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*Speedway*  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
1951



**WIMBLEDON STADIUM**

**MONDAY, 13th AUGUST**

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**Official Programme**

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# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Third Round Riders



1. NORMAN PARKER  
WIMBLEDON - ENGLAND



2. JOHNNY REASON  
COVENTRY - ENGLAND



3. GEOFF MARDON  
ALDERSHOT - NEW ZEALAND



4. BRUCE SEMMENS  
ASHFIELD - ENGLAND



5. CYRIL BRINE  
WIMBLEDON - ENGLAND



6. RON PEACE  
ODSAL - ENGLAND



7. RONNIE MOORE  
WIMBLEDON - AUSTRALIA



8. JACK HODGSON  
WHITE CITY - ENGLAND

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1951

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# Ronnie Greene's Diary

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## THANK YOU, "Sunday Dispatch"

**T**ONIGHT it is with real pleasure that I welcome speedway's very good friend Mr. Charles Eade, Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch," and his party to the home of the Dons on a momentous occasion, the opening meeting in the main round of the 1951 "Sunday Dispatch" World Championship.

It was Mr. Eade who came forward in 1946, the year of speedway's re-start and when no one really knew if the sport would catch on again, with an offer to stage a "Sunday Dispatch" Riders' Championship. That offer which also carried with it substantial money prizes well over £1,000 in total, was gratefully accepted.

Three years later the "Sunday Dispatch" became associated with the revival of the World Championship and stepped up the cash awards for the riders. This year the "Sunday Dispatch" cheques for the winners of the meetings in the various rounds and the first four home in the final total the magnificent sum of £2,000.

Apart from the financial side, the "Dispatch" has been most generous in allocating space to speedway, and if Sports Editor Pat Reekie has had his headaches late on a Saturday night fitting the speedway reports, etc., into the paper in a good position and at length it may console him to know that the result is most appreciated by speedway folk.

Supporters everywhere will, I know, join with me in thanking Mr. Eade and the "Sunday Dispatch" for their whole-hearted efforts on behalf of the red shale game. Long may the "Dispatch"—Speedway team pairing continue!

Now for the griff on tonight's "do." Our meeting is the first in the championship round—each senior track stages one—and it is from these programmes that the sixteen finalists for Wembley on September 20th are drawn.

There are 72 competitors in the round—the 51 qualifiers from the second stage, 18 Division 1 stars (two per track) plus the "seeds"—the first three in last year's final, Fred Williams, Wally Green, Graham Warren. Each man has two meetings, instead of the three in the 1950 championship round, which means a possible of 30 points.

What is the safety score for a place at Wembley? That's a difficult question but taking a line on the round two results, where the riders also had a couple of meetings each, I should say that 26 will definitely get a man through. That

means an average of 13 a meeting which is going some. However, the 25's may go on and possibly some of the 24's, but whether these scores will be sufficient cannot be known until the round is over.

From the rider's point of view the suspense in the championship round will be terrific and I cannot help feeling that there will be a number of surprises.

## BIRMINGHAM IN NAT. TROPHY

### Next Monday

The rained-off "Daily Mail" National Trophy tie with Birmingham will be decided at Wimbledon next Monday. This match now becomes the return leg as the first was due to be raced at Birmingham last Saturday.

With due respect to our own lads the popular fancy for the title appears to be all-conquering Jack Young. You saw the way Jack went round here in the Laurels and on that showing he is going to take a tremendous amount of holding.

Some of the critics reckon that Jack must crack because no man can keep up such phenomenal form, day in, day out, week in, week out. As I write there is no sign of a flaw in the Young "armour."

Can Norman, Ronnie and Cyril find one? Can fiery Split Waterman stop Australia's "mighty atom"? Can Johnny Reason from Coventry, a lad I have the greatest admiration for, spring an all-time surprise?

Now for the other engagements of Norman, Ronnie and Cyril. Norman is at Bristol, with Mike Erskine, against Dick Bradley, Billy Hole, Jack Mountford, Eddie Rigg, Jack Young, Roy Craighead, Jack Hodgson, "Junior" Bainbridge, Eric Chitty, Chris Boss, Jack Parker, Tommy Miller, Arthur Forrest, Phil Clarke.

Ronnie will be seen at Harringay with Dennis Gray fighting it out with Split Waterman, Jeff Lloyd, Jack Biggs, Bob Baker, Ron Mountford, Bruce Abernethy, Don Cuppleditch, Ken Adams, Dick Campbell, Fred Brand, Vic Emms, Alan Hunt, Louis Lawson, Ken Sharples.

Cyril we find is at Bradford with Dennis and has to face Eddie Rigg, Dent Oliver, Ron Peace, Bob Oakley, Tom Oakley, Geoff Pymar, Malcolm Craven, Derek Close, George Smith, Jack Biggs, Chris Boss, Fred Curtis, Eric Williams, Len Williams (Leicester).

Mike's second meeting is at Birmingham where he tackles Graham Warren, Alan Hunt, Ron Mountford, Fred Williams, Eric French, Billy Hole, Roy Craighead, Pete Robinson, Harry Edwards, Henry Long, Aub Lawson, Harry Saunders, Gordon McGregor, Wilf Jay, Merv Harding.

Ernie Roccio has drawn West Ham against Wally Green, Aub Lawson, Malcolm Craven, Eric Williams, "Junior" Bainbridge, Trevor Redmond, Pete Robinson, Harry Edwards, Son Mitchell, Wilf Jay, Johnny Reason, Bruce Abernethy, Eric Chitty, Bill Kemp, Bob Leverenz.

At Wembley Ernie takes on Fred Williams, Bob Oakley, Tommy Price, Phil Clarke, Derek Close, Ken Adams, Graham Warren, Merv Harding, Gordon McGregor, Tommy Miller, Bill Kitchen, Cyril Roger, Noel Watson, Len Read, Len Williams. So now you know!

Young Ronnie is getting quite a name as a practical joker, as you may have read in the

## OFFICE-BOY REPORTING

Recently Bristol were well beaten at Wimbledon and the next day in the Bristol Evening Post, under the name of "Peter Woon," the following appeared . . . .

"The track, never one of the best in London, was extremely heavy and the bends bumpy and dangerous. There were several falls, but no one was seriously injured . . ."

Well, well, well. Maybe one day the "Post" will stop sending the office-boy to speedway.

# WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

## SEASON 1951

"Sunday Dispatch"

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND

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

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

#### INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

TOTAL						TOTAL							
1. NORMAN PARKER WIMBLEDON—ENGLAND	1	2	2	3	2	10	9. ERIC SALMON BRISTOL—ENGLAND	0	0	1	2	0	3
2. JOHNNY REASON COVENTRY—ENGLAND	3	2	3	0	3	11	10. GEOFF PYMAR BRISTOL—ENGLAND	2	0	2	0	R 2	4
3. GEOFF MARDON ALDERSHOT—NEW ZEALAND	2	2	2	3	3	12	11. BOB BAKER YARMOUTH—ENGLAND	1	0	1	0	1	3
4. BRUCE SEMMENS ASHFIELD—ENGLAND	0	1	1	1	0	3	12. JACK YOUNG EDINBURGH—AUSTRALIA	3	3	3	1	2	12
5. CYRIL BRINE WIMBLEDON—ENGLAND	2	3	1	2	2	10	13. DICK CAMPBELL EDINBURGH—SCOTLAND	2	1	0	2	1	6
6. RON PEACE ODSAL—ENGLAND	1	1	0	0	0	2	14. SPLIT WATERMAN HARRINGAY—ENGLAND	3	3	3	3	3	15
7. RONNIE MOORE WIMBLEDON—AUSTRALIA	3	3	2	3	3	14	15. DON CUPPLEDITCH EDINBURGH—SCOTLAND	0	1	0	3	1	5
8. JACK HODGSON WHITE CITY—ENGLAND	0	0	0	1	0	1	16. HENRY LONG BELLE VUE—SOUTH AFRICA	1	2	2	1	1	7

JIMMY GIBB WIMBLEDON—CANADA 1ST RESERVE  
REG TROTT

JIM GREGORY WIMBLEDON—ENGLAND 2ND RESERVE

EVENT	HEAT	COLOUR	SCORE	EVENT	HEAT	COLOUR	SCORE
EVENT 1. HEAT 1.				EVENT 4. HEAT 4.			
NORMAN PARKER	4	Red	1.	DICK CAMPBELL F.h.	4	Red	2.
JOHNNY REASON	2	Blue	3.	SPLIT WATERMAN	2	Blue	3.
GEOFF MARDON	3	White	2.	DON CUPPLEDITCH J.G.	3	White	0.
BRUCE SEMMENS	1N	YandB	0.	HENRY LONG	1N	YandB	1.
1ST J.R. 2ND G.M. 3RD N.P. TIME 65-8				1ST S.W. 2ND F.h. 3RD H.L. TIME 67-8			
EVENT 2. HEAT 2.				EVENT 5. HEAT 5. *			
CYRIL BRINE	1N	Red	2.	JOHNNY REASON	2	Red	2.
RON PEACE	2	Blue	1.	CYRIL BRINE	4	Blue	3.
RONNIE MOORE	3	White	3.	ERIC SALMON	1N	White	0.
JACK HODGSON	4	YandB	0.	DICK CAMPBELL F.h.	3	YandB	1.
1ST R.M. 2ND C.B. 3RD R.P. TIME 67-0				1ST C.B. 2ND J.R. 3RD F.h. TIME 67-6			
EVENT 3. HEAT 3.				EVENT 6. HEAT 6.			
ERIC SALMON	1N	Red	0.	NORMAN PARKER	4	Red	2.
GEOFF PYMAR	3	Blue	2.	RON PEACE	3	Blue	1.
BOB BAKER	2	White	1.	GEOFF PYMAR	1N	White	FELL
JACK YOUNG	4	YandB	3.	SPLIT WATERMAN	2	YandB	3.
1ST J.Y. 2ND G.P. 3RD B.B. TIME 66-4				1ST S.W. 2ND N.P. 3RD R.P. TIME 67-4			

EVENT	HEAT	COLOUR	SCORE
EVENT 7. HEAT 7.			
GEOFF MARDON	4	Red	2.
RONNIE MOORE	2	Blue	3.
BOB BAKER	1N	White	0.
DON CUPPLEDITCH J.G.	3	YandB	1.
1ST R.M. 2ND G.M. 3RD J.G. TIME 66-6			
EVENT 8. HEAT 8.			
BRUCE SEMMENS	1N	Red	1.
JACK HODGSON	2	Blue	0.
JACK YOUNG	3	White	3.
HENRY LONG	4	YandB	2.
1ST J.Y. 2ND H.L. 3RD B.S. TIME 67-0			
EVENT 9. HEAT 9. *			
JOHNNY REASON	3	Red	3.
RON PEACE	4	Blue	0.
BOB BAKER	2	White	1.
HENRY LONG	1N	YandB	2.
1ST J.R. 2ND H.L. 3RD B.B. TIME 66-4			
EVENT 10. HEAT 10.			
NORMAN PARKER	3	Red	2.
CYRIL BRINE	4	Blue	1.
JACK YOUNG	1N	White	3.
DON CUPPLEDITCH J.G.	2	YandB	0.
1ST J.Y. 2ND N.P. 3RD C.B. TIME 65-8			
EVENT 11. HEAT 11. *			
JOHNNY REASON	4	Red	0.
RONNIE MOORE	1N	Blue	2.
JACK YOUNG	2	White	1.
SPLIT WATERMAN	3	YandB	3.
1ST S.W. 2ND R.M. 3RD J.Y. TIME 66-0			
EVENT 12. HEAT 12. *			
BRUCE SEMMENS	3	Red	1.
RONNIE MOORE	4	Blue	3.
GEOFF PYMAR	1N	White	2.
DICK CAMPBELL F.h.	2	YandB	0.
1ST R.M. 2ND G.P. 3RD B.S. TIME 66-4			
EVENT 13. HEAT 13.			
GEOFF MARDON	4	Red	2.
JACK HODGSON	3	Blue	0.
ERIC SALMON	2	White	1.
SPLIT WATERMAN	1N	YandB	3.
1ST S.W. 2ND G.M. 3RD E.S. TIME 67-2			

Presentation of £50 Cheque to the Winner by

MR. CHARLES EADE

Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch"

F.H. RODE VERY WELL  
 G.P. FELT HE CRASHED INTO HIM.  
 FAIRLY EASY  
 GOOD RACE  
 GOOD WITH H.L. & N.P.  
 GRAND BEKAP  
 LED ALL THE WAY

EASY WIN.  
 J.R. FINE.  
 GRAND WIN.  
 EASY WIN.  
 EASY WIN.  
 G.P. RIDING VERY WELL.  
 FELL WHEN THIRD.

G.M. RODE VERY WELL  
 EASY WIN.  
 GOOD WIN  
 G.B.T. N.P. VERY GOOD.  
 GOOD RACE  
 VERY EASY  
 VERY WELL

# 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	-	H. W. SHUTTLEWORTH

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 - 342 yards

Four Lap Clutch Start Record in Match—Jack Young, Dennis Gray—65.0 secs.  
Two Lap Clutch Start Record in special attempt—Cyril Roger—33.6 secs.  
Two Lap Clutch Start Record in Match—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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speedway trade press. There's just no keeping him quiet. T'other day Dennis arrived at the track complete with car, bike on the back and his "guard" a Scottie terrier. Said Dennis to Ronnie: "That's a wonderful dog, won't let anyone come near the car." Retorted Ronnie: "I don't think. Say Jim (this to Jim Gregory) take Dennis for a walk while I try." Fifteen minutes later Ronnie returned to Wimbledon in the Gray car and reported: "Your friendly Scottie is on a piece of string tied to a lamp-post a quarter mile away." What Dennis said I'll leave to your imagination!

Here's one against Ronnie. Arriving back at the stadium after the London Cup "do" at Wembley Ronnie climbed out of his car and stood there thunderstruck. The trailer carrying his bike had disappeared. Explanation: Ronnie had forgotten to hitch it on at Wembley!

Talking of Wembley reminds me that Dennis cleaned up in the second-half with three wins including the international scratch final in his bag. He also broke the three lap clutch start record, then equalled it.

Those Shelbourne Yanks are still on the crest. They downed West Ham by six points, beat Bristol on the last heat and yesterday were due to oppose Harringay. As I write Coventry, due to brilliant work by Johnny Reason, are the only club to have won at Shelbourne this year.

"Wimbledon Speedway Yellow Star Club" are holding a Dance at Marlborough Hall, Compton Road, Wimbledon, on August 14th, Dancing 7.30 — 11 p.m. to the "Serenaders" dance band. Admission Club Members 1/6d.; Visitors, 2/6d.

Oh, I nearly forgot to tell you. Jack Young was one of the only two riders to go through round two, World Championship, without a defeat. The other was Tommy Miller of Glasgow White City.

Sorry about those prices having to go up from tonight, but there's no help for it. You know

the position here as well as I do. However, there is a silver lining. My "spies" report that the Treasury may think again on the Entertainment Tax question and I shall be very, very disappointed if the rate, now somewhere near 60 per cent. of admissions does not drop by the time the next Budget comes round.

## WORLD FINAL "LUCKY PROGRAMME" TICKETS

There's always something new at Wimbledon. This time it's a variation of the lucky programme idea.

Every week the holders of the ten lucky programmes will each receive a 10/6 seat for the World Championship final.

A review of the whole structure of entertainments duty has been promised by the Chancellor. If a reduction does come then down will rattle the prices, BELOW the level which operated up until August 4th. Meanwhile our situation is such that we at Wimbledon cannot afford to subsidise this or any other Government.

It just "tipped" down last Monday and had we been able to open the gates and start racing I doubt if the match would have gone on for more than three or four races. I was particularly sorry for those folk who had come a long way, especially the half-a-dozen coach-loads of Birmingham supporters. Our leg of the "Daily Mail" National Trophy will now be decided here next Monday. First leg was due to take place at Birmingham last Saturday—weather permitting!

Ow! Those Aussies did give us a beating up in the fourth Test at Birmingham and they now have the "Ashes" in the bag with a 3-1 lead. Congrats. to Australia for a thoroughly deserved success and grand fighting spirit through the series. Behind or in front their men have had a go all the time. Final Test is at West Ham on August 28th and believe me we, meaning the selectors, will be all out to hit on a winning combination and build for next year. And may next year's selectors have an easier task than we have had!

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## DONS BATTLE TO KEEP NAT. TROPHY NEXT MONDAY

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Third Round Riders



9. ERIC SALMON  
BRISTOL - ENGLAND



10. GEOFF PYMAR  
BRISTOL - ENGLAND



11. BOB BAKER  
YARMOUTH - ENGLAND



12. JACK YOUNG  
EDINBURGH - AUSTRALIA



13. DICK CAMPBELL  
EDINBURGH - SCOTLAND



14. SPLIT WATERMAN  
HARRINGAY - ENGLAND



15. DON CUPPLEDITCH  
EDINBURGH - SCOTLAND



16. HENRY LONG  
BELLE VUE - SOUTH AFRICA

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1951

# "Sunday Dispatch" WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Over 200 riders, the best in the world, have been competing in this year's "Sunday Dispatch" World Championship, the biggest solo event in the world. Racing started early in the season on the third division tracks, at which each top-scorer received a "Sunday Dispatch" cheque for £20, over and above the usual start and point monies.

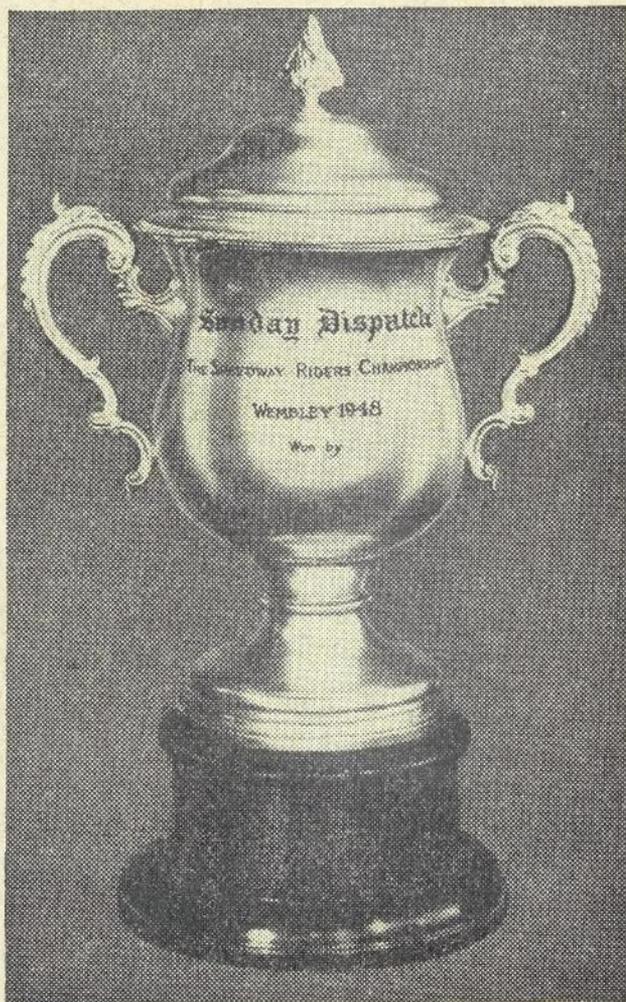
In the second round, contested on the 17 second division speedways, the top pointsman at each meeting received £30, an amount increased by the "Sunday Dispatch" to £50 for each of the nine meetings in the championship round.

In the final the "Sunday Dispatch" cheques are £500, £250, £140 and £50 respectively for the first four riders. The championship round in 1950 was headed by Jack Young who had 39 points out of a possible 45. Next came Graham Warren with 37 followed by Cyril Brine 36, Jack Parker 35, Aub Lawson 34, Ronnie Moore 34, Fred Williams 33, Vic Duggan 32, "Split" Waterman 32, Danny Dunton 30, Dent Oliver 30, Ron Clarke 29, Wally Green 29, Tommy Price 29, Arthur Payne 27, Jack Biggs 26.

Finishing order in the final where the possible was 15 points: Fred Williams 14, Wally Green 13, Graham Warren 12, Aub Lawson 10, Jack Parker 8, Tommy Price 8, Split Waterman 8, Cyril Brine 7, Ronnie Moore 7, Jack Young 7,

Dent Oliver 6, Danny Dunton 5, Vic Duggan 4, Jack Biggs 3, Ron Clarke 3, Arthur Payne 0.

At Wimbledon's 1950 championship round meeting the scores were: Ronnie Moore 15, Split Waterman 7, Danny Dunton 10, Tommy Price 8, Cyril Roger 13, Mike Erskine 10, Norman Parker 11, Derek Close 9, George Wilks 9, Alan Hunt 7, Geoff Pymar 6, Ken Sharples 4, Tommy Miller 4, Eric Chitty 5, Billy Hole 1, Johnny Hole 2.



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I did not see the Birmingham match, being en route for Dublin, but from first-hand accounts newcomer Tommy Miller gave a lively show with 4 hard-earned points from five rides! Derek Close, another new boy, notched 2 points in three outings. The Aussies, with Jack Young unbeaten and Jack Biggs dropping only two points, were wonderfully consistent. Graham Warren also had a good match, which augurs well for the Brummies in their National Trophy tie here on Monday.

There wasn't much racing on Bank Holiday due to the wet, but they were lucky at Exeter where England's Div. III team beat the Swedish tourists in a morning fixture. An expert present reports that Olle Nygren was unbeaten and that several other Swedes were near his class. All they want, apparently, is more experience of our conditions.

*Donald W. Greene*

Many requests have been made for still cheaper photographs. Our photographer will have on sale tonight "snap" size photographs at 4d. each. Albums for these are in course of production.

Collection for St. John Ambulance Brigade amounted to £60 19s. 3d.

## PAST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS:

- 1936 Lionel Van Praag (Australia).
- 1937 Jack Milne (U.S.A.).
- 1938 "Bluey" Wilkinson (Australia).
- 1939 Final not decided.
- 1940-48 No contest.
- 1949 Tommy Price (England).
- 1950 Fred Williams (Wales).

Your 1951 Forecast: .....

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, 20th August at 7.45 p.m.

"Daily Mail" National Trophy

**DONS v. BIRMINGHAM**

ADMISSION PRICES—2/5, 3/-, 4/9. CHILDREN—1/-, 1/6, 2/5.  
SUPPORTERS—2/- to 2/5 Enclosure. 2/5 to 3/- Enclosure. 4/- to 4/9 Grand Stand.  
CAR PARK—Cars 1/- Motor Cycles 6d. Cycles 6d.