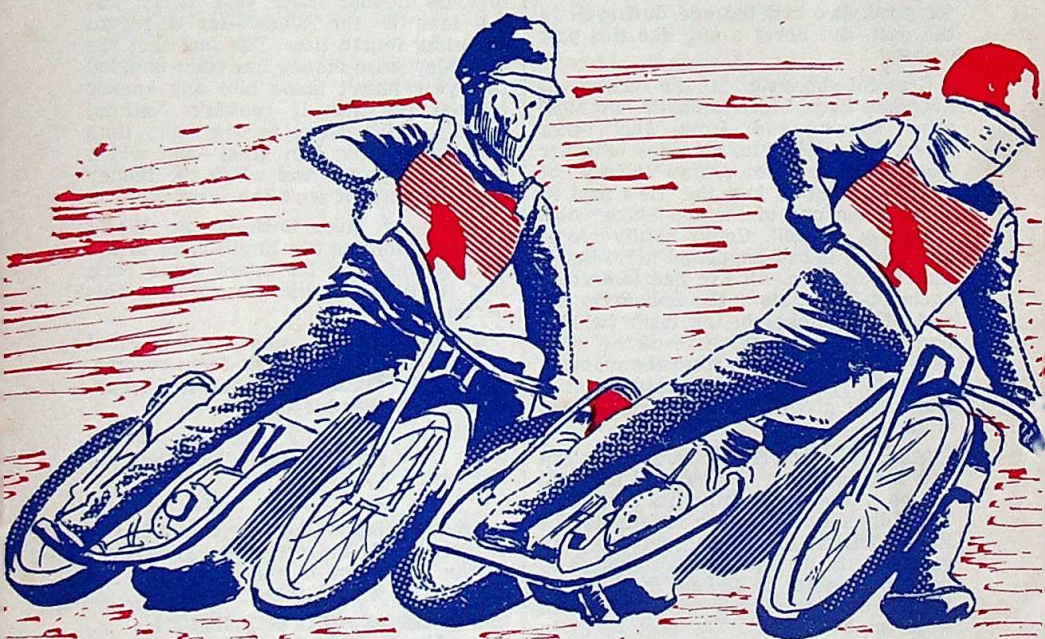


SWINDON SPEEDWAY



MEETING No. 7

World Championship, Q.R.

Sponsored by the "Sunday Mirror"

**Saturday, 13th May
1967**

official programme 9d.

Bryan Seery's Notebook

Mike Broadbanks—12 points.

No—dammit—let's try it in bigger print.

MIKE BROADBANKS—12 POINTS.

This was the scoreline which just had to come. And which everyone—with the possible exception of Mike himself—was absolutely certain would come. And it did. But it was a mighty relieved—and grateful—Robins' captain who sat in the dressing room after last Saturday's meeting.

Relieved because '...I'd spent time on the machinery—I'd spent money on the machinery. I was beginning to think it must be me. And that it had gone for good. I've had the odd duff spell in the past. But never a one like this past month.'

Grateful because '...the crowd at Swindon have been fantastic. In most other sports—and, from what other riders have told me, at a lot of other tracks—there are always plenty of people willing to join the 'He's past it' shout when one of the top blokes slips a bit for a spell. Could hardly blame anybody if it had happened here. But it didn't. Not once. All I've had is encouragement—right along the line. From the rest of the blokes in the team (who've had to try to do my share of the work as well as their own), from the management and from you. It's been great—and really given me the heart to keep trying.'

'And while you're on,' said Mike, 'can you pass on a big 'Thank you' from all the boys to everyone who has supported Mr. Kilby's draw for the Riders Benefit Fund. They're doing a great job, and very shortly we should have enough to get a new motor to be kept in readiness for any one of the team who might need it in an emergency. The sort of extra insurance which will come in handy—for we're going to have a real crack at that League Championship this year.'

Perhaps somewhat overshadowed by Mike's return to normal, May 6th marked Swindon's arrival at the top of the British League table for the first time.

Last season only two teams—Coventry and Halifax—occupied the top position during the course of the entire season. Already this year, after little more than a month, four teams have shown up on the top rung of the ladder—Wimbledon, Newport, Newcastle, and now Swindon. We don't expect to stay there perman-

ently—we can easily be passed (temporarily) by any number of tracks who might happen to have a quick rush of matches. But we do expect to be there again when the final reckoning is concluded in October.

And this must now be shaping as a real possibility. Of our regular seven, only Bob, Frank and Pete can currently boast averages higher than their 1966 figures.

Which leaves scope for even better things in the future.

But tonight, team affairs are laid aside—and it's every man for himself in the chase for the game's premier individual honour. Last year Barry was top man in the World—for a record equalling fourth time. The fact that the Wembley prize money has been doubled this year hasn't made him any keener to make it five. It couldn't. Nothing could. It's his desire to win every time which has made him great—and which keeps him great. And while the money is the reward, it isn't the incentive.

Last year Mike finished the World Championship as top Englishman in the competition. Has his spark come back just in time for him to emulate this performance?

In 1965 Martin was a Semi-Final reserve; in 1966 a British Final reserve. Is 1967 the year he makes his breakthrough to Wembley?

Tonight will only start to answer some of these questions. Time will do the rest.

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Among tonight's visiting riders is one of speedway's quiet men—a gentleman in the true sense of the word. And yet another of whom it can be said . . .

HIS RECORD IS UNIQUE!

No. 7 Jack Geran (Exeter)

Quiet man, we said. Might almost be described as retiring. And that—literally—is just about the story of Jack's speedway life. Over the last few years at any rate. Almost retiring.

For he has threatened to retire—and actually retired—as many times as anyone still in the game. But each time he has been persuaded to abandon his ideas. For the simple reason that he is still far too good a team-man to lose. And his points returns are still enough to swing many a match.

While never quite becoming one of the accepted super-stars of the sport

Jack has, in the past, been a regular selection for Australian (and Australasian) International teams, and, when Barry won his first World Championship at Wembley in 1957, Jack was the only rider to finish in front of the Champion on the night.

But what gets Jack a mention in this feature?

Well, we've got to go back a bit, but riding for Leicester against Norwich on April 21st, 1961, in a National League match, Jack scored a full twelve-point maximum for the Hunters from the reserve berth.

All right! I know what you're saying. That's pretty good going, but it has been done before and since, and the

operative word for this feature is 'Unique'.

And unique it was.

Because Jack got his maximum—despite the fact that a rider on the opposing side scored a full maximum in the same match!

Yes. While Swedish automaton Ove Fundin was recording his usual 12 point score for Norwich, Jack did exactly the same for Leicester—and the two never met! And the tactic certainly worked. For with Fundin cancelled out by a 'mere reserve' the Leicester boys pulled off a two-point victory.

And ensured a permanent—and well-deserved—place for the name of Jack Geran in the history of the sport.

ROBINS — in retrospect

Showing how our boys have fared in the World Championship, since the B.L. started.

Martin Ashby	— 1965	Qual. Round.	13 at Swi, 7 at Exe, 8 at Npt.	Total 28
		Semi-Finals	As reserve, did not ride at Poole, 0 at Gla.	
	1966	Qual. Round	13 at Exe, 8 at K.L., 13 at Swi.	Total 34
		Semi-Final	9 at C.H.	
Barry Briggs	— 1965	Brit. Final	As reserve, did not ride.	
		Qual. Round.	15 at Swi., 15 at Exe, 14 at L.E.	Total 44
		Semi-Final	11 at Poole.	
		Brit. Final	13 at West Ham.	
		Final	10 at Wembley.	
	1966	Qual. Round	15 at W.H., 13 at She, 15 at Swi.	Total 43
		Semi-Final	15 at Halifax.	
		Brit. Final	12 at Wimbledon.	
		Nordic-Br. F.	15 at Sheffield.	
		European F.	13 at Wembley.	
		Final	15 at Gothenberg.	
Mike Broadbanks	— 1965	Qual. Round.	14 at Swi., 12 at L.E., 11 at Hac.	Total 37
		Semi-Final	10 at Poole.	
		Brit. Final	9 at West Ham.	
		Final	As reserve, did not ride at Wembley.	
	1966	Qual. Round	13 at Ncl., 13 at Hac., 11 at Swi.	Total 37
		Semi-Final	11 at Cradley Heath.	
		Brit. Final	9 at Wimbledon.	
		Nordic-Br. F.	9 at Sheffield.	
		European F.	9 at Wembley.	
		Final	4 at Gothenberg.	
Mike Keen	— 1965	Prelim. Round	4 at Middlesbrough, 2 at K.L.	
	1966	Qual. Round	3 at Oxf., 2 at Hac., 5 at Swi.	Total 10
Bob Kilby	— 1965	Qual. Round.	9 at Swi., 0 at L.E., 0 at Oxf.	Total 9
	1966	Qual. Round	2 at Npt., 5 at Oxf., 10 at Swi.	Total 17
Pete Munday	— 1965	Prelim. Round	5 at Rayleigh, 9 at K.L.	
	1966	Did not compete.		
Frank Shuter	— 1965	Did not compete.		
	1966	Qual. Round	As reserve, 1 at Swi.	

JUNIOR ROBINS NOTES

Good evening, Junior Robins,

Congratulations to Mike on getting a great maximum last week. Wasn't it great to see him riding like the Mike we know so well. Birthday greetings to Neil Hunt who will be 11 on Tuesday. Will those of you who have rejoined the club but have been unable to obtain your 1967 bar come along tonight as we have some more arrived. Good luck to all the Robins in their battle for championship points, both here tonight and in their away rides.

Good night, AUNTY MARY.

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Sat. May 13th — Programme of Events

7.30 p.m. GRAND PARADE

World Championship Qualifying Round

(Sponsored by the "Sunday Mirror")

20 Heats — 4 Laps — Clutch Start 1st, 3pts.; 2nd, 2pts.; 3rd, 1pt.

Starting Grids are: 1 Red; 2 Blue; 3 White; 4 Yellow and Black

Should it be necessary through any cause whatsoever to abandon a meeting prior to the sixth heat in the programme, tickets for a subsequent meeting will be issued at the exits. No money will be refunded in any circumstances.

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Heat	RIDERS	Helmet Colour	Substitute	Result	Points Scored	Remarks
1	1 Frank Shuter	Red		1st B	3	
	2 Mike Broadbanks	Blue		2nd Y	2	
	3 Jim Tebbby	White		3rd W	1	
	4 Barry Briggs	Y. & B.		Time 75.4	2	
2	5 John Bishop	Red		1st W	3	
	7 Bruce Cribb	Blue		2nd R	2	
	6 Jack Geran	White		3rd B	1	
	8 Chris Blowett	Y. & B.	B. MAXTED	Time 75.2	0	
3	10 Pete Munday	Red		1st B	3	
	11 Charlie Monk	Blue		2nd Y	2	
	9 Jim Lightfoot	White		3rd W	1	
	12 Martin Ashby	Y. & B.		Time 74.3	2	
4	15 Bob Kilby	Red		1st Y	2	KILBY FROM GATE
	14 James Bond	Blue		2nd R	0	MUDGE IN LEAD
	16 Jimmy Gooch	White		3rd W	1	BY 3RD BEND
	13 Geoff Mudge	Y. & B.		Time 74.1	3	
5	13 Geoff Mudge	Red		1st R	3	MUDGE ALL THE WAY
	1 Frank Shuter	Blue		2nd Y	0	FROM GATE
	5 John Bishop	White		3rd W	1	
	9 Jim Lightfoot	Y. & B.		Time 75.4	2	
6	14 James Bond	Red		1st W	2	
	10 Pete Munday	Blue		2nd R	0	
	2 Mike Broadbanks	White		3rd Y	3	
	6 Jack Geran	Y. & B.		Time 75.1	1	

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Heat	RIDERS	Helmet Colour	Substitute	Result	Points Scored	Remarks
7	11 Charlie Monk	Red		1st B	3	
	15 Bob Kilby	Blue		2nd B	2	
	7 Bruce Cribb	White		3rd W	1	
	3 Jim Tebbby	Y. & B.		Time 74.5	0	
8	4 Barry Briggs	Red		1st W	3	
	8 Chris Blowett	Blue	B. MAXTED	2nd Y	0	
	12 Martin Ashby	White		3rd R	3	
	16 Jimmy Gooch	Y. & B.		Time 74.5	2	
9	6 Jack Geran	Red		1st Y	2	
	16 Jimmy Gooch	Blue		2nd B	1	
	1 Frank Shuter	White		3rd R	0	
	11 Charlie Monk	Y. & B.		Time 75	3	
10	12 Martin Ashby	Red		1st B	3	BROADBANKS HOOPED
	5 John Bishop	Blue		2nd W	1	AND LOST TO MUCH
	15 Bob Kilby	White		3rd B	2	GROUND TO CATCH UP
	2 Mike Broadbanks	Y. & B.		Time 74.7	0	

INTERVAL

11	8 Chris Blowett	Red	B. MAXTED	1st B	0	
	9 Jim Lightfoot	Blue		2nd Y	3	
	3 Jim Tebbby	White		3rd W	1	
	14 James Bond	Y. & B.		Time 75	2	
12	13 Geoff Mudge	Red		1st R	3	BRIGGS FROM GATE
	4 Barry Briggs	Blue		2nd B	2	MUDGE DROVE INSIDE
	10 Pete Munday	White		3rd W	1	ON LAP 2 IN BEND
	7 Bruce Cribb	Y. & B.		Time 75.6	0	THEY PUNED AWAY
13	7 Bruce Cribb	Red		1st B	0	
	12 Martin Ashby	Blue		2nd Y	3	
	14 James Bond	White		3rd W	1	
	1 Frank Shuter	Y. & B.		Time 74.6	2	
14	2 Mike Broadbanks	Red		1st Y	2	MADE ALL THE WAY
	13 Geoff Mudge	Blue		2nd R	0	MUDGE BOXED IN AFTER
	8 Chris Blowett	White	B. MAXTED	3rd B	0	BAD START
	11 Charlie Monk	Y. & B.		Time 74	3	
15	16 Jimmy Gooch	Red		1st Y	2	
	3 Jim Tebbby	Blue		2nd R	1	
	10 Pete Munday	White		3rd B	0	
	5 John Bishop	Y. & B.		Time 74.8	3	
16	9 Jim Lightfoot	Red		1st W	1	BRIGGS FROM GATE
	6 Jack Geran	Blue		2nd Y	0	KILBY KEEPING BEST
	4 Barry Briggs	White		3rd R	3	BACK TO LET BRIGGS
	15 Bob Kilby	Y. & B.		Time 74.8	2	WIN
17	1 Frank Shuter	Red		1st W	2	
	8 Chris Blowett	Blue	B. MAXTED	2nd B	1	
	15 Bob Kilby	White		3rd B	3	
	10 Pete Munday	Y. & B.		Time 74	0	
18	9 Jim Lightfoot	Red		1st Y	1	
	2 Mike Broadbanks	Blue		2nd B	2	
	7 Bruce Cribb	White		3rd R	0	
	16 Jimmy Gooch	Y. & B.		Time 75.2	3	
19	3 Jim Tebbby	Red		1st B	1	MUDGE & ASHBY
	12 Martin Ashby	Blue		2nd W	2	FIGHTING OUT ALL THE
	13 Geoff Mudge	White		3rd R	2	WAY WITH ASHBY
	6 Jack Geran	Y. & B.		Time 75	0	WINNING
20	5 John Bishop	Red		1st Y	1	BRIGGS FROM GATE
	14 James Bond	Blue		2nd W	0	MADE NO
	11 Charlie Monk	White		3rd R	2	ATTEMPT TO PASS ALTHO
	4 Barry Briggs	Y. & B.		Time 75.7	3	HE'D SEVERAL OPPORTUNIT

RUN-OFF FOR 1ST PLACE			
12 MARTIN ASHBY	RED	1ST C. MONK	ASHBY'S FROM GATE
11 CHARLIE MONK	BLUE	2ND M. ASHBY	MONK TOOK HIM
			2ND LAP 2ND BEND
			PULLED AWAY EARLY

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INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

Rider	Club	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 Frank Shuter	Swindon	0	0	0	2	2	4
2 Mike Broadbanks	Swindon	3	3	0	2	2	10
3 Jim Tebby	Wimbledon	1	0	1	1	1	4
4 Barry Briggs	Swindon	2	1	2	3	3	11
5 John Bishop	Newport	2	1	1	3	1	8
6 Jack Geran	Exeter	3	1	2	0	0	6
7 Bruce Cribb	Poole	1	1	0	0	0	2
8 Chris Blewett	Exeter	0	0	0	0	1	1
9 Jim Lightfoot	Long Eaton	1	2	3	1	1	8
10 Pete Munday	Swindon	0	0	1	0	0	1
11 Charlie Monk	Glasgow	3	3	3	3	2	14
12 Martin Ashby	Swindon	2	3	3	3	3	14
13 Geoff Mudge	Poole	3	3	3	1	2	12
14 James Bond	Wolverhampton	0	2	2	1	0	5
15 Bob Kilby	Swindon	2	2	2	2	3	11
16 Jimmy Gooch	Newport	1	2	1	2	3	9
1st Res: Mike Keen	Swindon						
2nd Res: Peter Jackson	Swindon						

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by Don Clarke

Sixteen riders, from 101 British entrants, go out to race tonight with their eyes firmly fixed on the £1,000 bonanza that awaits the man who wins the World Crown, at Wembley Stadium, on September 16.

Top prize to the World Champion last year was £500. Now the Sunday Mirror double their top award — the highest individual prize in motorcycle sport. Second man will receive £250 and the third £100.

The Sunday Mirror will also award £200, £100, and £50 to the first three men in the British Final, which will be decided at West Ham, on August 15.

Before a rider can stretch out his hands for these pots of gold, he will have to battle through these preliminary rounds, and qualify as one of the thirty-two semi-finalists at Wimbledon and Sheffield, on July 13.

From the two semi-finals sixteen top points scorers go forward to the British Final, where the six highest scorers

qualify for Wembley's World Championship Final.

Sounds tough? It is!

Continental rivals also compete for ten places at Wembley.

Their preliminary rounds are now under way. Only sixteen men qualify for the European Final at Wroclaw, Poland, on August 27.

Eight riders for this meeting will come from the Nordic Final (involving riders from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden), scheduled for Esbjerg, Denmark, on June 4.

The other eight competitors will emerge from the Continental Final (involving all other European and Iron Curtain countries) at Kempton, West Germany, on August 20.

I said it was tough. And keen rivalry awaits the sixteen riders who battle to-night for World Championship honours.

Rest assured. No quarter will be given. None will be asked for!

BRITISH LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to, and including Saturday, May 6)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SWINDON	10	7	0	3	429	350	14
Newcastle	9	7	0	2	375	327	14
Newport	10	6	1	3	423	357	13
Wolverh'pton	11	6	1	4	440	417	13
Poole	10	5	2	3	422	357	12
Sheffield	10	6	0	4	390½	386½	12
Glasgow	13	5	2	6	488	522	12
West Ham	9	5	1	3	370	332	11
Hackney	8	5	1	2	315	308	11
Long Eaton	11	5	1	5	420	437	11
Oxford	12	5	1	6	440½	494½	11
Coventry	11	4	2	5	459	398	10
Wimbledon	7	4	0	3	282	261	8
Exeter	8	4	0	4	307½	314½	8
Halifax	8	3	1	4	307	316	7
Belle Vue	9	3	0	6	322½	379½	6
King's Lynn	10	2	0	8	352	427	4
Cradley Heath	11	2	0	9	361	493	4
Edinburgh	7	1	1	5	259	286	3

ROBINS' SCORERS 1967

(British League matches only, up to, and including, May 10th)

Rider	M	R	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Calc.	
						Bon.	Ttl. Mch.
Barry Briggs	10	42	111	1	112	10.67	
Martin Ashby	10	42	87	7	94	8.95	
Bob Kilby	10	40	81	5	86	8.60	
Peter Jackson	1	2	3	0	3	6.00	
Mike Broadbanks	10	34	44	5	49	5.76	
Pete Munday	9	32	42	4	46	5.75	
Frank Shuter	10	34	33	10	43	5.06	
Mike Keen	10	34	28	7	35	4.12	

The calculated match average is the average per ride multiplied by four, and brings all riders into line on the assumption that they have taken four rides per match.

Note that this table does not govern the selection of the team as decreed in Regulations.

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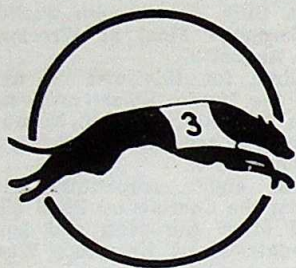
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