

**WORLD**  
*Speedway*  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**1950**



**WIMBLEDON STADIUM**

**MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER**

**Official Programme**

**6<sup>D.</sup>**

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Fourth Round Riders



1. MIKE ERSKINE  
WIMBLEDON



2. KEN SHARPLES  
BELLE VUE



3. BILLY HOLE  
BRISTOL



4. GEORGE WILKS  
WEMBLEY



5. CYRIL ROGER  
NEW CROSS



6. JOHNNY HOLE  
BRISTOL



7. RONNIE MOORE  
WIMBLEDON



8. ERIC CHITTY  
WEST HAM

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1950

# Ronnie Greene's Diary

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## £50 "Sunday Dispatch" PRIZE FOR TONIGHT'S WINNER

**O**UR guest tonight is Mr. Charles Eade, Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch," the great Sunday newspaper which sponsors the World Championship of speedway racing. Mr. Eade has always been a friend of speedway and he helped to give the sport a wonderful send-off in the first post-war season of 1946 by introducing the "Sunday Dispatch" British Riders' Championship which last year became the World event. Thank you, Mr. Eade, for your efforts on behalf of what for us is the sport of sports. Accompanying Mr. Eade is the Sports Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch," Mr. Pat Reekie, and I think they are going to see a first rate meeting.

Total prize money put up by the "Sunday Dispatch" for the World Championship is £2,030. Special cash awards were paid to the top scorers at each meeting in the first three rounds—it was £20 in round 1, £30 in round 2, £40 in round 3. In round 4, or the Championship round as it is really called, the top-scorers prize is £50 and Mr. Eade will present a cheque for this amount to tonight's winner.

Altogether 252 riders have ridden in the tournament. The number has reduced to 48 for round 4 and the top 16 will qualify for the Wembley final on September 21st. Here the "Sunday Dispatch" cheques will be £500, £250, £100, £50 for the first four places.

The finalists will be known after the last round 4 meeting at West Ham tomorrow.

Forecasting the last 16 is a tricky business and it's hardly my province, as a promoter, to suggest who may or may not get in. All I know is that Jack Young, Graham Warren, Cyril Brine, Vic Duggan, Jack Parker and Wally Green are definitely through. How many points does a rider need to make sure of appearing at Wembley? Well, the experts reckoned it was 29 but depending on the results of tonight and tomorrow some of the 28s or 27s might qualify.

Of our own lads engaged this evening Ronnie Moore has 19 points from his two previous meetings, Norman Parker 12 and Mike Erskine 13.

Mike would probably have done better but for running into fuel trouble after two brilliant opening wins at Wembley's round 4 meeting. For Norman, who also raced there, it was just an unhappy night—his luck was right out. But, as he says, that's the way it goes.

I am trying something new tonight, a small innovation which I am sure will be in the interest of "fair play" for all. The electric indicator which gives riders race positions will not be operated until the four men in a heat are outside the pit gates, seated on their machines and ready to be pushed off. As soon as the colours come up they will move away to the line.

Every year in these big championship affairs there is talk of riders "accommodating" one another on occasions, i.e. a lad drawn well at the gate but with no chance in the contest helping to clear a path for another. Well, I am not going to pin-point cases—I cannot—but over the years we hear, time and again, that such things are happening. Rumour, of course, exaggerates and I don't for a moment believe that there has ever been or ever will be wholesale bargaining as some of the "knockers" are so fond of telling me.

However, the cause for suspicion should be removed, and I think the riders would welcome any step which keeps "team riding"—that's the nicest way of putting it—out of

### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Annual collection on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, No. 17 (Wimbledon and Merton) Division, will be made this evening. We are very proud of the work these lads have done here since 1928. Undoubtedly they have looked after the riders—and spectators too, extremely well on many occasions. Give what you can. It's a good cause and they are faced with heavy expenditure. **R.W.G.**

individual championship racing. I hope that my scheme will be adopted for the final.

My recent remarks about Graham Warren and the Match Race Championship produced lively correspondence—for and against.

Two Harringay supporters, Miss Irene Westmacott and Miss Rita Smith write: ". . . . In your article you seemed to announce that Graham is thoroughly fit but you do not know what he is suffering. He has a burst blood vessel in the groin which he had before riding in the Australian Championship at Harringay and good luck to him for winning it. He didn't think he was going to win himself. We don't blame him for waiting till he is fit and your saying that Graham was waiting for Jack Parker to be unfit is quite impossible. Parker is always

# WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

## SEASON 1950

"Sunday Dispatch"

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOURTH ROUND

Race Points:-Winner of each heat 3 points. 2nd 2 points. 3rd 1 point.

#### INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	TOTAL				TOTAL				
13 16 4 12 12 2 19 10	1. MIKE ERSKINE WIMBLEDON	33-3110	9. DANNY DUNTON HARRINGAY	321221020	2. KEN SHARPLES BELLE VUE	112--4	10. GEOFF PYMAR BRISTOL	1-113614	
	3. BILLY HOLE BRISTOL	-- --11	11. TOMMY MILLER WHITE CITY, GLASGOW	211--415		4. GEORGE WILKS WEMBLEY	212319	12. DEREK CLOSE NEWCASTLE	-3123912
	5. CYRIL ROGER NEW CROSS	2333213	13. ALAN HUNT CRADLEY HEATH	3--22713		6. JOHNNY HOLE BRISTOL	-- -- --	14. NORMAN PARKER WIMBLEDON	221331112
	7. RONNIE MOORE WIMBLEDON	3333315	15. SPLIT WATERMAN HARRINGAY	-2212725		8. ERIC CHITTY WEST HAM	1-2115	16. TOMMY PRICE WEMBLEY	1232-821

ERNIE ROCCIO (WIMBLEDON) 1ST RESERVE

JACK WRIGHT (WIMBLEDON) 2ND RESERVE *Gray*

EVENT 1. HEAT 1.	COLOUR	SCORE
MIKE ERSKINE	Red	3
KEN SHARPLES	Blue	1
BILLY HOLE	White	1
GEORGE WILKS	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 4. HEAT 4.	COLOUR	SCORE
ALAN HUNT	Red	3
NORMAN PARKER	Blue	2
SPLIT WATERMAN	White	1
TOMMY PRICE	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 2. HEAT 2.	COLOUR	SCORE
CYRIL ROGER	Red	2
JOHNNY HOLE	Blue	1
RONNIE MOORE	White	3
ERIC CHITTY	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 5. HEAT 5.*	COLOUR	SCORE
KEN SHARPLES	Red	1
CYRIL ROGER	Blue	3
DANNY DUNTON	White	2
ALAN HUNT	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 3. HEAT 3.	COLOUR	SCORE
DANNY DUNTON	Red	3
GEOFF PYMAR	Blue	1
TOMMY MILLER	White	2
DEREK CLOSE	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 6. HEAT 6.	COLOUR	SCORE
MIKE ERSKINE	Red	3
JOHNNY HOLE	Blue	1
GEOFF PYMAR	White	1
NORMAN PARKER	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 7. HEAT 7.	COLOUR	SCORE
BILLY HOLE	Red	1
RONNIE MOORE	Blue	3
TOMMY MILLER	White	1
SPLIT WATERMAN	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 8. HEAT 8.	COLOUR	SCORE
GEORGE WILKS	Red	1
ERIC CHITTY	Blue	1
DEREK CLOSE	White	3
TOMMY PRICE	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 9. HEAT 9.*	COLOUR	SCORE
KEN SHARPLES	Red	2
JOHNNY HOLE	Blue	1
TOMMY MILLER	White	1
TOMMY PRICE	YandB	3
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 10. HEAT 10.	COLOUR	SCORE
MIKE ERSKINE	Red	1
CYRIL ROGER	Blue	3
DEREK CLOSE	White	1
SPLIT WATERMAN	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 11. HEAT 11.*	COLOUR	SCORE
KEN SHARPLES	Red	1
RONNIE MOORE	Blue	3
DEREK CLOSE	White	2
NORMAN PARKER	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 12. HEAT 12.*	COLOUR	SCORE
GEORGE WILKS	Red	2
RONNIE MOORE	Blue	3
GEOFF PYMAR	White	1
ALAN HUNT	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 13. HEAT 13.	COLOUR	SCORE
BILLY HOLE	Red	1
ERIC CHITTY	Blue	2
DANNY DUNTON	White	1
NORMAN PARKER	YandB	3
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 14. HEAT 14.*	COLOUR	SCORE
MIKE ERSKINE	Red	3
ERIC CHITTY	Blue	1
TOMMY MILLER	White	1
ALAN HUNT	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 15. HEAT 15.	COLOUR	SCORE
BILLY HOLE	Red	1
CYRIL ROGER	Blue	3
GEOFF PYMAR	White	1
TOMMY PRICE	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 16. HEAT 16.	COLOUR	SCORE
GEORGE WILKS	Red	3
JOHNNY HOLE	Blue	1
DANNY DUNTON	White	2
SPLIT WATERMAN	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 17. HEAT 17.*	COLOUR	SCORE
KEN SHARPLES	Red	1
ERIC CHITTY	Blue	1
GEOFF PYMAR	White	3
SPLIT WATERMAN	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 18. HEAT 18.	COLOUR	SCORE
MIKE ERSKINE	Red	1
RONNIE MOORE	Blue	3
DANNY DUNTON	White	2
TOMMY PRICE	YandB	1
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 19. HEAT 19.	COLOUR	SCORE
BILLY HOLE	Red	1
JOHNNY HOLE	Blue	1
DEREK CLOSE	White	3
ALAN HUNT	YandB	2
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

EVENT 20. HEAT 20.	COLOUR	SCORE
GEORGE WILKS	Red	1
CYRIL ROGER	Blue	2
TOMMY MILLER	White	1
NORMAN PARKER	YandB	3
1ST.....2ND.....3RD.....		TIME.....

\* The Track will be graded twice before each race marked \* in order to allow rest to riders competing in two consecutive races.

# WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

Meetings Conducted by Wimbledon Speedway Ltd.  
The Stadium, Plough Lane, S.W.17. Phone: WIM 3555.

## OFFICIALS :

Managing Director & Clerk of the Course - RONALD W. GREENE  
Chief Pit Marshal - - - - - T. TEASDALE  
Team Manager - - - - - TED BRINE  
Announcer - - - - - B. C. HOLDING  
A-C.U. Steward - - - - - A. E. HUMPHREY  
A-C.U. Timekeeper and Judge - - - - - J. W. BARBER  
Medical Officer - - - - - Dr. F. R. C. MANNING, M.R.C.S.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE IN ATTENDANCE.

This Meeting is held under the Speedway Regulations of the  
Speedway Control Board.

Track Licence No. 288. Permit No. T.A. 042.

Official Track Measurement - - 343 yards.

Four Lap Clutch Start Record—Norman Parker—66.6 secs.

Two Lap Clutch Start Record—Jack Parker—34.6 secs.

The management reserve the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the sixth race in the programme, tickets for a subsequent meeting will be issued at the exits. In no circumstances will any money be refunded.

Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings held at Wimbledon Stadium.

**TRACK SIGNALS.**—The flags displayed during the course of a race mean.—Yellow—last lap; Black and White Check—you have finished; Black—individual rider's exclusion. The Red Lights around the track indicate that a race has been stopped.

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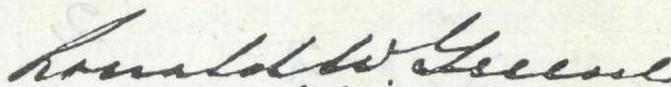
on top form for the Match Race Championship."

Mr. P. O'Neill of Leytonstone writes :  
" . . . . Many thousand of speedway supporters are upset by the attitude of Mr. Warren . . . . Thank you Mr. Greene, at least we know we have one manager who is unbiased . . . . The comments re the Irish flag in some of the papers were mere jealousy. I have never attended a more impressive Test but one always expects something to be pulled 'out of the bag' when at Plough Lane. Thanks a lot for a very enjoyable Test and especially the appearance of our one and only Jack on the track."

I have no further comment to make on the Match Race issue other than to congratulate the new champion Aub Lawson who beat Jack 2—1, 2—0, and to say that in my opinion on present form without mishaps (which so often happen) in the Championship Finals, Graham Warren should win—if he does, I hope to be one of the first to congratulate him. My straight from the shoulder talks upset some people. I wonder why? By the way, Aub says that he is unlikely to race in Aussie this winter because his injured left knee—the one he fell on in the Test here—needs a long rest. The trouble is of long standing and the only permanent cure is to lay off riding for a period.

Birmingham fought hard last Monday, especially Graham and Arthur Payne, but Dons were not to be denied and now Norman and the boys are in both the K.O. team finals. I wonder if we can bring off the double as we did 12 years ago? Then an American Wilbur Lamoreaux was in the line-

up. Again we have a fast motoring American in young Ernie Roccio, so here's hoping history will repeat itself. Our opponents in the "Daily Mail" National Trophy final will be the winners of the Bradford v West Ham or Harringay tie.



## IT'S LIONS IN THE "Evening News" London Cup Next Monday!

There's going to be a dickens of a crowd here next Monday for the second leg of the "Evening News" London Cup final with Wembley Lions. So take a tip and book now at the kiosks. First half of the final is at Wembley on Thursday. Lions are hoping to be at full strength with Bill Gilbert back and Eric Williams off the injured list.

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## SUPPORTERS' CHRONICLE

Here's some good news for those who want to follow our Team to Wembley on Thursday for the Final of the "Evening News" London Cup.

Arrangements have been made with the British Railways for cheap return fares by any train from the undermentioned stations:—

Wimbledon, Earlsfield, Raynes Park,  
Malden, Berrylands, Surbiton, Norbiton  
and Kingston

to  
Wembley Park via Waterloo (Bakerloo  
Line to Wembley Park).

With the second leg of the semi-final of the London Cup fresh in my mind I would like to mention Alec's startling performance in notching 18 points at West Ham.

Another outstanding performance goes to our Cyril, who scored 15 points in the World's Championship Round at Harringay, took the £50 cheque and assured himself of a place in the final.

Mr. Greene informs me that all balance of payments for the Supporters Club outing must be paid by Monday next.

Owing to obligations which some of our lads must fulfil in Ireland, some of the riders will be unable to attend, and as sportsmen and sports-women I know all will understand. Ronnie says our team has improved by the youngsters' experiences at Dublin so we must take the rough with the smooth.

Up the Dons,  
EDWIN G. PASS.

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Fourth Round Riders



9. DANNY DUNTON  
HARRINGAY



10. GEOFF PYMAR  
BRISTOL



11. TOMMY MILLER  
WHITE CITY, GLASGOW



12. DEREK CLOSE  
NEWCASTLE



13. ALAN HUNT  
CRADLEY HEATH



14. NORMAN PARKER  
WIMBLEDON



15. SPLIT WATERMAN  
HARRINGAY



16. TOMMY PRICE  
WEMBLEY

# "Sunday Dispatch" WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHART

(Scores to date)

	B.V. 19/8	Brad. 19/8	Bir. 19/8	N.C. 23/8	Wem. 24/8	Har. 24/8	Bris. 24/8	Wim. 4/9	W.H. 5/9	Total
F. WILLIAMS	6	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	
* A. HUNT	7	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	
R. MASON	8	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	14
V. DUGGAN	10	...	...	12	...	...	10	...	...	32
A. STATHAM	14	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	...	23
L. HEWITT	5	...	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	
E. RIGG	11	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	
G. WARREN	8	...	...	15	...	14	...	...	...	37
J. HOLE	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
M. CRAVEN	3	...	...	5	...	...	12	...	...	20
L. LAWSON	10	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	
J. YOUNG	15	...	...	14	...	...	10	...	...	39
W. LONGLEY	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	
A. LAWSON	6	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	
G. WILKS	8	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	
O. HART	7	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	
K. SHARPLES	...	6	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	
W. KITCHEN	...	5	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	
W. GREEN	...	10	...	11	...	8	...	...	...	29
C. ROGER	...	7	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	
D. OLIVER	...	12	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	
R. MOORE (Wim.)	...	7	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	
D. DUNTON	...	7	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	
G. BENNETT	...	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	
T. PRICE	...	11	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	
D. SEERS	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	
L. MITCHELL	...	2	...	3	...	...	5	...	...	10
C. BRINE	...	9	...	12	...	15	...	...	...	36
M. ERSKINE	...	6	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	
J. BIGGS	...	9	...	7	...	10	...	...	...	26
J. PARKER	...	...	15	...	...	...	15	...	...	
M. HARDING	...	...	7	3	...	6	...	...	...	16
N. PARKER	...	...	8	...	4	...	...	...	...	
E. CHITTY	...	...	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	
G. PYMAR	...	...	5	...	...	...	9	...	...	
J. MOUNTFORD	...	...	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	
B. ROGER	...	...	5	6	...	...	6	...	...	17
C. CULLUM	...	...	7	2	...	...	6	...	...	15
RON CLARKE	...	...	7	...	9	...	...	...	...	
S. WATERMAN	...	...	12	...	...	13	...	...	...	
D. CAMPBELL	...	...	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	
J. LLOYD	...	...	1	9	...	10	...	...	...	20
A. PAYNE	...	...	10	7	...	...	10	...	...	27
D. CLOSE	...	...	7	...	...	5	...	...	...	
E. FRENCH	...	...	4	8	...	1	...	...	...	13
T. MILLER	...	...	12	...	3	...	...	...	...	
B. HOLE	†	NS	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	
J. BAINBRIDGE	‡	NS	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	

NS.—Non-Starter; \* Hunt replaced injured Jim Boyd through the round; † B. Hole replaced at Bradford by D. Bradley who scored 2 points; ‡ J. Bainbridge replaced at Bradford by A. Forrest who scored 15 points.

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, 11th September at 7.45 p.m.

FINAL "Evening News" LONDON CUP

SECOND LEG

**DONS v. WEMBLEY**

ADMISSION PRICES — 2/3, 2/9, 4/6. CHILDREN — 1/-, 1/6, 2/9.

SUPPORTERS—1/9 to 2/3 Enclosure. 2/3 to 2/9 Enclosure. 3/9 to 4/6 Grand Stand.

CAR PARK—Cars 1/- Motor Cycles 6d. Cycles 6d.

Advance Bookings: If you want to make sure of seeing these matches you can Book tonight