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1994 INDIVIDUEL VM FINALE



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Welcome to Vojens Speedway Center

A very warm welcome to you all from Vojens Speedway Center, for this great staging of the 1994 Individual Speedway World Championship Final.

We are delighted and proud to be nominated by the World controlling body FIM and the Danish Motor Union to organize this great final.

Vojens Speedway Center have a great record of organizing FIM World Championship events, as we have organized all finals over the years within the Track-Racing disciplines.

We believe that we have one of the best speedway stadiums in the world, and certainly one of the best racing circuits, that gives a safe and fair track for all the riders.

The meeting tonight will be very tough, make no mistake about that, every one want to be the Speedway Champion Of The World. So you can look forward to a very fast and fantastisk speedway night.

An event of this size calls for great teamwork and good partners, and I would like to express my profound thanks to all and everyone, who has been involved in various different jobs.

Unfortunately, there is not enough space here to mention you all in person, but a very big thank you to all of you.

A special thanks must however go to our main sponsor JACK & JONES, without them it would not have been possible to put on such a big event. We wish you all very welcome and hope that you will enjoy this special evening in the name of World Speedway Sport - at it's very best.

A special welcome to FIM president Mr. Jos Vaessen from Holland, World Final Jury president Mr. Günter Sorber Germany, and tonight's FIM international referee Mr. Hennie Van Den Boomen from Holland.

I also welcome all representatives from the FIM, CCP members, all FMN's from the various countries, the municipality of Vojens, Danmarks Motor Union, TV / Press national and international, all the riders, mechanics, managers etc. etc.

Last but not least a very special welcome to our large audience - you great Speedway fans - from all the different parts of the world. If it has not been for YOU, such great finals would not have been possible.

We hope all of you will enjoy another fantastisk world speedway night here at Vojens Speedway Center.

Once again, very welcome to Vojens, Denmark - have a good time.

Velkommen til Vojens Speedway Center

Hjertelig velkommen til alle her på Vojens Speedway Center, hvor vi i aften skal afvikle dette fantastiske Verdensmesterskab i Individuel Speedway.

Vi er meget glade og stolte over igen at være nomineret af den internationale motorcykel union FIM og Danmarks Motor Union til at arrangere denne store og betydningsfulde VM finale.

Vojens Speedway Center har jo efterhånden også en helt fantastisk rekord, da vi har afviklet alle VM finalerne igennem årenem indenfor Track-Racing disciplinen.

Vi føler også, vi har et af de bedste speedway stadions i verden, og ikke mindst en af de bedste, sikreste og fair baner for alle kørerne.

Løbet i aften vil blive meget hårdt, vær sikker på det, der skal ydes en helt speciel indsats fra kørernes og deres mekanikers side, alle går jo efter at blive individuel speedway verdensmester. Så der kan med garanti ses frem til meget hurtigt og fantastisk speedway i aften.

Et arrangement af denne størrelse og format kræver gode samarbejdspartnere. Jeg vil derfor gerne rette en meget stor tak til alle, der har været involveret i opgaver af forskellig art, desværre rummes der ikke her plads til at nævne hver enkelt men rigtig hjertelig tak til alle.

Der skal dog lyde en speciel tak til vor hovedsponsor JACK & JONES uden dem ville det ikke have været muligt at organisere så stort et stævne. Vi ønsker jer alle velkommen og håber, at I vil nyde denne specielle aften i speedway sportens navn. En varm velkomst skal også lyde til FIM's præsident Jos Vaessen fra Holland. VM finalens Jury præsident Günter Sorber, Tyskland, og aftenens internationale FIM dommer Hennie Van Den Boomen, Holland. Velkommen også til alle repræsentanter fra FIM, CCP medlemmer, alle de forskellige Unioner, Vojens Kommune, Danmarks Motor Union, TV, Pressen fra ind- og udland, alle kørerne, mekanikere, managers o.s.v., o.s.v.

Til sidst, men ikke mindst rigtig hjertelig velkommen til vort store, trofaste publikum fra ind- og udland - fantastiske speedway fans - uden jer alle sammen var sådan en finale ikke mulig.

Yours sincerely
Rigtig god fornøjelse

Ole Olsen
Promoter



Henrik Nørgaard

Chairman / formand for Danmarks Motor Union



Since 1971, when Ole Olsen won the first World Championship, we Danes have had the pleasure of seeing one of our countrymen on the winner's rostrum on numerous occasions. It is a very special feeling to see our flag at the top of the mast and realize that the eyes of the world are on our country.

On this evening, where for the second time the World Championship speedway final is to be held at Vojens Speedway Centre, we cannot know which flag will go to the top during the medal ceremony. But we do know that under any circumstances Danes are at the heart of events, both on the track and off it. And we have good reasons in this connection to take special pleasure and pride in the fact that this World Championship Final is being held under the auspices of the Danish Motor Sports Federation - and in the safe hands of Ole Olsen and his staff. On behalf of the Danish Motor Sports Federation, I would like to extend our thanks to Fédération Internationale Motorcycliste for the great trust shown us in allowing us to hold this final.

I would also like to extend special thanks to Vojens Municipality whose support has made it possible for Danish speedway to establish a stadium which has been judged worthy as a background for sporting events of the highest calibre.

Finally, warm thanks - not only to Speed Sport and Ole Olsen - but to everyone whose efforts have made it possible for us to look forward to such an excellent arrangement this evening.

Have a great evening!

Siden 1971, hvor Ole Olsen vandt det første VM, har vi danske utallige gange kunne glædes over at se en dansker øverst på sejrsskamlen i speedway. Det er noget ganske specielt at se vort smukke Dannebrog gå til tops og vide, at hele verdens øjne er rettet mod vort land.

På denne aften, hvor der for anden gang afvikles en VM-finale i individuel speedway på Vojens Speedway Center, kan vi ikke på forhånd vide, hvilket flag der skal vaje øverst ved sejrsceremonien. Men vi ved, at det under alle omstændigheder er danskere, som er i centrum på og udenfor banen, og vi har god grund til i den forbindelse, at føle en særlig glæde og stolthed over, at finalen i VM Speedway 1994 er tildelt Danmarks Motor Union - lagt i sikre hænder hos Ole Olsen og hans stab. På Danmarks Motor Unions vegne vil jeg gerne rette en tak til Fédération Internationale Motorcycliste, fordi man gennem tildelingen af dette stævne har vist os stor tillid.

Endvidere vil jeg rette en særlig tak til Vojens kommune, hvis støtte har gjort det muligt for dansk speedway at etablere et stadion, som er fundet værdigt til stævner af højeste karat.

Sluttelig vil jeg rette en varm tak - ikke alene til Speed Sport v. Ole Olsen - men til alle, der ved deres indsats har medvirket til, at vi i aften kan glæde os over dette fornemme arrangement.

/God fornøjelse!



1

Tommy Knudsen

Age: 32.

Born: November 9, 1961, Roager, Denmark.

Clubs: Fredericia (Denmark), Wroclaw (Poland), Diedenbergen (Germany).

How they got there: Danish Final, 20 points, fifth. Nordic Final, 12 points, second. Semi Final (Prague), 11 points, sixth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1981, 12 points, third. 1985, 10 points, sixth. 1986, 10 points, fifth. 1991, 11 points, fourth. 1992, 9 points, fifth.

Other honours: World Pairs Champion, 1985, 1991. World Team Cup Champion, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991. Nordic Champion, 1981, 1985, 1993. European Junior Champion, 1980. Danish Junior Champion, 1978. Danish 80 cc Champion, 1975, 1976.



DESERVES to be rated alongside Erik Gundersen, Hans Nielsen and Jan O. Pedersen. But, unlike the members of that illustrious Danish trio, he has never won the individual World title. Has, of course, been a World Champion in both the Pairs (twice) and Team events.

Missed the last World Final in Denmark but he has a fine record at Vojens and many people believe that this year he could become the fifth Danish rider to take the title.

A class rider who has opted out of the British League for the past two seasons, preferring to race in Denmark, Poland and Germany. Previously took over from Ole Olsen as the top rider at Coventry after joining them in 1979 and led them to British League championship success.

Made his World Final debut at Wembley in 1981 when Bruce Penhall became champion for the first time.

Fortjener at blive nævnt i samme åndedrag som Erik Gundersen, Hans Nielsen og Jan O. Pedersen. Men modsat de tre andre klassekørere har Tommy endnu ikke vundet VM-guld individuelt - han er "kun" to gange VM-guldvinder for par og en gang for hold. Det glippede for ham ved den sidste VM-finale i Danmark, men han er altid nået langt i Vojens. Rigtig mange er overbevist om, at netop i år vil han løbe med titlen og dermed blive den femte danske kører, som vinder individuelt VM-guld.

Tommy Knudsen beviste fra begyndelsen af karrieren sin høje klasse ved at løfte arven efter Ole Olsen i Coventry, hvor han startede i 1979 og var med til at sikre guld til klubben i den engelske liga.

De sidste to sæsoner har han valgt ikke at køre i England for i stedet at bruge kræfterne i Danmark, Polen og Tyskland.

Deltog første gang i en VM-finale på Wembley i 1981. Det var året, hvor Bruce Penhall vandt sin første guldmedalje.

Bookmaker odds: 12:1

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John Larsen

Age: 22.

Born: May 12, 1972, Anaheim, California, United States of America. Clubs: None.

How they got there: USA Final, 13 points, third. Overseas Final, 9 points, sixth. Semi Final (Bradford), 11 points, fourth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: Making his debut.

Other honours: World Team Cup Champion, 1993.



BECAME an instant hero when he helped the United States pip Denmark for the World Team Cup title at Coventry last year. Had made good progress with Arena-Essex in the British League and seemed set to become an outstanding performer in England.

But this year he decided to stay at home in California and to train to become a fire-fighter.

Despite giving the British League a miss he has easily qualified for his first World Final.

Was third in the US Final, with 13 points, and sailed through both the Overseas Final and the semi-final at Bradford.

Despite his lack of competitive racing in Europe, has continued to look a fine prospect who could make a big impact at Vojens.

Undecided about whether he will return to England in 1995. Winning the World title might make him come to a decision.

Like many riders in England, including World Champion Sam Ermolenko, is now using engines tuned by American Carl Blomfeldt.

Says he always dreamt of reaching a World Final – and now he has done it.

Amerikaneren Josh Larsen blev fejret som helt, da han var med til at besejre Danmark i VM for hold i Coventry i 1993. Før da havde han vist overbevisende kørsel for Arena-Essex i den engelske liga, og der var alle mulige tegn på, at han ville nå til tops i England. Men i år har han besluttet sig for at blive hjemme i Californien for at blive brandmand. Men selvom han i år har måttet undvære løbene i den bedste engelske række, så havde han ingen problemer med at kvalificere sig til sin første individuelle VM-finale. Med 13 points kom han ind på en 3. plads i den amerikanske finale, og han viste ren paradekørsel i både The Overseas Final og semifinalen i Bradford.

Selvom det er et handicap, at han mangler løbstræning i Europa i år, så virker hans form imponerende god, og hans chancer i Vojens skal ikke undervurderes.

Han har stadig ikke besluttet, om han vil vende tilbage til England i 1995. Men hvis han vinder VM-guld, bliver det garanteret lettere for ham at træffe en afgørelse.

Ligesom Sam Ermolenko, som har vundet VM-guld, kører Josh Larsen nu med motorer, som er tunet af amerikaneren Carl Blomfeldt. "Jeg har altid drømt om at nå en VM-finale", siger han. - Og nu er han her.

Bookmaker odds: 35:1



3

Chris Louis

Age: 25.

Born: July 9, 1969, Ipswich, Suffolk, England.

Clubs: Ipswich (England), Bysarna (Sweden).

How they got there: British Semi Final (Reading),

11 points, second. British Final, 7 points, tenth.

Commonwealth Final, 10 points, fifth. Overseas Final,

8 points, ninth. Semi Final (Bradford), 9 points, sixth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1993, 11 points, third.

Other honours: World Under 21 Champion, 1990.



MADE a huge impression on his World Final debut in Pocking last year, finishing third after losing to Hans Nielsen in a run-off.

A former World Under 21 Champion, he took a little time to realise all his potential, not reaching a World Final until he was 24 years of age.

But he is making up for lost time now, and is one of only two English riders to have qualified this year.

His father, John, is a former British Champion who rode in four World Finals and was third behind Ole Olsen and Anders Michanek at Wembley in 1975.

Rides for Ipswich in the British League and Bysarna in Sweden.

Has yet to win a major World Championship event but the experience gained in last year's Final will help him this time.

Says he still has the engine he used in last year's final and that he may bring it again this time.

Says that the hardest thing about the World Championship is getting to the Final – and has now vowed to do better than last year!

Slog virkelig sit navn fast i sin første VM-finale i Pocking i 1993 da han vandt en fortjent 3. plads efter at have tabt til Hans Nielsen efter omkørsel.

Han har vundet VM-guld for køreere under 21 år. Men det tog ham noget tid, før han fandt ud af at bruge sit store talent, og han var 24 år gammel, inden han kom i sin første VM-finale. Nu forsøger han at indhente det forsømte og er en af blot to englændere, som har kvalificeret sig i år.

Chris Louis har levet med cinders og speedway, siden han blev født. Hans far er den tidligere britiske mester John Louis, som deltog i fire VM-finaler og vandt bronze efter Ole Olsen og Anders Michanek på Wembley i 1975.

Chris Louis kører i dag for Ipswich i den engelske 1. division og for Bysarna i Sverige. Han har stadig til gode at komme helt til tops, men hans flotte præstation ved VM sidste år har givet ham blod på tanden: "Jeg har gemt den motor, jeg kørte med sidste år. Og jeg tager den med til Vojens i år", siger han.

Han mener, at det vanskeligste ved et individuelt VM er at kvalificere sig til finalen. Nu er han her, og han har lovet sig selv at nå længere end sidste år.

Bookmaker odds: 20:1

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Stefan Dannö

Age: 25.

Born: February 10, 1969, Ostersund, Sweden.

Clubs: Eastbourne (England), Valsarna (Sweden).

How they got there: Swedish qualifying round (Malilla), 10 points, fifth. Swedish Final, 10 points, fourth. Nordic Final, 8 points, seventh. Semi Final (Prague), 11 points, fifth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: Making his debut.



A GREAT performance in the Prague semi-final earned him fifth place and a ticket to his first World Final.

Will be less fancied than fellow Swedish riders Tony Rickardsson and Henka Gustafsson, but he could prove a spoiler on the day.

Capable of winning races and taking points of others riders when they least expect it.

Has never ridden in a speedway World Final of any sort before.

Klared sig fornemt i semifinalen i Prag, og 5.-pladsen blev hans adgangsbillet til VM-finalen. De fleste vil nok ikke tillægge ham så mange chancer som de andre svenskere Tony Rickardsson og Henka Gustafsson. Men hold godt øje med ham, for han kan lidt af hvert, og han er kendt for at lægge sig i vinderposition og snuppe point, når de andre køre mindst af alt venter det.

Det er første gang nogen sinde, at han deltager i en VM-finale.

Bookmaker odds: 35:1

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Sam Ermolenko

Defending World Champion



Age: 33.

Born: November 23, 1960, Maywood, California, United States of America.

Clubs: Wolverhampton (England), Bydgoszcz (Poland), Vastervick (Sweden).

How they got there: Overseas Final, 14 points, first. Semi Final (Prague), 11 points, fourth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1985, 13 points, third. 1986, 9 points, seventh. 1987, 24 points, third. 1988, 12 points, fourth. 1991, 9 points, seventh. 1992, 7 points, eighth. 1993, 12 points, first.

Other honours: World Pairs Champion, 1992. World Team Cup Champion, 1990, 1992, 1993. British League Riders' Champion, 1991. Overseas Champion,

THE defending Champion, who took the crown in Germany last year. Won his first four races there and could even afford to finish last in his fifth heat.

His individual success was long overdue. Had already won FIM gold in the Pairs and Team events. An outstanding performer in the British League for Wolverhampton, but a broken leg late last season cost him and his club the championship.

Missed six weeks of this year after aggravating that injury but in winning the Overseas Final showed that he is back to his best.

The third American rider to win the World title, after Jack Milne and Bruce Penhall. Knows that no one has successfully defended the title since Hans Nielsen in 1987.

Races in England, Poland and Sweden and likes a busy schedule. Says that he doesn't have an outstanding record at Vojens, but he will be the favourite along with Nielsen this time.

Beat Nielsen in the last heat of the 1993 World Team Cup Final to snatch the title for the USA and prove that he was THE rider of last season.

Som forsvarende mester efter VM i Tyskland i 1993 vil Sam Ermolenko gøre sit yderste for ikke at give guldets fra sig i år. For da havde han vundet FIM guld for par og hold, men det individuelle VM manglede. Da han endelig slog til, gjorde han det grundigt: vandt de fire første heats og kunne tillade sig at komme sidst over stregen i femte heat.

Kører i England, Polen og Sverige og elsker at have travlt. Da han brækkede benet i sidste sæson, røg hans og Wolverhamptons chancer for at vinde det engelske mesterskab. Måtte sidde uden for i 6 uger i denne sæson, da skaden brød op igen. Men efter at have vundet The Overseas Final er der ingen tvivl om, at han er tilbage igen.

Han indrømmer, at han normalt ikke klarer sig for godt her i Vojens, men mener at han er favorit sammen med Hans Nielsen i år.

Som den 3. amerikaner ud over Jack Milne og Bruce Penhall ved Sam Ermolenko kun alt for godt, at det endnu ikke er lykkedes nogen at genvinde VM-guldet, siden Hans Nielsen gjorde det i 1987.

På plussiden tæller, at han kørte fra Hans Nielsen i sidste heat, da USA vandt hold-VM i 1993.

- Spørgsmålet er, om han kan gøre det igen i år?

Bookmaker odds: 3,75:1

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Tony Rickardsson

Age: 24.

Born: August 17, 1970, Grytnas, Sweden.

Clubs: Valsarna (Sweden), Tarnow (Poland).

How they got there: Swedish qualifying round (Nykoping), 11 points, third. Swedish Final, 12 points, third. Nordic Final, 12 points, third. Semi Final (Prague), 12 points, second.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1991, 12 points, second. 1992, 5 points, fifteenth. 1993, 4 points, fourteenth.

Other honours: World Pairs Champion, 1993. Swedish Champion, 1990. Nordic Champion, 1992.



MADE a sensational World Final debut in 1991, finishing second in Gothenburg behind Jan O. Pedersen. But in subsequent World Finals has been a big disappointment, managing just five and four points.

Another rider who is now not riding in the British League, racing in just Sweden and Poland.

But he was second in the Prague semi-final, behind Tomasz Gollob, and is again looking a potential World Champion.

Has very fast Jawa motors and knows that he and Henka Gustafsson will carry the hopes of Sweden with Per Jonsson so sadly injured and out of contention.

Fik en sensationel debut i VM-finalen i 1991 i Göteborg da han kom ind som nummer to efter Jan O. Pedersen. Siden da har han med kun fire og fem points skuffet i de øvrige VM-finaler, han har deltaget i.

Endnu en af de køere, som i år har valgt ikke at optræde i den engelske liga. Kører i stedet i Sverige og Polen.

Fik en 2.-plads i semifinalen i Prag, hvor Tomasz Gollob vandt. Formkurven er på vej op, og han kan godt gå hen og vinde.

Hans Jawa-motorer er utroligt hurtige, og han er klar over, at han og Henka Gustafsson er svenskernes eneste håb, efter at Per Jonsson blev alvorligt skadet og måtte opgive at være med.

Bookmaker odds: 5:1



7

Jason Crump

Age: 19.

Born: August 6, 1975, Bristol, England.

Clubs: Poole (England), Gorzow (Poland), Getingarna (Sweden).

How they got there: Queensland Final, 13+3 points, second. Australian Final, 11 points, third.

Commonwealth Final, 7 points, tenth. Overseas Final, 9 points, fifth. Semi Final (Prague), 9 points, seventh.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: Making his debut.

Other honours: Australian Under 16 Champion, 1990.



ANOTHER rider making his World Final debut. And another whose father is also a World Finalist. Phil Crump was third at Katowice behind Peter Collins and Macolm Simmons in 1976.

Jason has lived up to all expectations since making his British League debut for Peterborough in 1992. Joined Swindon the following year and moved up to Division Two with Poole this season.

The youngest rider here today but has already showed in previous World championship rounds that his inexperience is not a handicap.

He was Australian Under-16 champion in 1990 and has continued to make great progress since then. Began his journey to Vojens way back in January by finishing second in the Queensland Final in Australia.

Says he intends enjoying himself at Vojens and that his real target this year was last week's World Under-21 Final.

Endnu en VM-debutant. Og endnu en kører, hvis far har deltaget i en VM-finale: Phil Crump vandt bronze i Katowice efter Peter Collins og Macolm Simmons i 1976.

Jason har indfriet alle forventningerne, siden han startede så flot i den britiske liga for Peterborough i 1992. Året efter kørte han for Swindon, og i år har han været med til at køre Poole op i 2. division.

Med kun 19 år er han den yngste kører her i Vojens i dag, men han har allerede vist at hans unge alder ikke er et handicap. Han har klaret sig rigtig godt i de foregående VM-løb.

I Australien blev han i 1990 guldvinder for køreere under 16, og siden da er han blevet bedre og bedre. Vejen til Vojens begyndte i januar i år, da han blev nr. 2 i Queensland i Australien.

Han fortæller, at han er kommet her for at lære og køre det bedste han kan, men at hans store mål i år var VM for køreere under 21, som blev afviklet i sidste uge.

Bookmaker odds: 50:1

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Today is a great day for Danish speedway. Not only because the World Championship Final is being held in Denmark, but also because we have three Danish riders among the eighteen best in the world. And this only because we have a group of riders who make a sustained, purposeful effort - helped on by a small portion of luck, or who have at least been spared misfortune.

The road to the World Championship Final has been long and hard for all participants.

For the Danes qualification starts with 16 riders.

They are the top scorers from the Danish League and compete for the Danish Championship. The six best go on to the Nordic Championship. The eight best from the Nordic Championship take part in one of two semi-finals and the eight best from each of the semi-finals go through to the World Championship Final.

A long, hard road - and it is difficult not to commiserate with all those who fell by the wayside. Months of preparation and dreams of glory suddenly turned into ashes, but of course there is only room for eighteen riders in the World Championship field. These are the conditions and all participants know it.

For Danish speedway and the efforts made by clubs to recruit new talent, leaders and members, holding the World Championship on Danish soil is an excellent opportunity to boost the general interest in our sport through the skilful PR work performed by the organisers and the great media coverage of this spectacular event.

In this connection I can mention that there are speedway clubs evenly distributed throughout Denmark ready to receive new members who want to learn more about the sport. And there is always room for one more. Welcome!

Also a word of praise for the tremendously exciting Danish Super League, where nerve-wracking duels continue throughout the season. The great interest of spectators in these weekly matches is not without good grounds because we will be seeing several of the riders from the Danish League in action today. Since FIM's change in attitude with regard to which tracks are eligible for use in connection with World Championship Finals - from huge Olympic stadiums with temporary speedway tracks laid out around football pitches, to "real" speedway stadiums - it has now become possible to hold the World Championship Final here at Vojens.

This will also be the case with future World Championships, Grand Prix races, which we will be able to experience in the future because Denmark has now been awarded the permanent status of annual GP organiser. This is really something that all of us - both riders and the public - are looking forward to. I would like to wish all participants good luck today. I hope that the spectators will witness an excellent, fair World Championship Final.

Det er i dag en stor dag for dansk speedway. Ikke alene fordi VM afvikles i Danmark, men også fordi vi har hele 3 danske køre med blandt de 18 bedste i verden, og det har vi kun, fordi vi har nogle køre, der yder en vedvarende og målrettet indsats, tilsmilet af en lille smule held, eller under alle omstændigheder har været forskånet for uheld. Vejen til VM-finalen har for alle deltagere her i dag været lang og trang.

For de danske deltagere begynder det med, at man ud fra topscorelisten i Super Ligaen kvalificerer sig til DM-finalen med 16 deltagere, hvoraf de 6 bedste går videre til Nordisk Finale. Herfra bliver de 8 bedste fordelt mellem 2 VM semifinaler, og fra hver af disse går de 8 bedste videre til selve VM-finalen. En lang og sej vej, hvor man godt kan sende en anerkendende tanke til alle de, der faldt fra undervejs. Månedslange forberedelser og store drømme faldt i grus, men der er jo engang kun plads til 18 køre i VM-feltet. Sådan er betingelserne, og det ved alle.

For dansk speedway og for klubbernes bestræbelser på at rekruttere nye køre, ledere og medlemmer er en VM finale på dansk grund en kærkommen lejlighed til at løfte den generelle interesse for vor sport via arrangørens dygtige PR-arbejde samt den store medieinteresse, der hersker omkring dette arrangement.

Jeg kan i den forbindelse nævne, at der jævnt fordelt over hele landet sidder speedwayklubber parat til at modtage nye medlemmer, der vil følge sporten på tættere hold. Der vil altid være plads til én til. Velkommen!

Der skal også slås et slag for den fantastisk spændende danske Super Liga, hvor der sæsonen igennem bliver kæmpet brave kampe, bl.a. også med deltagelse af flere af de køre, vi ser på banen i dag, så det er ikke uden grund, at vi oplever en stor tilskuereinteresse for disse ugentlige matcher.

På grund af FIM's ændrede indstilling til, hvilke baner der kan benyttes til en VM-finale - gående fra store OL-stadions med en til lejligheder anlagt speedwaybane omkring en fodboldbane, til "rigtige" speedwaystadions, er det blevet muligt at få anlagt VM finaler her i Vojens. Dette gælder også den fremtidige VM-afvikling, Grand Prix-løbene, som vi i årene fremover vil kunne opleve, fordi Danmark har fået en fast bane som årlig GP-arrangør, og det er virkelig noget, som vi alle - både køre og publikum - kan se frem til.

Jeg vil gerne ønske alle deltagere held og lykke i dag. Jeg håber på, at alle vi tilskuere vil blive vidne til en god og fair VM-finale.

Ole Hansen

Chairman / formand,
Speedway Division,

Danish Motor Sports Federation / DMU



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Mark Loram

Age: 23.

Born: January 12, 1971, Malta.

Clubs: King's Lynn (England), Torun (Poland), Bysarna (Sweden).

How they got there: British Semi Final (Wolverhampton), 12 points, second. British Final, 9 points, seventh. Commonwealth Final, 14 points, first. Overseas Final, 8 points, eighth. Semi Final (Bradford), 14 points, first.

Other honours: Commonwealth Champion, 1994. British Junior Champion, 1988. Division Two Riders' Champion, 1989.



ONE of seven riders making their World Final debuts today. Like Chris Louis, has taken longer than expected to hit the high spots. Made his British League debut for Hackney when aged just 16.

Has not only qualified this year but also won two rounds on the way. Took the Commonwealth Final on his own King's Lynn track and then claimed an even bigger victory in the semi-final at Bradford, sweeping past Hans Nielsen in his last race to do so.

Has much better equipment this year, like Nielsen using Jawas from German tuner Klaus Lausch. Has also reached the World Longtrack Final after winning his semi-final.

A real racer, who could upset a few of the more fancied contenders today.

Told himself at the start of this year that, if he didn't make progress, he would quit. Now he is in two World Finals and probably a third. How can England leave him out of their World Team Cup squad in Germany next month.

Der er syv køere, som kører VM-finale for første gang i aften. Mark Loram er en af dem. Lige som Chris Louis har hans gennembrud ladet vente på sig, siden han startede med at køre for Hackney som 16-årig.

Han har kvalificeret sig temmelig overbevisende ved at vinde to runder. Han vandt Commonwealth-turneringen på hjemmebane, King's Lynn, og fik en endnu større triumf ved at køre forbi Hans Nielsen og vinde semifinalen på Bradford. Og han er også nået til VM-finalen på langbane ved at vinde semifinalen.

I år kører han på klassecykler: bruger Jawa-motorer tunet af tyskeren Klaus Lausch lige som Hans Nielsen.

Han er kendt som en fandenivoldsk køer, som godt kan overraske aftenens storfavoritter. I begyndelsen af sæsonen i år lovede han sig selv, at hvis han ikke gjorde fremskridt, så ville han holde helt op. Nu er han i to VM-finaler - måske tre. Hvordan kan England dog finde på at stille op i hold-VM i Tyskland i næste måned uden Mark Loram?

Bookmaker odds: 12:1

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Tomasz Gollob

Age: 23.

Born: April 11, 1971, Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Clubs: Bydgoszcz (Poland), Fredericia (Denmark).

How they got there: Continental Qualifying round (Marmande), 10 points, fifth. Continental Semi Final (Bydgoszcz), 15 points, first. Semi Final (Prague), 14 points, first.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1993, 8 points, seventh.

Other honours: Champions Cup Winner, 1993.

Polish Champion, 1992, 1993. Polish Junior Champion, 1990, 1991.



IT is 22 years since a Polish rider, Jerzy Szczakiel in 1972, won the World title for the one and only time. But Tomasz Gollob, who made his World Final debut a year ago, was an emphatic winner of the Prague semi-final, underlining his enormous talent.

Rides for Fredericia in Denmark but has, so far, resisted all offers to race in the British League.

Possesses very fast bikes and will be a bigger threat this year with Pocking under his belt.

Recognised as a top contender this year and will have tremendous support in Vojens.

Der er gået 22 år siden en polak for første og foreløbig eneste gang vandt VM-guld. Det var Jerzy Szczakiel i 1972. Men Tomasz Gollob, som debuterede i VM-sammenhæng sidste år, blev en suveræn vinder af semifinalen i Prag og understregede dermed sit kæmpestore talent.

Kører for Fredericia, og selv om han har fået en del gode tilbud, har han indtil videre sagt nej til at køre i den engelske liga.

Han kører på nogle meget hurtige cykler, og man skal holde godt øje med ham.

Efter at have vundet i Pocking er han mentalt i topform og må regnes som en af favoritterne - ikke mindst takket være hans store popularitet her i Vojens.

Bookmaker odds: 8:1

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Henrik Gustafsson

Age: 24.

Born: August 14, 1970, Kumla, Sweden.

Clubs: Indianerna (Sweden), Zielona Gora (Poland), Randers (Denmark).

How they got there: Swedish Qualifying round (Malilla), 13 points, second. Swedish Final, 13 points, first. Nordic Final, 10 points, fourth. Semi Final (Bradford), 12 points, third.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1990, 9 points, sixth. 1992, 9 points, fourth. 1993, 10 points, fourth.

Other honours: World Pairs Champion, 1993. Swedish Junior Champion, 1988, 1989.



HAS ridden in three of the last four World Finals, taking fourth spot a year ago with 10 points. Yet another rider who has given the British League a miss this year and says that he is enjoying the number of meetings he has.

A great talent and crowd pleaser who does much of his racing from the back.

Was third behind Mark Loram and Hans Nielsen in the Bradford semi-final and says that he, too, may try a laid down Jawa in the Final.

Also rides in the Danish League, for Randers, and will be an automatic selection for Sweden in next month's new-look World Team Cup Final in Germany.

Har deltaget i tre af de sidste fire VM-finaler og blev nr. 4 sidste år med 10 points. Endnu en af de kørere, som i år holdt op med at køre i den engelske liga, og han siger, at han har det godt med det antal løb, han nu kører. Han er meget talentfuld, og med sine 24 år er han uhyre populær blandt publikum: han er lidt af en showkører, som har specialiseret sig i at komme godt igen fra baghjul.

I semifinalen i Bradford hentede han en 3.-plads efter Mark Loram og Hans Nielsen. Og lige som andre, kunne han godt finde på at "snyde en Jawa" til finalen i aften.

Kører til daglig for Randers og er automatisk udtaget, når Sverige i næste måned deltager i et helt nyt VM for hold i Tyskland.

Bookmaker odds: 5,50:1



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Hans Nielsen

Age: 34.

Born: December 26, 1959, Brovst, Denmark.

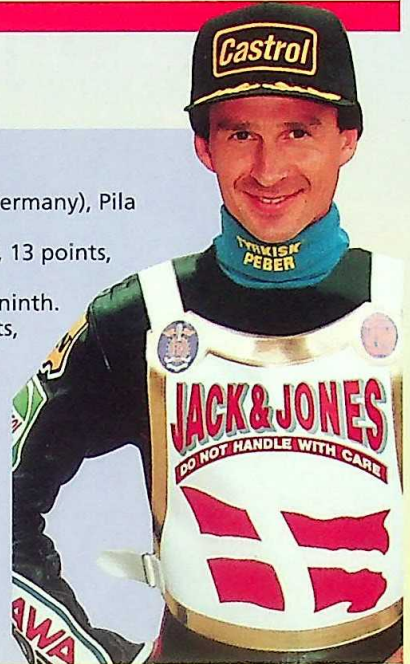
Clubs: Coventry (England), Randers (Denmark), Neuenknick (Germany), Pila (Poland).

How they got there: Danish Final, 24 points, first. Nordic Final, 13 points, first. Semi Final (Bradford), 13 points, second.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1980, 7 points, tenth. 1981, 6 points, ninth.

1982, 8 points, seventh. 1983, 9 points, seventh. 1984, 13 points, second. 1985, 13 points, second. 1986, 14 points, first. 1987, 27 points, first. 1988, 14 points, second. 1989, 15 points, first. 1990, 11 points, third. 1991, 11 points, third. 1993, 11 points, second.

Other honours: World Speedway Champion, 1986, 1987, 1989. World Pairs Champion, 1979, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991. World Team Cup Champion, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991. Champions Cup Winner, 1990. Danish Champion, 1978, 1982, 1987, 1990, 1993. Danish Junior Champion, 1976. British League Riders' Champion, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1990. Nordic Champion, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993.



NO speedway rider has won more FIM gold medals than the 19 of Hans Nielsen. But he still has many targets to aim at. Would like to win more individual speedway titles than any other Danish rider – Ole Olsen, Erik Gundersen and Nielsen all have three at present – and, maybe, to even tackle Ivan Mauger's record of six.

Would also love to win the title in his own country, having missed out to Gundersen in 1988.

Made his World Final debut in Gothenburg in 1980 and has only missed one (1992) since.

Will be quitting the British League at the end of this season to move his home back to Denmark.

But will carry on racing for a few years yet.

Acknowledged as one of the greatest riders of all time. For himself, his country and the various clubs – in Britain, Denmark, Poland and Sweden that he has represented.

Will start today's meeting as joint favourite with Sam Ermolenko, to whom he finished runner-up a year ago.

Med 19 FIM guldmedaljer er Hans Nielsen suverænt den mest vindende speedwaykører. Men han har stadig nogle rekorder der skal slås: Hans Nielsen vil gerne vinde flere individuelle finaler end Ole Olsen og Erik Gundersen, som også har tre guldmedaljer hver. Ivan Mauger har med 6 guldmedaljer stadig vundet flest, og måske flere end Hans Nielsen kan nå.

Allerhelst vil han vinde guld på dansk grund, efter at han tabte til Erik Gundersen i 1988.

Debuterede i en VM-finale i Göteborg i 1980, og siden da er det kun glippet for ham i 1992.

Efter denne sæson stopper han i den britiske liga og flytter tilbage til

Danmark. Men Hans Nielsen holder ikke op med at køre de første år, lover han. Heldigvis - for han har i en alder af 34 år skrevet sig ind i historien som en af de bedste kørere nogensinde. Både individuelt, for det danske landshold og i gennem årene for adskillige klubber i England, Polen, Sverige og Danmark.

Når Hans Nielsen kommer på banen i aften, må han regnes for storfavorit sammen med Sam Ermolenko, som han måtte se sig besejret af sidste år.

Bookmaker odds: 3,25:1

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Greg Hancock

Age: 24.

Born: June 3, 1970, Whittier, California, United States of America.

Clubs: Cradley Heath (England), Leszno (Poland), Getingarna (Sweden).

How they got there: American Final, 15 points, first. Overseas Final, 12 points, second. Semi Final (Prague), 8 points, ninth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1993, 2 points, sixteenth.

Other honours: World Pairs Champion, 1992. World Team Cup Champion, 1992, 1993.



WINNER of this year's American Final and already a three-times World Champion. But not in the individual event.

Made his World Final debut last year in Germany but disappointingly finished last.

Knows he can do much better than that ... and intends doing so today.

Rides for a Cradley Heath, a track that has already produced three World Champions in Bruce Penhall, Erik Gundersen and Jan O. Pedersen.

Had to win a run-off against his great friend Billy Hamill to clinch the last qualifying spot at Prague. But, as he says, all riders start equal today.

And he adds: "I want to win the big one. That's what I am here for."

Vandt den amerikanske finale i år og har vundet VM-guld 3 gange. Men ikke individuelt - endnu. Debutede i VM-sammenhæng i Tyskland i '93, men skuffede ved at havne på sidstepladsen.

Greg Hancock ved, at han er skabt til noget større end det, og i aften vil han bevise det.

Kører for Cradley Heath - hvorfra der i tidens løb er kommet tre VM-vindere: Bruce Penhall, Erik Gundersen og Jan O. Pedersen. Han måtte bide tænderne sammen og besejre sin gode ven Billy Hamill i et omløb for at kvalificere sig i Prag.

I aftenens løb har alle deltagerne lige gode chancer, siger han og tilføjer: "Jeg er kommet for at tage guldet!"

Bookmaker odds: 25:1

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Letter from Peter Oakes

Chief Press officer, British Speedway Promotor Assosiation

THOSE were the days, my freinds. The days when Denmark was an unknown speedway nation. And Ole Olsen one of only a dozen senior licence holders racing speedway, generally on multi-motorsport bills with solos mixed up alongside sidecars, road bikes and motorcars.

Denmark HAD a speedway pedigree - but that was many years earlier when Jens Henning Fisker (Morian) Hansen, reached the Inaugural World Final at London's Wembley Stadium in 1936.

After the second World War the Sport all but died out and was barely limping along when a youthful 18-year-old by name of Ole Olsen became the Danish Junior Champion - and finished runner-up to Frederiksborg's Kastebo in the 1965 Danish Senior Championship.

No-one among the meagre crowd who watched those two meetings could have known that they were in at the birth of a superstar - the man who was born to be Speedway King.

Today Ole Olsen is director of Speed Sport running the 1994 World Final - but this day must have seen light years away during the sixties when no Danish rider could hope to make a living out of skidding a machine around a shale track.

Ole's biography is well known - but bears repeating... He qualified for the 1966 British Nordic final of the World Championship at Sheffield and made his first-ever trip to England, scoring five points but failing to make it into the next round.

Early the following year he was among a party of eight danes who travelled across to Britain for several days training at the famous old Belle Vue track at Hyde Road, Manchester.

Bogh, Andreassen, Hans Walther and Preben Christensen were his travelling companions and Newcastle promoter Mike Parker wanted to sign the more experienced Bogh until his team captain Ivan Mauger, who had been one of the teachers at the training sessions, recommended Olsen because he seemed to understand English and showed a willingness to learn.

Eventually Mauger had his way, Olsen signed for Newcastle and after overcoming initial opposition from Speedway Riders' Association who were demanding Newcastle sign an Englishman be made his British League debut.

It was the beginning of a glittering career which saw him spend 17 successive seasons racing in England and win every major honour.

World Speedway Champion in 1971, 1975 and 1978; World Long Track Champion in 1973, World Pairs Champion in 1979 and World Team Cup Champion in 1978, 1981 and his international farewell campaign in 1983. Erik Gundersen and Hans Nielsen have equally impressive - if not more impressive - records but they had all the advantages of coming into a sport that had boomed whereas Olsen's achievements were built on that fragmented rock in which he was one of the country's six riders!

It is easy to eulogise over Ole's contribution to Danish speedway: but this is not meant to be a fawning appreciation of the man. It is simply a factual resumee of his career, on and off track.

As a Dane in speedway he did almost everything first and invariably better than any of his peers.

He was the first Dane to win a FIM medal of any colour when he struck gold at Gothenburg, Sweden, In 1971 with a faultless maximum; he led Denmark to their first-ever team success in the 1978 World Team Cup Final at Lands-hut, Germany, in 1978.

He was the man who took Danish speedway to the dominant position it has commanded throughout the seventies, eighties and now the nineties.

And he was also the man who had the dream of providing his country with a venue where World Finals could be staged.

He recalls: "I can remember in the seventies I always had to go to other countries to qualify in the World Championship."

"In the early days I was sick of going to Sweden and having to race against maybe 12 or 13 Swedes, a couple of Norwegians and the odd Finn."

"I always thought it was wrong that Denmark didn't have a track that could hold major FIM World Championship meetings and secretly I vowed to try to do something about it."

That something was the birth of Vojens Speedway Centre, venue of what could go down in the record books as the last ever one-off traditional World Final.

Olsen has always been stubborn and single-minded and he poured that side of his character into realising his dream.

In 1974 Ole and his partner acquired permission to construct a new stadium on the site of an old quarry.

Nearly two years later - on september 21, 1975 - a record crowd of 38,000 hailed him as the 1975 World Champion as he returned home in glory for what has now become an annual event the VM Revenge.

Initially it had cost around 3 million kroner (£300,000) to build the track and the somewhat sparse facilities.

Since then a small fortune has been poured into the project to provide grandstand accommodation and some of the best lighting at any speedway venue in the world.

Olsen was the racing pioneer in the sixties. A decade later he became the promoting pioneer as he brought international racing to Denmark, staging the inaugural European Under 21 Final in 1977 (won by home rider Alf Busk), the World Pairs Final in 1979 (won by Olsen and Hans Nielsen), the World Team Cup Final in 1983 (when, once again Denmark were the winners), and finally, the sweet icing on the cake, the World Final in 1988 when Erik Gundersen made it a golden moment for all of Denmark.

Today will be Vojens seventh World Final...not bad for a country that had only one speedway track at Selskov when Ole Olsen made his debut thirty years ago!



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Craig Boyce

Age: 27.

Born: August 2, 1967, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

How they got there: New South Wales Championship, 15 points, first. Australian Final, 11 points, fourth. Commonwealth Final, 8 points, eighth. Overseas Final, 12 points, third. Semi Final (Bradford), 8 points, eighth.

World final record: Making his debut.



THE second Australian in today's line-up and, at the age of 27, is making his World Final debut. Another example of the talent that has come out of Australia in recent years – and a reminder of the sad loss to speedway of Todd Wiltshire, forced to quit through injury after finishing third in 1990.

Is enjoying his best ever season in England as captain of the Poole Pirates, favourites to win the British League championship. This will be his first World Final of any kind but no rider anxious for points will relish facing him. Says that when he first started racing his dream was to reach a World Final. Admits that the Bradford semi was the toughest meeting he has ridden in. Until today ...

Den anden af to australiere i Vojens i aften. Og selvom han er 27 år gammel og det er hans debut i en VM-finale, så er han et godt eksempel på de speedway-talenter, som i de senere år er kommet fra den anden ende af kloden. Samtidig er han en påmindelse om Todd Wiltshire's sørgelige farvel til speedway efter en alvorlig skade. Han vandt bronze i 1990.

Craig Boyce har haft sit livs bedste sæson i England som anfører for Poole Pirates, som ligger til at vinde den engelske liga i år. Måske er han ny i VM-sammenhæng, men alle kørere bør se sig godt tilbage, for han er i kanonform.

Han siger, at hans drøm altid har været at komme i en VM-finale. Men han indrømmer, at semifinalen i Bradford var det hårdeste løb, han havde deltaget i. - Så hvad mon han synes om løbet i aften?

Bookmaker odds: 50:1

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1936	<i>Lionel Van Praag</i>	Australia	1970	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand
1937	<i>Jack Milne</i>	USA	1971	<i>Ole Olsen</i>	Denmark
1938	<i>Bluey Wilkinson</i>	Australia	1972	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand
1949	<i>Tommy Price</i>	England	1973	<i>Jerzy Szczakiel</i>	Poland
1950	<i>Freddie Williams</i>	Wales	1974	<i>Anders Michanek</i>	Sweden
1951	<i>Jack Young</i>	Australia	1975	<i>Ole Olsen</i>	Denmark
1952	<i>Jack Young</i>	Australia	1976	<i>Peter Collins</i>	England
1953	<i>Freddie Williams</i>	Wales	1977	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand
1954	<i>Ronnie Moore</i>	New Zealand	1978	<i>Ole Olsen</i>	Denmark
1955	<i>Peter Craven</i>	England	1979	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand
1956	<i>Ove Fundin</i>	Sweden	1980	<i>Michael Lee</i>	England
1957	<i>Barry Briggs</i>	New Zealand	1981	<i>Bruce Penhall</i>	USA
1958	<i>Barry Briggs</i>	New Zealand	1982	<i>Bruce Penhall</i>	USA
1959	<i>Ronnie Moore</i>	New Zealand	1983	<i>Egon Müller</i>	West Germany
1960	<i>Ove Fundin</i>	Sweden	1984	<i>Erik Gundersen</i>	Denmark
1961	<i>Ove Fundin</i>	Sweden	1985	<i>Erik Gundersen</i>	Denmark
1962	<i>Peter Craven</i>	England	1986	<i>Hans Nielsen</i>	Denmark
1963	<i>Ove Fundin</i>	Sweden	1987	<i>Hans Nielsen</i>	Denmark
1964	<i>Barry Briggs</i>	New Zealand	1988	<i>Erik Gundersen</i>	Denmark
1965	<i>Björn Knutsson</i>	Sweden	1989	<i>Hans Nielsen</i>	Denmark
1966	<i>Barry Briggs</i>	New Zealand	1990	<i>Per Jonsson</i>	Sweden
1967	<i>Ove Fundin</i>	Sweden	1991	<i>Jan O. Pedersen</i>	Denmark
1968	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand	1992	<i>Gary Havelock</i>	England
1969	<i>Ivan Mauger</i>	New Zealand	1993	<i>Sam Ermolenko</i>	USA
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World Finals held at:

Wembley, England:	1936-1960, 1962-63, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1981.	Katowice, Poland:	1973, 1976, 1979, 1986.
Malmö, Sweden:	1961.	Los Angeles, USA:	1982.
Göteborg, Sweden:	1964, 1966, 1968, 1971, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1991.	Norden, Germany:	1983.
Wroclaw, Poland:	1970, 1992.	Bradford, England:	1985, 1990.
		Amsterdam, Holland:	1987.
		Vojens, Denmark:	1988, 1994.
		Munich, Germany:	1989.
		Pocking, Germany:	1993.



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Marvyn Cox

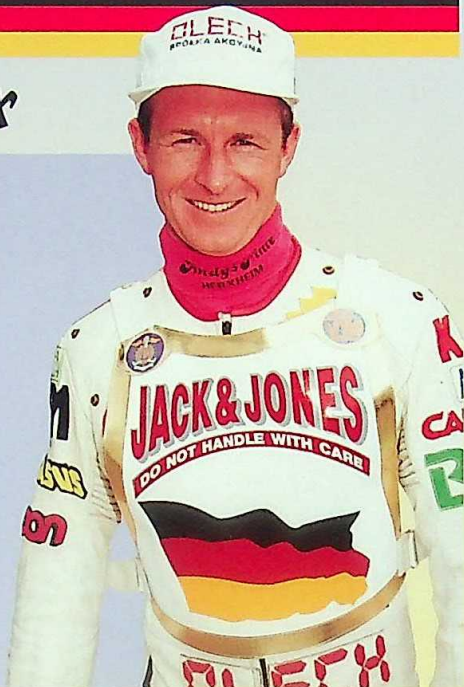
Age: 30.

Born: July 11, 1964, Whitstable, Kent, England.

How they got there: Continental Qualifying Round (Neustadt), 13 points, first. Continental Semi Final (Bydgoszcz), 13+3 points, first. Semi Final (Bradford), 11 points, fifth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1986, 3 points, 12th

Other honours: European Junior Champion, 1984. British Under 21 Champion, 1984. German Champion, 1993.



ENGLISHMAN who rode in the 1986 World Final but will appear this time wearing the flag of Germany.

Took out a German licence last year after quitting the British League to concentrate of racing abroad.

Failed to qualify from the semi-finals in 1993 but went through at Bradford this year with 11 points.

30 år gammel, født i England og deltager i VM-finalen i 1986. Men i år stiller han op for Tyskland efter at have fået tysk licens. Han f orlod den engelske liga sidste år for at koncentrere sig om løbene uden for England.

Vandt det tyske mesterskab i 1993, men det lykkedes ham ikke at kvalificere sig til semi-finalen i 1993. Kørte godt i Bradford i år, fik 11 points og er nu i finalen.

Bookmaker odds: 40:1

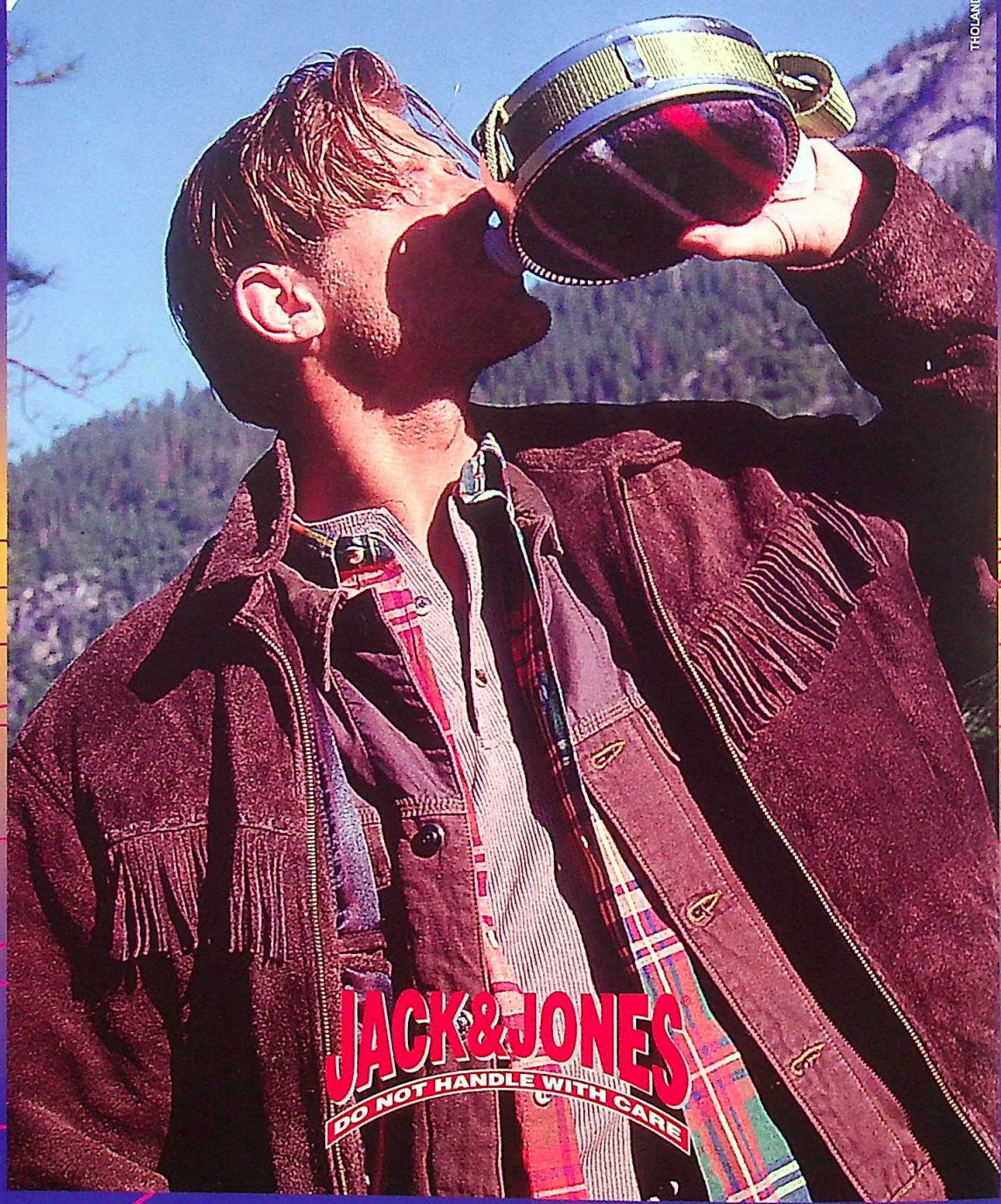
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Jan Stæchmann

Age: 28.

Born: June 5, 1966, Kolding, Denmark.

Clubs: Long Eaton (England), Randers (Denmark), Czestochowa (Poland), Brandenburg (Germany).

How they got there: Danish qualifying round, 13 points, third. Danish Final, 20 points, fourth. Nordic Final, 8 points, ninth. Semi Final (Prague), 11 points, third.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: : Making his debut.

Other honours: Division Two Riders' Champion, 1991.



THE only rider from the British League Division Two to qualify for the World Final. Has long lived in the shadow of other Danish riders but this World Final debut should bring him into the sunlight.

Was third in the Prague semi-final, a performance which underlines his ability.

Managed to qualify from the Danish Final despite a broken hand. Set his sights high this year and says that he won't be just making up the numbers in Vojens.

Admits that most Danish attention will be on Hans Nielsen and Tommy Knudsen.

Knows Vojens well, having ridden there between 1984 and 1989, and says that he thrives on pressure.

Adds: "This has to be the biggest day in my life and I intend to make the most of it."

Den eneste deltager i VM-finalen som har kvalificeret sig fra den engelske 2. division. Han har længe stået i skyggen af de andre danske speedway-kørere, men med sin debut i dette års stjernespækkede løb kan en god præstation bringe ham helt frem i rampelyset.

Han fik en flot 3.-plads i semifinalen i Prag. Og hans råstyrke understreges af, at han klarede sig igennem den danske finalerunde på trods af en brækket hånd.

Jan Stæchmann har sat sig store mål i år og fortæller, at han ikke er kommet til Vojens for at trille omkring.

Han indrømmer, at de fleste nok vil holde øje med hans landsmænd Hans Nielsen og Tommy Knudsen. Men han trives bedst, når han bliver presset, og han kender banen i Vojens som sin egen bukselomme efter at have kørt her fra 1984 til 1989.

"Det er min karrieres største chance, og jeg vil kæmpe for at komme på skammelen", siger han.

Bookmaker odds: 25:1

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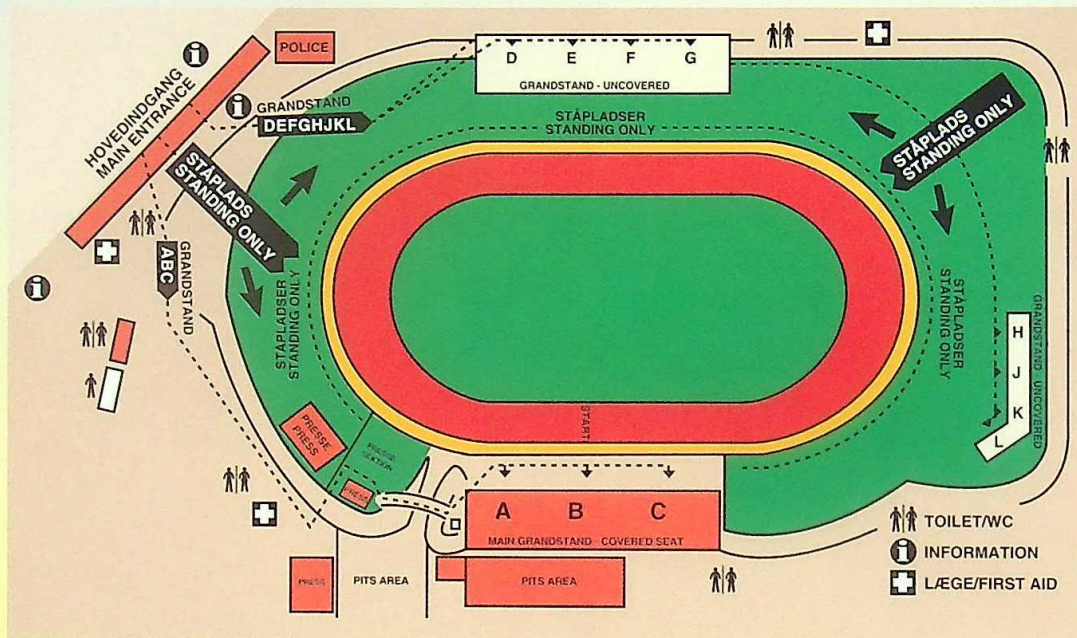


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Track record Hans Nielsen, 58,3 sec.
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Piotr Swist

Age: 26.

Born: June 20, 1968, Marwice, Poland.

Clubs: Gorzow (Poland), Smederna (Sweden).

How they got there: Polish Qualifying rounds, 22 points, first. Continental Qualifying round (Pila), 14 points, first. Continental Semi Final (Miskolc), 11+2 points, fourth. Semi Final (Bradford), 8 points, seventh.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: Making his debut.

Other honours: Polish Junior Champion, 1987, 1988, 1989.



HAS made a miraculous recovery from injuries received in Austria in a World Pairs semi-final in 19// which threatened not only his career but also his life.

Was, at that time, rated the best young rider in Poland but has since been overtaken by Tomasz Gollob in particular.

Has done well to reach his first World Final, taking the seventh qualifying place at Bradford with eight points.

Rides in Poland and Sweden, for Smederna.

Er kommet næsten mirakuløst over de skader, han pådrog sig i Østrig, da han deltog i VM-semifinalen i parløb i 19??. Ikke blot truede uheldet med at afbryde hans lovende karriere, men hans liv hang faktisk i en tynd tråd.

Før det skæbnesvangre løb i Østrig blev han regnet for den bedste unge kører i Polen, men siden da er han især blevet overhalet af Tomasz Gollob.

Har alligevel klaret sig godt i år ved at nå VM-finalen i Vojens. Han scorede 8 points i Bradford og kvalificerede sig med en 7.-plads.

Kører i Polen og for Smederna i Sverige.

Bookmaker odds: 50:1



17

Billy Hamill



Age: 24.

Born: May 23, 1970, San Marino, California, United States of America.

Clubs: Cradley Heath (England), Fredericia (Denmark), Smederna (Sweden).

How they got there: American Final, 13 points, second. Overseas Final, 8 points, ninth. Semi Final (Prague), 8 points, tenth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1991, 6 points, twelfth. 1993, 7 points, tenth.

Other honours: World Team Cup Champion, 1990, 1992, 1993.

MADE his World Final debut at Gothenburg in 1991 and looked set to become one of America's top challengers for the title. But missed out in 1992 and last year, though qualifying for the Pocking final, managed just even points.

Took the last qualifying place at the Overseas Final but a tapes exclusion in Prague just about ended his hopes of reaching a third World Final. But will be here today as one of the two reserves, waiting anxiously to see whether any of the scheduled 16 starters has to drop out. Has already won three World Team Cup Finals with the USA and is likely to join Sam Ermolenko and Greg Hancock in defending the title in Germany next month.

Races with Hancock for Cradley Heath and also rides in Denmark, for Fredericia, and Sweden.

Som lovende debutant ved VM i Giteborg i 1991 var Billy Hamill udset til at være USA's håb om VM-guld. Men han skuffede både i 1992 og 1993, og selvom han kvalificerede sig til finalen i Pocking, skrabede han kun lige igennem. Han kom videre ved at få den sidste billet i The Overseas Final, men en diskvalifikation for tapes i Prag var nær ved at fjerne de sidste håb for at nå sin 3. VM-finale.

Er med i aften som en af de to reserver, som spændt venter på, om en af de 16 finalister melder afbud.

Med sine kun 24 år har han vundet VM-guld for hold tre gange for USA, og sammen med Sam Ermolenko og Greg Hancock har han gode chancer for at genvinde det i Tyskland i næste måned.

Kører sammen med Greg Hancock for Cradley Heath, og for Fredericia og Smederna i Sverige.

Bookmaker odds: None

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Roman Jankowski

Age: 36.

Born: October 5, 1957, Kosciama, Poland.

Clubs: Leszno (Poland).

How they got there: Polish qualifying rounds, 21 points, second. Continental qualifying round (Diedenbergen), 13+3 points, first. Continental Semi Final (Miskolc), 11+3 points, third. Semi Final (Bradford), 7 points, ninth.

WORLD FINAL RECORD: 1987, 8 points, fourteenth. 1988, 2 points, sixteenth.

Other honours: Polish Champion, 1981, 1988.



THE oldest rider here today, joining Hamill as one of the two reserves. Won his first two races in the Bradford semi-final and seemed certain to qualify for his third World Final – having previously appeared in Holland in 1987 and here at Vojens the following year, when he finished last.

Vastly experienced campaigner who, although not in the same league as Gollob, is quite capable of spring a surprise if given the chance. Has twice been Polish Champion, the first time 13 years ago.

Denne VM-finales ældste deltager med sine 36 år. Stiller op som reserve sammen med Billy Hamill.

Han har tidligere deltaget i to VM-finaler - i Holland i 1987 og her i Vojens året efter. Og i semifinalen i Bradford i år lagde han godt ud ved at vinde sine første to heats, men faldt igennem i det næste.

En meget erfaren kører som måske ikke er helt i samme klasse som sin landsmand Tomasz Gollob, men som på en god dag kan blive den helt store overraskelse.

Har vundet det polske mesterskab to gange, første gang for 13 år siden.

Bookmaker odds: None



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