

Coventry Speedway



Nigel Boocock

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

8th Meeting (19th Season)

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

BRITISH QUALIFYING ROUND MEETING
"Sunday Mirror" Sponsored — F.I.M.

**SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP
OF THE WORLD**

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control Board
Track Licence No. 1/66. Permit No. SP T.B.I.
Track Length 380 yards

BETTING STRICTLY PROHIBITED

**Hive
of the
BRANDON
BEES!**

Price . . 9d.

It's TALKING TIME

around the Hive



AUSTRALIAN Bill Andrews didn't sort out his machine sluggishness until the second-half last week.

And it was mebbe just as well for us, for when he changed plugs and got his ESO firing properly he swished away to Gold Sash Heat and Final wins in the fiery fashion of his 1965 performances here at Brandon.

Just five more race points and "Pirates" would have taken a match point from us—this in spite of our Big 4 all knocking up double-figure returns!

Such is the slender balance on team strengths when a heat partner, never mind a heat leader, is absent.

Poole gave us a close and entertaining match and obviously enjoyed their racing at Brandon. New Team Manager Ken Middleditch was patently pleased with his side's final tally.

To us, New Zealander Bruce Cribb at Reserve seems yet another fine prospect from a country who have sent over some great riders in the mould of Ronnie Moore, Barry Briggs, Geoff Mardon, Charlie New, Ron Johnston.

And overall we reckon if Wayne Briggs starts riding for them, the Dorset team will seldom be out of the first half dozen places in the table!

COULD Nigel have ridden in the second-half last week?

Yes, he probably could.

And would: If he had not been putting the team's interests first.

With a vital league match at Newcastle 48 hours later, followed next night by a "Golden Helmet" event challenge in the Black and Gold of "Bees", Nigel reckoned, unselfishly, it was wiser to sacrifice Sash races and so avoid risking further his weakened ankle.

And we reckoned you would both understand and indeed applaud his withdrawal from the programme in the circumstances.

Strange thing, but last time Nigel got a

crack at the Match Race we seem to recall he'd been in a car crash that same day and took part under severe handicap.

Now again he has had to Challenge when truly quite unfit for such a testing event.

No wonder he prefers to concentrate on match performances rather than match races!

MANY seasons ago at Stoke, when Tiger Stevenson was promoting at the Sun Street Stadium, they had a flier named Les Jenkins, and they called Jenks the "Stoke Express".

We reckon the way he's going this season we could rightly coin a new name for Ron—the "Coventry Comet".

His brilliant maximum, including a final heat win, spearheaded a magnificent overall effort by the boys at Brough Park on Monday to increase "Bees" lead at the top of the table.

With Away wins at Halifax and Newport, "Diamonds" seemed set to catch up to within a point of us with two matches in hand, but "Bees" were a solid and united band, and in quite defiant mood.

They gained a superb match win that few could have believed them capable of, and gave the Tynesider followers a wonderful night's racing.

And it was all-round teamwork that did it.

Team work off the track made the win possible in the first place, because ten miles south of Newcastle Cap'n Jim found Nigel stranded with a blown car engine.

The Cap'n promptly hitched up Nigel's car and bike and hauled away onto Newcastle and Brough Park!

Fred Hodder and Mechanic Roy Adams set-to on repairs, but they couldn't complete by the end of the meeting, so Ron and Rick overcame Nigel's immediate troubles by towing him every yard of the 200-plus miles back to his Rugby home!

No wonder they were all a tired bunch Tuesday morning, but they were a happy

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Coventry Speedway

Promoter: Charles Ochiltree (in Association with Midland Sports Stadiums Limited, Brandon Stadium)
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— Officials —

A.C.U. Referee: W. G. Hall

A.C.U. Judge-Timekeeper: As Announced

Clerk of the Course and Speedway Manager: Charles Ochiltree

Team Manager: Mick Blackburn Track Manager: Phil Storey Announcer: Allen Walker

Machine Examiner: G. Smith, A.M.Inst.B.E. Starting Marshal: G. Snooks Pit Marshal: A. Groves

Colour Marshal: D. Anderson Medical Officers: Dr. Harry Kenyon and Dr. Edward Lee

St. John's Ambulance Brigade (Wyken Division) in attendance

Track Record: (4 Laps, Clutch Start) 65.8 secs. Ronnie Moore (Wimbledon) 20th August, 1960

Barry Briggs (Southampton) 30th June, 1962 and Ron Mountford (Coventry), 29th June, 1963

Fastest Time Since Record: 67.2 seconds, Nigel Boocock (Coventry) 20th June, 1964

Fastest Time this Season: 67.8 seconds, Nigel Boocock (Coventry) 26th March.

Warwickshire Flying Mile: Ron Mountford 79 secs. 22nd August, 1964

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SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD • 1966

(BRITISH QUALIFYING ROUND)

Sponsored by the "Sunday Mirror"

by DON CLARKE

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 blasé 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 him stepping on to the Winner's dais to be acclaimed World Champion.

Tonight you will see 16 British Riders start their trek towards World Championship Gold and Glory. The rewards will be hard earned. Make no mistakes about that.

From the 19 preliminary rounds now being staged on British tracks, only 32 from the original 100 starters can go forward to the two British semi-finals at Cradley Heath (June 13th) and at Halifax (June 15th).

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

And at Wembley the chips will really be down before it is decided which 10 riders

will go forward to the World Final, in Gothenberg, on September 23rd.

It is a tough road to ride. Tonight's 16 competitors know that there can be no quarter given if they hope to walk out to battle as one of the 16 European Finalists at Wembley.

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THE COMPETING RIDERS

To-Night's Entrants in Draw Order

Prev. score

1	Rick France (Coventry)
2	Ray Wilson (Long Eaton)	.....
3	Jim Lightfoot (Coventry)	.....
4	Maurice McDermott (Oxford)	.....
5	David Crane (Kings Lynn)	.....
6	Golin Goody (Exeter)	.....
7	Bill Andrews (Poole)	.....
8	Col Cottrell (Coventry)	.....
9	Nigel Boocock (Coventry)	.....
10	Gordon Guasco (Wolverhampton)	.....
11	Pete Smith (Poole)	.....
12	Jack Geran (Exeter)	.....
13	Chris Julians (Crad. Heath)	.....
14	Bluey Scott (Glasgow)	.....
15	Alby Golden (Newport)	.....
16	Ron Mountford (Coventry)	.....

— The Reserves —

- 17 Chris Harrison and 18 Roger Hill
(Coventry)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

8th MEETING (19th Season) SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1966

British Qualifying Round Meeting — "Sunday Mirror" Sponsored SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Raced over Twenty Heats, each of Four Laps, from Clutch Start. Event decided on Race Points: 1st—3 2nd—2, 3rd—1. Riders are identified by Helmet Colours. Keep the Score Chart on Page 5. Track grading takes place twice before Heats marked thus * in order to provide rest period for riders engaged in consecutive heats.

Starting Grids: 1—Red. 2—Blue. 3—White. 4—Yellow and Black

Heat	RIDERS	Substitute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Remarks
1 Time 67.2	1 Rick France 2 Ray Wilson 3 Jim Lightfoot 4 Maury McDermott		Red Blue White Y. & B.	5 3 2 1	1st B 2nd W 3rd L 4th —	
2 Time 68.2	5 David Crane 7 Bill Andrews 6 Colin Gooddy 8 Col Cottrell		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 3 0	1st B 2nd W 3rd R 4th L	
3 Time 67.4	10 Gordon Guasco 11 Pete Smith 9 Nigel Boocock 12 Jack Geran		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 3 0	1st W 2nd B 3rd L 4th Y	
4 Time 69.0	15 Alby Golden 14 Bluey Scott 16 Ron Mountford 13 Chris Julians	HARRISON	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 3 0	1st W 2nd B 3rd R 4th Y	
5 * Time 68.2	13 Chris Julians 1 Rick France 5 David Crane 9 Nigel Boocock	HARRISON	Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 0 3	1st Y 2nd B 3rd R 4th W	
6 Time 69.1	14 Bluey Scott 10 Gordon Guasco 2 Ray Wilson 6 Colin Gooddy		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 1 3 2	1st W 2nd Y 3rd B 4th R	
7 Time 68.0	11 Pete Smith 15 Alby Golden 7 Bill Andrews 3 Jim Lightfoot		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 0 3 2	1st W 2nd B 3rd L 4th R	
8 Time 68.3	4 Maury McDermott 8 Col Cottrell 12 Jack Geran 16 Ron Mountford		Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 0 1 3	1st Y 2nd R 3rd B 4th W	
9 * Time 68.2	6 Colin Gooddy 16 Ron Mountford 1 Rick France 11 Pete Smith		Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 3 1 0	1st B 2nd R 3rd W 4th Y	
10 Time 69.1	12 Jack Geran 5 David Crane 15 Alby Golden 2 Ray Wilson		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 0 1 3	1st R 2nd B 3rd L 4th Y	

INTERVAL

Time for Refreshments at Buffet or Bar

Heat	RIDERS	Substitute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Remarks
11 Time 68.3	8 Col Cottrell 9 Nigel Boocock 3 Jim Lightfoot 14 Bluey Scott		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 3 3 1	1st W 2nd B 3rd L 4th R	
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13 * Time 69.2	7 Bill Andrews 12 Jack Geran 14 Bluey Scott 1 Rick France		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 0 1 2	1st B 2nd L 3rd Y 4th R	
14 Time 69.1	2 Ray Wilson 13 Chris Julians 8 Col Cottrell 11 Pete Smith	HARRISON	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 0 0 1	1st R 2nd B 3rd L 4th W	
15 Time 68.4	16 Ron Mountford 3 Jim Lightfoot 10 Gordon Guasco 5 David Crane		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 3 1 1	1st B 2nd L 3rd R 4th W	
16 Time 70.1	9 Nigel Boocock 6 Colin Gooddy 4 Maury McDermott 15 Alby Golden		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 0	1st B 2nd L 3rd Y 4th W	
17 * Time 69.4	1 Rick France 8 Col Cottrell 15 Alby Golden 10 Gordon Guasco		Red Blue White Y. & B.	2 0 1 3	1st Y 2nd R 3rd W 4th B	
18 Time 71.1	9 Nigel Boocock 2 Ray Wilson 7 Bill Andrews 16 Ron Mountford		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 EX	1st R 2nd — 3rd — 4th —	
19 Time 69.2	3 Jim Lightfoot 12 Jack Geran 13 Chris Julians 6 Colin Gooddy	HARRISON	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 1 0 2	1st Y 2nd B 3rd L 4th W	
20 Time 70.4	5 David Crane 14 Bluey Scott 11 Pete Smith 4 Maury McDermott		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 0 2	1st B 2nd Y 3rd R 4th W	

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RIDER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot.	RIDER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot.
1 R. France	F	2	1	2	2		7	10 G. Guasco	2	1	F	0	3		6
2 R. Wilson	3	3	3	3	—		12	11 P. Smith	2	0	0	1	0		4
3 J. Lightfoot	2	2	3	3	3		13	12 J. Geran	0	1	2	0	1		4
4 M. McDermott	1	2	2	1	2		8	13 [REDACTED]							X
5 D. Crane	1	0	0	1	1		3	14 B. Scott	2	0	1	1	3		7
6 C. Gooddy	2	2	2	2	2		10	15 A. Golden	1	0	1	0	1		3
7 B. Andrews	3	3	3	3	—		12	16 R. Mountford	3	3	3	2	EX		11
8 C. Cottrell	0	0	0	0	0		0	17 C. Harrison (R)	0	1	1	2	0		4
9 N. Boocock	3	3	2	3	3		14	18 R. Hill (R)							

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As well as glory, there 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 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 qualifies for the World Final.

When this cash has been safely tucked into the Bank, successful finalists then have the Gothenberg 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.

★ TRACK TOPICS ★

On Sale tonight two sets of Tickets: For the Internationale at Wimbledon on Whit Monday, 30th May, tickets at 12/6d. (Glass Enclosure), 10/- Main Stand and 7/6 Middle Stands. There's no reduction for Children.

Popular Enclosure admission, with reduction for Children, is by turnstile on the night.

Same applies to Popular Enclosure for the Midland Riders Championship Final at Brandon on Wednesday, 1st June—admission by turnstile on the night.

Stand Enclosure tickets (6/6 Adults 3/3 Children) and Reserved Seat Tickets (7/6 Adults 4/3 Children) are on Sale tonight.

Tickets on Sale at the Stadium Office ONLY.

Got Ticket Number 12703 from last week's Draw? Then nip along to the Supporters Shop this evening and pick yourself a prize.

Folk who did last Saturday: T. Mould, 152 St. George's Road, Coventry; Mr. Hamford, 7 Wilson Road, Dorchester, Dorset; D. Tooth, 118 Monks Road, Binley Woods; D. Merry, 25 Keswick Walk, Wyken; Mr. Philpot, 49 Humphries Street, Emscote, Warwick; J. Corr, 60 Sandy Lane, Coventry; P. Roughton, 5 Shelfield Close, Broad Lane, Coventry.

NEXT

MERRY

MEETING



Saturday, 28th May at 7.30 p.m.



First Visit of new East Anglian "Stars"!

★ British League Match ★

"Bees" vs. Kings Lynn

With: Terry Betts, Peter Moore, David Crane,
Stan Stevens, Ken Adams, etc.

Full Second Half including great Junior Team Match

TALKING TIME—cont.

bunch and they were entitled to be, they had pulled off a truly spectacular win in Geordieland.

We can be justly proud of their efforts.

WE'VE registered Tom Ridley and Fred Hodder as our Numbers 9 and 10 under the revised "Juniors in Development—Keep Off" arrangements of the British League.

And next week we'll give everyone a treat by staging a bumper second half that will include a strict, all-off-the-line, sharp as a knife edge junior trial match—Tom's Triers v. Fred's Fliers.

The Ridley racers will consist of Tom, Pete Gay, Dave Henry and Malc Hall. And Fred's Fliers—Fred "Hodder is the King", Gil Farmer, Kid Lewis, and Hasty Humphries.

So that's something special to look forward to after the Kings Lynn "Stars" come match-point hunting, with Terry Betts, Peter Moore, Davie Crane and old Uncle Merry Maury from Saddlebow Road. TO-NIGHT a warm welcome to the Brandon-drawn British Qualifying Round contestants in the 1966 F.L.M. Speedway Championship of the World.

Once again that great Sunday newspaper the "Sunday Mirror"—the best friend Speedway has ever had or is ever likely to have in the world of National Newspapers—sponsors this giant Tournament that starts this week in May and goes right through to a September Final in Sweden. There's a quartet of Aussies (Bill Andrews, Gordon Guasco, Bluey Scott and Jack Geran) and a dozen Englishmen from a total of nine different teams lining up for to-night's important stage in the Competition.

We'll wish them all Good Luck and may the best man take the Winner's Cheque so generously presented by the "Sunday Mirror".

Charles Ochiltree

World Championship engagements next week for "Bees":

Monday, Exeter—Ron; Monday, Newcastle—Jim and Rick. Tuesday, Long Eaton—Col.

Wednesday, Kings Lynn—Nigel. Wednesday, Poole—Col. Thursday, Oxford—Jim.

— "BEES" 1966 FIXTURES LIST AND RESULTS —

Date	Ven.	Fixt.	Opponents	Result
MARCH				
Sat. 26	H	BSL	Cradley Heath	W50-28
APRIL				
Sat. 2	A	BSL	Cradley Heath	W50-28
Sat. 2	H	SCR	Knight of Speed	E. Asling
Fri. 8	A	CH	Oxford	W41-37
Sat. 9	H	BSL	Long Eaton	W48-30
Fri. 15	A	BSL	Glasgow	L37-41
Sat. 16	H	BSL	Newcastle	W45-33
Mon. 18	A	MRC	C. Heath (Q)	Rained off
Wed. 20	A	BSL	Kings Lynn	Rained off
Sat. 23	H	BSL	Sheffield	W53-25
Mon. 25	A	BSL	Exeter	D39-39
Tues. 26	A	MRC	L. Eaton (Q)	N. Boocock
Fri. 29	A	MRC	Wol'on (Q)	B. Briggs
Sat. 30	H	BSL	Newport	W55-23
MAY				
Mon. 2	A	MRC	C. Heath (Q) R. Mountford	
Wed. 4	H	MRC	Qual. Rnd. N. Boocock	
Thur. 5	A	MRC	Oxford (Q)	B. Briggs
Sat. 7	A	BSL	Halifax	L33-45
Sat. 7	H	SCR	Mid. Grand Prix	J. Esau
Tues. 10	A	MC	Long Eaton	W41-37
Sat. 14	H	BSL	Poole	W44-34
Mon. 16	A	BSL	Newcastle	W39-38
Wed. 18	A	MRC	Swindon (Q)	
Sat. 21	H	WCh	Qualifying Rnd.	
Sat. 28	H	BSL	Kings Lynn	
JUNE				
Wed. 1	H	MRC	Final	
Sat. 4	A	BSL	Edinburgh	
Sat. 4	H	SCR	Heart of England	
Thur. 9	H	MR	Canadian Hell Dvrs.	
Sat. 11	H	BSL	Exeter	
Fri. 17	A	BSL	Newport	
Sat. 18	H	BSL	Belle Vue	
Thur. 23	A	MC	Oxford	
Sat. 25	H	BSL	Wimbledon	
Wed. 29	H	MC	Oxford	

Date	Ven.	Fixt.	Opponents	Result
JULY				
Sat. 2	A	BSL	Belle Vue	.....
Sat. 2	H	SCR	W.Champ.Qual. Rnd.	.....
Thur. 7	A	BSL	Sheffield	.....
Sat. 9	H	BSL	Halifax	.....
Sat. 16	H	BSL	Glasgow	.....
Tues. 19	A	BSL	West Ham	.....
Sat. 23	H	BSL	Wolverhampton	.....
Wed. 27	A	BSL	Kings Lynn	.....
Sat. 30	H	KO	Sheffield (Rd. 2)	.....
AUGUST				
Mon. 1	H	Int	Gl.Btn. v Poland	.....
Sat. 6	A	BSL	Wimbledon	.....
Sat. 6	H	SCR	Kings of Crash	.....
Fri. 12	A	BSL	Wolverhampton	.....
Sat. 13	H	BSL	Hackney	.....
Wed. 17	A	BSL	Poole	.....
Sat. 20	H	BSL	West Ham	.....
Thur. 25	A	BSL	Oxford	.....
Sat. 27	H	BSL	Oxford	.....
Wed. 31	H	MC	Long Eaton	.....
SEPTEMBER				
Fri. 2	A	BSL	Hackney	.....
Sat. 3	A	WCh	European Fnl. (Wembley)	.....
Sat. 3	H	SCR	W.Champ. Semi-Final	.....
Wed. 7	H	SEV	1966 Brandonapolis	.....
Sat. 10	H	BSL	Edinburgh	.....
Wed. 14	A	MC	Reserved	.....
Fri. 16	A	MC	Reserved	.....
Sat. 17	H	BSL	Swindon	.....
Mon. 19	H	KO	Reserved Rnd. 3	.....
Tues. 20	A	BSL	Long Eaton	.....
Sat. 24	H	OM	Open Meeting	.....
Wed. 28	H	MC	Reserved Date	.....
OCTOBER				
Sat. 1	A	BSL	Swindon	.....
Sat. 1	H	SCR	Pride of Midlands	.....
Sat. 8	H	OM	Open Meeting
Sat. 15	A	CH	Kings Lynn (Provs)
Sat. 15	H	SCR	Prince of Pace

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