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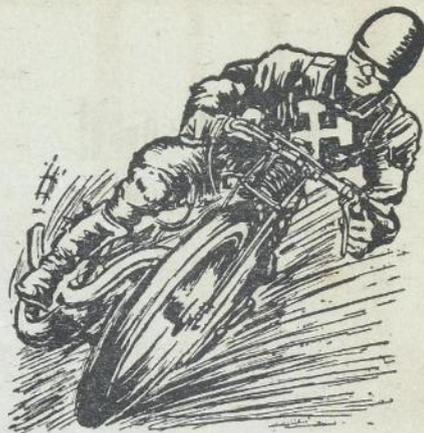
SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

(Championship Round)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th, at 8 p.m.

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Hello Hammers !



ALL our hopes, yours and mine, that the Test Match here on Tuesday week would be the Decider went for a "burton" when the Aussies romped away with the Ashes at Birmingham against a very weak England side. Let's pull down the curtain on this 16 point defeat and hope that the England selectors, in their wisdom, will recognise the undoubted claims of Wally Green and Malcolm Craven to represent their country on their own track. Both of them have been riding consistently well all the season and they, as well as you, have been most disappointed when they have been passed over time and again. After being runner-up for the World's Championship at Wembley last back-end it was, I suppose, only natural to expect Wally to be paid the compliment of a place in the Wembley Test, whilst Malcolm's record this year at Birmingham of 30 points out of a possible 52 (57.6 per cent.) seemed to make him an automatic selection.

Oh well, even if it will not be the Decider we can still look forward to an evening of pomp and panoply and first-class racing, and you will probably have gathered that I attach more importance to the racing than I do to the result. Although you and I like to see the Hammers win—and at home, bless 'em, they nearly always do—I am sure our chief satisfaction comes from watching neck-and-neck racing with everybody having a go and the lead changing several times during a race. With the pick of England and Australia on the track we should be assured of all the thrills we want and it only needs fine weather to guarantee a grand night's sport.

We are out of the London Cup and have almost no chance of winning the League but after the 37 points lead we took to Bradford on Saturday we can have a real go at the National Trophy. I am writing this before the Bradford match but presuming we won on aggregate we shall be meeting New Cross here next Tuesday in the Second Round. We can, of course, retain high hopes that a Hammer may win the World Championship at Wembley this year. I know it is asking a lot to expect a rider to beat 15 other finalists on somebody else's track but some time or other the title will be won by other than a Wembley rider and every Hammer hopes it will be one of our Boys who will do it.

We shall have the opportunity to-night to assess the possibilities of a representative number of Championship Round qualifiers, including our own Aub, Wally, Malcolm and Eric. A good score to-night means half-way to Wembley. All riders have to compete in two meetings and points they score to-night will be carried on to their second meetings, which will be next Saturday for Aub at Birmingham, Wally at Belle Vue, Malcolm at Bradford and August 31st for Eric at Bristol.

The World Championship meeting invariably brings many visiting enthusiasts to West Ham to whom we offer our whole-hearted welcome. Among them will be our guest of the evening, Mr. Charles Eade, Editor of the *Sunday Dispatch*, who will present his newspaper's cheque for £50 to the winning rider. Mr. Eade has always taken a very personal as well as a business interest in Speedway, and the sport generally owes him a big debt of gratitude for his enthusiasm and support.

There seems to be a heated argument going on in *Speedway News* as to whether or not winners' times should be announced by tracks and published in newspaper reports. At the Home of the Hammers we have always believed that our Supporters are an inquisitive bunch and want to know everything, so we make a point of giving both the time and miles per hour of the winner and showing it on the result board as well as announcing it. Personally, just time alone at any track bar West Ham indicates little to me but m.p.h. does and I would like to see it more generally adopted. Your guess is as good as mine why it is not so.

You have probably read somewhere by now that Don Lawson, Aub's 24 year old brother, has now become a Hammer and he'll be as welcome as a bob off the income tax. This is Don's third season over here and he has previously been a popular member of the Newcastle team. In the Australian Tests last winter he was in the team as reserve and with the schooling and encouragement he will get from Captain Aub, he should do well with us. We all wish him all the luck that's going.

Have you brought any new supporters with you to-night to try our Better Racing at Cheaper Prices? Don't forget that you can help to keep the reduced prices in operation.

"THE HAMMER."

West Ham Speedway

Speedway Stadiums (1949) Ltd., London. E.16

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“SUPPORTERS’ NEWS AND VIEWS”

S. A. Knight, Bradford.

Sorry, Mr. Knight, we do not play request records. We miss your support but hope you will soon get over your homesick feeling for the “Hammers.” All Supporters send you good wishes.

Miss V. Colyer, Welling, Kent.

Maurice McDermott is attached to St. Austell so we cannot approach him to ride for West Ham. He has, of course, ridden at Rayleigh and perhaps if an opportunity arises we will give him a booking here. Many thanks for your very nice letter which we appreciated.

Miss E. Springford and T. J. McSweeney, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

Regret delay in answering your letter but space has just not been available. All letters are given very careful consideration. Leg trailers would really be useless on the type of tracks we have to-day. They are too slick. Bikes, too, have altered an awful lot and are not really suited to this style of riding. We hope too that the price reduction may bring more people along to speedway racing. It is surely the best 1s.6d. worth of entertainment anywhere.

Miss M. Feeney, Walthamstow, E.17.

Sorry, you obviously don't understand a joke when you hear one. Benny King was certainly not annoyed.

W. D. Barnard, Ilford.

As we have had so little response with regard to an Outing, I am afraid that we have decided not to run one this season. I think the general public want more for their money these days, although quite honestly I think the racing has been much keener this season. The match against Harringay last week at this track was surely worth seeing. Thanks for your keen interest.

Miss E. Higgs, Dagenham.

I, too, was disappointed with our performance at Harringay, but you can blame the track which had been watered far too much and was, in consequence, exceedingly heavy. You will note that when it began to dry out a bit things did improve. Anyway we know now what to expect next time. We have noted your other remarks and we entirely agree with them. Aub is certainly riding well at the moment. Don't apologise for complaining we like to hear your comments.

G. Wyatt, N.W.1.

Congratulates us for putting down our prices. We, too, hope that it will meet with success. Has enjoyed our meetings and would like us to try four riders from four different teams in the second half one night. I don't think we could get other tracks to work this one with us though. Riders will not ride in handicap races in England, although I believe they do it when abroad. Making up the second half of a programme is not an easy matter as we have certain rules we have to stick by and riders left out are usually very annoyed. We do not have many complaints about our programme; in fact, we consider it one of the best. Sorry you saw the slaughter at Harringay. We found your letter most interesting.

Programme of Events

The "Sunday Dispatch" SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

(Championship Round)

4 Laps Clutch Start on points, first 3 points, second 2 points, third 1 point

Detail	No.	RIDERS	Grid No.	Helmet Colour	1st	2nd	3rd	Points Scored by Riders
1st EVENT Heat 1	1	Eric Williams ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Wilf Jay ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Eric Chitty ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Bob Leverenz ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					R	W	P	
2nd EVENT Heat 2	1	Malcolm Craven ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Ernie Roccio ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Aub Lawson ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Johnny Reason ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					R	B	W	2
3rd EVENT Heat 3	1	Bruce Abernethy ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Trevor Redmond ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Pete Robinson ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Wally Green ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					R	W	Y	3
4th EVENT Heat 4	1	Bill Kemp... ..	(1)	Red				
	2	Son Mitchell ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Junior Bainbridge ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Harry Edwards ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					Y	R	B	
5th EVENT Heat 5	1	Wilf Jay ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Malcolm Craven ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Bruce Abernethy ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Bill Kemp... ..	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					W	B	R	
6th EVENT Heat 6	1	Eric Williams ...	(2)	Red				
	2	Ernie Roccio ...	(1)	Blue				
Time	3	Trevor Redmond ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Son Mitchell ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					R	B	W	
7th EVENT Heat 7	1	Eric Chitty ...	(3)	Red				
	2	Aub Lawson ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Pete Robinson ...	(4)	White				
Speed.....	4	Junior Bainbridge ...	(1)	Yel. & B.				
					B	R	Y	
8th EVENT Heat 8	1	Bob Leverenz ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Johnny Reason ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Wally Green ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Harry Edwards ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					R	W		
9th EVENT Heat 9	1	Wilf Jay ...	(3)	Red				
	2	Ernie Roccio ...	(4)	Blue				
Time	3	Pete Robinson ...	(2)	White				
Speed.....	4	Harry Edwards ...	(1)	Yel. & B.				
					B	V	R	
10th EVENT Heat 10	1	Eric Williams ...	(3)	Red				
	2	Malcolm Craven ...	(4)	Blue				
Time	3	Wally Green ...	(1)	White				
Speed.....	4	Junior Bainbridge ...	(2)	Yel. & B.				
					R	U	B	
11th EVENT Heat 11	1	Wilf Jay ...	(4)	Red				
	2	Aub Lawson ...	(1)	Blue				
Time	3	Wally Green ...	(2)	White				
Speed.....	4	Son Mitchell ...	(3)	Yel. & B.				
					B	W	R	

INTERVAL

Detail	No.	RIDERS	Grid No.	Helmet Colour	1st	2nd	3rd	Points Scored by Riders
12th EVENT Heat 12	1	Bob Leverenz ...	(3)	Red				
	2	Aub Lawson ...	(4)	Blue				
Time	3	Trevor Redmond ...	(1)	White				
Speed.....	4	Bill Kemp... ..	(2)	Yel. & B.				
					B	R	W	
13th EVENT Heat 13	1	Eric Chitty ...	(4)	Red				
	2	Johnny Reason ...	(3)	Blue				
Time	3	Bruce Abernethy ...	(2)	White				
Speed.....	4	Son Mitchell ...	(1)	Yel. & B.				
					W	B	R	
14th EVENT Heat 14	1	Eric Williams ...	(2)	Red				
	2	Johnny Reason ...	(1)	Blue				
Time	3	Pete Robinson ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Bill Kemp... ..	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					B	W	R	
15th EVENT Heat 15	1	Eric Chitty ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Malcolm Craven ...	(3)	Blue				
Time	3	Trevor Redmond ...	(4)	White				
Speed.....	4	Harry Edwards ...	(2)	Yel. & B.				
					B	R	W	
16th EVENT Heat 16	1	Bob Leverenz ...	(2)	Red				
	2	Ernie Roccio ...	(3)	Blue				
Time	3	Bruce Abernethy ...	(4)	White				
Speed.....	4	Junior Bainbridge ...	(1)	Yel. & B.				
					W	B	V	
17th EVENT Heat 17	1	Wilf Jay ...	(1)	Red				
	2	Johnny Reason ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Trevor Redmond ...	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	Junior Bainbridge ...	(4)	Yel. & B.				
					B	Y	W	
18th EVENT Heat 18	1	Eric Williams ...	(4)	Red				
	2	Aub Lawson ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Bruce Abernethy ...	(1)	White				
Speed.....	4	Harry Edwards ...	(3)	Yel. & B.				
					B			
19th EVENT Heat 19	1	Eric Chitty ...	(2)	Red				
	2	Ernie Roccio ...	(4)	Blue				
Time	3	Wally Green ...	(1)	White				
Speed.....	4	Bill Kemp... ..	(3)	Yel. & B.				
20th EVENT Heat 20	1	Bob Leverenz ...	(4)	Red				
	2	Malcolm Craven ...	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	Pete Robinson ...	(1)	White				
Speed.....	4	Son Mitchell ...	(3)	Yel. & B.				

In the event of two or more riders tying on points, a Special Race will be held to decide the winner.

21st EVENT Heat 21	1	.....	(1)	Red				
	2	.....	(2)	Blue				
Time	3	.....	(3)	White				
Speed.....	4	.....	(4)	Yel. & B.				

GOD SAVE THE KING

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Ttl.		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Ttl.
Eric Williams ...								Trevor Redmond							
Wilf Jay ...								Pete Robinson ...							
Eric Chitty ...								Wally Green ...							
Bob Leverenz ...								Bill Kemp ...							
Malcolm Craven								Son Mitchell ...							
Ernie Roccio ...								Junior Bainbridge							
Aub Lawson ...								Harry Edwards							
Johnny Reason ...								Howdy Byford (R)							
Bruce Abernethy								Arthur Atkinson (R)							

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<i>Team</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>Match Pts.</i>
Belle Vue	27	17	1	9	1177½	1087½	35
Wimbledon	27	15	1	11	1173	1093	31
Wembley	20	15	0	5	938	737	30
Harringay	26	14	0	12	1108	1062	28
Bristol	25	12	0	13	1068	1027	24
West Ham	24	11	1	12	1053½	960½	23
Birmingham	24	10	0	14	959	1052	20
Odsal	26	8	0	18	918	1256	16
New Cross	21	6	1	14	818	938	13

The "Sunday Dispatch" WORLD SPEEDWAY RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

By TOM STENNER



With the championship round, the gateway to the final, the *Sunday Dispatch* World Speedway Riders' Championship reaches its most exciting stage. 72 riders compete, 51 qualifiers from the previous round and 21 seeded First Division stars, including Fred Williams, the title holder, and Wally Green and Graham Warren, second and third respectively in last year's final.

Everything points to racing of the highest standard with every competitor out to qualify for the great final at Wembley on September 20th. This year riders compete at two meetings each instead of three as last season, a move that should mean a sharpening of interest and a sharpening of effort too on the riders' part.

The *Sunday Dispatch* World Speedway Riders' Championship provides an all-absorbing topic wherever speedway clans are gathered and the prospects of each and every rider are canvassed and argued over throughout the country. The *Sunday Dispatch* deserves full marks for its unfailing support of speedway racing and

this world title competition provides a rare fillip in these difficult days.

Our sport has no more loyal friend than Mr. Charles Eade, the Editor of the *Sunday Dispatch*, who spares nothing in his efforts to keep the speedway flag flying. Apart from the valuable space allotted in the columns of this great newspaper, Mr. Eade and the senior members of his staff personally visit tracks in all parts of the country, centres as far apart as Glasgow and Exeter and from Norwich cross country to Fleetwood.

The top scorer at each meeting in the championship round receives £50 from the *Sunday Dispatch*, which presents a sum total of £2,000 in prize money.

The 16 highest scorers in this round qualify for the final of which the winner becomes World Champion and receives £500 and the world trophy, the runner-up gets £250 and the third and fourth £140 and £50 respectively.

WEST HAM SPEEDWAY TRACK RECORDS

No. of Laps	Type of Start	Holder	Rider's Home Track	Time (secs.)	Speed (m.p.h.)	Date
Four	Clutch	Cyril Roger	New Cross	74.2	48.51	29. 5.1951
One	Flying	Bluey Wilkinson	West Ham	18.4	48.91	19. 7.1938
		Malcolm Craven	West Ham	18.4	48.91	5. 6.1951
Three	Clutch	Aub Lawson	West Ham	56.8	47.54	29. 5.1951

CUP MATCHES

The annual knock-out battle for the glory of winning the season's crop of trophies is now in full swing, and it becomes impossible to forecast who will be riding against who very far ahead.

The element of uncertainty is grand for the sport, but causes many a headache to those responsible for keeping the fixture list several weeks ahead of the clock. We cannot see beyond next Tuesday ourselves, and so our fixture list is only just up to date. However, we hope to get over this and present the list of our forthcoming fixtures next Tuesday.

WEST HAM SPEEDWAY FIXTURE LIST

Date	Opponent	Event	Venue	Won/Lost	W.H.	Opp.
Tues. 8th May	BIRMINGHAM	National League	HOME	W	54	30
Sat. 12th "	Birmingham	National League	Away	L	31	52
Tues. 15th "	HARRINGAY	National League	HOME	W	50	34
Fri. 18th "	Harringay	National League	Away	L	36	48
Mon. 21st "	Wimbledon	National League	Away	W	44	40
Tues. 22nd "	WIMBLEDON	National League	HOME	W	59	25
Sat. 26th "	Bradford	National League	Away	L	35	50
Tues. 29th "	NEW CROSS	National League	HOME	W	44	40
Wed. 30th "	New Cross	National League	Away	L	41	43
Fri. 1st June	TEST MATCH	HARRINGAY		AUS. 60—ENG. 48		
Sat. 2nd June	Belle Vue	National League	Away	L	33	51
Tues. 5th "	BELLE VUE	National League	HOME	W	51	33
Fri. 8th "	Harringay	National League	Away	L	39	45
Tues. 12th "	BRADFORD	National League	HOME	W	48	36
Sat. 16th "	Belle Vue	National League	Away	D	42	42
Tues. 19th "	BIRMINGHAM	National League	HOME	W	58	26
Thurs. 21st "	Wembley	National League	Away	L	40	44
Mon. 25th "	Wimbledon	National League	Away	L	36	48
Tues. 26th "	WEMBLEY	National League	HOME	L	39	44
Tues. 3rd July	BELLE VUE	National League	HOME	W	54½	29½
Sat. 7th "	Birmingham	National League	Away	L	36	48
Tues. 10th "	2nd & 3rd DIV. STARS (Challenge Match)		HOME	L	40	44
Tues. 17th "	HARRINGAY	National League	HOME	W	53	31
Fri. 20th "	Bristol	National League	Away	L	35	49
Mon. 23rd "	Walthamstow	London Cup	Away	W	53	51
Tues. 24th "	WALTHAMSTOW	London Cup	HOME	W	78	29
Tues. 31st "	HARRINGAY	London Cup	HOME	W	57	51
Fri. 3rd Aug.	Harringay	London Cup	Away	L	42	65
Tues. 7th "	BRADFORD	National Trophy	HOME	W	72	35
Sat. 11th "	Bradford	National Trophy	Away	—	—	—

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