

# NEW CROSS

SUNDAY DISPATCH



World  
Speedway  
Championship

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359th MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th 1952, at 7.45 p.m.

*Souvenir Programme*

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FRED MOCKFORD.

# BETWEEN OURSELVES

## "UP THE RANGERS"

### THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" WORLD'S SPEEDWAY RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

With the staging of the eighth Championship Round at New Cross tonight the "Sunday Dispatch" World Championship reaches a vital stage.

The 80 contenders on senior tracks for speedway's richest prize are being slowly whittled down and we shall soon all know who the exalted 16 will be to contest the final at Wembley on September 18th next.

To the "Sunday Dispatch" and its popular Editor, Mr. Charles Eade, speedway owes a debt of gratitude. Apart from presenting over £2,000 in cash awards and the magnificent championship trophy for the World title competition, this great newspaper has backed speedway with an enthusiasm that has put our sport on a par with football.

Tonight we welcome to the home of the Rangers, Mr. Pat Reekie, the famous columnist and Sports Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch" who will present the winning rider with a cheque for 50 guineas.

There have been surprises and to quote the experts "it will be a funny old final." Jack Biggs, who finished third last year, has been knocked out. Jack Parker, Belle Vue's ever-green captain and regular performer in the final, has also fallen by the wayside. Our own Cyril has carved himself a place by scoring 25 points out of a possible 30, he has done extremely well and his chance must not be overlooked. Ronnie Moore, Arthur Forrest and Trevor Redmond have made certain of a place and I am thinking there will be a definite youthful flavour about the 1952 final. Every point scored by the contestants tonight is vital and I for one would not like to attempt to forecast the ultimate winner of the "Sunday Dispatch" 50 guineas cheque.

Our representatives, Eric French and Bert Roger, will be making their final bid for a place in the final. Both rode on Saturday, Eric at Birmingham and Bert at Norwich. They will meet tough opposition in Jeff Lloyd who scored 14 points at Wembley and Ron How who notched the same score at Belle Vue.

Of the sixteen engaged tonight only Split Waterman (Harringay) and Bruce Semmens (Ashfield), have another round in which to compete. Split did not enjoy the best of luck when riding for England here in the Test Match last week and will have to do much better on this occasion if he is to qualify.

Motherwell's representative, Derek Close, who took 12 points at Belle Vue and is rated by some as the outstanding second division rider, will also take a lot of beating.

I forecast that tonight's round will provide some the best racing seen in the rounds and wish all the competitors their fair share of luck that is going. May the best man win.

Here are the points already scored by the riders competing tonight, and I still believe those scoring 22 points will be in the final.

ERIC FRENCH ... ..	4	BERT ROGER ... ..	9
JEFF LLOYD ... ..	14	GRAHAM WARREN ... ..	13
GEORGE WILKS ... ..	9	RON MOUNTFORD ... ..	11
GEORGE WALL ... ..	3	RON HOW ... ..	14
NOBBY STOCK ... ..	6	JOCK GRIERSON ... ..	4
VIC EMMS ... ..	6	LES HEWITT ... ..	5
DEREK CLOSE ... ..	12	JIM GREGORY ... ..	3

# NEW CROSS SPEEDWAY

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**Dr W. MITCHELL**

Announcer  
**MAURICE JARDINE**

Clerk of the Course: **FRED MOCKFORD, G.M.**

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

## PROGRAMME

of the

## "Sunday Dispatch"

# SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD 1952

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

### THE COMPETING RIDERS

No.	Rider	Country	Track	Division
1	Nobby Stock**	England	Harringay	I
2	Jock Grierson**	England	Leicester	II
3	Vic Emms**	England	Coventry	II
4	Eric French*	England	New Cross	I
5	Split Waterman*	England	Harringay	I
6	Ron How**	England	Harringay	I
7	Derek Close**	England	Motherwell	II
8	Jeff Lloyd**	England	Harringay	I
9	Bert Roger*	England	New Cross	I
10	Ron Mountford**	England	Birmingham	I
11	Jim Gregory**	England	Oxford	II
12	Les Hewitt**	Australia	Coventry	II
13	George Wall**	England	Plymouth	II
14	Bruce Semmens**	England	Ashfield	II
15	George Wilks**	England	Wembley	I
16	Graham Warren*	Australia	Birmingham	I

*Note:* The numbers above refer to the numbers the riders will be wearing on their riding colours. Reserve riders for the meeting are:—Bill Longley and Bob Roger (New Cross).

\* Seeded Rider.

\*\* Qualified from International Qualifying Round.

### STARTING POSITIONS

The letter against each rider's name indicates his starting position, A being No. 1, B No. 2, C No. 3, D No. 4.

## BETTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

# SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

## INTERNATIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND 1952

Four Laps. Clutch Start. Meeting decided on Race Points: 1st—3; 2nd—2; 3rd—1. Riders are identified by Helmet Colours and Riding Numbers.

Heat	RIDERS	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Remarks
1 Time 59.0	(A) Nobby Stock ... (B) Jock Grierson ... (C) Vic Emms... ... (D) Eric French ...	Red Blue White Yellow		Y W B	
2 Time 59.4	(A) Split Waterman ... (C) Ron How ... (B) Derek Close ... (D) Jeff Lloyd ...	Red Blue White Yellow		R W B	
3 Time 59.2	(C) Bert Roger ... (A) Ron Mountford ... (B) Jim Gregory ... (D) Les Hewitt ...	Red Blue White Yellow		R B W	
4 Time 59.8	(D) George Wall ... (B) Bruce Semmens ... (A) George Wilks ... (C) Graham Warren ...	Red Blue White Yellow		W Y B	
5 Time 58.6	(B) Nobby Stock ... (C) Split Waterman ... (D) Bert Roger ... (A) George Wall ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B W R	
6 Time 58.0	(C) Jock Grierson ... (D) Ron How ... (B) Ron Mountford ... (A) Bruce Semmens ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B Y R	
7 Time 59.6	(D) Vic Emms... ... (C) Derek Close ... (A) Jim Gregory ... (B) George Wilks ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B Y R	
8 Time 58.6	(A) Eric French ... (B) Jeff Lloyd ... (C) Les Hewitt ... (D) Graham Warren ...	Red Blue White Yellow		R B Y	
9 Time 58.8	(C) Nobby Stock ... (A) Ron How ... (D) Jim Gregory ... (B) Graham Warren ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B Y R	
10 Time 59.0	(D) Jock Grierson ... (B) Split Waterman ... (A) Les Hewitt ... (C) George Wilks ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B W R	
11 Time 59.2	(C) Vic Emms... ... (A) Jeff Lloyd ... (B) Bert Roger ... (D) Bruce Semmens ...	Red Blue White Yellow		W B R	
12 Time 59.0	(B) Eric French ... (D) Derek Close ... (C) Ron Mountford ... (A) George Wall ...	Red Blue White Yellow		R B Y	

Heat	RIDERS	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Remarks
13 Time 58.6	(D) Nobby Stock ... (A) Derek Close ... (B) Les Hewitt ... (C) Bruce Semmens ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B W R	
14 Time 58.6	(A) Jock Grierson ... (C) Jeff Lloyd ... (D) Jim Gregory ... (B) George Wall ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B R W	
15 Time 59.0	(B) Vic Emms... ... (D) Split Waterman ... (C) Ron Mountford ... (A) Graham Warren ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B Y R	
16 Time 58.4	(C) Eric French ... (B) Ron How ... (A) Bert Roger ... (D) George Wilks ...	Red Blue White Yellow		W B R	
17 Time 60.2	(A) Nobby Stock ... (B) Jeff Lloyd ... (D) Ron Mountford ... (C) George Wilks ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B W R	
18 Time 60.2	(B) Jock Grierson ... (C) Derek Close ... (A) Bert Roger ... (D) Graham Warren ...	Red Blue White Yellow		W Y B	
19 Time 59.2	(A) Vic Emms... ... (D) Ron How ... (B) Lew Hewitt ... (C) George Wall ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B R W	
20 Time 58.4	(D) Eric French ... (A) Split Waterman ... (C) Jim Gregory ... (B) Bruce Semmens ...	Red Blue White Yellow		B R W	

Presentation of the "Sunday Dispatch" £50 cheque

by

PAT REEKIE

Sports Editor of the "Sunday Dispatch".

### INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

Rider	1	2	3	4	5	Tot.	Rider	1	2	3	4	5	Tot.
1 Nobby Stock	-	1	1	1	1	4	10 Ron Mountford	2	-	-	-	-	2
2 Jock Grierson	1	1	1	2	-	5	11 Jim Gregory	1	-	-	1	1	3
3 Vic Emms	2	1	1	1	2	7	12 Les Hewitt	-	-	2	2	1	5
4 Eric French	3	3	3	1	2	12	13 George Wall	-	-	1	-	-	1
5 Split Waterman	3	3	3	3	3	15	14 Bruce Semmens	1	2	-	-	-	3
6 Ron How	1	3	3	2	3	12	15 George Wilks	3	2	-	-	-	5
7 Derek Close	2	3	2	3	1	11	16 Graham Warren	2	1	2	2	2	9
8 Jeff Lloyd	-	2	2	3	3	10	17 Bill Longley	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Bert Roger	3	2	3	3	3	14	18 Bob Roger	2	-	-	-	-	-

# INTRODUCING TO YOU



**DEREK CLOSE**  
Motherwell



**ERIC FRENCH**  
New Cross



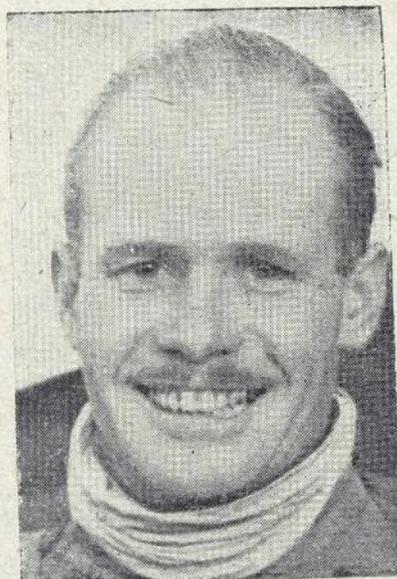
**LES HEWITT**  
Coventry



**BERT ROGER**  
New Cross



**VIC EMMS**  
Coventry



**GEORGE WALL**  
Plymouth



**JOCK GRIERSON**  
Leicester

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**Wednesday Night is THE Speedway Night**

## FIREWORKS AND BRADFORD HERE NEXT WEEK

After our hectic National Trophy, Test and tonight's championship we return to the thrills of league racing and our opponents on Wednesday night next will be Bradford. We will not have the pleasure of seeing their leg trailer Oliver Hart in action, for Oliver is still an inmate of a Leeds Hospital where he is recovering from some serious injuries. I fear that we shall never see this popular thrill provider in action again on the tracks, for before his accident Oliver told me that he would retire at the end of this season.

However, with Eddie Rigg, Arthur Forrest, Arthur Wright and Jack Hughes, the Tudors are capable of putting up a strong resistance against us and I do not anticipate the Rangers having all their own way.

To wind up next Wednesday's meeting we shall stage our first firework display of the season which will be put on as usual by Brocks, of Crystal Palace fame. So here's an opportunity to give yourself and the children a treat.

## SUNDAY AT EYNSFORD

Are you doing anything on Sunday next, 31st? If not what could be better than to come along and see the boys and the gentlemen of the Press with whom they join forces to take on the Eynsford Cricket Club. Those of you who have made the trip before know just how enjoyable it is to spend a day at one of Kent's delightful spots. All the boys have promised to turn up and I am hoping to introduce Sune to his first game of cricket.

Eynsford is situated one mile from Farningham and the ground is just over the Old Bridge on the right. The match is due to commence at 2 p.m. Included in our team we shall have Eric, Merv assures me he will be fit, Bert and Bill, Jack Young tells me he is butting in again. Then there will be George Casey, Sports Editor Sunday Pictorial, Don. Clarke, Bobbie Needham, George Barker, Len Went and the England and Surrey fast bowler Alf Gover, and do not forget there is a silver collection in aid of the Speedway Riders' Benevolent Fund and the local cricket club.

## OUR ALL-STAR CHARITY CONCERT

On Sunday, September 7th next at 7 p.m. I am presenting an All-Star Charity Concert at New Cross Empire in aid of St. John Ambulance Brigade. The whole of the proceeds being devoted to the local division who give their services here every Wednesday for our benefit.

It needs no words of mine to tell you the grand job of work these ladies and gentlemen do for us and I hope you will reciprocate by coming along. I can assure you you will have a really enjoyable Sunday evening. Seats are now bookable from the Box Office, New Cross Empire, Tideway 3891, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The prices of admission are:—

Fauteuils	...	...	...	10/-, 5/- and 3/6d.
Stalls	...	...	...	2/6d.
Grand Circle	...	...	...	5/- and 3/6.
Upper Circle	...	...	...	2/- (not bookable in advance).

Doors open at 6.30 p.m.

## ANNUAL OUTING

The Supporters' Club Outing will take place on Sunday, September 21st, to Margate. The return coach fare being 7/6d., children up to three years of age carried free on their parents laps, children from three to twelve, three children for the price of two seats.

You can book your seats tonight after the meeting with any member of the Supporters' Club Committee at the turnstiles nearest the main entrance. You can pay the full amount or you can pay a deposit and then weekly payments.

Your Committee have not made any arrangements for meals at Margate, leaving it entirely to yourselves, but we have arranged for the coaches to go back via Ramsgate to see the illuminations. I understand these are very pretty and worth seeing.

By the way the coaches will leave outside the main entrance at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 21st.

I'll be seeing you all next Wednesday at 7.45 p.m.

*Red Lockford.*

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## HOME FIXTURES IN HEAVY FACE TYPE

DAY	DATE	EVENT	OPPONENT	SCORE	
				For	Agst.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	Aug 27	<b>WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Thursday,	„ 28	National League ...	Wembley ...		
Monday,	Sept. 1	National League ...	Wimbledon ...		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	„ 3	„ „ ...	<b>BRADFORD</b> ...		
Saturday,	„ 6	„ „ ...	Birmingham ...		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	„ 10	„ „ ...	<b>HARRINGAY</b> ...		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	„ 17	<b>NO MEETING</b> ...			
Thursday,	„ 18	World's Championship—Final			
Monday,	„ 22	National League ...	Wimbledon ...		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	„ 24	„ „ ...	<b>BELLE VUE</b> ...		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ,	Oct. 1	„ „ ...	<b>NORWICH</b> ...		

## ABANDON MEETING

Should it be necessary, owing to any cause whatsoever, to abandon a Meeting before the sixth event re-admission tickets will be issued to Patrons of the 1/9 and 2/3 enclosure, 2/9 and 3/3 enclosure. These tickets will be available for free admission within four weeks of day of issue, excluding a Test Match, International Contest, or Cup Final, or for the replay of a Match abandoned, irrespective of when it takes place.

Owing to advance bookings, re-admission tickets cannot be issued to Patrons of the 3/9 and 5/- Stands, and a cash refund is given in respect of these Stands.

The Staff of No. 1 (Prince of Wales) District St. John Ambulance Brigade are in attendance.

Gramophone records played tonight supplied by A. T. Furlong & Sons, 40-42 Deptford Bridge, S.E.8. Telephone TIDeway 1189.

**Decca records can be obtained from A. T. Furlong & Sons, including the new long playing records**

For all Speedway news and reports of our meetings the following weekly Speedway Journals are obtainable every Wednesday, price 6d.:—

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 “SPEEDWAY STAR”  
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