

Belle Vue Speedway

Volume 40

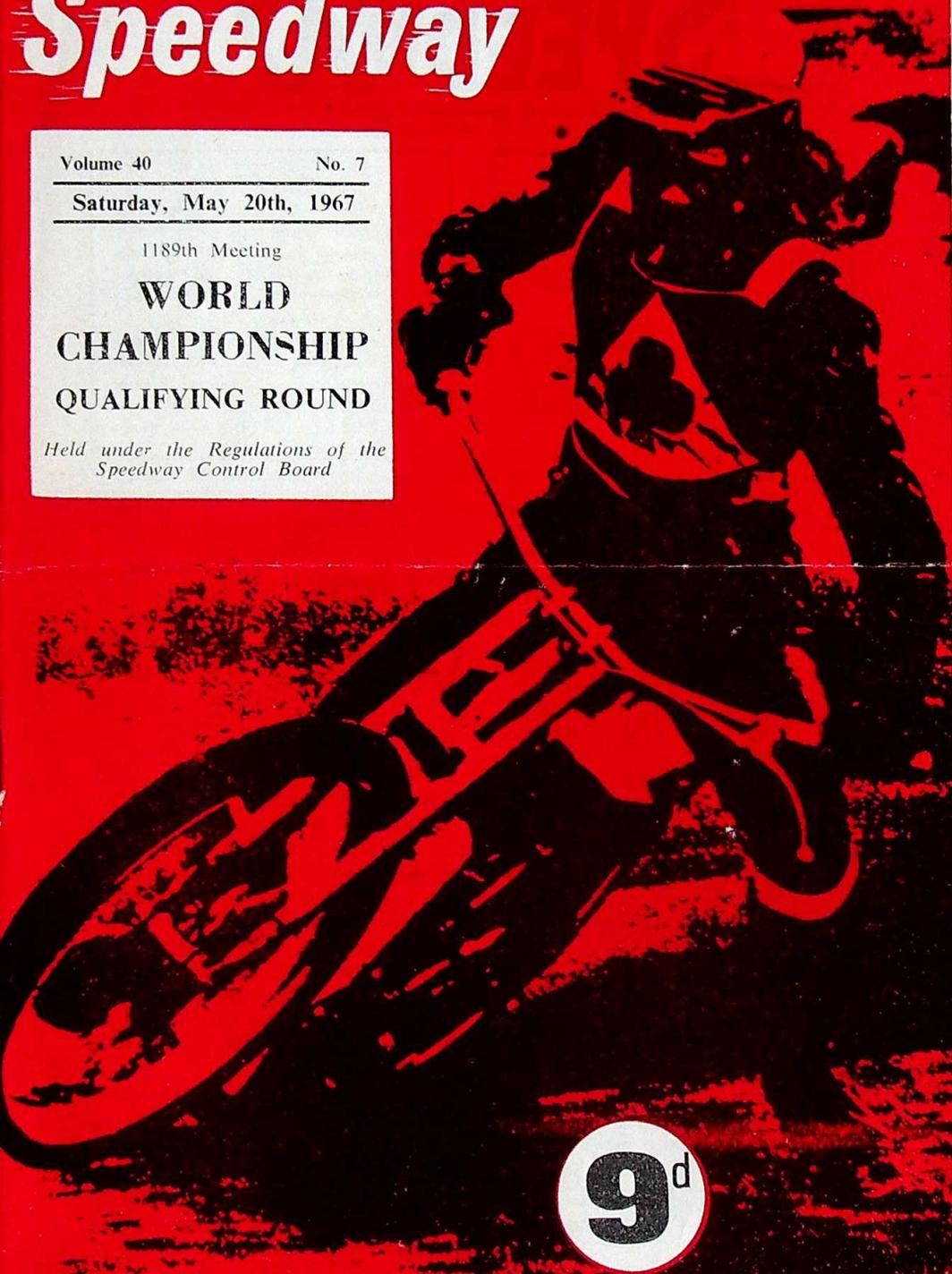
No. 7

Saturday, May 20th, 1967

1189th Meeting

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUND

*Held under the Regulations of the
Speedway Control Board*



SPEEDWAY

BELLE VUE (Manchester) LIMITED
Telephone: EASt 1331

Board of Directors:

H. F. B. Iles, M.A., J.P. Chairman
W. M. Marshall Deputy Chairman
R. T. Talbot ... Deputy Managing Director
T. G. Nolan Secretary
John Kay, E. C. Davis, J. F. Fearnley
(General Manager)

Track Licence S.P. 67/3.

Permit No. SP.

The Management reserve the right to alter or vary this programme without notice. The official measurement of the track is 418 yards. St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance.

Speedway Officials:

Track Manager Dent Oliver
Clerk of the Course Allan Morrey
A.C.U. Referee J. Ashworth
A.C.U. Judge-Timekeeper . Leo Pendergast
Team Manager Wilf Lucy
Visiting Team Manager
Starting Marshal Peter Morrey
Machine Examiner Harold Gardner
Announcer Bernard Tennant
Pit Marshal Roy Carter
Medical Officer Dr. A. A. Brown

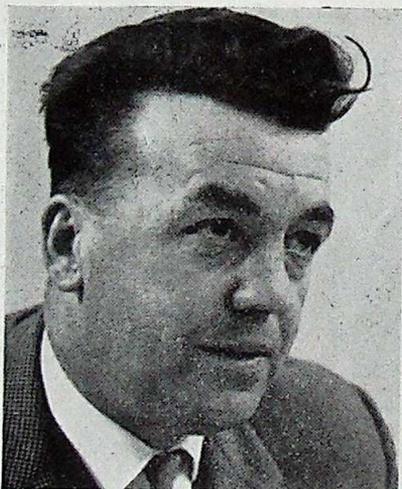
Track Record: Peter Craven, 4 laps, clutch start, 5th April, 1958, 69.4/5 secs.

Vol. 40

SATURDAY, 20th MAY, 1967

No. 7

From Dent's Desk . . .



WE'VE STARTED to climb the ladder labelled British League by first beating Glasgow round their own back yard and then whipping back to Belle Vue to take match points from Kings Lynn.

As Cyril has it: "We're aiming for the top and given a fair crack of the whip, are going to worry a heck of a lot of teams this season."

Eleven point Tommy topped the team score board at Glasgow. He received match winning support from Cyril (9), Soren (9) and Sandor (8). Norman turned in four points to make us just too good for Glasgow.

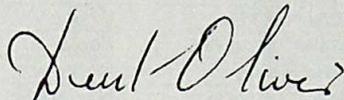
O.K., so brilliant Terry Betts was the individual man of Saturday's match here. Terry was terrific: six starts, 18 points. But Belle Vue as a team were better, and that's the way we want it.

Next week, Long Eaton spearheaded by teenage fireball, Ray Wilson, who has been added to the short list for the Speedway Internationale at

Wimbledon, come to town. Currently eighth in the British League rankings, Wilson, with an average of 10.21, surprisingly took the Silver Sash Match Race Championship from world title holder Barry Briggs earlier this month.

Long Eaton are certainly a lively looking line-up, what with Laplander Anders Michanek, piling up the points. It will be a tough test, one that I know you'll find worth watching.

See you at the Speedway.



World Speedway Championship

Sponsored by the Sunday Mirror

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 on September 16.

The world champion won £500 last year. Now the Sunday Mirror have doubled their top prize—the highest individual award in motor-cycle sport. Second man receives £250, the third £100.

The Sunday Mirror also pay £200, £100, and £50 to the first three men in the British Final, to 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 32 semi-finalists at Wimbledon and Sheffield, on July 13.

From the two semi-finals 16 leading points scorers go forward to the British Final, where the six highest qualify for Wembley.

Continental rivals also compete for ten places at Wembley. Sixteen qualify for the European Final at Wroclaw, Poland, on August 27.

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

The other eight competitors come from the Continental Final (involving all other European countries) at Kempton, West Germany, on August 20.

The after-the-Meeting Dance is in the
"Windermere" Suite tonight.

Speedway Championship of the World

QUALIFYING ROUND

Sponsored by the "SUNDAY MIRROR"

Clutch Start. Points awarded: 1st 3; 2nd 2; 3rd 1.

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

SCORE CHART

RIDER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Norman Nevitt	Belle Vue	2	1				
2. Dave Hardy	Belle Vue	1					
3. Colin McKee	Hackney	1					
4. Charlie Monk	Glasgow	3					
5. Geoff Penniket	Poole	1					
6. Brian Davies	Hackney	1					
7. Mike Watkin	Newcastle	3					
8. Tony Clarke	West Ham	2					
9. Trevor Hedge	Wimbledon	1					
10. Sandor Levai	Belle Vue	1					
11. Colin Pratt	Hackney	3					
12. Cyril Maidment	Belle Vue	1					
13. P. Vandenberg	Wolves	1					
14. Maury Mattingley	Glasgow	1					
15. Tommy Roper	Belle Vue	3					
16. Ronnie Genz	Poole	3					
J. Woodcock (B.V.)	1st Reserve						
P. O'Neill (B.V.)	2nd Reserve						

Heat	RIDERS	Subs'tute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Rdr	Result	Remarks
1 Time 75.2	1. Norman Nevitt 2. Dave Hardy 3. Colin McKee 4. Charlie Monk		Red Blue White B/Y	2 1 1 3	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
2 Time	5. Geoff Penniket 7. Mike Watkin 6. Brian Davies 8. Tony Clarke		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 2	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
3 Time	10. Sandor Levai 11. Colin Pratt 9. Trevor Hedge 12. Cyril Maidment		Red Blue White B/Y	1 3 1 2	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
4 Time 75.2	15. Tommy Roper 14. Maury Mattingley 16. Ronnie Genz 13. Peter Vandenberg		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 2	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
5 Time 77.1	13. Peter Vandenberg 1. Norman Nevitt 5. Geoff Penniket 9. Trevor Hedge		Red Blue White B/Y	2 1 1 3	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
6 Time	14. Maury Mattingley 10. Sandor Levai 2. Dave Hardy 6. Brian Davies		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
7 Time	11. Colin Pratt 15. Tommy Roper 7. Mike Watkin 3. Colin McKee		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	

Heat	RIDERS	Subs'tute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Rdr	Result	Remarks
8 Time	4. Charlie Monk 8. Tony Clarke 12. Cyril Maidment 16. Ronnie Genz		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
9 Time	6. Brian Davies 16. Ronnie Genz 1. Norman Nevitt 11. Colin Pratt		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
10 Time	12. Cyril Maidment 5. Geoff Penniket 15. Tommy Roper 2. Dave Hardy		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	

INTERVAL

11 Time	8. Tony Clarke 9. Trevor Hedge 3. Colin McKee 14. Maury Mattingley		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
12 Time	13. Peter Vandenberg 4. Charlie Monk 10. Sandor Levai 7. Mike Watkin		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
13 Time	7. Mike Watkin 12. Cyril Maidment 14. Maury Mattingley 1. Norman Nevitt		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
14 Time	2. Dave Hardy 13. Peter Vandenberg 8. Tony Clarke 11. Colin Pratt		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
15 Time	16. Ronnie Genz 3. Colin McKee 10. Sandor Levai 5. Geoff Penniket		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
16 Time	9. Trevor Hedge 6. Brian Davies 4. Charlie Monk 15. Tommy Roper		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
17 Time	1. Norman Nevitt 8. Tony Clarke 15. Tommy Roper 10. Sandor Levai		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
18 Time	9. Trevor Hedge 2. Dave Hardy 7. Mike Watkin 16. Ronnie Genz		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
19 Time	3. Colin McKee 12. Cyril Maidment 13. Peter Vandenberg 6. Brian Davies		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
20 Time	5. Geoff Penniket 14. Maury Mattingley 11. Colin Pratt 4. Charlie Monk		Red Blue White B/Y	1 1 1 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	

A DECIDER WILL BE RUN IF NECESSARY

Presentation of the Sunday Mirror Plaque by Speedway Manager Dent Oliver.
PATRONS ARE WELCOME IN THE GARDENS AFTER THE MEETING

BITS AND PIECES . . .

Robert Long is only 14, but he is bored with the Belle Vue war-cry. Writes Robert, of Gt. Western Street, Rusholme:

"Every time my friends and I come to Speedway, which is most Saturdays, you always say the same slogan—'Two, four, six, eight, etc.'"

Well, we thought it would be nice to have a change. Here's a suggestion—

Oh, his name is Cyril Maidment, he's the captain of the team,

The finest Speedway team, the world has ever seen,

Their name is Belle Vue Aces . . . the boys that ride in red,

And when we win the league this year, remember what we said.

Sung to the tune of McNamara's Band, we thought of this after hearing some football fans singing."

—oOo—

Master David Normington, of Haughton Green Road, Haughton Green, is much much younger. At three and a half, he's a veteran, having attended Speedway meetings for almost three years. Recently David was introduced to Cyril. His parents write:

"The wonderful way in which Cyril Maidment acknowledged a little boy's worship of him, has made him very very happy.

He met Cyril on Thursday night, for the first time, at the Sheffield meeting and Cyril talked to him and took him into the enclosure. He made such an impression on David that he bought, with his own money, a little gift for Cyril. Later David was given the opportunity of presenting this to Cyril.

I am sure you will understand the pleasure this has brought to David. We both wish to thank Cyril and everyone at Belle Vue for a wonderful sport, which all our family (including grandparents) will enjoy for many years to come."

—oOo—

Sandor's inconsistent showings this season are concerning David Moore, of York Avenue, Whalley Range. Writes Mr. Moore:

"I have watched the "Aces" in all their home matches this season and in the away matches at Halifax and Sheffield. The one sad factor that has

arisen from these matches is the performances of Sandor Levai.

This rider has undoubted skill and guts, but seems to be dogged with bad luck with his machine. Although I am far from being an authority on bikes, surely something can be done to help Sandor, as his bike seems in a terrible state.

—oOo—

In the match against Poole, this was obvious. He was tremendous on each of the bends, but when it came to the straights, he was left standing. Can the club not help him out? Surely the money outlay on even a new bike would be compensated with match points he would pick up. Or is it up to the rider himself to provide his own equipment?

However, I must congratulate you on the way you have blooded in John Woodcock and Peter Thompson. These are two second stringers to be proud of. Not forgetting brave Dave Hardy, who, in my opinion, could become a really great rider.

I was interested to read your comments in the Wimbledon home programme about the away visit to Halifax and must endorse your views that it was a complete farce. Never have I been so proud of the lads for never giving up in spite of the overwhelming odds—after seeing that match it really makes you appreciate the way the evening is conducted at Belle Vue.



Photo)

(Wright Wood

CYRIL MAIDMENT

"We're aiming for the top."

Your views on Sandor's bike would be very much appreciated."

The Supporters' Club have generously bought Sandor a spanking new ESO race bike. You saw how it suited his spectacular style last Saturday.

—oOo—

John Phophett of John Street, Crewe, went to Newport a couple of weeks back to see the Aces. Or so he hoped. Unfortunately, the meeting had been re-arranged and Poole were there instead.

Writes Mr. Phophett:

"I was surprised as even the Friday morning papers stated that the Aces were there. I saw other Aces fans who also thought the Aces were there.

How on earth Newport topped the league, I don't know. They were without their star riders, but so were Poole, who won 41-37, and Newport used all their tactical substitutes. I feel certain the Aces could have won this match easily."

Tonight's top 20 tunes come to you through the courtesy of Neild and Hardy, the Stockport music house, who are always first with the pop tops.

We would be grateful if spectators on the popular side would help us in stopping children from crossing the track towards the end of the meeting until all riders taking part in the last event on the programme have had time to reach the pits. Then, and only then, is racing really over. We know that fans of all ages like to tour the vast Belle Vue amusement park after the match, and that a short-cut over the safety fence can be very tempting . . . especially to young visitors. But it is extremely dangerous. For speedway bikes are not equipped with brakes. So, please do not cross the track UNTIL ALL RIDERS HAVE REACHED THE PITS.

Supporters' Club Notes . . .

At Glasgow last Friday, the Aces broke through their barrier and won their first away meeting since the British League began in 1965.

To enable enthusiastic supporters to give your support to our team, the following coach trips have been arranged:—

Newport. Friday, May 26. Fare 27/-. Depart 10-0 a.m. (Tickets for this visit must be booked tonight).

Wimbledon. Internationale. Bank Holiday Monday, May 29. Fare 24/-. Depart 9-0 a.m.

Edinburgh. Saturday, June 17. Fare 29/-. Depart 8-0 a.m.

For the benefit of those who wish to visit Wembley in September for the World Championship final, a weekend trip has been arranged.

Mr. Torr, the organiser, will supply full details. See him tonight in the Supporters' Clubroom, under N stand.

Last week's Lottery awards went to:

Mr. Price of Stockport. First prize. Ticket 7783. Electric razor.

Mr. Yates of Manchester. Second prize. Ticket 8395. Electric iron.

Miss Barlow of Droylsden. Third prize. Ticket 8040. Canteen of cutlery.

Mr. Mother of Manchester. Fourth prize. Ticket 8498. Travelling alarm clock.

Mr. Worthington of Droylsden. Fifth prize. Ticket 8461. Bex Bissell Spongemaster.

Mr. Mottershead of Manchester. Sixth prize. Ticket 7443. Coffee set.

PETER COLLIER.

● The Management reserves the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the start of the sixth race, the admission tickets issued at the entrances (which should always be retained) will become valid for one of the two next meetings, other than special fixtures. This programme is sold on the understanding that in the event of the meeting not being started, it can be exchanged at any of the next three meetings for a current programme. No money refunded. Rights of admission reserved. Betting strictly prohibited.

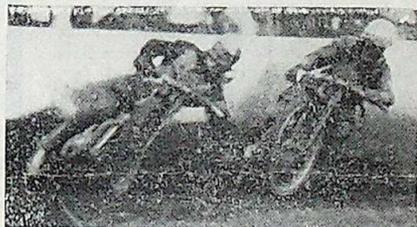
SPEEDWAY FIXTURES, 1967

DATE	EVENT	OPPONENT	TRACK	RESULT
Sat. May 20th	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP		HOME	
Mon. May 22nd	British League	EXETER	Away	
Fri. May 26th	British League	NEWPORT	Away	
Sat. May 27th	British League	LONG EATON	HOME	
Fri. June 2nd	British League	HACKNEY	Away	
Sat. June 3rd	British League	SHEFFIELD	HOME	
Fri. June 9th	Knock Out Cup	KING'S LYNN	Away	2nd R'nd
Sat. June 10th	CHALLENGE	THE VIKINGS	HOME	
Sat. June 17th	British League	EDINBURGH	Away	
Tues. June 20th	British League	WEST HAM	Away	
Sat. June 24th	GT. BRITAIN v. SWEDEN		HOME	
Tues. June 27th	British League	LONG EATON	Away	
Sat. July 1st	British League	EDINBURGH	HOME	
Wed. July 5th	British League	HALIFAX	HOME	
Sat. July 8th	British League	COVENTRY	Away	
Wed. July 12th	British League	POOLE	Away	
Sat. July 15th	British League	NEWPORT	HOME	
Sat. July 22nd	British League	OXFORD	HOME	
Sat. July 29th	NORTHERN RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP		HOME	

SPEEDWAY RACING Next Saturday, May 27th at 7 p.m.

BRITISH LEAGUE MATCH

BELLE VUE
v.
LONG EATON



SPECTACULAR STOCK CAR RACING

Spring Bank Holiday, MONDAY, MAY 29th at 7-0 p.m.



The Mark of Distinction Trophy

(Sponsored by Manchester Garages)

ADMISSION PRICES:

RESERVED SEATS: 12/-. 9/-. 6/6.

Reserved Seats for Children are half price, provided that they are booked before the day of the event.

Standing Enclosure: Adults and Children 6/-.

Popular Side Standing: Adults 4/-, Children 3/-.