

8th MEETING - 13th May 1967
7.30 p.m.

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING ROUND

SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY MIRROR

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — PRICE NINEPENCE

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY

(Promoters: Cradley Heath Stadium Ltd.)

A.C.U. Permit No. SP 73

Track Licence 67/5

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HELD UNDER THE REGULATIONS OF THE SPEEDWAY CONTROL BOARD

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE IN ATTENDANCE

FASTEST TIME EVER RECORDED AT THIS TRACK: IVOR BROWN (88.4 seconds)

RECORDED AT PROVINCIAL LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST NEW CROSS

ON SATURDAY, 20th JULY, 1963

OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT OF TRACK: 367 YARDS

NOTICE

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Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings.

The Management reserves the right to alter this programme without notice.

In the event of abandonment of the Meeting before the 6th Heat, re-admission tickets will be issued for any of the three subsequent Meetings.

No money will be refunded under any consideration.

The taking of photographs within this stadium is strictly forbidden unless consent of the Management is first obtained.

MURMURINGS FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

What a welcome tonic to see the boys beat the Wolves. We have waited a long time for a maximum and then both Ivor and Chris oblige with some very fine riding. We don't often have this pleasure, so congratulations to these boys and may they score many more. Even without Hasse Holmqvist for the Wolves and Jack Biggs for the Heathens we witnessed some very close racing.

For our championship round tonight we are without Howard Cole who is replaced by the Newcastle rider Russ Dent. This looks now as though we can forget any ideas of Howard riding this season, so we can now go ahead and apply for a replacement. We welcome all riders tonight for this Qualifying round of the World Championship and may the best man win.

Next Saturday we are back to league racing when we take on the Sheffield Tigers.

For all Supporters who have arranged to visit Wimbledon for the "International" on Monday, May 29th. You will be pleased to know that Jack Scott will be there to represent the Heathens.

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Last week's Lucky Programme No. 0360 won by J. T. Dickinson, 45 Lodge Street, Oldbury.



SPEEDWAY COMMENTARY

By TOM JOHNSON
"EXPRESS & STAR"

It took the advent of the World Championship qualifying rounds to push the Speedway Control Board into action on the subject of Howard Cole, but it has finally happened. The Board have decided that Cole's meetings in the championship will go to Newcastle's Russ Dent, because Cole, having still refused to sign for Cradley Heath, is not eligible for entry.

This means of course that the Board have now recognised that Cole is not a Cradley rider any longer, and in turn that means the Heathens have a gap in their team and are entitled to fill that gap with another rider.

It is easier said than done I know, because riders ready made to slip into a second string berth with a match average rating of six points, are difficult to come by, but at least Ted Flanagan can now go ahead with the Board's blessing.

He was quick of the mark this week in putting out feelers, and he is hoping his inquiries will bear fruit in time for Cradley's match with Sheffield here at Dudley Wood next Saturday.

THAT EXTRA MAN IS NEEDED

Judging by last week's performance against Wolves the Heathens could develop into a useful side with the signing of a replacement for Cole. They certainly fought for every point against their old rivals, and it was good to see skipper Ivan back to something like his true form.

But what about that Chris Julian? He was tearing around on that ESO as if the track was bone dry. I don't think he even noticed the mud that seemed to be blinding everyone else. There's one thing about Chris — he may not be the most skilful of riders, but I don't know of another with more guts and team spirit. He's a great man to have in a side.

Chris was top scorer at Exeter on Monday when Cradley came a cropper. They only scored 24 points and Chris got eleven of them. Apparently everybody at Exeter was waiting to see the clash between Chris and local tearaway Chris Blewitt but it never materialised. Blewitt got the worst of a tangle with Graham Coombes in the fourth heat and was taken to hospital with leg injuries. Fortunately they were not serious.

TIME TO STRIKE FORM

The one man who does not seem able to get going properly so far is Jack Scott. He has not been lucky as yet, scoring well in one match and then failing in the next, but his time will come.

He was certainly upset about his last race against Wolves when he was sandwiched by Jim Airey and Peter Vandenberg and took a fall. Jack thought the referee should have stopped the race and wasted no time in telling him so but it did no good.

But in wet, greasy conditions like last week it was only surprising there were not more mishaps. Riders on both sides did well to put up such a fine display.

Perhaps Jack's luck will change tonight as he sets out on the road which he hopes will lead to Wembley. The competition is strong and the obvious favourite tonight is the reigning European champion Ivan Mauger.

Ivan was in magnificent form when he came here with Newcastle a few weeks ago and if he reproduces those times he will take some beating.

But championship rounds sometimes bring a surprise and there could be one tonight. There will be challenges from Norman Hunter, Peter Vandenberg and Jon Erskine besides those of the Cradley lads.

Ivor, Chris, Graham and the two Jacks will be out to stop the flying Mauger, and in the process they should provide some exciting racing.

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
1 G. COOMBES (Cradley)	1	1	1	2	4	11	7 B. DAVIES (Hackney)	2	1	2	1	3	9	13 P. VAN'BERG (Wolves)	1	2	2	2	5	5
2 R. DENT (Newcastle)	2	2	1	2	1	8	8 C. McKEE (Hackney)	2	2	1	2	4	13	14 N. HUNTER (W Ham)	3	2	2	3	2	12
3 A. COWLAND (Wimb.)	2	2	3	3	3	11	9 J. ERSKINE (Newport)	2	2	2	1	1	11	15 J. BIGGS (Cradley)	2	2	1	1	3	3
4 I. BROWN (Cradley)	10	3	3	3	3	25	10 C. JULIAN (Cradley)	3	3	1	2	3	12	16 M. BROWN (Hackney)	1	1	2	2	3	15
5 G. PENNIKET (Poole)	1	3	2	1	2	5	11 I. MAUGER (Newcastle)	1	3	3	3	2	25	Res. K. WAKEFIELD (C)	2	1				
6 B. LEONARD (W Ham)	3	2	2	2	1	8	12 J. SCOTT (Cradley)	2	2	3	2	2	11	Res. D. SCHOFIELD (C)	1					

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World Championship (1967) 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	40.8	1 Graham Coombes	R	1	
		2 Russ Dent	B	2	
		3 Alan Cowland	W	3	
		4 Ivor Brown	Y/B	3	
2	41.8	5 Geoff Penniket	R	1	
		7 Brian Davies	B	3	
		6 Brian Leonard	W	3	
		8 Colin McKee	Y/B	2	
3	43.8	10 Chris Julian	R	3	
		11 Ivan Mauger	B	1	
		9 Jon Erskine	W	2	Off & Excluded
		12 Jack Scott	Y/B	2	
4	43.6	15 Jack Biggs	R	2	
		14 Norman Hunter	B	3	
		16 Malcolm Brown	W	1	
		13 Peter Vandenberg	Y/B	1	
5	74.8	13 Peter Vandenberg	R	1	EXCLUDED D. SCHOFIELD
		1 Graham Coombes	B	2	EXCLUDED
		5 Geoff Penniket	W	3	
		9 Jon Erskine	Y/B	2	K. WAKEFIELD
6	73.2	14 Norman Hunter	R	2	
		10 Chris Julian	B	3	
		2 Russ Dent	W	1	
		6 Brian Leonard	Y/B	2	
7	42.8	11 Ivan Mauger	R	3	
		15 Jack Biggs	B	1	
		7 Brian Davies	W	2	
		3 Alan Cowland	Y/B	2	
8	43.4	4 Ivor Brown	R	2	
		8 Colin McKee	B	3	
		12 Jack Scott	W	1	
		16 Malcolm Brown	Y/B	1	
9	71.6	6 Brian Leonard	R	2	
		16 Malcolm Brown	B	3	
		1 Graham Coombes	W	1	
		11 Ivan Mauger	Y/B	3	
10	74.2	12 Jack Scott	R	3	
		5 Geoff Penniket	B	2	
		15 Jack Biggs	W	1	
		2 Russ Dent	Y/B	2	

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Heat	Time	Rider	Helmet Colour	Pts.	Substitute or Remarks
11	73.4	8 Colin McKee	R	1	
		9 Jon Erskine	B	3	
		3 Alan Cowland	W	2	
		14 Norman Hunter	Y/B	2	
12	73.0	13 Peter Vandenberg	R	3	
		4 Ivor Brown	B	3	
		10 Chris Julian	W	1	
		7 Brian Davies	Y/B	2	
13	72.8	7 Brian Davies	R	1	
		12 Jack Scott	B	3	
		14 Norman Hunter	W	2	
		1 Graham Coombes	Y/B	2	
14	71.4	2 Russ Dent	R	1	
		13 Peter Vandenberg	B	3	
		8 Colin McKee	W	2	
		11 Ivan Mauger	Y/B	3	
15	74.0	16 Malcolm Brown	R	3	
		3 Alan Cowland	B	3	
		10 Chris Julian	W	2	
		5 Geoff Penniket	Y/B	1	
16	73.0	9 Jon Erskine	R	1	
		6 Brian Leonard	B	3	
		4 Ivor Brown	W	2	
		15 Jack Biggs	Y/B	2	
17	72.4	1 Graham Coombes	R	2	
		8 Colin McKee	B	1	
		15 Jack Biggs	W	3	
		10 Chris Julian	Y/B	3	
18	73.4	9 Jon Erskine	R	3	Concluded
		2 Russ Dent	B	2	
		7 Brian Davies	W	1	
		16 Malcolm Brown	Y/B	3	
19	73.8	3 Alan Cowland	R	3	
		12 Jack Scott	B	2	
		13 Peter Vandenberg	W	2	
		6 Brian Leonard	Y/B	1	
20	72.8	5 Geoff Penniket	R	1	EXC. K. WAKEFIELD
		14 Norman Hunter	B	3	Concluded
		11 Ivan Mauger	W	2	
		4 Ivor Brown	Y/B	3	

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BY DON CLARKE

Sixteen riders, from 101 British entrants, go out to race tonight with their eyes firmly fixed on the £1,000 bonanza that awaits the man who wins the World Crown, at Wembley Stadium, on September 16.

Top prize to the World Champion last year was £500. Now the Sunday Mirror double their top award — the highest individual prize in motorcycle sport. Second man will receive £250 and the third £100.

The Sunday Mirror will also award £200, £100, and £50 to the first three men in the British Final, which will be decided at West Ham, on August 15th.

Before a rider can stretch out his hands for these pots of gold, he will have to battle through these preliminary rounds and qualify as one of the thirty-two semi-finalists at Wimbledon and Sheffield, on July 13th.

From the two semi-finals sixteen top points scorers go forward to the British Final, where the six highest scorers qualify for Wembley's World Championship Final.

Sounds tough? It is!

Continental rivals also compete for ten places at Wembley.

Their preliminary rounds are now under way. Only sixteen men qualify for the European Final at Wroclaw, Poland, On August 27.

Eight riders for this meeting will come from the Nordic Final (involving riders from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden), scheduled for Esbjerg, Denmark, on June 4th.

The other eight competitors will emerge from the Continental Final (involving all other European and Iron Curtain countries) at Kempton, West Germany, on August 20.

I said it was tough, And keen rivalry awaits the sixteen riders who battle tonight for World Championship honours.

Rest assured. No quarter will be given. None will be asked for!



The one and only BARRY BRIGGS, four times champion of the world and no doubt aiming to make it five.



Newcastle's IVAN MAUGER, who pulled off a shock win at Wembley last year when he took the European title.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

WIMBLEDON INTERNATIONAL — MONDAY, 29th MAY

Details for the above outing are as follows:—

DEPARTURE FROM STADIUM at 9.30 a.m.

ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 1.30 p.m. in LONDON

SIGHTSEEING until 4.30 p.m. when coaches WILL DEPART FOR WIMBLEDON STADIUM.

Transport will cover areas as follows:—

COACH No. 1 — BLACKHEATH & QUINTON.

COACH No. 2 — CRADLEY HEATH, OLD HILL and QUARRY BANK.

COACH No. 3 — DUDLEY, TIPTON and NETHERTON.

COACH No. 4 — HALESOWEN, LYE, STOURBRIDGE and KINGSWIN-FORD.

Supporters are requested to state what NUMBER COACH they wish to travel on when making their RESERVATIONS for transport.

WIMBLEDON STADIUM TICKETS ON SALE ARE:—

GLASS ENCLOSED STAND. — 12/6.

OUTSIDE STAND (*Starting Gate*) — 12/6

NORTH STAND (*Back Straight*) — 10/-.

UNRESERVED (*Standing Enclosure*) — 6/-.

GRAND SPEEDWAY DRAW

Have you bought your tickets yet for this FIRST SPEEDWAY DRAW? —NO! Then look out for our "CHEER LEADERS" and COMMITTEE MEMBERS this evening who are at various points around the Stadium waiting to sell you these lucky DRAW TICKETS.

Tickets may be bought in books of 5 for 2/6 or individually at 6d each. DRAW TAKES PLACE at THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING AT WIMBLEDON. FIRST PRIZE — £100. SECOND PRIZE — £50. THIRD PRIZE — £25. FOURTH PRIZE — £10.

There will also be £5 EACH to each ticket holder drawing a RIDER IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

Our second supply of HAND BOOKS have arrived and are on sale, — Price 5/- also SPEEDWAY REGULATION BOOKS — 5/-.

I. PRITCHARD

Secretary

NEXT HOME MEETING

SATURDAY, 20th MAY, at 7.30 p.m.

British League Match

CRADLEY HEATH v SHEFFIELD
(HEATHENS) (TIGERS)

WITH IVOR BROWN, CHRIS JULIAN, BOB PAULSON, JOHNNY HART, JACK SCOTT, BILLY BALES, TOMMY BERGQVIST, ETC.

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