

SUPER SPEEDWAY '79

Wednesday, May 2nd, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY MIRROR

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

AND

BERGER GRAND PRIX

(in conjunction with the DAILY MIRROR)

QUALIFYING ROUND

9th Season

6th Meeting

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

20p

NEWS & VIEWS





HELLO again. Tonight we turn our attention to the greatest of all Speedway "double bills" . . . the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (sponsored by the Sunday Mirror) and the GRAND PRIX (sponsored by BERGER in conjunction with the Daily Mirror). All the world's top riders have a say in these two fantastic tournaments which lead to spectacular finals at Katowice, Poland, on September 2nd (World final) and Wimbledon on August 23rd (Grand Prix).

Let us explain how the "double" qualifying rounds work, for the benefit of any new-comers to speedway this season.

World Championship-wise, only British-born riders have an interest because these are the BRITISH qualifying rounds. In other words, out of tonight's field, the following riders will be seeking World Championship points . . . Joe Owen, Brian Havelock, John Jackson, Bobby Beaton, Ian Cartwright, Jim McMillan, Billy Burton, Tom Owen and Alan Emerson.

Grand Prix-wise, ALL sixteen riders have an interest. And regardless of the number of points scored tonight, or in any qualifying round, GRAND PRIX points are awarded as follows: 10 for the winner of the meeting, 9 for the runner-up, 8 for third and so-on down to 1 point for the tenth-placed competitor.

All riders take part in THREE of these "double" qualifying rounds, one on their home track and two elsewhere. After every British League track (18 in all) has staged a qualifying meeting, the 16 riders with the highest aggregate number of Grand Prix points will go forward to the Grand Prix final at Wimbledon in August. And the 32 British riders with the highest aggregate number of points scored (e.g. 10, 12 and 14) will progress to the British semi-finals of the World Championship to be held later this month at Leicester and Poole.

So the best of luck to all the LADA Vikings. Meanwhile let's look back at last week's Gulf British League action. The lads travelled down to Exeter where IVAN put in his first appearance at the County Ground since his transfer to Hull last season. We didn't get a result but very few teams will at Exeter and the very formidable Falcons had been north to Belle Vue where they had won 40—38. LOUIS CARR, of Ellesmere Port, made a guest appearance for us at Exeter, where Graham DRURY stood down, as he did again against Wolverhampton here at The Boulevard last Wednesday.

We'd like to pay a tribute to both sets of riders last Wednesday. It rained steadily from 5 p.m., but there were no grumbles and no demands to call off the meeting. We've had our problems with the weather this season — like everybody else — but, at least, we got last week's meeting on . . . and won it!

Congratulations to 'King' IVAN on equalling his own track record in heat one. The skipper was really flying and it was good to see him having cured his mechanical problems.

Well, whatever you think of the 50-point controversy, we are delighted to be able to say that we are now below the limit and will be able to track a full-strength team for the first time next Wednesday when we welcome the star-studded KING'S LYNN. See you then.

BRIAN LARNER and IAN THOMAS

HULL SPEEDWAY 1979

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Timekeeper: BARRY WALLACE Starting Marshal: RALPH DUDDINGTON

ACU Referee: To be announced Machine Examiner: F.L. WATSON

Doctor: P. SCOTT

PRO: DICK BOTT

Photographer: RAY COOPER

Meetings are held under

Speedway Control Board Regulations Licence No: 7430 Permit No: SP429

Track Length: 415 yards

Track Record:

IVAN MAUGER, 70.4 secs.

June 21, 1978 and April 25, 1979

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Berger, who announced their sponsorship of the Speedway Grand Prix earlier this month, are one of Britain's largest paintmakers.

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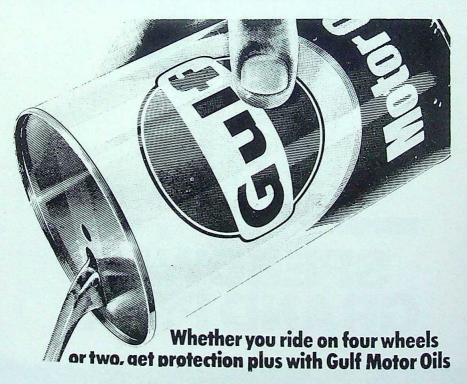
We, at Berger, look forward to this year's Speedway season with interest and excitement. The qualifying heats and final of the Berger Grand Prix will, we hope, be one of the leading attractions in this year's sporting calendar and we know that it will attract your support and provide a real test of international top riders' skills.



SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX



IVAN leads current World No. 1 OLE OLSEN in the League clash with Coventry on April 18th.





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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

and

BERGER GRAND PRIX

QUALIFYING ROUND

Riders identified by helmet colours: Red, Blue, White and Yellow/Black. 4 laps clutch start. Points awarded: 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1. Starting positions indicated by helmet colours, i.e. Red No. 1, Blue No. 2, etc. In the event of a tie for any placings in the first ten, places will be determined according to the number of heat wins, second places and/or fastest times.

Heat	Rider	Helmet Colour	Pts.	Substitute or Remarks
1 Time	 Billy Sanders (Birmingham) Joe Owen (Hull) Tormod Langli (Halifax) Alan Emerson (Workington) 	Red Blue White Y/B		
2 Time	5 Alf Busk (Coventry) 7 Kelly Moran (Hull) 6 Bobby Beaton (Hull) 8 Jan Andersson (Reading)	Red Blue White Y/B		
3 Time	10 Tom Owen (Newcastle)11 Steve Gresham (Swindon)9 John Jackson (Ellesmere Port)12 Ivan Mauger (Hull)	Red Blue White Y/B		
4 Time	15 Jim McMillan (Wolverhampton)14 Brian Havelock (Workington)16 Ian Cartwright (Halifax)13 Billy Burton (Stoke)	Red Blue White Y/B		
5 Time	13 Billy Burton (Stoke) 1 Billy Sanders (Birmingham) 5 Alf Busk (Coventry) 9 John Jackson (Ellesmere Port)	Red Blue White Y/B		
6 Time	14 Brian Havelock (Workington) 10 Tom Owen (Newcastle) 2 Joe Owen (Hull) 6 Bobby Beaton (Hull)	Red Blue White Y/B		
7 Time	11 Steve Gresham (Swindon) 15 Jim McMillan (Wolverhampton) 7 Kelly Moran (Hull) 3 Tormod Langli (Halifax)	Red Blue White Y/B		
8 Time	4 Alan Emerson (Workington) 8 Jan Andersson (Reading) 12 Ivan Mauger (Hull) 16 Ian Cartwright (Halifax)	Red Blue White Y/B		
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11 Time	8 Jan Andersson (Reading) 9 John Jackson (Ellesmere Port) 3 Tormod Langli (Halifax) 14 Brian Havelock (Workington)	Red Blue White Y/B		

12	13 Billy Burton (Stoke)	Red	
Time	4 Alan Emerson (Workington)	Blue	
	10 Tom Owen (Newcastle)	White	
	7 Kelly Moran (Hull)	Y/B	

INTERVAL

13	7 Kelly Moran (Hull)	Red	
Time	12 Ivan Mauger (Hull)	Blue	
	14 Brian Havelock (Workington)	White	
***************************************	1 Billy Sanders (Birmingham)	Y/B	
14	2 Joe Owen (Hull)	Red	
Time	13 Billy Burton (Stoke)	Blue	
	8 Jan Andersson (Reading)	White	
	11 Steve Gresham (Swindon)	Y/B	
15	16 Ian Cartwright (Halifax)	Red	
Time	3 Tormod Langli (Halifax)	Blue	
	10 Tom Owen (Newcastle)	White	
	5 Alf Busk (Coventry)	Y/B	
16	9 John Jackson (Ellesmere Port)	Red	
Time	6 Bobby Beaton (Hull)	Blue	
	4 Alan Emerson (Workington)	White	
	15 Jim McMillan (Wolverhampton)	Y/B	
17	1 Billy Sanders (Birmingham)	Red	
Time	8 Jan Andersson (Reading)	Blue	
	15 Jim McMillan (Wolverhampton)	White	
	10 Tom Owen (Newcastle)	Y/B	
18	9 John Jackson (Ellesmere Port)	Red	
Time	2 Joe Owen (Hull)	Blue	
	7 Kelly Moran (Hull)	White	
	16 Ian Cartwright (Halifax)	Y/B	
19	3 Tormod Langli (Halifax)	Red	
Time	12 Ivan Mauger (Hull)	Blue	
Time	13 Billy Burton (Stoke)	White	
	6 Bobby Beaton (Hull)	Y/B	
20		Red	
Time	5 Alf Busk (Coventry) 14 Brian Havelock (Workington)	Blue	
Time	11 Steve Gresham (Swindon)	White	
	4 Alan Emerson (Workington)	Y/B	
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RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

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2 Joe Owen							10 Tom Owen						
3 Tormod Langli							11 Steve Gresham						
4 Alan Emerson							12 Ivan Mauger						
5 Alf Busk							13 Billy Burton						
6 Bobby Beaton							14 Brian Havelock						
7 Kelly Moran							15 Jim McMillan						
8 Jan Andersson							16 Ian Cartwright						
Res. Frank Auffret							Res. Dennis Sigalos						

SUPPORTERS CLUB NATTER

Now the 'Silly Season' has finished we can get down to serious Speedway, because the supporters of the 50pt rule have been shown it doesn't work!

If you have any old 'STARS' or 'MAILS', bring them to the unit where we will dispose of them.

DID YOU KNOW:-

If you purchase a programme from our own sellers on the car park a small percentage of the cash goes to the supporters club fund, so help the club by buying your programme off Mike and Steve (Ivan).

I hope all the Junior Members had a go at last weeks quiz, the winner will be announced tonight.

This weeks quiz is for adult members of the S.C.

Q. Who is the Captain of Reading Racers and Why?

Answers to the unit on paper with Membership number.

Finally we want names for the away trip to Glasgow for the I.D.K.O.C.

TTFN BRIAN

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AROUND THE TRACKS

AMERICA'S blond bomber SCOTT AUTREY may be out of the World Championship this year after ducking the US final . . . but he has certainly scorched into form so far in the British League season.

And after his triumph in the Daily Express Spring Classic, Scott has jumped the queue of Golden Helmet challengers to win the May nomination to meet holder PETER COLLINS. Originally, another Belle Vue star, Chris Morton, was lined up to challenge Collins, but Autrey's sparkling Spring Classic win earned him a belated vote.

So, it's Autrey v Collins this month . . . a repeat of last May's monumental clash when Collins won after a decider at Swindon!

Thanks a million if you went to Belle Vue on Sunday April 22nd for helping to make ALAN WILKINSON'S Testimonial meeting a great success. More than 11,000 turned out to boost Wilkie's fund. And it now looks as though the crippled Aces' skipper will collect around £15,000 when all the testimonial money comes in.

Other World Championship—Grand Prix dates for the Lada Vikings . . . IVAN MAUGER (Halifax, April 28, and Sheffield May 3), JOE OWEN (Coventry April 28 and Belle Vue May 5), KELLY MORAN (Halifax April 28 and Wimbledon May 3), BOBBY BEATON (Leicester May 1 and Belle Vue May 5).

Bear in mind, of course, that IVAN has already qualified for the Commonwealth final of the World Championship at White City on July 1st and that Kelly is the American reserve for the same meeting!

GULF OIL BRITISH LEAGUE

(Up to and inc. April 25th)

	Р	W	D	L	Pts
Coventry	6	5	0	1	10
Wimbledon	5	3	1	1	7
Swindon	5	3	0	2	6
LADA VIKINGS	4	2	0	2	4
Cradley Heath	3	2	0	1	4
Birmingham	5	2	0	3	4
Wolverhampton	4	1	1	2	3
Sheffield	4	1	1	2	3
Exeter	1	1	0	0	2
Poole	1	1	0	0	2
Halifax	2	1	0	1	2
King's Lynn	2	1	0	1	2
Belle Vue	3	0	2	1	2
Reading	3	1	0	2	2
Eastbourne	-3	1	0	2	2
Ipswich	2	1	0	1	2
Hackney	2	0	1	1	1
Leicester	2	0	0	2	2

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OUR VISITORS

WELL, we've got a really international line-up for tonight's World Championship/Grand Prix qualifying round with stars from England, Scotland, New Zealand, America, Australia, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

No introductions should be necessary for Lada Vikings favourites IVAN MAUGER, JOE OWEN, KELLY MORAN or BOBBY BEATON. And the same goes for TOM OWEN, Joe's elder brother, who is our No. 8, but has not been able to ride for us so far this year because of his high average.

Tom is regarded in most places as the top man in the National League and is the popular skipper of Newcastle Diamonds. He recently retained his grip on the Silver Helmet Match Race championship, defeating Bob Humphreys at Milton Keynes after a 2–1 win in the first leg at Newcastle.

Coventry's MITCH SHIRRA was originally drawn to race in this round, but is out of the country at the moment and his place goes to his Coventry team-mate, Danish international ALF BUSK.

From our Yorkshire rivals Halifax we welcome their skipper IAN CARTWRIGHT, a fast-rising star if ever there was one, and Norwegian TORMOD LANGLI, a close-season signing from Bristol.

Aussie flyer BILLY SANDERS is with Birmingham this year after a long and successful spell with Ipswich. Billy is one of the top men "down under" and will be a handful for the home stars tonight.

STEVE GRESHAM and BRIAN HAVELOCK have both worn Hull body colours in the past. Steve came to the Vikings from America for a none-too-successful baptism in British Speedway and then left us to link up with Newport. Last season he rode under the Wally Mawdsley banner at Bristol. Now he is with Swindon . . . again under the Mawdsley flag. Brian Havelock, former Newcastle skipper and now with Workington, has made several guest appearances for the Vikings.

Yet another ex-Viking is Scottish international JIMMY McMILLAN. Always a popular figure, Jim served us well after joining us from Coatbridge in 1974. He certainly knows all there is to know about the Boulevard track.

JOHN JACKSON is another of the stars of the National League. The Ellesmere Port skipper had a spell in the British League with Halifax and he was with Crewe before moving to Ellesmere where very few get the better of him.

JAN ANDERSSON, transferred from Swindon to Reading this year, represented Sweden in last year's Golden Jubilee World final at Wembley. A very talented rider he has high hopes of reaching this year's World final in Poland.

ALAN EMERSON and BILLY BURTON complete tonight's line-up. Alan made his name with Teesside (now Middlesbrough), but has since linked up with Workington. And Billy, a diminutive bundle of energy, has moved from Boston Barracudas to Stoke Potters.

Yes, it's a line-up rich in talent and very worthy of a meeting of this calibre.

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KINGFISHER

Dick Bott's BOULEVARD BULLETIN



WITHERNSEA (now where have I heard that name before?) is in the news again this week, I have received an SOS from KAREN SHARP of 55 Chestnut Avenue, Withernsea. No more funnies from me about that particular seaside resort because this is a very serious request.

Karen writes: "My auntie used to give us a lift to speedway, but she has moved to another house and can't help us now. My Mum goes to speedway every week, but she won't let me go because it is nearly midnight by the time the bus gets back to Withernsea and that is too late for me when I have to go to school in the morning.

"But when my auntie used to take us, we were home by about half past ten. So, is there anyone from Withernsea who has some room for me and my Mum in their car. My Mum says she will pay towards the petrol.

"I hope you will put this SOS on your page because I have been coming to Hull Speedway since I was six years old and I don't want to stop now."

Okay, folks. Who's going to play the Good Samaritan? Surely no one can ignore Karen's plea. I'll take back all I've said about Withernsea if someone will come to the rescue of Karen and her Mum! And when you do get fixed up, Karen, drop me a line with the good news.

Next SOS in "Auntie Dick's Problem Page" . . . MICHAEL TAYLOR, of 281 Buxton Road, Furness Vale, Near Stockport, Cheshire, is looking for a pen pal who is a Lada Vikings fan. Michael writes: "I have supported Belle Vue Aces for 12 years. My favourite riders are Peter Collins and Hull's Kelly Moran. I would like to find a Hull Vikings pen pal who is willing to exchange Hull Programmes for Belle Vue Programmes." Any takers?

Another out-of-town caller is DENNIS GOODWIN, of Ovenden Way, Halifax, who was at The Boulevard for the Northern Trophy match against the Dukes on Friday March 30th and who took exception to a letter from Steven Sands which was published in this column soon afterwards.

Dennis writes: "In his letter, Steven tells of the 'obscene and callous comments' made by Dukes' fans. Well, I was one of them and, like the two police officers who were standing behind us, I did not think the language obscene. A little vulgar, maybe. But if S.S. travelled with the Hull fans to The Shay, he would find it the same. He also had a go at the Halifax fans for having a go when Kelly Moran fell off in heat five. He must have been too busy listening to the so-called obscenities to have noticed the brilliant way in which Mick McKeon laid down his bike to avoid Kelly.

"I would also like to ask him if 'all' the Hull fans sympathetically applaud when a visiting rider falls off?" Fair comment, eh?

Finally, I wonder if a delectable student nurse by name of ELAINE ROBERTS, of Flat 52, Block G, Bootham Park Court, York, who wrote to me last October, has been "fixed up" with a lift to and from meetings. Elaine, a keen Vikings fan, moved from Hull to York near the end of last season and was searching desperately for some York-based fans to help her out with transport.

Let me know how you are going on, Elaine? If no gallant gent has put his chariot or jalopy at your disposal, I may be tempted to drive my own sleigh and team of huskies in your direction when I do make the dreaded journey over the Pennines to far-away Humberside.

Meanwhile, I shall await more of your sparkling letters at 4, BRENTWOOD CLOSE, SMITHY BRIDGE, LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCS. Sorry, no elephant jokes this week!

VIKINGS CHECK CHART 1979

All Home Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

The promoters reserve the right to alter the fixture list.

Key: GBL Gulf British League KOC Knock-out Cup IDKO Knock-out Cup CH Challer tournament WC/GP World (Prix

March 28 HALIFAX NT March 30 HALIFAX NT March 31 Belle Vue NT April 4 SHEFFIELD NT

NT Northern Trophy OC Inter-Divisional nge 4TT Four-team Championship/Grand	MAUGER	BEATON	J. OWEN	DRURY	MORAN	AUFFRET	SIGALOS	HUNTER	T. OWEN	GUESTS	
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HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Back to the battle for the championship!

"LADA VIKINGS"

versus

KING'S LYNN "STARS"

Gulf British League with British Champion MICHAEL LEE and World No. 4 DAVE JESSUP

COME EARLY!