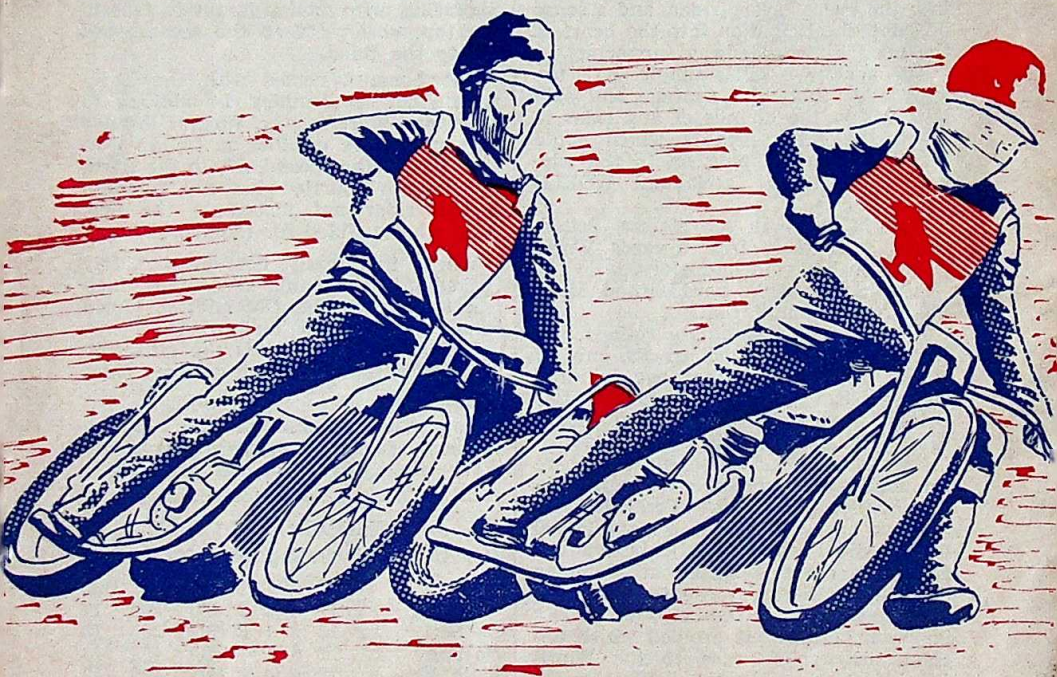


# SWINDON SPEEDWAY



## ***World Championship***

*(Sponsored by the Sunday Mirror)*

***Saturday, 28th May, 1966***

official programme 9d.



## TONIGHT'S COMPETITORS IN DRAW ORDER

- 1 Bob Kilby (Swindon)
- 2 Vic White (Long Eaton)
- 3 Martin Ashby (Swindon)
- 4 Pete Smith (Poole)
- 5 Eddie Reeves (Oxford)
- 6 Malcolm Simmonds (W. Ham)
- 7 Ronnie Genz (Poole)
- 8 Mike Keen (Swindon)
- 9 Barry Briggs (Swindon)

- 10 Tommy Sweetman (Exeter)
- 11 Gordon Guasco (Wolverhampton)
- 12 Norman Strachan (Poole)
- 13 Peter Jarman (Wolverhampton)
- 14 Geoff Mudge (Poole)
- 15 Arne Pander (Oxford)
- 16 Mike Broadbanks (Swindon)
- 17R Clive Hitch (Swindon)
- 18R Frank Shuter (Swindon)

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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 eye of every rider, and a sense of excited anticipation into the heart of the most blase 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 him 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 13) and at Halifax (June 15).

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

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 23.

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.

### BRITISH LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to, and including, May 26th, 1966)

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
Coventry .....	11	8	1	2	493	364	17
Exeter .....	13	6	1	6	507	505	13
Hackney .....	11	6	1	4	429	428	13
Belle Vue .....	12	6	0	6	506	428	12
Newcastle .....	9	6	0	3	371	326	12
Sheffield .....	13	6	0	7	523	490	12
Glasgow .....	11	6	0	5	413	442	12
West Ham .....	10	5	1	4	400	377	11
SWINDON .....	8	5	0	3	341	279	10
Wimbledon .....	7	5	0	2	293	250	10
Poole .....	8	5	0	3	326	296	10
Halifax .....	10	4	0	6	399	380	8
Long Eaton .....	7	4	0	3	264	281	8
Edinburgh .....	11	4	0	7	388½	464½	8
King's Lynn .....	6	3	0	3	218	247	6
Wolverhampton .....	8	3	0	5	274½	348½	6
Cradley Heath .....	11	3	0	8	368	485	6
Oxford .....	5	2	0	3	182	207	4
Newport .....	11	2	0	9	379	477	4



# Bryan Seery's Notebook

If you happened to sneeze, there's a good chance that you missed it altogether. It? The May encounter for the British Match Race Championship. Planned this year to be run on revised streamlined lines—best-of-three, one leg, neutral track—this year's first challenge was run-off so soon after the time the date was announced that it was quite impossible to build up any sort of advance enthusiasm and publicity for it at all. This comes particularly hard on the Swindon customers who have never had the pleasure of seeing Barry defend his helmet on home ground and, given suitable warning, would possible have made the trip to see him ride against Coventry's Nigel Boocock at Long Eaton. Although Nigel (Mister Maximum of 1966 so far) was a worthy challenger on figures, he had to make his challenge at a time when he was less than 100 per cent fit and was riding with a damaged ankle, so that in the event Barry was relatively untroubled in retaining his title 2-0.

Two points for Martin Ashby at Long Eaton; two points for Mike Broadbanks at Coventry. Results from the Midland Riders' Championship Qualifying rounds which caused trepidation at Blunsdon. And meant that the boys had to go some in their other two rounds to qualify for the big night. In fact, it took some fast mathematical chat to convince Martin that his chance hadn't gone altogether after his first disappointing round. But our three heat leaders are all safely there—Barry reaching Brandon with an unblemished score chart—fifteen starts, fifteen wins. A breakdown of the other thirteen finalists shows that Wolverhampton supply five (Guasco, Jarman, Vandenberg, Francis and Cowland), Coventry have four (Boocock, Mountford, Lightfoot and France), Cradley Heath two (Julian and Featherby), while Oxford and Long Eaton have one each with Arne Pander and Ray Wilson respectively. Reserves should have been Ray Cresp and Les Owen, but with Les sadly on the inactive list at present, the second reserve berth will be filled by our Clive Hitch. Surprise man amongst the Finalists must be Cradley's Chris Julian, whose points average was so low at the time that nominations were made that he didn't appear amongst Cradley's entrants. However he eventually got three meetings substituting for Brown, Bodle and Hockaday and took his chance with both hands. And he didn't just scrape in, either.

## Cradley Heath 39, Swindon 38

Last season we went to Oxford and lost by a mere four points. This year we did better. And still lost. Last season we went to Cradley Heath, provided eight of the thirteen heat winners and lost by two points. And incredible though it may seem we improved last Saturday, provided nine heat winners this time AND STILL LOST.

With never more than three points between the scores, the lead changing hands twice and every one of the fourteen riders riding their hearts out, this was speedway at its very best. The excitement started in the very first heat when Ivor Brown fell on the first bend. Groans from the Heathens when he was excluded. Re-run, and Barry's machinery let him down. Cheers from the Heathens. With Ivor Hughes way out in front, Clive toddled round for a buckshee second place. 'Hope this keeps up all season', he said. 'That's five points in the last two matches without a single man finishing behind me'. Four-two against Robins in the next, and then in Heat 3 Bob Kilby made a magnificent last corner to cut inside Chris Julian on the third lap, but Frank Shuter stood on his back wheel at the start of heat 4 which cost us another couple of points. Martin and Mike Keen got those two back for us in Heat 5, and Clive tried everything he knew in heat 6, being only inches short of Clive Featherby on the line.

Bob and his captain gated last in the next race, but Mike had got his dander up and was putting on a real captain's exhibition. After two laps he was in the lead, and Bob produced another fine ride to take Ivor Brown from the back on the last lap—no mean feat against a rider of Brown's calibre on his own track. This effort put Robins one point up, a lead which was held thanks to Frank who recorded his first win in Robins' colours at the expense of the current Australian champion, Chum Taylor. A couple of split heats with Barry and Mike taking premier places, and then the Heathens hit back with a 4-2 to retake the lead by one point, with two heats to go. And then Swindon's typical bad luck away from home struck. Bob, perhaps trying a little too hard, fell on the first lap and a likely four-two to us ended all square. So we faced the last heat one point down, with

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Saturday, May 28th

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

7.30 GRAND PARADE

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(Sponsored by the Sunday Mirror)

### 1966 QUALIFYING ROUND MEETING

20 Heats — 4 Laps — Clutch Start 1st, 3 pts.; 2nd, 2 pts.; 3rd, 1 pt.

Starting Grids: 1 — Red; 2 — Blue; 3 — White; 4 — Yellow and Black

Heat	RIDERS	Substitute	Points Scored	Helmet Colour	Result	Remarks
1	1 Bob Kilby 2 Vic White 3 Martin Ashby 4 Pete Smith			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st W 2nd B 3rd B Time	
2	<del>5 Eddie Reeves</del> 6 Malc'm Simmonds 7 Ronnie Genz 8 Mike Keen	C.HITCH		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st W 2nd B 3rd B Time	
3	10 Tommy Sweetman 11 Gordon Guasco 9 Barry Briggs 12 Norman Strachan			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st W 2nd R 3rd K Time	
4	15 Arne Pander 14 Geoff Mudge 16 Mike Broadbanks 13 Peter Jarman			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st W 2nd R 3rd B Time	
5	13 Peter Jarman 1 Bob Kilby <del>5 Eddie Reeves</del> 9 Barry Briggs	F.SHUTER		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st Y 2nd R 3rd W Time	
6	14 Geoff Mudge 10 Tommy Sweetman 2 Vic White 6 Malc'm Simmonds			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st R 2nd B 3rd W Time	
7	11 Gordon Guasco 15 Arne Pander 7 Ronnie Genz 3 Martin Ashby			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st Y 2nd B 3rd W Time	

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10	12 Norman Strachan <del>5 Eddie Reeves</del> 15 Arne Pander 2 Vic White	C.HITCH		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st W 2nd B 3rd R Time	

## INTERVAL

11	8 Mike Keen 9 Barry Briggs 3 Martin Ashby 14 Geoff Mudge			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st B 2nd Y 3rd Y Time	
12	13 Peter Jarman 4 Pete Smith 10 Tommy Sweetman 7 Ronnie Genz			Red Blue White Y. & B.	1st Y 2nd R 3rd W Time	
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# INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot		1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1 B. Kilby	2	4	3	3	2	10	10 T. Sweetman	1	2	1	1	1	6
2 V. White	1	1	-	1	-	3	11 G. Guasco	F	-	2	F	2	2
3 M. Ashby	3	3	2	2	3	13	12 N. Strachan	2	2	1	-	-	5
4 P. Smith	4	-	-	-	1	1	13 P. Jarman	4	2	2	3	2	9
5 F. Reeves	-	-	-	-	-	-	14 G. Mudge	1	3	1	2	3	10
6 M. Simmonds	1	-	1	1	1	4	15 A. Pander	2	2	3	2	3	12
7 R. Genz	3	1	3	1	1	9	16 M. Broadbank	3	3	4	3	2	11
8 M. Keen	2	1	-	2	-	5	17 R. C. Hitch	-	2	2	-	-	-
9 B. Briggs	3	3	3	3	3	15	18 R. F. Shuter	1	-	-	-	-	-

## Brian Seery's Notebook

### —conclusion

Mike and Martin going out against Ivor Brown—who had scored only one point up to then—and Cradley guest rider Johnny Dews. It still looked possible to win. After three laps Mike and Martin were all set for the heat win which would bring the match points to Blunsdon when it happened—and Martin's bike petered out. Just one of those things, but why do they keep on happening to Swindon? And always in the close matches, too.

Robins' scorers: Briggs 9 pts. from 4 rides, Hitch 4—4, Ashby 5—4, Keen 3—4, Kilby 2—4, Broadbanks 12—4, Shuter 3—2.

But only those at Dudley Wood last Saturday can realise the effort which went into those cold figures, only for the reward to be cruelly snatched away.

## ROBINS' SCORERS 1966

(League matches only, up to and including May 30th)

	B's Ttl. Calc.				
	M	R	Pts	Pts	M.A.v
B. Briggs	8	33	88	2	90
M. Broadbanks	8	34	83	3	86
M. Ashby	8	33	61	5	66
F. Shuter	4	8	9	3	12
C. Hitch	8	29	34	4	38
M. Keen	8	31	32	6	38
B. Kilby	8	31	30	5	35
P. Munday	4	9	4	1	5

The calculated match average is the average per ride multiplied by four, and brings all riders—reserves with fewer rides, tactical substitutes with more—into line on the assumption that each rider has four rides per match.

Note that this table does not govern the selection of the team according to Regulations.

## BRITISH LEAGUE 1965 — Part 8

The 8th part—only 3 more to go after this—of our comprehensive survey of the riders' performances in the initial history-making season of British League racing.

No.	Rider and Team	M.	Rides	1sts	2nds	3rds	Unpl	Pts.	B's Ttl	A/Ride	%
141	Sandy McGillivray (Hac, LE)	13	31	0	7	9	15	23	4	27	0.87
142	Gordon McGregor (BV)	34	136	40	42	40	14	244	17	261	1.92
143	Colin McKee (Ed)	31	128	24	36	37	31	181	18	199	1.55
144	Ken McKinlay (WH)	34	137	103	24	3	7	360	7	367	2.68
145	Bill McMillan (G)	18	58	1	9	22	26	43	11	54	0.93
146	John Mills (LE)	12	47	5	9	11	22	44	9	53	1.13
147	Eric Minall (LE, Sh)	4	8	0	0	2	6	2	1	3	0.37
148	Charlie Monk (G)	34	148	95	42	5	6	374	4	378	2.55
149	Red Monteith (G, LE)	2	6	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	0.33
150	Peter Moore (LE)	2	8	4	1	1	2	15	1	16	2.00
151	Ron Mountford (Cov)	32	125	49	39	24	13	249	24	273	2.18
152	Geoff Mudge (P)	28	118	22	46	36	14	194	24	218	1.85
153	Pete Munday (P)	34	104	3	10	31	60	60	20	80	0.77
154	Norman Nevitt (BV)	34	129	22	31	35	41	163	34	197	1.53
155	Ross Nickisson (Ed)	19	53	2	2	14	35	24	7	31	0.58
156	Olle Nygren (Wim)	34	142	82	48	10	2	352	14	366	2.58
157	Dent Oliver (BV)	8	32	2	6	17	7	35	7	42	1.31
158	Bruce Ovenden (G)	29	96	7	17	35	37	90	23	113	1.18
159	Les Owen (Cov)	15	54	5	13	13	23	54	5	59	1.09
160	Taffy Owen (BV, Sh)	3	9	0	0	2	7	2	0	2	0.22



# ROBINS' 1966 FIXTURE LIST AND RESULTS

Date	Fixture	Event	Venue	Result
Fri. April 8th	CRADLEY HE/TH	B.League	HOME	Won 54-24
Sat. April 9th	Belle Vue	B.League	away	Lost 43-35
Mon. April 11th	Newport	Challenge	away	Lost 43-35
Sat. April 16th	GLASGOW	B.League	HOME	post. snow
Sat. April 23rd	HACKNEY	B.League	HOME	Won 46-32
Sat. April 30th	SHEFFIELD	B.League	HOME	Won 45-33
Thur. April 28th	Oxford	B.League	away	Lost 40-38
Sat. May 7th	WIMBLEDON	B.League	HOME	Won 43-35
Sat. May 14th	NEWCASTLE	B.League	HOME	Won 42-33
Wed. May 18th	MIDLAND RIDERS' CHAMP	Q.R.	HOME	Barry Briggs
Sat. May 21st	Cradley Heath	B.League	away	Lost 39-38
Sat. May 28th	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Q.R.	HOME	
Tues. May 31st	West Ham	B.League	away	
Sat. June 4th	OXFORD	B.League	HOME	
Tues. June 7th	Long Eaton	B.League	away	
Sat. June 11th	EDINBURGH	B.League	HOME	
Sat. June 18th	Wimbledon	B.League	away	
Sat. June 25th	WOLVERHAMPTON	B.League	HOME	
Sat. July 2nd	WEST HAM	B.League	HOME	
Fri. July 8th	Newport	B.League	away	
Sat. July 9th	WEST OF ENGLAND v RUSSIA		HOME	
Fri. July 15th	Poole	B.League	away	
Sat. July 16th	HALIFAX	B.League	HOME	
Sat. July 23rd	Edinburgh	B.League	away	
Fri. July 29th	Wolverhampton	M.Cup	away	
Sat. July 30th	LONG EATON	B.League	HOME	
Wed. Aug. 3rd	King's Lynn	B.League	away	
Sat. Aug. 6th	BELLE VUE	B.League	HOME	
Wed. Aug. 10th	WOLVERHAMPTON	M.Cup	HOME	
Sat. Aug. 13th	Halifax	B.League	away	
Mon. Aug. 15th	Cradley Heath	M.Cup	away	
Sat. Aug. 20th	EXETER	B.League	HOME	
Wed. Aug. 24th	GLASGOW	B.League	HOME	
Fri. Aug. 26th	Glasgow	B.League	away	
Sat. Aug. 27th	KING'S LYNN	B.League	HOME	
Wed. Aug. 31st	CRADLEY HEATH	M.Cup	HOME	
Thur. Sep. 1st	Sheffield	B.League	away	
Mon. Sep. 5th	Exeter	B.League	away	
Sat. Sep. 10th	NEWPORT	B.League	HOME	
Wed. Sep. 14th	RESERVED	M.Cup	HOME	
Sat. Sep. 17th	Coventry	B.League	away	
Sat. Sep. 24th	POOLE	B.League	HOME	
Mon. Sep. 26th	Newcastle	B.League	away	
Fri. Sep. 30th	Hackey	B.League	away	
Sat. Oct. 1st	COVENTRY	B.League	HOME	
Fri. Oct. 7th	Wolverhampton	B.League	away	

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Good evening, Supporters,

The Newcastle supporters who made the long journey to Blunsdon for our league encounter had a grand evening, and the match proved full of incident. Our Wednesday meeting also provided us with some top class racing, and congratulations to Barry, Mike and Martin on qualifying for the Final, to be held at Brandon Stadium, Coventry, on June 1st.

Robins supporters who made the trip to Cradley witnessed another exciting match, but unfortunately fate was against us, and mechanical troubles robbed us of two vital away points.

Nevertheless well done lads.

Our 1966 bars have now arrived and the demand is great. Don't delay if you want one; the kiosks are always open and we are there to oblige. We also have a new line in small table mats if you are interested.

Let's extend a very warm welcome to all the riders in the meeting tonight, and wish our own boys the very best in this all important competition.

DORIS MULLINS.

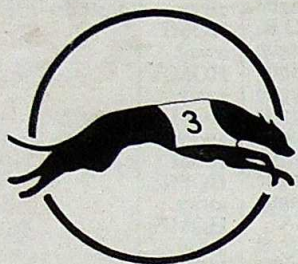
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**SWINDON v OXFORD**

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**BRITISH LEAGUE**

**FIRST RACE 7.30 p.m.**