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ASHFIELD SPEEDWAY



“MISS SCOTLAND”

Miss DOROTHY BIRRELL of Glasgow, the *Sunday Dispatch* National
Bathing Beauty Contest Winner.

Strictly No Betting

Programme 6d.

TUESDAY, 25th July, 1950

ASHFIELD SPEEDWAY Ltd.

HAWTHORN STREET, POSSILPARK, GLASGOW

Directors: NORRIE ISBISTER J. S. HOSKINS T. W. GENTLEMAN

Meetings held under the Speedway Regulations of the Control Board

Tuesday, 25th July, 1950

Eighteenth Meeting

— OFFICIALS —

Clerk of the Course - NORRIE ISBISTER Medical Officer - Dr. W. FORDYCE
A.C.U. Steward and Starter - G. GRINTON Announcer - JOHNNY KELLY
A.C.U. Time-Keeper - T. C. DOBIE

JOHNNIE'S JOTTINGS

Sixteen grand lads have been dreaming about getting into the Final of the "Sunday Dispatch" World Championship at Wembley. They've even dreamt of winning it and living happily ever after. Tonight, fourteen of them are going to be sad and despondent. They will have lost their chance this year.

One is going to collect the £40 special prize and somewhere round £100—for his night's dare-devilry. He'll probably buy his mother-in-law, if he's got one, a pair of gloves, or his sweetie a fur coat, and probably he'll plonk the lot down for a new engine for himself.

Every one of the lads here has called me a bad-tempered, band-beating, old boloney, or something, but somehow I've such a soft spot for each and every one of them, I just hate to see any one of them lose.

Still, that's life. We have our lucky and our unlucky moments.

The man who wins tonight is going to need Lady Luck sitting right there in the saddle with him.

While these lads are racing here, our thoughts go out to Ken and Merv who are battling at Southampton for their place in the sun. We just can't keep still till the results come through.

So many things can go wrong. A faulty part suddenly breaks, and

bang goes even the best man's opportunity. An unavoidable pile-up can stop a world beater's chances, forgetting to turn on the oil or the fuel, just one million things can happen. Unavoidable things, unheard of breakdowns, are thrown in by the mischievous fates, and so one can only pray to the sweet Goddess of Good Fortune for enough luck to be able to grab off forty, lovely, pound notes from the "Sunday Dispatch" and the chance to get in amongst those lucky fellows who have been "seeded" into the next round.

Editor Charles Eade, with whom I occasionally smoke a fragrant weed at Wembley's or Harringay's expense, has kindly chosen Scotland's Beauty Queen to hand over the money.

She's one of "oor ain folk," a lassie frae Glasca. Och, aye, and I'm going to sit wi' her the nicht and see she does nae fraternising wi' any "Monarchs" frae Auld Reekie.

Miss Dorothy Birrell, whose picture is right on the front page, is welcome to the home of the "Giants." What a pity Merv and Willie are no' here the noo.

If my arithmetic is right, the "World Championship," which was first introduced by your's modestly,

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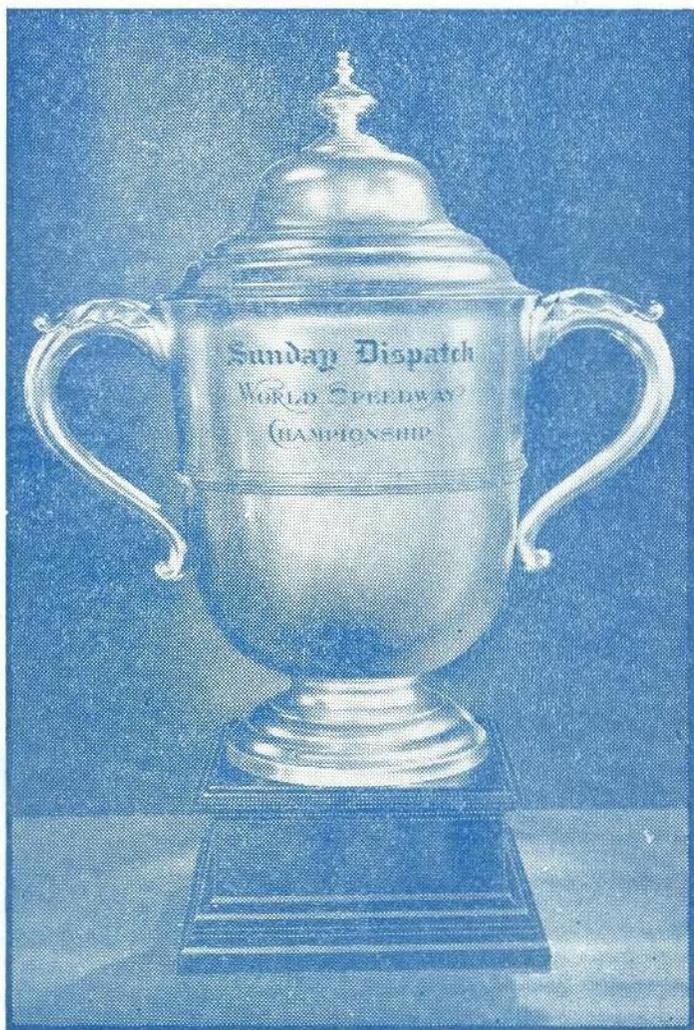
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Tonight's Stars



JACK YOUNG
 Edinburgh



BRUCE ABERNETHY
 Wembley



ALAN HUNT
 Cradley Heath



ROGER WISE
 Bristol



DEREK CLOSE
 Newcastle



NORMAN PRICE
 Odsal

Sunday Dispatch
 WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY



MIKE BEDDOE
 Bristol



DON CUPPLEDITCH
 Edinburgh

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

TRACK RECORD 4 LAPS (KEN LE BRETON) 63.8 Sec.

1950 WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND

SCORING
1st ... 3 points
2nd ... 2 points
3rd ... 1 point

ARMBAND NUMBERS

1. Wilf Jay (Newcastle)	9. Derek Close (Newcastle)
2. Jack Young (Edinburgh)	10. B. Abernethy (Wembley)
3. Roger Wise (Bristol)	11. Jack Hughes (Halifax)
4. Mike Beddoe <i>L. LAZARUS</i> (Bristol)	12. D. Cuppleditch (Edinburgh)
5. Frank Young (Cradley-Heath)	13. Paddy Mills (Norwich)
6. L. Watling (Tamworth)	14. N. Hargreaves (Fleetwood)
7. Alan Hunt (Cradley-Heath)	15. Frank Hodgson (Newcastle)
8. Sude Karlsson (Sweden)	16. Norman Price (Odsal)

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1. Wilf Jay	2	2	1	3	1	9	9. Derek Close	3	2	3	3	3	14
2. Jack Young	3	3	3	3	3	15	10. B. Abernethy	2	3	2	2	-	9
3. Roger Wise	1	-	-	1	1	3	11. Jack Hughes	-	1	1	1	2	5
4. Mike Beddoe	-	-	-	-	1	1	12. D. Cuppleditch	1	2	0	1	2	9
5. Frank Young	2	2	1	-	3	8	13. Paddy Mills	3	-	1	-	-	4
6. L. Watling	-	-	-	2	3	5	14. N. Hargreaves	-	1	-	1	-	2
7. Alan Hunt	3	3	2	3	2	13	15. Frank Hodgson	1	2	0	1	2	6
8. Sude Karlsson	1	3	2	2	-	8	16. Norman Price	2	1	2	3	-	8

★ **INTERVAL** ★

ST. ANDREW'S AMBULANCE CORPS IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICIAL LENGTH OF TRACK, 355 YARDS

JOHNNIE'S JOTTINGS (contd.)

lest someone forget, has distributed this year, around £7,000 in prize money, apart from the generous donation of over £2,000 in special prizes from the "Sunday Dispatch."

Let us take a guess at £10,000 and we won't be far out.

The winner gets £500 in cash, £250 for second, £100 for third and £50 for fourth. In addition, of course, is the usual prize money and the advertising value to the winner.

The lads here tonight have something like £5,000 of their own equipment in machines and spares, etc. They also have a keen determination to win through to the next gruelling stage in the long, long way to the Championship of the World at Wembley. Good luck to you lads. All of you.

Johnnie Hoskins

NATIONAL SPEEDWAY LEAGUE

Aug. 1	...	Home	...	Edinburgh	...	.....	.....
" 2	...	Away	...	White City	...	.....	.....
" 5	...	Home	...	Yarmouth	...	.....	.....
" 8	...	Home	...	Sheffield	...	.....	.....
" 12	...	Away	...	Coventry	...	.....	.....
" 15	...	Home	...	Open. Team	Away	.....	.....
" 17	...	Away	...	Plymouth	...	.....	.....
" 22	...	Home	...	Cradley Heath	...	.....	.....
" 28	...	Away	...	Cradley Heath	...	.....	.....
" 29	...	Home	...	Newcastle	...	.....	.....
Sept. 2	...	Away	...	Edinburgh	...	.....	.....
" 5	...	Home	...	Norwich	...	.....	.....
" 7	...	Away	...	Yarmouth	...	.....	.....
" 9	...	Away	...	Norwich	...	.....	.....
" 12	...	Home	...	Open	...	.....	.....
" 13	...	Away	...	Halifax	...	.....	.....
" 18	...	Away	...	Newcastle	...	.....	.....
" 19	...	Home	...	Fleetwood	...	.....	.....

NEXT TUESDAY at 7.45 p.m.

GIANTS v. EDINBURGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH

★ GRAND INTER-CITY CONTEST ★

Jack Young, Dick Campbell, Don Cuppleditch, etc., against Ken Le Breton, Merv Harding, Keith Gurtner, Bruce Semmens, Willie Wilson, Bob Lovell, Ron Hart and Bill Baird.

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SUPPORTERS' CORNER

Medals for our "Giants" team will be presented by the "Sporting Chronicle" next week. We do not know by whom the presentation will be made; but the riders suggest a beautiful film star or a sweetie from the stage.

Here's Bernard Atkinson of Swindon, Wiltshire, saying: "I've read so much about your wonderful track, I'm spending a speedway holiday in Scotland next month."

"Three Scots Lassies:"
"We think Bill Baird looks like Ray Milland."

O.K., girls, but who's he?

We expect to see Alec Grant up for "Medal Day."

White City sent us some tickets for the International there on 23rd August. "Scotland v. England."

Tickets are: Grandstand, 3/6d.; Ground, 1/9d.; Children 1/6d. and 9d. You can purchase them tonight at Speedway Office.

Please make a note of **Saturday, 5th August**, "Giants v. Yarmouth" and special match race events.

Bob Lovell and Bruce Semmens got caught in a rain-storm late at night with a broken-down car. They were on their way to Ashfield, the world's best track. No hotels near at hand. They begged a place to rest their weary heads. Guess where they slept. In the cells of a police station!

TONIGHT'S RIDERS

Wilf Jay is a Yorkshireman. He went from Newcastle to Walthamstow for £1,000 transfer fee. Now back at Newcastle.

Jack Young of Adelaide is Scottish Match Race Champion. He has ridden here and in Australia in Test Matches. Edinburgh's pride and joy—also top point scorer.

Frank Young of Adelaide. Made first trip to Britain this year. Rides for Cradley Heath and rides well. Brother Jack keeps an eye on him.

L. Watling of Tamworth takes Freddy Williams place tonight. Wembley withdrew, unavoidably, one of their "seeded" stars and Freddy went up into "seeded" rider's class automatically. L. Watling rides for Tamworth and is a fast-improving rider.

Bruce Abernethy of New Zealand rides for Wembley. He is a wild, tearaway type with a big future. He won the New Zealand Championship last year.

Sude Karlsson of Sweden ranks tops with Olle Nygren as one of the best Swedish riders. This is his first trip to Ashfield. He is a very likeable fellow and never gives in. He races at tracks all over the Continent and competes in winter on ice.

Derek Close is a farmer. He is consistently good, but seldom really brilliant. He is attached to Newcastle.

Jackie Hughes of Halifax is the youngest of tonight's riders. He is

only 18 years of age. Has his own farm. Trotting horses are his hobby.

D. Cuppleditch is a Lancashire laddie. He rides for Edinburgh and is fast getting up among the top-liners.

Paddy Mills is an old favourite Irish by name and Irish by nature. He had a nasty crash last year, but now rides as well as ever. Paddy is a very delightful character.

Norman Hargreaves is from Keighley, Yorkshire. He is tall, thin and wiry. He rides for Fleetwood and commenced with Newcastle in 1937.

Alan Hunt. Very popular, win, lose or fall he is always smiling. One of the best men in the sport. He rides for Cradley Heath. At Edinburgh, when Bruce Semmens blew up, Alan let Bruce have his for the Halifax meeting.

Norman Price rode in the Championship here last year and scored 7 points. He was married last week. Vary quiet and modest. Rides for Bradford.

Frank Hodgson won his way to Wembley Final two years ago. Rides for Newcastle, and is at times really brilliant. Has been a high points scorer for over ten seasons.

Roger Wise. Rode in 1946 for West Ham. Master baker by trade. Won Belgium Championship 1946.

Mike Beddoe. Commenced racing 1946 with Bristol. Lost half his foot in accident at Fleetwood in 1949. Resumed again last year.

NORRIE'S NOTES

I'm sure you'll find the following details on how the Championship is run of interest.

The World's Championship consists of a number of meetings comprising Five Rounds, including the Final Round. The Speedway Control Board allocate, by means of a draw, sixteen riders to ride at each meeting—excepting, of course, the Final Round.

Each competitor rides five times and meets each other competitor once. The Control Board also declare in which heats riders take part. This again is done by draw, which, following a process of numbering, determines the rider's position in the programme.

Starting grid positions are determined in each race by means of the Ballot Box.

Round One consisted of eight meetings at different tracks, in which 178 riders took part. 76 riders qualified into Round Two, being joined by 52 "seeded" riders. These riders will engage in eight meetings, and the 74 highest scores qualify for Round Three.

This Third Round consists of seven meetings at seven different tracks, and only the two highest point scorers at each meeting qualify for the Championship Round. This Round is constituted by a series of meetings at each of the nine First Division tracks, at which the 14 riders from Round Three, together with another 34 First Division riders will compete. The allocation of riders in this Round is so arranged

that each rider competes in three meetings, and the sixteen riders with the highest aggregate of points will qualify for the Final Round at Wembley on 21st September.

If there is a tie for first or second place tonight, or in the Final Round for first, second or third place, a decision shall be made by the riders concerned racing another race against each other. The winner tonight will receive an additional £40 cheque, kindly donated by the "Sunday Dispatch."

General Information.—

Riders can claim two minutes allowance prior to the Green Light. Once the Light is on no allowance is given. A reserve can take the place of a rider not at the tapes in two minutes.

At the start of a race riders come to rest on a line two yards behind the starting gate. When the Steward switches on the Green Light all riders move forward to the tapes.

A rider can be excluded for—breaking the tapes, crossing the white line with both wheels—except in the interests of safety, foul or dangerous riding.

When a rider is excluded his corresponding colour light is displayed forward of the starting line.

Races will be stopped in the interest of safety, riders responsible for stoppage will be excluded.

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We can't do without rules and regulations

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