

WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY

official
programme

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STADIUM



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World Championship

QUALIFYING ROUND

Sponsored by the Sunday Mirror

FRIDAY, 19th MAY, 1967 AT 7.30

7th Season

9th Meeting

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WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY

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Times recorded at this meeting are unofficial

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control Board

Track Licence 67/17. A.C.U. Permit Applied For

Track Length 329 yds. Track Record : Ivan Mauger (Newcastle), 14/8/64. 65-4/5 secs.
Barry Briggs (Swindon) 28/10/66. 65-4/5 secs.



NEWS

from the Wolves Den

GOOD EVENING ALL !

And I sincerely hope that it just is that not only from the racing point of view, but also where the weather is concerned. Still, I guess we were due to have a really wet evening sometime. But why that Weather Man has to save up one of the worst storms for a Friday night I'll never know.

To be quite honest, I thought about an hour before the meeting was due to start that we might have had a little luck and be able to stage our eagerly-awaited battle with Ron Mountford and

his Coventry cavaliers. But what about that storm that started at 7 o'clock ? Talk about cats and dogs I reckon they threw in a few hundred gallons of water, too !

Yes, friends, it's easy to smile now. Though at the time I was not so pleased I can tell you. As I have already said, I was looking forward to seeing the Magnificent Seven doing battle with the Brandon brigade just as much as you good folk. And there was also the little business of specially flying Hasse over from his native Sweden just for this match. And, of course, flying him back again early on Saturday morning so he could honour his racing commitments in the Land of the Lakes. Yes, even the best-laid plans go astray. Now I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we have seen the last of the torrential storms on Friday nights for this season at least.

So much for the gloom. Now let's look at something that should be much brighter tonight's World Championship qualifying round. And what a thriller it should be ! How about joining me now as I introduce the 16 men who are treading the trail that eventually leads to Wembley ?

First on the list is our old pal Aussie Jim Airey. No need for me to say much here about this hard-riding young man from Sydney, who is again proving one of the mainstays of our Magnificent Seven right here at Monmore Green. Jim has slotted in right where he left off almost top of our scorers in every match. I know he is nursing a personal ambition to get to a World Championship Final and tonight could be just the start. I reckon we can rely on Jim to be well among the points.

Now welcome to Jack Biggs. Another Aussie, who is no stranger to World Championship battling. At the moment he is struggling to hit consistent form for our neighbours from "down the road" at Cradley Heath, but he is one of the slickest gaters in the business and he could cause quite a few upsets. I think Jackie will forgive me if I say he is now in the "veteran" stage, but he has graced British raceways for

many years. Not only is he a fine rider, but he is also one of the best mechanics in the sport.

Jimmy Bond is Wolverhampton's "Mister Dependable." He's not a star in the accepted sense of the word, but he always pops up with his five or six points each meeting and, believe me, they are five or six reasons why men like him are so valuable in the hurly-burly of British League battling. At the moment he seems to be heading for his best season.

Chris Julian netted 12 points in the World Championship on his home Cradley Heath circuit last Saturday. That should speak for itself here tonight. A hard, spectacular rider, Chris is a match for the best on his day. More important, though, from the spectators' point of view there's never a dull moment when he's around !

What can I say about Barry Briggs that hasn't already been said ? I think the finest thing about this man is his raw courage. He will be turning out tonight with his shoulder heavily strapped following a nasty tumble in a long-track meeting in Germany the other week. Just in case it has slipped your memories, Barry is the reigning World Champion and I reckon it is going to take a great man to stop him winning again this time.

Ronnie Genz travels up from Poole with hopes high and a reputation to match. "Genno" is another man who has been around our speedways for a long time and though luck has not always been kind to him in the past, he's still one of the nicest guys there is. He is another who could cause one or two upsets tonight.

Dave Hemus has been struggling this season to find the form that marked him such a prospect a couple of years ago. But this Wolverhampton battler had the misfortune to suffer a really nasty broken leg at Exeter just when he was starting to make an impact. His smart "trapping" should net him several points, though.

Clive Hitch moved to Coventry at the start of this season and from what I have seen he has turned in several convincing performances. And someone who gets more convincing with each meeting is our own "Speedy" — the very fast Peter Jarman. Pete was hampered by an uncanny run of motor trouble at the start of the campaign, but in recent meetings he has shown that he is rapidly getting back to his old devastating form. And that should be fair warning to all in tonight's line-up.

And so to the man from the hills — Leo McAuliffe, pride of Wales. He came out of retirement only a couple of weeks ago and he may be a little "rusty," but he is a man of great experience and is known as a small-track specialist.

"Hurri-Ken" McKinlay won a whole lot of fans and friends here a few weeks ago with his most sporting riding when West Ham visited Monmore Green. Maybe Ken is just a shade past his best these days, but he's still the perfect gentleman. I'll be surprised if he doesn't at least tot up double figures.

Eddie Reeves, from Oxford, is a young man who is really "bombing" since he switched to an ESO. And if he really makes a name for himself, there will be no one more proud than his dad, Reg Reeves who made such an impact in the Provincial League when we first got under way five or six years ago.

It is no wonder that Oxford's Roy Trigg is really making a name for himself. After all, he had one of the finest tutors in the business when he started his career as a Wimbledon junior some years ago. The tutor ? Former World Champion Ronnie Moore. Roy has "inherited" a lot of Ronnie's qualities — as you should all see very soon.

Skipper of the Wolves a grand clubman one of the best liked and most respected men in the British League. That's our Peter Vandenberg, who was born in Holland and went with his parents to Australia when he was only young — and found speedway fame in England. Pete is the immaculate type of rider, but unhappily he netted only five points in his round at Cradley Heath last Saturday. If I know Peter he will be going all out to put that right tonight.

Finally, Brian Maxted he's another of the Wolverhampton "finds" who, I am sure, is destined to have a reasonable future in this wonderful sport of ours. Brian's form has also taken on a glowing new look since he switched to an ESO Jim Airey's ESO, in fact.

Well, that's the line-up tonight. Pity Oxford's Arne Pander broke his leg last week, for I am sure he would have loved to be with us. Still, sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. Arne.

Finally, don't forget next week when we get back to British League racing with a visit from King's Lynn complete with our old pal Terry Betts. See you then. BILL.

Speedway Championship of the World

QUALIFYING ROUND
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4 LAPS CLUTCH START

Winner decided on Race Points : 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1
Riders are identified by Numbers and Riding Colours
Starting positions are indicated by helmet colours

Heat	Rider	Helmet Colour	Pts.	Substitute or Remarks
1 Time	Dave Hemus Peter Jarman Leo McAuliffe Ken McKinlay	Red Blue White Y/B		
2 Time	Maurie McDermott Chris Julians Clive Hitch Russ Dent	Red Blue White Y/B		
3 Time	James Bond Barry Briggs Ronnie Genz Peter Vandenberg	Red Blue White Y/B		
4 Time	Jim Airey Jack Biggs Roy Trigg Eddie Reeves	Red Blue White Y/B		
5 Time	Eddie Reeves Dave Hemus Maurie McDermott Ronnie Genz	Red Blue White Y/B		
6 Time	Jack Biggs James Bond Peter Jarman Clive Hitch	Red Blue White Y/B		
7 Time	Barry Briggs Jim Airey Chris Julians Leo McAuliffe	Red Blue White Y/B		
8 Time	Ken McKinlay Russ Dent Peter Vandenberg Roy Trigg	Red Blue White Y/B		
9 Time	Clive Hitch Roy Trigg Dave Hemus Barry Briggs	Red Blue White Y/B		
10 Time	Peter Vandenberg Maurie McDermott Jim Airey Peter Jarman	Red Blue White Y/B		

INTERVAL AFTER HEAT 10

11 Time	Russ Dent Ronnie Genz Leo McAuliffe Jack Biggs	Red Blue White Y/B		
12 Time	Eddie Reeves Ken McKinlay James Bond Chris Julians	Red Blue White Y/B		
13 Time	Chris Julians Peter Vandenberg Jack Biggs Dave Hemus	Red Blue White Y/B		
14 Time	Peter Jarman Eddie Reeves Russ Dent Barry Briggs	Red Blue White Y/B		
15 Time	Roy Trigg Leo McAuliffe James Bond Maurie McDermott	Red Blue White Y/B		
16 Time	Ronnie Genz Clive Hitch Ken McKinlay Jim Airey	Red Blue White Y/B		
17 Time	Dave Hemus Russ Dent Jim Airey James Bond	Red Blue White Y/B		
18 Time	Ronnie Genz Peter Jarman Chris Julians Roy Trigg	Red Blue White Y/B		
19 Time	Leo McAuliffe Peter Vandenberg Eddie Reeves Clive Hitch	Red Blue White Y/B		
20 Time	Maurie McDermott Jack Biggs Barry Briggs Ken McKinlay	Red Blue White Y/B		

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Dave Hemus								Ronnie Genz							
Peter Jarman								James Bond							
Leo McAuliffe								Barry Briggs							
Ken McKinlay								P. Vandenberg							
M. McDermott								Eddie Reeves							
Clive Hitch								Jack Biggs							
Chris Julians								Jim Airey							
Russ Dent								Roy Trigg							
Res. M. Handley								Res. T. Shearer							

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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NEXT WEEK — MAY 26th

SENSATIONAL SIDECAR RACING

SPECIAL SECOND HALF ATTRACTION INTRODUCING MICK ADAMS
AND HIS TEAM OF CHAMPIONS

PITS PATTERN

by Conrod

The British League match against Coventry, which was rained off last week will now be staged on Friday, June 16th. Which means that Wolves' challenge match against the Vikings will now be put back to Friday, July 7th.

*** **Ray Wilson**, Long Eaton's young man of the moment, steps up for one of his most important individual events of his short, colourful career on Monday, May 29th. He has been invited to take part in the star-studded Internationale at Wimbledon another sure sign that the boy has really "arrived" !

*** Congratulations to Wolves Swedish flyer **Hasse Holmqvist**. He's battled through to the Nordic Final of the World Championship to be ridden at Esbjerg, Denmark, on June 4th. Our old friend **Ove Fundin**, four times World title-holder led the qualifiers, who, apart from Hasse, include Olle Nygren (Wimbledon), Bengt Jansson (Hackney), Sverre Harrfeldt (West Ham), Bernt Persson (Edinburgh), Ollie Olsen (Newcastle), Gote Nordin (Poole), Anders Michanek (Long Eaton) and Bengt Larsson (Sheffield). Belle Vue's Soren Sjosten and Newport's Torbjorn Harryson failed to qualify.

*** Still on the World Championship theme, man missing from tonight's line-up is that of **Howard Cole** alias Kid Bodie alias "Mr. Rebel of Speedway." Howard, who won the New Zealand Championship during the winter, is still involved in a disagreement with the Dudley Wood outfit a disagreement that means that he has not ridden so far this season and he has been barred from riding in the World Championship.

Meantime Cradley Heath, who badly need someone of Cole's ability to boost them into a more formidable outfit, won only two of their first ten British League matches. Manager Ted Flanagan is still scouting for a replacement — but admits that he has a tough task on his hands.

*** Also missing from the World Championship rounds have been Coventry's **Ron Mountford**, **David Crane**, of King's Lynn, and Exeter's **Chris Blewitt**. Mountford, of course, pulled out of the rounds because of increasing business pressures at his Bloxwich garage, while Crane, who tried to ride with three broken bones in his foot, ran into even more trouble. Injury problems for Blewitt, too. Three weeks ago he lost the top of one of his fingers. He rode again last week, but crashed into the metal safety fence on his own track and this time suffered leg injuries. Promoter Wally Mawdesley is hoping to snap up Gunnar Malqvist as a replacement and Oxford are hoping to get either a Russian or Pole to replace Arne Pander, who is out with a broken leg.

*** Young man to watch at Coventry these days is **Roger Hill**, who celebrated his first outing in their first six against Sheffield last week with a fighting seven points. Coventry have had a big reputation in the past for finding top-class local talent. It looks as though Hill will be added to the list.

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BRITISH LEAGUE MATCH

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starring

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WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY FIXTURE LIST—SEASON 1967

Day and Date		H—Denotes HOME.	A—Denotes AWAY	For	Agst.	Rslt.
Fri.,	Mar. 24	CRADLEY	Challenge H	49	29	Won
Sat.,	Mar. 25	CRADLEY	Challenge A	41	36	Won
Mon.,	Mar. 27	NEWPORT	British League A	26	52	Lost
Fri.,	Mar. 31	OXFORD	British League H	49	28	Won
Fri.,	Apr. 7	WIMBLEDON	British League H	40	30	Won
Sat.,	Apr. 8	SWINDON	British League A	33	45	Lost
Tues.,	Apr. 11	LONG EATON	British League A	39	39	Draw
Fri.,	Apr. 14	SHEFFIELD	British League H	49	29	Won
Fri.,	Apr. 21	BELLE VUE	British League H	47	31	Won
Sat.,	Apr. 22	KING'S LYNN	British League A	40	38	Won
Wed.,	Apr. 26	POOLE	British League A	37	41	Lost
Fri.,	Apr. 28	SWINDON	Challenge H	38	40	Lost
Fri.,	May 5	WEST HAM	British League H	43	35	Won
Sat.,	May 6	CRADLEY	British League A	37	41	Lost
Sun.,	May 7	BRAFIELD	Challenge A	35	40	Lost
Fri.,	May 12	COVENTRY	British League H	Rained Off		
Fri.,	May 19	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND	H			
Fri.,	May 26	KING'S LYNN	British League H			
Fri.,	June 2	MIDLAND RIDERS' CHAMPS. RD.	H			
Fri.,	June 9	EXETER	British League H			
Thurs.,	June 15	OXFORD	British League A			
Fri.,	June 16	COVENTRY	British League H			
Fri.,	June 23	CRADLEY	British League H			
Sat.,	June 24	EDINBURGH K.O. CUP	A			
Mon.,	June 26	NEWCASTLE	British League A			
Wed.,	June 28	MID. RIDERS' CH. Final.	COVENTRY A			
Fri.,	June 30	POOLE	British League H			
Fri.,	July 7	OPEN	H			
Tues.,	July 11	WEST HAM	British League A			
Fri.,	July 14	GLASGOW	British League H			
Wed.,	July 19	HACKNEY	British League A			

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