

WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY



MONMORE GREEN STADIUM

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**OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUND

Sponsored by the Sunday Mirror

FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1966 AT 7.30

6th Season

9th Meeting



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WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY

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Times recorded at this meeting are unofficial

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control Board

Track Licence No. 66/19. A.C.U. Permit Applied For

Track Length 329 yds. Track Record : Ivan Mauger (Newcastle), 14/8/64, 65-4/5 secs.



NEWS

from the Wolves Den

GOOD EVENING ALL !

What did I tell you last week about substitute riders ? With not-so-gay Gordon still nursing that ankle injury, I decided against bringing in an outsider to make us up to strength for the battle with cock-a-hoop Hackney. And we lost — but not because we were under-strength.

With the cruel luck that seemed to flow our way right through the meeting, not even reigning World Champion Bjorn Knutsson would have made any difference. So I reckon that I was proved right by giving Dave Hemus another run.

As you all know, we lost by only two points. But just look at the bad luck we had. Cyril pulled that "locker" in the very first heat which costs us two points ; then there was that unhappy incident in heat two with Ernie Baker and Brian Maxted — with Brian excluded from the re-run, quite wrongly I thought. Another two points down the drain.

Then in heat nine when Peter Jarman threw a chain. Again in heat 11 when Jimmy Bond's timing slipped. And, finally and cruelly, in the last heat when Speedy Pete's motor seized solid. Tot up that lot. I reckon but for these incidents we would have skated it.

Still, as I have said many, many times before, that's speedway. There's nothing you can do about it. Even moaning and cursing doesn't help — but it certainly relieves the tension at the time ! By and large this luck balances out in the end. So I reckon we can sit back for a spell now and watch it go our way for a change, for we are certainly due to be on the happy end.

Going back to Gordon, for a moment, he was really upset that he had to miss out of last week's match. But happily I can report that he had the plaster taken off his ankle and he was ready, willing and just about able to battle in the World Championship round at Coventry last Saturday. They come no tougher than our tall, talented Aussie and I reckon he would have gone to Brandon to ride even if the plaster was still on his leg !

And they come no more loyal than our other Aussie pal Peter Vadenberg. This man must rate as the loyalist man in the sport today. No moans. Or groans. He just gets on with the racing — and he does a mighty fine job of it, too.

I reckon we were really lucky — perhaps privileged would be a better word — to get him, for he has certainly settled down well with the Magnificent Seven. All his career in this country, Pete has ridden for only two previous clubs — Southampton and Newport. He didn't really want to leave the Saints, but the track closed down. And I know that he was quite content riding for Newport. I don't think he was too keen on the move here at first, but now that he has arrived and found a niche for himself, he is content to do his best.

No promoter could ask for more than that. And I am just as sure that no rider could give more than Peter. Yes, I am mighty happy to have him with us and I sincerely hope that this will be just the first of many happy years he spends at Monmore Green.

Peter, of course, again topped our points chart against Hackney. I reckon he is riding just as well as ever. What makes him even more valuable as a rider, is that he is a model of consistency.

Brian is consistent, too ... but for quite a different matter. Look back through all his meetings this season, whether they have been here or at Belle Vue, Edinburgh or even Cradley Heath. And one thing strikes you right away ... that he always fails to score in his first ride.

Why? I think the answer can be found in the fact that he is a grass track rider. It always takes him a few laps to weigh up the track. On the grass, of course, you are allowed to practice before the meeting starts. If only we could do this on speedway I reckon Brian would be good for at least two or three points extra per meeting!

With Jimmy Bond, Cyril Francis, Alan Cowland and Dave Hemus also tigering furiously, I can see that I am going to have quite a team problem on my hands when Gordon is fully fit again. So who do I leave out? I reckon that I will have to rely on the average book to sort out this problem. But it's a good problem to have. When there are four men battling for three team places, it always makes them ride just that bit harder. And this extra effort is just what we want to win matches.

I am also mighty pleased to see young Mick Handley doing so well in the second half. I definitely rate this lad as a star of the future and, to boost his bid for speedway fame, I am hoping to send him for two months racing in Italy. The experience should do super-keen Mick the power of good ... and then he can come back and make another big effort to win a place among the Magnificent Seven.

Racing starts in Italy early next month, so if any of you are going there to sun yourselves, pop along and give Mick a big cheer.

Tonight, of course, we stage our round of the World Championship. Don't forget that we are at Newport on Monday and we meet Sheffield here next Friday in a British League match. Have a happy Whitsun. See you next week. BILL.

WARNING NOTICE

ANYONE FOUND INTERFERING OR DAMAGING STADIUM PROPERTY,
i.e. FIRE ALARMS, TOILETS, ETC. WILL BE PROSECUTED FORTHWITH.
THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE, AND COULD CAUSE US TO LOSE
OUR SPEEDWAY. BY ORDER.

— Holiday Time is Speedway Time —

GET OUT AND ABOUT ON WHIT MONDAY
HEAD STRAIGHT DOWN THE M.5 DESTINATION
N E W P O R T

VISIT CHEPSTOW RACES IN THE AFTERNOON
(YOU MUST BACK THE FAVOURITES)

SEE YOUR FAVOURITES AT SOMMERTON PARK IN THE EVENING

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WHIT MONDAY, 7.30 p.m.

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Speedway Championship of the World

QUALIFYING ROUND
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4 LAPS CLUTCH START

Winner decided on Race Points : 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1
Riders are identified by Numbers and Riding Colours
Starting positions are indicated by helmet colours

Heat	Rider	Helmet Colour	Pts.	Substitute or Remarks
1 Time	Alan Cowland Colin McKee Cyril Francis Terry Betts	Red Blue White Y/B		
2 Time	Jimmy Tannock Reg Luckhurst Ken McKinlay Gordon Guasco	Red Blue White Y/B		
3 Time	Tommy Roper Alan Jay Pete Jarman Bill Landells	Red Blue White Y/B		
4 Time	Chris Julians John Dews Pete Vandenberg Brian Maxted	Red Blue White Y/B		
5 Time	Brian Maxted Alan Cowland Jimmy Tannock Pete Jarman	Red Blue White Y/B		
6 Time	John Dews Tommy Roper Colin McKee Ken McKinlay	Red Blue White Y/B		
7 Time	Alan Jay Chris Julians Reg Luckhurst Cyril Francis	Red Blue White Y/B		
8 Time	Terry Betts Gordon Guasco Bill Landells Pete Vandenberg	Red Blue White Y/B		
9 Time	Ken McKinlay Pete Vandenberg Alan Cowland Alan Jay	Red Blue White Y/B		
10 Time	Bill Landells Jimmy Tannock Chris Julians Colin McKee	Red Blue White Y/B		

INTERVAL AFTER HEAT 10

11 Time	Gordon Guasco Pete Jarman Cyril Francis John Dews	Red Blue White Y/B		
12 Time	Brian Maxted Terry Betts Tommy Roper Reg Luckhurst	Red Blue White Y/B		
13 Time	Reg Luckhurst Bill Landells John Dews Alan Cowland	Red Blue White Y/B		
14 Time	Colin McKee Brian Maxted Gordon Guasco Alan Jay	Red Blue White Y/B		
15 Time	Pete Vandenberg Cyril Francis Tommy Roper Jimmy Tannock	Red Blue White Y/B		
16 Time	Pete Jarman Ken McKinlay Terry Betts Chris Julians	Red Blue White Y/B		
17 Time	Alan Cowland Gordon Guasco Chris Julians Tommy Roper	Red Blue White Y/B		
18 Time	Pete Jarman Colin McKee Reg Luckhurst Pete Vandenberg	Red Blue White Y/B		
19 Time	Cyril Francis Bill Landells Brian Maxted Ken McKinlay	Red Blue White Y/B		
20 Time	Jimmy Tannock John Dews Alan Jay Terry Betts	Red Blue White Y/B		

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Alan Cowland								Pete Jarman							
Colin McKee								Tommy Roper							
Cyril Francis								Alan Jay							
Terry Betts								Bill Landells							
Jimmy Tannock								Brian Maxted							
Ken McKinlay								John Dews							
Reg Luckhurst								Chris Julians							
Gordon Guasco								P. Vandenberg							
Res. James Bond								Res. Dave Hemus							

1966 World Championship — Qualifying Round

(Sponsored by the 'SUNDAY MIRROR')

THE ROAD TO GOLD AND GLORY

by Don Clarke

What is it about World Championship racing that brings an extra keen glitter into the eyes of every rider, and a sense of excited anticipation into the heart of the most blasé speedway supporter?

The answer is quite simple. It is the knowledge that with courage and skill it is within the bounds of any rider to reach the dizzy heights which could result in his stepping on to the winner's dais to be acclaimed **WORLD CHAMPION**.

Tonight you will see sixteen British riders start their trek towards World Championship gold and glory.

The reward will be hard earned. Make no mistakes about that.

From the 20 preliminary rounds now being staged on British tracks, only 32 riders from the original one hundred starters, can go forward to the two British semi-finals at Cradley Heath (June 13th) and at Halifax (June 15th).

Even when over these hurdles there are still two tough finals to be faced — the British Final (at Wimbledon on June 27th), and British-European Final (at Sheffield on July 14th), before the European Final is staged at Wembley Stadium, on Saturday, September 3rd.

And at Wembley the chips will really be down before it is decided which ten riders will go forward to the World Final, in Gothenburg, on September 23rd.

It is a tough road to ride. Tonight's sixteen competitors know that there can be no quarter given if they hope to walk out to battle as one of the sixteen European Finalists at Wembley.

As well as glory, there are plenty of Sunday Mirror cash incentives to urge riders to greater efforts in these battles.

Winner at each preliminary round will receive a Sunday Mirror cheque for £20, as well as his points money.

In the semi-finals Sunday Mirror prize money of £30 to the winner, £15 to the second and £5 to the third, can be won. Then the stakes get higher.

In both the British Final (at Wimbledon) and British-European-Final (at Sheffield) prize money jumps to £100 to the top scorer, £50 to the second and £30 to the third.

The bonanza comes with the European Final at Wembley. In addition to point and start money, further Sunday Mirror cheques of £250 go to the winner, £125 to the second, £75 to the third, £25 to the fourth, plus £20 to each British rider not placed in the first four, who qualified for the World Final.

When this cash has been safely tucked into the bank, successful Finalists then have the Gothenburg World Final cash to look forward to.

Well, that's it! That is the glittering prospect within the reach of every rider tonight.

You may rest assured that not one of them will let this chance of gold and glory slip lightly from his grasp.

NEXT HOME MEETING — FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, 7.30 p.m.

**BRITISH LEAGUE MATCH
WOLVES v. SHEFFIELD TIGERS**

starring

**PETE VANDENBERG, JAMES BOND, CYRIL FRANCIS
JACK KITCHEN, BILLY BALES, JOHN HART**

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 one of the next three meetings for a current programme. No money refunded.

PITS PATTTER

by Conrod

Who will win the Midland Riders' Championship Final at Coventry next Wednesday (7.45)? That's quite a question. And before I even attempt to find the answer, take a look at the 16 finalists:

Cyril Francis, Gordon Guasco, Peter Jarman, Peter Vandenberg, Alan Cowland (Wolves), Ron Mountford, Rick France, Nigel Boocock, Jim Lightfoot (Coventry), Ray Wilson (Long Eaton), Chris Julians, Clive Featherby (Cradley Heath), Barry Briggs, Mike Broadbanks, Martin Ashby (Swindon), Arne Pander (Oxford). Res: Ray Cresp (Long Eaton), Clive Hitch (Swindon).

Formidable looking lot aren't they? Obviously, Barry Briggs must start as favourite. But it's going to be tough even for him. With home hopes Nigel Boocock and Ron Mountford in such devastating form — not to mention Oxford's great Dane Arne Pander — anything can happen. But I reckon this quartet will fill the major positions ... Briggs, Boocock, Mountford and Pander in that order.

But Wolves can still hold up their heads with pride. Those five qualifiers speak for themselves. And what bad luck for Brian Maxted. This is his first real season in the game and he has, in fact, "qualified" as third reserve.

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Did you notice Mister Jarman in the second-half last week, he tried Peter Vandenberg's ESO and he was most impressed with its smooth handling. Could be that he will make the switch in the near future. As I said the other week, I think it is only a matter of time before the ESO becomes standard in this country.

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During the many years I have been connected with speedway, one of the funniest remarks I ever heard was just after Swindon laid their new-shaped track at Blunsdon a few years ago. Coventry's Ron Mountford, that dry, droll Black Country fella, remarked: "They say it's shaped like the Esso sign — but it isn't happy motoring for me!"

But I wonder what veteran Ron is thinking now? Since he switched to an ESO motor all his old fire and purpose has bounced back. And just look at the way he "cleaned up" with that faultless 15-point maximum in his World Championship qualifying round at Glasgow last week. Yes indeed, this ESO is the sign of happy motoring for popular Ron.

And just to make it a 'double' for the present British League leaders, Nigel Boocock also went through the Newport qualifying round unbeaten on the same night. I reckon one of this perky pair could be a fair bet for the British championship title this year.

LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS WERE :—

- 1st Mr. B. MATON, 25, Kipling Road, Sedgley
2nd Mr. S. CZYZYK, 78, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton
3rd Mr. P. BULLOCK, 433, Blurton Road, Stoke-on-Trent
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WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY FIXTURE LIST—SEASON 1966

Day and Date	H—Denotes HOME.	A—Denotes AWAY	For	Agst.	Rslt.
Fri., April 1	CRADLEY	Challenge H	44	34	Won
Sat., April 2	BELLE VUE	British League A	25	53	Lost
Fri., April 8	EDINBURGH	British League H	40	38	Won
Sat., April 9	EDINBURGH	British League A	42½	35½	Won
Thur., April 14	OXFORD	British League A		Snowed	Off
Fri., April 15	EXETER	British League H		Snowed	Off
Fri., April 22	HALIFAX	British League H	40	37	Won
Thur., April 28	SHEFFIELD	British League A	30	48	Lost
Fri., April 29	MIDLAND RIDERS' CHAMPS., Q.R.	H	Barry Briggs		
Fri., May 6	HACKNEY	British League A	32	46	Lost
Fri., May 6	NYGREN'S NOMADS v. MAC'S MEN	H	45	33	N'ds.
Mon., May 9	EXETER	British League A	27	51	Lost
Fri., May 13	CRADLEY HEATH	Midland Cup H	44	34	Won
Sat., May 14	CRADLEY HEATH	Midland Cup A	41	37	Won
Fri., May 20	HACKNEY	British League H	38	40	Lost
Fri., May 27	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Q.R.	H			
Mon., May 30	NEWPORT	British League A			
Fri., June 3	SHEFFIELD	British League H			
Sat., June 4	WIMBLEDON	British League A			

1966 Grand Final SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE MIDLANDS

Wednesday, June 1st at 7.45 p.m.

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