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## **Speedway Championship of the World**

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# **S P E E D W A Y**



# Newcastle Speedway

BROUGH PARK STADIUM - BYKER - NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE IN ATTENDANCE

Meetings held under the Speedway Regulations of the Speedway Control Board

Official Track Measurement 361 yards

Track Record - Ivan Mauger (Newcastle) 71.0 secs. 9th May, 1966.

## NEWS and VIEWS

### Hello Folks —

This year the qualifying rounds of the World Championship seem to have come very early in the season, and I for one am not disappointed. To me this is the competition which sorts the men from the boys, and I love to follow the progress of ALL riders through the various stages of the Championship.

Naturally I love to see my own lads beating the opposition, but I can always appreciate a fighting ride, no matter who it is who is riding. This is one of the reasons why both Eddie and I were willing to take a gamble on including Graham in the 1966 DIAMONDS, because we were tremendously impressed by the way he disregarded the odds in our round last year, and just got stuck in in each race. He may not be World Championship yet, but he's made of the right stuff.

It is a very strong field that will be contesting the points this evening, with Bill Andrew, Eric Boothroyd and Mike Broadbanks seeming to provide the main opposition for our own lads. However, I know that each and every DIAMOND will be in there doing his best to win through. They will as usual be relying on your vocal support, so lets all get with it and really shout them home in every race.

Next weekend it is our pleasure to stage another of our special Speedway Weekends, with the Northumbrian Fours on the Saturday, and the first of our Northern Cup matches against Sheffield on the Monday. The Saturday meeting in particular should be very interesting, for in addition to seeing the top lads in action against each other, we are in for some real duels between the lesser lights. Each class of rider will only be racing against his own class, and races between keen youngsters like Ray Wilson, who has already represented England, and Johnny Dews and the rider who has set the Midlands alight, Brian Maxted, can be just as thrilling as those between Ivan, Brian and Peter. The secret is in the mixture, as my mother so often said, and the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so why not come along and sample it. The youngsters are the answer to Speedway's future, and this is their big opportunity to prove their worth. This will apply particularly to Dave and Alan, and maybe the choice of reserve spot for the Monday meeting will rest on their performance.

It has now been agreed that Edinburgh and Glasgow should be included in the Northern Cup competition. The problem was that they have not enough fixtures to play each Northern team twice at home, so because we feel the competition would be lacking if they were not included we have decided that the British League scores, home and away on aggregate will be counted for the Cup. This means the only extra fixture they have to accommodate will be Middlesbrough.



Cheerio, MIKE.



# The Road to Gold and Glory

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 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 (June 13) and at Halifax (June 15).

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

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 September 23.

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, 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 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 prospect 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.

## DOUBLE FEATURE — Another exciting Speedway Week-end.

**SATURDAY, 28th MAY at 7.30 pm**

*An unusual and thrilling 4-Team event*

### 'The Northumbrian Fours'

Starring - Ivan, Brian, Peter and Russ (on opposite sides this time) PLUS Charlie Monk, Jack Kitchen, Bill Andrew, Ray Wilson, Johnny Dews, Bluey Scott, Brian Macted, etc.

Featuring the 'battle' for a spot in the Diamonds team between our own Alan and Dave.

A MEETING WITH A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**MONDAY, 30th MAY at 7.30 pm**

NORTHERN CUP MATCH (1ST LEG)

### Newcastle v. Sheffield

(DIAMONDS)

(TIGERS)

Starring the Diamonds plus Johnny Hart, Billy Bales Alan Jay, Johnny Dews, etc.

PLUS USUAL SECOND HALF

## PICK O' THE' POPS—

All records played tonight are kindly supplied by Pye Records Ltd.

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# Speedway Championship of the World

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(QUALIFYING ROUND)

Riders identified by helmet colours—Red, Blue, White and Yellow/Black  
4 LAPS CLUTCH START. Winner decided on Race Points: 1st-3, 2nd-2 and 3rd-1 point.

No.	Rider	Track	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Graham Coombes	Newcastle						
2	Bob Hughes	Newport						
3	Peter Kelly	Newcastle						
4	Bill Andrew	Poole						
5	Chum Taylor	Cradley Heath						
6	John Bishop	Oxford						
7	Eric Boothroyd	Halifax						
8	Mike Watkin	Newcastle						
9	Brian Brett	Newcastle						
10	Rick France	Coventry						
11	Ken Adams	Kings Lynn						
12	Dennis Gavros	Halifax						
13	Jim Lightfoot	Coventry						
14	Mike Broadbanks	Swindon						
15	Gerald Jackson	Hackney Wick						
16	Ivan Mauger	Newcastle						
Res.	Russ Dent	Newcastle						
Res.	Alan Butterfield	Newcastle						

Heat No.	Rider	Substitute	Col.	Grid	Position	Points
1	Graham Coombes		R	1		
	Bob Hughes		B	2		
	Peter Kelly		W	3		
Time	Bill Andrew		Y/B	4		
2	Chum Taylor		R	1		
	John Bishop		B	3		
	Eric Boothroyd		W	2		
Time	Mike Watkin		Y/B	4		
3	Brian Brett		R	3		
	Rick France		B	1		
	Ken Adams		W	2		
Time	Dennis Gavros		Y/B	4		
4	Jim Lightfoot		R	4		
	Mike Broadbanks		B	2		
	Gerald Jackson		W	1		
Time	Ivan Mauger		Y/B	3		
5	Graham Coombes		R	2		
	Chum Taylor		B	3		
	Brian Brett		W	4		
Time	Jim Lightfoot		Y/B	1		
6	Bob Hughes		R	3		
	John Bishop		B	4		
	Rick France		W	2		
Time	Mike Broadbanks		Y/B	1		
7	Peter Kelly		R	4		
	Eric Boothroyd		B	3		
	Ken Adams		W	1		
Time	Gerald Jackson		Y/B	2		

8	Bill Andrew		R	1		
	Mike Watkin		B	2		
	Dennis Gavros		W	3		
Time	Ivan Mauger		Y/B	4		
9	Graham Coombes		R	3		
	John Bishop		B	1		
	Ken Adams		W	4		
Time	Ivan Mauger		Y/B	2		
10	Bob Hughes		R	4		
	Chum Taylor		B	2		
	Dennis Gavros		W	1		
Time	Gerald Jackson		Y/B	3		

## INTERVAL

11	Peter Kelly		R	3		
	Mike Watkin		B	1		
	Brian Brett		W	2		
Time	Mike Broadbanks		Y/B	4		
12	Bill Andrews		R	2		
	Eric Boothroyd		B	4		
	Rick France		W	3		
Time	Jim Lightfoot		Y/B	1		
13	Graham Coombes		R	4		
	Eric Boothroyd		B	1		
	Dennis Gavros		W	2		
Time	Mike Broadbanks		Y/B	3		
14	Bob Hughes		R	1		
	Mike Watkin		B	3		
	Ken Adams		W	4		
Time	Jim Lightfoot		Y/B	2		
15	Peter Kelly		R	2		
	Chum Taylor		B	4		
	Rick France		W	3		
Time	Ivan Mauger		Y/B	1		
16	Bill Andrew		R	3		
	John Bishop		B	2		
	Brian Brett		W	1		
Time	Gerald Jackson		Y/B	4		
17	Graham Coombes		R	1		
	Mike Watkin		B	2		
	Rick France		W	4		
Time	Gerald Jackson		Y/B	3		
18	Bob Hughes		R	2		
	Eric Boothroyd		B	3		
	Brian Brett		W	1		
Time	Ivan Mauger		Y/B	4		
19	Peter Kelly		R	1		
	John Bishop		B	4		
	Dennis Gavros		W	2		
Time	Jim Lightfoot		Y/B	3		
20	Bill Andrew		R	4		
	Chum Taylor		B	1		
	Ken Adams		W	3		
Time	Mike Broadbanks		Y/B	2		
Run Off	If Necessary		R			
			B			
			W			
			Y/B			





# Seeing Speedway

with EDDIE GLENNON

GOOD EVENING—Another two away points under our belts, and we should now be in a healthier league position. The match at Newport was a cracker: and the all round team effort once again showed through. Right from the first heat, after a dispute about the exclusion of Newport's Ace, Gote Nordin, the DIAMONDS were in front, and not once did the opposition look like catching us.

Unfortunately the meeting was slightly spoilt by the attitude of Newport's manager, and our friend even yet, Ken Sharples. When Gote Nordin fell in the first race he bent his bike, and in an effort to get him into the re-run, Ken asked Ivan to lend him one of his machines. Ivan rightly refused to do so on the grounds that although we are closely associated in Speedway this was a League

match, and he could do nothing which could be construed as helping the opposition. Ken took offence at the refusal and told the crowd over the public address of his feelings. This incensed the crowd who started to throw missiles at our lads in the Pits. This was wrong, and I hope that it will never be repeated, but the effect was only to spur our lads on to greater effort to prove themselves able to overcome the abuse. They were great, and you can be proud of the fact that not one of them retaliated in any shape or form, either on or off the track.

The following night at Swindon was rather a night of mixed fortunes, with both sides suffering from the 'gremlins' which get into a blokes engine and cause confusion throughout the meeting. We came within an ace of winning, but Lady Luck wasn't on our side that night though, and we had to come away empty handed. Special mention should be made, however, of Pete and Mike, who after taking a bad spill in the first heat, carried on for the rest of the night although severely bruised, and both put up a creditable show.

Tonight of course all the bruises and 'gremlins' had better disappear, for it's the start of the biggest uphill struggle you can imagine. It is in the early rounds of the World Championship that the riders have to be extra careful, for then you get the little fish in the big pool causing waves when least expected. The top riders weigh up their opposition with great care, sorting out in each heat exactly who they have to beat to qualify. This is a dangerous practice for they overlook the man who although he may not have shone before in this competition suddenly finds the form he knows he has and bursts into the reckoning, and the stars have to do a rapid recount, if it's not already too late. Gordon Guasco of Wolverhampton was the lad who did it last year, who knows who it will be this year.

I reckon, and I have said this before, that there will be more than one surprise this time, and I hope our lads provide their fair share of them.

Mike has already covered the extra meeting we have on Saturday, all I want to say is this. The second strings in Speedway are far underrated, and I believe that a meeting of riders of similar capabilities, no matter what that capability is, can be as exciting, Speedway wise, as the World Final. On Saturday we aim to give you the best of both, with thrills galore and trophies for the winning Four. Each team will be selected to represent a local district, and I hope you will all join in the fun, forget your favourite riders and shout for the team which represents your area. We have been asked numerous times to match our top lads AGAINST one another, and this is the chance we have been waiting for. Also of course there is that lesser, but vital battle between our reserves. Can you imagine the pressure such a challenge presents to these two lads. On one hand we have Alan, a local lad making great strides in Speedway, and on the other Dave, who has travelled 12,000 miles to claim back his team spot. You all know the trouble he took to get here, and you all know how much effort Alan has put into establishing himself. Who deserves the job? I don't know yet, and I am as anxious as they are to find out. The choice of reserve can win matches, especially away from home, so the best man must win. You can help by cheering on your own favourite, if you have one. This is to be a meeting to be enjoyed to the full, and we look forward to it.

Next Monday however, is a different story. The Northern Cup begins in earnest, with the home and away battle with Sheffield. It will be vitally important to build up a large score in the first leg at home in order to be able to hold the TIGERS at Sheffield. This form of scoring eliminates all track advantage, and if we win this competition then we can rightly call ourselves Northern Champions. I think we can win it, and I think we will win it, but time will tell I suppose.

Six weeks to go, and already the Russian Test looks like being a sell out. Judging by the demand for tickets it seems we will not have any left to send to other tracks, and visiting supporters will have to take their chance at the turnstiles. I hope you have made sure of yours by now. If not, I should if you want to get a good view of the RED RACERS face to face.

See you all next Monday, EDDIE G.



# FIXTURE LIST 1966

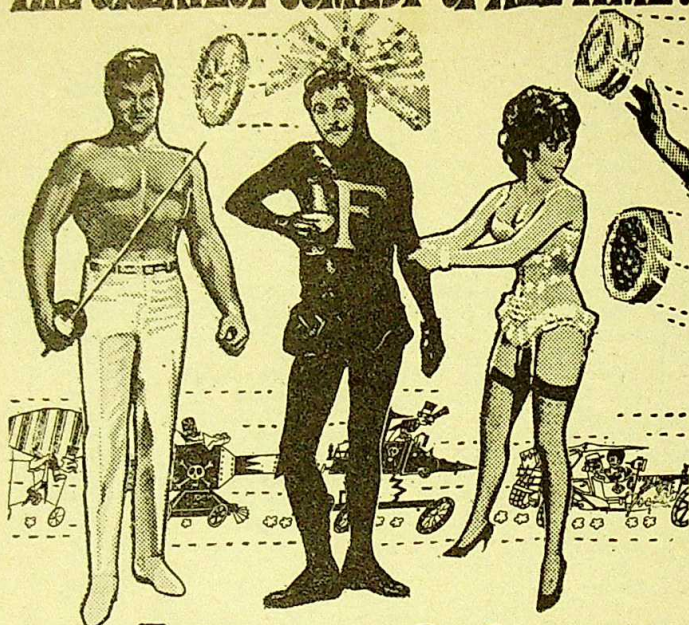
APRIL						
Sat.	2	Edinburgh	Challenge	away	Won	41-37
Mon.	11	SHEFFIELD	Challenge	HOME	Won	51-27
Thurs.	14	Sheffield	Challenge	away	Lost	30-48
Sat.	16	Coventry	British League	away	Lost	33-45
Mon.	18	WEST HAM	" "	HOME	Won	44-34
Mon.	25	HALIFAX	" "	HOME	Won	43-35
Sat.	30	Halifax	" "	away	Won	40-38
MAY						
Mon.	2	POOLE	British League	HOME	Won	48-30
Mon.	9	NEWPORT	" "	HOME	Won	45-32
Fri.	13	Newport	" "	away	Won	47-27
Sat.	14	Swindon	" "	away	Lost	33-42
Mon.	16	COVENTRY	" "	HOME	Lost	38-39
		(plus Capstan Best Pairs)				
Mon.	23	World Championship	Qualifying Round	HOME		
Sat.	28	NORTHUMBRIAN FOURS	(4 Team Event)	HOME		
Mon.	30	SHEFFIELD	North. Cup 1st Leg	HOME		
JUNE						
Thurs.	2	Sheffield	North. Cup 2nd Leg	away		
Sat.	4	EXETER	British League	HOME		
Mon.	6	OXFORD	K.O Cup Round 1	HOME		
Wed.	8	Poole	British League	away		
Thurs.	9	Oxford	" "	away		
Mon.	13	MIDDLESBROUGH	North. Cup 1st Leg	HOME		
Thurs.	16	Middlesbrough	North. Cup 2nd Leg	away		
Mon.	20	HACKNEY	British League	HOME		
Sat.	25	Belle Vue	" "	away		
Mon.	27	Open				
Tues.	28	Exeter	British League	away		
JULY						
Sat.	2	Edinburgh	British League	away		
Mon.	4	England v. Russia	2nd Official Test	HOME		
Mon.	11	EDINBURGH	British League	HOME		
Fri.	15	Hackney	" "	away		
Sat.	16	Cradley	" "	away		
Mon.	18	KING'S LYNN	" "	HOME		
Mon.	25	CRADLEY HEATH	" "	HOME		
Wed.	27	Poole	K.O Cup Round 2 (Prov.)	away		
AUGUST						
Mon.	1	GLASGOW	British League	HOME		
Mon.	8	Vargarna (Sweden)	International Club Match	HOME		
Mon.	15	HALIFAX	North. Cup 1st Leg	HOME		
Sat.	20	Halifax	North. Cup 2nd Leg	away		
Mon.	22	LONG EATON	British League	HOME		
Tues.	23	Long Eaton	" "	away		
Wed.	24	King's Lynn	" "	away		
Mon.	29	SHEFFIELD	" "	HOME		
Tues.	30	West Ham	" "	away		
SEPTEMBER						
Mon.	5	WOLVERHAMPTON	British League	HOME		
Fri.	9	Wolverhampton	" "	away		
Sat.	10	Wimbledon	" "	away		
Mon.	12	WIMBLEDON	" "	HOME		
Fri.	16	Glasgow	" "	away		
Mon.	19	OXFORD	" "	HOME		
Mon.	26	SWINDON	" "	HOME		
Thurs.	29	Sheffield	" "	away		
OCTOBER						
Mon.	3	BELLE VUE	British League	HOME		
Mon.	10	England v. Scotland	5th Test	HOME		
Mon.	17	Open		HOME		

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