

12th MEETING - 13th June 1966
7.30 p.m.

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CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMI FINAL

SPONSORED BY SUNDAY MIRROR

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — ONE SHILLING

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY

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FASTEST TIME EVER RECORDED AT THIS TRACK: IVOR BROWN (68.4 seconds)
RECORDED AT PROVINCIAL LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST NEW CROSS
ON SATURDAY, 20th JULY, 1963
OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT OF TRACK: 367 YARDS

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MURMURINGS FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost I would like to say a big thankyou for the wonderful welcome you have given me since my arrival at Cradley Heath a week ago. I have received so many goodwill telegrams and letters that it would be almost impossible to answer each one individually. Everywhere I go in Cradley everyone talks speedway and that to me is a tonic in itself. When I went along to Long Eaton with the team we came up against what we think was an incorrect S.R.A. ruling. It forbade us to use a guest rider, although we had Rick France there and ready. This was enough to dishearten the boys and myself. Two nights later we were granted a guest rider, and although the score may seem one sided the boys put up a far better performance.

Ivor Hughes has invested in a brand new "Eso" machine, and the way he handled it last Monday I think we can expect a lot of points from him in the future.

I shall do my utmost to achieve in quick time a big improvement in our League position.

We are honoured tonight in staging a Semi-Final of the World Championship, and would like to give a warm Cradley welcome to all the riders competing and their many supporters. Mr. Don Clarke of the Sunday Mirror is our guest tonight — hope you enjoy your visit to Cradley, Don. Now it's on with the racing and may the best man win.

E.F.

Last week's lucky programme holder, No. 0629, was Mr. Douglas Marsden 2 Montgomery Crescent, Quarry Bank.

1966 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — SEMI-FINAL

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS...

SAYS DON CLARKE

Nine years ago, when the Sunday Mirror started its sponsorship of the World Championship competition, I clearly remember Sports Editor George Casey turning to me to say: "They can't talk their way to Wembley. They've got to fight for a place."

What applied then, most certainly applies today. In fact I would say that any rider with hopes of becoming a World Finalist has an increasingly tougher task to perform.

Four weeks ago 101 British riders optimistically set out on the World Championship road with their eyes firmly fixed on cash and glory.

Now only thirty-two of the original 101 starters are left to battle out this week's two semi-finals.

Tonight you will have the opportunity of watching sixteen of these gladiators fight it out in an attempt to reach the World Final, at Gothenburg, Sweden, on September 23rd.

But before they can hope to get there they have three further tough obstacles to overcome.

From this week's semi-finals sixteen top scorers move on to the British Final (Wimbledon, June 27th).

From Wimbledon, the ten top scorers travel on to Sheffield (July 14th) to link up with six Nordic finalists, and from Sheffield the top ten will have won a passport to Wembley (September 3rd), where they will clash with Russian, Polish, Czech and German challengers.

Tough going, eh? But if it isn't an easy road to ride, it is certainly littered with gold just waiting to be picked up by riders who have nerve and courage.

Tonight's semi-finalists have a chance of collecting Sunday Mirror prize money of £30 to the winner, £15 to the second, £5 to the third — plus point money.

Once through to the British Final (at Wimbledon), and British-European Final (at Sheffield), the prize monies jump to £100 to the first, £50 to the second, £30 to the third, at each meeting.

Then at the Wembley European Final (September 3rd) the gold rush is really on.

In addition to point and start money, further Sunday Mirror cheques of £250 to the winner, £125 to the second, £75 to the third, and £25 to the fourth plus £20 to each British rider not placed in the first four, but who qualify for the Gothenburg World Final.

Sounds easy when you read it. But believe me, it won't be.

Any rider who hopes to be on the World Final scene will have to ride like the devil to get there.

And if on the way he can line his pockets with Sunday Mirror cheques, he'll certainly have earned them.

WELCOME TO TED FLANAGHAN



Meet Ted Flanagan, new speedway manager here at Dudley Wood whose aim to raise the Heathens to the summit of the British League. Not only is Cradley's capture from Oxford going to look after the team, he is going to be responsible for the track and speedway in general.

And from that aspect there are few men in speedway better qualified.

Ted started in speedway way back in 1932, when after a period of hanging round the pits at Sheffield he was given the job of cleaning the bikes and leathers for such stars as Squib Burton.

Sheffield closed and Ted moved to Belle Vue as mechanic, only to return to Owlerton just before the war. Hostilities saw him in the Army and even that did not curb his enthusiasm for the sport. He retained his interest by promoting speedway in Italy when such riders as Split Waterman first took to the track.

After the war Ted was back at Sheffield again, this time as team manager. Five years at Leicester followed before he joined Oxford in 1955 where he became co-promoter.

An expert on track grading, a genius with machines, and a tactful handler of men — that's Ted. We all wish him the best of luck and friendship in his new capacity.



SPEEDWAY COMMENTARY

By TOM JOHNSON
"EXPRESS & STAR"

THE LINE-UP

BILL ANDREWS (*Poole*): A steeplechase jockey in his native country of New Zealand this Kiwi turned to a mechanised mount with great success and came to England to ride for Newcastle in 1962. He returned to the horses the following year but was back with the Diamonds in 1964 when he really came to the fore, helping Newcastle to the Provincial League championship. He was transferred to Poole last season where he continued his improvement and finished second to Ronnie Genz in the Pirates' averages. (32 points).

MARTIN ASHBY (*Swindon*): With Briggs and Broadbanks as team-mates the battle for recognition at Swindon is tough, but Ashby has made it. He became third heat leader for the Robins last year but his progress was hampered by a nasty fall. Still he finished the season with a highly respectable race average of 2.19. Given a clear run this year Ashby could make some of the bigger stars sit up. (34 points).

NIGEL BOOCOCK (*Coventry*): A native of Wakefield, Yorkshire, began his career with Bradford in 1954 and two years later qualified for his first World final as reserve. He missed out until his next reserve appearance in 1962, and it was the following year when he first qualified as a full finalist. He has not missed since. Last year he notched eight points at Wembley. Nigel joined Coventry in 1959 after spells with Birmingham and Ipswich and is now England's leading rider. Rode in last week's Alan Hunt Memorial trophy meeting with his left leg encased in plaster — result of an Archilles tendon injury. (41 points).

ERIC BOOCOCK (*Halifax*): Nigel's younger brother has been going great guns this year, fulfilling the Coventry star's faith in him, and was one of the top qualifiers for tonight. A protege of Reg Fearman Eric was with Middlesbrough and Long Eaton before joining Halifax last year when he was holder of the Silver Sash for several weeks. Eric has the determination to get to the top. He isn't quite there yet, but he's well on the way. (42 points).

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RUN OFF FOR 3RD PLACE
 2 BOOCOCK BLUE
 0 YOUNG BLUE
 1 BROADBANKS WHITE
 3 N HUNTER YELLOW 2 73

RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
1 G. MUDGE (Poole)	1	1	0	2	1	5
2 R. LUCKHURST (Wim)	0	1	1	2	1	5
3 C. MAIDMENT (B.V.)	2	2	1	1	0	6
4 E. BOOCOCK (Halifax)	3	2	2	2	2	11
5 R. WILSON (L. Eaton)	0	0	0	0	N/S	0
6 K. McKINLEY (W'ham)	3	3	2	1	1	10

RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
7 E. BOOTHROYD (H'fax)	1	0	0	1	0	2
8 M. ASHBY (Swindon)	2	1	3	1	2	9
9 N. HUNTER (W'ham)	1	3	2	3	2	11
10 M. BROADBANKS (Sw)	3	2	1	2	3	11
11 T. HEDGE (Wimbledon)	0	3	3	3	3	12
12 D. YHUSBAND (H'fax)	2	0	3	3	3	11

RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	10th
13 N. BOOCOCK (Cov.)	3	2	3	0	2	10
14 B. ANDREWS (Poole)	1	1	0	0	1	3
15 B. PAULSON (Sheff)	0	1	2	0	0	3
16 C. PRATT (Hackney)	2	3	1	3	3	12
Res. R. GENZ (Poole)						
Res. J. DEWS (Sheffield)						

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World Championship (1966) Semi Final

Points will be awarded: 3 — 1st; 2 — 2nd; 1 — 3rd

RUN OFF C PRATT BLUE 2ND
 FOR 1ST PLACE T HEDGE Y98 WINNER 71.0

Riders starting positions are indicated by their helmet colours. Red number 1 position, Blue number 2, White number 3, and Yellow number 4, counting from the inside.

Heat	Time	Rider	Helmet Colour	Pts.	Substitute or Remarks
1	70 3/5	1 Geoff Mudge	R	1	
		2 Reg. Luckhurst	B	2	
		3 Cyril Maidment	W	3	
		4 Eric Boocock	Y/B	3	
2	71	5 Ray Wilson	R	1	
		7 Eric Boothroyd	B	2	
		6 Ken McKinley	W	3	
		8 Martin Ashby	Y/B	2	
3	71 2/5	10 Mike Broadbanks	R	3	FELL
		11 Trevor Hedge	B	2	
		9 Norman Hunter	W	1	
		12 Dave Younghusband	Y/B	2	
4	70 3/5	15 Bob Paulson	R	1	
		14 Bill Andrews	B	2	
		16 Colin Pratt	W	3	
		13 Nigel Boocock	Y/B	3	
5	70 3/5	13 Nigel Boocock	R	3	
		1 Geoff Mudge	B	2	
		5 Ray Wilson	W	1	
		9 Norman Hunter	Y/B	3	
6	71 2/5	14 Bill Andrews	R	1	
		10 Mike Broadbanks	B	2	
		2 Reg. Luckhurst	W	3	
		6 Ken McKinley	Y/B	3	
7	69 4/5	11 Trevor Hedge	R	3	
		15 Bob Paulson	B	1	
		7 Eric Boothroyd	W	2	
		3 Cyril Maidment	Y/B	2	
8	70 3/5	4 Eric Boocock	R	3	
		8 Martin Ashby	B	2	
		12 Dave Younghusband	W	1	
		16 Colin Pratt	Y/B	3	
9	69 4/5	6 Ken McKinley	R	3	
		16 Colin Pratt	B	1	
		1 Geoff Mudge	W	2	
		11 Trevor Hedge	Y/B	3	
10	71 3/5	12 Dave Younghusband	R	3	
		5 Ray Wilson	B	2	
		15 Bob Paulson	W	1	
		2 Reg. Luckhurst	Y/B	1	

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11	71 1/5	8 Martin Ashby	R	3	
		9 Norman Hunter	B	2	
		13 Cyril Maidment	W	1	
		14 Bill Andrews	Y/B	3	
12	71 3/5	13 Nigel Boocock	R	3	
		4 Eric Boocock	B	2	
		10 Mike Broadbanks	W	1	
		7 Eric Boothroyd	Y/B	3	
13	72 3/5	7 Eric Boothroyd	R	3	
		12 Dave Younghusband	B	2	
		14 Bill Andrews	W	1	
		1 Geoff Mudge	Y/B	3	
14	70 3/5	2 Reg. Luckhurst	R	3	
		13 Nigel Boocock	B	2	
		8 Martin Ashby	W	1	
		11 Trevor Hedge	Y/B	3	
15	70 3/5	16 Colin Pratt	R	3	
		3 Cyril Maidment	B	2	
		10 Mike Broadbanks	W	1	
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		8 Martin Ashby	B	2	
		15 Bob Paulson	W	1	
		10 Mike Broadbanks	Y/B	3	
18	71	9 Norman Hunter	R	3	
		2 Reg. Luckhurst	B	2	
		7 Eric Boothroyd	W	1	
		16 Colin Pratt	Y/B	3	
19	71 4/5	3 Cyril Maidment	R	3	
		12 Dave Younghusband	B	2	
		13 Nigel Boocock	W	1	
		6 Ken McKinley	Y/B	3	
20	71 3/5	5 Ray Wilson	R	3	R. GENZ
		14 Bill Andrews	B	2	
		11 Trevor Hedge	W	1	
		4 Eric Boocock	Y/B	3	

ERIC BOOTHROYD (*Halifax*): I called Eric a veteran in a recent write-up and he objected to that description, so let's just say he's one of the most experienced of tonight's semi-finalists. Well-known to Cradley fans for it was here that Eric started his career 16 years ago, and was soon snapped up by Birmingham. Since then there have been several mentions of packing up, but Eric still carries on, and still rakes in the points despite Mrs. Boothroyd's retirement talk. Now combining his riding interest with those of promoter at Middlesbrough. (34 points).

MIKE BROADBANKS (*Swindon*): Started at Rye House in 1952 but did not take to speedway seriously until three years later when he won the Southern Area league riders' championship and was offered a contract with Wembley. He moved to the Robins in 1957. He made his world final debut the following year and was also a finalist in 1961, 1962 and 1964. He was reserve last year. Winner of the Australian title in 1962, he is known as the Red Devil because of his red leathers. (37 points).

TREVOR HEDGE (*Wimbledon*): Undoubtedly one of the discoveries of the 1965 season, Trevor really shot to the top with the Dons. A rider with the stamp of a future champion proved the best of the English contingent in the Internationale two weeks ago when he finished fourth. A most exciting rider to watch Trevor must be one of the favourites to go at least a stage further from tonight. (34 points).

NORMAN HUNTER (*West Ham*): A product of the Provincial League Norman moved to the Hammers, then in the National League, two years ago. In his first year of speedway in 1962 Norman reached the provincial riders' championship and gained international honours. He has kept up the promise he showed in those early days and was one of the main reasons West Ham took the British League title and the knock-out cup last year. (37 points).

REG LUCKHURST (*Wimbledon*): Made his world final debut last year when he scored five points. Graduating to speedway from the grass track, Reg began at New Cross. He was loaned to Edinburgh, later moved to Swindon and then to Southampton before returning to London to ride for West Ham in 1964. Last year he was transferred to Wimbledon and quickly established himself there as a heat leader, finishing second in the averages to Olle Nygren. (32 points).

CYRIL MAIDMENT (*Belle Vue*): Gained his early practice at Rye House before joining Wimbledon in 1952. He was loaned to Wolverhampton and St. Austell before he eventually joined Belle Vue and found stardom. Twice Cyril has reached the world final, and both times it was staged in Sweden. The backbone of the Aces he had a splendid 2.42 race average last year. A tenacious rider, he must have a good chance of carrying that Ace of Clubs to the next stage. (34 points).

KEN McKINLEY (*West Ham*): Started with Glasgow in 1949 when he was his first visit to Dudley Wood. Moved to Leicester in 1954 and on to Coventry in 1962. He was transferred to the Hammers last year. Christened John Robert Vicars McKinley, he rode in his first world final in 1956. He missed in 1959 and 1963 but has otherwise been an ever-present. He was third in the British final last year but disappointed at Wembley when he gained only four points. He will be out to make amends this time. (36 points).

GEOFF MUDGE (*Poole*): Began his career with the Pirates in 1960 and played a great part in their successes in the Provincial League. He took over the captaincy when Ken Middleditch retired. This red-haired Australian is a fine team man, and a rider who can always be depended upon to give his best. A nasty accident in his home country in the 1964/5 close season, was followed by another soon after he came back, but Geoff shook them off to give another sound season's performance. (31 points).

BOB PAULSON (*Sheffield*): This is the lad who has been making them all sit up and take notice this year. Two years ago Bob was a raw novice, struggling for second half rides, but Frank Varey kept him on the hook. Last year he forced his way into the Tigers' team as reserve, and this season he has taken several steps up the ladder to become Sheffield's most consistent scorer. He has already gained international honours, and I have a feeling there is a lot more in store for this youngster. (33 points).

COLIN PRATT (*Hackney*): London born, Colin got his first chance with Stoke in 1961 and developed into one of the most stylish riders produced by the Provincial League. He was Midland provincial champion in 1963 but the next year saw him with Hackney where he took over as skipper. A mid-season loss of form last year robbed him of top spot in the Hawks' averages, but he was still only 0.01 behind Gerald Jackson. (34 points).

RAY WILSON (*Long Eaton*): Son of Long Eaton promoter Ron Wilson, Ray was a real track tearaway when he started a couple of years ago. He took knocks and still came up for more until a broken leg steadied him down. Now Ray still has the fire, but he also has a lot of skill and control, and the determination that makes a top class rider. He has beaten the best this year and looks like having his finest season of his young, but brilliant, career. (37 points).

DAVE YOUNGHUSBAND (*Halifax*): Third of the Halifax representative in tonight's line-up, Dave is a stylish rider who first had his chance with Middlesbrough. He moved to Halifax when Reg Fearman opened up last year and played a big part in taking the Dukes to fifth position in the final league table. His personal contribution to the points list was a total of 309 for an average of 2.26 a race and second place in the list to Eric Boocock. (31 points).

RONNIE GENZ (*Poole* reserve): Joined Poole at the start of last season, he was previously skipper of Oxford. His career began with New Cross and took him via Wolverhampton and Yarmouth to Oxford in 1954. He reached the British final last year but had a disappointing night. Top scorer for the Pirates last season on a race average of 2.39. (30 points).

JOHN DEWS (*Sheffield* reserve): A reliable second string who would be an asset to any side, without hitting the highspots. Has ridden for Cradley this season as a guest and as expected, played his part without setting the track alight. His 34 matches with the Tigers last season brought him a total of 215 points for an average of 1.54 a race. (30 points).

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

Never have we seen so many riders so keen and eager to win a trophy as the riders competing for the Alan Hunt Memorial Trophy last Monday. For such keenness it seemed a pity there was only one trophy available for winning instead of sixteen.

To the winner Barry Briggs we extend our congratulations. Also to Ron Mountford, Ken McKinley, Nigel Boocock and Ivor Brown for the great battle they each fought in trying to make the Alan Hunt Trophy theirs.

Although only at the semi-final stage of the World Championships we are already overwhelmed with enquiries for tickets for the Wembley Final and transport tickets. Due to such early enquiries being received the Supporters' Office will be accepting reservations for Wembley tickets and transport from Thursday, 16th June, at the Holly Bush Hotel. Each Saturday onwards until Saturday, 27th August at stadium.

The next away meeting supporters have agreed to travel to in support of the team is at Newport, on Friday, 24th June. Time of departure, 4.30 p.m. from stadium.

Closing date for Edinburgh Weekend on Saturday 13th August will be on Saturday, 23rd July. There are still seats available on our second coach.

On behalf of all Cradley supporters I send best wishes to Matt Mattocks for speedy recovery from the injuries he sustained in a road accident on his way home from the Long Eaton Speedway meeting on Whit Tuesday.

I. PRITCHARD, Secretary

NEXT HOME MATCH

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE, at 7.30 p.m.

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FIXTURES FOR 1966

April

Wed.	13	Poole (B.L.)	A
Sat.	16	Wimbledon (B.L.)	A
Mon.	18	Mid. Riders' Cham.	H
Fri.	22	Glasgow (B.L.)	A
Sat.	23	Poole (B.L.)	H
Sat.	30	West Ham	H

May

Mon.	2	Res Mid Riders Cham	H
Tues.	3	West Ham (B.L.)	A
Sat.	7	Belle Vue (B.L.)	H
Fri.	13	Wolves M.C.)	A
Sat.	14	Wolves (M.C.)	H
Sat.	21	Swindon (B.L.)	H
Sat.	28	World Championship	H
Tues.	31	Long Eaton (B.L.)	A

June

Thurs.	2	Oxford (B.L.)	A
Sat.	4	Open Meeting	H
Mon.	6	Alan Hunt Mem. T.	H
Sat.	11	Belle Vue (B.L.)	A
Mon.	13	World Champ S-Final	H
Fri.	17	Hackney (K.O. Cup)	A
Sat.	18	Exeter (B.L.)	H
Fri.	24	Newport (B.L.)	A
Sat.	25	Kings Lynn (B.L.)	H

July

Fri.	1	Wolves (B.L.)	A
Sat.	2	Wolves (B.L.)	H
Sat.	9	Oxford (B.L.)	H
Wed.	13	Kings Lynn (B.L.)	A
Sat.	16	Newcastle (B.L.)	H
Mon.	18	Exeter (B.L.)	A
Sat.	23	Wimbledon (B.L.)	H
Mon.	25	Newcastle (B.L.)	A
Sat.	30	Hackney (B.L.)	H

August

Sat.	6	Vargarna (I.G.M.)	H
Sat.	13	Edinburgh (B.L.)	A
Mon.	15	Swindon (M.C.)	H
Thurs.	18	Sheffield (B.L.)	A
Sat.	20	Sheffield (B.L.)	H
Fri.	26	Hackney B.L.)	A
Sat.	27	Wolves (D.W. Trphy)	H
Mon.	29	Halifax (B.L.)	A
Wed.	31	Swindon (M.C.)	A

September

Fri.	2	Wolves (D.W. Trphy)	A
Mon.	5	Halifax (B.L.)	H
Sat.	10	Glasgow (B.L.)	H
Sat.	17	Open	H
Sat.	24	Reserved for M.C.	H

October

Sat.	1	Long Eaton (B.L.)	H
Sat.	8	Open Meeting	H
Sat.	15	Edinburgh (B.L.)	H

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