

NEWPORT *Speedway*



7.30
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SUNDAY MIRROR
**WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
(Qualifying Round)
FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1966

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NEWPORT SPEEDWAY

Somerton Park, Somerton Road, Newport

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Clerk of Course: K. Sharples

Announcer: Ken Williams

Publicity Officer: S. Williams

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Team Manager: A. Moore

Held under the Speedway regulations of the Speedway Control

Track Record: 68 secs., Igor Plechanov, Gennady Kurilenko, Nigel Boocock

HELLO THERE

I think without any doubt that it is showing quite plainly that Newport is the Cinderella Team of Speedway, on many occasions during the closed season when we made application for the services of Gote the Promoters Association told me that Newport was the strongest team on paper—what a lot of tripe. No one kids me, and they would be fools to try and kid you people down here, the last two matches have shown that we cannot stand the going off form or injury to any one of our riders, we are utterly dependent on each and every one. It was unfortunate that Gote had a spill in the first race of the match, a spill that was rather spectacular, and he was very lucky to come out of it with a severe bruising and shaking but he proved what kind of man he is by continuing to ride when he wasn't in a fit state to do so. As you know the Newport Track Spare has been modified as far as possible to suit Gote, which he has been riding with some good results, this of course means that we have no track spare, and when Gote's machine was damaged beyond repair I felt sure that I had only to ask for the use of one of the machines that was standing idle at the time. You can all imagine my disappointment when I was told by the visiting team Manager that this was a League Match and no assistance of any kind would be forthcoming.

It is always disappointing and frustrating to lose a match at home, to say that we are down would be an understatement, but to say that we are out is fictitious. If I have my way, and with your help and support, the Wasps will rise again to sting all that cross them in the course of Speedway.

I was very pleased to note that out of our troublesome spot shines a ray of sunshine, that is the first step in building a team spirit that will be second to none, and this was the way in which one of our junior members John Watkins, offered and indeed loaned his brand new machine to Gote which enabled him to score a couple of points. This was indeed a magnificent effort on the part of John, for he has saved and worked extremely hard to acquire his pride and joy—thanks a lot John we shall not forget.

In an endeavour to make-up ground in the points chart our popular Jon tried extremely hard, and never gave up for one moment, but unfortunately in his last race he tangled with another rider and came a purler on the top corner, at first this appeared to be a very hard fall, but I am pleased to say that at the time of writing these notes I have been told that Jon is just suffering from superficial injuries in Speedway man's talk, this means a few cuts, bruises and stitches. I must at this stage pay tribute to his never give up style of racing, and I am sure he has endeared himself to all your hearts, quite naturally we hope that Jon is fit for tonight's Meeting, and if this is so let us all give him an ovation that he certainly deserves.

Tonight is a V.I.P. Meeting for the riders, and everyone of them will be doing his utmost to score points and so help in qualifying for the next round. This should be a good Meeting with every race being thrilling and entertaining.

Coventry would seem to be the team that is going places this season, for they managed to pull off a surprise win at Newcastle last Monday winning the match by one point the score being 38 for Newcastle, 39 for Coventry. The man of the match for Coventry was Ron Mountford who scored a Maximum of 12 points. Coventry are now head the league table, and if I know Charles Ochiltree he will be doing his utmost for the Bees to stay in this position.

The winner of tonight's meeting will be all the more happier to receive a cheque for twenty pounds from the World Championship sponsors the "Sunday Mirror". This paper through the column of Don Clarke gives quite a good coverage to the activities in Speedway.

The date for the European Final at Wembley this year is Saturday, 3rd September, starting time 7.0 p.m. We shall of course be offering all you "Wasps" supporters the facility of buying your tickets here and for your guidance I will set out the admission prices below:

25/- ; 17/6d. ; 12/6d. ; 10/6d. ; 6/-.

The Golden Helmet Match Race activities started last Tuesday at Long Eaton when the holder Barry Briggs took on the challenger Nigel Boocock.

At the time of writing these notes I can't say what the result was, but what I can say is that I don't think it will be long before Dai Nordin is nominated as challenger in this competition. Barry is also the holder of the Silver Sash and I would warn him that he will have to go a bit to still hold it when the Robins come down here on the 8th of July—that is if Barry still holds it then.

I am pleased to say that Gote scored a valuable 13 points out of 15 at his World Championship meeting in Sweden and so goes forward to the next round there. We all sincerely hope he keeps up the good work for I am sure that he will get plenty of vocal support from the "Wasps" when he gets there. To the Final at Gothenberg I mean.

We are at the moment trying to fix up dates to run the meetings that were cancelled against Edinburgh and Halifax. The dates that have been suggested are to take Halifax on Monday, 6th June, and Edinburgh on Monday, 25th July. I will let you all know as soon as definite dates have been fixed.

Don't forget to visit the supporters kiosks tonight to get your favourite Photograph, Blazer Badges, Car Transfers, Rosettes, Pens, Pencils, Fixture Books and Speedway Magazines, etc.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (First Round)

Here is a list of the tracks that the Newport boys have drawn for the first round.

J. BIGGS	...	Newport—20th	Edinburgh—21st	Sheffield—26th
J. ERSKINE	...	Newport—20th	Belle Vue—21st	Poole—25th
A. GOLDEN	...	Newport—20th	Coventry—21st	Oxford—26th
B. HUGHES	...	Newport—20th	Newcastle—23rd	Poole—25th
G. PENNIKET	...	Newport—20th	West Ham—24th	Oxford—26th

RIDERS AVERAGES

	No. of Meetings	No. of Rides	Points	B.Points	Total	Race Average	Meeting Average
Gote Nordin	7	31	78	1	79	2.54	12.71
Jon Erskine	9	36	52	7	59	1.63	6.88
Jack Biggs	9	34	56	3	59	1.73	6.88
Geoff Penniket	10	41	51	4	55	1.34	5.50
Bob Hughes	10	38	39	2	41	1.07	4.10
Alby Golden	6	24	20	3	23	.95	3.83
Ken Vale	5	12	5	3	8	.66	1.60
Ted Leassing	4	10	5	0	5	.50	1.25
Peter Harris	2	4	2	0	2	.50	1.00

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SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

(Qualifying Round)

TRACK SIGNALS—Flags displayed during the course of race mean : Yellow—riders entering last lap; Black and White Chequered—Race is finishing; Black—individual rider's exclusion. Red lights around the track indicate that a race has been stopped.

Riders are identified by their helmet covers : Red, Blue, White Yellow and Black.
Points : 1st, 3; 2nd, 2; 3rd, 1. 4 laps clutch start.

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

1 2 3 4 5 Tl.						1 2 3 4 5 Tl.					
1. Jon Erskine	11	2	2	2	12	10. Chum Taylor	11	3	1	0	16
2. Howdy Byford	22	2	0	0	15	11. Dick Fisher	11	2	1	1	13
3. Geoff Penniket	11	2	1	2	8	12. Eddie Reeves	11	2	1	1	16
4. Alan Smith	11	1	0	1	11	13. Terry Betts	11	0	3	3	11
5. Ray Wilson	31	2	3	2	11	14. Brian Brett	11	2	3	3	11
6. Bob Kilby	11	1	1	1	11	15. Nigel Boocock	11	2	3	3	15
7. Billy Bales	11	1	2	1	8	16. Alby Golden	11	2	1	0	3
8. Bob Hughes	11	2	1	0	7	1st Res.—Ken Vale	11				
9. Jack Biggs	11	3	2	2	12	2nd Res.	11				

HEAT 1

JON ERSKINE	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
HOWDY BYFORD	.....	King's Lynn	(Blue)	2
GEOFF PENNIKET	.....	Newport	(White)	1
ALAN SMITH	.....	King's Lynn	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 2

RAY WILSON	.....	Long Eaton	(Red)	3
BOB KILBY	.....	Swindon	(Blue)	2
BILLY BALES	.....	Sheffield	(White)	1
BOB HUGHES	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 3

JACK BIGGS	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
CHUM TAYLOR	.....	Cradley Heath	(Blue)	2
DICK FISHER	.....	Belle Vue	(White)	1
EDDIE REEVES	.....	Oxford	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 4

TERRY BETTS	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BRIAN BRETT	.....	Newcastle	(Blue)	2
NIGEL BOOCCOCK	.....	Coventry	(White)	1
ALBY GOLDEN	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 5

JON ERSKINE	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
RAY WILSON	.....	Long Eaton	(Blue)	2
JACK BIGGS	.....	Newport	(White)	1
TERRY BETTS	.....	King's Lynn	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 6

HOWDY BYFORD	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BOB KILBY	.....	Swindon	(Blue)	2
CHUM TAYLOR	.....	Cradley Heath	(White)	1
BRIAN BRETT	.....	Newcastle	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 7

GEOFF PENNIKET	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
BILLY BALES	.....	Sheffield	(Blue)	2
DICK FISHER	.....	Belle Vue	(White)	1
NIGEL BOOCCOCK	.....	Coventry	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 8

ALAN SMITH	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BOB HUGHES	.....	Newport	(Blue)	2
EDDIE REEVES	.....	Oxford	(White)	1
ALBY GOLDEN	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 9

JON ERSKINE	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
BOB KILBY	.....	Swindon	(Blue)	2
DICK FISHER	.....	Belle Vue	(White)	1
ALBY GOLDEN	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 10

HOWDY BYFORD	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
RAY WILSON	.....	Long Eaton	(Blue)	2
EDDIE REEVES	.....	Oxford	(White)	1
NIGEL BOOCCOCK	.....	Coventry	(Yellow)	1

INTERVAL

HEAT 11

GEOFF PENNIKET	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
BOB HUGHES	.....	Newport	(Blue)	2
JACK BIGGS	.....	Newport	(White)	1
BRIAN BRETT	.....	Newcastle	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 12

ALAN SMITH	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BILLY BALES	.....	Sheffield	(Blue)	2
CHUM TAYLOR	.....	Cradley Heath	(White)	1
TERRY BETTS	.....	King's Lynn	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 13

JON ERSKINE	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
BILLY BALES	.....	Sheffield	(Blue)	2
EDDIE REEVES	.....	Oxford	(White)	1
BRIAN BRETT	.....	Newcastle	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 14

HOWDY BYFORD	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BOB HUGHES	.....	Newport	(Blue)	2
DICK FISHER	.....	Belle Vue	(White)	1
TERRY BETTS	.....	King's Lynn	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 15

GEOFF PENNIKET	.....	Newport	(Red)	3
RAY WILSON	.....	Long Eaton	(Blue)	2
CHUM TAYLOR	.....	Cradley Heath	(White)	1
ALBY GOLDEN	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 16

ALAN SMITH	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	3
BOB KILBY	.....	Swindon	(Blue)	2
JACK BIGGS	.....	Newport	(White)	1
NIGEL BOOCCOCK	.....	Coventry	(Yellow)	1

HEAT 17

JON ERSKINE	.....	Newport	(Red)	2
BOB HUGHES	.....	Newport	(Blue)	1
CHUM TAYLOR	.....	Cradley Heath	(White)	3
NIGEL BOOCOCK	.....	Coventry	(Yellow)	3

HEAT 18

HOWDY BYFORD	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	1
BILLY BALES	.....	Sheffield	(Blue)	3
JACK BIGGS	.....	Newport	(White)	2
ALBY GOLDEN	.....	Newport	(Yellow)	EF

HEAT 19

GEOFF PENNIKET	.....	Newport	(Red)	2
BOB KILBY	.....	Swindon	(Blue)	5
EDDIE REEVES	.....	Oxford	(White)	1
TERRY BETTS	.....	King's Lynn	(Yellow)	3

HEAT 20

ALAN SMITH	.....	King's Lynn	(Red)	EF
RAY WILSON	.....	Long Eaton	(Blue)	3
DICK FISHER	.....	Belle Vue	(White)	1
BRIAN BRETT	.....	Newcastle	(Yellow)	3

HEAT 21

DECIDER IF NECESSARY

.....	.....	.....	(Red)	.....
.....	.....	.....	(Blue)	.....
.....	.....	.....	(White)	.....
.....	.....	.....	(Yellow)	.....

THE ROAD TO GOLD AND GLORY

by Don Clarke of the "Sunday Mirror"

What is it about World Championship racing that brings an extra keen glitter into the eye of every rider, and a sense of excited anticipation into the heart of the most blase speedway supporter?

The answer is quite simple. It is the knowledge that with courage and skill it is within the bounds of any rider to reach the dizzy heights which could result in his stepping on to the winner's dais to be acclaimed WORLD CHAMPION.

Tonight you will see sixteen British riders start their trek towards World Championship gold and glory.

The reward will be hard earned. Make no mistakes about that.

From the 20 preliminary rounds now being staged on British tracks, only 32 riders from the original one hundred starters, can go forward to the two British semi-finals at Cradley Heath (13th June) and at Halifax (15th June).

Even when over these hurdles there are still two tough finals to be faced—the British Final (at Wembleton on 27th June), and British-European Final (at Sheffield on 14th July), before the European Final is staged at Wembley Stadium, on Saturday, 3rd September.

And at Wembley the chips will really be down before it is decided which ten riders will go forward to the World Final, in Gothenburg, on 23rd September.

It is a tough road to ride. Tonight's sixteen competitors know that there can be no quarter given if they hope to walk out to battle as one of the sixteen European Finalists at Wembley.

As well as glory, where are plenty of Sunday Mirror cash incentives to urge riders to greater efforts in these battles.

Winner at each preliminary round will receive a Sunday Mirror cheque for £20, as well as his points money.

In the semi-finals Sunday Mirror prize money of £30 to the winner, £15 to the second and £5 to the third, can be won. Then the stakes get higher.

In both the British Final (at Wimbledon) and British-European-Final (at Sheffield) prize money jumps to £100 to the top scorer, £50 to the second and £30 to the third.

The bonanza comes with the European Final at Wembley. In addition to point and start money, further Sunday Mirror cheques of £250 go to the winner, £125 to the second, £75 to the third, £25 to the fourth, plus £20 to each British rider not placed in the first four, who qualified for the World Final.

When this cash has been safely tucked into the bank, successful Finalists then have the Gothenburg World Final cash to look forward to.

Well, that's it! That is the glittering prospects within the reach of every rider tonight.

You may rest assured that not one of them will let this chance of gold and glory slip lightly from his grasp.

**THE PETER ARNOLD
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPEEDWAY FINAL TOUR
TO GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN,
FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1966**

Open to Members of the Speedway Supporters Association incorporating members of all
Associated Supporters Clubs

The departure will be from London or Gatwick Airport, depending on availability and size of aircraft, on the morning of Friday, 23rd September, by air direct to Gothenburg. The party will then be met by coaches at the Airport, proceeding to the town of Gothenburg, where it is hoped a visit can be arranged for those interested to the Volvo Car Works. In the evening individuals will make their own way to the Stadium, where Grand Stand seats will be provided.

At the close of the race meeting the party will re-assemble at a time to be arranged, and be conveyed by coach to the Airport for the return journey to England, arriving at the same Airport from which departure was made early on Saturday morning the 24th September.

The cost to be £25, this price subject to alteration should any currency rates be varied. Hire purchase terms will be available. For reservation please complete the form below and forward this together with a deposit of £5. The balance must be paid by the 8th August.

**The Peter Arnold World Championship Speedway Final Tour to Gothenburg,
Sweden, on Friday, 23rd September, 1966**

RESERVATION FORM :

To: P. Chapman, Guildsborough, Northampton. Tel.: Guildsborough 207

Please Reserve.....seat(s) for the trip to Gothenburg, Sweden, on Friday,
23rd September, 1966.

I enclose deposit of FIVE POUNDS (£5) or full amount of TWENTY FIVE
POUNDS (£25) per seat.

Cheque/Postal Order/Cash enclosed value.....(to be made payable to
"RACING TOUR").

Name

Address

Passport No.....

OUR NEXT MEETING

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FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

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Best Pairs Competition

for the

BRISTOL CUP

Featuring :

NIGEL BOOCOCK, CYRIL MAIDMENT, BARRY BRIGGS,
COLIN GOODDY, BRIAN BRETT, OLLE NYGREN,
ARNE PANDER, JIMMY GOOCH, MARTIN ASHBY,
PETER MOORE, BILLY ANDREWS, ETC.

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Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings.

The Management reserves the right to alter this programme without notice.

In the event of abandonment of the Meeting before the 6th Heat re-admission tickets will be issued for any of the three subsequent Meetings.

No money will be refunded under any consideration.
