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# **American Speedway Final**

## **JUNE 9th**



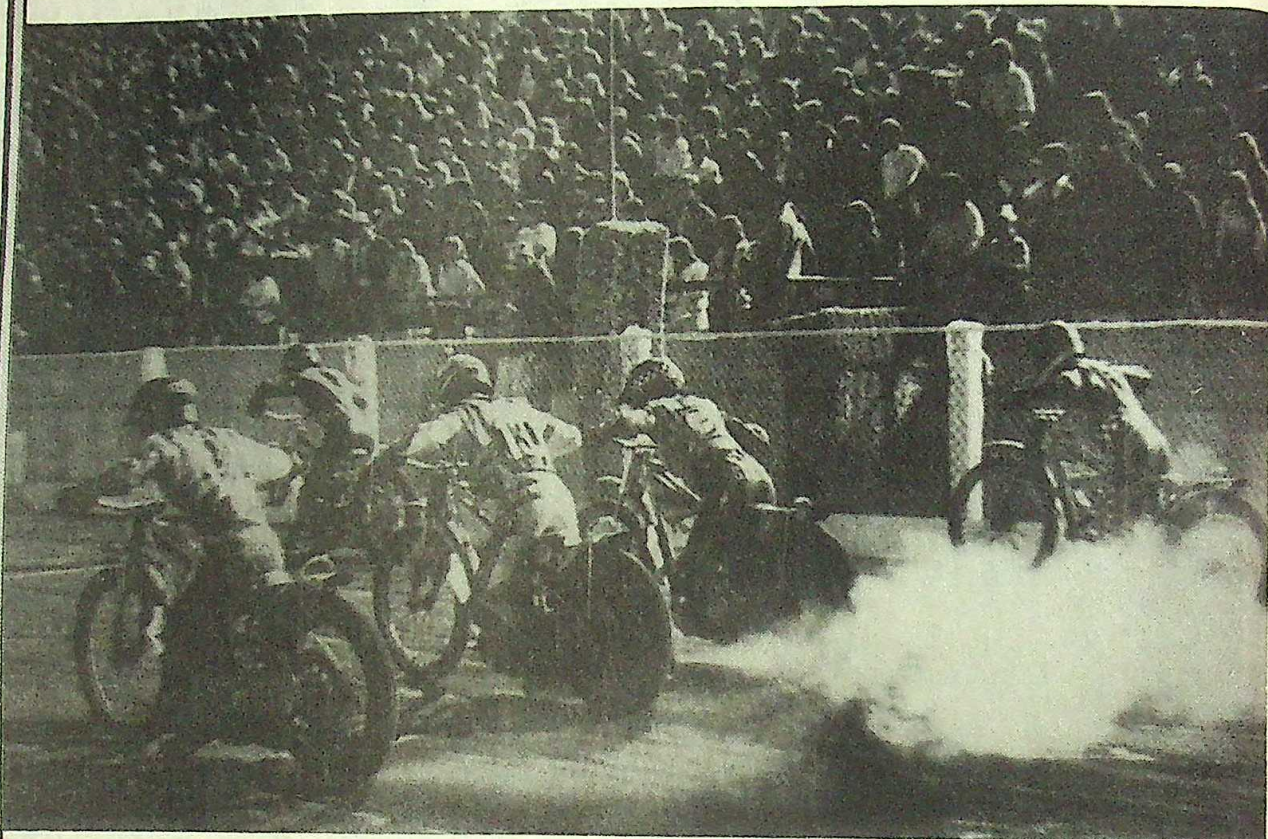
**Long Beach Veterans Stadium  
Long Beach**

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# Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium

America's International Speedway Stadium



**T**he announcement by Harry Oxley that Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium will be the site of at least five major speedway events in 1984 has important ramifications, not only for speedway in this country, but for International Speedway in general. It will be the first world class  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile speedway facility to be developed and used in the United States on a regular basis.

"What we are looking for," Oxley said, "is to make Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium into an Olympic Speedway Stadium—a stadium for international events! It's the best hope for International Speedway in this country."

Oxley first utilized the stadium for a speedway race in 1981, needing a European sized and shaped track to qualify the riders for the World Final, the Veterans Memorial stadium was again used to host the American Speedway Final. It was the first time the Final had been run in Long Beach. The previous sites had been the Los Angeles Coliseum and Anaheim Stadium.

This year, both the American Speedway Final and the Mid-Summer Classic were held at the stadium. "Basically I was very unhappy with

the first year's track, because I didn't think it produced the quality of racing that we were looking for," Oxley said. "This year we came in and put more banking on the corners with the guarantee that we could run five events and it really improved the track. The fact is the Mid-Summer Classic with the handicap racing was some of the very best racing I've ever seen in my life."

Turning the stadium into a World Class speedway facility is an expensive proposition. "Last year we had close to 70 truck and trailer loads of dirt down just to put the lift in the corners," Oxley said, "and that doesn't count your top surface or anything else, so we need multiple events to make it economically feasible."

Five major speedway events are being held this year. They include the running of the "Coca-Cola Spring Classic" on March 10. The upcoming Scratch/Handicap program on May 19, the "Nissan American Speedway Final" on June 9, the "Coors Mid-Summer Classic" on July 14 and the final round of this year's qualifier for the National Championship on August 25.

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# AMERICAN FINAL



The toughest single event in United States speedway motorcycle racing is the "Nissan American Speedway Final", and it takes place on Saturday evening June 9 at the big 1/4-mile track at Long Beach Veterans Stadium.

For the top four riders, this will be a chance to participate in the World Individual Championship, to be held later this year in Ullevi, Sweden. For the fans, it will be a chance to watch and participate in the single most important speedway race of the year...The first step toward the 1984 World Championship.

It was just three years ago when Bruce Penhall, the 26-year-old California "Golden Boy", began his rise to the World Championship. He emerged from this very same American Speedway Final and Bruce agrees with promoter Harry Oxley when he says, "the Nissan American Speedway Final at Long Beach is the toughest event of the year for U.S. riders".

The best 16 American riders in the world will meet on this one all important night to determine who will fill the four spots allocated for the United States in the World Championship rounds. An



engine break down, a broken chain, even a simple flat tire could mean disaster, because at this level of competition a racer cannot afford to lose any points to the opposition, and that means that the action will be nothing short of two wheeled combat and no one will give an inch to his opponents.

This is what it's all about...This is speedway at its best...There will be no backing off of the throttle at Long Beach. These riders live and work all year for this one opportunity and when it comes, they will do whatever it takes to be one of the chosen few. In many ways, the "Nissan American Speedway

Ferrell, Brad Oxley, Gene Woods, Sam Ermolenko, Muke Curoso, Buddy Robinson and Steve Lucero.

A number of outstanding Southern Californians have been competing regularly in the tough British League. In fact, last season's averages were topped by Dennis Sigalos with an average in excess of 11 points out of a possible 12! Shawn Moran, the current World Long Track Champion, Bobby Schwartz, Sam Ermolenko and Lance King are all in the top 10 British League averages.



Final" is the toughest and most competitive race of the entire international series, and if a guy can't stand the heat he might as well get off the track.

Long Beach Veterans Stadium, the host track of the "Nissan American Speedway Final" is now being inspected and groomed for the 1985 World Team Cup Championship. That event has already been allocated to the United States, and the course that the racers will compete on during the "Nissan American Speedway Final" is a racing surface that has evolved over three years of careful planning and construction in anticipation of future world class events.

The field of riders will feature such international standouts as Bobby Schwartz, John Cook, Shawn and brother Kelly Moran, Lance King, Rick Miller and the undisputed King of Long Beach, Dennis Sigalos. Joining them will be Southern California regulars, Mike Faria, Alan Christian, Dubb

If you have never seen speedway racing on a big, European sized 1/4-mile track, this is your chance. If you have attended races at Long Beach in the past, you certainly won't want to miss this one! Tickets for the event are on sale through Ticketron agencies in Southern California. They will also be available at Long Beach Veterans Stadium from 2:00 p.m. until race time on the day of the event. Adult tickets are \$10.00, children under 12 are \$5.00 and all seats are general admission.

To get to Long Beach Veterans Stadium take the 405 Freeway to the Lakewood exit and then turn North three blocks to Conant. Turn right, and Long Beach Veterans Stadium will be 1/2-block on your left. For further information, please contact International Speedway at P.O. Box 3334, San Clemente, CA, 92672, or call at (714) 492-9933.

# The Riders View

Without question, the "Nissan American Final" at long Beach on June 9 is the most important meeting of the 1984 speedway season, and from a rider's view, the most feared.

Coming together for the Long Beach event for the only time this year will be the cream of the Southern California circuit trying to hold their own against America's best European based racers. Only the top four of these 16 speedway superstars will advance to the next stage of the World Final Qualifying rounds, and every rider in this event is capable of taking the win. The European based Americans must be favored to do well on the ultra-fast Long Beach circuit, as they are hot off the U.S. Team slaughter of England.

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***The track at Long Beach can only be described as scary!***

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Bobby Schwartz, Dennis Sigalos, Lance King, Shawn Moran, John Cook, and the other overseas hot shots are chomping at the bit to get to Long Beach to show that all of that overseas experience really pays off! For the home boys, Long Beach is an even tougher task! A 440 yard track, after weeks of competition at Costa Mesa's 180 yard facility is more of a nightmare than a dream come true for most. But you can bet that guys like Faria, Kelly Moran, Robinson, Ferrell and Oxley will be taking every chance to claim one of the four coveted transfers to the Overseas Final at Coventry.

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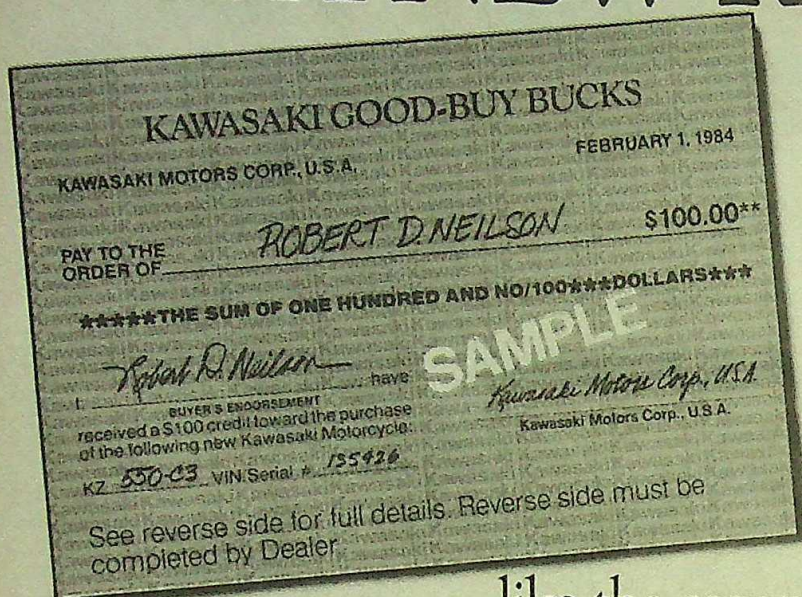


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FRIDAY  
JUNE 8

#### EVENT NO. 1

### Handicap Heat—5 Laps

9 - Mike Faria	50
20 - John Sandona	40
3 - Gene Woods	40
16 - Keith Larsen	30
17 - Tom Burba	30
25 - Dennis Briggs	20

First 3 transfer to Event No. 6

#### EVENT NO. 2

### Handicap Heat—5 Laps

1 - Kelly Moran	50
5 - Brad Oxley	40
54 - Mike Curoso	40
77 - Robert Pfetzing	30
19 - Kurt Strommer	30
27 - John Foster	20

First 3 transfer to Event No. 6

#### EVENT NO. 3

### Handicap Heat—5 Laps

121 - Dubb Ferrell	40
13 - Sam Ermolenko	40
21 - Sterling Cogar	40
46 - Jum Lawson	30
45 - Grag Ayers	30
64 - Mike Mazzacane	20

First 3 Transfer to Event No. 7

#### EVENT NO. 4

### Handicap Heat—5 Laps

2 - Alan Christian	50
6 - Buddy Robinson	40
101 - Dave DeTemple	40
127 - Dennis Bransford	30
29 - Craig Schaefer	30
227 - Tom Walton	20

First 3 transfer to Event No. 7

#### EVENT NO. 5 Third Division Heat—4 Laps

108 - Valerie Robledo	10
320 - Doug Greyson	10
129 - Ken Bidney	10

First 3 transfer to Event No. 18

161 - Jason Chism	0
316 - Wayne Selman	0
365 - Brian Maxson	0

#### EVENT NO. 6

### Handicap Semi—Final Event—5 Laps


First 3 transfer to Event No. 21  
Second 3 transfer to Event No. 20

#### EVENT NO. 7

### Handicap Semi-Final Event—5 Laps


First 3 transfer to Event No. 21  
Second 3 transfer to Event No. 20

#### EVENT NO. 8 Third Division Heat—4 Laps

321 - Mike Buschman	10
198 - Banzai Ellinor	10
218 - Ron Duke	10

First 3 transfer to Event No. 18

252 - Jack Tanner	0
249 - David Potts	0
342 - Doug Bowers	0

#### EVENT NO. 9

### Scratch Heat—4 Laps

1 - Kelly Moran	3 - Gene Woods
6 - Buddy Robinson	46 - Jim Lawson

Transfer 1st to Event No. 16; 2nd to Event No. 17

#### EVENT NO. 10

### Scratch Heat—4 Laps

9 - Mike Faria	54 - Mike Curoso
13 - Sam Ermolenko	16 - Keith Larsen

Transfer 1st to Event No. 16; 2nd to Event No. 17

#### EVENT NO. 11

### Scratch Heat—4 Laps

2 - Alan Christian	21 - Sterling Cogar
20 - John Sandona	77 - Robert Pfetzing

Transfer 1st to Event No. 17; 2nd to Event No. 16

#### EVENT NO. 12

### Scratch Heat—4 Laps

121 - Dubb Ferrell	101 - Dave DeTemple
5 - Brad Oxley	127 - Dennis Bransford

Transfer 1st to Event No. 17; 2nd to Event No. 16

INTERMISSION

#### EVENT NO. 13 FEATURE MATCH RACE

13-SAM ERMOLENK VERSUS 9—MIKE FARIA

#### EVENT NO. 13

### Second Division Heat—5 Laps

109 - Jim Turner	30
209 - Mark Weaver	20
226 - Wayne Leutz	20
294 - Mike Golightly	10
119 - Pat Cain	10
123 - Larry Willey	0

First 2 transfer to Event No. 19

#### EVENT NO. 14

### Second Division Heat—5 Laps

61 - Moose Kennedy	30
134 - Randy Blevins	20
246 - Bentley Barrett	20
245 - A.J. Nay	10
232 - Walt Farnum	10
182 - Terry Clanton	0

First 2 transfer to Event No. 19

#### EVENT NO. 15

### Second Division Heat—5 Laps

174 - Pat Hawley	30
254 - Chris Mistretta	20
118 - Bob Ott	20
312 - Jeff Springman	10
66 - Len Benngston	10
353 - Dennis Hall	0

First 2 transfer to Event No. 19

#### EVENT NO. 16

### Scratch Semi-Final Event


First 2 transfer to Event No. 23  
Second 2 transfer to Event No. 22

#### EVENT NO. 17

### Scratch Semi-Final Event


First 2 transfer to Event No. 23  
Second 2 transfer to Event No. 22

#### EVENT NO. 18

### Third Division Main


#### EVENT NO. 19

### Second Division Main


#### EVENT NO. 20

### Handicap Consolation Event


#### EVENT NO. 21

### Handicap Main Event


#### EVENT NO. 22

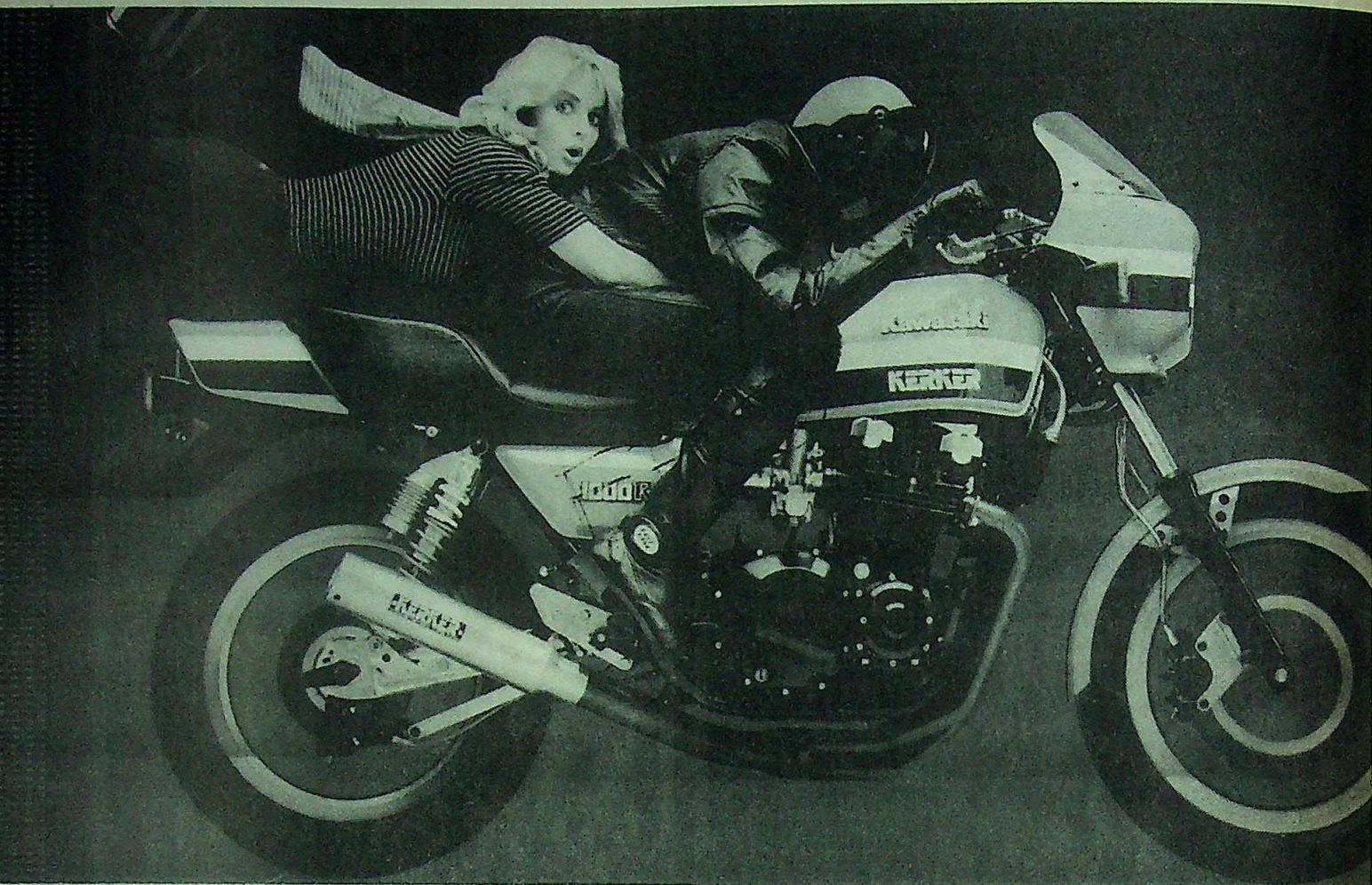
### Scratch Consolation Event


#### EVENT NO. 23

### Scratch Main Event


RESERVES: 24 - Leni Faas 157 - Jim Blodgett 345 - John Mazzacane





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EVENT NO. 1	
1	Lance King
2	John Sandona
3	Brad Oxley
4	John Cook

EVENT NO. 2	
5	Gene Woods
7	Rick Miller
6	Kelly Moran
8	Sam Ermolenko

EVENT NO. 3	
10	Dubb Ferrell
11	Bobby Schwartz
9	Buddy Robinson
12	Shawn Moran

EVENT NO. 5	
13	Mike Faria
1	Lance King
5	Gene Woods
9	Buddy Robinson

EVENT NO. 6	
14	Dennis Sigalos
10	Dubb Ferrell
2	John Sandona
6	Kelly Moran

EVENT NO. 7	
11	Bobby Schwartz
15	Mike Curoso
7	Rick Miller
3	Brad Oxley

EVENT NO. 9	
6	Kelly Moran
16	Alan Christian
1	Lance King
11	Bobby Schwartz

EVENT NO. 10	
12	Shawn Moran
5	Gene Woods
15	Mike Curoso
2	John Sandona

EVENT NO. 11	
8	Sam Ermolenko
9	Buddy Robinson
3	Brad Oxley
14	Dennis Sigalos

INTERMISSION

EVENT NO. 13	
7	Rick Miller
12	Shawn Moran
14	Dennis Sigalos
1	Lance King

EVENT NO. 14	
2	John Sandona
13	Mike Faria
8	Sam Ermolenko
11	Bobby Schwartz

EVENT NO. 15	
16	Alan Christian
3	Brad Oxley
10	Dubb Ferrell
5	Gene Woods

EVENT NO. 17	
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EVENT NO. 4	
15	Mike Curoso
14	Dennis Sigalos
16	Alan Christian
13	Mike Faria

EVENT NO. 8	
4	John Cook
8	Sam Ermolenko
12	Shawn Moran
16	Alan Christian

EVENT NO. 12	
13	Mike Faria
4	John Cook
10	Dubb Ferrell
7	Rick Miller

EVENT NO. 16	
9	Buddy Robinson
6	Kelly Moran
4	John Cook
15	Mike Curoso

EVENT NO. 20	
5	Gene Woods
14	Dennis Sigalos
11	Bobby Schwartz
4	John Cook

SCORED POINTS

Rider	Ride	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 - LANCE KING							
2 - JOHN SANDONA							
3 - BRAD OXLEY							
4 - JOHN COOK							
5 - GENE WOODS							
6 - KELLY MORAN							
7 - RICK MILLER							
8 - SAM ERMOLENKO							
9 - BUDDY ROBINSON							
10 - DUBB FERRELL							
11 - BOBBY SCHWARTZ							
12 - SHAWN MORAN							
13 - MIKE FARIA							
14 - DENNIS SIGALOS							
15 - MIKE CUROSO							
16 - ALAN CHRISTIAN							

RESERVES Jim Lawson Robert Pfetzing

AWARD  
CEREMONIES  
IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING  
EVENT NO. 20



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These dates are set in concrete according to Oxley. Additionally, a sanction has been granted by the FIM for the 1985 World Team Cup, which will be run at Long Beach on August 10 next year, and applications have been sent in for the 1987 Individual World Championship. Both of these are slated for Long Beach, and naturally a lot of seats would have to be added to accommodate the crowd. The World Team Cup would require probably another 20,000 seats, to raise the existing capacity from 15,000 to 35,000; with the World Final needing seating for at least 40,000.

"But we think the stadium is worthy of that investment," Oxley says. "The Veterans memorial Stadium is a very versatile, flexible facility with a fantastic location, and it's easy to develop it into a world class speedway track. If there is an event held at Long Beach, you can bet it's going to be a beauty."

There seems to be little question that Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium will become a major site in International Speedway competition.

## Fair Time Is Race Time

The highlight of the month of July is always the Orange County Fair, and this year the Fair takes on a special meaning. In addition to our July 6 Coors Western Night that kicks off the Orange County Fair, we have added the July 13 Fair Derby!

That's right...No break in our racing schedule during the Fair! As you regular fans know, we normally do not run the second night of the Fair, but new management decisions have made speedway even more a part of the Orange County Fair by featuring the Coors Western Night kick off and the speedway Fair Derby as a highlight of the second week of festivities.

It all adds up to two great nights of racing and entertainment, so be sure and mark your calendar with July 6 for the Coors Western Night and July 13 for the Fair Derby.

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## Fox Night May 25

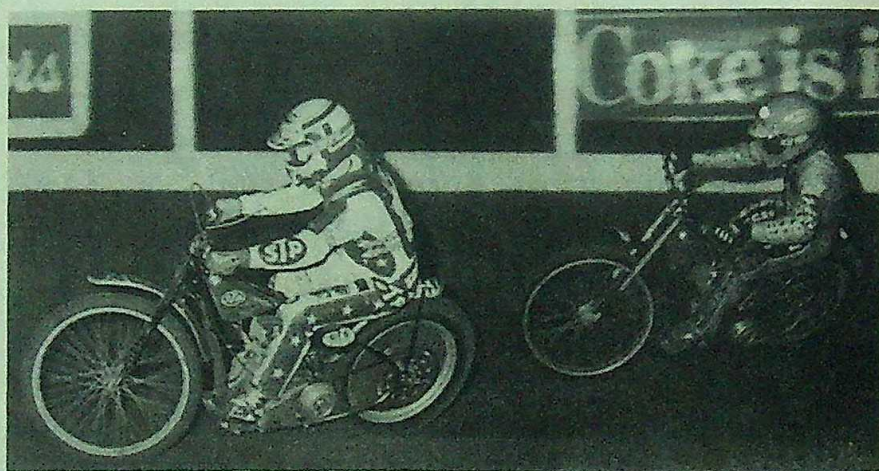


Join me and all the other foxes May 25th.

Get ready because it's nearly time for one of Costa Mesa Speedway's biggest events of the season...yes boys, you heard it right...May 25 marks the return of the ever popular "FOX NIGHT"!

All females will be admitted to the speedway motorcycle races absolutely free. They just show up at the gate and walk through with no charge, no ticket needed! If you are a lady from 1 to 100, what a great chance to introduce your neighbor or that someone special to the thrills and excitement of professional speedway racing.

If you have never been to one of the past "FOX NIGHTS", be at Costa Mesa Speedway on Friday night, May 25. You won't believe what you have been missing. And guys, if you want to go fox hunting, Friday night, May 25 you know where the foxes are going to be!



Lance King leads Sam Ermolenko  
out of Long Beach's 60 mph turn - 1

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It takes a special type of person to keep his composure at an important event when he is facing such stiff competition. At Long Beach, it takes a hero! The track at Long Beach can only be described as scary! 300 foot long straights, tight, banked corners and plenty of grip, which allows for speeds over 75 mph. One of speedways very fastest tracks are cause for even the

surest to have second thoughts. Some of Southern California's best and bravest riders have been terrified at Long Beach.

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Type of Car \_\_\_\_\_

Type of motorcycle \_\_\_\_\_

How many Speedway events do you attend  
each year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to Attend Speedway at Long Beach  
this year? \_\_\_\_\_

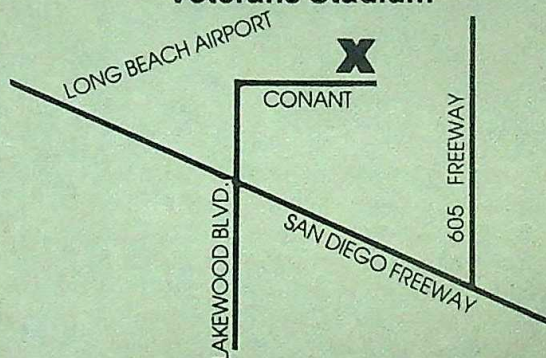
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How many racing events do you attend a year  
other than Speedway? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything additional you would like to see  
in this newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

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