

A blue and white illustration of a speedway track. Three riders on motorcycles are shown in motion, leaning into a turn. The track is illuminated by overhead lights, creating a sense of depth and perspective. The riders are wearing helmets and racing suits. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century graphic design.

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WORLD
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ROUND 2

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Wingfield Hospital	6.46 p.m.		
Oxford Stadium	7.02 p.m.	Return Fare	
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Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart	Route	Arrive
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p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.		p.m.
—	6.25	6.30	—	Garsington Road	6.37
6.18	6.29	6.34	—	Garsington Road	6.41
6.24	6.35	6.40	—	Garsington Road	6.47
6.30	6.41	6.46	—	Garsington Road	6.53
—	—	6.50	—	Garsington Road	6.57
6.36	6.47	—	6.53	Crowell Road	7.01
—	6.50	6.55	—	Garsington Road	7.02
6.42	6.53	—	6.59	Crowell Road	7.07
6.48	6.59	—	7.05	Crowell Road	7.11
—	7.00	7.05	—	Garsington Rd	7.12
6.54	7.05	7.10	—	Garsington Road	7.17
—	—	7.10	—	Garsington Road	7.17
—	7.10	7.15	—	Garsington Road	7.22
—	—	7.20	—	Garsington Road	7.27
—	7.17	—	7.23	Crowell Road	7.29
—	—	7.25	—	Garsington Road	7.32

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(return after meeting)		Witney — Oxford Stadium	3/0
		Eynsham — Oxford Stadium	2/3

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Stadhampton, "Black Horse"	7.01 p.m.		
Chislehampton, "Coach & H."	7.03 p.m.		
Oxford Stadium	7.15 p.m.	Return Fares.	
(return after meeting)		Watlington — Oxford Stadium	2/6
		Cuxham — Oxford Stadium	2/3
		Chalgrove — Oxford Stadium	1/9
		Stadhampton — Oxford Stadium	1/0
		Chislehampton — Oxford Stadium	1/0

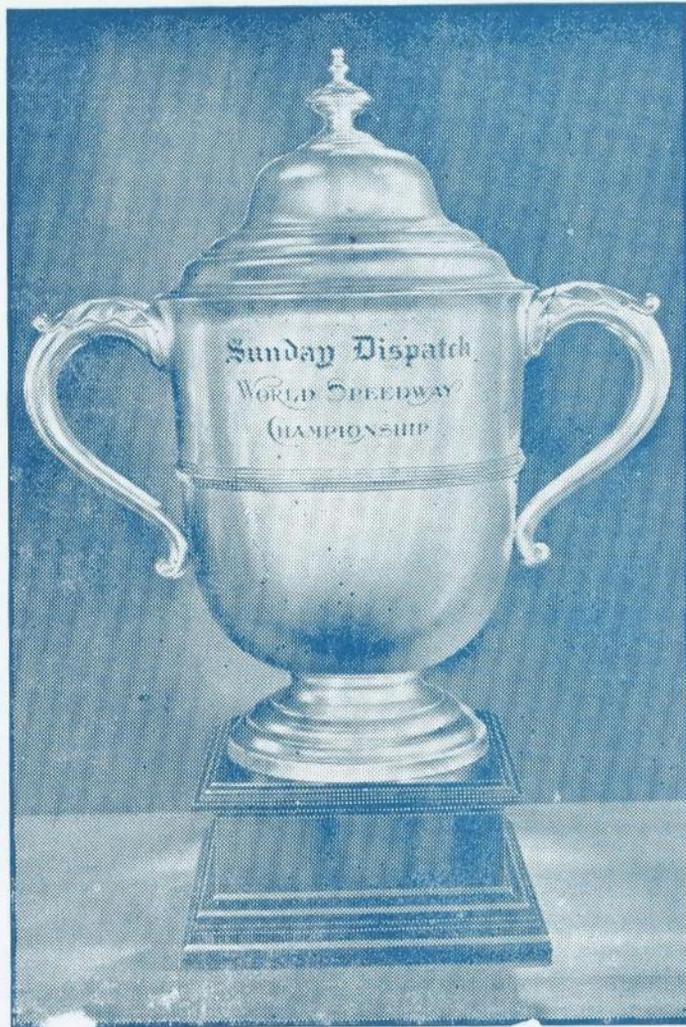
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Great Milton	6.45 p.m.		
Little Milton	6.50 p.m.		
Stadhampton	7.00 p.m.		
Chislehampton	7.02 p.m.		
Oxford Stadium	7.15 p.m.	Return Fares.	
(return after meeting)		Thame — Oxford Stadium	2/3
		Three Pigeons — Oxford Stadium	1/9
		Great Milton — Oxford Stadium	1/6
		Little Milton — Oxford Stadium	1/3
		Stadhampton — Oxford Stadium	1/0
		Chislehampton — Oxford Stadium	1/0

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The "Sunday Dispatch" WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

by TOM STENNER

With the Second Division round of the "Sunday Dispatch" World Speedway Riders' Championship the competition reaches its most exciting stage. The 136 competitors include First Division stars, Second Division leading lights, 18 qualifiers from the opening round and five seeded foreign riders — Ollé Nygren, Bertil and Eskil Carlsson and Sune Karlsson from Sweden and the Norwegian champion Basse Hveem.

With this wealth of talent and each rider competing at two meetings the fun should be fast and furious, and produce some of the best racing this great competition has seen. The incentive is there indeed, for apart from the special awards of £30, presented by the "Sunday Dispatch" to the top scorer at each of the 17 meetings, the great goal will be to qualify for the championship round. And the qualifiers are limited to 54!

The "Sunday Dispatch" World Speedway Riders' Championship, the greatest speedway competition of all, is the brain-child of Mr. Charles Eade the Editor of this great newspaper. Though attendances may not be what they were in the golden days of 1947, '48 and '49, the enthusiasm of Mr. Eade has never waned. The Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch" is no fair weather friend of speedway racing but an all weather comrade.

The "Sunday Dispatch" presents a total of £2,000 in prize money. The top scorers at each meeting in the first round received £20 each, and in the championship round leading scorers at each of the nine fixtures receive £50 each. In the great final at Wembley on September 20th, the winner, who becomes world champion, is presented with the valuable trophy and a cheque for £500, the runner-up is handed £250 and the third and fourth £140 and £50 respectively. This is prize money on the very highest scale. And, apart from its financial support the "Sunday Dispatch" goes flat out for speedway racing by devoting every possible inch of space to our sport.

When it is realised that the present round attracts practically every rider of note in this country and on the Continent too, excitement must be at fever pitch from start to finish. A mere 18 First Division riders are seeded to the championship round and these include Fred Williams, the title holder, Wally Green, runner-up, and Graham Warren, third in last year's final.

So this Second Division round has everything.

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Programme for the 17th Meeting

Thursday, July 12th, 1951

THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND II

Speedway Manager and Clerk of the Course: H. O. Chandler.

A.C.U. Steward: A. E. Humphreys, Esq.

Acting Announcer: L. V. Calcutt.

A.C.U. Judge/Timekeeper: E. D. Chinn, Esq.

Machine Examiner: L. Sammons.

Medical Officer: Dr. H. D. Darcus.

Pit Marshalls: F. Beardmore and Capt. B. Dudley.

St. John Ambulance Brigade in Attendance.

Held under Speedway regulations of the Speedway Control Board
Permit No. S.P. 1081

Official measurement of the Track: 354 yards.

Track Record: Pat Clarke (Oxford) 66.2 seconds, August 3rd. 1950.

RIDERS FOR THIS EVENING'S MEETING

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Roy Craighead (Southampton) | 9. Jack Young (Edinburgh) |
| 2. Dennis Gray (Wimbledon) | 10. Geoff Pymar (Bristol) |
| 3. Bill Osborne (Oxford) | 11. Johnny Sargeant (Exeter) |
| 4. Harry Saunders (Oxford) | 12. Bill Kemp (Oxford) |
| 5. Geoff Marden (Aldershot) | 13. Bertil Carlsson (Sweden) |
| 6. Tom O'Connor (Rayleigh) | 14. Reg Morgan (Yarmouth) |
| 7. Fred Curtis (West Ham) | 15. Junior Bainbridge (White City) |
| 8. Eric Irons (Oxford) | 16. Bill Longley (New Cross) |
| 1st Reserve: Frank Boyle (Oxford) | 2nd Reserve: Roger Wise (Oxford) |

Thursday Night is Speedway Night

4 LAPS
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The "Sunday Dispatch"

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

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND II

7.45 p.m. March—"Sons of the Brave" "God Save the King"

Event	Starting Grid	RIDERS	Starting Grid	RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	A B	ROY CRAIGHEAD (R) DENNIS GRAY (B)	C D	BILL OSBORNE (W) HARRY SAUNDERSs (Y/B)	Y	R	W	B
			Time	67.3/5				
2	A B	GEOFF MARDEN (R) TOM O'CONNOR (B)	C D	FRED CURTIS (W) ERIC IRONS (Y/B)	W	R	Y	F
			Time	69.9/5				
3	A B	JACK YOUNG (R) GEOFF PYMAR (B)	C D	JOHNNY SARGEANT (W) BILL KEMP (Y/B)	R	Y	B	W
			Time	66.2/5				
4	A B	BERTIL CARLSSON (R) REG MORGAN (B)	C D	JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE (W) BILL LONGLEY (Y/B)	W	B	Y	B
			Time	69.1/5				
5	A B	DENNIS GRAY (R) GEOFF MARDEN (B)	C D	JACK YOUNG (W) BERTIL CARLSSON (Y/B)	W	B	Y	F
			Time	69.1/5				
6	B A	ROY CRAIGHEAD (R) TOM O'CONNOR (B)	C D	GEOFF PYMAR (W) REG MORGAN (Y/B)	R	B	W	Y
			Time	69.1/5				
7	C B	BILL OSBORNE (R) FRED CURTIS (B)	D A	JOHNNY SARGEANT (W) JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE (Y/B)	Y	B	W	R
			Time	68.1/5				
8	A B	HARRY SAUNDERS (R) ERIC IRONS (B)	C D	BILL KEMP (W) BILL LONGLEY (Y/B)	W	B	Y	R
			Time	69.1/5				
9	C D	DENNIS GRAY (R) TOM O'CONNOR (B)	B A	JOHNNY SARGEANT (W) BILL LONGLEY (Y/B)	R	W	Y	F
			Time	69.1/5				
10	C D	ROY CRAIGHEAD (R) GEOFF MARDEN (B)	A B	BILL KEMP (W) JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE (Y/B)	R	B	Y	W
			Time	68.7/5				

INTERVAL

Thursday, July 19th
OXFORD v. NEWCASTLE
National League, Division II

Event	Starting Grid	RIDERS	Starting Grid	RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
11	D A	DENNIS GRAY (R) FRED CURTIS (B)	B C	BILL KEMP (W) REG MORGAN (Y/B)	B	W	R	Y
			Time	69.3/5				
12	C D	HARRY SAUNDERS (R) FRED CURTIS (B)	A B	GEOFF PYMAR (W) BERTIL CARLSSON (Y/B)	R	W	B	Y
			Time	69.1/5				
13	D C	BILL OSBORNE (R) ERIC IRONS (B)	B A	JACK YOUNG (W) REG MORGAN (Y/B)	W	B	Y	R
			Time	67.3/5				
14	B A	ROY CRAIGHEAD (R) ERIC IRONS (B)	C D	JOHNNY SARGEANT (W) BERTIL CARLSSON (Y/B)	R	W	B	Y
			Time	70.1/5				
15	A C	BILL OSBORNE (R) GEOFF MARDEN (B)	D B	GEOFF PYMAR (W) BILL LONGLEY (Y/B)	W	B	R	Y
			Time	69.2/5				
16	B C	HARRY SAUNDERS (R) TOM O'CONNOR (B)	D A	JACK YOUNG (W) JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE (Y/B)	W	R	Y	B
			Time	67.3/5				
17	A B	DENNIS GRAY (R) ERIC IRONS (B)	C D	GEOFF PYMAR (W) JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE (Y/B)	Y	R	W	B
			Time	68.7/5				
18	D B	ROY CRAIGHEAD (R) FRED CURTIS (B)	A C	JACK YOUNG (W) BILL LONGLEY (Y/B)	W	R	B	Y
			Time	68.7/5				
19	B D	BILL OSBORNE (R) TOM O'CONNOR (B)	A C	BILL KEMP (W) BERTIL CARLSSON (Y/B)	W	R	Y	F
			Time	69.2/5				
20	D B	HARRY SAUNDERS (R) GEOFF MARDEN (B)	A C	JOHNNY SARGEANT (W) REG MORGAN (Y/B)	B	R	Y	W
			Time	69.1/5				
21	Mr. Pat Reekie, Sports Editor of the Sunday Dispatch, presents cheque to the winner							

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RIDERS	Rides						RIDERS	Rides					
	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.		1	2	3	4	5	Tl.
Roy Craighead	2	3	3	3	2	13	Jack Young	3	3	3	3	3	15
Dennis Gray	0	2	3	1	2	6	Geoff Pymar	1	1	2	3	1	8
Harry Saunders	3	0	3	2	2	10	Johnny Sargeant	ONE OF START.					
Bill Osborne	1	0	0	1	2	4	Bill Kemp	2	3	0	2	3	10
Geoff Marden	2	2	2	2	3	11	Bertil Carlsson	0	1	0	0	1	2
Tom O'Connor	F	2	F	0	F	2	Reg Morgan	2	0	0	1	1	4
Fred Curtis	3	2	3	1	1	10	Junior Bainbridge	3	3	1	1	3	11
Eric Irons	1	2	2	1	0	6	Bill Longley	1	1	1	0	0	3
Frank Boyle (Res.)	1	2					Roger Wise (Res.)	2	0				2

Thursday, July 19th
OXFORD v. NEWCASTLE
National League, Division II



JUNIOR BAINBRIDGE
(Glasgow White City)

An Australian, Junior is one of the smallest men in Speedway, but his record in the sport is big enough for a giant. Always in the front rank of the Tigers' points scorers, he seems to have the knack of squeezing through the "eye of a needle" to get first across the finishing line.

Junior is certainly a colourful ingredient in tonight's "piece of cake".



BERTIL CARLSSON
(Sweden)

Bertil was born in Stockholm in 1913 and ranks high among the prominent riders in his country. He captains the S.M.K. Club of Stockholm and was Sweden's fourth highest points scorer. Until 1950 when he was deposed by his younger brother Eskil, he was the Ace Racing Champion.

Bertil is captain of the Swedish Test Team which is riding against England over here in August. He is described as a quiet, dapper little man, who takes his speedway seriously. He will have the incentive tonight of trying to show that Sweden has claim to a big name in this sport.



ROY CRAIGHEAD
(Southampton)

Roy is still listed as a Southampton rider, although he has been appearing for Ipswich since the Saints closed down. He has visited the Oxford track twice previously this season, and should know his way round.

Roy, an ex-R.A.F. sergeant-pilot, has not had the best of luck in speedway. Injuries have put him out of action several times. But, as we have seen, he lacks nothing in courage and never gives up till the race is over.



GEOFF MARDEN
(Aldershot)

Another New Zealander, who is making a name for himself on the English circuits, and substitutes tonight for Dennis Parker (Belle Vue) injured with a broken wrist.

Geoff is one of Aldershot's leading scorers, and more than once recently he has topped the match points list over his better-known team mate Redmond. He has ridden this season for representative Kiwi teams, and when the proposed New Zealand Test team is picked, it is more than likely that Geoff will be in the line-up.



DENNIS GRAY
(Wimbledon)

All Oxford fans will be happy to see Dennis in action again, and to recall those exciting events of the Cheetahs' first season in Speedway. He is on top form just now and rode a sensational maximum for the Dons last week.

Dennis knows the track, and his clashes with some of the leading riders should set us all roaring. It seems hard to realise that he is one of the youngest First Division riders, but he has all the skill of a veteran, and just a little luck may give him the honours tonight.



BILL LONGLEY
(New Cross)

Bill, an Australian and ex-skipper of his country's Test team, is another of the real "old hands". He entered speedway in 1936, and on the following year, won more handicaps than any other rider in his country.

Bill joined New Cross before the war, and has been a favourite there ever since, if we skip the period of his service in the R.A.F., and a short spell with Odsal in 1946. His experience of the big occasion should stand him in good stead.



"KID" CURTIS
(West Ham)

Starting his Speedway career before the war, when he was only 15 years old, Kid was signed by Johnnie Hoskins for West Ham, and rode in the junior team in 1937.

After the war he went to Middlesborough, and was their top points scorer in 1947. Back to West Ham in 1948, he stayed there and is riding with great dash at present.



REG MORGAN
(Yarmouth)

Reg has the advantage of knowing the Oxford track. He started Speedway in 1946, was second highest points scorer for the Bloaters in 1948 and a real leader ever since. Reg started Yarmouth in 1950 by asking for a transfer, but he is still with the seaside club, and helping them to overcome their early sticky patch.

He seems to ride better when he is "up against it", so don't put him out of the hunt this evening.



TOM O'CONNOR
(Rayleigh)

A Londoner whose hobby is Grass Track racing, had his first Speedway experience at Rye House in 1947, under the watchful eye of Alec Jackson. Tom, now aged 22, was then called up for the R.A.F., and after demobilisation, signed for West Ham, and then for the Rockets.

Tom has got what it takes, and his friends predict a brilliant future in Speedway for him.



GEOFF PYMAR
(Bristol)

One of Speedway's veterans, Geoff is making a great "come back" this season, riding with all his old dash, and on present form he is a danger to the best in the field. He has had a brilliant career in Speedway, and frequently represented England in the Tests against Australia.

Geoff is one of the sports "problem boys", but if he is in the mood tonight, there will be some real thrills.



JOHNNY SERGEANT
(Exeter)

A prominent member of his team, now engaged in a struggle for leadership of the Third Division, Johnny is notching a high average of points for the Falcons.

He has a tearaway style, and is regarded as certain to make a big name in Speedway.



JACK YOUNG
(Edinburgh)

Favourite to lift tonight's prize. Oxford supporters have seen Jack in action this season, and recognise his claim to the title given him by the critics — "outstanding rider of the season".

The nickname "Maximum Young", coined by Oxford's announcer (Mr. L. V. Calcutt), fits the case even better. Jack will take some stopping.

And Last

In this World Championship Gallery

— But not Least



BILL KEMP



ERIC IRONS



BILL OSBORNE



HARRY SAUNDERS

The inclusion of four Oxford riders in this Second Round of the World Championship, has given great satisfaction to supporters of the Cheetahs, and the boys engaged in tonight's contest will not lack vocal support and good wishes.

Another attraction in the offing for home fans is that Frankie Boyle and Roger Wise are standing by in case one or more of the sixteen riders cannot fulfil their engagement, or take the track should any of the original starters suffer injury and be unable to complete the required number of heats.

Our four men definitely in the line-up are Harry Saunders, Bill Kemp, Eric Irons and Bill Osborne, and Oxford supporters have keenly discussed the chances of each of them.

Harry Saunders particularly seems to shine in this "individual" type of event, although he is always a good team rider and a great captain. We have seen him lift more than one cup offered at this stadium, and his match race effort against Aub Lawson is still fresh in our memories.

Harry's urge to get from the gate like a flash of lightning is a big asset, although at times it has proved his undoing — as, for instance, when he was robbed of a maximum last Thursday. If Harry gets the breaks tonight he may well upset the favourites.

Bill Osborne is another who, like Harry, makes the best of that first terrific dash from the gate. It is not often he is "out of it" from the first bend, and his problem tonight will be to hold off well-known riders who are capable of terrific acceleration on the straights, and of passing either inside or outside on the bends.

However it may work out, we can be certain that Bill will earn a nice share of the points.

Bill Kemp, formerly with Wembley and Cradley Heath, will have his usual section of admirers shouting "Come on Milky".

He revels more in the "battling" type of race. Often a little in arrears at the first bend, he likes to come through the field as and when the other riders give him the slightest chance. These tactics may not reap a rich harvest tonight, but at least we can be sure that Bill will push the best of them all the way.

Eric Irons, once partner with the great Alan Hunt in a formidable Cradley Heath pairing, is hard to "weigh up" in this type of contest. With his machine completely overhauled he showed brilliant form last Thursday, scoring a paid maximum for Cheetahs, and a reproduction of that riding will enable him to test any man in the field.

So we'll leave it, with a sincere "Good luck boys" from us all.

F. B. BECKETT.

Oxford Speedway Supporters' Club

70 Oliver Road, Cowley, Oxford.

Dear Members,

On August Monday the Cheetahs go to Walthamstow and on the following Saturday to Coventry for the first round of the Midland Cup. Coaches will be in great demand on these two dates and will have to be booked in advance. I am giving you plenty of time as I do not wish anyone to be disappointed, so many of you will leave it till the last day to see what the weather is like, this causes a lot of worry to all concerned. Bookings for Walthamstow definitely close on July 28th, and for Coventry books close on August 4th. Coaches for Walthamstow leave St. Giles, 10 a.m. and the Swan Hotel, 10.15 a.m., and proceed to Regents Park, you will then be at liberty to please yourselves how you spend the rest of the afternoon. These coaches will be leaving Regents Park at 5.30 p.m. prompt for the Stadium, fare 8/6. There will also be coaches leaving St. Giles, 4 p.m. and the Swan, 4.15 p.m. going straight to the match. Fare 7/0.

For Coventry coaches will be leaving the Swan Hotel 4 p.m. and St. Giles 4.15 p.m. Fare 6/6.

Many of you want to go to Cardiff on August 18th when the "Dragons" meet the "Shots" and on the 25th the Cheetahs are at Norwich. Both of these are important dates and I will let you have particulars next week.

CRICKET. Last Sunday we had the pleasure of entertaining Walthamstow in the return match and I am afraid we came off second best. Somehow I can't help thinking if it had not been for that said Mr. W. Clark with his grand knock of 59 not out, and five of our boys in such a hurry to get to the Club to see if Agatha and Penelope, the Harringay Sisters, had arrived, we would have won. Well done, the Wolves, it was a grand match. Result, Walthamstow 95, W. Clark 39 not out, G. Clark 3 wickets for 8 runs. Oxford 82, D. Parker 33, D. Herd 30, D. Parker 3 for 9. At the time of writing we have yet to fix a match for next Sunday, we hope to give it out tonight. Last Monday the "B" team's match with Balliol Boys was rained off but it is hoped we can rearrange this.

Last Sunday's team's photographs can be ordered from Mr. C. Squires, 32 White Road, Cowley, price 2/-.

Sunday night we entertained Walthamstow after the match and everyone is looking forward to more of the get-together socials with other Clubs.

BOOK NOW for all away trips.

Yours sincerely,
Thos. A. Onion, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD SPEEDWAY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

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The Voice of the Cheetahs

With just a little more than ordinary pride and pleasure it is our honour this evening to welcome to Oxford Speedway the Riders engaged in the World Championship meeting. We hope they will like our track, will enjoy good luck and do well in this great annual competition sponsored by the "Sunday Dispatch".

It would be appropriate that we should find a special word of welcome for Bertil Carlsson who reached our shores only this morning from his native Sweden. It is a great thing to have an international flavour about our Round of the Championship as indeed it is a great thing for the sport of Speedway to rise and gather strength and popularity in Sweden and elsewhere on the Continent.

And then, of course, we must mention Dennis Gray, who was our mainstay in our first Speedway season. Dennis at that time was serving in the R.A.F. and we flew him down from the north for most meetings. Much was our anxiety upon occasions for in bad flying weather, often a breathless and pale Dennis arrived just in time to snatch his machine from an equally anxious father.

We shall, of course, be pardoned if tonight we all show more than usual interest in the riding of Harry Saunders, Bill Osborne, Bill Kemp, and Eric Irons, for are these four Riders not just part of all that Speedway means to us at Oxford? We wish them one and all Good Luck for many times we shall hear for them and them alone — UP THE CHEETAHS.

Finally we welcome here tonight Mr. Pat Reekie, Sports Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch". Journalism is an honourable but exacting profession, and we are especially honoured that Pat Reekie should find time to be with us tonight, not only for the purpose of presenting the cheque to the highest points scorer, but also, if I may say so, as the personal representative on this occasion of that great man, Mr. Charles Eade, Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch".

As Ton Stenner puts it elsewhere in this programme, the World Championship is the brain-child of Mr. Eade, but those who have had the honour to know and listen to the speeches of Charles Eade at Speedway gatherings know that not only much Speedway wit but much wisdom also is to be found in this outstanding personality whose support and enthusiasm for Speedway goes much further and much deeper than his own "Sunday Dispatch" World Championship, famous as it is.

Speedway takes its ups and downs but so long as we all do our part and our Sport retains such men as Charles Eade, I do not know that there is, after all, so very much we should fear.

And so another year has passed and once again we welcome all our own Patrons and visitors foregathered as we are this evening for our own 1951 World Championship Round, which this year promises so much of all that is best in Speedway, so now settle down and enjoy your evening to the full.

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Thursday, July 19th	v	NEWCASTLE	Home	NL
Thursday, July 26th	v	CRADLEY HEATH	Home	NL
Thursday, August 2nd	v	MOTHERWELL	Home	NL
Monday, August 6th	v	WALTHAMSTOW	Away	NL
Thursday, August 9th	v	NORWICH	Home	NL
Thursday, August 16th		MIDLAND CUP	Home	MC
Tuesday, August 21st	v	YARMOUTH	Away	NL
Thursday, August 23rd	v	HALIFAX	Home	NL
Saturday, August 25th	v	NORWICH	Away	NL
Thursday, August 30th	v	WHITE CITY (Glasgow)	Home	NL
Thursday, September 6th	v	YARMOUTH	Home	NL
Friday, September 7th	v	MOTHERWELL	Away	NL
Saturday, September 8th	v	EDINBURGH	Away	NL
Wednesday, September 12th	v	FLEETWOOD	Away	NL
Thursday, September 13th		OPEN MEETING	Home	
Wednesday, September 19th	v	WHITE CITY (Glasgow)	Away	NL
Thursday, September 20th	v	ASHFIELD (Glasgow)	Home	NL
Thursday, September 27th	v	WALTHAMSTOW	Home	NL

NL—National League Division II

MC—Midland Cup

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

(Up to and including July 5th, 1951)

FIRST DIVISION							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wembley	18	15	0	3	863	645	30
Wimbledon	22	12	1	9	933	913	25
Belle Vue	20	12	1	7	838 $\frac{1}{2}$	838 $\frac{1}{2}$	25
West Ham	21	10	1	10	929 $\frac{1}{2}$	832 $\frac{1}{2}$	21
Bristol	20	9	0	11	857	818	18
Harringay	19	9	0	10	804	781	18
Birmingham	19	7	0	12	752	839	14
New Cross	16	6	1	9	638	700	13
Odsal	17	4	0	13	585	833	8
SECOND DIVISION							
Norwich	9	7	0	2	446	309	14
Halifax	10	6	0	4	434	406	12
Cradley Heath	8	6	0	2	404	256	12
Coventry	6	5	1	0	275	228	11
Liverpool	13	5	0	8	491	593	10
White City	11	5	0	6	474	450	10
Leicester	10	5	0	5	451	388	10
Hanley	8	5	0	3	367	304	10
Edinburgh	6	5	0	1	304	199	10
OXFORD	12	4	1	7	480	527	9
Fleetwood	12	4	1	7	416	580	9
Walthamstow	9	4	0	5	402	353	8
Yarmouth	9	4	0	5	339	416	8
Motherwell	8	3	1	4	331	341	7
Newcastle	11	2	0	9	368	554	4
Ashfield	6	2	0	4	218	286	4
THIRD DIVISION							
Exeter	13	10	0	3	588	498	20
Poole	12	9	0	3	604	403	18
Rayleigh	11	9	0	2	544	379	18
Plymouth	15	7	0	8	634	625	14
Swindon	12	6	1	5	559 $\frac{1}{2}$	446 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
St. Austell	18	6	0	12	690	813	12
Long Eaton	14	6	0	8	491	682	12
Aldershot	10	6	0	4	475 $\frac{1}{2}$	359 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
Cardiff	14	3	1	10	527	642	7
Wolverhampton	13	3	0	10	413	678	6

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HOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS RUN

ENTRIES

This Championship is open to any experienced Speedway rider holding an F.I.M. Licence and all entries must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Board.

Entries from Riders registered with the Board shall be submitted by the British Promoter to whom the rider is under contract. Each Third Division Promoter may nominate not more than three riders, each Second Division Promoter not more than six riders, and each First Division Promoter not more than eight riders, and they shall set out the riders names according to their estimation of the riders' ability. Entries from Promoters operating in the Second and Third Divisions of the National League shall be made not later than the 14th April, 1951, and as to Promoters operating in the First Division, not later than the 9th June, 1951.

Foreign entries from experienced Speedway Riders must be accompanied by a letter from their National Motor-cycling Federation (P.M.N.) concerned, approving the nomination of the Rider(s) and stating full particulars of the rider's previous experience. The Board reserve the right to send a foreign rider into that round of the competition most suited to his ability. All such entries must be received by the Secretary to the Board by the 14th April, 1951. There is no entry fee.

Notwithstanding the above the Board reserve the right to invite the participation of an outstanding foreign rider who has previously proved his merit in the competition upon such terms as they may deem appropriate.

The first meeting of the Championship will take place in June, 1951.

METHOD OF RUNNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship will consist of a number of meetings comprising four rounds, including the final round. The Board will allocate sixteen riders to ride at each meeting (excepting the final round).

Each meeting will consist of twenty heats and in each heat there will be four competitors. The heats will be so arranged that each competitor will ride in five heats and will race against each other competitor during the course of the meeting. When allocating the riders to a particular meeting, the Board will also indicate which heat each rider shall ride in, as below:—

The letters against each number indicate the starting grid from which each rider will start. Grids 1, (No. 1 is the inside grid) 2, 3 and 4 are indicated by the letters a, b, c and d.

Heat	Riders				Heat	Riders			
1	1 a	2 b	3 c	4 d	11	2 d	7 a	12 b	14 c
2	5 a	6 b	7 c	8 d	12	4 c	7 d	10 a	13 b
3	9 a	10 b	11 c	12 d	13	3 d	8 c	9 b	14 a
4	13 a	14 b	15 c	16 d	14	1 b	8 a	11 c	13 d
5	2 a	5 b	9 c	13 d	15	3 a	5 c	10 d	16 b
6	1 b	6 a	10 c	14 d	16	4 b	6 c	9 d	15 a
7	3 c	7 b	11 d	15 a	17	2 a	8 b	10 c	15 d
8	4 a	8 b	12 c	16 d	18	1 d	7 b	9 a	16 c
9	2 c	6 d	11 b	16 a	19	3 b	6 d	12 a	13 c
10	1 c	5 d	12 a	15 b	20	4 d	5 b	11 a	14 c

Interval

ROUND ONE

Round 1 will consist of a series of meetings on Third Division tracks, in which Third Division Riders together with Second Division Riders will ride at one meeting each. The 18 highest scorers, less any foreign riders seeded direct to Round 2, will qualify for the next round.

ROUND TWO

Round 2 will be divided into equal sections to be known as 2A and 2B. Each section will consist of a series of meetings on 9 different 2nd Division tracks in which 9 riders from Round 1 less any foreign riders seeded direct to Round 2, will be joined by 36 riders from the Second Division and 27 riders from the First Division. Each rider will compete in two meetings. The 54 highest points scorers from Round 2 will qualify for the next round.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

The Championship Round will consist of a series of meetings at each of the 9 First Division tracks, at which the 54 riders from Round 2 together with another 18 First Division riders, being the best riders in the First Division, will compete, the allocation of riders to each meeting being so arranged that each rider will compete in two meetings. The sixteen riders with the highest aggregate of points will qualify for the Final round.

FINAL ROUND

The 16 riders from the Championship Round will compete at Wembley for the Speedway Riders Championship of the World.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

The method of scoring throughout this championship will be three points for first place, two points for second place and one point for third place.

NON-STARTERS AND RESERVE COMPETITORS

Every competitor must ride at the meeting to which he is allocated, and any competitor unable to start in any meeting for any reason whatsoever, shall forfeit all points for that particular meeting, and his place shall be taken by a competitor nominated by the Board, who shall be, in the case of Round 1, a rider from the reserve list and in the case of Round 2 and the Championship Round, a rider nominated by the Board who shall be the next available highest point scorer who failed to qualify in the preceding round. Such a reserve shall not replace more than one rider in any one meeting.

In the Championship round a reserve nominated by the Board to take the place of an absent rider shall continue to replace the rider at each meeting at which he is absent. If the reserve shall so ride at one meeting in this round, he shall also ride in the second meeting even if the absent rider is able to take part. The misplaced rider shall be eligible, however, to be nominated as a reserve.

In all rounds there shall be a reserve rider available to take the place of a rider who is present at the meeting but who is unable to take part in a particular race. This of course does not authorise the replacement by a reserve of a rider who has become excluded. The points scored by a reserve will be ignored if he rides in two races or less. Subject thereto a reserve rider may qualify to take part in a subsequent round or in the Final, even though he may have ridden earlier in the competition. A rider shall not ride as a reserve in a round in which he has already competed.

TIES

If there is a tie for first place at any meeting in Rounds 1 or 2 or in the Championship round, or if in the Final round there is a tie for first, second or third place, a decision shall be made forthwith by the riders concerned, racing a further race against each other over four laps from a clutch start.

If two or more riders score an equal number of points for the last place qualifying for entry into Rounds 2A and 2B, precedence shall be given to the rider scoring the highest number of first or second places in the races in which he rode. If there is still a tie the Board will then order a run off as aforesaid on a neutral track.

If there is a tie for last place qualifying for entry into the Final round, the Board will order a run off as aforesaid on a neutral track.

If there is a tie for any other place in the Final round the prize money for that and the succeeding place shall be divided equally.