

Good Evening Everyone,

After the tremendous excitement of last week, we now look forward to the tense individual battles of the World Championship. This is a time of the year when we forget our team rivalries for a short while to concentrate on the greatest single prize that the sport of speedway racing can offer.

This year, the title of Champion will be more hardly won than ever before, for with so many other countries now joining the "originals"—Australia and Britain—the path to the World Final is tougher than it has ever been in the history of speedway. Our own British riders have, first of all, to succeed in these first Qualifying Rounds, then they have to face up to the Semi-Finals at Cradley Heath and Halifax. The successful ones there will go on to the British Final at Wimbledon in June. Still the struggle is far from won—for from that point there is the greater hurdle of the Nordic/British Final at Sheffield in July, and, with further elimination, the European Final at Wembley on September 3rd. What a task this is—and what a great Champion we shall find by the time it is all over at Gothenburg for the World Final itself, on September 23rd.

If this is the greatest year that the World Championship has ever known since the inception of the sport in 1928, then we must extend our thanks to one of speedway's most loyal backers and supporters—The "SUNDAY MIRROR". This newspaper has not only provided the yast bulk of the special cash awards to the riders—but has been one of the few to give speedway the attention it deserves in its sporting columns. This year, the "Sunday Mirror" prizes are:—

Qualifying Rounds:-Winner £20. Semi-Finals:-£30; £15; £5.

British Final:-£100; £50; £30.

British European Final:-£100; £50; £30.

European Final:-£250; £125; £75; £25.

Plus £20 to each British Rider who qualifies for the World Final.

All this cash is, of course, in addition to the points money payable to all riders for the meetings in question. It is a tremendous incentive—and you will be seeing speedway at its highest and most thrilling level of endeavour.

Mr. Don Clarke of the "Sunday Mirror" will be with us this evening to present the cheque to tonight's winner. We know you will join us in extending a warm welcome to him and to this great newspaper for its wonderful support of our sport.

Finally, before we sound the signal for the opening of tonight's Round, we are hazarding a guess that to qualify for the British Finals, a total of some 28 points will be needed from the possible total of 45 points. This may be more or less, according to whether the meetings are won with "maximums" or under. Nobody can be quite sure how the scoring will go. What we do know is that every rider will be flat out—all the time—for this Golden Opportunity.

All the Best,

1966 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — QUALIFYING ROUND. (Sponsored by the 'SUNDAY MIRROR') 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 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 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 scorers, £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 Gothenbury World Final cash to look forward to.

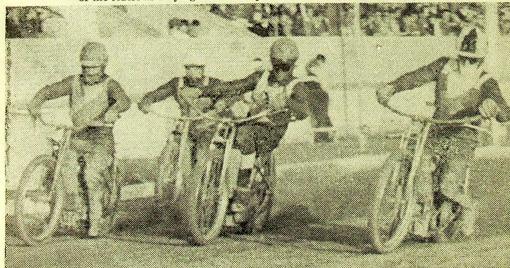
Well, that's it! That is the glittering prospect within the reach of every rider

You may rest assured that not one of them will let this chance of gold and glory

slip lightly from his grasp.

"THEY'RE OFF"

A fine action picture to describe more adequately than words all the thrills and tensions of the riders as they fight for their places in the World Championship.



Programme of the 6th Meeting 1966 WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th, 1966

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control Board. Licence No. 66/5.

OFFICIALS:

A.C.U. Referee: G. R. ALLAN. Clerk of the Course: C. J. KNOTT Starting Marshal: A. BALL Judge/Timekeeper: Announcer: JACK KNOTT Pit Marshal: N. C. ROWE

Medical Officer: Dr. A. E. de la T. MALLETT, D.S.C., M.D. (Cantab.)
St. John Ambulance in attendance—Voluntary Service

THE F.I.M. SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

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RONNIE GENZ & BILL ANDREWS

It's a long, long way to Gothenburg, but here are two of the five Pirates who will be trying all the way.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB CORNER

We have plenty of excitement on our hands tonight, and we shall all be hoping that one of our Pirates will be able to get through to the next most vital stage of the World Championship—the British Semi-Finals. We are certainly with them in spirit—especially after that truly magnificent match they gave us last week.

We have two Club Excursions planned, subject to your demands, and we think that both are meetings that will have special appeal to you. The first is to give you a chance to see some of the Pirates in action in their World Championship efforts away from home—and the second is for a Whit-Monday Trip to the famous "INTERNATIONALE" at Wimbledon, at which, as announced last week, Bill Andrews will be participating on behalf of New Zealand.

SATURDAY, 28th MAY: Swindon (World Championship), Fare 10/-; Dept. 3 p.m. (Remember-Ronnie, Geoff and Norman are engaged at

this meeting).

WHIT-MONDAY, 30th May. Fare, 13/6. Dept. 9 a.m. Wimbledon (INTERNATIONALE)

For both trips, we will be happy to accept deposits of 5/-, the balance to be paid before departure. Admission tickets are also available for the INTERNATIONALE, priced 7/6; 10/-; 12/6. (No refunds are available on these.)

Make your bookings with us NOW. These could be two grand trips—and don't forget—if due to insufficient demand either or both trips have to be abandoned—all monies paid in advance will be refunded. You have nothing to lose. Let's get together to make the Vicin of Pacle heard at Swinden and Wimbledon. together to make the Voice of Poole heard at Swindon and Wimbledon.

Cheerio, PETER J. HEBDITCH, Hon. Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th



The High-Speed Gas Prize

STUPENDOUS PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE RIDERS IN THE FINAL!

1st—Cannon Super De Luxe Cooker

2nd—Super Gascold Refrigerator 3rd—Gascold Refrigerator

Value £80 Value £40 19

Value £29 8

OUR NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY NEXT at 7.45

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"CAN THE PIRATES" MAINTAIN THEIR GREAT TOP-OF-THE-TABLE-CHALLENGE"

Wednesday, June 8th

Poole v Newcastle

* PLUS THE HIGH-SPEED GAS PRIZE

Official Measurement of Track - 380 yards

Track Record: 69-1/5 sec. — Ross Gilbertson 14th August, 1963 and June 3rd, 1964
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