

HACKNEY speedway

BARRY THOMAS
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Friday, May 4, 1979 at 8.00 p.m.
The Sunday Mirror World Championship
& Berger Grand Prix [Qualifying Round]
in association with the Daily Mirror
Match Magazine 20p 17th Season



HACKNEY SPEEDWAY

HACKNEY STADIUM . WATERDEN ROAD . E15

Telephone 01-985-9822

OFFICIAL DATA

Clerk of the CourseD. Erskine
A.C.U. RefereeS.J. Mellish
Medical Officer in attendance
Team Manager.....Len Silver
Announcer/Timekeeper.....Ted Sear

Machine Examiner.....Ken Archer
Pit MarshalKen Archer
Starting MarshalBob Gray
Colour MarshalDave Willsher
Staff Controller.....S. Meddemmen

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

Held under the regulations of the Speedway Control Board

Track Licence No. 79/8 Track length 345 yards

Track Record — 62.2 seconds: Ole Olsen 22/7/77

NOTE: The Management reserves the right to alter this Programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the Meeting prior to the start of the sixth race in the programme, re-admission tickets issued at entrances (available for any one of the next three meetings) will become valid. In no circumstances will any money be refunded. Rights of admission reserved.

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Records played here this evening can be obtained from:-

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Unit One, 8-20

Well St. Hackney. Telephone 985 8003

**NOTE — TIMES ANNOUNCED AT THIS MEETING ARE UNOFFICIAL
AS OUR TIMEKEEPER IS NOT LICENCED BY THE S.C.B.**

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PICK UP POINT	SINGLE FARE	RETURN FARE	TIME
Stratford Broadway	£0.50p	£0.90p	14.30
Hackney Stadium	£0.50p	£0.90p	14.40
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White Hart, Ponders End	£0.35p	£0.70p	15.20
Waltham Cross	£0.30p	£0.60p	15.30
Chestnut Shop	£0.25p	£0.50p	15.35
RYE HOUSE			15.50

THIS TABLE OF FARES TO BE CHARGED REPLACES ALL OTHER TABLES

Len Silver says...



Tonight's meeting, attractive as it certainly is, must take the record as enjoying the longest title ever wished upon an event "The Sunday Mirror World Championship, incorporating the Berger Grand Prix (in association with the Daily Mirror)"!

Who ever dreamed up that little lot **must** have a civil service back-ground!

Of course when no less than three sponsors are involved in what are really two combined events, it isn't surprising that the title takes 5 minutes to read.

Bergers, the famous paint company (incidentally near neighbours of ours in Carpenters Rd) are newcomers to our sport and we sincerely hope that they will not only benefit from their involvement, but also enjoy being part of our scene. Tonight's exciting line up, led by no less than the World Champion himself, Ole Olsen, must help the Berger representatives with us this evening to discover just how thrilling our favourite sport really is, especially here at 'The Wick' and we take pleasure in the knowledge that our welcome is backed by the best racing and the **most** excitement in the business.

The Sunday and Daily Mirror newspapers are, as everyone knows, very old friends of Speedway having been involved since 1928, Britain's inaugural year of racing, and we are indebted to them for their continual and loyal support.

Our sister track at Rye House (Hoddesdon) have an intriguing fixture on May Day, Bank Holiday Monday at 4.30 p.m. It is their round of the Durex National Fours and involves Canterbury, Crayford and Mildenhall. A **must** for the avid fan and bound to fill the pretty 'Garden Speedway' to capacity I would think. Note the special bus timetable on page 2 of this programme.

Next Friday the "Olde Enemy" from South London pay their league visit and Larry Ross, Edward Jancarz & Co are flying very high at the moment. Their record here is first class and over the years we have enjoyed many epic battles when Dons and Hawks have clashed. There is no reason to doubt that next Friday will be any exception and I for one am looking forward to it immensely. Join us again then, with all your pals as we

Make it a date — Friday at Eight!
Len.

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BERGER PAINTS



SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX

DAILY MIRROR speedway columnist **GRAHAM BAKER** looks at the Berger Grand Prix Tournament

The Grand Prix lives! And, indeed, Britain's top individual speedway tournament has emerged from a troubled close season stronger and more vibrant than ever.

It's four years now since the Daily Mirror introduced the Grand Prix with a novel method of points scoring that gave an alternative to the straight forward knock-out principle of world championship racing.

Immediately, the tournament caught the imagination of the public and the top riders in the world.

Already Peter Collins, Ole Olsen and Chris Morton have won the Grand Prix title following three dramatic Finals at White City. This season the Final switches to Wimbledon on August 23.

But at one stage during the close season the future of the Grand Prix was most uncertain. Our joint sponsors Volkswagen withdrew after two years.

Happily, the situation was saved when the leading paint manufacturers Berger decided to fill the vacant sponsorship of the Grand Prix.

Already Berger back soccer's Isthmian League. This is their first speedway venture — and we are delighted to welcome them as co-sponsors of the re-named Berger — DailyMirror Grand Prix.

The name has changed. But the thrills are the same. And the format that gives the Grand Prix a unique flavour is unaltered.

Putting it simply, the Grand Prix system makes every race count — and yet it allows riders to repair the damage of an occasional slip up or temporary loss of form.

Riders from every Gulf British League club will be involved in three qualifying rounds each. First place in each qualifier will score ten points, second will get nine down to one for tenth.

After totting up the qualifying round points the top sixteen will go through to the Grand Prix Final. Their qualifying points will count towards the Final total.

But even the lowest qualifiers can win overall with a brilliant display at Wimbledon — as Belle Bue's Morton proved last season.

Their qualifying scores will be added to the Final premium points of 50 for first, 45 for second down to five for tenth.

It sounds complicated, I know — but it is the fairest possible way of deciding the top overall rider of the season.

I'm looking forward to the action — and I know that our friends from Berger share the sentiment. I hope you all feel the same way.

HOW THE RIDERS QUALIFY

**Sunday
Mirror**

**SUNDAY MIRROR
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.



**BERGER
GRAND PRIX [In Association with
the DAILY MIRROR]**

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

Race times shall not be taken into consideration.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM BERGER — SPONSORS OF THE SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX

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

Already well-known for our sponsorship of the Berger Isthmian League, the south of England's leading soccer league, our backing of the Grand Prix is another association between our Company and the pursuit of sporting excellence.

Although we are best known to the public for our decorative paints — Magicote, Colorizer and, in trade circles, Brolac, we have also shown — in our recent television commercials — that we supply paint for virtually every industry in Britain.

All four British car makers use Berger paints and finishing materials. If you have your car repaired or resprayed after an accident, chances are it will be done with our refinishing paints. Every civil aircraft made in Britain has Berger sealants in its structure — even Concorde, where Berger materials seal the cabin and the wings.

Oil rigs, refineries, bridges, food packaging, printing inks, oil tankers, luxury liners, office machines, Matchbox toys — all these products and thousands more benefit from paints and coatings, special resins or adhesives supplied by us.

In Britain we have eight manufacturing and distribution Sites, employ 2,800 people and are the largest Company in the world-wide Berger Group.

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.

THE SUNDAY MIRROR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & BERGER GRAND PRIX 1979 (QUALIFYING ROUND)

SCORE CHART		RIDERS HT. SCORES						PROGRESSIVE PLACINGS Black out a square for every point scored															
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1. Ole Olsen																							
2. Keith White																							
3. Les Collins																							
4. Bobby McNeil																							
5. John Louis																							
6. Vic Harding																							
7. Barry Thomas																							
8. Mitch Shirra																							
9. Phil Collins																							
10. Barney Kennett																							
11. Reider Eide																							
12. Mick Hines																							
13. Mike Farrell																							
14. Ray Bales																							
15. Terry Betts																							
16. John Davis																							
17. (R)																							
18. (R)																							

	Name	No	Substitute	Col	Points	Result
1	Ole Olsen	1		R		1st
	Keith White	2		B		2nd
	Les Collins	3		W		3rd
	Bobby McNeil	4		Y		4th
Time						
2	John Louis	5		R		1st
	Barry Thomas	7		B		2nd
	Vic Harding	6		W		3rd
	Mitch Shirra	8		Y		4th
Time						
3	Barney Kennett	10		R		1st
	Reider Eide	11		B		2nd
	Phil Collins	9		W		3rd
	Mick Hines	12		Y		4th
Time						
4	Terry Betts	15		R		1st
	Ray Bales	14		B		2nd
	John Davis	16		W		3rd
	Mike Farrell	13		Y		4th
Time						
5	Mike Farrell	13		R		1st
	Ole Olsen	1		B		2nd
	John Louis	5		W		3rd
	Phil Collins	9		Y		4th
Time						
6	Ray Bales	14		R		1st
	Barney Kennett	10		B		2nd
	Keith White	2		W		3rd
	Vic Harding	6		Y		4th
Time						
7	Reider Eide	11		R		1st
	Terry Betts	15		B		2nd
	Barry Thomas	7		W		3rd
	Les Collins	3		Y		4th
Time						

8	Bobby McNeil	4		R		1st
	Mitch Shirra	8		B		2nd
	Mick Hines	12		W		3rd
	John Davis	16		Y		4th
Time						
9	Vic Harding	6		R		1st
	John Davis	16		B		2nd
	Ole Olsen	1		W		3rd
	Reider Eide	11		Y		4th
Time						
10	Mick Hines	12		R		1st
	John Louis	5		B		2nd
	Terry Betts	15		W		3rd
	Keith White	2		Y		4th
Time						
11	Mitch Shirra	8		R		1st
	Phil Collins	9		B		2nd
	Les Collins	3		W		3rd
	Ray Bales	14		Y		4th
Time						
12	Mike Farrell	13		R		1st
	Bobby McNeil	4		B		2nd
	Barney Kennett	10		W		3rd
	Barry Thomas	7		Y		4th
Time						

SHORT INTERVAL (Time permitting)

13	Barry Thomas	7		R		1st
	Mick Hines	12		B		2nd
	Ray Bales	14		W		3rd
	Ole Olsen	1		Y		4th
Time						
14	Keith White	2		R		1st
	Mike Farrell	13		B		2nd
	Mitch Shirra	8		W		3rd
	Reider Eide	11		Y		4th
Time						
15	John Davis	16		R		1st
	Les Collins	3		B		2nd
	Barney Kennett	10		W		3rd
	John Louis	5		Y		4th
Time						
16	Phil Collins	9		R		1st
	Vic Harding	6		B		2nd
	Bobby McNeil	4		W		3rd
	Terry Betts	15		Y		4th
Time						
17	Ole Olsen	1		R		1st
	Mitch Shirra	8		B		2nd
	Terry Betts	15		W		3rd
	Barney Kennett	10		Y		4th
Time						
18	Phil Collins	9		R		1st
	Keith White	2		B		2nd
	Barry Thomas	7		W		3rd
	John Davis	16		Y		4th
Time						
19	Les Collins	3		R		1st
	Mick Hines	12		B		2nd
	Mike Farrell	13		W		3rd
	Vic Harding	6		Y		4th
Time						
20	John Louis	5		R		1st
	Ray Bales	14		B		2nd
	Reider Eide	11		W		3rd
	Bobby McNeil	4		Y		4th
Time						

Next Friday's Big Attraction!



MAY 11th, 1979

HAWKS v WIMBLEDON

GULF BRITISH LEAGUE

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Sunday Mirror

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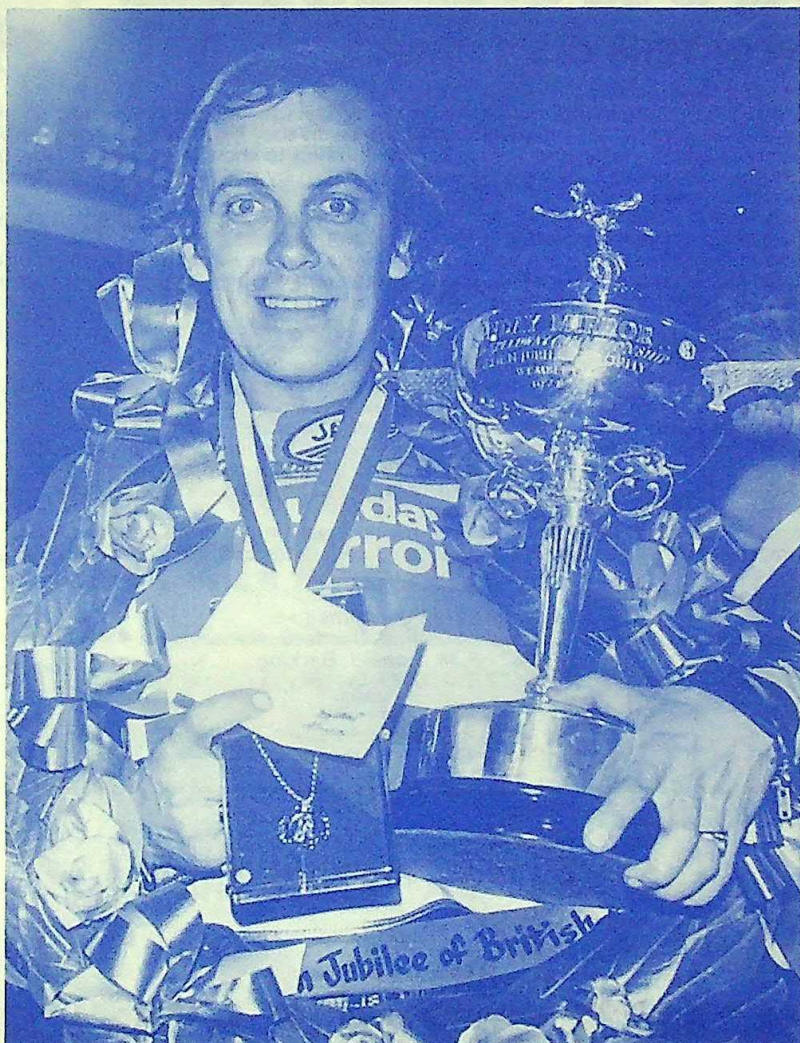
Sunday Mirror

AT RYE HOUSE SPEEDWAY

THIS SUNDAY — NO MEETING
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY — MAY 7th
DUREX FOUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Rockets v Canterbury v Crayford v Mildenhall
4.30 p.m.

Ole Olsen



1977 Grand Prix winner Ole Olsen who missed last year's tournament but is back this time around.

TO BE RUN IN THE EVENT OF
A DECIDER BEING NECESSARY

21			R		1st.....
			B		2nd.....
			W		3rd.....
Time			Y		4th.....

SNOWY'S SCENE



SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Good Evening Supporters,

I was talking to Vic White the Leicester team manager before last weeks meeting and he told me that he has promised his team, that if they beat Hackney he would get in touch with London Weekend T.V. to borrow the film to show in Leicester. How hard he tried! by heat 6 the Lions were 14 points down but by making changes in the right places he only lost the match 42-36. Sorry Vic.

Coach News: Eastbourne, Sunday May 13th. Coach will leave Stratford Broadway 11a.m. pick up at Hackney Stadium. Fare £2.60.

I read in the Wimbledon Supporters Club News last week about their massacre of Birmingham, the score being 63-15, and finished up by saying "now if only it had been Hackney. Oh wouldn't it be luvely." All I can say to the Dons is this, if you enjoy run away meetings like this you are welcome. Pay a visit to Hackney and see some real racing on a good track.

Barry Thomas Testimonial Dart Match and Disco, Sunday May 20th at Cherry's Disco 6 p.m. Tickets £1. The teams are Barry Thomas Riders Select v Hackney Supporters Dart team with a Disco after the match. An interval attraction will be the film everyone wants to see 'Flying Cinders' taken at Hackney in 1937 or 1938.

We still need a few more members for the Barry Thomas 250 Club. All 250 Club agents have an official badge and number. You may join with any of them or at the Supporters Club kiosk on the first bend. While you are at the kiosk you can buy the Barry Thomas T-shirt in any size or colour.

Riders Equipment Fund Draw tickets are on sale tonight from sellers around the stadium, tickets are 5 for 10p and the Jackpot now stands at £55 increasing by £5 each week till won.

Last weeks lucky winners:

- Jackpot 09192 Unclaimed.
- 1 22482 R. Collins, Dartford, Kent.
- 2 38634 P.M. Donald, Barking.
- 3 17522 E.A. Silverton, Seven Kings, Essex.

Cheerio for now
Up The Hawks
Snowy Beattie (Hon. Sec.)



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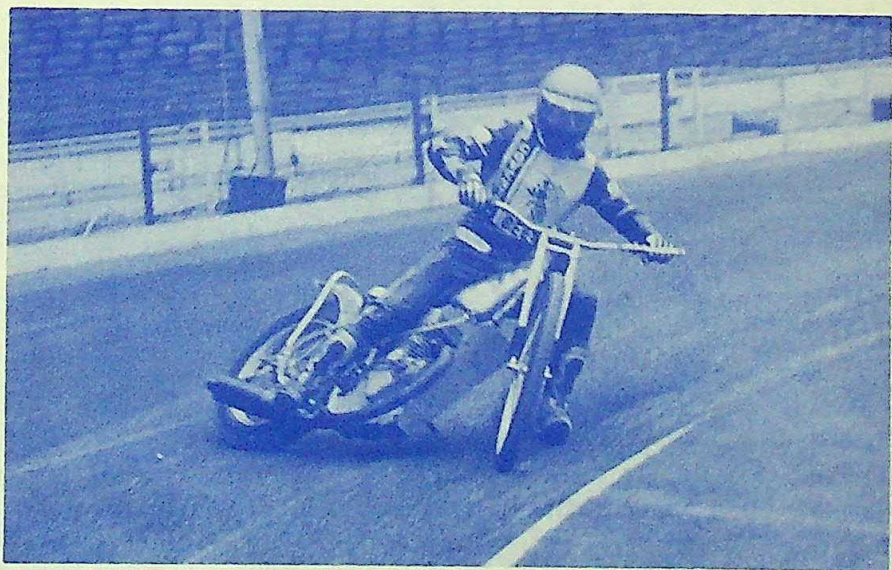
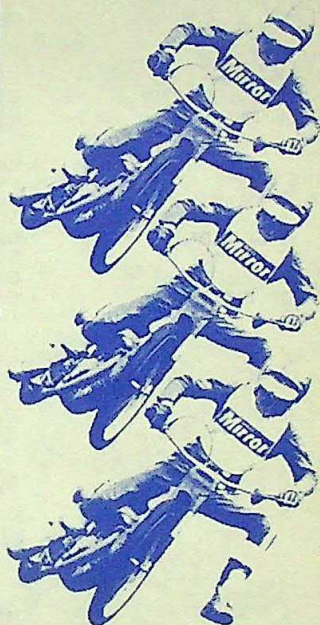
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World Champion, Ole Olsen, seen here during practice at Wembley prior to last year's World Final.

HACKNEY SPEEDWAY FIXTURES 1979

Subject to alteration — phone 01-985 9822 for information. Home Fixtures in **Bold Letters**

	F	A
MARCH		
S 17 Kings Lynn	GGC A 35—43	
F 23 KINGS LYNN	GGC H 42—36	
F 30 IPSWICH	GGC H 39—38	

	F	A
APRIL		
Th 5 Ipswich	GGC A 34—44	
F 6 READING	GGC H 35—43	
F 13 SWINDON	GBL H 29—49	
Su 15 Reading	GGC A 26—52	
F 20 SHEFFIELD	GBL H 39—39	
F 27 LEICESTER	GBL H 42—36	

	F	A
MAY		
F 4 WORLD CHAMPS/GRAND PRIX Q.R.		
W 9 Birmingham	GBL A	
F 11 WIMBLEDON	GBL H	
S 12 King's Lynn	CHALL. A	
Su 13 Eastbourne	GBL A	
F 18 EXETER	GBL H	
F 25 BELLE VUE	GBL H	
Th 31 Oxford	I/L Cup	

	F	A
JUNE		
F 1 POOLE	GBL H	
S 2 Canterbury	4 TT A	
Su 3 Eastbourne	4 TT A	
Th 7 Wimbledon	4 TT A	
F 8 EAST', CANT', W'DON	4 TT H	
S 9 Halifax	KOC A	
F 15 HALIFAX	KOC H	
F 22 THAMES SERVICE ST'N		
FOURS	H	
S 23 Cradley Heath	GBL A	
W 27 Hull	GBL A	
F 29 LONDON RIDERS CHAMPS.	H	

	F	A
JULY		
W 4 Poole	GBL A	
F 6 BIRMINGHAM	GBL H	
F 13 KINGS LYNN	GBL H	
S 14 Kings Lynn	GBL A	
F 20 COVENTRY	GBL H	
S 21 Swindon	GBL A	
F 27 CRADLEY HEATH	GBL H	
M 30 Exeter	GBL A	

	F	A
AUGUST		
F 3 SUPERAMA *	H	
F 3 Wolverhampton	GBL A	
F 10 WOLVERHAMPTON	GBL H	
Th 16 Wimbledon	GBL A	
F 17 NO MEETING AT HACKNEY		
S 18 WARNERS GRAND NATIONAL	H	
M 20 Reading	GBL A	
F 24 RESERVED K.O.CUP	H	
Su 26 Eastbourne	CHALL. A	
F 31 HALIFAX	GBL H	

	F	A
SEPTEMBER		
S 1 Halifax	GBL A	
F 7 READING	GBL H	
S 8 Coventry	GBL A	
F 14 IPSWICH	GBL H	
Th 20 Ipswich	GBL A	
F 21 RESERVED K.O.CUP	H	
Tu 25 Leicester	GBL A	
F 28 HULL	GBL H	

	F	A
OCTOBER		
Th 4 Sheffield	GBL A	
F 5 EASTBOURNE	GBL H	
F 12 WIMBLEDON	L.C. H	
F 19 BONANZA PAIRS CHAMPS	H	
Th 25 Wimbledon	L.C. A	
F 26 T.S.B. CHAMPS CHASE	★ H	

	F	A
NOVEMBER		
Sun 4 BARRY THOMAS		
TESTIMONIAL 4 pm		

To be arranged:
Belle Vue v Hackney

Look out for

SOME GREAT FIXTURES IN JUNE

- ★ 8th.....B.L. 4 TEAM CHAMPS
- ★ 22ndTHAMES SERVICE STATION FOURS
- ★ 29thBBC RADIO LONDON — LONDON RIDERS CHAMPS

MAKE IT A DATE — FRIDAY AT EIGHT!