

# WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

THURSDAY, 18th MAY, 1967



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1967  
*BRITISH QUALIFYING ROUND*

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ONE SHILLING



# Ronnie Greene's Diary



Today is Monday, so I've got to see what I can find to talk about that might be of real interest to you. I think we'll have a few words to say on the subject of the sport as I see it today, and, as one who has been connected with Speedway Racing almost since it started, I have been privileged to see things from both sides of the fence. Yes Wimbledon can claim to be the veteran track and we regard ourselves as the "Father of Tracks." The first meeting was held on 28th May, 1928 so I think you will find my statement correct, if I am wrong no doubt Don Clarke will burst into song in next Sunday's Mirror. He may even claim that such and such a track was open long before Julius Caesar landed in B.C. 53 and you'll ask "What's that to do with the subject you were going to write about." Just this—that if you wish to survive you must give your supporters not only good racing but must make an honest endeavour to provide comfort—this has always been and always will be, uppermost in the thoughts of those responsible for the promotion of meetings here. I should like to think that those responsible for promoting and opening new tracks, or reopening old ones, realise the importance of this matter in all aspects. That closes my first point which is, that there has been a very great improvement in the presentation particularly in respect of providing seating accommodation—two problems solve themselves to some degree.

My second point is what I will term the growth of the league or inter track racing. In 1928 racing was merely a circus and had league racing not been introduced I very much doubt whether you and I would have been here tonight. The amalgamation of the National League and the Provincial League Clubs was a successful move, although at the time I must admit I could not picture the success which it has undoubtedly been. Personally I should like to see the number of races per match still further increased to give a programme of entirely league or Cup racing. You will argue, "and what about rides for reserves and novices." If you think it over you will find that these

Am I satisfied with the racing so far this season?—my answer is Yes! I only hope that you agree. What really puzzles me is the small attendance, all we can hope is that you are satisfied enough to tell those who think Speedway is dead how wrong they are.

*Ronnie Greene*



## THANK YOU SUNDAY MIRROR

We welcome this evening representatives of the Sunday Mirror, who for so long have been a friend to the sport.

We here at Wimbledon are more than grateful for the continued support of your great newspaper, Mr. George Casey, and long may the association continue. Apart from giving considerable financial backing the Sunday Mirror devotes a generous amount of space each week to Speedway activities—read Don Clark's article next Sunday.

R.G.

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# WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

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St. John Ambulance Brigade in Attendance

This meeting is held under the Speedway Regulations of the  
Speedway Control Board.

Track Licence No. 67/16 Permit No. S.P. 48

Official Track Measurement 355 yds.

The Management reserve the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the sixth race in the programme, tickets for a subsequent meeting will be issued at the exits. In no circumstances will any money be refunded.

Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings held at Wimbledon Stadium.

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Fastest Ray-timed Race is 66.4 Seconds by Trevor Hedge

Your Lucky Programme Jackpot Number is **N<sup>o</sup> 2729**

If not claimed the £2 prize will be carried forward to next week.

A Supporters Membership number will also be drawn for a £2 prize which will also be carried forward if not claimed tonight.

### LAST WEEK'S WINNERS—

Supporters Club Draw :

Supporters Number 543 : Mr. P. Shove, 131 Regina Rd., South Norwood, S.E.25.

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Programme Number 3533 : Mr. Wheeler, 7 Penford Street, Camberwell, S.E.5.



# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1967

## BRITISH QUALIFYING ROUND

Sponsored by the "Sunday Mirror"

POINTS AWARDED 3 pts. 1st ; 2 pts. 2nd ; 1 pt. 3rd

RIDERS STARTING POSITIONS ARE INDICATED BY THEIR HELMET COLOURS. RED 1 ; BLUE 2 ; WHITE 3 ; YELLOW & BLACK 4

The track will be graded twice before each race marked\* in order to allow rest to riders competing in consecutive races

### RIDERS INDIVIDUAL SCORE SHEET

RIDERS	1	2	3	4	5	Total	RIDERS	1	2	3	4	5	Total	RIDERS	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 Jim Tebby	3	3	2	1	2	11	7 Clive Hitch	2	2	1	0	1	6	13 Murray Burt	0					0
2 Pete Jarman	1	0	0	2	0	3	8 Cyril Francis	1	1	2	3	0	7	14 Rick France	2	3	0	2	0	7
3 Alby Golden	0	0	1	0	1	2	9 Mike Broadbanks	1	2	3	1	2	9	15 Reg. Luckhurst	3	3	3	3	3	15
4 Cyril Maidment	2	0	3	2	1	8	10 Alan Cowland	2	2	2	2	1	9	16 Dave Younghusband	1	3	1	3	3	11
5 Jimmy Gooch	3	1	1	1	3	9	11 Ivor Brown	0	1	0	0	2	3	Reserve : Alan Stapleton	0	1				1
6 Norman Strachan	0	1	3	0	2	6	12 Trevor Hedge	3	2	2	3	3	13	S. CHILMAN	0	0				0

FOUR LAPS CLUTCH START

Klaxon means Rider has 2 Minutes to Start

#### RACE 1

1 Jim Tebby	(Red)	3 Alby Golden	(White)
2 Pete Jarman	(Blue)	4 Cyril Maidment	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....1.....	2nd.....4.....	3rd.....2.....	Time.....71.4.....

#### RACE 2

5 Jimmy Gooch	(Red)	6 Norman Strachan	EXC (White)
7 Clive Hitch	(Blue)	8 Cyril Francis	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....5.....	2nd.....7.....	3rd.....8.....	Time.....72.1.....

#### RACE 3

10 Alan Cowland	(Red)	9 Mike Broadbanks	(White)
11 Ivor Brown	(Blue)	12 Trevor Hedge	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....12.....	2nd.....10.....	3rd.....9.....	Time.....71.0.....

#### RACE 4

15 Reg. Luckhurst	(Red)	16 Dave Younghusband	(White)
14 Rick France	(Blue)	13 Murray Burt	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....15.....	2nd.....14.....	3rd.....16.....	Time.....69.9.....

#### RACE 5

138 A. STAPLETON Cyril Francis M-BURT	(Red)	5 Jimmy Gooch	(White)
1 Jim Tebby	(Blue)	9 Mike Broadbanks	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....1.....	2nd.....9.....	3rd.....5.....	Time.....70.8.....

#### RACE 6

14 Rick France	(Red)	2 Pete Jarman	E.F. (White)
10 Alan Cowland	(Blue)	6 Norman Strachan	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....14.....	2nd.....10.....	3rd.....6.....	Time.....70.6.....

#### RACE 7

11 Ivor Brown	(Red)	7 Clive Hitch	(White)
15 Reg Luckhurst	(Blue)	3 Alby Golden	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....15.....	2nd.....7.....	3rd.....11.....	Time.....71.7.....

#### RACE 8

4 Cyril Maidment	(Red)	12 Trevor Hedge	(White)
8 Cyril Francis	(Blue)	16 Dave Younghusband	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....16.....	2nd.....12.....	3rd.....9.....	Time.....70.4.....

#### RACE 9\*

6 Norman Strachan	(Red)	16 Dave Younghusband	(White)
1 Jim Tebby	(Blue)	11 Ivor Brown	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....6.....	2nd.....1.....	3rd.....16.....	Time.....70.9.....

#### RACE 10

12 Trevor Hedge	(Red)	15 Reg. Luckhurst	(White)
5 Jimmy Gooch	(Blue)	2 Pete Jarman	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....15.....	2nd.....12.....	3rd.....5.....	Time.....72.2.....

INTERVAL

#### RACE 11

8 Cyril Francis	(Red)	3 Alby Golden	(White)
9 Mike Broadbanks	(Blue)	14 Rick France	EXC. (Y&B)
Result 1st.....9.....	2nd.....8.....	3rd.....3.....	Time.....71.2.....

#### RACE 12

13 Murray Burt	S. CHILMAN (Red)	10 Alan Cowland	(White)
4 Cyril Maidment	(Blue)	7 Clive Hitch	(Y&B)
Result 1st.....4.....	2nd.....10.....	3rd.....7.....	Time.....71.1.....



**RACE 13\***

7	Clive Hitch	(Red)	14	Rick France	(White)
12	Trevor Hedge	(Blue)	1	Jim Tebby	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>12</u>	2nd. <u>14</u>	3rd. <u>1</u>	Time. <u>70.9</u>	

**RACE 14**

2	Pete Jarman	(Red)	8	Cyril Francis	(White)
13	<del>Murray Burt</del> <sup>A. STAPLEY</sup>	(Blue)	11	Ivor Brown	<sup>2.F</sup> (Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>8</u>	2nd. <u>2</u>	3rd. <u>13</u>	Time. <u>72.8</u>	

**RACE 15**

16	Dave Younghusband	(Red)	10	Alan Cowland	(White)
3	Alby Golden	(Blue)	5	Jimmy Gooch	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>16</u>	2nd. <u>10</u>	3rd. <u>5</u>	Time. <u>70.5</u>	

**RACE 16**

9	Mike Broadbanks	(Red)	4	Cyril Maidment	(White)
6	Norman Strachan	(Blue)	15	Reg Luckhurst	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>15</u>	2nd. <u>4</u>	3rd. <u>9</u>	Time. <u>71.7</u>	

**RACE 17**

1	Jim Tebby	(Red)	15	Reg. Luckhurst	(White)
8	Cyril Francis	(Blue)	10	Alan Cowland	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>15</u>	2nd. <u>1</u>	3rd. <u>10</u>	Time. <u>70.6</u>	

**RACE 18**

9	Mike Broadbanks	(Red)	7	Clive Hitch	(White)
2	Pete Jarman	(Blue)	16	Dave Younghusband	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>2.16</u>	2nd. <u>9</u>	3rd. <u>7</u>	Time. <u>70.8</u>	

**RACE 19**

3	Alby Golden	(Red)	13	<del>Murray Burt</del> <sup>S. CHILMAN</sup>	(White)
12	Trevor Hedge	(Blue)	6	Norman Strachan	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>12</u>	2nd. <u>6</u>	3rd. <u>3</u>	Time. <u>68.8</u>	

**RACE 20**

5	Jimmy Gooch	(Red)	11	Ivor Brown	(White)
14	Rick France	<sup>EF</sup> (Blue)	4	Cyril Maidment	(Y&B)
Result	1st. <u>5</u>	2nd. <u>11</u>	3rd. <u>4</u>	Time. <u>71.3</u>	

To be run in the event of a Tie

		(White)		(Red)
		(Y&B)		(Blue)
Result	1st. ....	2nd. ....	3rd. ....	Time. ....

Presentation to the Winner by Don Clarke,  
Speedway Correspondent "Sunday Mirror"



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 16.

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 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 tonight for World Championship honours.

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

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# WORLD FINAL DONS

by Bryan Seery

Last year—for the very first time since the war—Dons didn't.

Didn't what?

Get at least one representative into the Final of the Speedway Championship of the World. So a sequence of seventeen successive years of World Final participation—the best run by any club in the game, ever—came to an end.

Nothing that happens this year can repair the snapped sequence. But it can be restarted. And with Oile working his passage through the Swedish rounds, and Reg and Trevor hoping to get sufficient points to-night to help them on their way to the Semi-Final stage of the British Rounds, we look forward optimistically to seeing at least one Don at Wembley for the big night in September.

The list of previous Wimbledon World Finalists since the war looks like this—

1949			1956		
Norman Parker	10	4th	Ronnie Moore	12	2nd
Alec Statham	Res.	D.N.R.	Barry Briggs	10	4th
			Peter Moore	8	9th
1950					
Ronnie Moore	7	8th	1957		
Cyril Brine	7	8th	Barry Briggs	14	1st**
Mike Erskine	0	Res.	Ron How	7	9th
1951					
Ronnie Moore	11	4th	1958		
Norman Parker	3	13th	Barry Briggs	15	1st
Cyril Brine	3	13th	Ronnie Moore	9	6th
Ernie Roccio	2	15th	Ron How	7	9th
1952			1959		
Ronnie Moore	10	4th	Ronnie Moore	15	1st
1953			Barry Briggs	11	3rd**
Geoff Mardon	12	3rd**	Ron How	3	14th
Ronnie Moore	9	6th	1960		
1954			Ronnie Moore	14	2nd**
Ronnie Moore	15	1st	Bob Andrews	2	Res.
Barry Briggs	9	5th	1961		
Geoff Mardon	5	10th	Bob Andrews	10	5th
1955			Ronnie Moore	10	5th
Ronnie Moore	12	2nd**	Ron How	7	8th
Barry Briggs	12	3rd**	Cyril Maidment	4	12th



1962			1965		
Bob Andrews	9	5th	Reg Luckhurst	5	11th
Ronnie Moore	9	5th			
Ron How	6	12th	1966		
			Nil		
1963			1967		
Sverre Harrfeldt	10	5th			
Ron How	7	8th	? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?		
Leo McAuliffe	7	8th			
1964					
Bob Andrews	4	12th	Note : **Indicates run-off.		
Gote Nordin	Res. D.N.R.				

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# BRITISH SPEEDWAY LEAGUE 1967

	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Pts.
Poole	11	6	2	3	467	390	14
Swindon	11	7	0	4	461	396	14
Newcastle	11	7	0	4	437	420	14
West Ham	10	6	1	3	419	360	13
Newport	11	6	1	4	456	402	13
Wolverhampton	11	6	1	4	440	417	13
Oxford	14	6	1	7	512½	578½	13
Coventry	12	5	2	5	513	422	12
Sheffield	11	6	0	5	414½	440½	12
Glasgow	14	5	2	7	524	563	12
Halifax	10	5	1	4	403	376	11
Hackney	8	5	1	2	315	308	11
Long Eaton	11	5	1	5	420	437	11
<b>Wimbledon</b>	8	5	0	3	327	294	10
Exeter	10	5	0	5	394½	383½	10
Belle Vue	11	5	0	6	409½	447½	10
King's Lynn	11	2	0	9	384	473	4
Cradley Heath	12	2	0	10	385	547	4
Edinburgh	7	1	1	5	259	286	3

(Up to, and including, Thursday May 18th, 1967)

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at 8 p.m.

# DONS V NEWPORT

BRITISH LEAGUE MATCH

THE FIRST VISIT TO PLOUGH LANE OF  
SWEDISH STAR TORBJORN HARRYSON

## "DONS" 1967 Fixture List and Results

Dons Scores given first									
	Date	Home to	Result		Date	Away to	Result		
Fri.	Mar. 24	B.L. Sheffield	47-31	Tues.	Mar. 28	S.T. West Ham	43-35		
Thur.	" 30	S.T. West Ham	43-35	Fri.	Apr. 7	B.L. Wolverhampton	38-40		
"	Apr. 6	B.L. Swindon	38-39	Sat.	" 15	B.L. Swindon	31-47		
"	" 13	" King's Lynn	42-36	Sat.	" 22	K.O. Bell. Vue	46-50		
"	" 20	" Halifax	44-33	Fri.	May 19	" Newport			
"	" 27	" Long Eaton	42-35	Wed.	" 24	" Poole			
"	May 4	London v Midlands		Thur.	June 1	" Oxford			
"	" 11	B.L. Exeter	45-33	Sat.	" 3	" Cradley			
"	" 18	World Champ (Q.R.)		"	" 10	Reserved K.O.C.			
"	" 25	B.L. Newport		Tues.	" 13	B.L. West Ham			
Mon.	" 29	Internationale		Wed.	" 21	" Sheffield			
Thur.	June 8	B.L. Edinburgh		Sat.	July 1	" Kings Lynn			
First Test					Sat.	July 15	" Coventry		
"	" 15	Gt. Britain v Sweden		Mon.	" 17	" Exeter			
"	" 22	B.L. Newcastle		Tues.	" 25	B.L. Long Eaton			
"	" 29	" Hackney		Fri.	" 28	" Hackney			
"	July 6	" Cradley		Sat.	Aug. 12	" Belle Vue			
"	" 13	World Champ. (S/F)		Fri.	" 18	" Glasgow			
"	" 20	B.L. Grand Charity Match		Mon.	" 21	" Newcastle			
"	" 27	West Ham		Fri.	Sept. 1	L.C. Hackney			
"	Aug. 3	B.L. Glasgow		Tues.	" 5	" West Ham			
"	" 10	" Poole		Sat.	" 16	World Champ. Final			
"	" 17	" Belle Vue		"	" 23	B.L. Halifax			
"	" 24	Open		"	Oct. 7	" Edinburgh			
"	" 31	L.C. West Ham		Abbreviations :					
"	Sept. 7	" Hackney		B.L.—British League					
"	" 14	B.L. Coventry		L.C.—London Cup					
"	" 21	Laurels		S.T.—Supporters Trophy					
"	" 28	B.L. Wolverhampton		K.O.—Knock-out Cup					
"	Oct. 5	" Oxford		O.M.—Open Meeting					