

WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1966



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ONE SHILLING

WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

Meetings conducted by Wimbledon Speedway Ltd.
Plough Lane, S.W.17. Tel.: WIM 5361

SEASON 1966

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	...	...	...	...	RONALD W. GREENE, M.B.E.
Chief Pit Marshall	...	...	...	...	A. CARTER
Machine Examiner	...	...	...	...	V. HARWOOD
Announcer	...	...	...	...	KEN TOZER
A.C.U. Referee	...	...	...	...	G. F. LITTLE
Timekeeper	...	...	...	...	C. BETTERIDGE
Medical Officer	...	...	...	Dr. S. A. GOODWIN, M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P.	

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

This meeting is held under the Speedway Regulations of the
Speedway Control Board.

Track Licence No. 66/9 Permit No. S.P. 1310

Official Track Measurement 355 yds.

The Management reserve the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the sixth race in the programme, tickets for a subsequent meeting will be issued at the exits. In no circumstances will any money be refunded.

Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings held at Wimbledon Stadium.

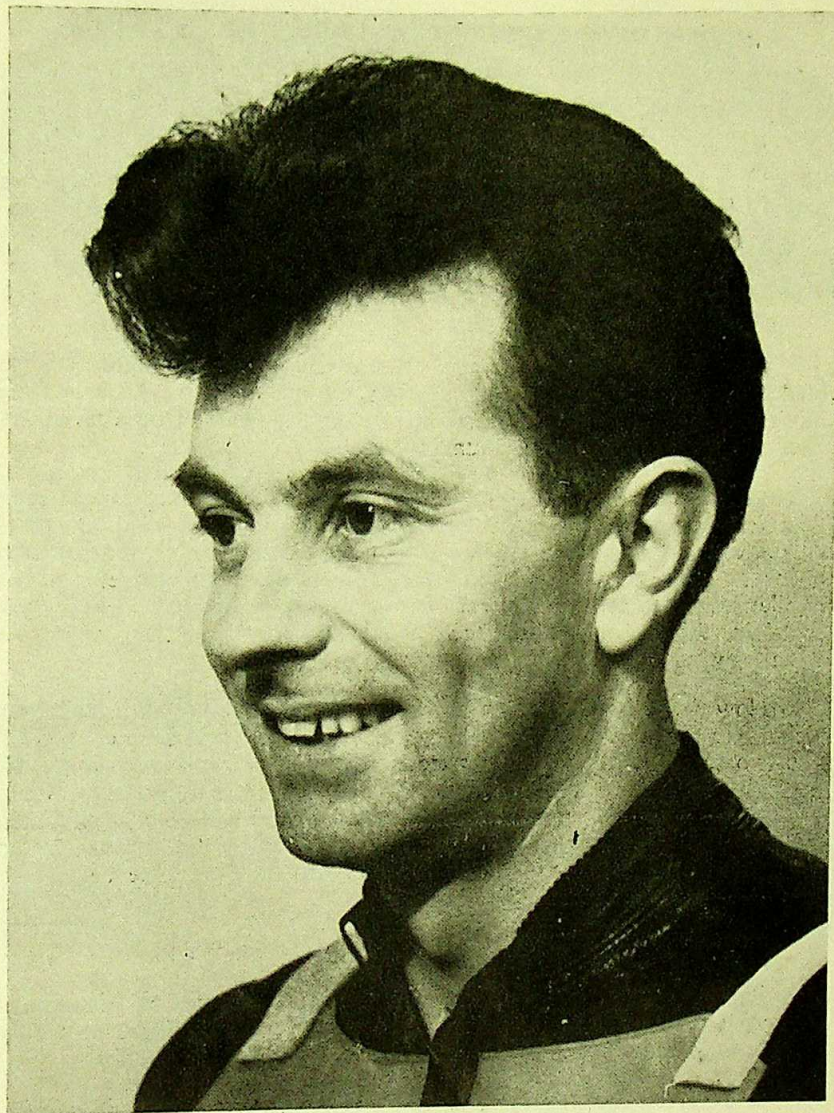
ALL MEETINGS AT WIMBLEDON
SPEEDWAY, STOCK CARS OR
GREYHOUND RACING
NOW START AT 7.45 P.M.

A £1 Premium Bond voucher will be presented to each of the holders of a lucky numbered programme. Numbers will be announced during the Interval. Winners who are supporters and registered before the day of the meeting receive an extra £1 bonus.

LUCKY PROGRAMME

NUMBER

Nº 1904

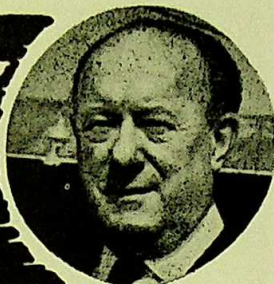


"HAPPY" REG LUCKHURST

Just as much at home on grass as he is on shale is our Reg—for he won the National Grass Track Championship in 1963 and 1964. Even his hobby is building frames—but he still finds some time for a spot of shooting and fishing on his farm in Ashford, Kent. He has his own cheer team on the way—his wife Gloria and two sons, Jamie aged 15 months and Jeremy 7 weeks.

Reg started at Norwich—and then moved via Swindon, New Cross, Edinburgh, Southampton and West Ham before being allocated to the Dons last year.

Ronnie Greene's Diary



To-night is "Sunday Mirror" World Championship night at Wimbledon—one of the important occasions of the Speedway year. Once more I am delighted to welcome as our guest, genial Don Clarke, the Speedway columnist of the "Sunday Mirror."

Mr. Clarke, long an admirer of speedway racing, has done a great deal for the sport. His great newspaper came forward to sponsor this Championship many years ago and put up a considerable sum of prize money. There is a cash award for to-night's winner, there is also a similar award to each top scorer of every qualifying round. I know you will join with me in thanking the "Sunday Mirror" for their support of Speedway Racing.

Now for a look at the Championship; each competitor will participate in three tracks. The thirty-two top scorers will then compete in the two semi-finals. The top sixteen—eight from each semi-final—will meet here on Monday, 27th June, in the World Championship British Final. The winner besides a cash award of £100 will also be presented with the British Championship Trophy presented by the Speedway Control Board. The top eight British riders will then compete against the top eight from the Nordic Final.

This British/European Final is to be held at Sheffield.

Things don't end there however, the top eight still have to fight it out with the top eight from the Continental Final. This battle will be fought at Wembley on Saturday, 3rd September.

If everyone hasn't gone dizzy by this time, the top ten will compete at Gothenberg against the top six Swedish Riders in the World Championship Final.

Without doubt, this year the British riders have their toughest and longest ever trek to the World Final. It will be a hard road but a profitable one for the successful.

Ronnie Greene

Our next Meeting is the W. D. and H. O. Wills Internationale night on Whit-Monday. International competition is the life-blood of every sport and Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills have done much to keep Speedway very much alive particularly at international level.

There is now a doubt as to whether the German Champions will compete. We are awaiting official confirmation which at the time of writing these notes has not been received, although we have heard through Barry Briggs that Manfred Poshenriedie intends to come over for this great speedway competition.

We go to Belle Vue on Saturday. The Aces are really flying high just now (ask West Ham), and what with a week of hard racing I cannot picture us coming back with a couple of league points. You never know, I suppose it could happen.

Olle is riding Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and most of the other lads are also out three nights each before the Belle Vue Match.



Sverre Harrfeldt. The Norwegian and former Wimbledon star. Fit and well again after an operation. Will definitely compete in the "Internationale"



Bengt Jansson. Out of the "Internationale" with a broken ankle



Bjorn Knutsson. World Champion. We are awaiting confirmation of the Swedish Star's acceptance.

WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

"SUNDAY MIRROR"

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

BRITISH QUALIFYING ROUND

Race Points : Winner of each Heat 3 Points. 2nd 2 Points. 3rd 1 Point.

The Track will be graded twice before each race marked * in order to allow rest to riders competing in two consecutive races.

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

1. J. Tebb						9. R. Luckhurst					
2. V. White						10. P. Moore					
3. B. Dugard						11. A. Cowland					
4. J. Squibb						12. D. Lukehurst					
5. B. Paulson						13. P. Kelly					
6. J. Bishop						14. J. Gooch					
7. A. Smith						15. G. Mudge					
8. J. Edwards						16. T. Hedge					

Reserves: A. Child, S. Chilman, Wimbledon

EVENT 1	Heat 1	Colour	Score	EVENT 2	Heat 2	Colour	Score
1. J. Tebb	Wimbledon	(Red)	3	5. B. Paulson	Sheffield	(Red)	3
2. V. White	Long Eaton	(Blue)	2	7. A. Smith	Kings Lynn	(Blue)	2
3. B. Dugard	Wimbledon	(White)	1	6. J. Bishop	Oxford	(White)	1
4. J. Squibb	Exeter	(Y&B)	0	8. J. Edwards	Wimbledon	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.8</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.9</u>

EVENT 3	Heat 3	Colour	Score	EVENT 4	Heat 4	Colour	Score
10. P. Moore	Kings Lynn	(Red)	3	15. G. Mudge	Poole	(Red)	3
11. A. Cowland	Wolv'ton	(Blue)	2	14. J. Gooch	Oxford	(Blue)	2
9. R. Luckhurst	Wim'don	(White)	1	16. T. Hedge	Wimbledon	(White)	1
12. D. Lukehurst	Oxford	(Y&B)	0	13. P. Kelly	Newcastle	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>71.3</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.2</u>

*EVENT 5	Heat 5	Colour	Score	EVENT 6	Heat 6	Colour	Score
13. P. Kelly	Newcastle	(Red)	3	14. J. Gooch	Oxford	(Red)	3
1. J. Tebb	Wimbledon	(Blue)	2	10. P. Moore	Kings Lynn	(Blue)	2
5. B. Paulson	Sheffield	(White)	1	2. V. White	Long Eaton	(White)	1
9. R. Luckhurst	Wim'don	(Y&B)	0	6. J. Bishop	Oxford	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.8</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.8</u>

EVENT 7	Heat 7	Colour	Score	EVENT 8	Heat 8	Colour	Score
11. A. Cowland	Wolv'ton	(Red)	3	4. J. Squibb	Exeter	(Red)	3
15. G. Mudge	Poole	(Blue)	2	8. J. Edwards	Wimbledon	(Blue)	2
7. A. Smith	Kings Lynn	(White)	1	12. D. Lukehurst	Oxford	(White)	1
3. B. Dugard	Wimbledon	(Y&B)	0	16. T. Hedge	Wimbledon	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>71.9</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.9</u>

*EVENT 9	Heat 9	Colour	Score	EVENT 10	Heat 10	Colour	Score
6. J. Bishop	Oxford	(Red)	3	12. D. Lukehurst	Oxford	(Red)	3
16. T. Hedge	Wimbledon	(Blue)	2	5. B. Paulson	Sheffield	(Blue)	2
1. J. Tebb	Wimbleton	(White)	1	15. G. Mudge	Poole	(White)	1
11. A. Cowland	Wolv'ton	(Y&B)	0	2. V. White	Long Eaton	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>69.8</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.5</u>

INTERVAL — DRAW FOR LUCKY PROGRAMME NUMBERS

EVENT 11	Heat 11	Colour	Score	EVENT 12	Heat 12	Colour	Score
8. J. Edwards	Wimbledon	(Red)	3	13. P. Kelly A. Childs	Newcastle	(Red)	3
9. R. Luckhurst	Wim'don	(Blue)	2	4. J. Squibb	Exeter	(Blue)	2
3. B. Dugard	Wimbledon	(White)	1	10. P. Moore	Kings Lynn	(White)	1
14. J. Gooch	Oxford	(Y&B)	0	7. A. Smith	Kings Lynn	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.2</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>71.5</u>

*EVENT 13	Heat 13	Colour	Score	EVENT 14	Heat 14	Colour	Score
7. A. Smith	Kings Lynn	(Red)	3	2. V. White	Long Eaton	(Red)	3
12. D. Lukehurst	Oxford	(Blue)	2	13. P. Kelly A. Childs	Newcastle	(Blue)	2
14. J. Gooch	Oxford	(White)	1	8. J. Edwards	Wimbledon	(White)	1
1. J. Tebb	Wimbledon	(Y&B)	0	11. A. Cowland	Wolv'ton	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.4</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>72.0</u>

EVENT 15	Heat 15	Colour	Score	EVENT 16	Heat 16	Colour	Score
16. T. Hedge	Wimbledon	(Red)	3	9. R. Luckhurst	Wimbledon	(Red)	3
3. B. Dugard	Wimbledon	(Blue)	2	6. J. Bishop	Oxford	(Blue)	2
10. P. Moore	Kings Lynn	(White)	1	4. J. Squibb	Exeter	(White)	1
5. B. Paulson	Sheffield	(Y&B)	0	15. G. Mudge	Poole	(Y&B)	0
1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>71.9</u>	1st. <u>RED</u>	2nd. <u>WHITE</u>	3rd. <u>BLUE</u>	Time. <u>70.2</u>

*EVENT 17 Heat 17 Colour Score
 1. J. Tebby, Wimbledon (Red)
 8. J. Edwards, Wimbledon (Blue)
 15. G. Mudge, Poole (White)
 10. P. Moore, Kings Lynn (Y&B)

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time..... 71.8

EVENT 18 Heat 18 Colour Score
 9. R. Luckhurst, Wimbledon (Red)
 2. V. White, Long Eaton (Blue)
 7. A. Smith, Kings Lynn (White)
 16. T. Hedge, Wimbledon (Y&B)

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time..... 70.9

EVENT 19 Heat 19 Colour Score
 3. B. Dugard, Wimbledon (Red)
 12. D. Lukehurst, Oxford (Blue)
 13. P. Kelly, Newcastle (White)
 6. J. Bishop, Oxford (Y&B)

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time..... 71.8

EVENT 20 Heat 20 Colour Score
 5. B. Paulson, Sheffield (Red)
 14. J. Gooch, Oxford (Blue)
 11. A. Cowland, Wolv'ton (White)
 4. J. Squibb, Exeter (Y&B)

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time..... 70.6

EVENT 21

To be run, only in the event of a tie

..... (Red)

..... (White)

..... (Blue)

..... (Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO THE WINNER

by Mr. Dennis Foster on behalf of the "Sunday Mirror"

To-night—your last chance to book for the Internationale.

Only a very few tickets left. Enquire in the Speedway Office in
 the Car Park AND DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE.

5/- Turnstiles will be open at 6.30 p.m. (Supporters at 6.00 p.m.)

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

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points Hackney's way.



LETTER BAG

61, Fallsbrook Road,
London, S.W.16
15th May, 1966

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on your new idea of closed circuit television interviews with the riders, more proof of the fact that Wimbledon leads the world of speedway. In view of the many improvements being made at Plough Lane this year, isn't it time that you got rid of that terrible band and got a decent group playing pop music in the grandstand after the meeting. Most supporters are young people and they (and I) might go into the grandstand after the match if there was a good group there.

Finally, keep up the good work of encouraging junior riders in the second half. Would it be possible to organise occasional matches against other tracks' juniors on the lines of the old Reserve League, or better still introduce a Regional Reserve League in the second half? This would give our juniors the much-needed experience of away tracks they need to break into the team, and would add some more interest to the second half of the programme. Another idea for brightening up the scratch races, might be to hold just one scratch race with 3 or 4 heats and a final as at many tracks. This would seem to have more interest than the present pointless set-up.

The best of luck to the Dons, and I look forward to a home and away victory over the Hammers on June 11th and 14th.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. WEBB.

Everyone to his own choice in bands. Will get a group for you in the near future though I'll be over the pub while they are at it.—Ed.

46 Beaulah Road,
Sutton, Surrey.
16th May, 1966

Dear Sir,

The wonderful amenities and superb stadium better, in the opinion of most, than Wembley itself, is a credit to all concerned with Wimbledon Stadium Ltd.

Having been an ardent follower of speedway, and the Dons in particular, since 1948, I can honestly say that it has never looked so stylish as of late. The fountain spray which adorns the centre green is a wonderful idea giving "our" stadium that little extra touch of class.

If the expense isn't too fantastic, couldn't we now have coloured lights fitted below the spray adding to our luxury? Red and yellow sprays would be ideal, or red, blue, white and yellow denoting helmet colours used in a match. Rider first across the line, fountains lighting up in his helmet colour.

All very complicated, no doubt, but at the same time very effective.

Also is it possible to have the attendance figures for all home matches announced each week. I know several fans who are curious as to the attendance each week.

If it is possible to know the attendance figure by the interval why not award an extra premium bond to the person with the programme the same number? If the attendance was say 4,835, the last three numbers 835 is the winning number providing they have the correct number which should be drawn from a drum. As in this case there were only 4,000-odd present, numbers 0 to 4 should be placed in drum. If number drawn is 3 then programme number 3835 is the winning bonus number.

Not only would we be "in the know" regarding the attendance but also stand a chance of winning the extra bond. It means extra money to lay out but would be worth it in the long run, don't you think?

Kindest regards to you all, good luck.

Yours faithfully,

D. MASON.

Afterthought

Said one rider to another: "Riding the Wimbledon track is heaven, though there's not much chance of getting there (heaven), thank goodness. Their safety fence is the safest anywhere, I know, I've shaken up a few!"

What with the best track, best amenities, best programme and best safety fence, what more can one say?—ah, yes, BEST TEAM—of course!

Coloured lights are on the way. As colourful as our contributor's well decorated letter.—Ed.

46 Woodside,
Wimbledon, S.W.19
16th May, 1966

Dear Sir,

How proud are we of our tip-top racing circuit, and never more proud was I than on Saturday. I was reeling off the super facilities we have to three Glaswegian supporters—The Ray Timer, the Box Starting Gate, the Restaurant, the Closed Circuit T.V. This is indeed **something** and Mr. Stevens does a grand job interviewing. The Scottish folk said when they go to Edinburgh they have to stand on cinders!! They marvelled at the pairing of Trevor Hedge and Bob Dugard which is of course the best pair we have seen for many a day.

I hope Mr. Greene will stand down John Edwards for a while and give Mike another chance, at least while John is so badly off form. Has **everyone** noticed a replica of Barry Briggs in the Chilman boy? His every action is Barry all over again. Have we **another** budding Briggs in our midst? I think so.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs.) DOROTHY CHARLES-BATSON.

187 Boundary Road,
Woking.
10th May, 1966

Dear Sir,

As an advocate of Monday Speedway at Plough Lane, I was appalled by the tiny gate at the last Monday meeting. It's pretty obvious to me that if attendances don't improve you will have great difficulty in finishing the season.

It must be a worrying situation and we can only hope that things will look up. This is especially disappointing as so many things have improved this season. The racing in the main has been excellent, the programme is a vast improvement on last season's feeble effort, and the bus services are to be welcomed back.

Also this season the supporters club seems to be a going concern and individuals can feel part of the club. I particularly feel that the scheme for aiding the riders is a great idea, and I would like to add my bit.

Last Saturday I was one of the lucky ones who went to Swindon and saw a really superb match. Few people mind being on the losing side when the racing is so exciting. Anyway, for me and my friends the most eye-opening happening was Trevor's second half performance on a borrowed ESO, when he simply annihilated the opposition.

Afterwards in the bar, a few of us had a chat with Trevor, and it was obvious he was mad keen on getting an ESO, but the money angle was the snag. So it seems to me that those of us who want the team as a whole, and the individuals in it, to do as well as possible, should be prepared to help in a small way if we can. The high cost of machines and spare parts must be a daunting prospect for the lads, and it would be a great pity if lack of cash impeded them in any way.

I'm not, of course, suggesting that the money collected goes to help Trevor get his ESO, as replacement parts are more necessary for one like Reg who has a bad mechanical run, but I was using this as an illustration of how financial considerations can hold back a rider. In no other sport can this be so true.

Finally, I would like to wish you good weather (am I kidding?) and bigger crowds. I can think of very few things that would depress me more than the end of speedway at Plough Lane. It musn't be allowed to happen!

Sincerely,

BRIAN KING.

Internationale—Whit Monday

AT 7.45 P.M.

ONE OF SPEEDWAYS

BIGGEST NIGHTS OF THE YEAR

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16 WORLD STARS FOR THE W. D. & H.O. WILLS TROPHY
AND LOUGHBOROUGH TROPHY

Reserved Seats 7/6 10/- 12/6 Restaurant (including Dinner) 30/-
Unreserved (turnstiles) 5/- (Children 3/-)

BOOK TO-NIGHT

“DONS” 1966 Fixture List and Results

	Date		Home to	Result		Date		Away to	Result
Sat.	Apr. 2	E.E.T.	Hackney	57-21	Mon.	Apr. 4	B.L.	Exeter	46-30
Mon.	" 11	S.T.	West Ham	40-38	Fri.	" 8	E.E.T.	Hackney	37-41
Sat.	" 16	B.L.	Cradley Heath	45-32	Tue.	" 12	S.T.	West Ham	42-36
"	" 23	"	Newport	46-32	Sat.	May 7	B.L.	Swindon	43-35
"	" 30	"	Oxford	43-35	"	" 28	"	Belle Vue	
Mon.	May 9	"	Halifax	46-32	Fri.	June 3	"	Hackney	
Sat.	" 14	"	Glasgow	48-30	Thur.	" 9	"	Sheffield	
"	" 21	Q.R.	World		Tue.	" 14	"	West Ham	
			Championship		Sat.	" 25	"	Coventry	
Mon.	" 30	O.M.	Internationale		Thur.	July 7	"	Oxford	
Sat.	June 4	K.O.	King's Lynn		Fri.	" 15	"	Wolverhampton	
"	" 11	B.L.	West Ham		Tue.	" 19	"	Long Eaton	
"	" 18	"	Swindon		Sat.	" 23	"	Cradley Heath	
Mon.	" 27	World	Championship		Fri.	Aug. 12	L.C.	Hackney	
			British Final		Tue.	" 16	"	West Ham	
Sat.	July 2	B.L.	Exeter		Fri.	" 19	B.L.	Newport	
"	" 9	"	Hackney		Sat.	" 27	"	Halifax	
"	" 16	"	Belle Vue		Tue.	" 30	"	King's Lynn	
Mon.	" 25	K.O.	K.O.C.—Reserved		Wed.	Sept. 7	"	Poole	
Sat.	" 30	B.L.	King's Lynn		Mon.	" 12	"	Newcastle	
"	Aug. 6	"	Coventry		Fri.	" 23	"	Glasgow	
"	" 13	L.C.	West Ham		Sat.	" 24	"	Edinburgh	
"	" 20	"	Hackney						
Mon.	" 29	O.M.	Pride of London						
"	Sept. 5		The Laurels						
Sat.	" 10	B.L.	Newcastle						
"	" 17	"	Long Eaton						
Mon.	" 26	"	Edinburgh						
Sat.	Oct. 1	"	Poole						
"	" 8	"	Sheffield						
"	" 15	"	Wolverhampton						

Abbreviations :

B.L.—British League
L.C.—London Cup
S.T.—Supporters Trophy
E.E.T.—Easter Egg Trophy
K.O.—Knock-out Cup
O.M.—Open Meeting