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Mrs. T.

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Good Evening,

Our first meeting got off the ground but certainly not without a hitch. Disaster struck when we were suddenly left with half the stadium power off. When the fault was traced we had to call out the S.S.E.B. to have a major repair done. We thank all of you supporters who were so patient on such a bitter cold night for staying on to watch the remainder of the meeting.

After a terrific match at Workington the previous evening we also had a real good battle against the Comets and eventually came out the winners of the Border Trophy with the aggregate score of 83-70. All the lads showed up well especially at Workington on Friday night as they went into this match with no pre-season practice at all, and I'm sure once they get really settled down we can look forward to a great season of speedway.

Tonight we give a big welcome to all 16 riders taking part in this qualifying round of the long testing trail to the World Final in Poland later in the year. I hope to hear you all giving our three contestants, Graham, Nig and Phil some good encouragement.

We also say welcome to Mr. Brian Seery, Manager of the B.S.P.A., who has made the long trip from the deep south to be with us tonight.

During the week I received news from Stoke to say that unfortunately they have had to cancel the League match for Sunday (tomorrow). A new date for this match will be announced later.

Next week we look forward to entertaining the Glasgow Tigers in a Challenge Match, the return leg of this one will be held later on in the year.

P.S. Our grateful thanks to Dick and Neil for their impromptu entertainment during the power failure last Saturday. "The Dancing Pair" are now available for "Open Bookings".

MRS. T.

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Take some notes! The early-season fixtures in this term's SJL have been announced, and we now know our first two fixtures — both featuring our Borderers testing out the new teams in the competition!

Our open meeting is a beauty — at Halifax on Easter Monday, in the second half of a guaranteed classic big-time encounter 'twixt the local Dukes and mighty Belle Vue! This event — the first-ever SJL match at Halifax, and Berwick's first representation at the smooth and fast Shay circuit — is surely too good to miss. Monday, April 16th, is the chosen evening — and we could squeeze in a visit to Newcastle's Monday morning meeting the same day en route!

Then follows our first home date at SJL level — in a fortnight, against the Workington youngsters. That's April 21st, right here at Shielfield Park in the after-interval racing following our National League encounter with Stoke. Another good one — and our very own wee Borderers are off and running for the top!

One point worth mentioning. At SJL level, the kids don't get paid much! So, if at any time some of our Borderers' performances — solo or collective — strike some of you good folk as being of particular merit, never be afraid to pass over the odd nobbin to help their expenses out! It is a cold, hard fact of life that the repairs and very necessary maintenance to our SJL riders' bikes are every bit as expensive as those of our National League stars — so every little **does** help!

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS — 31/3/79

£5 — No. 661 yellow — Mrs. Thomson, Spittal.

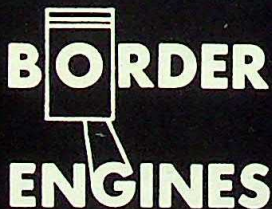
£3 — No. 556 yellow — Gordon Smith, Tweedmouth.

£2 — No. 126 green — Ian Mizen, Perth.

Turnstile Ticket No. 1203 — Unclaimed.

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STRAIGHT TALKING



By
"SPEEDWAY STAR'S"
DICK BARRIE

Hello again! Getting back into the swing of things now, although after our season of Sundays last year is seemed mighty strange to be back on the road on Saturday last week! Not that I mind — all things being equal, I think I prefer Saturday-nighting to Sabbath speedway for my regular shot of Shielfield shale-shifting — while Sundays can still be very good indeed for special occasions.

Talking of special occasions, next Saturday is of course Easter Saturday — and with it comes our first visit of the year from those ranting, raving fans from Glasgow! What memories of Saturday Night Fever in the past their visits can conjure up!

The Tigers have, over the seasons we've known them since they joined our level of racing in 1974, without doubt provided the most consistent level of spirited opposition that I can recall. That much of this excitement is due to their travelling band of camp-followers, each ready to sing, shout and scream themselves absolutely hoarse in an effort to exhort their beloved Tigers on to greater things, is undeniable. Indeed, over these same five years I've more than once suggested that our own lack of regular success on our travels might be due in part to the very lack of such support! To bear witness to that point, by the way, I'd remind you of two of Berwick's very best successes in the past outside Shielfield — the Paisley league win in '75, and that great Boston KO Cup semi-final in '76 — matches at which we did get a good support. But I digress . . .

Over the seasons, all the shouting has been, in the main, good humoured — none of the petty nastiness that exists elsewhere, and in other sports. The Tigers fans come down here, yell their lungs squint for their side, and then — win, lose or draw — it's up the road to the Grove for a few pints and a jolly good time! Which is exactly how it should be, and which is why we enjoy their visits so much.

Now, as they say, for something completely different. When I was over in South Africa during the close season, I saw many things. By far the most impressive was the one thing that doesn't get written about, or shown on TV, in Britain. **Speedway in South Africa is multi-racial.** There are no "special sections" of the terraces for any particular race, colour or creed — and I was delighted to stand back and look around the crowd at Goodwood in Cape Town, where the Saturday-night audience is all mixed up, with families from all walks of life sitting in the stands, chatting away together as they enjoy their favourite sport. I'm not really in favour of mixing sport with politics, but I thought that someone should stand up and point this fact out — and if I don't, nobody else seems likely to do so.

Coming back to this evening's racing, I'm always pleased to watch a World Championship round — mainly, I suppose, because the title is still the prize in speedway. Sure, it would be a massive sensation if any of the boys we'll be watching in action tonight get all the way to Poland in September. But the fact remains that they're getting a chance to do so — and that's what's so important! To each and every competitor tonight, I wish you well. You will progress (well, some of you will!) on to other, higher, levels of World Championship racing from tonight's meeting — and I hope you carry our National League flag high as you do so. Good Luck to you all!

To everyone else — just enjoy your speedway, see you again for all our Easter fun'n'games next Saturday — until then, be lucky!

DICK

SUNDAY MIRROR WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1979

ON POINTS
Clutch Start
Four Laps
1st — 3 points
2nd — 2 points
3rd — 1 point

NATIONAL LEAGUE QUALIFYING ROUND

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| 1. Steve Finch (Ellesmere Port) | 9. Benny Rourke (Glasgow) I. HINDLE |
| 2. Graham Drury (Hull) I. GLEDHILL | 10. Tom Owen (Newcastle) |
| 3. Derek Richardson (Glasgow) | 11. Eric Broadbelt (Sheffield) |
| 4. Nig Close (Berwick) | 12. Mitch-Graham (Stoke) I. DARLING |
| 5. Chris Turner (Leicester) S. McDERMOTT | 13. Phil Kynman (Berwick) |
| 6. Brian Havelock (Workington) | 14. Graham Jones (Berwick) |
| 7. Robbie Gardner (Newcastle) M. CAROLINE | 15. Steve Lawson (Glasgow) M. HITTLE |
| 8. Frank Aulfret (Hull) B. BURTON | 16. Keith Evans (Sheffield) R. GRANT |
| R. P. HENDERSON | R. B. CLARK |

(Starting positions according to Helmet Covers)

Detail	Helmet Colour	Rider	Substitute	Points scored by Riders	Remarks
HEAT 1 Time 75-8	R B W Y	1 Steve Finch 2 Graham Drury 3 Derek Richardson 4 Nig Close	I. GLEDHILL	2 3	
HEAT 2 Time 75-6	R B W Y	5 Chris Turner 6 Brian Havelock 7 Robbie Gardner 8 Frank Aulfret	S. McDERMOTT M. CAROLINE B. BURTON	1 2 3	
HEAT 3 Time 76-0	R B W Y	10 Tom Owen 11 Eric Broadbelt 9 Benny Rourke 12 Mitch-Graham	I. HINDLE I. DARLING	2 1	
HEAT 4 Time 77-8	R B W Y	15 Steve Lawson 14 Graham Jones 16 Keith Evans 13 Phil Kynman	M. HITTLE R. GRANT	1 3 2	
HEAT 5 Time 77-0	R B W Y	13 Phil Kynman 1 Steve Finch 5 Chris Turner 9 Benny Rourke	S. McDERMOTT I. HINDLE	2 1	
HEAT 6 Time 76-2	R B W Y	14 Graham Jones 10 Tom Owen 2 Graham Drury 6 Brian Havelock	I. GLEDHILL	2 3	
HEAT 7 Time 76-6	R B W Y	11 Eric Broadbelt 15 Steve Lawson 7 Robbie Gardner 3 Derek Richardson	M. HITTLE M. CAROLINE	1 2	
HEAT 8 Time 77-6	R B W Y	4 Nig Close 8 Frank Aulfret 12 Mitch-Graham 16 Keith Evans	B. BURTON P. HENDERSON R. GRANT	3 2	
HEAT 9 Time 76-8	R B W Y	6 Brian Havelock 16 Keith Evans 1 Steve Finch 11 Eric Broadbelt	R. GRANT	2 3 1	

HEAT 10 Time 76-0	R B W Y	12 Mitch-Graham 5 Chris Turner 15 Steve Lawson 2 Graham Drury	B. CLARK S. McDERMOTT M. HITTLE I. GLEDHILL	3 2	
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INTERVAL

HEAT 11 Time 77-8	R B W Y	8 Frank Aulfret 9 Benny Rourke 3 Derek Richardson 14 Graham Jones	B. BURTON I. HINDLE HENDERSON	2 3	
HEAT 12 Time 76-8	R B W Y	13 Phil Kynman 4 Nig Close 10 Tom Owen 7 Robbie Gardner	M. CAROLINE B. CLARK	2 1	
HEAT 13 Time 77-4	R B W Y	7 Robbie Gardner 12 Mitch-Graham 14 Graham Jones 1 Steve Finch	M. CAROLINE B. CLARK	1 2	
HEAT 14 Time 77-4	R B W Y	2 Graham Drury 13 Phil Kynman 8 Frank Aulfret 11 Eric Broadbelt	I. GLEDHILL B. BURTON	3 2	
HEAT 15 Time 76-4	R B W Y	16 Keith Evans 3 Derek Richardson 10 Tom Owen 5 Chris Turner	R. GRANT S. McDERMOTT	2 1	
HEAT 16 Time 78-6	R B W Y	9 Benny Rourke 6 Brian Havelock 4 Nig Close 15 Steve Lawson	I. HINDLE M. HITTLE	2 1	RUN OFF FOR 3RD + 4TH
HEAT 17 Time 76-4	R B W Y	1 Steve Finch 8 Frank Aulfret 15 Steve Lawson 10 Tom Owen	B. BURTON M. HITTLE	1 3 2	R/B. HAVELOCK 3RD B. T. OWEN 2ND W.D. RICHARDSON 1ST
HEAT 18 Time 78-4	R B W Y	9 Benny Rourke 2 Graham Drury 7 Robbie Gardner 16 Keith Evans	I. HINDLE I. GLEDHILL M. CAROLINE R. GRANT	1 3 2	TIME 77-2
HEAT 19 Time 77-8	R B W Y	3 Derek Richardson 12 Mitch-Graham 13 Phil Kynman 6 Brian Havelock	P. HENDERSON	3 1 2	Reserved in the event of a tie for first place Red FINEA..... Blue..... White BROADBELT Y & B..... 1st R..... 2nd W..... 3rd..... Time 77-4
HEAT 20 Time 76-4	R B W Y	5 Chris Turner 14 Graham Jones 11 Eric Broadbelt 4 Nig Close	S. McDERMOTT	2 3 1	

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	Total		1	2	3	4	5	Total
1ST 1 S. Finch	3	3	3	2	1	12	I. HINDLE	1	1	1	0	1	4
2 I. GLEDHILL	0	1	2	3	3	9	9 B. Rourke	2	2	3	2	1	12
3 D. Richardson	2	2	3	2	3	12	4TH 10 T. Owen	3	3	1	2	3	12
4 N. Close	1	1	1	2	1	6	2ND 11 E. Broadbelt	3	3	1	2	3	12
5 S. McDERMOTT	1	2	3	1	2	7	12 M. Graham	2	2	2	1	1	8
6 B. Havelock	2	3	2	3	2	12	13 P. Kynman	2	2	2	1	1	8
7 M. CAROLINE	0	0	0	1	0	1	14 G. Jones	3	3	1	3	0	6
8 B. BURTON	3	3	2	0	3	11	15 S. Lawson	1	1	1	1	0	4
Res P. HENDERSON	0	0	0			0	16 K. Evans	0	2	0	0	2	4
							Res B. CLARK	0	0				0

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“ NEWSWEEK ” .. Edited by DICK BARRIE

How long ago it all seems! The last World Championship round we staged here at Shielfield was almost exactly three years ago — on April 3rd, 1976, to be exact. Winner on that occasion was Taffy Owen, at that point entering his last (and possibly best) season for Workington. The wee Welsh wizard knocked up a cool 13 points that night, dropping his only two points to namesake Tom Owen and our own Graham Jones (who both finished with a dozen points, and also qualified for the later stages of the championship).

Full 1976 scorecard was: Taffy Owen 13, Graham Jones 12, Tom Owen 12, Steve Finch 12, Brian Havelock 10, Chris Turner 9, Colin Goad 9, Terry Kelly 8, Mike Hiftle 8, Willie Templeton 6, Wayne Hughes 5, Duncan Meredith 5, John Jackson 5, Pete Reading 3, Stuart Cope 2, Grahame Dawson 1, Peter Waite (res.) 0, Frankie Hall (res.) 0.

To repeat a point I made in last week's programme, I would remind **all** speedway fans (supporting any track!) that I'm more than happy to play requests and dedicate records to their families, loved ones — even wives — on Radio Forth each Sunday lunchtime. It's all a boost for the sport in general, so don't be shy about dropping me a line at "Barrie Country", PO Box 194, Edinburgh — preferably on a dirty postcard! You do your bit and I'll most certainly do mine! Incidentally, if you have difficulty picking up the 194 signals from Forth House, why not try the old FM channel? 96.8 on VHF — stereo even! Can't be bad that — two helpings of Dick's voice at once!

New signing Phil Kynman was at pains last weekend to point out that 1979 is not the year of his debut for the Bandits — indeed not! Young Phil did us proud as a guest rider in 1976 at Ellesmere Port, when he filled in for the missing Robin Adlington and finished a very close match as our joint top scorer! Do you know, we've been keen on signing the lad ever since — and all things come to those who wait, don't they?

Look out for a new spirit of co-operation spreading through the sport this season, the reason being the appointment of former Sunderland (among other tracks) favourite George Barclay as secretary to the SRA — the riders' "union". George, forever one of nature's real gentlemen, has set about the task of building a cordial working relationship 'twixt promoters and riders, and I — for one — reckon that he'll succeed in getting the sport moving forward with real purpose toward the fast-approaching '80s. Now, I wonder if he'd like to try to sort out the rest of the country's industrial attitudes while he's at it?

Important Dates for Your Diary

SATURDAY, 21st JULY — at Halifax — National League Pairs Championship.

SUNDAY, 29th JULY — at Peterborough — Durex 4-Team Tournament.

SATURDAY, 18th AUGUST — at Hackney — Warner's Grand National Final.

SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER — AT Wimbledon - Gauloises National League Riders' Championship.

Next Home Meeting . . .

Saturday, 14th April, at 7 p.m.

BERWICK v. GLASGOW (Challenge Match)

Sunday Mirror

It all Starts Here . . .

It seems only yesterday that 90,000 people were roaring home a new World Champion at Wembley Stadium, with Ole Olsen realising his ambition and crowning a great season by taking the sport's highest individual honour.

Britain had to be content with second place, a fine performance by Gordon Kennett, but already we are about to witness the start of the long trail to the magic of another world final. Another chance for Britain to find a winner, another chance for the up-and-coming to establish themselves.

The trail starts here with the National League, the roots of the sport, where talent is developing and young eyes are fastened on that elusive crown. On the way there will be the further qualifying rounds on the British League tracks, then the semi-finals, the British Final at Coventry — always a very special occasion — and then the Commonwealth and Intercontinental Finals.

A long, long arduous path and a daunting one for any rider. Maybe those you see this evening will not make it all the way, history suggests it is perhaps too much to ask but one thing is certain, it will not be for want of effort, which is why you will be seeing the fiercest competition at any stage of the event. Here, at the very start, you will be watching speedway at its grass roots level. Enjoy it, for it has all the sport's finest ingredients. Enthusiasm, dedication, honest effort and a love of the sport.

Give the lads the encouragement they deserve, sustain them with your appreciation, for this is a special night for them and the first step on the sport's highest ladder to the top.

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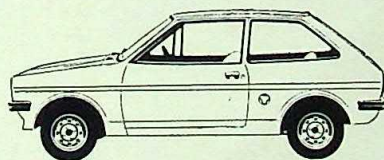
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DATE		VENUE	MATCH	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
					F	A.
Fri.	March 30	Away	B.T.	Workington	35	41
Sat.	" 30	HOME	B.T.	WORKINGTON	48	29
Sat.	April 7	HOME	IND	WORLD CH. QUAL. ROUND		
Sun.	" 8	Away	N.L.	Stoke		
Sat.	" 14	HOME	CH.	GLASGOW		
Sat.	" 21	HOME	N.L.	STOKE		
Sat.	" 28	HOME	N.L.	SCUNTHORPE		
Mon.	" 30	Away	4T.T.	Newcastle		
Fri.	May 4	Away	4T.T.	Edinburgh		
Sat.	" 4	HOME	4T.T.	EDIN., GLASGOW, NEWCLE, BERWICK		
Sun.	" 6	Away	4T.T.	Glasgow		
Sat.	" 12	HOME	N.L.	ELLESMERE PORT		
Fri.	" 18	Away	N.L.	Edinburgh		
Sat.	" 19	HOME	IND	D. TAYLOR MEMORIAL TROPHY		
Sat.	" 26	HOME	N.L.	EDINBURGH		
Mon.	" 28	Away	N.L.	Newcastle		
Sat.	June 2	HOME	INT	ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND		
Sun.	" 3	Away	N.L.	Mildenhall		
Mon.	" 4	Away	K.O. Cup	Scunthorpe		
Sat.	" 9	HOME	K.O. Cup	SCUNTHORPE		
Sat.	" 16	HOME	N.L.	NEWCASTLE		
Thurs.	" 21	Away	N.L.	Middlesbrough		
Sat.	" 23	HOME	N.L.	CANTERBURY		
Sat.	" 30	HOME	N.L.	MILDENHALL		
Sat.	July 7	HOME	IND	BORDERNAPOLIS		
Sat.	" 14	HOME	N.L.	NOTTINGHAM		
Fri.	" 20	Away	N.L.	Glasgow		
Sat.	" 21	HOME	IND	STARS OF TOMORROW		
Sat.	" 21	Away	N.L.	Canterbury		
Sun.	" 22	Away	N.L.	Rye House		
Tues.	" 24	Away	N.L.	Weymouth		
Thurs.	" 26	Away	N.L.	Oxford		
Fri.	" 27	Away	N.L.	Peterborough		
Sat.	" 28	HOME	N.L.	CRAYFORD		
Sat.	August 4	HOME	N.L.	GLASGOW		
Sat.	" 11	HOME	N.L.	WEYMOUTH		
Sat.	" 18	HOME	N.L.	WORKINGTON		
Tues.	" 21	Away	N.L.	Crayford		
Wed.	" 22	Away	N.L.	Nottingham		
Sat.	" 25	HOME	N.L.	PETERBOROUGH		
Sun.	" 26	Away	N.L.	Boston		
Tues.	" 28	Away	N.L.	Milton Keynes		
Fri.	" 31	Away	N.L.	Ellesmere Port		
Sat.	Sept. 1	HOME	N.L.	MIDDLESBROUGH		
Fri.	" 1	Away	N.L.	Workington		
Sat.	" 8	HOME	S. Cup	EDINBURGH		
Mon.	" 10	Away	N.L.	Scunthorpe		
Fri.	" 14	Away	S. Cup	Edinburgh		
Sat.	" 15	HOME	N.L.	RYE HOUSE		
Sat.	" 22	HOME	N.L.	BOSTON		
Sat.	" 29	NO MEETING	IND	WIMBLEDON		
Sun.	" 30	HOME	N.L.	MILTON KEYNES		
Sat.	October 6	HOME	N.L.	OXFORD		
Sat.	" 13	HOME	-	OPEN		

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