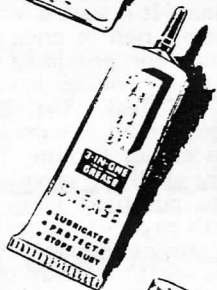
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'BATTLE OF THE GIANTS' TO SEE WHO WILL GAIN THE CUP

THE NATIONAL TEAM TROPHY—CYCLE SPEEDWAYS ANNUAL PANTOMIME—REACHES THE THICKEST STAGE OF ITS PLOT ON SEPTEMBER 13th.

During the past months we have seen the rehearsals for this pantomime: The giant-killers, the goose with the golden eggs, the local "Whittington's" who went to town in a big way, the "cinderellas" and "prince charmings" of the leagues. All were there on the road to the Final.

Of the 300 teams who entered, most of them turned out to be "Humpty Dumpties"—till next year.

Who have been the "stars" of this great pantomime? Whom were spotlighted for their fighting performances? Peckham Stars, Chorlton Aces, Roseycombe Rockets, Gem Pirates, Black Lion Monarchs, Carrs Wood Hunters, Kirby Kings and Baskerville Hounds: all good teams without a shadow of doubt. But topping the bill,

a couple of teams whose names are almost a household word for many. Cheshire's Cheadle Hulme Rangers and Surrey's Walton Swans.

They are the 1952 finalists. Both have been champions of their counties for the past three seasons. The final is so arranged that always the Northern Champions meet the Southern Champions. A shift in the balance of power from the South—particularly London—has been greatly emphasised this year. For this reason I expect the Cup to travel North for the first time.

On paper, everything points to a glamorous final. It is such a long time since two teams, rich in craft with a high reputation for providing attractive and attacking riding have been together in the final. The Rangers and Swans might well overshadow the two previous battles for the Trophy. Both have the skill, the invention and the daring to put their clash firmly into the sport's pages of history. Craft is not all. Strong nerves win Cup Finals in any sport. Nobody can predict who will emerge the cooler and who more over-anxious.

In Lew Grepp, Rangers have the match-winner. Lew, last year's English Champion, is now in the Services, but is often able to get home on leave in time to ride.

His counterpart in the Swans must be N. Hunt, present Surrey Champion who will also be riding in the Golden Helmet Championship on the same afternoon.

Wise men will not venture a forecast for the final. Me, I'll plumb for Cheadle Hulme; but right or wrong, I won't be incorrect in forecasting some brilliant riding in this year's spectacle.



WHO WILL TAKE US HOME?

Here are two rather attractive young ladies just longing for a nice handsome boy to take them home for the coming year. Next month they will be at their new home.

TELL-TALE TABLE FOR THE FINAL

SO it's to be a Surrey versus Cheshire Final, with Walton Swans representing Surrey and Cheadle Hulme Rangers representing Cheshire.

HOW WALTON SWANS REACHED THE FINAL

- First Round: A bye.
- Second Round: A bye.
- Third Round: bt Raynes Park Rangers (home) 60-36.
- Fourth Round: bt St. Helier Saints (away) 41-55.
- Fifth Round: bt Mortlake Monarchs (home) 60-36.
- County Round: bt Bysfleet Broadsiders (home) 51-45.
- First Inter-County Round: A bye.
- Second Inter-County Round: bt Russell Eagles (home) 57-38.
- Area Semi-final: bt Peckham Stars (away) 43-53.
- Area Final: bt Black Lion Monarchs (away) 47-49.
- National Semi-final: bt Gem Pirates (away) 37-58.

HOW CHEADLE HULME REACHED THE FINAL

- First Round: A bye.
- Second Round: bt Hyde Rangers (away) 43-53.
- Third Round: A walk over.
- Inter-County Round: bt Grange Leopards (away) 28½-67½.
- Area Final: bt Carrs Wood Hunters (away) 46-50.
- National Semi-final: bt Roseycombe Rockets (away) 40-55.

	AT HOME			AWAY			Average per mtch
	Matches ridden	Pts For	Pts Agt	Matches ridden	Pts For	Pts Agt	
Cheadle Hulme ...	—	—	—	4	225½	157½	56.2
Walton Swans ...	4	228	155	4	215	168	55.3

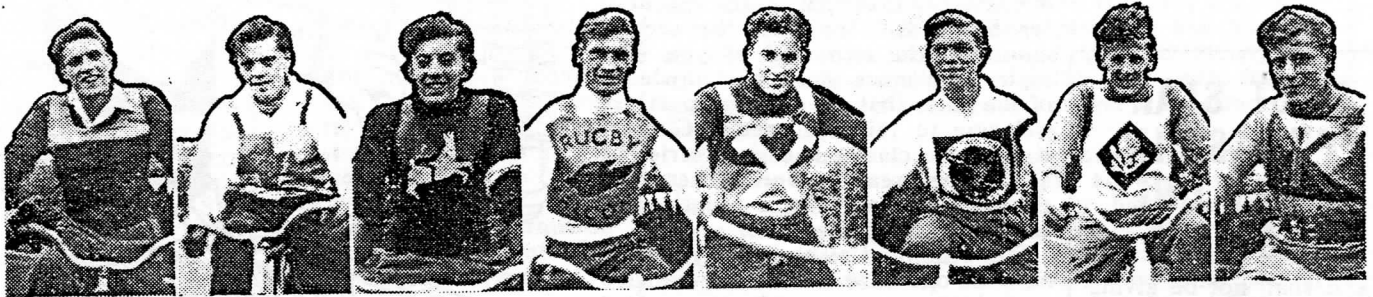
From this table you can see that the Rangers rode away matches each round, but only four compared with the Swans eight. Study the table, make your own decisions and pop along to the final.

OVER; THE WORTHY TO GO' IN THE AND GOLDEN HELMET

How to get to the FINALS

THE finals of the National Trophy and the Golden Helmet will be held at the Chiswick Comets' track, Riverside Drive, Chiswick, on September 13th at 3 p.m. The track is ideally situated on a most pleasant stretch of the river and you can be assured of a grand day's outing for you and your family and friends.

HERE ARE THE BEST ROUTES TO TAKE: Bus services: No. 55 to Hayes—Greenford—Hanwell—Northfields—Acton—Turnham Green—Chiswick, Edensor Road—short walk to the track at Duke's Meadows. No. 71 to Kingston—Richmond—Ham—Chiswick Bridge, Great Chertsey Road—short walk to Duke's Meadows. **Underground stations** (then by bus): Hammersmith—Chiswick Park—Gunnersbury—Turnham Green—Richmond. **British Railways:** To Chiswick, Grove Park S.R. Station.



IT WILL BE A HOT BATTLE FOR THAT

GOLDEN HELMET

SAYS
KEN COOPER

THE final of the "Mars" Golden Helmet Championship promises to be the most hotly contested meeting of the year. In my opinion, it will be the match of the year, and those not lucky enough to qualify among the last sixteen, need not feel ashamed. The average standard has been truly amazing. It is not very often one has the chance to say "Anybody's Cup" in a cycle speedway meeting; but your guess is as good as mine this time.

I doubt very much whether any rider will complete the meeting undefeated. Most probably the trophy will be won on a re-run at either thirteen points or thereabouts. In both semi-finals, twelve points was sufficient to top the evenly-matched scores.

Best of the Southern riders was Gus Garrett, a robust stylist from London's Verney Lions. Gus came from behind in most of his races: a prominent feature that often determines winners these days. Gus, therefore, will obviously be a tough nut to crack in the final. You can take it from me he'll be well up in the scoring! B. Daw, heat leader from Devon's Colebrook Tigers, created a minor surprise in finishing a close second

to Garrett to qualify for the final. Watch out for him!

Eric Cleaver, of Warwick's Rugby Falcons, topped the scoring in the Northern semi-final. This chap's a fast gater and, given favourable conditions, should more than hold his own at Chiswick. E. Vinter, of Leicester's Kirby Kings, is another schemer who is likely to show a back tyre to his opponents. Lancashire's Brian Moston was his usual confident self and his well-earned total of eleven more than supports his claim to the trophy.

Now, for the records, the two area semi-final results: **SOUTH** (ridden Saturday, August 9th): G. Garrett (Verney Lions) 12; B. Daw (Colebrook Tigers) 11; N. Hunt (Walton Swans) 10; B. Roberts (Southall Hammers) 10; D. Wootton (Whitby Lions) 10; S. Cattano (Black Lion

Monarchs) 9; P. Mowatt (Highfield Cobras) 9; M. Fisher (Rodbourne Rockets) 8. **NORTH** (ridden Saturday, August 16th): E. Cleaver (Rugby Falcons) 12; E. Vinter (Kirby Kings) 11; M. Ashworth (Pudsey Saints) 11; B. Moston (Carrs Wood Hunters) 11; L. Perrett (Tuddenham Rangers) 10; D. McGee (Hyde Rangers) 9; K. Worlock (Dings Hammers) 8; A. Packham (Kennington Kestrels) 8.

KEN COOPER'S CHOICE: 1st B. Moston, 2nd G. Garrett, 3rd E. Cleaver, 4th D. Wootton, 5th L. Perrett. **ROY BULLET'S:** 1st N. Hunt, 2nd G. Garrett, 3rd B. Moston, 4th E. Cleaver, 5th L. Perrett. **JAMES PRENTICE'S:** 1st E. Vinter, 2nd B. Roberts, 3rd S. Cattano, 4th B. Moston, 5th G. Garrett.

That's what we think. The rest is with the riders and the gods. . . .

THE WINNER IS HERE—SOMEWHERE!

On this page you see the full sixteen finalists in the "Mars" Golden Helmet. They are all county champions. At the top are the eight from the NORTH—(left to right) L. Perrett, M. Ashworth, B. Moston, E. Cleaver, K. Worlock, A. Packham, D. McGee, D. Vinter. Below, the eight from the SOUTH—(left to right) N. Hunt, G. Garrett, P. Mowatt, M. Fisher, S. Cattano, B. Roberts, D. Wootton, B. Daw. (Photos by Ken Cooper.)



Here's the second month of our new "School for Stewards." All of you who, at one time or another, have been a steward or who have fancied yourself as a steward, should take the special test papers for special "Steward's Diplomas."

'School for STEWARDS'



HEARTY greetings from Professor Payne, Principal of the "School for Stewards," for this, the second month of the term. All of you who aspire to a more thorough knowledge of the rules that govern our sport are welcome to join the special General Knowledge classes and sit a series of Test Papers each month. There are six papers in all, two a month, and each is worth ten points.

Stewards (and all those of you who have at one time or another fancied your luck as a steward) are invited to send in your answers to the papers and the Principal and his staff will award the appropriate marks. At the

end of the term, the staff will sum up the answers and will award special printed diplomas to the star stewards of the classes. These diplomas, it is hoped, will be officially recognised by track authorities everywhere. Results of each Test Paper will be given the following month.

You cannot qualify for a special "Stewards Diploma" unless you have completed all six Test Papers.

Test Papers 1 and 2, published in the previous issue, are available.

Those of you anxious to do the whole course should send, without delay, a sixpenny postal order to "Amateur Cycle Speedway," 15 Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex, and a copy of the previous issue will be forwarded to you.

FIRST STAR 'PUPILS' IN PAPER ONE AND TWO

WE shall not be giving the final answers to the Stewards' Course until all the test papers have been completed. We will, however, list the top pupils each issue.

The following pupils showed great promise in their answers to Test Papers One and Two (published in the June/July issue) and they are, at the time of writing, top boys in the course. J. M. Ashworth, of Bradford, in particular, gave well-constructed answers and it is clearly obvious that he takes a fervent interest in stewarding.

	Test Paper 1 (Poss. 10 marks)	Test Paper 2 (Poss. 10 marks)
J. Ashworth	10	10
N. Taylor	10	9
M. Bridge	10	9
G. Miles	9.5	9

"Now I know he's mad! When I asked him if he was a steward he says: 'No, an Elizabethan!'"

HERE then, are Test Papers 3 and 4. Each is worth ten points and you must answer both of them. Answers to be on sheets of paper with questions clearly marked and they should reach this office no later than Monday, October 15th.

Full results and a selection of the best entries received will be published in the next issue of this magazine.

TEST PAPER 3

Write a short article (200-300 words) expressing your views on one of the following:—

- One of the existing rules I would like to see abolished.
- Why helmets should or should not be worn.
- The present system of starting in races is unfair. Do you agree?

TEST PAPER 4

(1) A steward shall immediately exclude a rider from a race if:

- The rider places his left leg over the inner white line.
- The rear wheel of the rider's machine crosses the white line.
- The front wheel of the rider's machine crosses the white line.
- Both wheels of the rider's machine cross the white line.

(2) A rider has completed 270 yards of a 90-yard track. Which of the following lap flags shall the Flag Marshal show?

- White.
- Black.
- Yellow.
- Black and white.

(3) All but one of the following

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BLACK ROD—PRESIDENT

General Sir Brian Horrocks, the Black Rod of the House of Lords, is now President of the Bedwyn Swifts (Wilts). Sir Brian and Lady Horrocks were introduced to the team recently and showed undisguised interest. This is the Swifts first season.

STRONGEST MIDLAND TEAM?

Reckoned by many judges to be the strongest combination in the Midlands are the Burton-on-Trent Goldstars, present Staffordshire champions. Formed only in 1949, they have already won the Branston Unionist Cup; are finalists in the Hartshorne Parade and Gala Cup; semi-finalists in the Argyle Cup and Burneli Cup. Star of the Goldstars is Derek Foster. Colin Hayes, Peter Marks, Ken Lakin, Roy Wright and Gordon King are also prominent.

15-YEAR-OLD WINNER

Doug. Califano, 15-year-old Grandpont Giant rider from Oxfordshire, won the Marchant Trophy recently, beating some of the star riders from Oxford and Berks. Oxford are due to stage an inter-county match with Leicester and have held county trials to pick their best riders.

YOUR NAME SMITH?

All team managers are again reminded that staff reporter ROY BULLET is planning a special article on "The Smiths of Cycle Speedway." He has collected hundreds of riders whose name is Smith, but realises that he must have missed many. He wants all managers to send him a list of their riders whose name is Smith, together with the following information: Christian names, approximate number of points scored at the time of writing, and any special achievements this season.

ANY NEWS-SHEETS?

We notice with great interest that the Lancs and Cheshire organisation produce a duplicated little news-sheet containing informative "gen" on local teams. Do any other Boards produce something on the same lines? Do not be afraid to send us a regular copy. We shall be pleased to publish something about it in future issues.

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officials may be nominated by the home club. Which one is it?

(a) Starter. (b) Flag marshal. (c) Judge-timekeeper. (d) Pits marshal.

(4) Which of the following types of matches takes priority over the others?

(a) League matches. (b) Test Matches. (c) Cup matches. (d) Riders' championships.

(5) How many different ways can race-points be allotted? (i.e. 3—3, 5—1, etc.)

(a) Three. (b) Six. (c) Five. (d) Nine.

(6) How many different ways is it possible for all riders to score in a single race?

(a) Three. (b) One. (c) Two. (d) Nil.

NEWS ROUND-UP

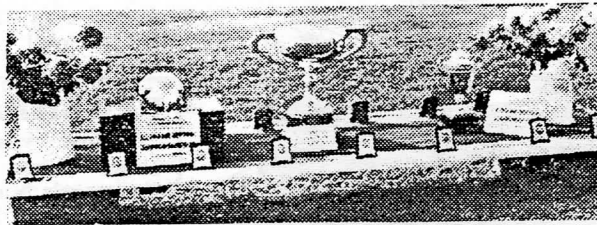
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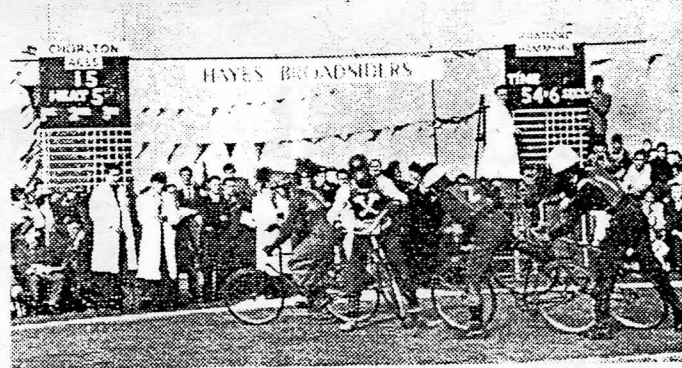
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Display of trophies presented at the 1951 Finals

A muddled quartet during the Team Championship Final last year, between Stratford Hammers (Essex) and Chorlton Aces (Lancashire)



Mars silver helmets were presented to individual County champions by Petula Clark and Zachary Scott at a pre-Finals Ball held at the Hammersmith Palais

1952

PRE-FINALS BALL

Hammersmith Palais,

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12th



National Team Championships

FINAL

AND

Mars Golden Helmet Individual Riders Championship Final

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Chiswick Comets Track,
Riverside Drive, W.4.—3 p.m.

Both events organised by the

NEWS CHRONICLE

FACTS AND TWO GREAT



Here is the giant National Team Trophy donated by the News Chronicle. In 1950, Dorset's Gem Pirates held it for a year. In 1951, London's Stratford Hammers won it. Who will be the lucky champions for 1952?

On the opposite page you see the "Mars" Trophy which is presented with the Golden Helmet to the Individual English Champion.

I VERY RARELY MISS GOING TO THE DOGS ON A SATURDAY EVENING. UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE WIFE'S MOTHER TURNS UP, OR THE FINALS OF THE TWO GREAT CYCLE SPEEDWAY TROPHIES—THE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE GOLDEN HELMET—ARE BEING STAGED.

On Saturday, September 13th, I shall be giving the doggies a miss; will tear my suit from the clutches of the hungry moths and pop along to watch the champion cycle speedsters burning up the cinders in their efforts to gain the sport's greatest honours.

This is the third final for the National Team Championship, so perhaps it won't be out of place if I place on record some of the facts and figures of the previous finals.

FLASHBACK

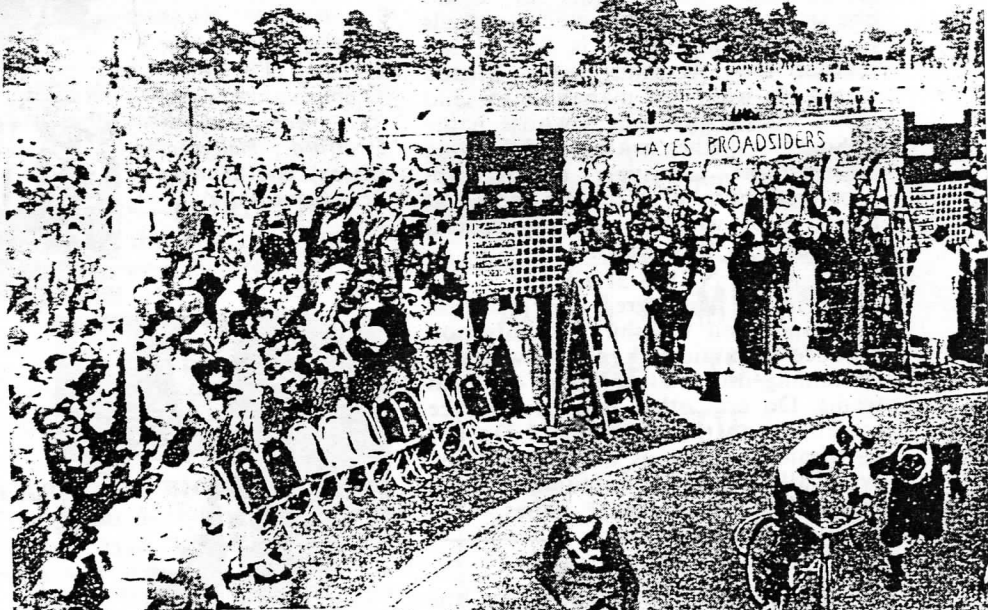
Below you see some shots from last year's National Finals at Hayes (Middlesex) Council track.

For instance, did you know that approximately 9,000 people have watched the National Team Championship finals so far, and that probably something like 120,000 were present at all the past qualifying rounds? Also that well over a distance of 20

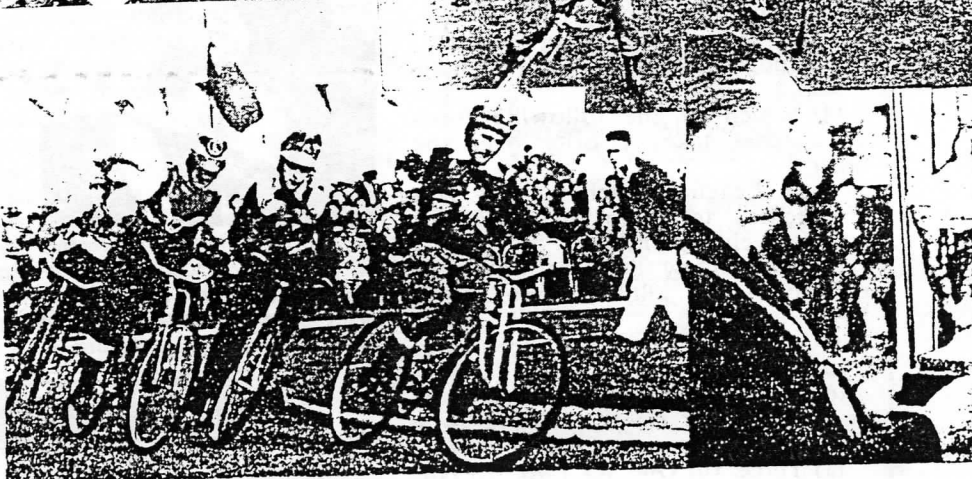
1951 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

L. Grepp (Cheshire), winner of "Mars" 1951 Golden Helmet. M. Clack (Berkshire), J. Tebby (Bucks), E. Abbott (Cornwall), L. Sims (Derbyshire), C. Mussell (Devon), R. Howells (Dorset), P. Smith (Gloucestershire), A. King (Hants), J. Mayes (Herts), R. Rance (Kent), B. Moston (Lancashire), B. Carver (Leicester), A. Newsom (London), R. George (Middlesex), M. Flood (Norfolk), T. Wills (Northants), T. Yeates (Oxford), P. Keall (Somerset), N. Hunt (Surrey), S. Skellding (Staffordshire), K. Keeble (Suffolk), J. Buckland (Sussex), B. Powell (Warwickshire), B. Telling (Wiltshire), J. Moulson (Yorkshire).

These were last year's champions. For this year's, see opposite page.



The magnificent Golden Helmet donated by Mars Limited for the Individual English Champion. Who will don it this year?



FIGURES OF THESE TROPHIES

miles has been covered by riders in this championship!

"Curiouser and curiouser," said Alice. Me, too! In 1950, Chorlton Aces were runners-up. In 1951, Chorlton Aces were again runners-up. In 1950, Gem Pirates beat Stratford Hammers in the Southern Final. In 1951, Stratford Hammers beat Gem Pirates in the Southern Final. The 1950 winning team's captain's name began with "G" (Gale). The 1951 winning team's captain's name began with "G" (Garnham). The 1950 winning team's insignia was **CROSSED** bones. The 1951 winning team's insignia was **CROSSED** hammers. Makes you think, eh?

"MARS" GOLDEN HELMET

And what of the "Mars" Golden Helmet? Last year was the first of this individual championship. Some 3,000

riders from all parts of the country competed in the qualifying rounds, and Cheshire's Lew Grepp did not complain of its head size when he won it. It was a perfect fit and a fitting reward for his dare-devil display on the cinders.

This year, Mars Limited offer another Golden Helmet for some lucky rider. And a host of silver ones for each county champion.

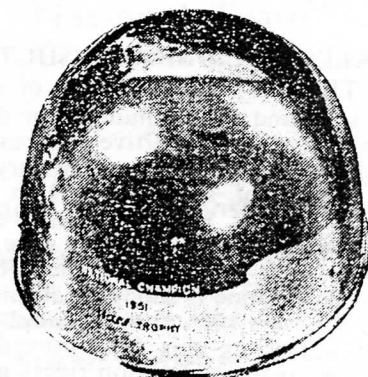
This year's list of county champions shows that only Brian Moston (Lancs) and N. Hunt (Surrey) will be in the final for the second successive time. Only three teams—Torpoint Flyers (Cornwall), Walton Swans (Surrey) and Rodbourne Rockets (Wilts)—produced county champions for the second time. A sign that this year the sport is more competitive.

The finals of these two great trophies will be staged at the Chiswick Falcon's track at Duke's Meadows, Chiswick, on Saturday, September 13th.

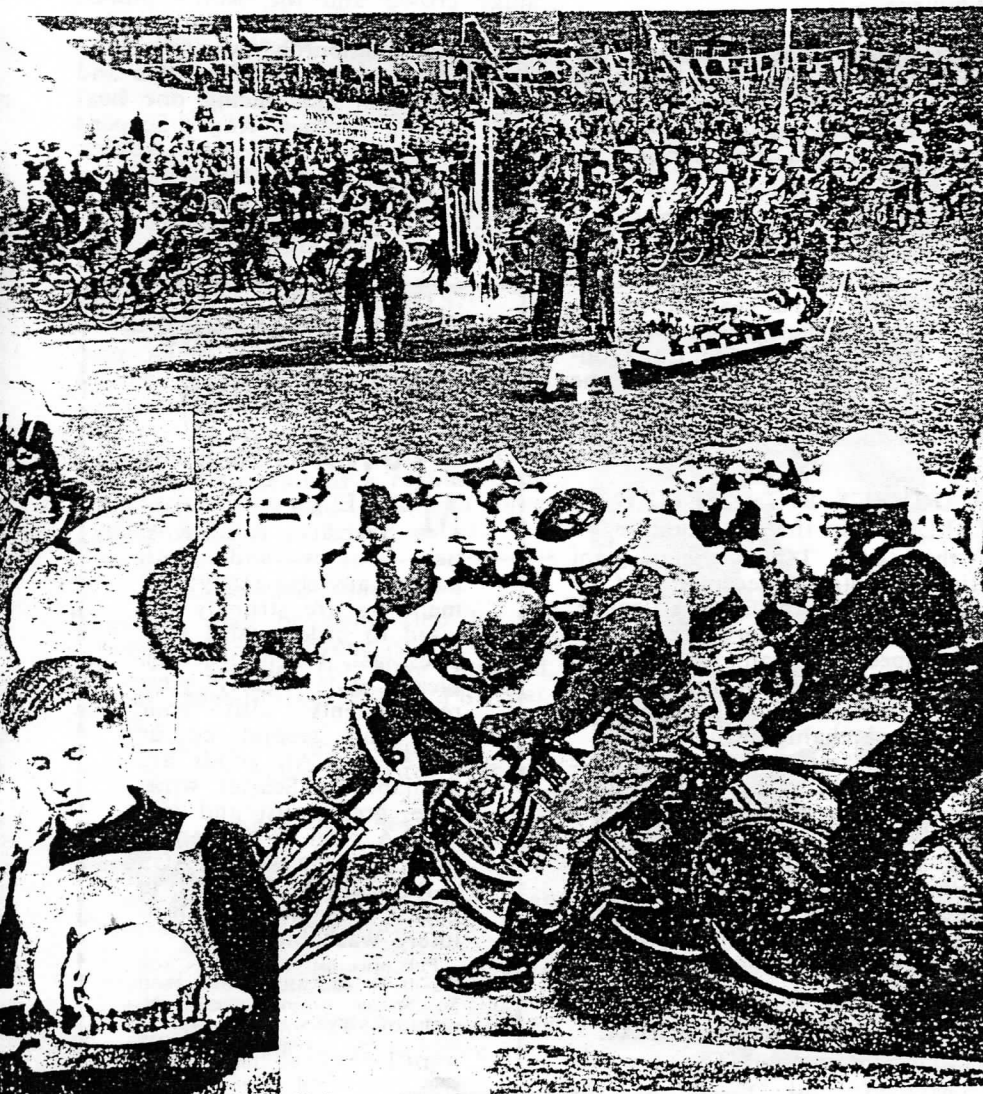


1952 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

P. Mowat (Hants), N. Hunt (Surrey), P. Smith (Sussex), G. Garrett (London), A. Fleet (Kent), B. Daw (Devon), D. Pearn (Cornwall), M. Fisher (Wiltshire), B. Roberts (Middlesex), R. Pye (Herts), J. Toop (Dorset), S. Cattano (Essex), K. Wilkinson (Berks), D. Wootton (Somerset), D. McGee (Cheshire), B. Moston (Lancashire), L. Perrett (Norfolk), D. Foster (Staffs), M. Ashworth (Yorkshire), K. Worlock (Gloucester), K. Vine (Northants), E. Vintner (Leicester), P. Clark (Derby), E. Cleaver (Warwick), D. Springell (Bucks), A. Packham (Oxford).



Every one of the above county champions received one of the grand Silver Helmets from Mars Limited.



LOWER your voice chum . . . pull that brim lower over your eyes . . . we're being watched, did you know? That's him, over there . . . camera on shoulder, pad in pocket. It's **TONY STONE**, the "newsy" parker. Here's the very latest "gen" from the man who sees and hears more than any other in the game. . . .

AFTER weeks of practice, Johnny Brown, skipper of Whipps Cross Comets who recently completed a most promising tour of Ireland, perfected his Irish brogue to try out on the Irish boys during the visit. Girl friend Margaret went along, too, just in case Johnny concentrated on the curves of the colleens and not those of the tracks!

Well, the "bhoys" are back from the "ould country" and their visit was no blarney at that! Five matches and five wins in four days was the Comets' record. Complete results: Comets beat a combined Shelbourne Tigers and Sackville Saints side 57½—38½. Beat Dublin Falcons and Shelbourne "B" 68—28. Beat Dublin in an inter-city match 62—46. Beat Penroe Flyers and Croydon Rockets 61—35. Beat Whitehall Pirates and Phibsborian Aces 56—40.

Comets' S. Sherman, J. Chatworthy, R. Goode, M. Brown and M. Arnold were outstanding, whilst M. Maguire, K. Dooley, P. Matthews and A. Collier can be classed among Ireland's finest. Sid Sherman (Comets) knocked a second off the track record in the inter-city match, whilst Johnny Brown and Jimmy Chatworthy scored a useful 95½ points between them.

A dance was held in honour of the Londoners at the Crystal Ballroom, where proceeds went to start a fund for the widow and children of Ernie Roccio, the motor speedway star of England and Ireland, who was killed in a tragic spill recently.



JOINT PROMOTORS

MR. B. W. HILL, in conjunction with promotor Johnnie Hoskins, staged a cycle speedway meeting in West Ham Stadium recently, between Warwick Lions and Broadway Stars. The Stars won 30—20 in a small-size programme. Teams wishing to partake in this new venture should contact Mr. Hill at 168 Tyneham Road, Battersea, S.W.11 (BAT 0274).



"KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT"

ATIGHT-PACKED bunch of officials and riders, huddled in deep conversation with furtive glances to the crowd, gave an air of mystery to the County of London finals in the "Mars" Silver Helmet. I discovered that the muffled instructions were to: "Keep your big mouths shut. That nosy Tony Stone is snooping around!"

So I have a reputation already! But what a meeting this final proved to be! The cream of London riders gave one of the best samples of closely bunched riding I've seen for many a long day. Among the "heads" I spoke to were Stan Leeds (West End Wanderers), jovial Bill Cattle and Ron Holvey (Tooting Tigers) and Tom Sweetman (Arsenal Aces). I



The "Bhoys." — The Whipps Cross Comets in their Irish Tour colours. (L. to r.) M. Arnold, K. Mills, J. Sorrell, H. Hopwood, R. Goode, B. Allbury, M. Brown, A. Stevens, S. Sherman, J. Brown (Capt.), J. Chatworthy. Photo—H. Messum, A.C.S. copyright.

THE BHOYS ARE BACK—BEGGORA!

hear that the Aces have experienced some tough luck in the recent matches, but Tom is confident they will pull through. Also there was Harry Dale, tireless manager of Bermondsey Greyhounds.

Arthur Newsom, the star rider of Tooting Tigers, was presenting the prizes instead of receiving them on this occasion. The Tigers' trophies, incidentally, would make a jeweller's window look like a junk shop!



FIFTEENS—THIRD TIME

I HEAR that the Fifteens Trophy of Kent was won by veterans Cray Tigers for the third year in succession. They beat Cray Valley Eagles 56—40. The match was held at Goddington Park in Orpington, at the annual fête of the Fifteens Association, the donors of the trophy.



CARDIFF'S BIG MEETING

WALES are in the news quite a bit these days. I hear that a giant meeting was staged recently in Cardiff in an effort to form a league. Bill Dutton, manager of Cardiff Dragons speedway team, accepted the post as president. D. Griffiths, a cycle shop owner, donated a silver cup for an individual championship.

Fourteen teams have entered the league. They are: Grange Gremlins, Grange Panthers, Grange Circles, Ely Pirates, Pengam Pirates, Adamsdown Eagles, Splott Goblins, Splott Tigers, Gabalfa Aces, Penylan Jacks, Cathays Meteors, Helen Hammers, Rumney Wildcats and Rumney Zebras. Keep it up, Wales!



M.P.—STARTING MARSHAL

EDMONTON SAINTS recently paraded and raced in the Edmonton Carnival and Fayre at Craig Park. A challenge match

between the Saints and Wood Green Dragons was staged before a huge crowd and the Saints pipped their opponents 73—65. Austen Albu, M.P. for Edmonton, was watching cycle speedway for the first time and he insisted on announcing one heat and starting another. Roger Scapens (Saints) won the individual trophy, donated by S. Shuttleworth, chairman of the Carnival Committee. A great example of co-operation, this!

ACSRA MEMBERS— HERE'S YOUR OWN TIE!

MORE good news! Special A.C.S.R.A. ties, scarves and cloth badges are also ready! All members are strongly advised to order whilst supplies last. When ordering, please state clearly your requirements, also your first and second colour preference. All goods are available in: Scarlet, wine, blue, green, rust and yellow. A rider is printed in black and the words "ACS—READERS' CLUB" in gold. Everything is absolutely washable.

Full price list: **TIES:** Boys' size (wool) 3s. 4d.; Men's size (wool) 5s. Special rayon ties: 6s. 8d. each. **SCARVES** (wool, 48in. by 8in.) 5s. each. **POCKET BADGES** (4in. by 3in.) 1s. 8d. each. Send postal orders to "THE DEPT."

At last—our own Film!

J. F. WORKMAN, co-producer at Bushey Film Studios (Middlesex), paid a welcome visit to these offices recently and explained to us the first details of the new full-length cycle speedway film his company is at present making.

Final details are not to hand at the time of writing, but he tells us that the film will last approximately a hour or more. Theme of the film is of a team who are accused by a manager of a factory adjoining the track of stealing bicycles from the factory racks. He turns the team off the track.

The fun begins when the real thieves are traced. We understand that there are many superb action scenes taken at well-known tracks in London (Peckham Stars and Bermondsey Greyhounds). More news next issue.

BUDDY FULLER —PROMOTER

SECOND personality to visit these offices last month was Buddy Fuller—South African motor speedway champion. Buddy is over here to recruit some of our speedway riders back to his country.

Buddy tells us that he is organising cycle speedway on a large scale in South Africa. A S.A.C.S. Asso-

ciation has already been founded with F. Goodrum president. The sport is catching on like wild-fire—and a record number of teams have been formed. Track making most progress is Florida, where a best pairs competition was staged before a vast crowd. Mortimer and Davies, the Germiston pair, won this event with a maximum 35 points.

Buddy's young brother Norman had an off-day and finished fourth. Norman injured his right shoulder in a practice match, but it did not affect him in a match against La Rochelle, in which he notched maximum points.

NEXT ISSUE CONTAINS ALL PHOTOS, NEWS OF THE FINALS

THEY THOUGHT OUR PROGRAMMES GOOD

HERE we reproduce one of the many letters we have received praising the cycle speedway programmes we have to offer all teams:

Sir,—We recently received a supply of your programmes and now enclose postal order for a further supply. We usually sold only ten programmes, but with yours, our sales have more than trebled and last night we sold forty-five. We would like our order executed by return if possible, for you can see how urgent is our call.—W. G. White, Hon. Sec., Grandpoint Cycle Speedway Club, 65 Church Street, New Hinksey, Oxford.

In these days of strict paper rationing and high cost of printing, club officials are finding it increasingly difficult to produce a really tip-top club programme that can be sold for only a few pence and yet still further their own club funds.

However, here is some good news! *Amateur Cycle Speedway* is now able to supply all teams with well-printed, attractive programmes on high quality gloss paper with appropriate blank spaces in which spectators can insert riders' names, etc. Approximate size of these programmes is 9ins. by 6ins. Prices (including postage) which allow a very reasonable margin of profit to the clubs who purchase (the programmes will sell like hot cakes at 2d. each!) are:

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My "Postcard Poll" to find a better word has resulted in a gigantic win for "Cycle Speedsters." And, when you come to compare the two, you can see that the more logical and true-to-description word has come out on top.

Final placings in the Poll were:—

	Votes
Cycle Speedsters	539
Cinder Cyclists	246
Speedway Cyclists	223
Pedal Speedsters	215
Junior Speedsters	66
Skidway Riders	26
Skid Kids	0

So if in future anyone dares to call you mere "Skid Kids," you have only to show them a copy of this magazine and ask them, politely, of course, to take back their words.

KING OF SPIVS.—Rex King, of Norfolk's Runham Spivs, is certainly the King of all Spivs! He shocked spectators at a recent match by wearing a multi-coloured flowered shirt. This was removed at the starting-gate to reveal a similarly coloured singlet. Rex claims to own a pair of multi-coloured trousers which he intends to wear for future matches.

R.A.F. TYPES.—Any R.A.F. riders posted to R.A.F. Station Watton, Norfolk, will find the Carbrooke Kangaroos right on their doorstep.

TO COMBINE?—Alarmed by the apparent lack of progress made by the fifteen cycle speedway teams in the Wolverhampton district, Mr. A. Daimond, of the Wolverhampton Education Committee, has appealed to the Birmingham Control Board for assistance. In pledging this support, Harry Robinson, Birmingham Chairman, said he hoped for closer understanding between the two areas in future.

CARNIVAL CHAMPS.—In the Slough and Windsor Annual Carnival, Cookham Cossacks beat Iver Stars by 49—47 in a specially arranged challenge match. The Cossacks won a trophy presented by Mars Limited.

HERTS LOSE HEARTS.—In the return half of the inter-county match between Herts and Norfolk at Herts, Norfolk thrashed their opponents 77½—54½. On aggregate they won the series 160—104.

NORTH BEAT SOUTH.—In the first Test at Aston, North Birmingham (H. Kent 17, V. Halliwell 14)

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trounced South Birmingham (G. Bovill) 73—38.

MAXIMUM EFFORT.—One of the biggest winning margins this season was the away win of Birmingham's Kingstanding Monarchs over Warren Hill Rangers. Half the Monarchs' riders notched maximum points in the final score of 19—76.

KESTRELS ARE CROPPERS.—Kennington Kestrels, the Oxford League favourites, lost unexpectedly to Littlemore Golden Eagles recently. This defeat throws the league wide open, and dark horses, Baskerville Hounds, have a fighting chance of pulling it off.

GRANDPONT ARE GRAND.—Grandpont Giants have won the Oxford Intermediate League, having won twelve matches out of fourteen with two homes to ride.

PACKHAM PACKS PUNCH.—Alan Packham won the "Mars" Silver Helmet (Oxfordshire Final) after a run-off with team-mate Mick Humphris. Both had scored eleven points out of a possible fifteen and they ride for the Kennington Kestrels, B.

Brian is taking Lew's place

LANCA-SHIRE'S Brian Moston (pictured right) is taking over the spotlight from Cheshire's Lew Grepp, now that Lew is with the R.A.F. Brian



won the Lancashire Championship with 14 points for the second successive year. An ex-Chorlton Ace, he has appeared in the last two National Trophy Finals in London. He now skips the Carrs Wood Hunters, who are out of the competition, but he may still come down to London in an effort to gain the "Mars" Golden Helmet.

New Cheshire Champion is Dennis McGee (Hyde Rangers), who won the title recently with 14 points.

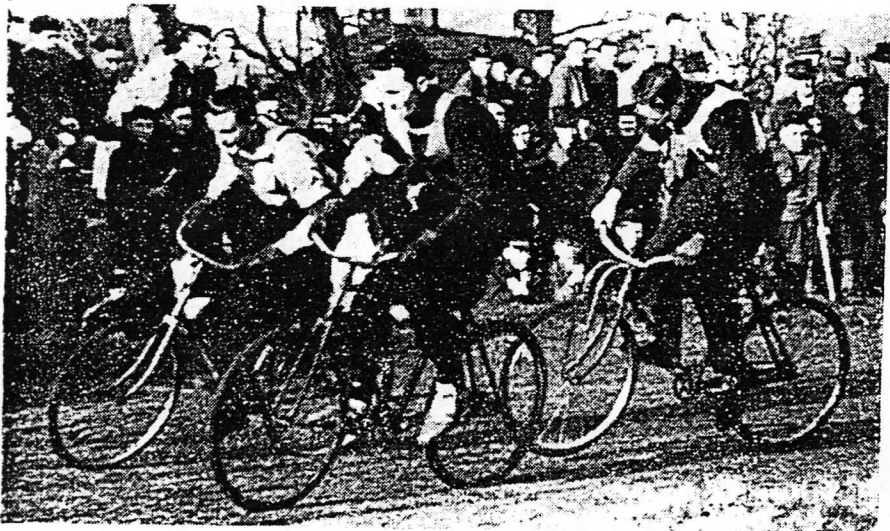
Shepherd (Wheatley Saints) and S. Cook (Baskerville Hounds) were close behind with ten points. Two Intermediate riders, D. Ward and D. Califano (Grandpont Giants), reached the final and scored nine and six points respectively.

A TRIBUTE.—Ex-Norfolk Test rider, Alf Ramsbottom, first winner of the Norfolk Grand Prix, met with a fatal accident on his motor-cycle recently. Earlham Eagles are sponsoring an annual Individual Championship and trophy in his name.

VAMPIRES' LAST FLING.—Following resignations of their two latest managers, Ipswich Vampires, under temporary command of Barry Shapley (R.A.F.), may have to disband after their remaining fixtures in the Battle of Britain Cup have been completed. Vampires were second favourites for the Suffolk League. The Vampires' last fling will be a competition run on the same lines as the Glasgow Olympic Trophy.

THREE CHEERS FOR—US!—Russell Eagles were eleven points down with five heats to go in the County Final (Middlesex) of the National Trophy against Yiewsley Racers. The Eagles had just congratulated the Racers on what looked to be a most convincing win when . . . they completed the remaining heats in this fashion: 5—1, 3—3, 5—1, 3—3, 5—1. They cancelled their congratulations, for they had won by one point, 48—47.

BEND BATTLE IN NORFOLK GRAND PRIX



Flashback to the Norfolk Grand Prix, one of the first big matches this season. Our picture shows Ken Cooper (Herts.) coming from the outside to lead Bob Reeve and Norman Summers. Later Reeve forced through to win this race. Cheshire's Brian Moston eventually won the Grand Prix with 14 points. Reeve finished runner-up with 12 points. One thousand people watched the match.

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the Readers Club

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"Yes, any fool can... hold on there, I didn't have to join the club you know, I could have stayed at home." retorted Tony. "Seriously though," we went on, "we are very honoured to welcome the grand old man of radio to our little circle."

"Old man?" replied Tony, "just because I was out of my 'teens when Archie Andrews was still a splinter. I'll show you, give me my crash helmet, push over my perishin' pedal cycle—stand clear everybody — here comes Broncho Hancock and his 'Flippin' Skids.'"

How to join

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When we have received your forms, we will send you your membership number and membership card. Please note that you can, if you wish, send off a two shilling postal order at the same time for your A.C.S.R.A. badge.

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HIP, HIP, WHO "RYE"? — During their visit to Manchester, Rye Aces (Sussex) impressed with their sportsmanship although they lost all four matches. Their victors were: Cheadle Hulme 68—28; Carrs Wood 72—23; Chorlton 55—40 and Hyde 66½—29½.

REVENGE IS SWEET.—Cheshire lost the first of two representative matches against Lancashire by 61—59. But they had their revenge in the second. They beat Lancashire 62—58 and thus recorded their first-ever success over their rivals.

WHICH "BEES," PLEASE? — A keen struggle is developing in Division II of the Manchester League between Burnage Bees and Bredbury

Flyers. Both have ten points, but Burnage have a match in hand.

RANGERS CAN DO IT.—In Division I of the Manchester League, Cheadle Hulme Rangers still lead the way with an unbeaten record of eleven wins in eleven matches. They are being chased by Hyde Rangers, Carrs Wood Hunters and Belle Vue Kangaroos, but with a six-point advantage and only three matches to ride, it looks a sure thing for the Rangers.

TEETHING TROUBLES OVER.—The North-West Flyde League is making good progress now that the usual teething troubles are over. They have their own Control Board with a stewards panel and seven sturdy teams in Broadway and Marine Aces from Fleetwood, and Bispham, Marton

Flyers, Marton Flyers "A," E.B.M., North Shore, all from Blackpool. Marton Flyers and E.B.M. have corporation-built tracks. The Marton opening ceremony was performed by speedway star Don Potter. Outstanding rider is Keith Baily (Bispham), who won the North-West Flyde Individual Championship and finished second to Manchester's Brian Moston in the Lancashire final of the "Mars" Golden Helmet.

THE "WYCOMBE" BOMB. — Meet the "W" Bomb, or as they are better known—the Wycombe Flyers. They dropped a bombshell in the National Trophy recently in beating the much-fancied Cray Tigers (Kent) by 52—43. They themselves were beaten in the following round by Black Lion Monarchs 28—66.

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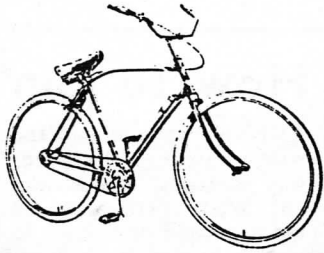


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