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1166th Meeting

World Championship Qualifying Round

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The Management reserve the right to alter or vary this Programme without notice. The Official Measurement of the Track is 418 yards.						

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance.

Record: Peter Craven, 4 laps, Clutch start, 5th April, 1958, 69.4/5 secs.

SATURDAY, 21st May, 1966

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Good-Evening Everyone

UR great win at West Ham's expense last Saturday more than made up for the beating they handed out to us a week earlier. On aggregate we piled up 84 points, West Ham only managed 72.

Again Cyril Maidment was in devastating form . . . a match maximum and then the News of the World Trophy. Speedway '66 is certainly going great for Cyril.

Tonight it's World Championship time. For between now and the end of the month 101 British club men will be taking part in this year's qualifying round of the World Championship series.

Each rider has three rounds, one on his home track and at two others. From the 19 qualifying round meetings, scheduled for each of the British League tracks, the leading 32 scorers on aggregate progress to the British semi-finals at Cradley Heath and Halifax.

The Wimbledon-staged British final will feature the top eight men from each of the semi-sessions from where the leading eight riders join the top eight men from the British European decider at Sheffield.

Things don't end there though. For from the Sheffield meeting the top eight scorers still have to fight it out with a star octet from the Continental final for the 10 places with the six Swedish riders in the World Final in Sweden in September.

Without doubt, this year, the British riders have their toughest and longest ever trek to the World Final. It will be a hard road to progress along, but along the way there will be some golden pickings for the more

successful thanks to the generosity of the Sunday Mirror who are supplementing the prize money. Tonight's leading points man pockets the Sunday Mirror cheque which will be provided by a representative of that Newspaper.

Next Saturday Wimbledon come to town. Men moving extremely fast for the Dons these days include Olle Nygren, Trevor Hedge and Reg Luckhurst. When Wimbledon stopped Oxford last month Hedge had a maximum and Nygren 11.

Nygren was again one point short of a maximum at Swindon last Saturday. And when Wimbledon hammered Halifax, Luckhurst and Hedge both turned in 12 point performances with Nygren in the 11 point bracket for the third successive time.

Dick and the boys, however, thrive on the cut and thrust of fast racing. They're looking forward to next Saturday's session with Wimbledon, and in between times will be racing out their World series qualifiers.

See you at the Speedway.

Bits and Pieces

Although we didn't take match points from the Hammers, who borrowed spectacular Terry Betts from Kings Lynn, Cyril stormed his way through to 11 fighting points; and went on to win the scratch race final from Norman Hunter.

Sandor shook the home fans by handing out a first race defeat to West Ham skipper Ken McKinlay. He had another win before running into motor trouble. Bike breakdowns also handicapped Jim, and although the Hammers retained their unbeaten at home record they certainly know Belle Vue had been chasing them.

Hammers match winners were: Hunter III, McKinlay 9, Betts 8, Leonard 6, Trott 5, Stone 3, Simmons 2.

Long Eaton "Sure had a close shave last week when Belle Vue came within an Ace of nicking two valuable league points from our 'Archers'." . . . editorial writer in the Long Eaton programme.

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Statistically minded Mike Blair wants to know how we went on at Cradley

Heath the Saturday he enjoyed stock car racing here. Well, Mike, Cradley beat us 48-30, this was largely due to a fine maximum from Chris Julians, and 21

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BRIAN BRETT (Newcastle)
The stylist from Swindon should get quite a few points tonight,

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Clutch Start. Points awarded: 1st 3; 2nd 2; 3rd 1. Starting Grids are: 1 Red; 2 Blue; 3 White; 4 Yelow/Black.

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A DECIDER WILL BE RUN IF NECESSARY
Cheque will be presented by Mr. EDGAR TURNER of the SUNDAY MIRROR PATRONS ARE WELCOME IN THE GARDENS AFTER THE MEETING



PETER VANDENBERG (Wolverhampton)
Rides an E.S.O. tonight,

BITS AND PIECES

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other points turned in by Ivor Brown and Clive Featherby.

Sandor was our top man, but Cyril, Dick and Dave all worked hard and scored good race wins.

Our scorers were: Sandor 9, Cyril 8, Dick 6, Gordon 4, Dave 3, Norman and Jim 0.

The Cradley collection came from: Julians 12, Brown 11, Featherby 10, Taylor 5, McKee 4, Hughes and Cooper 3.

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Although still a long way off, the British League's official statistician Bryan Seery, advises that the following riders are heading the chart for a place in the British League Riders' Championship which will be staged at Belle Vue on Saturday, October 22. The listing is based on their British League performances up to, and including, Saturday, April 30.

Barry Briggs (Swindon), Nigel Boocock (Coventry), Gote Nordin (Newport), Cyril Maidment (Belle Vue), Trevor Hedge (Wimbledon), Ken McKinlay (West Ham), Arne Pander (Oxford), Eric Boocock (Halifax), Colin Pratt (Hackney), Bengt Jansson (Edinburgh), Bill Andrews (Poole), Terry Betts (Kings Lynn), Tommy Sweetman (Exeter), Ove Fundin (Long Eaton), Ivor Brown (Cradley Heath), with Peter Vandenberg (Wolverhampton), Bluey Scott (Glasgow) and Bob Paulson (Sheffield) in reserve.

This annual event features the top man from each British League track; the leading 16 riders earning a place in the British Final with the remaining three riders acting as reserves.

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The Sunday Mirror sponsored British Match Championship for the Golden Helmet was due to get underway for the 1966 season at Oxford on Thursday when holder Barry Briggs of Swindon faced his first challenger of the year Coventry's Nigel Boocock.

So far, Briggs and Boocock have been outstanding men of the 1966 British League competition. During March and April their figures in British League matches, for Swindon and Coventry respectively, was 11.62 for Briggs; 11.52 for Boocock . . . from a possible 12 points.

This year, the Golden Helmet takes on a 'new-look' in as much as the competi-

We would be grateful if spectators on the popular side would help us in stopping children from crossing the track towards the end of the meeting until all riders taking part in the last event on the programme have had time to reach the pits. Then, and only then, is racing really over. We know that fans of all ages like to tour the vast Belle Vue amusement park after the match, and that a short-cut over the safety fence can be very tempting . . . especially to young visitors. But it is extremely dangerous. For speedway bikes are not equipped with brakes. So, please do not cross the track UNTIL ALL RIDERS HAVE REACHED THE PITS.

tion is now 'sudden death.' In previous years races have always been over the best of three legs . . . this year it's one leg only involving the best of three races on the night.

There's no weekly pension for the holder either. Instead, each month's champion will receive a lump sum cash award from the Sunday Mirror; the loser receiving a smaller award from the promoters. As in 1965, the Golden Helmet will continue to be raced on neutral tracks; the challenger and venue probably being named at the end of the first week of each month.

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Sandor and Bill had World Championship rounds at Glasgow last night. Dick was at Newport.

On Monday Gordon goes to Exeter, Norman is at Long Eaton the next day, and Cyril at West Ham. Wednesday sees Cyril at Kings Lynn; Dick and Norman at Poole.

Our riders rounds will be continued at Hackney next Friday when Sandor, Gordon and Bill complete their qualifiers.

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WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Regulation 122

Starting positions, in the case of scratch races shall be balloted for.

The ballot shall take place immediately before the start and once the starting positions have been determined they shall not be changed (Abridged version).

(You no doubt will have seen the Ballot taking place).

(Always outside the pit gate in front of the four riders)).

Supporters' Club Notes

The Aces Supporters' Club regret to announce that the trip to Gothenburg for the World Speedway Final, in September, is now fully booked.

Furthermore, the trip to Wimbledon on Whit Monday, May 30th for the "Internationale" has also been fully booked up.

One way of securing a seat on future trips would be to book as soon as details appear in this column.

LOTTERY RESULTS

1st Prize — £12 Voucher. Ticket No. 35087: Unclaimed.

2nd Prize—Gents Wristlet Watch. Ticket No. 35578: Mr. Davies of Denton.

3rd Prize — Sun Lounger. Ticket No. 34450: Mr. Smith of Manchester.

4th Prize—Matching Cigarette Case and Lighter. Ticket No. 35479: Mr. Knights of Heaton Moor.

Mr. Smith of Manchester won the Bonus Prize having drawn ticket Nos. 34450 and 34447, and has received a £3 voucher.

PETER COLLIER.

The after the meeting Dance will be in the "Windermere Suite" Tonight Dancing to Bonelli's Band

NOTE:—The Management reserve the right to alter this programme should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the start of the sixth race in the programme, re-admission tickets issued at entrance (available for any one of the next three meetings) will become valid. In no circumstances will any money be refunded, Rights of admission reserved. This programme is sold on the understanding that in the event of the meeting not being started. This programme can be exchanged at any of the next three ordinary meetings for a current programme, No money refunded.

Betting strictly Prohibited.

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Thur, Mar. 31st	Challenge Match		sheffield, 1st Leg	Away	Lost 38-40
	British League		VOLVERHAMPTON	HOME	Won 53-25
	Challenge Match		ong Eaton	Away	Lost 49-29
	British League		WINDON	HOME	Won 43-35
Mon. April 11th			Halifax	Away	Lost 45-33
	British League		VEWPORT	HOME	Won 53-24
Thur. April 21st			Oxford	Away	Lost 37-41
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Sat. April 23rd		STREET, STREET	Vewport	Away	Lost 25-53
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Tues. May 10th		***		HOME	Won 50-28
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Sat. May 28th	British League	***	WIMBIEDON	HOME	
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NEXT STOCK CAR MEET WHIT MONDAY

30th MAY AT 7

The Blakes Vauxhall Trophy

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Reserved Seats: 11/6, 8/6, 6/-. Reserved seats for children are halfprice provided that they are booked before the day of the event. Standing Enclosure: Adults and Children 6/-. Popular Side Standing: Adults 4/-; Children 3/-.

NEXT SPEEDWAY MEETING

28th MAY AT 7

BRITISH LEAGUE MATCH

BELLE VUE (ACES) WIMBLEDON

Admission Prices:

Adults and Children: Reserved Seats 6/-Standing Enclosure: Adults 4/-, Child 3/-. Popular Side Standing: Adults 3/-, Child 2/-