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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MEETING No. 8
TUESDAY, 24th MAY, 1966, at 7.45 p.m.

QUALIFYING ROUND MEETING
"Sunday Mirror" Sponsored

**SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP
OF THE WORLD** ★

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Track Length 415 yards.

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*Home of the
Happy "Hammers"*



behind the Hammers with **dave lanning**

Revenge! Yes, we can really claim revenge for that unexpected setback here last season at the home of the Hammers by our rivals from Hackney. Our clash last week was typical of the sort of thing that happens when Hammers and Hawks meet—it's no holds barred.

Our convincing victory was an all-round team effort and, try though they might, the Hackney team—and their manager—could do nothing to stop us. A most satisfying evening all round. Great racingagain. A fine night. And a wonderful win for the Hammers. What times we are having here this season!

As you know, the result at Hackney last Wednesday was a Draw 39 each, with only the worst of ill luck robbing us of a victory that looked guaranteed right up to the penultimate heat.

A magnificent all round performance just the same,

What times our gremlins are also having.

TONIGHT'S ENTRANTS IN COMPETING ORDER

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| 1 | Reg Trott (West Ham) | England |
| 2 | Bert Kingston (Halifax) | Australia |
| 3 | Malcolm Simmons (West Ham) | England |
| 4 | John Dews (Sheffield) | England |
| 5 | John Edwards (Wimbledon) | England |
| 6 | Bert Harkins (Edinburgh) | Scotland |
| 7 | Cyril Maidment (Belle Vue) | England |
| 8 | Brian Leonard (West Ham) | England |
| 9 | Ken McKinlay (West Ham) | Scotland |
| 10 | Les McGillivray (Hackney) | England |
| 11 | Alan Cowland (Wolverhampton) | England |
| 12 | Geoff Penniket (Newport) | England |
| 13 | Bluey Scott (Glasgow) | Australia |
| 14 | Barry Briggs (Swindon) | N. Zealand |
| 15 | George Hunter (Edinburgh) | Scotland |
| 16 | Norman Hunter (West Ham) | England |

Although we won with ease, it was another occasion of mechanical snap, crack pops and we wonder when we are going to get a night free of bothers.

At Belle Vue the Saturday previous our heavy defeat could be partly blamed on mechanical failures: the skipper packed up while well in front in heat one; our guest rider.....whisper it.....Roy Trigg, slowed up while lying second in another race; then Norman Hunter, having just got his motor running perfectly, blew it into smithereens on the gate.

Last Tuesday, Malcolm, on a new motor, bent a valve. Ken changed an engine, and Norman seized up in the second half. Ted Ede also pulled up solid.

We really have lost count of the motors we've blown up here at West Ham this year. But we think it is fair to estimate that at least £500 worth of damage has been done. Any other side would be shattered by this turn of fate, especially as we have had to suffer injuries and illness to Malcolm, Ken and Ted into the bargain.

It is indeed a testimonial to the championship spirit of the Hammers that we have pulled through with an eminently respectable record, and that we are far from out of the league race. It's certainly not the beginning of the end. It's the end of the beginning, though.

We say that with justification. Because tonight we will have our own Sverre Harrefeldt back with us for the first time, and what a wonderfully welcome sight our handsome Nordic will be! From now on we expect to be in fighting trim. From now on we will not have to worry ourselves silly about guests, although we must pay respect to all of them for their efforts for West Ham.

From now on it's going to be like the real Hammers.

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West Ham Speedway

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— Officials —

Clerk of the Course: Dave Lanning

A.C.U. Referee: A. W. Day

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

Speedway and Team Manager: Dave Lanning

Announcer: As announced

Machine Examiner: Phil Bishop

Starting Marshal: Ron Wiltshire

Pit Marshal: Alf Carter

Colour Marshal: J. Murphy

Medical Officer: Dr. White, M.B.

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

Track Grader by courtesy of Jessups (Stratford) Ltd.

Old Track Record: (Four Laps, Clutch Start) Jack Young (West Ham) 70.6 secs. 1st June, 1954

New Track Record: (Small Wheel) Nigel Boocock (Coventry), 72.4 secs. August 31st, 1965

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.

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.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

8th MEETING, TUESDAY, 24th 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	1 Reg Trott 2 Bert Kingston 3 Malcolm Simmons 4 John Dews		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 0 2 2	1st R 2nd Y 3rd W 4th B	
2 Time	5 John Edwards 7 Cyril Maidment 6 Bert Harkins 8 Brian Leonard		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 2 2	1st B 2nd Y 3rd R 4th W	
3 Time	10 Les McGillivray 11 Alan Cowland 9 Ken McKinlay 12 Geoff Penniket		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 2 2	1st R 2nd Y 3rd W 4th B	
4 Time	15 George Hunter 14 Barry Briggs 16 Norman Hunter 13 Bluey Scott		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 2 0	1st B 2nd W 3rd R 4th Y	
5 * Time	13 Bluey Scott 1 Reg Trott 5 John Edwards 9 Ken McKinlay		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 2 2	1st B 2nd Y 3rd R 4th W	
6 Time	14 Barry Briggs 10 Les McGillivray 2 Bert Kingston 6 Bert Harkins		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 0	1st R 2nd B 3rd W 4th Y	
7 Time	11 Alan Cowland 15 George Hunter 7 Cyril Maidment 3 Malcolm Simmons		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 2 2 2	1st Y 2nd W 3rd B 4th R	
8 Time	4 John Dews 8 Brian Leonard 12 Geoff Penniket 16 Norman Hunter		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 2 3 3	1st Y 2nd B 3rd R 4th W	
9 * Time	6 Bert Harkins 16 Norman Hunter 1 Reg Trott 11 Alan Cowland		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 2 2 1	1st B 2nd N 3rd Y 4th R	
10 Time	12 Geoff Penniket 5 John Edwards 15 George Hunter 2 Bert Kingston		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 1 1	1st R 2nd B 3rd N 4th —	

INTERVAL

Time for Refreshments at Buffet or Bar

Heat	RIDERS	Substitute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Remarks
11 Time	8 Brian Leonard 9 Ken McKinlay 3 Malcolm Simmons 14 Barry Briggs		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 2 2 3	1st Y 2nd B 3rd W 4th R	
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17 * Time	1 Reg Trott 8 Brian Leonard 15 George Hunter 10 Les McGillivray		Red Blue White Y. & B.	0 3 2 2	1st B 2nd Y 3rd W 4th R	
18 Time	9 Ken McKinlay 2 Bert Kingston 7 Cyril Maidment 16 Norman Hunter		Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 2 2	1st R 2nd Y 3rd B 4th W	
19 Time	3 Malcolm Simmons 12 Geoff Penniket 13 Bluey Scott 6 Bert Harkins	EDE	Red Blue White Y. & B.	3 2 2 0	1st R 2nd W 3rd B 4th Y	
20 Time	5 John Edwards 14 Barry Briggs 11 Alan Cowland 4 John Dews		Red Blue White Y. & B.	1 3 2 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. Trott	3	3	2	1	0		9	10 L. McGillivray	3	2	1	1	2		9
2 B. Kingston	0	1	5	3	1		5	11 A. Cowland	0	0	1	1	0		2
3 M. Simmons	1	3	1	3	3		11	12 G. Penniket	2	0	3	5	1		6
4 J. Dews	2	1	3	2	2		10	13 B. Scott	0	1	0	0	2		3
5 J. Edwards	1	0	2	0	1		4	14 B. Briggs	3	3	3	3	3		15
6 B. Harkins	0	0	0	5	0		0	15 G. Hunter	1	1	1	1	1		5
7 C. Maidment	3	2	2	2	5		9	16 N. Hunter	2	3	3	2	2		12
8 B. Leonard	2	2	0	2	3		9	17 T. Ede (R)	0						0
9 K. McKinlay	1	2	2	3	3		11	18 Weichlbauer (R)							

Ken McKinlay (Red) vs. SVERRE HARRFELDT (White)

Goodnight Hammers. It all starts happening team-wise again **NEXT TUESDAY** when we meet **SWINDON**, plus of course, the team return of the 'heart-throb himself, **SVERRE HARRFELDT**

BEHIND THE HAMMERS—cont.

Tonight we feature Sverre in one race only, as we must be fair and give the lad a chance to regain peak fitness. It fits in quite nicely as our attraction is our star-packed World Championship round, and, of course, Sverre qualifies for this great competition via the Continent. So his appearance here this evening is purely an added something.

We felt that you, like us, simply couldn't wait until next week to see the old 'heart-throb in action again.

He's in a match race with Ken and we're sure he's going to get the greatest welcome ever afforded to a Hammer. Aye, come Bluey Wilkinson, Jack Young and all.....

Not that our World Championship racing will not be something special. It looks like being rather sensational. Just take a look down the list of riders and you'll no doubt concur with this prediction. Our thanks again to the 'Sunday Mirror'

for sponsoring this event and for all the good work they do for our sport.

Their representative will be with us tonight to present the Winner's Cheque of £20, and we want you to give him a really whole-hearted West Ham welcome.

Next week features perhaps our greatest attraction yet: visit of the Swindon 'Robins' with Barry Briggs, Mike Broadbanks, Martin Ashby, Clive Hitch, Mike Keen, Bob Kilby and all. A really big-name side, and worthwhile tilts at Hammers unbeaten home record.

And we shall have Sverre back in the team! What a night! One for all to share. So please all rally around, because the more the merrier. The atmosphere for our Hackney fixture last week was just about the most tingling ever. We want it every week. Because every week we're getting wonderful racing from a wonderful team.

So let's keep things rolling.

DAVE LANNING



"Male talks a machine problem out with the Skipper"

SUPPORTERS' KLUB KORNER

Hello Supporters,

TONIGHT, is your last chance to purchase seat tickets for the INTERNATIONAL, at Wimbledon on Monday, May 30th. Prices are 12/6 and 7/6, with a choice of enclosure at the cheaper price. See me as I come around the Stadium, or pop into the Club Corner after the interval. We shall be having a double decker bus again for the trip to Wimbledon, and the fare is 5/- for adults and 2/6 for children, the bus leaves the Labour Hall, near East Ham Station, at 6-30 p.m. Please book your bus seat as early as possible, it does help us. Thanks.

Bookings can also be accepted tonight for the trips for the Hammers away matches at Long Eaton on June 4th, Wimbledon on June 11th, and for Kings Lynn on June 18th, we have something special planned, the coach will depart at 8 a.m. for Great Yarmouth, leaving there for the Speedway Stadium at Kings Lynn at 5-30 p.m. This means a grand day out, with an afternoon at the seaside, and a Speedway match in the evening. This trip was a regular event when Norwich Speedway was open, the trip was always fully booked, and everyone had a smashing time. The next coach outing after that will not be until July 2nd, when we have a match at Swindon. Did you enjoy the "moke" race last week? Next time we have one I shall have a bob each way on our Norman, and hang a bunch of onions in front of the other rider's mount.

Tell all your friends, you never know what to expect at West Ham, years ago they even had elephants running around the track, and another time, a cheetah, the four legged variety, not the Oxford one, had a race around the dog track. Bright and Breezy that's us at West Ham, and we have some more new ideas coming off shortly, how about helping us to implement them? You will? Good, join the Supporters' Club tonight, only one shilling and two lucky members each week will be picked out to have a free ticket for the following match. Our tray sellers will be around the stadium as usual tonight, look out for them if you want to buy our Super badges at 3/6, the small ones at 3/-, and the "New" Champs bars at 2/- each or six bob the set of three. Buy plenty of our Grand Prize Draw tickets, six lucky winners each

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Champion

New
Zealander
**BARRY
BRIGGS**
(Swindon)



week will have a job to make up their minds what to choose from our lists of Prizes, tickets are only 3d. each, go on, buy some more, even if you only get one from each of our sellers. Cheerio until next week.

Up the "Appy Hammers".

RON DYER

**Whit Monday,
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APRIL				JULY—cont.			
Tues.	5	H	CH	Hackney	W44-34	BSL	Poole
Fri.	8	A	BSL	Glasgow	L38-39	BSL	Newport
Mon.	11	A	ST	Wimbledon	L38-40	BSL	Coventry
Tues.	12	H	ST	Wimbledon	W42-36	KD	Reserved
Mon.	18	A	BSL	Newcastle	L34-44		
Tues.	19	H	BSL	Oxford	Rained off		
Sat.	23	A	BSL	Halifax	L37-41		
Tues.	26	H	BSL	Glasgow	W43-35		
Sat.	30	A	BSL	Cradley Heath	W44-33		
MAY				AUGUST			
Tues.	3	H	BSL	Cradley Heath	W48-29	CM	Vargarna, Sweden
Wed.	4	A	BSL	Kings Lynn	Rained off	BSL	Edinburgh
Tues.	10	H	BSL	Belle Vue	W44-34	BSL	Wimbledon
Sat.	14	A	BSL	Belle Vue	L50-28	LC	Wimbledon
Tues.	17	H	BSL	Hackney	W45-33	LC	Hackney
Wed.	18	A	BSL	Hackney	D39-39	BSL	Coventry
Tues.	24	H	WCh	Qual. Round		BSL	Exeter
Tues.	31	H	BSL	Swindon		LC	Hackney
JUNE				SEPTEMBER			
Sat.	4	A	BSL	Long Eaton		BSL	Newport
Tues.	7	H	KD	Exeter		BSL	Kings Lynn
Sat.	11	A	BSL	Wimbledon		BSL	Sheffield
Tues.	14	H	BSL	Wimbledon		BSL	Edinburgh
Tues.	21	H	BSL	Halifax		BSL	Sheffield
Tues.	28	H	Int	England v S. Russia		BSL	Exeter
JULY				OCTOBER			
Sat.	2	A	BSL	Swindon		BSL	Oxford
Tues.	5	H	BSL	Poole		PEE	Hackney
						PEE	Hackney

**NEXT
WEEK**

TUESDAY,

May 31st

at 7.45 p.m.

Back to British League with a vengeance!

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