

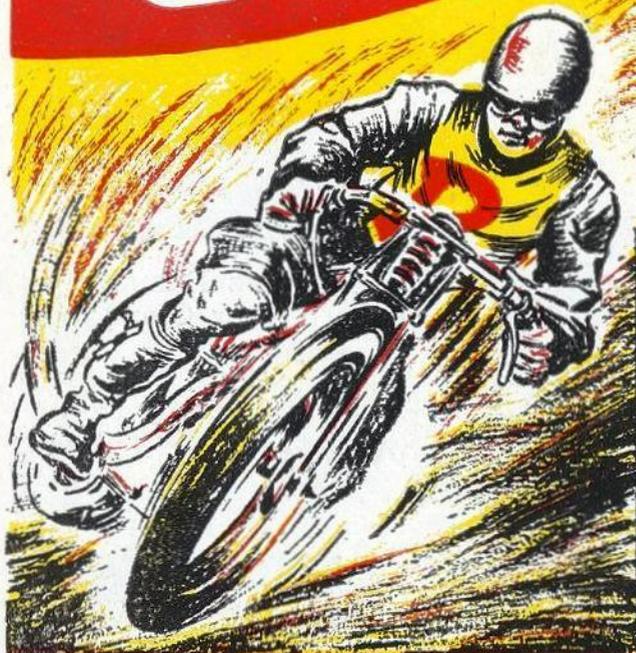
B

BIRMINGHAM

SPEEDWAY

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME

6^{d.}



MEETING
No. 21

“Sunday Dispatch”

SPEEDWAY

CHAMPIONSHIP

OF THE WORLD

(CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1950 at 6.30 p.m.



NORMAN PARKER
(Wimbledon)



ARTHUR PAYNE
(Birmingham)



GEOFF PYMAR
(Bristol)



JEFF LLOYD
(Harringay)



ERIC FRENCH
(New Cross)



JACK PARKER
(Belle Vue)



ERIC CHITTY
(West Ham)



RON CLARKE
(Odsal)

NORMAN PARKER (Wimbledon)

Born 14th February, 1909, at Birmingham. Overshadowed by brother Jack until the outbreak of the war, Norman has since become a "star" in his own right. His first effort at Hall Green in 1929 sent officials running for their lives when he lost control. Joined brother Jack at Coventry later that season and commenced a brilliant team-partnership which lasted until 1939. At Harringay, the team-riding of the brothers was so remarkable as to suggest telepathic communication. Was allocated to Wimbledon in 1946, being appointed captain and becoming the inspiration of his team. Unexpectedly chosen to lead England in the Third and Fourth Test Matches this season in place of brother Jack.

JEFF LLOYD (Harringay)

Born 29th July, 1914, at Birmingham. Younger brother of Wally Lloyd, the ex-Birmingham favourite, Jeff began riding at Wembley in 1936. He came to Birmingham on loan towards the end of the 1937 season, and had established a regular team place when Hall Green was forced to close down a year later. 1939 saw him at Bristol, and after the war he joined Newcastle. In 1946, he was one of four Second Division riders to qualify for the British Riders' Championship Final at Wembley. Transferred to New Cross in the following season, he was an England reserve in the Third Test. Won the Tom Farndon Memorial Trophy in 1948, and was transferred to Harringay early this season.

ERIC CHITTY (West Ham)

Born 28th April, 1909, at Toronto (Canada). Made his first appearance on the Speedways in Canada in 1933. Two years later, he became Canadian champion, and was then invited by Johnny Hoskins to join West Ham. Eric arrived here in 1936, but, after a good start, failed to maintain his success. He had almost lost his place in the team when he suddenly regained his form. In 1938 he won the London Riders' Championship, and was appointed captain of West Ham when racing resumed after the war. Spent most of last season "on the shelf" as the result of breaking a leg during the tour of Australia, and, after recovering from that injury, crashed again and fractured his skull.

GEOFF. PYMAR (Bristol)

Born 14th February, 1912, at Eye (Suffolk). Took up Speedway racing in 1931, and two years later was a regular performer at Norwich. Joined Wimbledon towards the end of the 1933 season and struck up a great partnership with Vic Huxley. Rode regularly for England in the mid-'thirties and stayed with Wimbledon until the outbreak of war. After the war he was signed by New Cross and moved to Harringay in 1949. A further move to Bristol followed early this season. An unpredictable performer, he will be either outstandingly brilliant or just mediocre. Won £40 cheque at Cradley Championship meeting.

JACK PARKER (Belle Vue)

Born 9th October, 1906, at Birmingham. The name of Jack Parker is almost a legend in the world of Speedway Racing. A Trials rider with B.S.A., Jack was sent to the opening Speedway meeting held in this country in 1928 in order to make a report on its possibilities as a sport. He stripped his road machine down and took part in the racing with success. Since then he has won every honour in the game—except the World title. Captained Coventry in 1929, and subsequently led Southampton, Clapton and Harringay. In 1946 he was appointed skipper of Belle Vue, and has regularly captained England until the present season. Has held the Match Race title so long that it is now known as "Parker's pension."

ARTHUR PAYNE (Birmingham)

Born 28th August, 1923, at Sydney (Australia). The only Birmingham rider drawn on his home track. Arthur arrived in England unheralded in 1947 to join Tamworth. He soon settled down to become one of the soundest riders in the Third Division, and was transferred to Birmingham in mid-1948. Arthur's present partnership with Graham Warren is responsible for much of Birmingham's scoring power. In the Test Match at Birmingham last season he was Australia's second highest scorer, and form such as he displayed then will win him the £50 cheque to-night.

ERIC FRENCH (New Cross)

Born 4th August, 1914, in Ireland. Practised on a home-made track at Walton Heath before taking up grass track racing in 1935. Wimbledon rider Claude Rye "spotted" him and gained him a trial with his club, Eric becoming a Wimbledon reserve in 1939. Was signed by New Cross in 1946, and had improved so much by 1949 that he gained his first Test "cap" in that season. Chosen as second challenger for Jack Parker's Match Race title this year, he took the "old maestro" to a decider at Birmingham, only to have the misfortune of falling heavily at the start of the first race and ruining his chances.

RON CLARKE (Odsal)

Born 26th March, 1914, at Oxford. Began his Speedway career in 1936, but his efforts before the war met with no great success. In 1938 he was on Harringay's books, and spent the following season at Crystal Palace. He won the British Riders' Individual Championship at Belle Vue during the war, and was allocated to Odsal on the resumption of racing in 1946. In 1948 he was appointed Odsal captain after Alec Statham's departure, and has since proved himself a superb exponent of the art of team-riding. Has appeared for England in several Tests.

BIRMINGHAM SPEEDWAY

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS' ALEXANDER SPORTS STADIUM,
PERRY BARR

Promoted by Auto Speedways Limited. 'Phone: Birchfield 4919.

Managing Director: S. L. MARSHALL.

Directors: G. L. BUCK and W. T. HOWARD.

A.C.U. Steward: A. B. TAYLOR.

Judge Timekeeper: C. A. COPPACK.

Medical Officer: DR. D. J. FERGUSON.

Announcer: FRANK BELFIELD

Held under the Speedway Regulations of the Speedway Control Board.

Permit No. S P 851.

OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT OF THE TRACK IS 402 YARDS.

TRACK RECORD: GRAHAM WARREN (Birmingham), 70 3/5 secs.

AMBULANCE SERVICE—*By arrangement with THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE (Birmingham County).*

PUBLIC ADDRESS EQUIPMENT BY MESSRS. HADLEY SOUND EQUIPMENTS.

NOTICE.—Should it be necessary through any cause whatsoever to abandon the meeting prior to the start of the SIXTH RACE in the programme, tickets available for any one of the next two meetings will be issued at the exit gates. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY MONEY BE REFUNDED.

CHATS FROM THE TRACK

To-night we present one of the Championship Rounds of the 1950 Speedway Championship of the World, and the winner will receive, in addition to the normal prize money for this event, a cheque for £50 given by the "Sunday Dispatch." The presentation of this cheque will be made by Mr. Tony Horstead, the well-known sports writer of the "Sunday Dispatch"; and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Proprietors of the "Sunday Dispatch," and in particular Mr. Chas. Eade (Editor), Mr. Pat Reekie (Sports Editor) and Mr. Tony Horstead, for the great interest they have taken in Speedway racing.

We have only one representative at this meeting, Arthur Payne, and it is only natural that we hope he succeeds in winning the cheque, for such a success would help him to achieve his ambition to reach the final at Wembley. Arthur is capable of beating anyone at Perry Barr, but with such opposition as he is facing to-night he will have five hard rides in which all his skill and concentration will be needed to succeed. Our other two representatives, Graham and Geoff., are also engaged in Championship Meetings to-night at Belle Vue and Bradford, respectively, and to these "Brummies" are also extended our best wishes for their success. Their other two rides are as follows:—

Graham: New Cross, August 23rd, and Harringay, August 25th.

Arthur: New Cross, August 23rd, and Bristol, August 25th.

Geoff.: Wembley, August 24th, and West Ham, September 5th.

Congratulations again to Graham and his Boys for their grand performance against Wembley. Their display at Wembley proves that they are improving each meeting, and the year 1951 should be Birmingham's year.

.

Our opponents in the semi-final round of the National Trophy are Wimbledon, they having triumphed over Belle Vue the holders on aggregate by 119—96. Wimbledon are now recognised as being the strongest team in the country, as their record over the past month will show and this semi-final is likely to produce all the thrills of speedway racing. The first leg is at Perry Barr on Saturday next at 6-30 p.m and the second leg at Wimbledon, Monday, 28th August.

"UP THE BRUMMIES!"

LES. MARSHALL.

YOUR SPEEDWAY GUIDE

MONDAY, AUGUST 21st, at 7.45 p.m.

At DUDLEY WOOD STADIUM

CRADLEY HEATH v. HANLEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (SECOND DIVISION)

WEDNESDAY, 23rd AUGUST, at 7.45 p.m.

GREYHOUND STADIUM, WATLING STREET, FAZELEY

TAMWORTH v. SWINDON

NATIONAL LEAGUE (THIRD DIVISION)

ALLENWAY'S COACHES PICK UP AT MOSELEY ROAD, ADDISON ROAD, SCHOOL ROAD, HALL GREEN, AND WESLEY ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN. *Fare 3/4 return.*

NEWTON'S COACHES PICK UP AT PERRY BARR.

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, at 6.30 p.m.

At PERRY BARR

BIRMINGHAM v. WIMBLEDON

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

National Trophy Competition

USUAL PRICES. COME EARLY. BRING CORRECT CHANGE.

WEMBLEY SPEEDWAY

FIFTH AND FINAL SPEEDWAY TEST MATCH

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA

THURSDAY, 31st AUGUST, at 7.45 p.m.

SEATS ..	21/-	10/6	8/-	4/-	
STANDING	2/-				
CHILDREN ..	16/-	8/-	5/-	3/-	1/3

TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM BOOKING OFFICE, WEMBLEY STADIUM.
PLEASE SEND STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

We are asked to announce that this Test Match is not an all-ticket match.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1950

FOUR LAPS.
CLUTCH START.
ON POINTS.

1950 SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Sponsored by the "Sunday Dispatch"
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

1st — 3 Points.
2nd — 2 Points.
3rd — 1 Point.

Heat No.	Rider.	Helmet Colour.	Points scored by riders	Heat No.	Rider.	Helmet Colour.	Points scored by riders
1	JACK PARKER .. MERV. HARDING .. NORMAN PARKER .. ERIC CHITTY ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 2 2	11	MERV. HARDING .. BERT ROGER .. JEFF. LLOYD .. DEREK CLOSE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 3 1 1
Time				Time			
2	GEOFF. PYMAR .. JACK MOUNTFORD .. BERT ROGER .. CHAS. CULLUM ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 3 1 1	12	ERIC CHITTY .. BERT ROGER .. SPLIT WATERMAN .. ARTHUR PAYNE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 1 2
Time				Time			
3	RON. CLARKE .. SPLIT WATERMAN .. DICK CAMPBELL .. JEFF. LLOYD ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 2 1	13	NORMAN PARKER .. CHAS. CULLUM .. RON. CLARKE .. DEREK CLOSE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 1 1 3
Time				Time			
4	ARTHUR PAYNE .. DEREK CLOSE .. ERIC FRENCH .. TOMMY MILLER ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 1 3	14	JACK PARKER .. CHAS. CULLUM .. DICK CAMPBELL .. ARTHUR PAYNE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 2 1
Time				Time			
5	MERV. HARDING .. GEOFF. PYMAR .. RON. CLARKE .. ARTHUR PAYNE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 1 2	15	NORMAN PARKER .. GEOFF. PYMAR .. SPLIT WATERMAN .. TOMMY MILLER ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 1 2 1
Time				Time			
6	JACK PARKER .. JACK MOUNTFORD .. SPLIT WATERMAN .. DEREK CLOSE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 1 2 3	16	ERIC CHITTY .. JACK MOUNTFORD .. RON. CLARKE .. ERIC FRENCH ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 1
Time				Time			
7	NORMAN PARKER .. BERT ROGER .. DICK CAMPBELL .. ERIC FRENCH ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 3 2	17	MERV. HARDING .. CHAS. CULLUM .. SPLIT WATERMAN .. ERIC FRENCH ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 1
Time				Time			
8	ERIC CHITTY .. CHAS. CULLUM .. JEFF. LLOYD .. TOMMY MILLER ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 3 1 1	18	JACK PARKER .. BERT ROGER .. RON. CLARKE .. TOMMY MILLER ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 3 2
Time				Time			
9	MERV. HARDING .. JACK MOUNTFORD .. DICK CAMPBELL .. TOMMY MILLER ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 3 1	19	NORMAN PARKER .. JACK MOUNTFORD .. JEFF. LLOYD .. ARTHUR PAYNE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 3 1 1
Time				Time			
10	JACK PARKER .. GEOFF. PYMAR .. JEFF. LLOYD .. ERIC FRENCH ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 1 3 2	20	ERIC CHITTY .. GEOFF. PYMAR .. DICK CAMPBELL .. DEREK CLOSE ..	Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 1 3 1
Time				Time			

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART.

	Rider	POINTS					Total
		1st ride	2nd ride	3rd ride	4th ride	5th ride	
1	JACK PARKER (Belle Vue)	3	3	3	3	3	16
2	MERV. HARDING (Glasgow, Ashfield)	1	3	—	2	1	4
3	NORMAN PARKER (Wimbledon) ..	0	3	2	1	2	8
4	ERIC CHITTY (West Ham)	2	2	—	2	2	7
5	GEOFF. PYMAR (Bristol)	1	1	—	—	3	5
6	JACK MOUNTFORD (Bristol) ..	2	0	2	2	1	7
7	BERT ROGER (New Cross)	3	0	1	1	—	5
8	CHAS. CULLUM (Belle Vue)	0	1	3	2	2	8
9	RON. CLARKE (Odsal)	3	0	—	3	1	7
10	SPLIT WATERMAN (Harringay) ..	2	2	3	2	3	12
11	DICK CAMPBELL (Edinburgh) ..	1	1	1	1	1	5
12	JEFF. LLOYD (Harringay)	0	—	1	—	—	1
13	ARTHUR PAYNE (Birmingham) ..	3	2	2	—	3	10
14	DEREK CLOSE (Newcastle)	2	1	3	1	—	7
15	ERIC FRENCH (New Cross)	0	2	2	—	—	4
16	TOMMY MILLER (Glasgow, White City)	3	3	3	3	2	12

NEXT MEETING

SEMI-FINAL

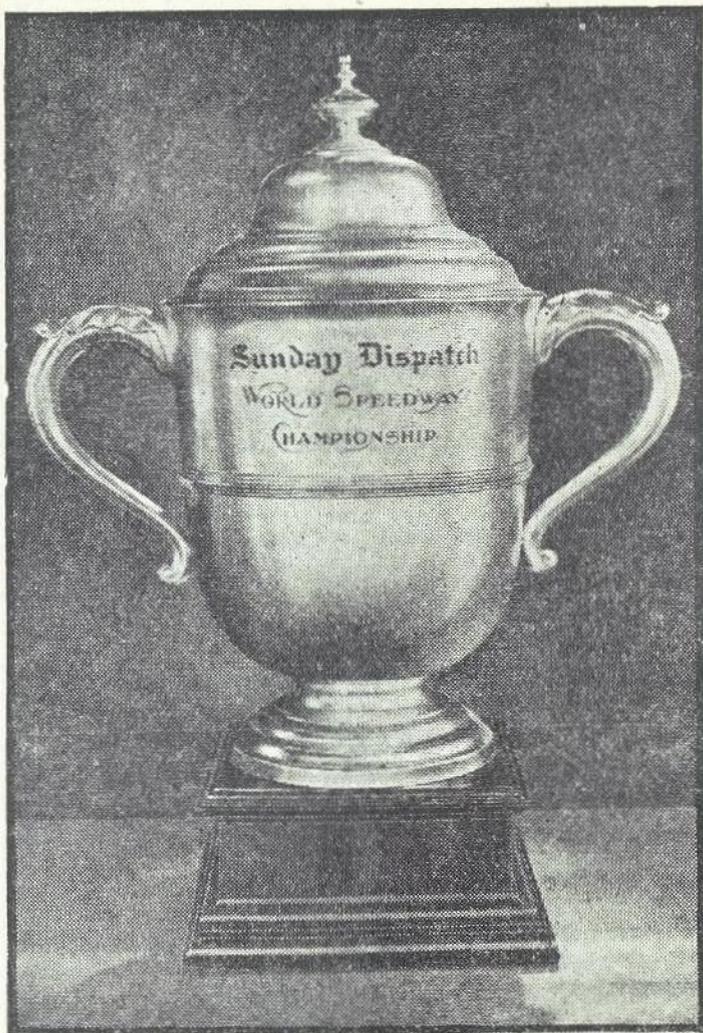
"Daily Mail" National Trophy Competition

Birmingham v. Wimbledon

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1950, AT 6-30 P.M.

COME EARLY AND PLEASE BRING CORRECT CHANGE

BETTING ON THIS SPEEDWAY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
INTERVAL FOR TRACK GRADING AFTER 10th HEAT



THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" TROPHY

THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" WORLD SPEEDWAY RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP By TOM STENNER.

The "Sunday Dispatch" World Speedway Riders' Championship is now at its most vital and exciting stage. For in the Championship Round, 48 star riders—the cream of the world's Speedway talent, and the survivors of a record entry of 252—compete for the proud right to be numbered among the elect sixteen who race in the final at Wembley on September 21st.

Throughout the length and breadth of the country, and in Scotland, too, excitement has been at fever heat since the competition started at Poole and Liverpool in early June.

Mr. Charles Eade, the Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch," to whose foresight and initiative we owe this great world title competition, ; his famous Sports Editor, Pat Reekie, and the nationally-known sports columnist, Tony Horstead, have not spared themselves in the service of Speedway racing. Mr. Eade and his enthusiastic colleagues have travelled thousands of miles to present cheques to the various winners and seen to it that every inch of possible space has been devoted to Speedway racing in their newspaper.

Here is an all-star entry indeed ; for there are the brothers Jack and Norman Parker, sensational Split Waterman, the young English hope, Derek Close, Canadian Eric Chitty, and American Charles Cullum to catch the eye. Then, too, we have that promising young Scot, Tommy Miller, Merv Harding and Jeff Lloyd, who has hit top form since joining Harringay.

The "Sunday Dispatch" presents £50 to the top scorer at each of the nine meetings in this round, and in all expends the record total of £2,030 on behalf of Speedway racing. The winner at Wembley becomes World Champion, holds the championship trophy and receives £500 with the runner-up getting £250, the third £100 and fourth £50.

SUPPORTERS' CORNER

WALSALL AND DISTRICT.

Will all members in this area please note that the Social Evenings commence on Friday, September 1st, when a Film Show will be given. Old and new friends are welcome at the Tramways Club, Stafford Street, on the first and third Friday of every month. Make this a regular date.

Bookings are now being taken for the World Championship on September 21st at Wembley. Closing date for bookings, September 4th. All those persons wishing to book please contact the Secretary, Miss M. Crossman, 34, Sun Street, Palfrey, as soon as possible. Please do not leave it to the last minute or you may be disappointed.

DARLASTON, WEDNESBURY AND BILSTON AREA.

A "Bedlam Drive" will be held at the White Lion, King Street, Darlaston, on Friday, 25th August, 1950, commencing at 8.0 p.m. Old and new members are invited to come along and enjoy the fun.

Any member wishing to go on the trip to Wembley for the World Championship Final, would they please contact members of the Committee now, as there are still a few vacant seats left.

YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1951.

Membership No.

I hereby apply for Membership to
THE BIRMINGHAM SPEEDWAY SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

B

MR.
MRS.

Name MISS

MASTER

(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Address

This application form to be completed and handed in to Supporters' Club Kiosks at THE TRACK, or sent by post to Mr. H. Westwood, General Secretary, Supporters' Club, 47, Oscott Road, Perry Barr, together with membership fee and cost of Badge and, or Bars, plus 2½d. for postage.

PLEASE COMPLETE WHERE NECESSARY.		
Membership Fee	1/-	
Badge and B Pendant ..	1/6	
Bars	9d.	
T Pendant ..	9d.	
TOTAL		

" SPLIT " WATERMAN (Harringay)

Born 27th July, 1921, at New Malden (Surrey). Gained his first experience of Speedway racing while with the R.E.M.E. in Italy. His Commanding Officer was so impressed with his riding that he took the trouble to write to Alec Jackson, the Wembley manager, and, when he was demobilised, Mr. Jackson gave him a trial. " Split " was an immediate success, and became a regular member of the Wembley team within a few weeks of arriving in England. Broke the Wembley track record twice that year, and won the London Riders' Championship in 1948, also gaining a place in the England side. Transferred to Harringay for the record fee of £3,000 prior to the start of the present season.

JACK MOUNTFORD (Bristol)

Born 18th December, 1923, at Salisbury (Wiltshire). A grass track rider, Jack took to the Speedways at Bristol in 1946, together with Bill Hole and Mike Beddoe. When Bristol joined the Second Division, in 1947, Jack was their second-highest scorer. Last year he put up his best performance to date when he rode brilliantly against New Cross in a National Trophy match, scoring 14 points on the tight little New Cross track. So far this season he has scored more points than any other Bristol rider, but has been on the injured list recently.

CHARLES CULLUM (Belle Vue)

Born 8th March, 1913, at Missouri (U.S.A.). Took up " stunt " work after making his Speedway debut in 1932. Appeared on the stage and in trick-riding shows with Putt Mossman, and was a member of the Mossman " circus " which toured England in 1936 and 1937. Came back to this country in 1949 after having won the Pacific Coast and Washington championships in the previous season. Soon settled down as a member of the Belle Vue side. At present he is riding with a special support on his leg because of an injury.

BERT ROGER (New Cross)

Born 5th January, 1920, at Ashford (Kent). The elder brother of Cyril Roger, Bert was a novice rider at Rye House in 1946, and then went to West Ham, where he broke a leg. Did not return to Speedway until 1948, when he joined New Cross, who already had the signature of his brother. Cyril had been loaned to Exeter, and Bert joined him there. Bert was an immediate success, and when Cyril was recalled to New Cross halfway through that season, Bert succeeded him as captain. Bert was himself recalled to New Cross at the beginning of 1949, and has ridden so consistently that he has gained himself a regular England Test berth in addition to challenging Jack Parker for the Match Race title.

TOMMY MILLER (White City)

Born 22nd February, 1927, at Blantyre (Lanarkshire). First took to the Speedways last season at the Bosworth Park track in his native county of Lanarkshire. Became an " Ian Hoskins find " after winning a Best Pairs contest at Bosworth, and is now one of White City's most consistent scorers. Tommy is, in fact, considered to be the best prospect yet to come out of Scotland. He is a " natural," and, two months ago, knocked three-fifths of a second off the White City track record which Graham Warren had held for a year. Holder of the Wembley three-lap record which he created last week on his first appearance there.

MERV HARDING (Ashfield)

Born 2nd March, 1926, at Adelaide (Australia). Started riding only two years ago in his native town, and took a chance by coming to England at the beginning of last season. None of the London tracks seemed to want him, so he followed the example of fellow-countryman Ken le Breton and went north. Given a trial at Ashfield, he soon made the grade as a member of the " Giants " line-up. Is now one of Ashfield's " big three " and has gained a regular place in the Australian side. His performance in the Belle Vue Test earlier this season was a revelation.

DICK CAMPBELL (Edinburgh)

Born 5th June, 1923, in New Zealand. Started his motor-cycling career as a " Wall of Death " rider, and, when Speedway became so popular after the war, decided to have a go at that, too. Had a trial at Belle Vue in 1947, and was sent to Sheffield to gain experience. Rocketed to the top when he moved to Edinburgh in the following year, becoming that team's leading scorer in each of the 1948 and 1949 seasons. Scored seven " maximums " in League racing last year—five of them in a period of seven weeks.

DEREK CLOSE (Newcastle)

Born 1927, at Barnard Castle (Co. Durham). Sheep farmer Derek began on the grass tracks and, when Speedway resumed in 1946, obtained a trial at Middlesbrough. Made occasional appearances as a reserve in the Middlesbrough side in 1947. Before many weeks of the 1948 season had passed, Derek had risen to the rank of heat-leader. Moved with the rest of the Middlesbrough side to Newcastle in 1949 and is that team's most consistent scorer.



SPLIT WATERMAN
(Harringay)



MERV HARDING
(Glasgow, Ashfield)



BERT ROGER
(New Cross)



JACK MOUNTFORD
(Bristol)



DICK CAMPBELL
(Edinburgh)



TOMMY MILLER
(Glasgow, White City)



CHARLES CULLUM
(Belle Vue)



DEREK CLOSE
(Newcastle)



A TYPICAL "BRUMMIE"

JOURNAL PRINTING OFFICE
Cannon Passage, Birmingham