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THE 1979
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
AND
GRAND PRIX

QUALIFYING BRITISH ROUND

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 20p



Good Evening Everyone



Last week was certainly one of those "problem" meetings, which all tracks seem to get from time to time, but it was a meeting that produced some fine speedway and again underlined the growing strength of the Poole attack. Coventry were, of course, much weakened by the absence of Olsen, but it is doubtful if even the Great Dane could have materially affected the outcome. The "incident" on the track was, to say the least of it, unfortunate, and we do not want to comment on it here, beyond stating that the referee imposed a fine of £30 on the rider concerned. The matter is now being dealt with at the proper level.

The Pirates are now shaping into the type of side that can score right down the line — and they are "coming good" at just the right time, Malcolm, with his mechanical troubles overcome has jumped right back into the top scoring bracket, and, at the other end of the team we had Andy Tkocz registering his first "paid" maximum. All in all, the signs look good. Incidentally, the result at Sheffield was a good deal better than it looked on paper. Heavy rain fell just before the start making the track very wet, with obviously, added home advantage. Christer handled the track best for the Pirates to score a fine 11 points.

Right now, of course, the boys will be taking a break from the rigours of League racing as they come to grips with the first, and crucial, rounds of the World Championship/Grand Prix. At this stage the two events combine, with the normal scoring operating for the World Championship and with a special system for the Grand Prix. Full details of this year's event will be found on page 7.

Christer Sjosten was compelled to withdraw, having been recalled to Sweden for his Club and for the Swedish rounds of the World Championship. It is fortunate that Chris will not miss any of the Pirates' League engagements, for he will be back in time for the visit to Belle Vue on the 16th of this month.

Andy Tkocz has had to return to Poland for his required commitments but he too will be back in good time to rejoin the side to tackle Belle Vue. He might, in fact, be back tonight to see the Championship battles.

Now to relax and enjoy the racing. There is a long road to travel, but prizes at the end are glittering indeed. Four riders join us tonight from the National League rounds and we congratulate them on their success in getting through to this stage, which consists of a total of eighteen rounds from which just the top 32 riders will qualify for the two British Semi-Finals. One of these will be presented at Poole on the 23rd of this month. We wish all competitors the very best of luck, adding our thanks to "Berger" and the "Daily Mirror" for their sponsorship of these two great events.

Next week we again offer fare that will bring variety to the season's fixtures, when we present our round of the official Four Team Tournament. The selected Pirates quartet will line up again the "Fours" from Oxford, Swindon and Exeter over a special 16-heat programme formula — and we can expect to see some really exciting speedway. The return matches are at Exeter on Monday May 14th; at Oxford on Thursday May 17th and at Swindon on Saturday May 19th.



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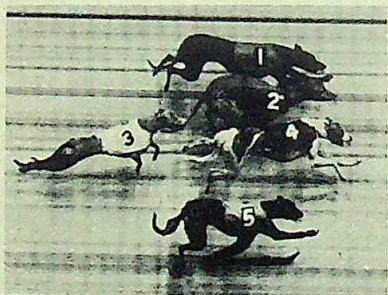
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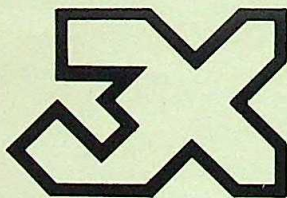
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YOU COULD well have been excused for thinking that only Coventry had problems last Wednesday, and the scoreline backs the view — but don't tell Ron Preston. Heading for his first ever paid maximum Ron had both of his bikes out of action for Heat 10 so he had to step down. "His oil pump has packed up on one and the timing has gone on the other," explained Tony Lewis, "so he's trying to put the good oil pump in place of the other one and to fix the timing at the same time!" We are quite sure that Tony understood. . .

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IR RON MISSED out then congratulations go to Andy Tkocz. Some doubted the wisdom of bringing him back into the Pirates side, but the view was that he would come good given a fair run clear of injury. And a maiden paid maximum underlined how big a contribution he can make to the Poole cause this year.

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MARTIN YEATES, by virtue of his 9 points at Crayford, comes back into the B.L. Rounds of the World Championship. He rides at Ipswich tomorrow, at Wolverhampton on Friday and at Belle Vue on Saturday. A very considerable stint.

DURING THE SEASON we are hoping to quiz all of the Pirates. First man under the microscope is

DANNY KENNEDY

Full name: Daniel Garard Kennedy. Born in: Victoria, Australia. Date of Birth: 18 June 1958. Star Sign: Gemini. Married?: Yes, in November to Jayne. Lives in: Blandford in England with Ron Preston; Ballarat in Victoria back home. Started racing: In 1975 at Red Line Raceway in Ballarat. Tracks ridden for: Canterbury, Newport, Weymouth, Bristol and Poole. Best moment: Second to Phil Crump in the Australian Championship. Worst moment: When my fuel line fell off while I was leading the Victorian Championships.



WE HAD expected to have had our new lighting system in operation several weeks ago — but there has been a delay in the supply of the lamps from the manufacturers. We are told that delivery can now be expected very shortly. We shall lose no time in carrying out the installation when they arrive.

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SKIPPER SIMMO nearly had another problem last week. While travelling through London on his way to Poole he had to make an emergency stop to avoid ramming the car in front — which had also made a sudden halt. No sooner done than followed by a clang as the car behind kept coming — Malcolm's first thought — "the bikes!". But all was well with only minor damage to the trailer.

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PIRATES' SUPPORTER, Mrs. J. Batchelor, of Christchurch, made the long trip to Belle Vue for the Alan Wikinson Testimonial meeting — and managed to buy one of the four Lucky Programmes — for which she was duly presented with a super Holdall. The delighted Mrs. B. says that alone made the journey well worth while.

Family involvement in speedway: Brother John, 26, rides in Victoria. He might have a ride or two here this summer, although he's tied up in the family business. Favourite tracks: Brookland in Melbourne, Bendigo and Rowley Park in Australia — and most British tracks. Off track hobbies: Water ski-ing, that is better in Australia. Ambition: To be the best speedway rider in the world. Favourite colour: Two, yellow and black.

Car: Ford Cortina Mark 3. Bikes: Weslake (long track engine, 3 of them!). Most respected rider: Phil Crump (Swindon and Australia). Favourite drink: Lager style beer. Favourite food: Anything except liver, "I hate that!" Off track trade: None really, I've ridden bikes since I left school — though I have driven earth moving equipment for the family business. Countries ridden in: Australia, England, Scotland, Wales, Italy and West Germany. Height: 6 feet exactly. Weight: 11½ stone. Sponsor: The Nightriders — a country and western group; and A.S.R.O. Motor cycles have offered workshop facilities.

Programme of the 8th Meeting 1979

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd 1979

Held under the Regulation of the Speedway Control Board

Track Licence No. 79/19

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A.C.U. Referee: **B. RICHARDSON** Announcer: **J. L. KNOTT**
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Timekeeper: **D. SMITHSON**
 Starting Marshal: **A. BALL**
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20 Heats, 4 Laps — Clutch Start. Points: Heat Winners 3 points; 2nd 2 pts; 3rd 1 pt.

Starting Grid positions are indicated by helmet colours: —

Red, No. 1 (inside); Blue, No. 2; White, No. 3; Yellow, No. 4.

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RIDES										RIDES									
1	2	3	4	5	A	B	T			1	2	3	4	5	A	B	T		
1 Gordon Kennett										9 Derek Richardson									
2 Neil Middleditch										10 Steve Lomas									
3 Bob Kilby										11 Dave Morton									
4 Steve Finch										12 Malcolm Simmons									
5 Kai Niemi										13 Dave Kennett									
6 Danny Kennedy										14 Ray Bales									
7 Pip Lamb										15 Ray Wilson									
8 Stefan Salomonsson										16 Hans Nielsen									
R. Ron Preston										R. Nigel Davis									

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 1

1 GORDON KENNETT (Eastbourne)	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
2 NEIL MIDDLEDITCH (Poole)	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
3 BOB KILBY (Swindon)	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
4 STEVE FINCH (Ellesmere Port)	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 2

5 KAI NIEMI (Eastbourne)	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
7 PIP LAMB (Oxford)	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
6 DANNY KENNEDY (Poole)	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
8 STEFAN SALOMONSSON (Wimbledon)	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 3

10 STEVE LOMAS (Edinburgh)	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
11 DAVE MORTON (Wolverhampton)	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
9 DEREK RICHARDSON (Glasgow)	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
12 MALCOLM SIMMONS (Poole)	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 4

15 RAY WILSON (Birmingham)	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
14 RAY BALES (Mildenhall)	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
16 HANS NIELSEN (Wolverhampton)	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
13 DAVE KENNETT (Eastbourne)	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 5

13 DAVE KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
1 GORDON KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
5 KAI NIEMI	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
9 DEREK RICHARDSON	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 6

14 RAY BALES	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
10 STEVE LOMAS	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
2 NEIL MIDDLEDITCH	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
6 DANNY KENNEDY	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 7

11 DAVE MORTON	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
15 RAY WILSON	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
7 PIP LAMB	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
3 BOB KILBY	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 8

4 STEVE FINCH	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
8 STEFAN SALOMONSSON	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
12 MALCOLM SIMMONS	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
16 HANS NIELSEN	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 9

6 DANNY KENNEDY	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
16 HANS NIELSEN	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
1 GORDON KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
11 DAVE MORTON	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 10

12 MALCOLM SIMMONS	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
5 KAI NIEMI	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
15 RAY WILSON	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
2 NEIL MIDDLEDITCH	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 11

8 STEFAN SALOMONSSON	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
9 DEREK RICHARDSON	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
3 BOB KILBY	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
14 RAY BALES	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 12

13 DAVE KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
4 STEVE FINCH	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
10 STEVE LOMAS	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
7 PIP LAMB	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

INTERVAL

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 13

7 PIP LAMB	...	...	...	...	...	(Red)
12 MALCOLM SIMMONS	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue)
14 RAY BALES	...	...	...	...	...	(White)
1 GORDON KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow)

Winner.....2nd.....3rd.....Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 14

2 NEIL MIDDLEDITCH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
13 DAVE KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
8 STEFAN SALOMONSSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
11 DAVE MORTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 15

16 HANS NIELSEN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
3 BOB KILBY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
10 STEVE LOMAS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
5 KAI NIEMI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 16

9 DEREK RICHARDSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
6 DANNY KENNEDY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
4 STEVE FINCH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
15 RAY WILSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 17

1 GORDON KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
8 STEFAN SALOMONSSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
15 RAY WILSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
10 STEVE LOMAS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 18

9 DEREK RICHARDSON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
2 NEIL MIDDLEDITCH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
7 PIP LAMB	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
16 HANS NIELSEN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 19

3 BOB KILBY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
12 MALCOLM SIMMONS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
13 DAVE KENNETT	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
6 DANNY KENNEDY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRAND PRIX

HEAT 20

5 KAI NIEMI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Red).....
14 RAY BALES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Blue).....
11 DAVE MORTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(White).....
4 STEVE FINCH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(Yellow).....

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. British Semi-Final — Poole 23rd May.

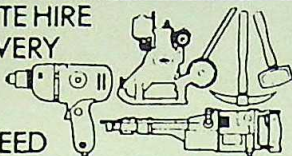
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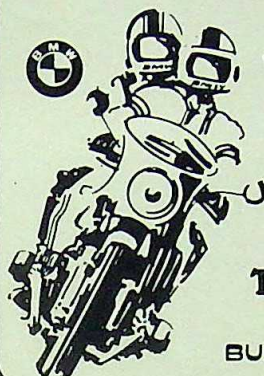


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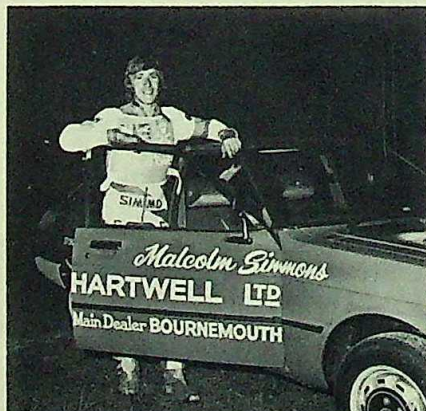


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Unusual picture of popular Christer Sjosten as he tried a quick burst before the meeting last week.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

After all 18 rounds have been staged the top 32 riders eligible for World Championship participation through the UK rounds will progress to the UK Semi-Finals.

If there is a tie on points for the last qualifying place (or places) heat wins, seconds etc. will determine precedence.

If there is still a tie a run-off will be arranged.

GRAND PRIX

Grand Prix scoring will be based on finishing points — ie the winner of each qualifying round receives 10 GP points, second place man receives 9 GP premium points. tenth place man receives 1 premium point.

If there is a tie on points, finishing positions will be determined by heat wins, seconds etc.

If there is still a tie the premium points will be divided.

After all 18 rounds have been staged the 16 riders with the highest totals of GP premium points shall contest the Grand Prix Final at Wimbledon on Thursday August, 23rd.

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