

Good Evening Everyone,

Last Saturday marked the opening of the greatest annual event in speedway-the 1967 F.I.M. Championship of the World-at Edinburgh, Cradley Heath, Coventry and Swindon. With nineteen tracks staging qualifying rounds in Britain it has been a massive start on the long haul to Wembley for what, this year, has become the richest individual prize in the history of the sport.

All competitors at this stage have to compete in three meetings, one at home and two away, with the top thirty-two scorers qualifying for the two semi-finals to be held at Wimbledon and Sheffield—and thence the top sixteen to the British Final With the Furgueous countries already fighting out their British Final. With the European countries already fighting out their own preliminary battles, the closing stages of the Championship are likely to produce some of the finest speedway in the annals of the Championship, with the Final itself a truly international event of the highest ranking in World sport.

These early rounds are quite likely to produce plenty of surprises, probably more than ever before, for not only are the prizes themselves a tremendous incentive for the established "favourites", but the last season or two has seen the maturing of a considerable number of young men who broke into speedway in the former Provincial League during its existence from 1960 until 1965. Some of these lads, in fact, are approaching true brilliance-Ray Wilson can be mentioned as just one example.

At Poole, we can consider we have two or three riders with a chance of appearing at Wembley and certainly with more than a chance of competing in the British Final. Geoff Mudge is in great form this year, for 1967 has certainly given him the best start to any season so far. Ronnie Genz, who started the season rather slowly, is now returning to his true form, and no one could discount his potential when things are going well for him. Perhaps he will reach his peak at just the right moment. Bruce Cribb has astounded everyone this year with some very polished riding, and while it is still far too early in his career to expect him to be "in at the finish", he is quite likely to make a lot of progress and to upset one or two of the fancied riders on the way.

At Poole tonight we can expect some great battles. We are fortunate in that we are given the opportunity of seeing the present Champion, Barry Briggs, in the early rounds of the defence of his title. His presence, of course, makes the meeting a good deal tougher for everyone else. Nevertheless, the way is open for all to collect the points from the possible 45 from the three First Round meetings.

This great Speedway event has one again received the full backing of the "Sunday Mirror," who have sponsored it with the magnificent cash awards. We know you will join us in thanking them not only for their support of the Championship, but also

for their grand weekly articles by Don Clarke.

In the meantime we can, perhaps, take this opportunity to review the League performances of the Pirates to date. Straight away we can say that Geoff and the boys have established themselves in a fine position at this early stage of the season, and there can be little doubt now, that given the luck that is always necessary, they are likely to be disputing the League title around September time. The strength of the second string riders. Bruce Cribb, as you now know, has in fact just lifted himself into a heat-leader position. Norman Strachan is going great guns and his League scores at the moment (including Bonus Points) are: 4, 8, 5, 8, 8, 6, 8, 8, 7, 6. Geoff Penniket, too, is settling down well, and in spite of a couple of "ducks" has scored the points to provide the heat-lead that the heat-lead to he the points to provide the backing that the heat-leaders require if matches are to be won. Pete Smith, while still short of his potential, has provided good backing. It is impossible for all seven riders in a team to be getting "maximums" and Pete's League scores so far (again with Bonus points) are: 0, 5, 2, 6, 5, 7, 2, 5, 3, 5. When that "0" drops off the end of his chart Pete's average may well look quite different.

As we were about to go to press, we received the news that Gote Nordin has qualified for the Nordic Final of the World Championship, to be held at Esbjerg, Denmark, on June 4th. In offering our congratulations to Gote, we also extend our further congratulations to Skipper Mudge for his fine 12 points scored at Swindon

last Saturday.

With these two wonderful news items came another thrill with the publication of

the latest League Table which shows the Pirates to be leading the field.

Now to settle down for the thrills of our round of the World Championship, after which we can look forward to more great sport next week with the visit of Wimbledon in the British League.

1967 World Speedway Championship

SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY MIRROR

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 16th.

Top prize to the World Champion last year was £500. Now the Sunday Mirror double their top award—the highest individual prize in motor-cycle

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 15th.

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 13th.

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 27th.

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 4th.

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

I said it was tough. And keen rivalry awaits the sixteen riders who

battle tonight for World Championship honours.

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

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Swindon, May 13th	Poole, May 17th	Halifax, May 20th
Poole, May 17th	W'hampton, May 19th	Belle Vue, May 20th
Hackney, May 12th	Poole, May 17th	Wimbledon, May 18th
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A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TO SEE—

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June 12-250 c.c. and SIDECAR RACES.

June 14-125 c.c. and JUNIOR T.T. RACES.

June 16-50 c.c. and SENIOR T.T. RACES.

For details of Grandstand seats (from 5s. to 20s.) apply to:—

Box Office T.T. Races, Villa Marina, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Programme of the 7th Meeting 1967 WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1967

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control Board. Permit No. S.P.72.

OFFICIALS: Licence No. 67/8. Timekeeper:

A.C.U. Referee: G. R. ALLAN Clerk of the Course: C. J. KNOTT Starting Marshal: A. BALL

Announcer: JACK KNOTT Pit Marshal: N. C. ROWE

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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

(QUALIFYING ROUND)
20 Heats 4 Laps—Clutch Start. Points: Heat Winners 3 pts., 2nd 2 pts., 3rd 1 pt. Letters in brackets represent starting grid positions, (a) being the inside position.

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

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2 Geoff Penniket		10 Bruce Cribb	
3 Alan Jay		11 Jim Squibb	
4 Barry Briggs		12 Geoff Mudge	
5 Roger Hill		13 Peter Kelly	
6 Les Owen		14 Tommy Roper	
7 Stan Stevens		15 Ronnie Genz	
8 Jim Lightfoot		16 Jack Biggs	

1st	Reserve:	Pete Smith	2nd Reserve: Tony Lewi	•

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3	(c)	ALAN JAY (Sheffield)	 	(White)	****************
4	(d)	ALAN JAY (Sheffield) BARRY BRIGGS (Swindon)		(Yellow)	*************

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		LES OWEN (Coventry)		(Blue)	
7	(b)	STAN STEVENS (King's Lynn)		(White)	*************************
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15 (a	RONNIE GENZ (Poole)		(White)	
16 (c	JACK BIGGS (Cradley Heath)		(Yellow)	***************************************

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BRITISH SPEEDWAY LEAGUE TABLE.

(Up to and including May 18th)

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Figures in parentheses indicate position in last week's table.

OUR VISITORS TONIGHT THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Object: "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

The Boys' Brigade is the oldest uniformed youth organisation, being formed in Scotland in 1883 by William Smith. It was built on the twin pillars of religion and discipline, and continues to be based on these two objects today. The motto is Sure and Steadfast

Locally there are 16 Companies who have about 650 members, and among the activities which the members can participate in are P.T., Football, Cricket, Camping, Signalling, Art and Crafts, Club Evening, Wayfaring and Bugle Band. The age range is 8½ years to 20 years, when members can continue to serve as officers. Each Company must be connected to a church.

Many senior members have gained awards under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and twelve members have attained the Gold Standard.

The members of the band who are performing this evening are taken from various Companies and usually only perform together a few times each year. Other members are collecting funds for our new Brigade Headquarters which was opened earlier this year, in Parsons Green, London, by Princess Alexandra. Your generous support will be very much appreciated—Thank you!

On sale tonight at Poole Stadium is the 1967 edition of The BRITISH SPEEDWAY HANDBOOK. Bigger and better than ever, this year's publication once again includes a very comprehensive review of the Poole Team and has been enlarged to include even more photographs; an all-embracing Overseas Section; Features; Facts and Figures galore. Whatever else you miss—don't miss The BRITISH SPEEDWAY HANDBOOK—at 5s.. It's a giveaway.

Our Next Meeting

Wednesday Next, at 7.45

"Its Back to the League" and a great battle for the Pirates

★ An Outstanding, All-Action Clash ★

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£250 PRIZES IN SPEEDWAY DRAWS

A SOCIETY has been formed and registered for the promotion of three draws during the season. They are to be held for the purpose of providing funds for the encouragement of international racing and riders welfare.

Tickets for the first Draw, on the Internationale at Wimbledon on Monday, May 29th are on sale tonight, price 6d. each or in books of five for 2s. 6d.

Other draws follow on the British and World Finals at West Ham and Wembley on Tuesday, August 15th and Saturday, September 16th.

First prize in each Draw is £100; second £50; third £25; fourth £10.

The remaining £65 will be divided amongst ticket holders drawing a rider who is unplaced in the event. Tickets, restricted to persons over 18 years of age, are only obtainable at British League tracks. All ticket holders drawing a competitor (rider) will be notified by post and prize winners' names will be published in all speedway programmes.

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POOLE SPEEDWAY, The Stadium, Wimborne Road, Poole.
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Track Record: 69-1/5 sec. — Ross Gilbertson 14th August, 1963 and June 3rd, 1964
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