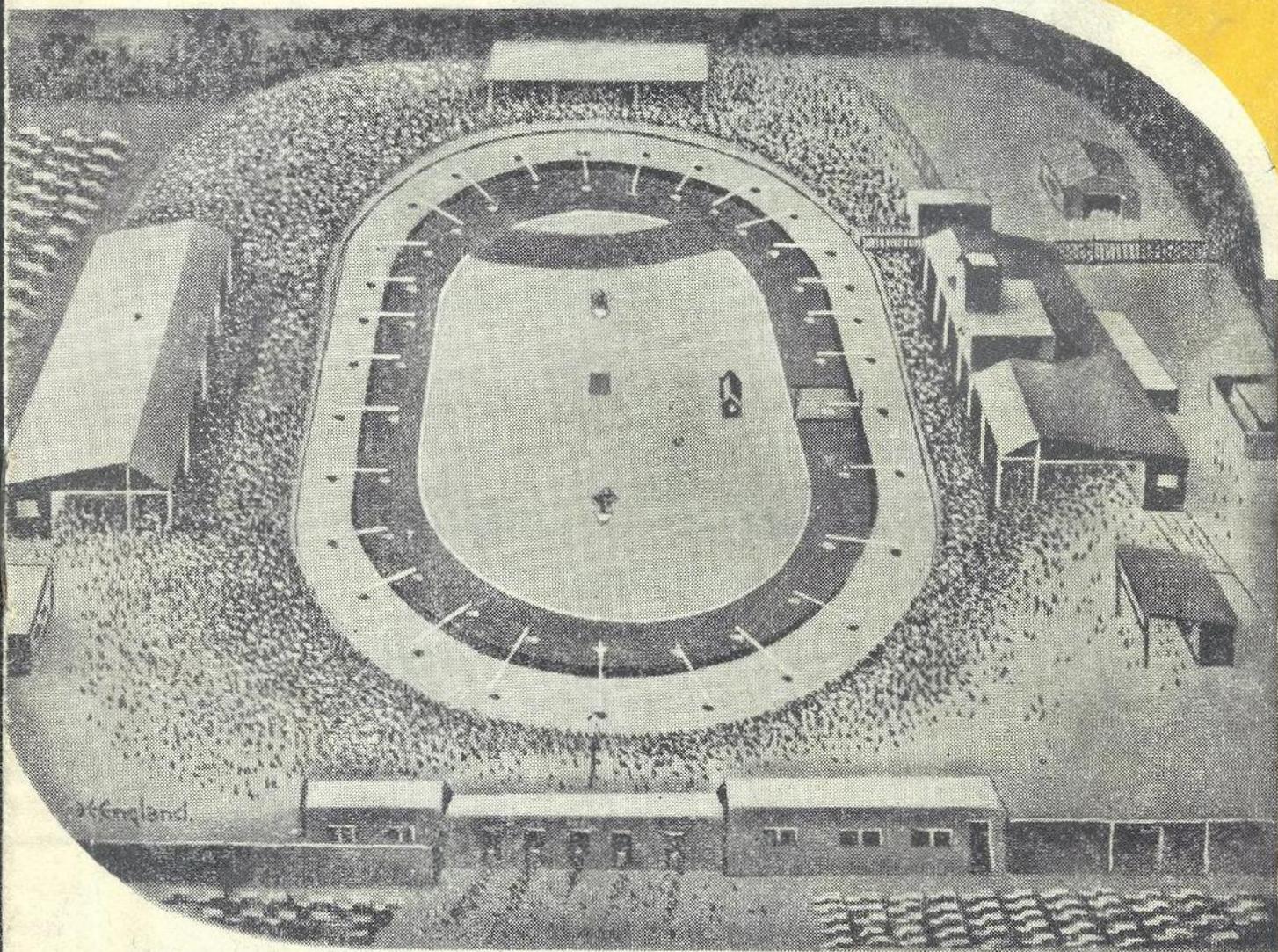


RAYLEIGH WEIR

SPEEDWAY



Meeting No. 8.....Season 1950

“ Sunday Dispatch ”

SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Saturday, June 17th at 7.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME PRICE 6^D



HELLO ROCKETS!

17th June, 1950.

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It is a long climb to the *Sunday Dispatch* World's Championship Final at Wembley on Thursday, September 21st, but here we are at the foot of the ladder, and at the end of the meeting about 12 riders will have qualified to compete in the Second Division round.

That famous Speedway Journalist, Mr. Tom Stenner, has dealt fully with the competition elsewhere in this programme, and I take this opportunity to thank the *Sunday Dispatch* for sponsoring this competition so generously.

The highest point scorer to-night will receive point money at the rate of 25/- per point and a cheque from the *Sunday Dispatch* for £20. This will be presented at the end of the meeting by Mr. Tony Horstead, sports columnist of the *Sunday Dispatch*.

None of our Team are riding here to-night. It appears to be the practice as far as possible in this round to eliminate track advantage by not drawing riders to appear on their home track.

Last week Ron Howes was very puzzled by the slow starts he was making, as he is always most careful to ensure that his equipment is first class. Gerald Jackson also is wondering just what hoodoo can have descended on him. He started the season in fine style, and being keen to do even better bought a brand new motor. Since that time he has had

nothing but trouble and although he has been careful not to look at the new moon through a glass window, not to walk under ladders, and of course not to spill the salt, still his troubles continue. The engine was sent back to the works for examination but last week a noise like a canary could be heard when it came into the Pits after each race. Finally it seized up solid in the second half of the programme. Gerald's only consolation was that it had not happened in the match when he and Les McGillivray were able to go through without losing a single point. On last Saturday's showing he and Les are a well balanced pair, riding together with perfect confidence.

As the Rockets have another whole week before they ride, equipment is again receiving careful attention. Charlie Mugford is also getting a lot of exercise and keeping fit by working as one of the track maintenance staff. He scored maximum points last week in his two rides against Liverpool, and means to carry on the habit next week when Exeter are our opponents.

Cheerio,

UP THE ROCKETS!

ARTHUR ATKINSON.

OFFICIALS

Joint Managers:

A. ATKINSON
E. ATKINSON

Lap Scorer:

S. R. LAMBERT

A.C.U. Steward:

A. W. DAY

Timekeeper and Judge:

W. H. SHUTTLEWORTH

Announcer:

M. JARDINE

Clerk of the Course:

A. ATKINSON

Medical Officer:

Dr. W. JAMES, O.B.E.

Starting Line Marshal:

J. AGAMBAR

Pit Steward and Mechanical Superintendent: **A. HUMPHRIES**

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE in Attendance (Voluntary Service)

The Official Measurement of the Track is 385 Yards. Held under the Speedway Regulations of the A.C.U. Permit No. ST 756. Licence No. 522.

In the event of a Meeting being abandoned before six races are completed re-admission tickets will be available for use at the next Meeting.

RIGHT OF ADMISSION IS RESERVED

Track graded by Messrs. Tarpots Garage

Betting and unauthorised photography are prohibited

SUPPORTERS NEWS AND VIEWS

To-night we are pleased to welcome to Rayleigh, Mr. Tony Horstead the famous Sports Columnist of the *Sunday Dispatch*, who is to present a £20 cheque to the top scorer of the programme to-night on behalf of that great newspaper which does so much for Speedway Racing.

We do hope Mr. Horstead that you will enjoy your evening at the "Home of the Rockets" and that the exciting racing which we see here each week will make you want to visit us again when we have the Rockets chasing their opponents for two valuable league points!!!

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To-night we have on sale at the Ice Cream Bars, photos of the Rayleigh "Rockets." They certainly are a very handsome Team!! The photos are 6d. each.

Pennants can also be bought, price 1/6d. each, and Badges we hope should be on sale next Saturday. We are anticipating a rush on these. They will cost 1/6d. each, we will only have a small allocation of these at first, but more will follow, so you need not be disappointed.

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Don't forget if you would like to join the Stadium Club, it only costs £1/1/0 for the season. You can meet your friends and have a drink in ideal surroundings; in fact we consider it one of the nicest Clubs in Speedway Racing. After the meeting you can meet many riders personally which to many is quite an attraction in itself.

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Aub Lawson is with us again to-night. He is delighted with the performance put up by Gerald Jackson last week. Aub is full of enthusiasm about the Rayleigh Rockets and considers that it won't be long before they will become almost unbeatable at home and away. It is unfortunate for them that they have to go such long spells without away bookings, as the more riding a rider does in a week, the better you will find he usually goes. It is, of course, hard on machines but they can get over those troubles with care.

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Arthur Atkinson has again signed three programmes to-night. If you get one of these, take it along to the Speedway Office and a ticket will be given you for next week's Meeting.

THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

By TOM STENNER



The *Sunday Dispatch* World Speedway Championship, the greatest individual competition our sport has ever known, opens on eight Third Division tracks this month and until the Final at Wembley on September 21st, the competition continues throughout the length and breadth of the country with riders of all nations competing.

Seven European stars appear in this round. Sweden is represented by Eskil Carlsson, Sune Karlsson, Linus Erikson and Stig Pramberg, considered the equal of Swedish champion Olle Nygren, whilst the Austrian champion Fritz Dirlt also competes. Then from behind the Iron Curtain we have representatives of Czechoslovakia in Jan Lucak and Hugo Rosak. The Czechs make a first appearance ever in the *Sunday Dispatch* World Championship.

Competition will be fierce indeed for the 74 highest scorers in this round join Second Division riders in Round Two and at the end of the Second Round 74 qualify for the Third Round in which First Division riders compete. The two highest point scorers at each meeting in Round Three go into the Championship Round with First Division stars. At the end of the Championship Round the sixteen riders with the highest aggregate of points qualify for the Wembley Final.

The *Sunday Dispatch* present the record sum of £2,030 in prize money. Top scorers in this round receive £20 each, in the second Round, £30 and in the Third Round £40. Championship Round winners receive £50 each and in the Final the winner becomes World Champion and receives the trophy plus a cheque for £500. The runner-up gets £250 and the third and fourth £100 and £50 respectively.

Thus the stage is set for an homeric contest with a record entry of 252 riders and record prize money presented by the *Sunday Dispatch*. Speedway racing owes a real debt to the *Sunday Dispatch* not only for the magnificent financial support but also for the valuable space given to our sport in its columns.

4 LAPS
CLUTCH START
ON POINTS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(FIRST ROUND)

SPONSORED BY THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH"

1st - 3 POINTS
2nd - 2 POINTS
3rd - 1 POINT

Detail	No.	RIDERS	Helmet Colour	First	Secnd	Third	Points Scored by Riders
EVENT 1	1	Danny Lee	Red				
Heat 1	2	Angus McGuire	Blue				
Time.....	3	Doug Ible	White				
Speed.....	4	Norman Street	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 2	1	Bert Rawlinson	Red				
Heat 2	2	Ticker James	Blue				
Time.....	3	Graham Williams	White				
Speed.....	4	Bob Harrison	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 3	1	Don Hardy	Red				
Heat 3	2	Alec Grant	Blue				
Time.....	3	Harry Saunders	White				
Speed.....	4	Ron Clark	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 4	1	Joe Arthur	Red				
Heat 4	2	Percy Brine	Blue				
Time.....	3	Norman Lindsay	white				
Speed.....	4	Alf Webster	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 5	1	Angus McGuire	Red				
Heat 5	2	Bert Rawlinson	Blue				
Time.....	3	Don Hardy	White				
Speed.....	4	Joe Arthur	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 6	1	Danny Lee	Red				
Heat 6	2	Ticker James	Blue				
Time.....	3	Alec Grant	White				
Speed.....	4	Percy Brine	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 7	1	Doug Ible	Red				
Heat 7	2	Graham Williams	Blue				
Time.....	3	Harry Saunders	White				
Speed.....	4	Norman Lindsay	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 8	1	Norman Street	Red				
Heat 8	2	Bob Harrison	Blue				
Time.....	3	Ron Clark	White				
Speed.....	4	Alf Webster	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 9	1	Angus McGuire	Red				
Heat 9	2	Ticker James	Blue				
Time.....	3	Harry Saunders	White				
Speed.....	4	Alf Webster	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 10	1	Danny Lee	Red				
Heat 10	2	Bert Rawlinson	Blue				
Time.....	3	Ron Clark	White				
Speed.....	4	Norman Lindsay	Yel. & B.				

INTERVAL

Detail	No.	RIDERS	Helmet Colour	First	Secnd	Third	Points Scored by Riders
EVENT 11	1	Angus McGuire	Blue				
Heat 11	2	Graham Williams	Red				
Time.....	3	Ron Clark	White				
Speed.....	4	Percy Brine	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 12	1	Norman Street	Red				
Heat 12	2	Graham Williams	Blue				
Time.....	3	Alec Grant	White				
Speed.....	4	Joe Arthur	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 13	1	Doug Ible	Red				
Heat 13	2	Bob Harrison	Blue				
Time.....	3	Don Hardy	White				
Speed.....	4	Percy Brine	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 14	1	Danny Lee	Red				
Heat 14	2	Bob Harrison	Blue				
Time.....	3	Harry Saunders	White				
Speed.....	4	Joe Arthur	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 15	1	Doug Ible	Red				
Heat 15	2	Bert Rawlinson	Blue				
Time.....	3	Alec Grant	White				
Speed.....	4	Alf Webster	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 16	1	Norman Street	Red				
Heat 16	2	Ticker James	Blue				
Time.....	3	Don Hardy	White				
Speed.....	4	Norman Lindsay	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 17	1	Angus McGuire	Red				
Heat 17	2	Bob Harrison	Blue				
Time.....	3	Alec Grant	White				
Speed.....	4	Norman Lindsay	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 18	1	Danny Lee	Red				
Heat 18	2	Graham Williams	Blue				
Time.....	3	Don Hardy	White				
Speed.....	4	Alf Webster	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 19	1	Doug Ible	Red				
Heat 19	2	Ticker James	Blue				
Time.....	3	Ron Clark	White				
Speed.....	4	Joe Arthur	Yel. & B.				
EVENT 20	1	Norman Street	Red				
Heat 20	2	Bert Rawlinson	Blue				
Time.....	3	Harry Saunders	White				
Speed.....	4	Percy Brine	Yel. & B.				

In the event of a tie for the winner of the £20 cheque, a special race will be run.

Riders Individual Score Chart

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ttl.		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ttl.
1 D. Lee (Edinburgh)	:	:	:	:	:	:	9 D. Hardy (Exeter)	:	:	:	:	:	:
2 A. McGuire (L'pool)	:	:	:	:	:	:	10 A. Grant (Ashfield)	:	:	:	:	:	:
3 D. Ible (Aldershot)	:	:	:	:	:	:	11 H. Saunders (Oxf'd)	:	:	:	:	:	:
4 N. Street (S. Aust'l)	:	:	:	:	:	:	12 R. Clark (Swindon)	:	:	:	:	:	:
5 B. Rawlinson (Y'mta)	:	:	:	:	:	:	13 J. Arthur (N'castle)	:	:	:	:	:	:
6 T. James (Poole)	:	:	:	:	:	:	14 P. Brine (L'pool)	:	:	:	:	:	:
7 G. Williams (Fl'wd)	:	:	:	:	:	:	15 N. Lindsay (W. City)	:	:	:	:	:	:
8 B. Harrison (A'shot)	:	:	:	:	:	:	16 A. Webster (L'pool)	:	:	:	:	:	:

It is difficult to get all the sixteen riders that are taking part in the World Championship round here to-night, so I have decided to introduce four riders who I think should do very well on the Rayleigh circuit.



(1) **DON HARDY (Exeter)**.—First came into speedway when signed by New Cross who sent him on loan to Exeter, where he became a very consistent team scorer. He was transferred to the Devcn track early this season for £400, and has since become one of the best in the Third Division, and he should be prominent tonight.



(2) **TICKER JAMES (Poole)**.—He is a speedway treat to watch in action, spectacular, dashing, always giving thrills. I see no reason why to-night should be any exception. Suffered a bad crash last season and lost the edge of his form, but like all good riders he gradually overcame his bad patch and is now at his brilliant best.



(3) **ALF WEBSTER (Liverpool).**—It is not generally known that Webster started speedway at West Ham, as a mechanic to Eric Chitty, the speedway bug must have bitten him, for when Hull was granted a licence to race in the Third Division he went along there to try his hand as their chief mechanic. On his arrival there were so few riders present that he grabbed a machine himself and rode, with the result he was given a team contract to ride for the "Angels." When his home track closed down last season he went to Swindon, but living in the North of England, wished to be nearer home and formed part of an exchange deal with Alex Gray and is now riding for Liverpool. His form is difficult to assess, but at present he is riding on the crest of a wave and may create a surprise.

(4) **DANNY LEE (Edinburgh).**—The form of Lee cannot be fully stressed, partly through an injury early in the season in which he suffered a fracture of the wrist. He was riding well for the "Monarchs" at the time, and for spectacular riding there are few that can surpass this Londoner, who was forced to travel to Scotland before he could prove his worth in the sport.

THIRD DIVISION—NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Ply'd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	12	11	-	1	605	398	22
Swindon	13	9	1	3	607	481	19
Pocle	12	8	1	3	518	416	17
Leicester	12	7	-	5	506	495	14
Aldershot	11	6	1	4	488	429	13
Tamworth	12	5	-	7	479	523	10
Liverpool	10	3	1	6	377	458	7
Exeter	11	3	-	8	442	477	6
Rayleigh	8	2	-	6	302	368	4
St. Austell	11	-	-	11	356	565	0

3rd DIVISION RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Up to and including 8th June, 1950

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Pts. Scored</i>
1.	C. Quick	Poole	53
2.	P. Clarke	Oxford	49
3.	D. Hardy	Aldershot	44
4.	B. Harris	Exeter	44
5.	F. Boyle	Oxford	43
6.	M. Mitchell	Swindon	41
7.	B. Wilson	Tamworth	37
8.	H. Pike	Leicester	35
9.	A. Gray	Swindon	35
10.	T. Redmond	Aldershot	35
11.	D. Howard	Poole	33
12.	L. Watling	Tamworth	32
13.	K. Middleditch	Poole	31
14.	F. Boothroyd	Tamworth	29
15.	N. Street	St. Austell	28
16.	V. Gent	Exeter	28
17.	J. Unstead	Rayleigh	28

Next Saturday at this Stadium

NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH

Rayleigh v Exeter

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th

at 7.30 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE THIRD DIVISION SPEEDWAY RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

(1) **TITLE.** The Competition shall be known as "The Third Division Riders' Championship" (subject to the approval of the Speedway Control Board).

(2) **ELIGIBILITY.** All riders of the Third Division who are members of a team in the Third Division National Speedway League shall be eligible to compete, on merit. (Four top point-scorers, both teams (League matches).

(3) **NATURE OF COMPETITION.** The Championship rounds shall be contested at every meeting when a National League Match is held. It will be held in the Second Half of the programme over a series of FOUR Heats. Between Heats 2 and 3, owing to the fact that two of the same riders compete in both these races, another event, such as the "Reserve Scratch Race," shall be interposed.

(4) **SCORE.** The result will be determined on a score of points. Winner: Three Points; Second, Two Points; and Third, One Point.

5. **SCORE CHART.** An individual Score Chart shall be included in each programme in addition to which a progressive Score Chart, showing progress of the top SIXTEEN Point Scorers to date, shall be included in each and every programme.

(6) **TIE FOR FOURTH POSITION.** In the event of two or more riders scoring the same number of points, to qualify for "The Fourth Man" in either team, the rider with the greatest number of points scored for his team in League competitions during the season shall be the rider nominated.

(7) **TEAM MANAGER.** It shall be the duty of the Team Manager of each team to be in possession of his team riders' score points to date and shall be responsible for nominating the Fourth Man. A specially-prepared score chart printed on millboard, shall be handed to the Team Manager at each League match. This chart will show points scored plus Bonus points, for quick calculation to determine riders for the competition.

(8) **SELECTION OF COMPETITORS.** If necessary, a final decision regarding the competitors to take part in the competition will be given by the A.C.U. Steward. He will be assisted by the Announcer, and the Team Manager, who will both keep this special chart mentioned in paragraph 7.

(9) **COMPOSITION OF HEATS**

HEAT 1: 1 and 2—A and B.

HEAT 2: 3 and 4—C and D.

HEAT 3: 1 and 3—B and D.

HEAT 4: 2 and 4—A and C.

(10) **PROGRESS SCORE.** A return showing the result of each Competition must be telegraphed to the Speedway Control Board and confirmed in writing before 10 a.m., the morning following a meeting.

WEST HAM SPEEDWAY

FOLLOW THE "HAMMERS" TOO!!

NEXT TUESDAY at 7.45 P.M.

West Ham v Bradford

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