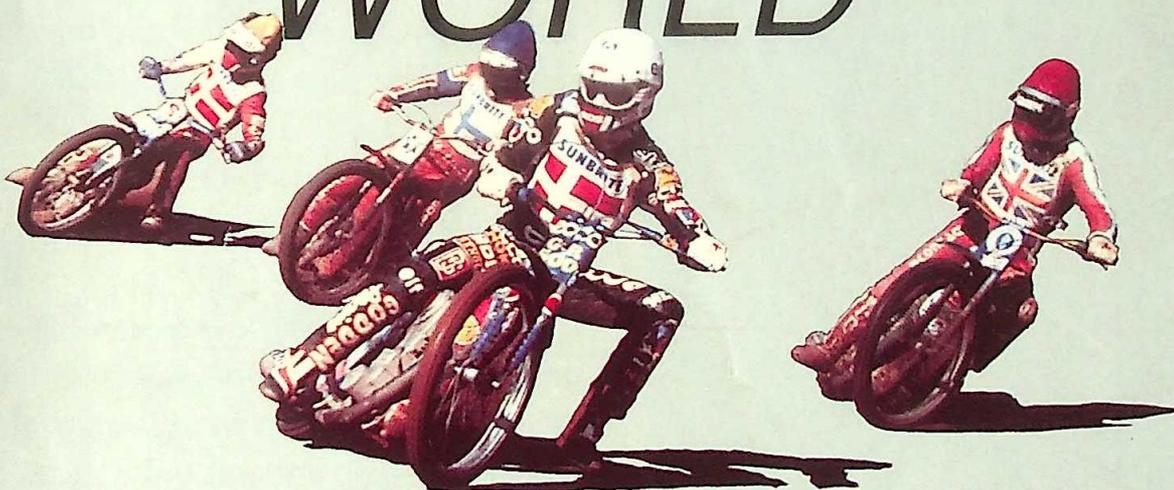


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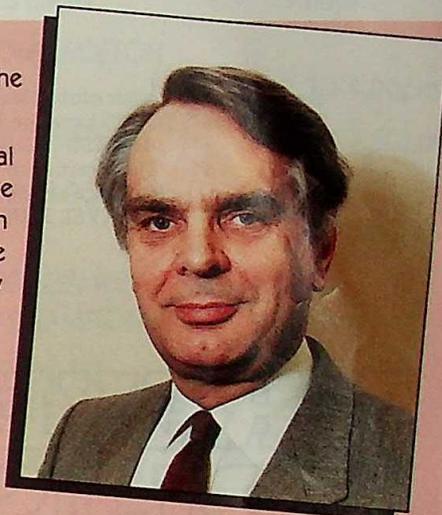
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Tonight we also reserve a very special welcome to a host of former World Champions who have agreed to be our guests. I am sure they will all forgive me if I mention only one of their number - Erik Gundersen.

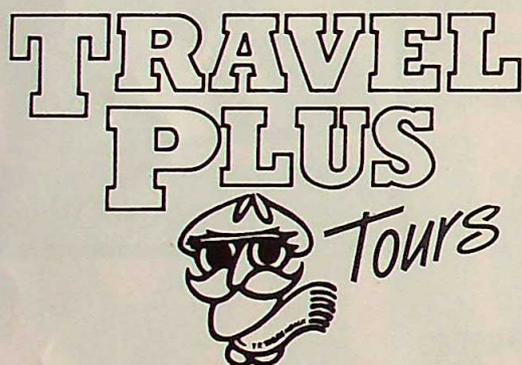
The three-time World Champion came here full of optimism almost a year ago when he led Denmark in defence of their World Team Cup crown.

That event was marred by an horrific first race crash which saw Erik so seriously injured that he spent several weeks on a life support machine and eventually forced him to announce his retirement.

It is wonderful to see him here today - and I am sure he will join me in offering our public thanks to all those people - medical and otherwise - who played such an important part in his eventual recovery.

I am certain that whoever is crowned 1990 World Champion tonight - whether it be a fourth win for Hans Nielsen or a first victory from one of his rivals - he will more than live up to the reputations of his predecessors.

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TURNSTILES OPEN	3.00pm
WARBURTON'S BOLTON BAND	3.30-4.00pm
GYMNASTICS DISPLAY	4.20-4.50pm
WARBURTON'S BOLTON BAND	5.10-5.30pm
PARADE OF FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS	5.35pm
PRESENTATION TO TONIGHT'S RIDERS	5.50pm
PARADE OF RIDERS	6.00pm
FIRST RACE	7.00pm
PRESENTATION	9.30pm

Throughout the band's history there have been many contest wins, including Bolton Brass Entertainment contest in 1986, Manchester and District Association Championship for 1986-87 and most recently, for the first time in their history, they have won through to the National Brass Band finals to be held in London in October.

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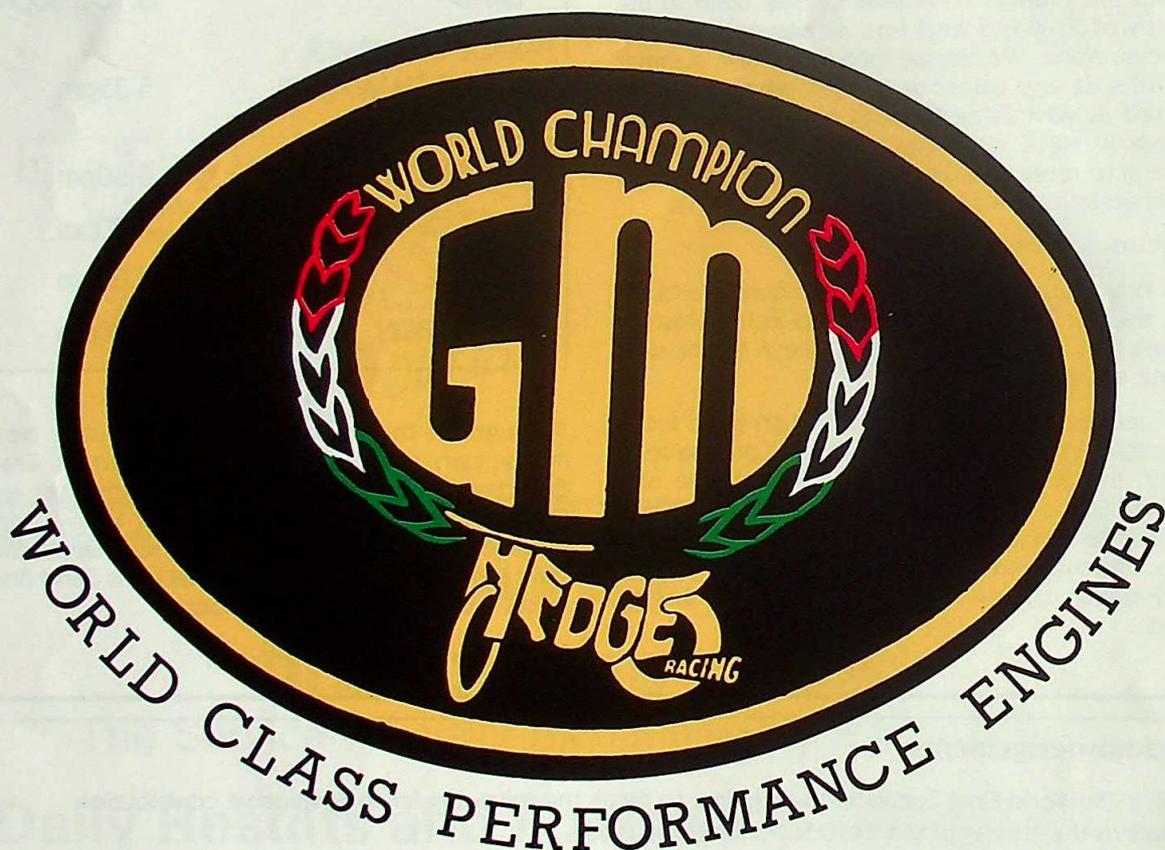
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Hans Nielsen



Born: December 26, 1959, Arrentsminde, Denmark.

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That's not the only piece of history he can claim - he would become the most decorated Danish World Finalist (a fourth win compared with three each for Ole Olsen and Erik Gundersen) and would edge closer to the all-time record, currently held at six by Ivan Mauger.

Remarkable isn't it for a rider the critics said didn't have the right temperament to win the richest prize of all when he was twice edged out into the runners-up birth by fellow countryman Erik Gundersen.

Now Nielsen is on the verge of true greatness and it will be one of the major upsets of all time if he doesn't clinch the title at the track where he has yet to claim a major title.

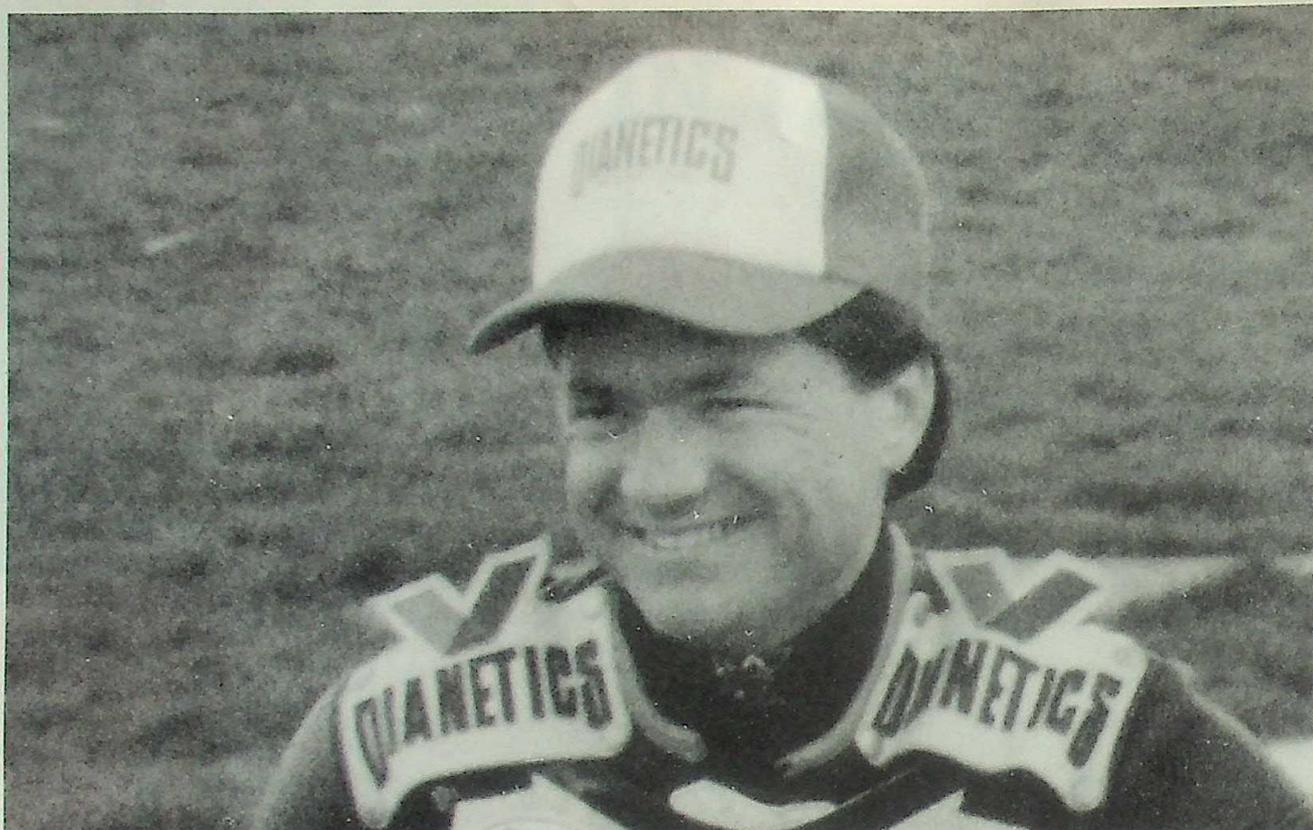
But then, there have been similar shocks in the past!

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1984,	13 points,	second
Ten previous appearances	1985,	13 points,	second
1980, 7 points, eleventh	1986,	14 points,	first
1981, 6 points, ninth	1987,	27 points,	first
1982, 8 points, seventh	1988,	14 points,	second
1983, 9 points, seventh	1989,	15 points,	first



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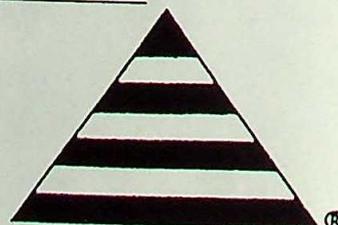
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Armando Castagna



Born: September 22, 1963, Arzignano, Italy

It is something of a miracle that Armando Castagna is on parade in his second Bradford World Final.

There were many who had written off his career when he suffered a badly broken leg last summer while riding for his Italian club against his Sunbrite League side Reading.

That injury ruled him out of last year's Continental Final but he has come back defiantly despite turning his back on British speedway.

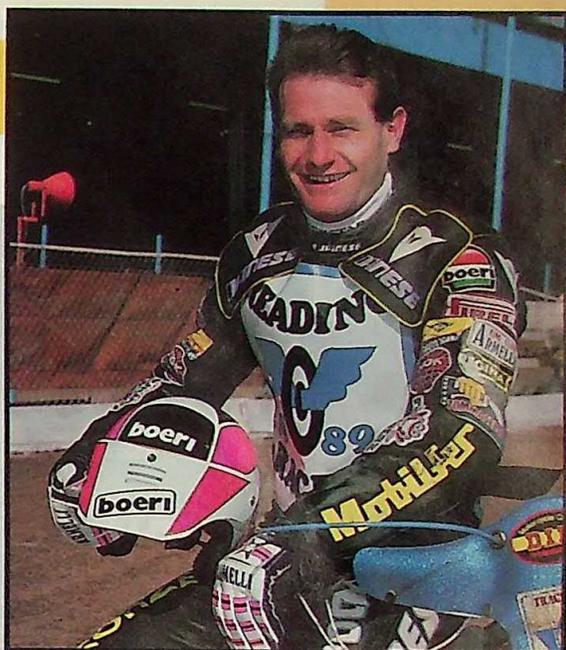
He has been approached by several Sunbrite League clubs and also had offers from National League Rye House and Peterborough but turned them down because of his busy weekend Continental commitments.

He has firmly established himself as Italy's greatest ever speedway rider and demonstrated his universal talent when he spent the whole of 1987 with Ipswich, averaging 8 points a meeting through a British League campaign.

He has never quite maintained that standard, mainly because of the problems of fulfilling commitments in more than one country, and he must be disappointed with his own performances in his two previous World Finals.

But he has remained Italian number one, winning the national title four times in the eighties.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1985,	4 points,	thirteenth
Two previous appearances	1986,	2 points	fifteenth



ARMANDO CASTAGNA





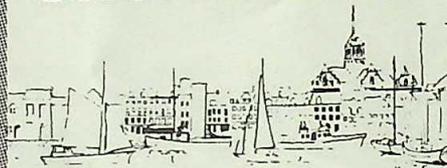
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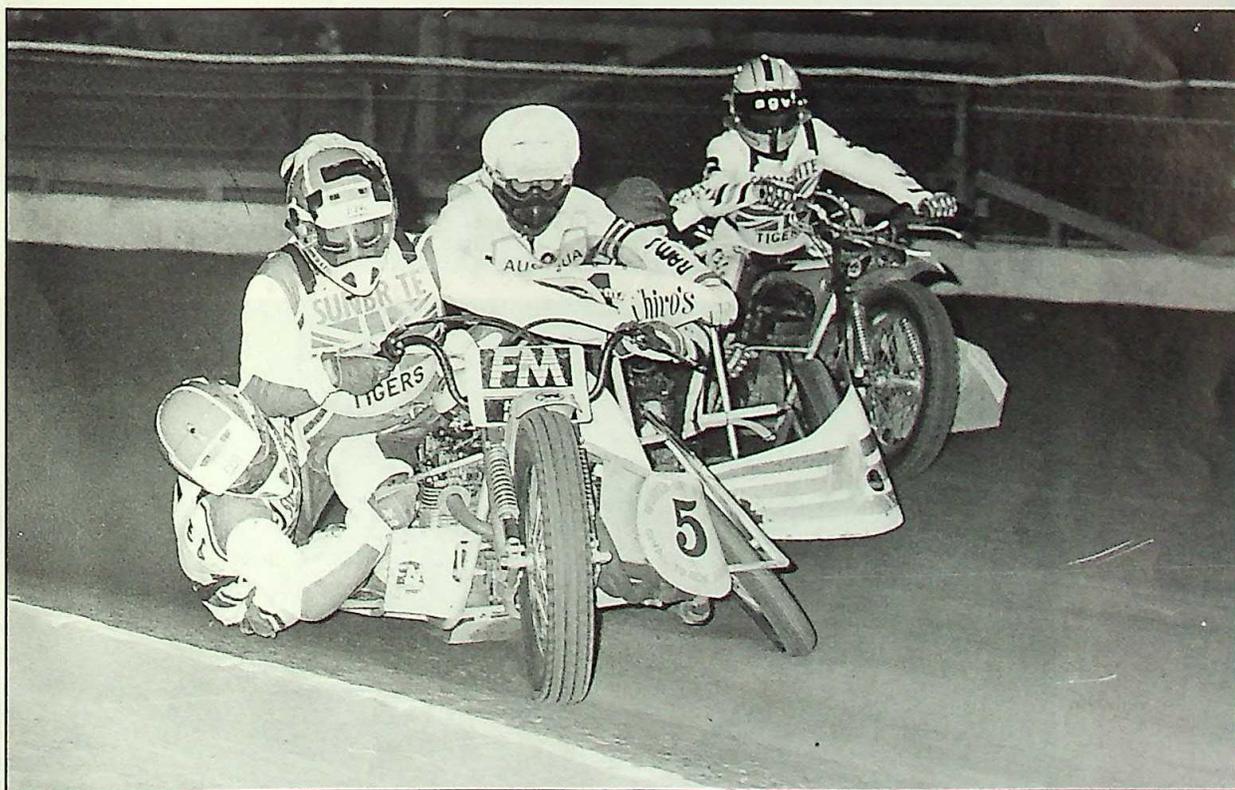
There has been sponsorship of athletics at Steve Cram's club Gateshead and cycle road racing around the country.

CPL is a great admirer and supporter of the Spinal Injuries Association, which does so much to rehabilitate those with spinal cord injuries. For the past two years CPL has been delighted to sponsor a race at the annual charity meeting at Doncaster, helping to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

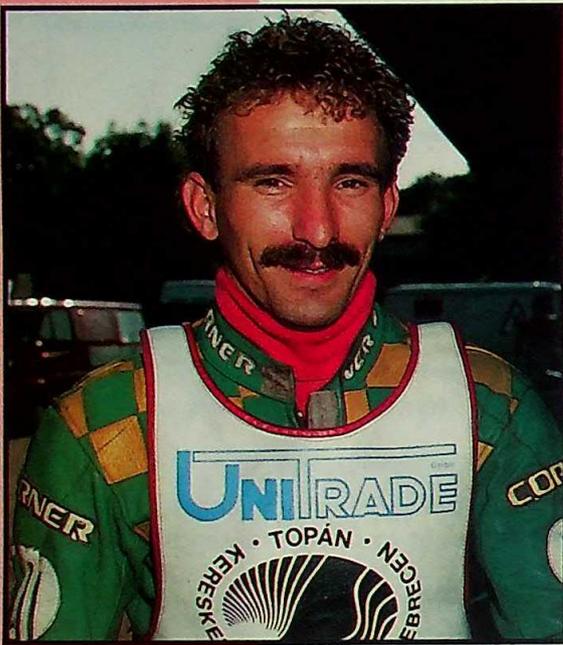
CPL likes to feel that participation in events such as these gives enjoyment to many thousands of sports fans up and down the country... and if that means more sales for its products, well that's good news as well.



CPL sponsor a race at Doncaster's annual charity meeting.



CPL's speedway sponsorship also extends to England's sidecar speedway team, the Sunbrite Tigers.



Zoltán Adorján



Born: November 15, 1961, Debrecen, Hungary

Zoltán Adorján shocked the speedway world with a five-star performance in this year's World Pairs Final with victories over seven of his World Final rivals.

In his first four races at Landshut the only rider to beat him was World Champion Hans Nielsen and that wasn't simply an inspired flash-in-the-pan performance.

He has been a consistent scorer in World Championship events and finished runner-up to Nielsen in this year's Champions Cup, a competition embracing the national champions from 16 different speedway nations.

Bradford's steep banking should appeal to him and he has already sampled the track in the 1988 World Pairs when he was, again impressive, against a top-class field.

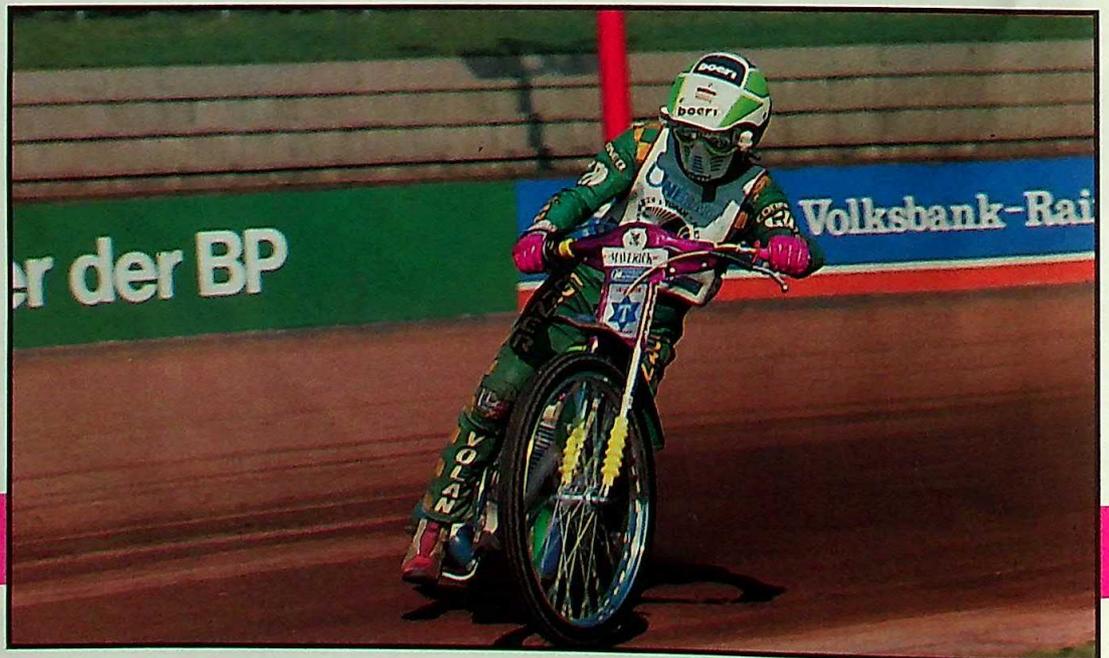
If there is to be a major shock on the rostrum then don't count out Adorján for one of the major placings as he has fast bikes, a shrewd tactical brain and he will charge in where angels fear to tread.

Surprisingly he is the only Hungarian survivor in this year's individual race although the Magyars actually had four qualifiers through to the Continental Final.

He has won the Hungarian national championship five times in the the last six seasons and is currently leading this year's competition by a clear four points after winning two of the three rounds with 15 point maximums.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1985,	2 points,	fourteenth
Two previous appearances	1989,	4 points,	fifteenth

ZOLTAN ADORJAN



Martin Dugard



Born May 18, 1969, Worthing, England

Martin Dugard comes from a family steeped in speedway folklore,

His grandfather Charlie was a pioneer rider and a dominant figure in the sport straddling the Second World War.

He had spells as promoter at Hastings and then Eastbourne - a venue where Martin started riding when he was a toddler and which is still owned by the family.

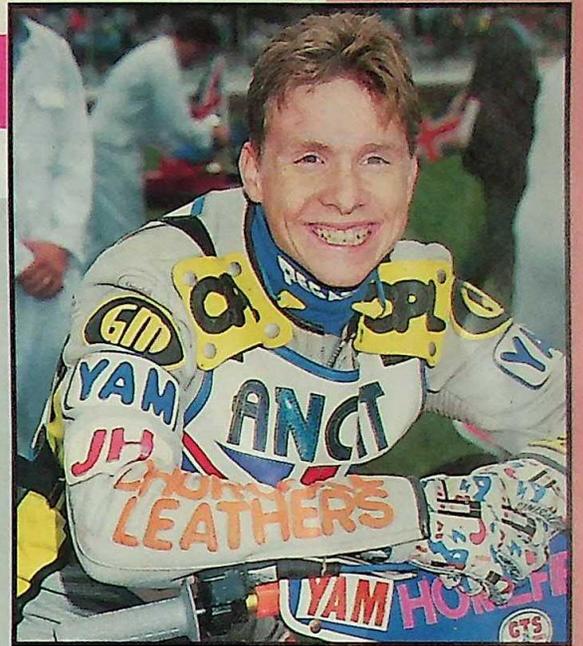
Martin's father Bob was a rider and so were his two uncles John and Eric - although none of them have ever graced a World Final.

While Martin obviously began riding with all the advantages he has shown a dedicated professionalism to making progress within the sport and has displayed his bravery for most of this season by riding while suffering from a variety of injuries.

He was British Under-21 Champion last year - winning the title on the family track - and he has fast developed into a reliable heat leader at Oxford where he has studied and learned from World Champion Hans Nielsen.

He is in line to help England defend their World Team Cup at Pardubice, Czechoslovakia.

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MARTIN DUGARD





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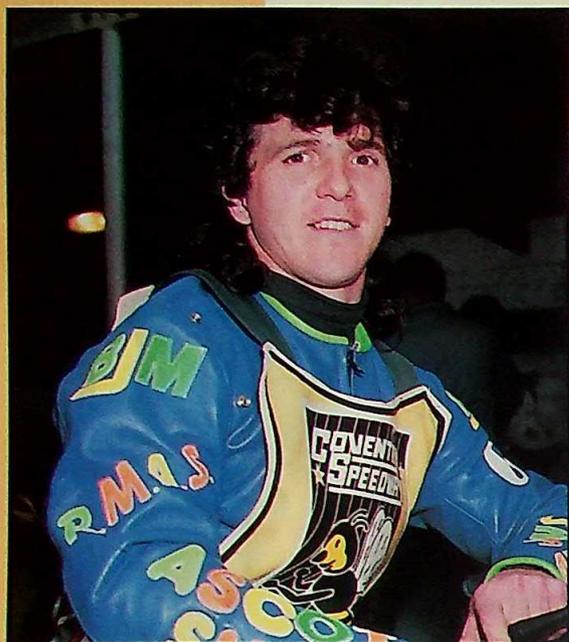
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Roman Matousek



Born: May 23, 1964, Slany, Czechoslovakia

Roman Matousek is known as The Wild Man of the Tracks. And not without reason but he has one of the most flamboyant styles in the sport.

But he also has considerable ability as he has established himself as Czechoslovakia's number one in recent seasons, taking over the unofficial title from Antonin Kasper although he has a relatively unimpressive record in the national championships.

His only victory in the competition was in 1988 and he has, by and large, had to play second fiddle to Kasper although he has shown flashes of true genius during spells in England with, initially, Ipswich and, latterly Coventry.

He joined the Bees midway through last season and was re-engaged this year although he has yet to display any real consistency in the tough world of the Sunbrite League.

There are those within the sport - both in England and Czechoslovakia - who believe that if he applied himself a little more to speedway then he could go onto to become his country's best-ever rider although it seems doubtful if he can adjust his lifestyle sufficiently at this stage of his career.

He is one of the strongest men in speedway - evidence of which came after the recent World Pairs Final when he won an all-comers competition in arm wrestling in a beer tent alongside the Landshut track!

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1987,	8 points,	fourteenth
Three previous appearances	1988,	8 points,	seventh
	1989,	5 points,	tenth

ROMAN MATOUSEK



Todd Wiltshire



Born September 26, 1968, Bankstown, Australia

Todd Wiltshire is the sensation of the 1990 season....

A year ago no-one would have given him a chance of qualifying for his first World Final - and even when the British season opened in March few would have fancied his chances of getting this far.

He figured in a late transfer move from National League Wimbledon to Reading after being virtually ignored by every other track during the winter when he made no secret of his desire to step up into the Sunbrite League.

He had been a impressive starter with Wimbledon in 1989 but there were huge question marks over his ability to withstand the pressure when the going got tough.

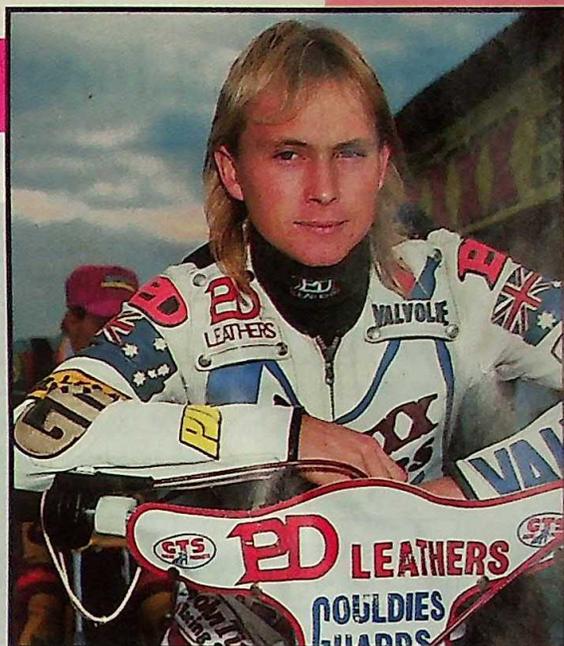
He's proved all those doubters so wide of the mark with a string of superb performances this year, culminating in the World Pairs Final when he was the most impressive rider on show and only lost out on a gold medal through inexperience.

He has also displayed the courage to race in the Inter Continental Final little more than two weeks after breaking his collar bone and he has been tipped by such an influential figure as four-time World Champion Barry Briggs as a title-winner of the future.

Yes, he could so easily have missed out of the World Championship this season but for Australia's European team manager James Easter controversially seeding him through to the Commonwealth Final even though he had missed the re-arranged Australian Final to honour his commitment at a family wedding.

Ironically Easter was the subject of a vote of no confidence in Australia for his decision in seeding Wiltshire rather than nominating third in the national final Stephen Davies!

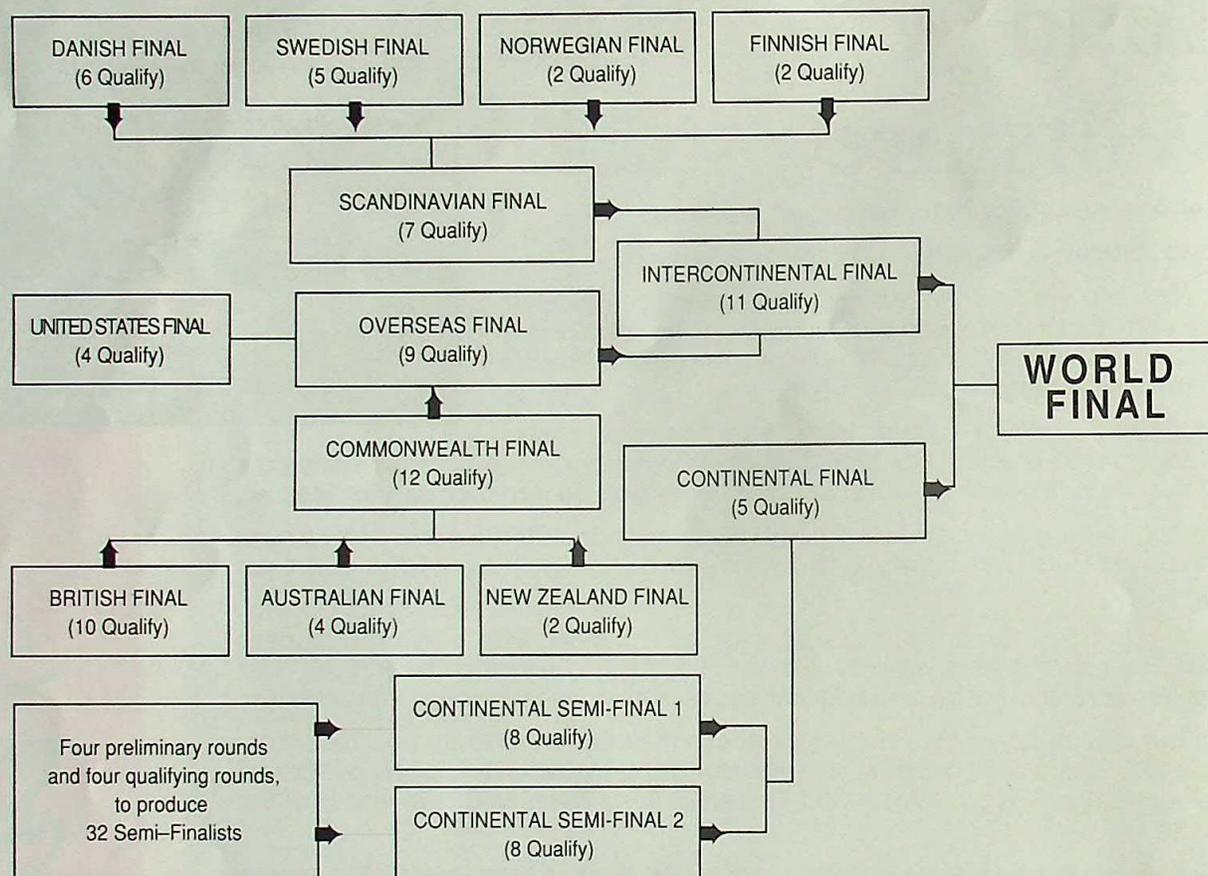
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TODD WILTSHIRE



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Leigh Adams, Troy Butler and Todd Wiltshire were seeded to the Commonwealth Final.

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ANCIT COMMONWEALTH FINAL

(Belle Vue, Sunday 10 June)

Kelvin Tatum 14, **Martin Dugard 13**, **Simon Cross 12**, **Jeremy Doncaster 11**, **Richard Knight 11**, **Todd Wiltshire 10**, **Gary Havelock 8**, **Leigh Adams 8**, **David Bargh 6**, **Simon Wigg 6**, **Mark Loram 6**, **Troy Butler 5**, John Davis 5, Graham Jones 3, Glenn Doyle 3, Gary Allan 0.

AMERICAN FINAL

(Long Beach, California, Sunday 2 June)

Shawn Moran 18, **Billy Hamill 18**, **Rick Miller 18**, **Greg Hancock 18**, Ronnie Correy 16, Kelly Moran 16, Bobby Schwartz 14, Mike Faria 12, Robert Pftzing 12, Lance King 11, Steve Lucero 8, Jim Sisemore 8, Josh Larsen 7, Brad Oxley 5, Tony Biernert 5, Charles Ermolenko 3, Shawn McConnel, reserve,3, Ed Castro 3, Sam Ermolenko 2, Don Odom, reserve, 2, John Kehoe (Canada)1, Fred Legault (Canada)0.

HOMEFIRE OVERSEAS FINAL

(Coventry, Sunday 24 June)

Jeremy Doncaster 15, Todd Wiltshire 13, Shawn Moran 10, Ronnie Correy 9, Martin Dugard 9, Kelvin Tatum 8, Rick Miller 8, Simon Cross 7, Troy Butler 7, Richard Knight 6, Gary Havelock 6, Mark Loram 6, Simon Wigg 6, Leigh Adams 5, Billy Hamill 4, David Bargh 1. Greg Hancock withdrew because of injury.

DANISH FINAL

(Holsted, Sunday 20 May)

Jan O. Pedersen 13, Hans Nielsen 12, Bo Petersen 11, Jens Henry Nielsen 11, Jan Petersen 10, Brian Karger 10, John Jorgensen 10, Gert Handberg 10, Per Sørensen 6, Henrik Kristensen 5, Ole Hansen 5, Allan Jensen 4, Peter Ravn 4, Kenneth Arnfred 3, John Eskildsen 3, Jens Peter Nielsen 3, John Pedersen, reserve, 0.

SWEDISH FINAL

(Held over three meetings, overall scores)

Per Jonsson 38, Jimmy Nilsen 34, Dennis Löfqvist 34, Henrik Gustafsson 33, Conny Ivarsson 33, Peter Nahlin 32, Niklas Karlsson 25, Tony Richardsson 21, Peter Karlsson 20, Erik Stenlund 17, Mikael Teurnberg 15, Claes Ivarsson 14, Mikael Rittervall 14, Tony Olsson 10, Kenneth Lindby 8, Stefan Dannö 6, Krister Karlsson, reserve, 3, Kenneth Nyström, reserve, 1.

FINLAND

Olli Tyrvaïnen and Kai Niemi were seeded to the Scandinavian Final. Vesa Ylinen to the pre-meeting race-off.

NORWAY

Einar Kyllingstad and Arnt Førland were seeded to the Scandinavian Final. Lars Gunnestad to the pre-meeting race-off.

SCANDINAVIAN FINAL

(Linköping, Sweden, Saturday 9 June)

Jan O. Pedersen 14, Per Jonsson 12, Henrik Gustafsson 11, Conny Ivarsson 11, Jimmy Nilsen 11, Hans Nielsen 11, Dennis Löfqvist 9, Brian Karger 9, Bo Petersen 6, Kai Niemi 6, Peter Nahlin 5, Einar Kyllingstad 5, Jens Henry

Nielsen 3, Jan Pedersen 2, Arnt Førland 2, Olli Tyrvaïnen 2, Vesa Ylinen, reserve, 1, John Jorgensen, reserve, 0.

A qualifying race was held after practice on Friday 8 June for the 16th qualifying place in the meeting, won by Peter Nahlin (Sweden). Vesa Ylinen (Finland) finished second and John Jorgensen (Denmark) finished third to qualify as reserves. Lars Gunnestad did not qualify.

INTER-CONTINENTAL FINAL

(Fjeldsted, Denmark, Sunday 12 August)

Shawn Moran 14, Per Jonsson 12, Hans Nielsen 11, Jan O Pedersen 11 Rick Miller 10, Kelvin Tatum 9, Ronnie Corrie 9, Richard Knight 8, Martin Dugard 8, Jimmy Nilsen 7, Todd Wiltshire 6, Henrik Gustafsson 5, Dennis Löfqvist 4, Troy Butler 3, Conny Ivarsson 2, Jeremy Doncaster 2

CONTINENTAL SEMI-FINAL 1

(Bydgoszcz, Poland, Saturday 23 June)

Antonin Kasper 14, Jan Krzystyniak 13, Tomasz Gollob 12, Zdenek Tesar 12, Antal Kocso 9, József Petrikovics 8, Wojciech Zaluski 7, Heinrich Schatzer 7, Igor Marko 7, Lubomir Jedek 6, Robert Nagy 6, Laszlo Bodi 6, Ryszard Dolomisiewicz 5, Vladimir Trofimov 5, Walter Nebel 2, Viktor Gaidym 1.

CONTINENTAL SEMI-FINAL 2

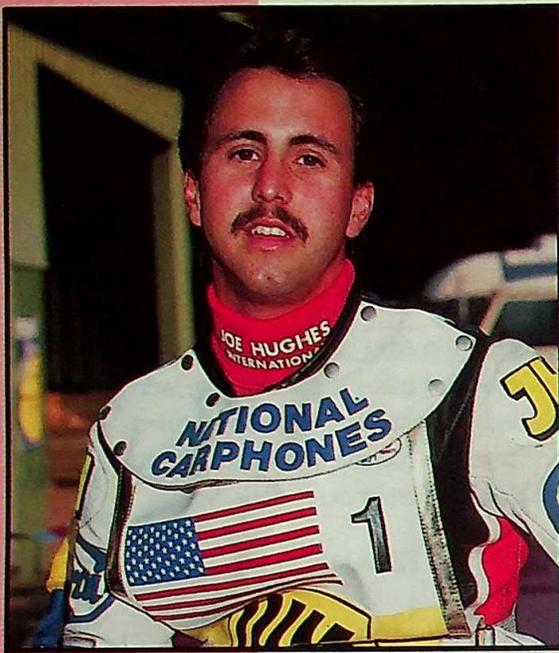
(Zarnovica, Czechoslovakia, Sunday 24 June)

Zoltán Adorján 15, Klaus Lausch 11, Armando Castagna 11, Gerd Riss 11, Sándor Tihanyi 10, Roman Matousek 9, Bohumil Brhel 9, Vladimir Kalina 9, Petr Vandírek 8, André Pollehn 7, Rif Saitgareev 7, Zoltán Hajdú 6, Pavel Karnas 3, Sándor Ujhelyi 2, Robert Funk 1, Zsolt Böszörményi 1.

CONTINENTAL FINAL

(Norden, West Germany, Sunday August 12)

Gerd Riss 13, Zoltán Adorján 12, Armando Castagna 12, Roman Matousek 11 Zdenek Tesar 10, Antonin Kasper 10, Sándor Tihanyi 9, Wojciech Zaluski 7 Antal Kocso 7, Klaus Lausch 6, Bohumil Brhel 5, Vladimir Kalina 5 József Petrikovics 5, Tomasz Gollob 4, Heinrich Schatzer 3, Jan Krzystyniak 1



Ronnie Correy



Born: November 8, 1966, Bellflower, California, USA

Ronnie Correy made his World Final debut last year - but he admits he only went along to Munich to sample the atmosphere.

For the Wolverhampton-based America had suffered throughout last year with a wrist injury that all but ruled him out of the World Championship.

Correy only decided days before the 1989 World Final that he would be able to ride but the experience of racing in a World Final should stand him in good stead.

He has been in scintillating season long form for the Dianetics Wolves, stepping into the breach when Sam Ermolenko's return from injury was delayed until the middle of the summer.

He is one of the smallest riders in the sport and also one of the most spectacular and, on form, he is capable of beating anyone.

He is only in his fourth season of British racing and, at 23, has plenty of time to achieve even greater heights in his career.

He has been plagued by injury over the years but has had a free run this year and is one of a handful of riders who can genuinely spring a major shock, particularly around the fast Bradford bowl where he has turned into some highly impressive past performances for his club.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1989,	4 points,	fourteenth
One previous appearance			

RONNIE CORREY



Rick Miller



Born: January 12, 1961, Reseda, California, USA

Rick Miller makes his World Final debut - and he has done it the hard way after a series of disappointments in the past.

He is one of the most personable riders in the sport and was originally introduced to British speedway by his mentor, former double World Champion Bruce Penhall.

He is now in his eighth season at Coventry and has spent much of his career struggling to reach a six point average to ensure he would be issued with a continuance of his work permit.

He was a child actor in his native California and since arriving in Britain has continued with modeling work and has appeared in several ad campaigns in this country.

But this year he has devoted his entire life to the sport and it has paid off handsomely by his appearance in the World Final.

He has now ridden more than 300 matches for Coventry since his debut in 1983 and his form has developed particularly this season with the experience of also racing regularly in the Swedish League for Ornarna.

He showed his tough mental attitude when, in the Overseas Final at Brandon, he needed to win his last race to be sure of staying in the championship race. He did it in flying style to go through to his first ever Inter Continental Final where he found qualifying even easier than in earlier rounds.

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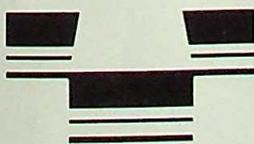
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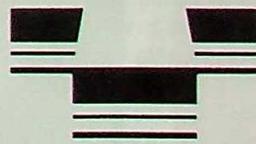
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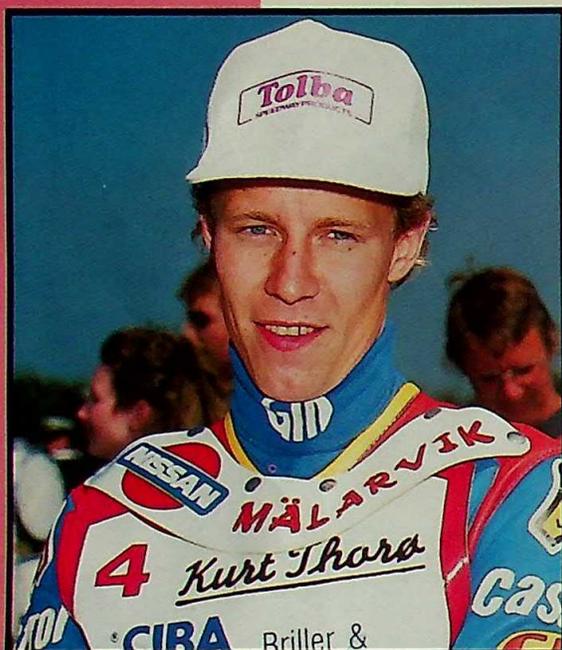
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Per Jonsson



Born: March 21, 1966, Stockholm, Sweden

Per Jonsson has returned to the Sunbrite League this season after an absence of a year when he stayed at home in Sweden to experience the joys of fatherhood.

He returned to his old British track Reading at the beginning of the season and while he has looked somewhat out of sorts in domestic competition he has been a revelation in the World Championship after missing out last season.

He dominated the Swedish qualifying rounds and has been on the rostrum in all six World Championship meetings so far in 1990.

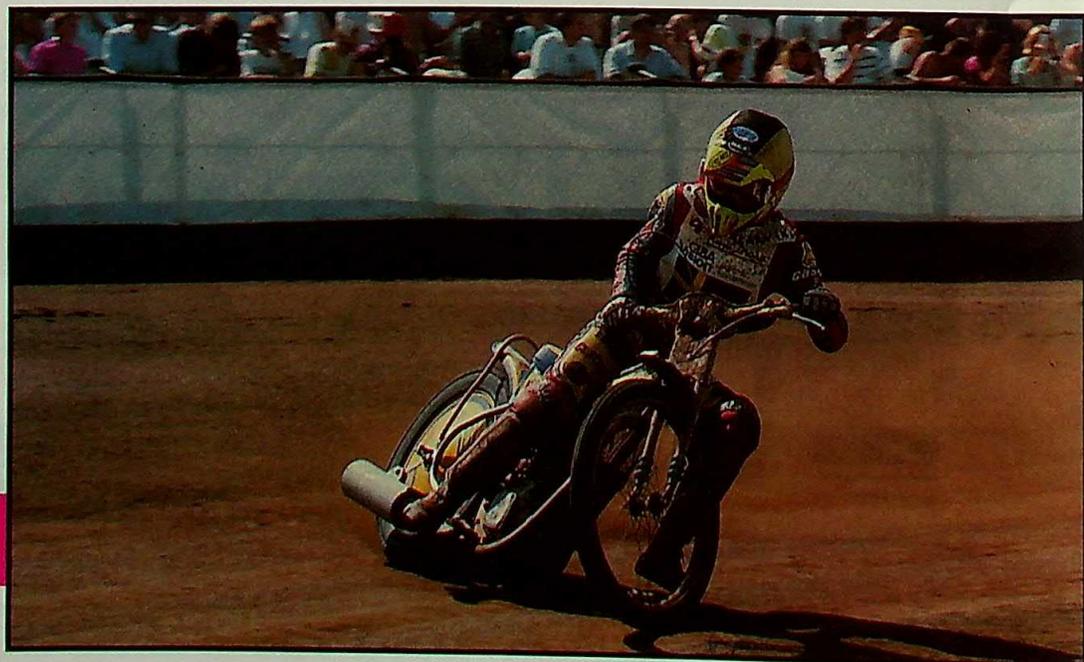
He is one of the most talented riders to come out of Sweden in the last decade or so and was crowned European Junior Champion when he was only 19 and qualified for his first World Final at 21.

Swedish manager Bo Wirebrand firmly believes that he is capable of winning a World Final if he is on the right equipment and certainly he has shown every now and then that he has the beating of anyone else in the field.

So far he has failed to find the consistency that is needed to become World Champion but he is likely to head the Swedish challenge tonight.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1987,	22 points,	fifth
Two previous appearances	1988,	9 points,	fifth

PER JONSSON



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Zdenek Tesar



Born: July 30, 1964, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia

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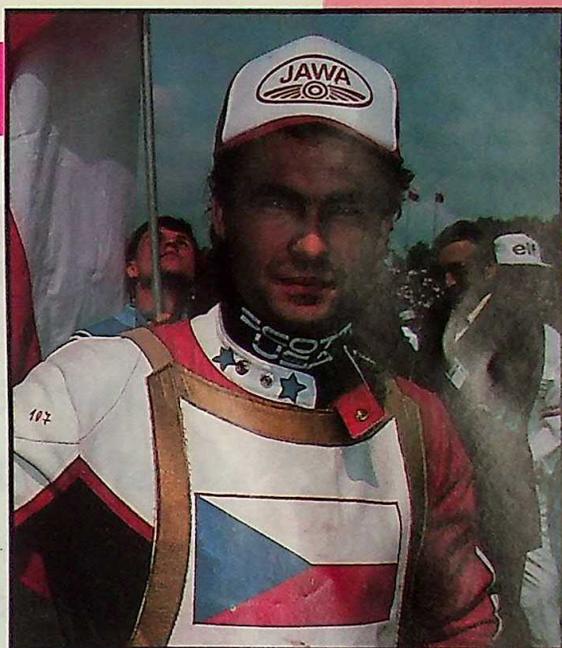
He never treated the sport at all seriously until five years ago when he came out of the Czechoslovakian Army after serving two years as a soldier.

Within a few days of his discharge he told former Exeter and Poole crowd-please Vaclav Verner: "Can you help me become a rider."

Verner recalled: "He had ridden a bit before going into the Army. Once I saw him I knew he was a natural. He has the ability to be one of the best rider we have ever had."

Tesar progressed quickly, forcing his way into the Pardubice team that eventually won the Czechoslovakian Championship last season while Tesar finished runner-up to Petr Vandirek in the individual championship, winning the last three rounds of the six-series title race.

WORLD FINAL RECORD
Making his debut



ZDENEK TESAR

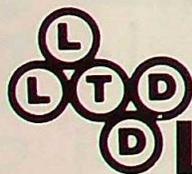




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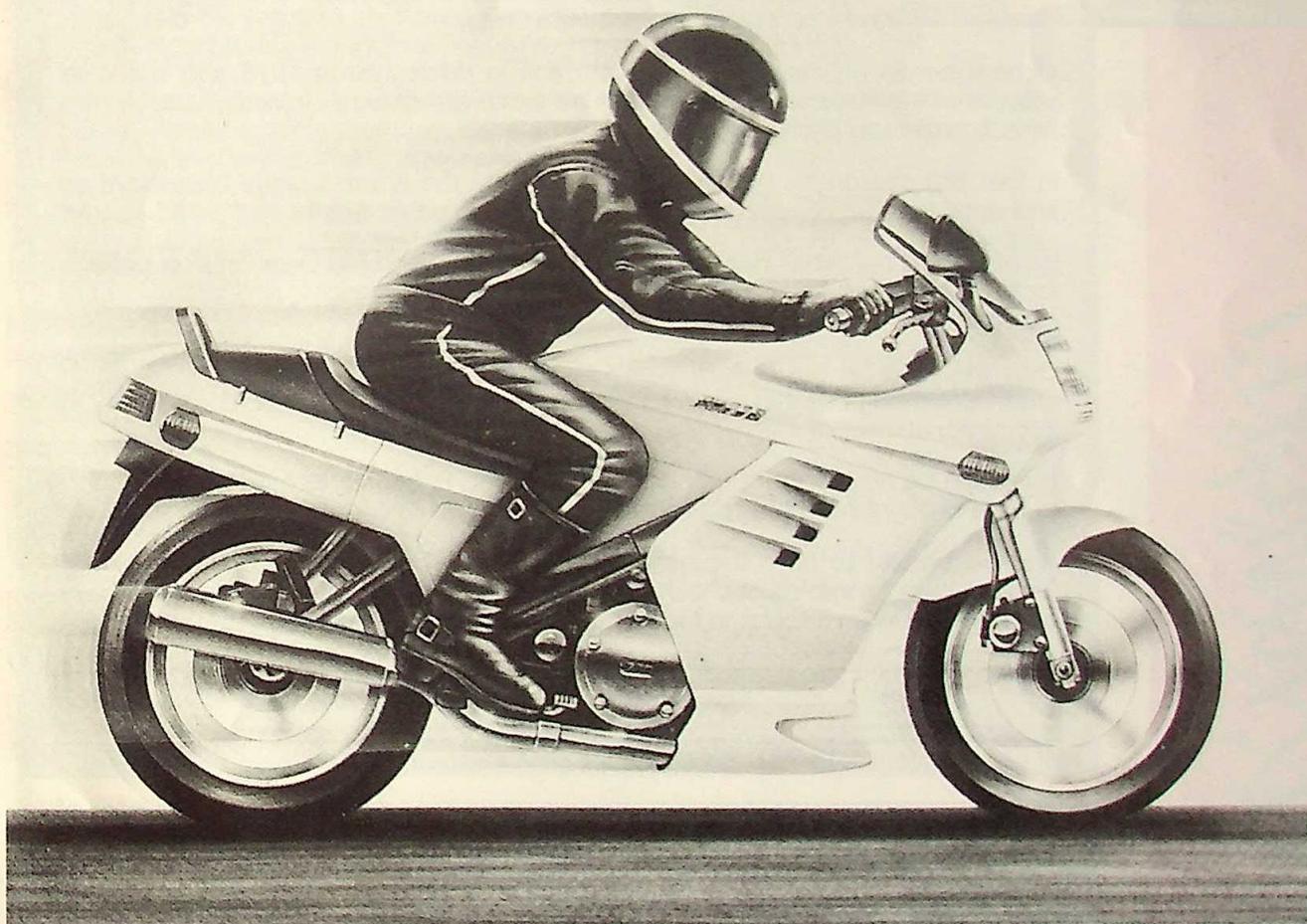
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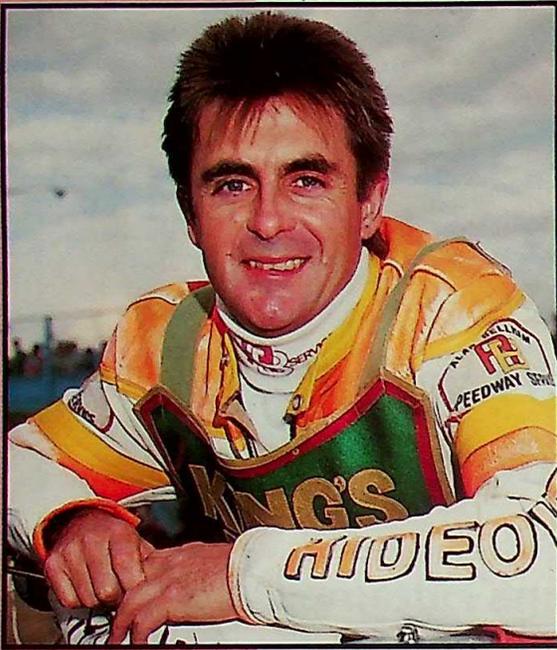
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Richard Knight



Born May 26, 1959, Cambridge, England

Richard Knight has finally been rewarded for 13 years of effort and toil - with his first World Final appearance. And he only just made it - having been promoted to a place in the Continental Final after the withdrawal through injury of Cradley Heath's Simon Cross.

Richard began his career at his local track in Mildenhall in 1978 and spent six seasons in the National League before he was finally given a chance at establishing himself in the top flight with Ipswich.

In that first season he helped the Witches win the British League championship and since then he has spent the rest of his career in East Anglia.

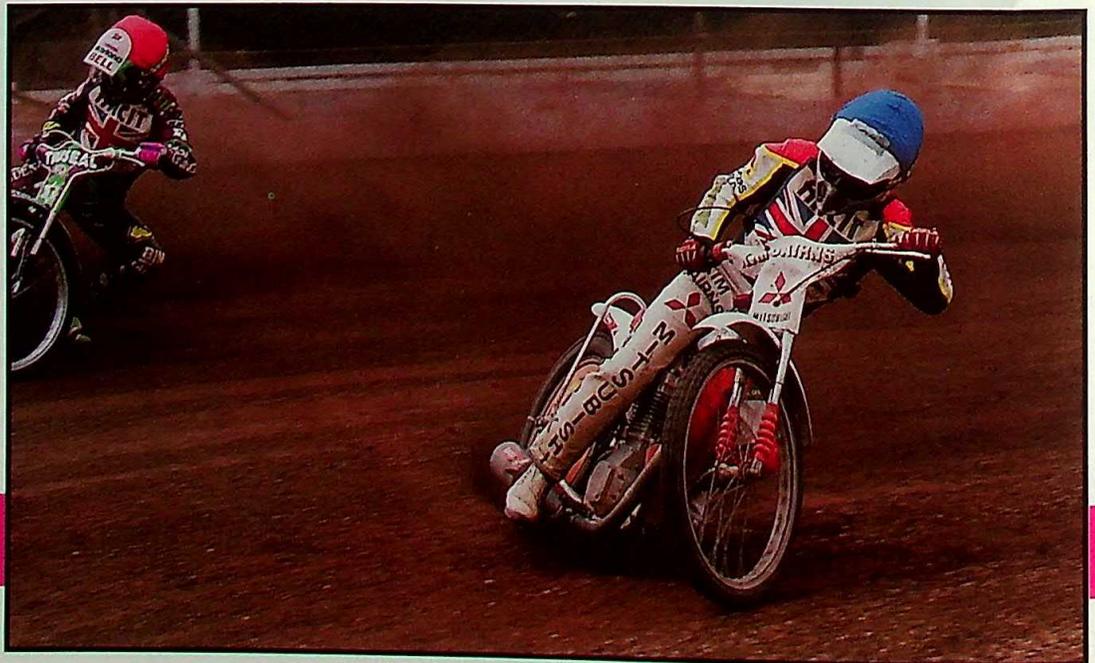
He moved from Foxhall Heath to King's Lynn in 1987 and has been an ever present for the Zetor Stars in each of the last two completed seasons, also taking over as club captain.

Over the years he has built himself a reputation as an all-action racer who never gives up although he has been handicapped by a general lack of gating ability at international level.

There will be no more popular rider in the World Final than Richard who is bound to have brought his own army of travelling fans from East Anglia.

And he is likely to have the best possible team working in the pits with him as former World Champion Michael Lee and ex-World number two Dave Jessup have both taken a keen interest in his World Championship progress this season.

WORLD FINAL RECORD
Making his debut



RICHARD KNIGHT

Jimmy Nilsen



Born November 19, 1966, Stockholm, Sweden

Jimmy Nilsen has finally recaptured some of his old form after two seasons in the doldrums.

He was hailed as one of Sweden's brightest prospects in his teens and he seemed destined for greatness when he qualified for his first World Final in 1987 when he was only 20.

He finished fourth on his debut and repeated that performance 12 months later but his career has stagnated since then and this is his first World Final appearance since the two-day championship in Amsterdam three years ago.

Why he hasn't maintained his startling early progress has remained something of a mystery and even though he has reached this year's big night he is still a long way short from the rider of three years ago when he averaged nearly 10 points a meeting in the British League.

At one stage he was so disillusioned with speedway that he seriously contemplated retirement but he has stuck with it and been rewarded with a third World Final in five seasons.

He hasn't found it easy in the qualifying rounds although he began his campaign by winning the Swedish qualifying round, dropping only one point.

He is currently in his sixth season at Swindon and the club's only survivor in this year's title chase.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1986,	11 points,	fourth
Two previous appearances	1987,	22 points,	fourth



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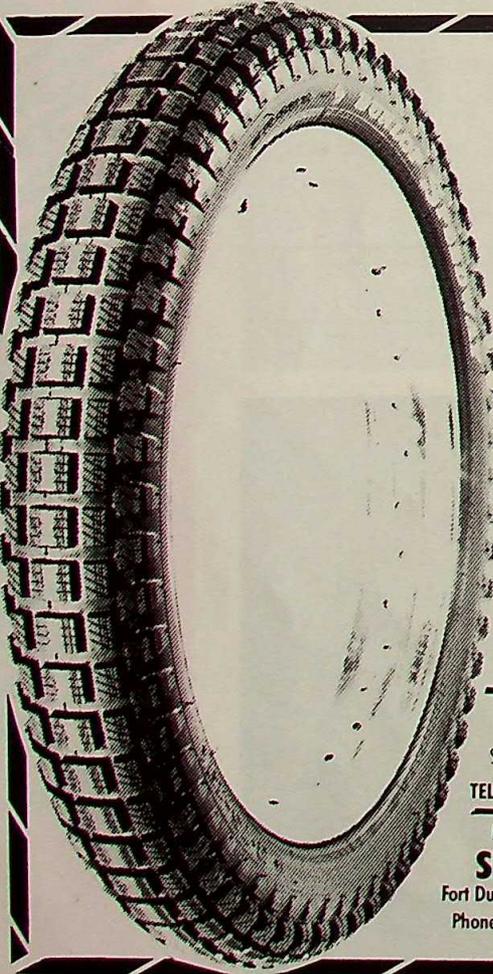
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Born: August 14, 1970, Kumla, Sweden

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At the last count he had been offered firm contracts by eight of the nine Sunbrite League tracks but he has steadfastly refused to accept one, claiming that he is already busy enough without adding another country to his regular racing itinerary.

Even though he only celebrated his 20th birthday last month, he has already established himself as one of Sweden's finest riders and there is little doubt that he is the most exciting young prospect in the world.

It was something of a shock when he missed the cut at the Inter Continental Final after finishing on the rostrum at the Scandinavian Final but he could make his World Final debut as a replacement for the injured Jan O. Pedersen.

If so, he will represent a real danger to the most established stars as he has already shown his liking for the big occasion, having raced for Sweden in the 1988 World Team Cup Final in America when he was still a teenager.

WORLD FINAL RECORD
Making his debut



HENRIK GUSTAFSSON

Antonin Kasper



Born December 5, 1962, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Antonin Kasper followed in his father's tyre treads when he took up speedway as Toni Kasper (senior) had been a much-capped member of the Czechoslovakian speedway hierarchy.

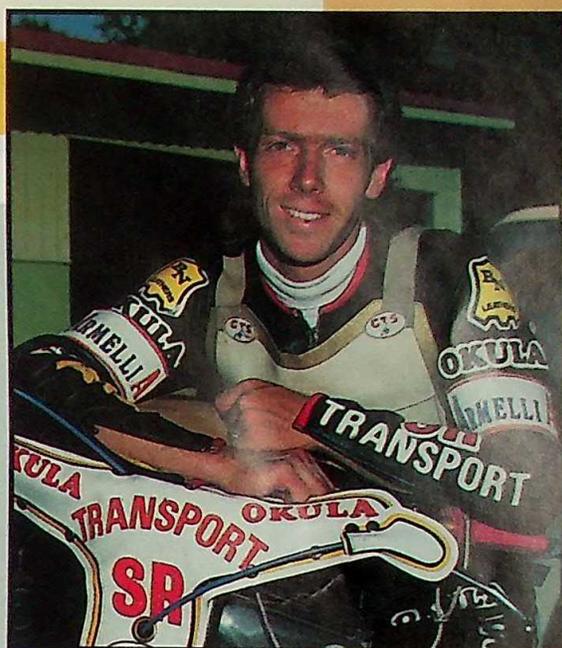
And son Toni was an immediate hit with his father's old club Red Star Prague.

He qualified for his first World Final in 1983 when he was only 20 and had shown superb form in his debut season in Britain with Hackney the previous year.

But the demands of his own Czechoslovakian club side ruled out any long term career in England and even though he returned to Waterden Road the following season and then joined Eastbourne in 1984, his total British meetings amounted to less than 75.

He won the Czechoslovakian national championship three years in a row in the mid-eighties but it was still something of a surprise that he claimed the World Final reserve birth this year, and rides today because of the injury to Gerd Riss.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1983,	3 points,	fourteenth
Three previous appearances	1986,	2 points,	fourteenth
	1987,	9 points,	twelfth



ANTONIN KASPER



Briggo's Golden Greats

Philip Rising tells how Barry Briggs is luring fellow World Champions back to the track

If Barry Briggs had his way, the task of tracking down ex-World Champions would be an easy one.

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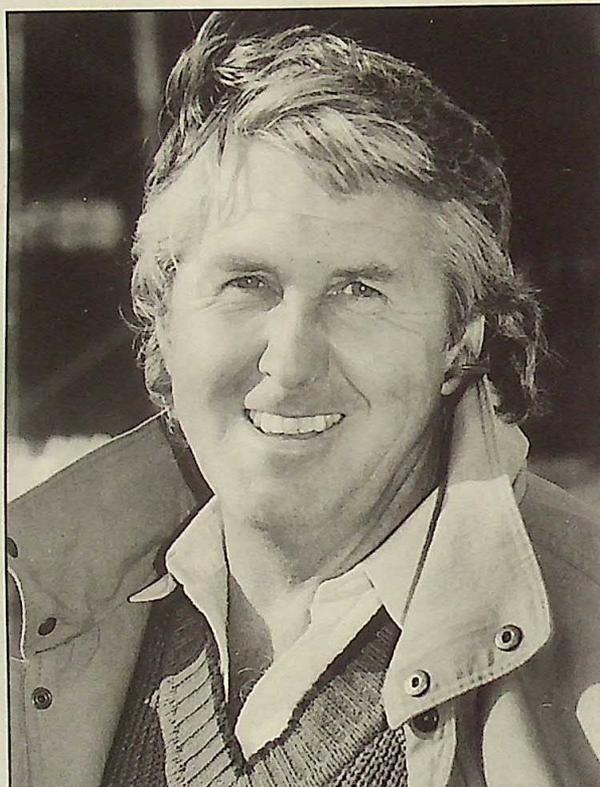
Just two weeks ago Briggs himself and fellow former World number ones Ove Fundin, Anders Michanek and Peter Collins were scheduled to race at Swindon before the weather intervened.

In previous Golden Greats meetings the likes of Ivan Mauger, Bruce Penhall and Bjorn Knutsson also donned leathers again.

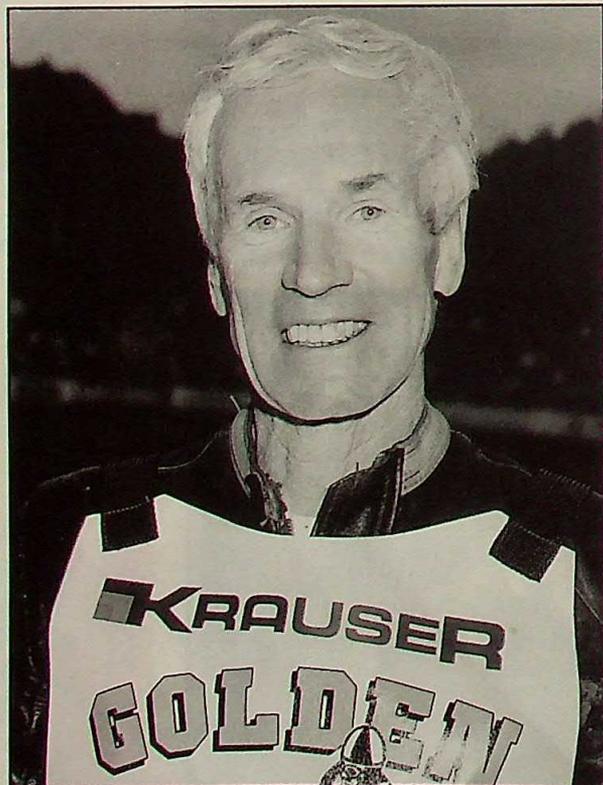
Given a little time it is quite likely that Briggs will have Ole Olsen racing again and only the SCB prevented Michael Lee from riding at Swindon.

Now that the East European frontiers have fallen, Briggs is looking to bring 1973 World Champion Jerzy Szczakiel back into the picture.

And if the troupe ever moved closer to the southern hemisphere, then Ronnie Moore, now



Barry Briggs, four times World Champion, is the inspiration behind the "Golden Greats" series



Five times World Champion Ove Fundin is now a successful haulage contractor.

domiciled in his native New Zealand, would undoubtedly get the Briggo call.

But are all these speedway superstars simply sitting by the 'phone, with nothing to do, waiting for Briggo to summon them into the fray?

Hardly, but it is amazing how the riding bug stays in their veins even after their careers have reached their logical conclusion.

Perhaps some of them even find their present lives a little mundane compared with years gone by and none has ever completely severed his ties with the sport.



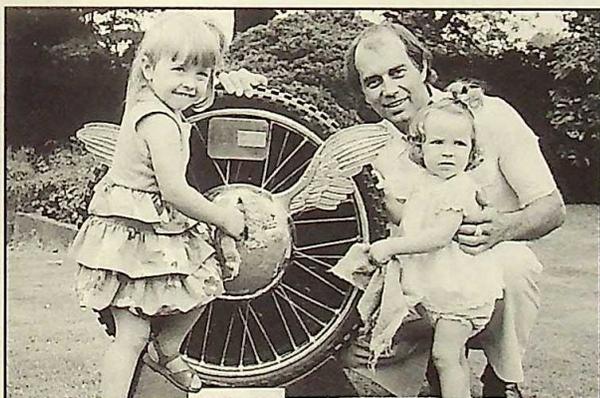
Great Dane Ole Olsen was Denmark's first World Champion. His success undoubtedly inspired the next generation of Danish riders, notably Erik Gundersen and Hans Nielsen



Six times World Champion Ivan Mauger, widely regarded as the greatest rider of all time.

(above) In action in the 1979 World Final.

(below) With granddaughters Josie and Sadie



At times such as this, they return, like bees to the hive, to recall their own moments of glory and to enjoy the prospect of seeing another join their illustrious ranks.

Mauger, the greatest record breaker of them all, is currently back in England after a long break from the sport here.

The Mauger tribe now live on the Gold Coast in Australia, where he still promotes meetings as well as in New Zealand .

Ivan also holds a number of training schools which have helped the likes of Todd Wiltshire, a World Final debutant today.

Olsen, who stopped Mauger's winning sequence in 1971, is still associated with Denmark's premier speedway stage at Vojens. He is also the local BMW franchise holder And, of course, his son Jakob is beginning his own career, which will help to ensure that the original Great Dane will stay at the forefront of the sport.

Knutsson, who quit speedway prematurely, continues to race regularly on a competitive basis,



Jerzy Szczakiel, shock winner of the 1973 World Final. Barry Briggs hopes he will feature in future "Golden Greats" meetings.

albeit on four wheels instead of two.

Bjorn, who has a successful car dealership in Sweden, has carved out a niche on the Formula Three circuit. The thirst for competitive adventure remains as strong as ever.

Fundin has moved his hugely successful haulage business from Sweden to Belgium to ensure that when the free market comes in 1992 he will be ideally placed to take full advantage.

Fundin, still a regular visitor to England, has been particularly receptive to the Golden Greats concept and a great supporter of Briggs in his efforts to underline its credibility.

Peter Collins, who had a brief flirtation with speedway promotion at his former Belle Vue base, now concentrates on restoring old speedway bikes to their previous glory.

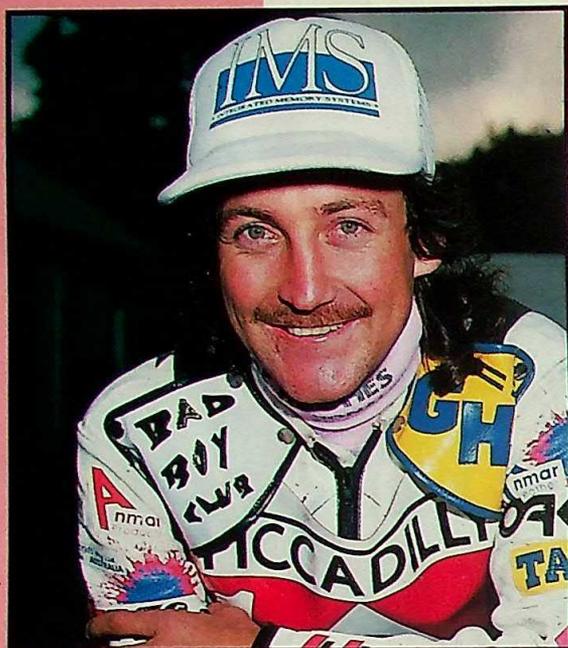
His collection of Japs and Jawas are a credit to his work but PC is another who has been enthusiastic in getting back in the thick of the track action when the opportunity arose.

Penhall, his Hollywood dream now a faded memory, is at the helm of his family's construction business in California.

Bruce has proved an astute and hard-working boss of a concern that was initially built by his father before his untimely death, along with that of his mother, in an air crash.

The Briggs concept, and long may it continue, should ensure that whoever wins here this evening will have the opportunity to continue racing even after his professional career is over.

That's a nice thought and perhaps one day we shall even see them performing on a World Final stage again, perhaps as a preamble to the meeting proper.



Shawn Moran



Born November 19, 1961, Lakewood, California, USA

Shawn Moran has all the ability in the world. And he is one of only two riders in this year's line-up who knows what it feels like to be Champion of the World.

While he has never finished on the rostrum in his two speedway World Finals he became the first American ever to win the World 1,000 metre Championship at Marianske-Lazne, Czechoslovakia, seven years ago.

Maybe he would be happier if this year's World Final was being held in the East Europe - as another major victory came at Slany when he won the 1981 European Junior Championship when he was only 18!

In recent years his World Championship story has been plagued by misfortune with injury forcing him out of several important meetings and, last year, he was ruled out of all World Championship events after being suspended by the American Motorcycle Association for an offense in Denmark.

His form this year has been spasmodic and that could be a good sign for Moran - and his army of Belle Vue fans - as in the past he has tended to peak too early in the summer.

It is less than a month since he was so unhappy with his form that he asked to be dropped to reserve in the American World Team Cup squad but since then he has been flying and was a worth winner of the last stage, the Inter Continental Final - his third victory in the event in seven seasons.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1984,	7 points,	eighth
Two previous appearances	1985,	10 points,	fifth

SHAWN MORAN



Kelvin Tatum



Born February 8, 1964, Epsom, England

Kelvin Tatum is convinced that he can become England's next World Champion - and his early season title form offered tangible evidence that he has the ability to do it.

He has won three of the four intermediate rounds of the World Championship in recent seasons - he is the current British and Commonwealth Champion and won the Inter Continental Final last year.

He finished third in the 1986 World Final and would have gone even closer last season in Munich but for a last race fall when he had already scored 10 points from his first four rides.

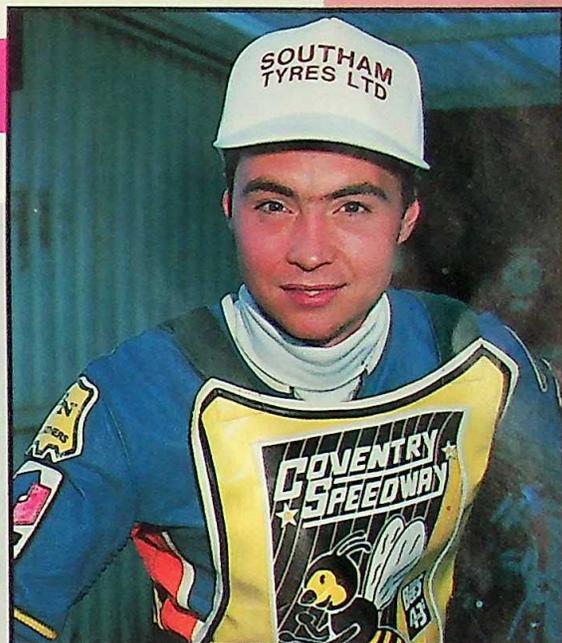
That spill cost him the runners-up place but he has long forgotten it and is now determined to maintain his impressive form at Odsal where he captained England to World Team Cup gold almost a year ago.

A former public schoolboy and the son of ex-grass-track rider Spud Tatum, he has the enviable record of never having lost a test match since becoming England captain three seasons ago.

Last year he went into the World Final still suffering from a nasty shoulder injury - sustained in the same meeting which saw Jan O. Pedersen ruled out - and, coincidentally, his build up to this year's World Final has been hampered by a broken foot sustained at Belle Vue little more than two weeks ago.

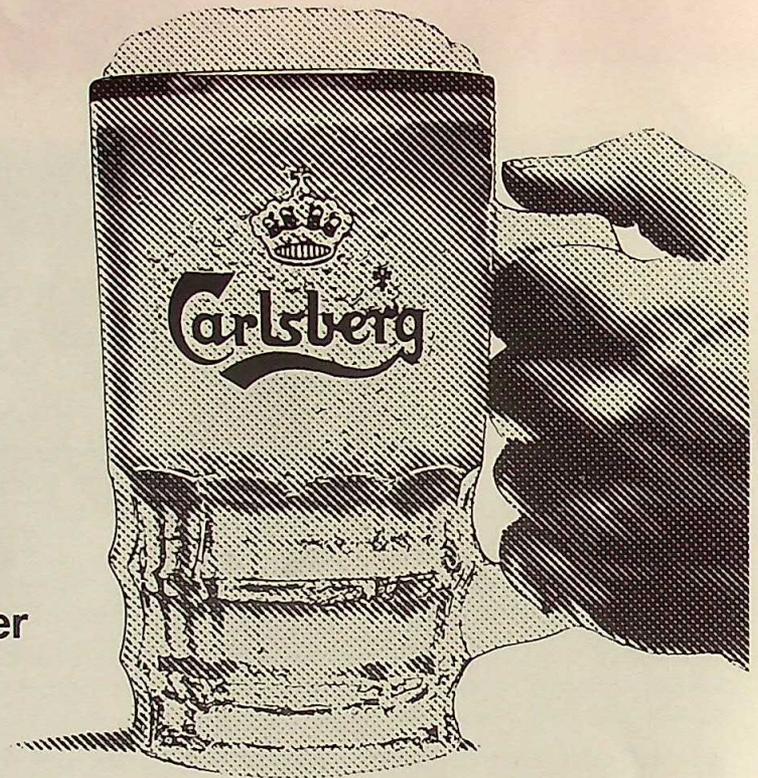
It was the second time this season that he had fractured a bone in his left foot, having suffered a similar injury when England won the World Pairs semi-final at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, earlier in the summer.

WORLD FINAL RECORD	1986,	12 points,	third
Four previous appearances	1988,	8 points,	eighth
1985, 8 points, eighth	1989,	10 points,	fifth



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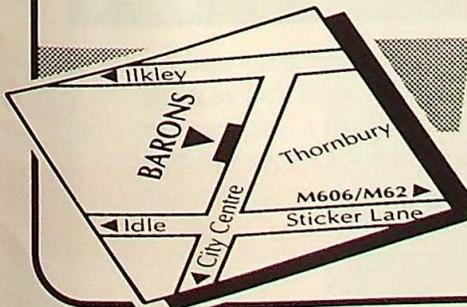
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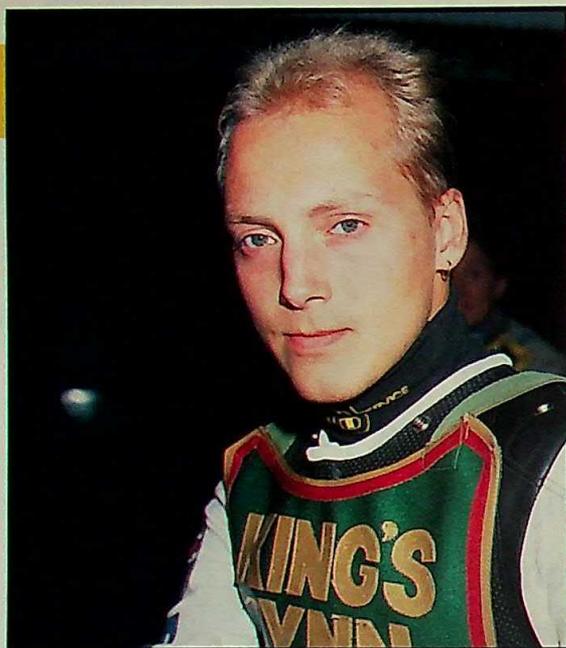


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Dennis Löfqvist



Born: January 1, 1967, Visby, Sweden

DENNIS LOFQVIST is another son of a famous father - his dad Christer having ridden in two World Finals in the early seventies.

Tragically, Christer died in his thirties before he could see his son Dennis take to the track.

A regular member of the Swedish junior test teams, Dennis was a surprise signing by King's Lynn last summer and struggled to make any real impact in 17 official meetings for the Zetor Stars.

He rejoined the East Anglian club this year and showed a dramatic improvement, rising from a reserve berth to a heat leader role within a couple of months of the start of the current season.

That improvement has been translated to his international form as he has claimed a place in the Swedish World Team Cup squad.

WORLD FINAL RECORD Making his debut

Sándor Tihanyi



Born: April 28, 1963, Debrecen, Hungary

SÁNDOR TIHANYI reflects the growing influence of Hungary on the World speedway scene, which has been reflected by their performances in this year's World Championship.

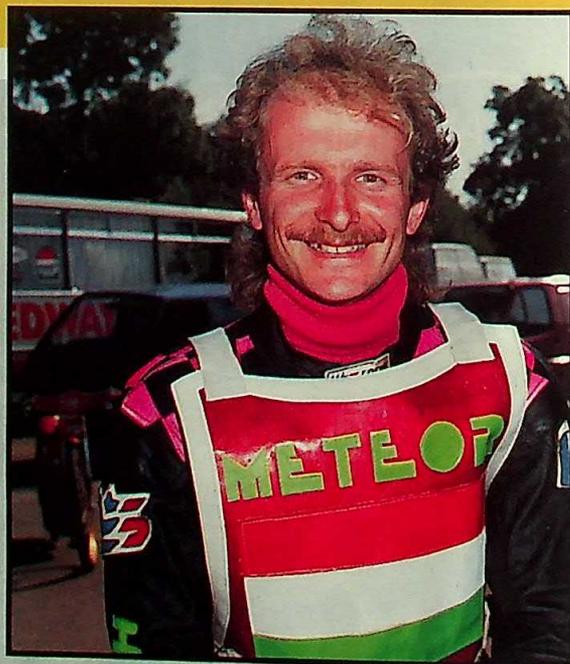
Sándor becomes the second Magyar on parade tonight following the withdrawal of Continental Champion Gerd Riss.

He moves up to reserve after his surprising seventh placing in the Continental Final when, on recent form, he was expected to fill a top five placing.

He helped team-mate Zoltán Adorján spring one of the major shocks of the last decade when they finished third in the recent World Pairs Final.

He was runner-up in last year's Hungarian national championship - his highest ever placing although he has twice finished third - and he is only fifth in the series at the moment.

But away from the domestic scene he has strung together some impressive performance in world competition and was last season's winner of the Hungarian Grand Prix from a top-class Continental field.



WORLD FINAL RECORD One previous appearance - 1988 3 points, fifteenth

Who Can Stop Hans?

Erik Gundersen previews the 1990 Sunbrite World Final

ERIK GUNDERSEN hasn't watched a World Final since 1978 when he saw Ole Olsen, the man who was to guide his own title destiny, win his third crown.

But tonight he will be filling that spectating role although he will also be acting as a summariser for the television coverage of the event.

Erik admits: "It's been a long time since I watched a World Final. I'm quite happy with the way Helle and myself have been coping with what happened. We are both looking forward to the World Final and I'm looking forward to the challenge of doing the television."

Erik won't be in the pits helping any of the challengers to win the crown that he held so regally three times, but he does want to get himself involved in assisting someone else in the years ahead - knowing how valuable Olsen's help was to him.

He said: "I would like to give someone a hand but to do it I would like to give the same sort of time and effort that Ole gave to me. I could do it mentally but not physically at present. There's a lot of things you have got to do to become World Champion and I'd love to help someone do it one day but not at the moment. I'll wait a year or two until I'm physically strong enough spend the sort of time and effort you need to give to it."

So what is the Gundersen verdict on this year's World Final and where would his money lay if he was a betting man?

He pinpoints four possible winners: World Champion Hans Nielsen, British and Commonwealth title-holder Kelvin Tatum, Inter Continental Final winner Shawn Moran and the dark horse, outsider Per Jonsson.

But he warns that two riders, in particular, could upset all the favourites and destroy someone else's chances of the title, even if they can't win themselves...Todd Wiltshire and Henrik Gustafsson.

He explains: "I've only seen Todd a couple of times but he has a very clever head on young shoulders. He surprised me in the World Pairs Final in Germany and I think he is dedicated and very talented.

"He has got a different style from some of the riders because he's tall and sits upright and is getting a lot of traction. I really do rate him and he could certainly spoil it for someone because he can win a race or two.

"Again, Henrik is just a young rider without any real experience at all. He can go out and win maybe one or two races and that could be vital."

Erik, who won the last World Final at Odsal, is also sure that this could be another year when the new champion ends the night with 13 points.

He claims: "Jan O. Pedersen is the one who knows Hans the best. He has been able to pass Hans a lot of times this year and Bradford, being a big track, the chances would have been even greater for the like of Jan O. who, being so light, gets more horse power than Hans.

"Hans is the only rider to have won a World Final before. He can make four and a half starts and I think it will be won on 13.

"It's very, very hard to win a World Final because you go into unknown territory if you have nine or 12 points from your first three or four rides.

"That's when nerves come in. Although you have nerves before the meeting it is nothing like what you feel when you are close to winning it. I felt absolutely electric inside me because my adrenalin was glowing even though I dropped a point to Mitch Shirra in my first ride.

"That put a little bit of a damper on things but everything turned round and I won it on 14 points - which was where experience came into it because Ole convinced me it could be won on 14. He brought me back into the right frame of mind.

"A lot of the riders will think Hans is going to beat them out of the start but this season Hans has been struggling, especially if he has not made the gate when he hasn't been able to pass other riders.

"Hans is so experienced that he has, maybe, saved up something for the big ones. He has shown that both in the World Pairs and the Inter Continental Final when he did it when it mattered.

"At Fjelsted he gave the impression he was playing with them. That's how it looked. He is certainly the one to beat but, then again, Hans might look at the field and feel he has got it all under control and someone could shake him.

"He has probably got the best draw for the Final. Starting at number one is a very good draw. But you have got to remember that he has still got to produce his best to win on the day. There's some of the younger ones who are going to be in there with him.

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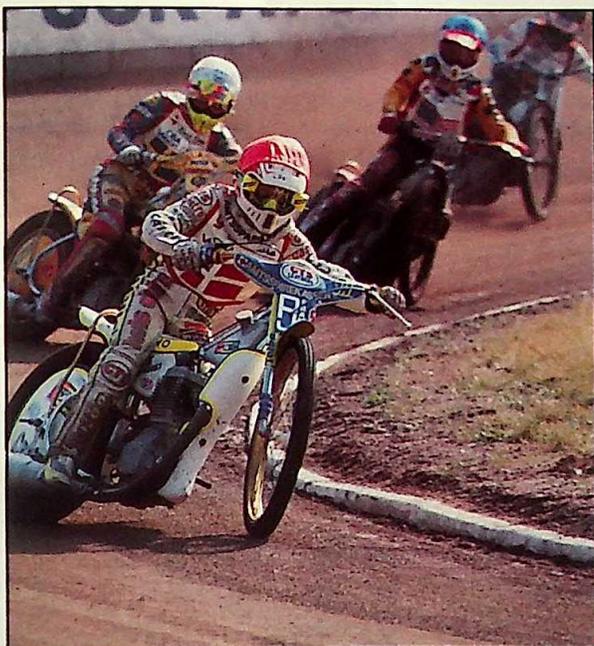
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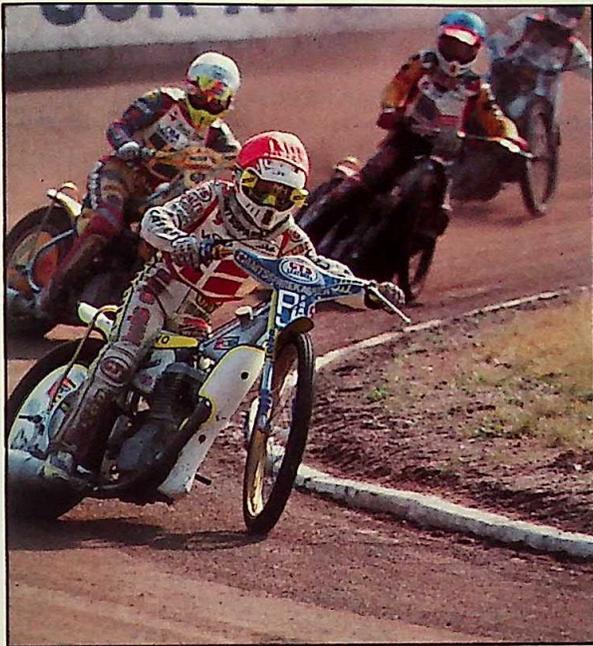
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1936 (Wembley, England)

1 LIONEL VAN PRAAG 26 (14:12), 2 Eric Langton 26 (13:13), 3 Bluey Wilkinson 25 (15:10), 4 Cordy Milne 20 (11:9), 5 Frank Charles 20 (8:12), 6 Dick Case 17 (8:9), 7 Jack Ormston 17 (8:9), 8 Vic Huxley 17 (7:10), 9 George Newton 16 (4:12), 10 Jack Milne 15 (6:9), 11 Bob Harrison 15 (5:10), 12 Morian Hansen 15 (5:10), 13 Wal Phillips 12 (5:7), 14 Ginger Lees 11 (4:7), 15 Arthur Atkinson 9 (3:6), 16 Bill Pitcher 8 (2:6) 17 Norman Parker, reserve, 7 (1:6).

1937 (Wembley, England)

1 JACK MILNE 28 (15:13), 2 Wilbur Lamoreaux 25 (13:12), 3 Cordy Milne 23 (12:11), 4 Jack Parker 21 (10:11), 5 Ginger Lees 19 (9:10), 6 Frank Charles 17 (7:10), 7 Lionel Van Praag 17 (6:11), 8 Bill Kitchen 16 (9:7), 9 George Newton 16 (5:11), 10 Eric Langton 16 (4:12), 11 Morian Hansen 15 (8:7), 12 Eric Chitty 15 (4:11), 13 Joe Abbott 14 (6:8), 14 Arthur Atkinson 14 (6:8), 15 Frank Varey 11 (3:8), 16 Tommy Croombs 2 (2:0), 17 Alec Statham, reserve, 0 (0:0).

1938 (Wembley, England)

1 BLUEY WILKINSON 22 (14:8), 2 Jack Milne 21 (14:7), 3 Wilbur Lamoreaux 20 (13:7), 4 Lionel Van Praag 18 (11:7), 5 Bill Kitchen 15 (9:6), 6 Cordy Milne 15 (8:7), 7 Alec Statham 13 (8:5), 8 Eric Langton 13 (8:5), 9 Benny Kaufman 12 (7:5), 10 Jack Parker 10 (6:4), 11 Arthur Atkinson 10 (5:5), 12 Tommy Price 8 (4:4), 13 Tommy Croombs 8 (4:4), 14 George Newton 7 (2:5), 15 Geoff Pymar 7 (2:5), 16 Jack Ormston, reserve, 5 (5:0), 17 Frank Varey 4 (0:4).

1949 (Wembley, England)

1 TOMMY PRICE 15, 2 Jack Parker 14, 3 Louis Lawson 13, 4 Norman Parker 10, 5 Wilbur Lamoreaux 9, 6 Bill Kitchen 9, 7 Ron Clarke 8, 8 Aub Lawson 8, 9 Bill Longley 8, 10 Cyril Roger 7, 11 Bill Gilbert 6, 12 Graham Warren 5, 13 Ken Le Breton 4, 14 Lloyd Goffe 2, 15 Cliff Watson 1, 16 Oliver Hart, reserve, 1, 17 Dent Oliver 0. Alec Statham, reserve, did not ride.

1950 (Wembley, England)

1 FREDDIE WILLIAMS 14, 2 Wally Green 13, 3 Graham Warren 12, 4 Aub Lawson 10, 5 Tommy Price 8, 6 Jack Parker 8, 7 Split Waterman 8, 8

Ronnie Moore 7, 9 Jack Young 7, 10 Cyril Brine 7, 11 Dent Oliver 6, 12 Cyril Roger, reserve, 5, 13 Danny Dunton 5, 14 Vic Duggan 4, 15 Jack Biggs 3, 16 Ron Clarke 3, 17 Arthur Payne 0, 18 Mike Erskine, reserve, 0.

1951 (Wembley, England)

1 JACK YOUNG 12, 2 Split Waterman 12, 3 Jack Biggs 12, 4 Ronnie Moore 11, 5 Jack Parker 10, 6 Louis Lawson 10, 7 Eddie Rigg 8, 8 Bob Leverenz 7, 9 Freddie Williams 7, 10 Aub Lawson 7, 11 Jeff Lloyd 6, 12 Eric Williams 6, 13 Cyril Brine 3, 14 Norman Parker 3, 15 Dick Bradley, reserve, 2, 16 Ernie Roccio 2, 17 Alan Hunt 2.

1952 (Wembley, England)

1 JACK YOUNG 14, 2 Freddie Williams 13, 3 Bob Oakley 12, 4 Ronnie Moore 10, 5 Dick Bradley 9, Dan Forsberg 9, Arthur Payne 9, 8 Arthur Forrest 7, 9 Henry Long 7, 10 Jeff Lloyd 7, 11 Brian Crutcher 6, 12 Split Waterman 6, 13 Graham Warren 5, 14 Derek Close 4, 15 Cyril Roger 2, 16 Ron How 0.

1953 (Wembley, England)

1 FREDDIE WILLIAMS 14, 2 Split Waterman 13, 3 Geoff Mardon 12, 4 Olle Nygren 12, 5 Jack Young 10, 6 Ronnie Moore 9, 7 Jeff Lloyd 8, 8 Arthur Forrest 7, 9 Aub Lawson 7, 10 Brian Crutcher 6, 11 Rune Sörmander 5, 12 Graham Warren 5, 13 Eric Williams 4, 14 Alan Hunt 3, 15 Dick Bradley 2, 16 Jack Biggs 2, 17 Dent Oliver, reserve 1.

1954 (Wembley, England)

1 RONNIE MOORE 15, 2 Brian Crutcher 13, 3 Olle Nygren 13, 4 Jack Young 11, 5 Split Waterman 9, 6 Barry

Briggs 9, 7 Eddie Rigg 7, 8 Fred Brand 7, 9 Jack Biggs 7, 10 Arthur Forrest 5, 11 Tommy Price 5, 12 Geoff Mardon 5, 13 Trevor Redmond 5, 14 Aub Lawson 4, 15 Peter Craven 3, 16 Ove Fundin 2.



Jack Young, winner in 1951 and 1952

1955 (Wembley, England)

1 PETER CRAVEN 13, 2 Ronnie Moore 12, 3 Barry Briggs 12, 4 Eric Williams 12, 5 Brian Crutcher 10, 6 Jack Young 10, 7 Ove Fundin 10, 8 Olle Nygren 9, 9 Arthur Forrest 7, 10 Arthur Wright 6, 11 Billy Bales 6, 12 Ron Johnson 6, 13 Kjell Carlsson 3, 14 Phil Clarke 2, 15 Henry Andersen 2, 16 Cyril Roger 0.

1956 (Wembley, England)

1 OVE FUNDIN 13, 2 Ronnie Moore 12, 3 Arthur Forrest 11, 4 Peter Craven 11, 5 Peo Söderman 10, 6 Ken McKinlay 10, 7 Barry Briggs 10, 8 Brian Crutcher 9, 9 Peter Moore 8, 10 Eric Boothroyd 7, 11 Alan Hunt 6, 12 Dick Fisher 5, 13 Doug Davies 4, 14 Olle Andersson 2, 15 Ulf Ericsson 2, 16 Gerry Hussey 0.

1957 (Wembley, England)

1 BARRY BRIGGS 14, 2 Ove Fundin 14, 3 Peter Craven 11, 4 Aub Lawson 11, 5 Rune Sörmander 11, 6 Ron Johnston 9, 7 Ken McKinlay 8, 8 Bob Roger 8, 9 Peo Söderman 7, 10 Jack Geran 7, 11 Ron How 7, 12 Aage Hansen 4, 13 George White 4, 14 Ian Williams 3, 15 Dan Forsberg 2, 16 Josef Hofmeister 0.

1958 (Wembley, England)

1 BARRY BRIGGS 15, 2 Ove Fundin 13, 3 Aub Lawson 11, 4 Peter Craven 11, 5 Ken McKinlay 11, 6 Ronnie Moore



Tommy Price, winner in 1949

9, 7 Olle Nygren 9, 8 Ron Johnston 8, 9 Gerry Hussey 7, 10 Ron How 7, 11 Peter Moore 5, 12 Mike Broadbank 5, 13 Rune Sörmander 4, 14 Jack Geran 3, 15 Josef Hofmeister 2, 16 Joel Jansson 0.

1959 (Wembley, England)

1 RONNIE MOORE 15, 2 Ove Fundin 13, 3 Barry Briggs 11, 4 Olle Nygren 11, 5 Aub Lawson 11, 6 Brian Crutcher 10, 7 Arne Carlsson 8, 8 George White 7, 9 Peter Craven 7, 10 Geoff Mardon 6, 11 Rune Sörmander 6, 12 Mieczyslaw Polukard 5, 13 Josef Hofmeister 4, 14 Peter Moore 3, 15 Ron How 3, 16 Cyril Roger 0.

1960 (Wembley, England)

1 OVE FUNDIN 14, 2 Ronnie Moore 14, 3 Peter Craven 14, 4 Peter Moore 12, 5 Ron Johnston 10, 6 Barry Briggs 9, 7 Stefan Kwoczala 8, 8 Josef Hofmeister 6, 9 Ken McKinlay 6, 10 Jack Young 6, 11 Chum Taylor 5, 12 Rune Sörmander 5, 13 Henryk Zyto 4, 14 Aub Lawson 4, 15 Bob Andrews, reserve, 2, 16 Marian Kaiser 1, 17 Bryan Elliott 0.

1961 (Malmö, Sweden)

1 OVE FUNDIN 14, 2 Björn Knutsson 12, 3 Göte Nordin 12, 4 Barry Briggs 12, 5 Ronnie Moore 10, 6 Bob Andrews 10, 7 Florian Kapala 8, 8 Rune Sörmander 7, 9 Ron How 7, 10 Peter Craven 6, 11 Ken McKinlay 5, 12 Cyril Maidment 4, 13 Igor Plechanov 4, 14 Ray Cresp 3, 15 Stanislaw Tkocz 3, 16 Mike Broadbank 2.

1962 (Wembley, England)

1 PETER CRAVEN 14, 2 Barry Briggs 13, 3 Ove Fundin 10, 4 Björn Knutsson 10, 5 Ronnie Moore 9, 6 Bob Andrews 9, 7 Ken McKinlay 9, 8 Göte Nordin 9, 9 Sören Sjösten 8, 10 Igor Plechanov 7, 11 Rune Sörmander 7, 12 Ron How 6, 13 Arne Carlsson 3, 14 Mike Broadbank 2, Ron Mountford 2, Pawel Waloszek 2.

1963 (Wembley, England)

1 OVE FUNDIN 14, 2 Björn Knutsson 13, 3 Barry Briggs 12, 4 Boris Samorodov 11, 5 Göte Nordin 10, 6 Sverre Harrfeldt 10, 7 Nigel Boocock 8, 8 Leo McAuliffe 7, 9 Ron How 7, 10 Peter Craven 6, 11 Peter Moore 6,

12 Peo Söderman 5, 13 Dick Fisher 5, 14 Jim Lightfoot 4, 15 Per Tage Svensson 1, 16 Arne Carlsson 1.

1964 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 BARRY BRIGGS 15, 2 Igor Plechanov 13, 3 Ove Fundin 13, 4 Boris Samorodov 11, 5 Björn Knutsson 10, 6 Ron How 10, 7 Cyril Maidment 8, 8 Gennady Kurilenko 7, 9 Mike Broadbank 6, 10 Nigel Boocock 6, 11 Ken McKinlay 6, 12 Andrzej Wyglenda 4, 13 Bob Andrews 4, 14 Zbigniew Podlecki 3, 15 Jaroslav Volf 3, 16 Dick Fisher 1. Fisher 5, 14 Jim Lightfoot 4, 15 Per Tage Svensson 1, 16 Arne Carlsson 1.

1965 (Wembley, England)

1 BJÖRN KNUTSSON 14, 2 Igor Plechanov 13, 3 Ove Fundin 13, 4 Barry Briggs 10, 5 Bengt Jansson 10, 6 Brian Brett 9, 7 Sören Sjösten 9, 8 Nigel Boocock 8, 9 Andrzej Pogorzelski 7, 10 Antonin Woryna 6, 11 Leif Larsson 5, 12 Reg Luckhurst 5, 13 Ken McKinlay 4, 14 Jimmy Gooch 3, 15 Andrzej Wyglenda 2, 16 Lubos Tomicek 2.

1966 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 BARRY BRIGGS 15, 2 Sverre Harrfeldt 14, 3 Antonin Woryna 13, 4

Ivan Mauger 11, 5 Torbjörn Harrysson 10, 6 Göte Nordin 9, 7 Leif Enecrona 8, 8 Igor Plechanov 8, 9 Stanislaw Tkocz 7, 10 Björn Knutsson 5, 11 Marian Kaiser 5, 12 Andrzej Pogorzelski 5, 13 Mike Broadbank 4, 14 Leif Larsson 3, 15 Nigel Boocock 2, 16 Peo Söderman 1.

1967 (Wembley, England)

1 OVE FUNDIN 14, 2 Bengt Jansson 14, 3 Ivan Mauger 13, 4 Igor Plechanov 12, 5 Barry Briggs 11, 6 Anders Michanek 9, 7 Nigel Boocock 9, 8 Ray Wilson 7, 9 Andrzej Pogorzelski 6, 10 Bernt Persson 6, 11 Antonin Woryna 5, 12 Rick France 5, 13 Colin Pratt 4, 14 Jerzy Trzeszkowski 3, 15 Andrzej Wyglenda 2, 16 Jochen Dinse 0.

1968 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 IVAN MAUGER 15, 2 Barry Briggs 12, 3 Edward Janczar 11, 4 Gennady Kurilenko 11, 5 Pawel Waloszek 10, 6 Torbjörn Harrysson 10, 7 Anders Michanek 9, 8 Hasse Holmkvist 9, 9 Ove Fundin 7, 10 Gunnar Malmkvist 7, 11 Martin Ashby 5, 12 Antonin Woryna 5, 13 Reidar Eide 3, 14 Jerzy Trzeszkowski 3, 15 Nigel Boocock 1, 16 Bernt Persson 1.



The late Peter Craven (left), winner in 1955 and 1962, with Björn Knutsson, winner in 1965

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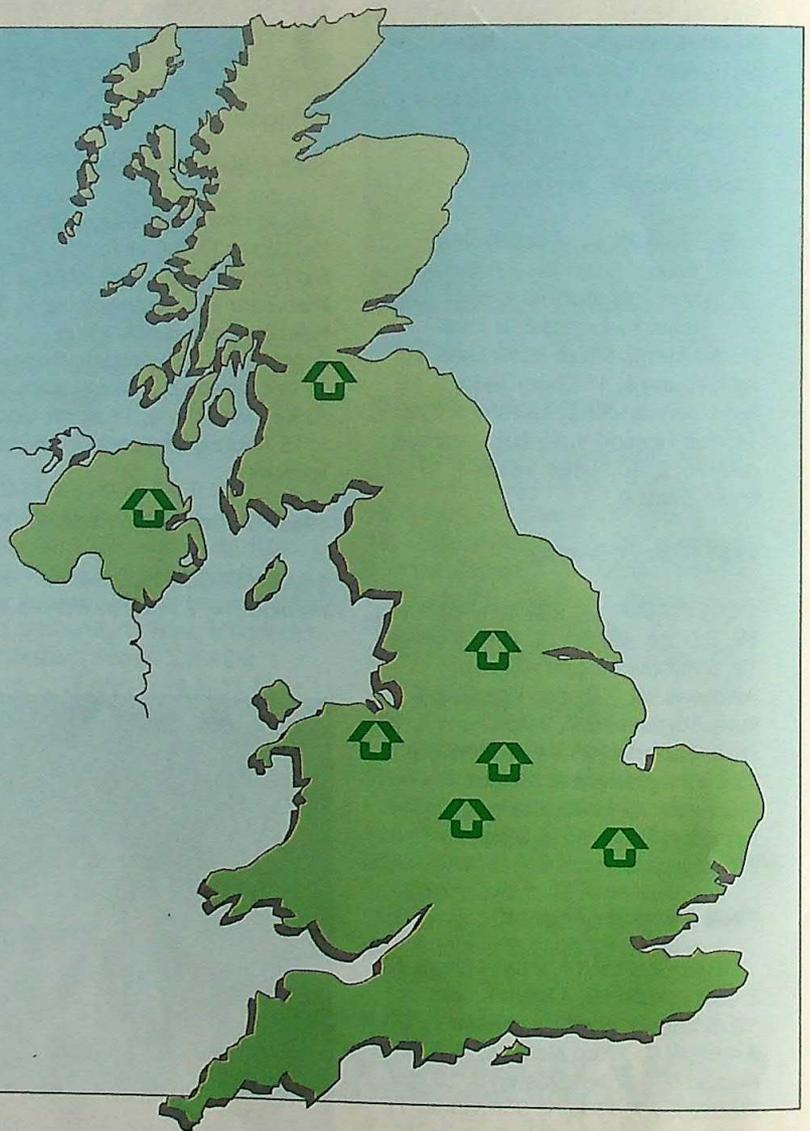
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1969 (Wembley, England)

1 IVAN MAUGER 14, 2 Barry Briggs 11, 3 Sören Sjösten 11, 4 Nigel Boocock 10, 5 Hasse Holmkvist 10, 6 Edward Jancarz 9, 7 Ove Fundin 9, 8 Ken McKinlay 7, 9 Andrzej Pogorzelski 7, 10 Jan Mucha 7, 11 Ronnie Moore 6, 12 Henryck Glücklich 5, 13 Valeri Klementiev 4, 14 Torbjörn Harrysson 4, 15 Zbigniew Podlecki, reserve, 3, 16 Andrzej Wyglenda 2, 17 Howard Cole 1.

1970 (Wroclaw, Poland)

1 IVAN MAUGER 15, 2 Pawel Waloszek 14, 3 Antonin Woryna 13, 4 Sören Sjösten 9, 5 Henryck Glücklich 9, 6 Valeri Klementiev 8, 7 Barry Briggs 7, 9 Andrzej Wyglenda 7, 9 Anders Michanek 7, 10 Ole Olsen 6, 11 Jan Mucha 6, 12 Hans Jurgen Fritz 5, 13 Vladimir Gordeev 5, 14 Edmund Migos, reserve, 4, 15 Zygfryd Friedek 2, 16 Gennady Kurilenko 2, 17 Trevor Hedge 0.

1971 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 OLE OLSEN 15, 2 Ivan Mauger 12, 3 Bengt Jansson 12, 4 Ray Wilson 11, 5 Anders Michanek 11, 6 Bernt Persson

9, 7 Jim Airey 8, 8 Sören Sjösten 8, 9 Nigel Boocock 6, 10 Ronnie Moore 5, 11 Eric Boocock 4, 12 Leif Eneccrona 4, 13 Jiri Stancl 3, 14 Tommy Jansson 1, 15 Jerzy Szczakiel 0.

1972 (Wembley, England)

1 IVAN MAUGER 13, 2 Bernt Persson 13, 3 Ole Olsen 12, 4 Christer Löfqvist 11, 5 John Louis 11, 6 Alexander Pavlov 8, 7 Anders Michanek 8, 8 Pawel Waloszek 6, 9 Viktor Trofimov 6, 10 Nigel Boocock 6, 11 Viktor Kalmykov 6, 12 Antoli Kuzmin 4, 13 Grigori Khlinovski 4, 14 Barry Briggs 3, 15 Eric Boocock 2, Jan Simensen, reserve, 2, 17 Valeri Gordeev 2, Jim McMillan, reserve, 2.

1973 (Katowice, Poland)

1 JERZY SZCZAKIEL 13, 2 Ivan Mauger 13, 3 Zenon Plech 12, 4 Ole Olsen 11, 5 Grigori Khlinovski 10, 6 Vladimir Paznikov 8, 7 Pawel Waloszek 8, 8 Valeri Gordeev 7, 9 Jan Mucha 7, 10 Anders Michanek 6, 11 Edward Jancarz 6, 12 Peter Collins 6, 13 John Boulger 6, 14 Ray Wilson 5, 15 Vladimir Zapieczny 2, 16 Tommy Jansson, reserve, 0, Andrzej Wyglenda, reserve, 0, Bernt Persson 0.



Bruce Penhall, winner in 1981 and 1982. His premature retirement was a great loss to the sport.

1974 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 ANDERS MICHENEK 15, 2 Ivan Mauger 11, 3 Soren Sjösten 11, 4 John Louis 9, 5 Bengt Jansson 9, 6 Peter Collins 9, 7 Tommy Johansson 8, 8 Zenon Plech 8, 9 Christer Löfqvist 8, 10 Grigori Khlinovski 6, 11 Dag Lövaas 6, 12 Terry Betts 6, 13 Dave Jessup 5, 14 Tommy Jansson, reserve, 3, 15 Mikhail Krasnov 3, 16 Ole Olsen 2, 17 Edward Jancarz, reserve, 1, 18 Vladimir Gordeev 0.



Winner Ivan Mauger with runner-up Peter Collins (right), third-placed Ole Olsen (left) and fourth-placed Michael Lee (rear) after the 1977 World Final. This illustrious quartet won 11 World Championships between them.

1975 (Wembley, England)

1 OLE OLSEN 15, 2 Anders Michanek 13, 3 John Louis 12, 4 Ivan Mauger 12, 5 Peter Collins 10, 6 Phil Crump 10, 7 Malcolm Simmons 10, 8 Viktor Trofimov 8, 9 Tommy Jansson 7, 10 Bernt Persson 5, 11 Ray Wilson 5, 12 Edward Jancarz 4, 13 Valeri Gordeev 4, 14 Zenon Plech 4, 15 Marek Cieslak 1, 16 Vladimir Gordeev, reserve, 0, Henryck Glucklich 0.

1976 (Katowice, Poland)

1 PETER COLLINS 14, 2 Malcolm Simmons 13, 3 Phil Crump 12, 4 Ivan Mauger 11, 5 Zenon Plech 11, 6 John Louis 9, 7 Doug Wyer 8, 8 Egon Müller 8, 9 Scott Autrey 7, 10 Jiri Stancl 6, 11 Chris Morton 6, 12 Edward Jancarz 5, 13 Marek Cieslak 4, 14 Jerzy Rembas 3, 15 Anders Michanek 2, 16 Valeri Gordeev 1, 17 Vladimir Gordeev 0.

1977 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 IVAN MAUGER 14, 2 Peter Collins 13, 3 Ole Olsen 12, 4 Michael Lee 12, 5 Finn Thomsen 10, 6 Bengt Jansson 9, 7 Egon Müller 8, 8 Anders Michanek 8, 9 Billy Sanders 6, 10 Tommy Nilsson 6, 11 Bernt Persson 6, 12 John Boulger 5, 13 Edward Jancarz 4, 14 Jiri Stancl 3, 15 Jan Mucha 1, Jan Verner 1.

1978 (Wembley, England)

1 OLE OLSEN 13, 2 Gordon Kennett 12, 3 Scott Autrey 11, 4 Dave Jessup 11, 5 Jerzy Rembas 11, 6 Malcom Simmons 10, 7 Michael Lee 9, 8 Ivan Mauger 8, 9 John Titman 7, 10 Anders Michanek 7, 11 Ilkka Teromaa 6, 12 Marek Cieslak 5, 13 Jan Verner 5, 14 Jan Andersson 3, 15 Jiri Stancl 2, 16 Petr Ondrasik 0.

1979 (Katowice, Poland)

1 IVAN MAUGER 14, 2 Zenon Plech 13, 3 Michael Lee 11, 4 Kelly Moran 11, 5 Billy Sanders 11, 6 Ole Olsen 11, 7 Zdenek Kudrna 8, 8 Dave Jessup 8, 9 Edward Jancarz 7, 10 Finn Thomsen 6, 11 Peter Collins 6, 12 John Titman 6, 13 Mikhail Starostin 3, 14 Robert Slabon 2, Christoph Betzl 2, 16 Alois Wiesböck 1.

1980 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 MICHAEL LEE 14, 2 Dave Jessup 12, 3 Billy Sanders 12, 4 Jan Andersson

11, 5 Bruce Penhall 9, 6 John Davis 9, 7 Kai Niemi 8, 8 Chris Morton 8, 9 Peter Collins 8, 10 Finn Thomsen 7, 11 Hans Nielsen 7, 12 Ales Dryml 5, 13 Jiri Stancl 5, 14 Egon Müller 4, 15 Zenon Plech 1, 16 Petr Ondrasik 0.

1981 (Wembley, England)

1 BRUCE PENHALL 14, 2 Ole Olsen 12, 3 Tommy Knudsen 12, 4 Erik Gundersen 11, 5 Kenny Carter 11, 6 Jan Andersson 9, 7 Egon Müller 9, 8 Dave Jessup 7, 9 Hans Nielsen 6, 10 Michael Lee 5, 11 Chris Morton 5, 12 Edward Jancarz 5, 13 Larry Ross 4, 14 Ales Dryml 3, 15 Zenon Plech 3, 16 Jiri Stancl 3, 17 Henryck Olszak, reserve, 0.

1982 (Los Angeles, United States of America)

1 BRUCE PENHALL 14, 2 Les Collins 13, 3 Dennis Sigalos 12, 4 Kelly Moran 11, 5 Kenny Carter 10, 6 Dave Jessup 8, 7 Hans Nielsen 8, 8 Jan Andersson 8, 9 Jiri Stancl 7, 10 Edward Jancarz 7, 11 Georg Hack 6, 12 Kai Niemi 5, 13 Peter Collins 5, 14 Phil Crump 4, 15 Vaclav Verner 2, 16 Mikhail Starostin 0.

1983 (Norden, West Germany)

1 EGON MÜLLER 15, 2 Billy Sanders 12, 3 Michael Lee 11, 4 Erik Gundersen 10, 5 Kenny Carter 10, 6 Ole Olsen 10, 7 Hans Nielsen 9, 8 Dennis Sigalos 8, 9 Karl Maier 8, 10 Chris Morton 7, 11 Mitch Shirra 7, 12 Lance King 4, 13 Phil Collins 4, 14 Antonin Kasper (jun) 3, 15 Zenon Plech 1, 16 Jiri Stancl 1.

1984 (Gothenburg, Sweden)

1 ERIK GUNDERSEN 14, 2 Hans Nielsen 13, 3 Lance King 13, 4 Kelly Moran 11, 5 Mitch Shirra 10, 6 Simon Wigg 9, 7 Bo Petersen 9, 8 Shawn Moran 7, 9 Karl Maier 7, 10 Jan Andersson 6, 11 Alan Grahame, reserve, 5, 12 Billy Sanders 5, 13 Kai Niemi 4, 14 Petr Ondrasik 3, 15 Egon Müller 3, 16 Jiri Stancl 1, 17 Vaclav Verner 0.

1985 (Bradford, England)

1 ERIK GUNDERSEN 13, 2 Hans Nielsen 13, 3 Sam Ermolenko 13, 4 Kai Niemi 10, 5 Shawn Moran 10, 6

Tommy Knudsen 10, 7 John Cook 9, 8 Kelvin Tatum 8, 9 Jan O. Pedersen 7, 10 Jan Andersson 7, 11 Lance King 6, 12 Egon Müller 5, 13 Armando Castagna 4, 14 Zoltán Adorján 2, 15 Viktor Kuznetsov 2, 16 Karl Maier 1.

1986 (Katowice, Poland)

1 HANS NIELSEN 14, 2 Jan O. Pedersen 13, 3 Kelvin Tatum 12, 4 Jimmy Nilsen 11, 5 Tommy Knudsen 10, 6 Viktor Kuznetsov 10, 7 Sam Ermolenko 9, 8 Chris Morton 8, 9 Neil Evitts 8, 10 Erik Gundersen 7, 11 Ryszard Dolomisiewicz 6, 12 Marvyn Cox 3, 13 Karl Maier 3, 14 Antonin Kasper (jun) 2, 15 Armando Castagna 2, 16 Mitch Shirra 1, 17 Petr Vandirek, reserve, 1.

1987 (Amsterdam, Holland)

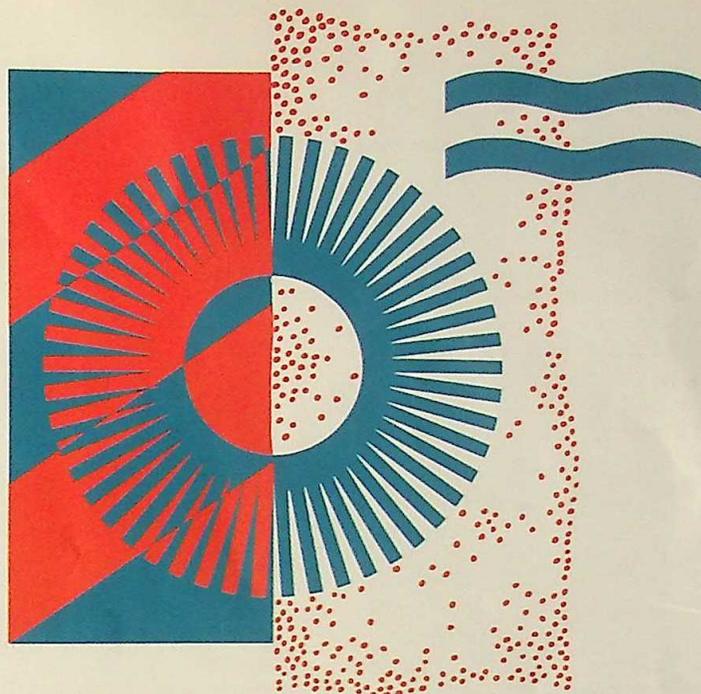
1 HANS NIELSEN 27 (12:15), 2 Erik Gundersen 24 (13:11), 3 Sam Ermolenko 24 (13:11), 4 Jimmy Nilsen 22 (9:13), 5 Per Jonsson 22 (11:11), 6 Jeremy Doncaster 20 (12:8), 7 Jan O. Pedersen 19 (10:9), 8 John Cook 15 (7:8), 9 Mitch Shirra 12 (7:5), 10 Gerd Riss 12 (4:8), 11 Simon Cross 10 (7:3), 12 Antonin Kasper (jun) 9 (5:4), 13 Chris Morton 9 (5:4), 14 Roman Jankowski 8 (0:8), 15 Roman Matousek 5 (3:2), 16 Henny Kroeze 1 (1:0), 17 Peter Ravn, reserve, 1 (1:N).

1988 (Vojens, Denmark)

1 ERIK GUNDERSEN 14, 2 Hans Nielsen 14, 3 Jan O. Pedersen 13, 4 Sam Ermolenko 12, 5 Per Jonsson 9, 6 Simon Wigg 9, 7 Roman Matousek 8, 8 Kelvin Tatum 8, 9 Conny Ivarsson 7, 10 Chris Morton 6, 11 Antal Kocso 6, 12 John Davis 3, 13 John Jorgensen 3, 14 Zenon Kasprzak 3, 15 Sándor Tihanyi 3, 16 Roman Jankowski 2.

1989 (Munich, West Germany)

1 HANS NIELSEN 15, 2 Simon Wigg 12, 3 Jeremy Doncaster 12, 4 Erik Gundersen 11, 5 Kelvin Tatum 10, 6 Mitch Shirra 10, Andy Smith 10, 8 Tony Olsson 8, 9 Gerd Riss 5, 10 Roman Matousek 5, 11 Karl Maier 5, 12 Troy Butler 4, Olli Tyrvaainen 4, 14 Ronnie Correy 4, 15 Zoltán Adorján 4, 16 Bohumil Brhel 1.



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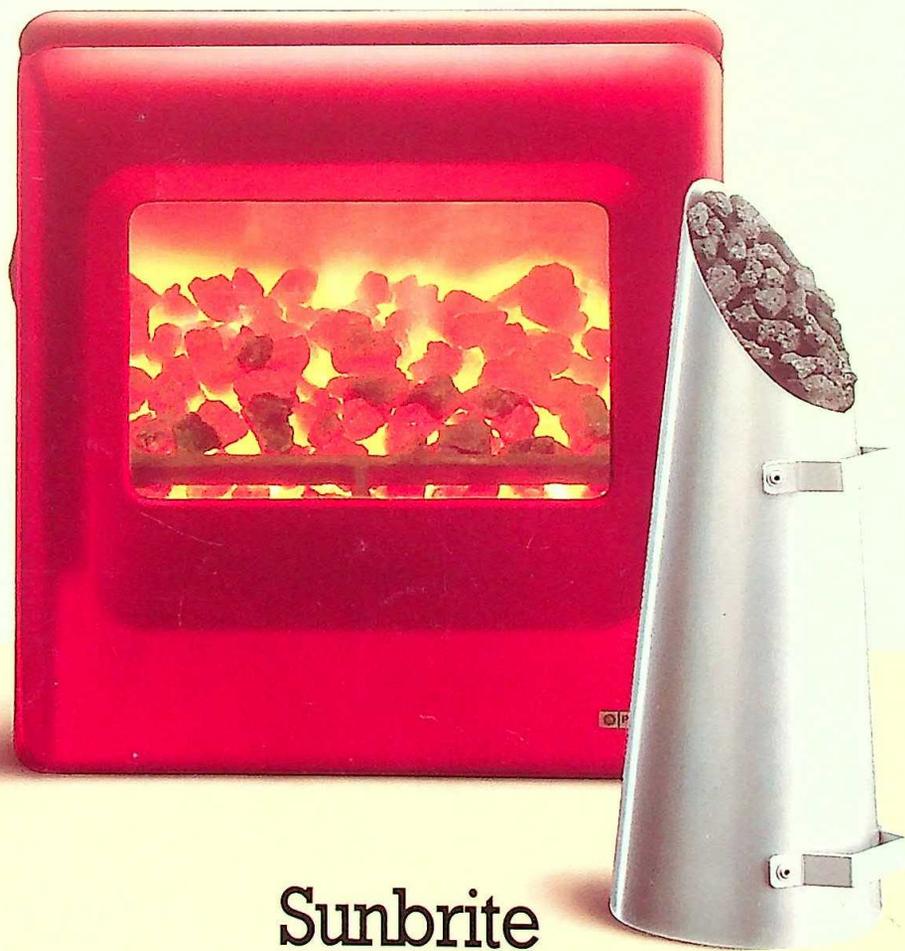
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