

10th MEETING - 28th May 1966

7.30 p.m.

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING ROUND

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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,

Tonight we have our qualifying round of the World Championship, a competition sponsored by the Sunday Mirror — a national newspaper that has almost alone stood by Speedway through all the years, good and bad. Our thanks are due to the sponsors for their continued interest in our sport. We are sorry that Mr. Don Clarke, the Speedway Correspondent of the Sunday Mirror, cannot be with us tonight, we were looking forward to seeing him. Best wishes and thanks to you, Don.

Our next two home matches are Monday fixtures, and both promise to be real humdingers. On June 6th we have the Alan Hunt Trophy meeting and DEFINITE ACCEPTANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM BARRY BRIGGS, OVE FUNDIN, NIGEL BOOCOOCK, RON MOUNTFORD, CHARLIE MONK, KEN MCKINLEY, MIKE BROADBANKS, REG LUCKHURST AND COLIN PRATT. What a galaxy of stars, and almost a World Final turn-out.

Although the costs of this meeting will be much more than for a normal meeting, the directors feel that you deserve a 'treat' and so there will be no increase in admission charges.

On Monday, 13th June, we have the Semi-Final of the World Championship. Who will be riding at the moment we do not know, but again we know we shall have a high-class field.

A.M.



SPEEDWAY COMMENTARY

By TOM JOHNSON

"EXPRESS & STAR"

World championship time is here again and tonight 16 riders are in the Dudley Wood melting pot with their sights set on one of the 32 places in the semi-finals which are being staged here and at Halifax around the middle of next month.

TAKE YOUR PICK

Who will head the chart tonight? Your guess is as good as mine, although there must be a sneaking regard for one of the home riders if he can avoid trouble.

Leading the Heathens' contingent is of course the skipper, IVOR BROWN. Undoubtedly Ivor will be keen to make amends for last week's disappointment when ignition trouble reduced him to two points. It made for a thrilling finish, but it was tough and go. However Ivor has less machine trouble than most riders thanks to mechanic Les Widdowson, and tonight could be his night.

Or it could be yet another success for the Welsh plumber IVOR HUGHES, who had his best meeting ever in Cradley colours against Swindon. It was a fine performance by Ivor who only gained a regular place in the team a few weeks ago. Here's a lad who has the determination and confidence to go a long way, and he made a great start to the campaign with 11 points at Long Eaton on Tuesday.

CLIVE FEATHERBY also had a better meeting against Swindon. He has still to show the same hard-riding ability he used to display here when he was with Sheffield. But once he does strike form the opposition can look out.

Another still struggling to hit true form is CHUM TAYLOR, whose progress has been hampered by more than a fair share of machine trouble. Right now Chum needs a confidence booster, and what better tonic would there be than to get into the double figure bracket in a world championship qualifying round?

Guest of honour is our old pal JOHNNY HART, making his first appearance at Dudley Wood since he moved to Sheffield at the start of the season. I can't imagine that he has forgotten his way around the Cradley circuit in two months.

Another familiar face from Sheffield is BOB PAULSON, the youngster who has shaken the speedway world with his successes this year. Even when Bob was riding here in second half events a couple of seasons ago Frank Varey was keeping him under his wing. His chance came towards the end of last season when injuries made a place for him in the Sheffield side. Now he's one of their leading scorers.

From Wolverhampton comes PETER VANDENBERG, now settled in nicely at Monmore Green. Maybe you recall the first visit of the Flying Dutchman to Dudley Wood three or four years ago when he was a National League junior. Peter cleaned up in that championship round by heading the points chart. Can he give repetition?

Hackney's ROY TRIGG must be a danger. The fact that he has ridden in Cradley colours this season — he guested for the Heathens at Poole — will not stop him doing his best to lower those colours tonight, and Roy certainly has the ability.

COLIN GOODDY of Exeter is a rider who has livened things up at Dudley Wood in the past. He was the Falcons main stay last year with a fine race average of 2.30 and he is certain to be challenging for the top spot tonight.

Former Wolves' man MAURIE MATTINGLY has also done well here in seasons past. Remember the tussles he had with Ivor Brown? He hasn't been making such an impact in the last two years, but Maurie is still a wily rider.

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RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
41 C. TAYLOR (Cradley)	3	0	0	1	1	5	17 M. McDermott (Oxf)	3	1	0	2	1	7	13 R. Trigg (Hackney)	0	3	3	0	3	9
2/2 M. BROWN (Hackney)	0	0	1	1	0	2	18 I. HUGHES (Cradley)	0	1	1	2	0	4	14 J. HART (Sheffield)	1	3	2	3	0	10
1/3 R. DENT (Newcastle)	1	0	0	1	2	4	19 I. BROWN (Cradley)	2	2	3	3	3	13	15 P. V'DENBERG (Wolv)	3	2	3	1	3	12
20 C. GOODY (Exeter)	2	3	2	2	2	11	20 G. JACKSON (Hacky)	3	1	1	3	2	10	16 C. FEATHERBY (Crad)	2	2	2	2	2	10
5 G. COOMBS (N'castle)	2	1	2	0	0	5	21 B. PAULSON (Shefld)	0	3	1	3	3	10	Res. M. MATTOCKS (C)						
20 M. MATTINGLEY (Glas)	1	2	3	0	0	6	22 D. NEWTON (L Eaton)	1	0	0	0	1	2	Res. R. COOPER (Crad.)						

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World Championship (1966) Qualifying Round

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

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		1 Chum Taylor	R	3	1st
		2 Malcolm Brown	B	0	2nd
		3 Russ Dent	W	1	3rd
		4 Colin Goody	Y/B	2	4th
2	73 3/5	5 Graham Coombes	R	3	1st
		7 Maurie McDermott	B	2	2nd
		6 Maurie Mattingley	W	1	3rd
		8 Ivor Hughes	Y/B	2	4th
3	73 5/5	10 Gerald Jackson	R	3	1st
		11 Bob Paulson	B	2	2nd
		9 Ivor Brown	W	1	3rd
		12 Dennis Newton	Y/B	2	4th
4	72 3/5	15 Peter Vandenberg	R	3	1st
		14 John Hart	B	2	2nd
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1956 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — QUALIFYING ROUND

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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 dias 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 4), 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.

SPEEDWAY COMMENTARY — continued

Accompanying Trigg from Hackney are the experienced GERRY JACKSON and young MALCOLM BROWN. Jackson joined the Wick from Wimbledon last year and in 30 matches he totalled 261 points at a race average of 2.16, bettering that of Hackney skipper Colin Pratt.

Malcolm Brown is one of the up and coming lads. I saw him in action at Wolverhampton last week when he played no small part in defeating Wolves. We shall be hearing more of Malcolm.

Two from Newcastle, GRAHAM COOMBES and RUSS DENT, and one representative from Long Eaton, DENNIS NEWTON, and Oxford, MAURY McDERMOTT, complete the field. Perhaps they are not among the favourites, but anything can happen in championship meetings. A fall, an engine failure, can spoil a riders chances, and often those who are listed as outsiders can pick up point when they are most unexpected.

May the best man win.

1966 Grand Final

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CHARLIE MONK, KEN McKINLEY, MIKE BROADBANKS, REG LUCKHURST,

COLIN PRATT, PETER VANDENBERG, AND OF COURSE OUR OWN

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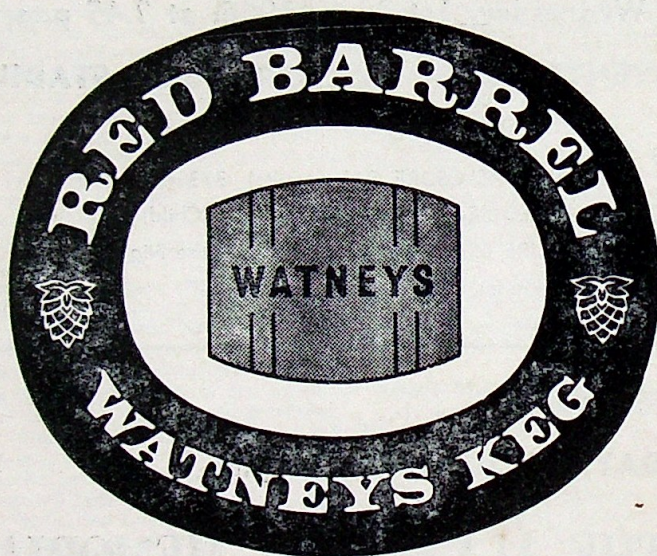
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