

# SPEDIM

16th Meeting

8th Season

# WORLD CHAMPION-

(BRITISH SEMI-FINAL)

13th JULY 1967

at 7-45 p.m.

Official Programme 1s.

# REG. WHITTAKER OF "THE STAR"

Following their excellent win over Newport last Thursday, Sheffield take a rest from League activities until they journey to Newcastle on Monday, July 31st.

The seven points scored by Billy Bales enabled him to become the fourth Tiger to top the century of points this season.

Bengt Larsson, who has only ridden in 12 matches, is now only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  short of his 100.

John Hart continues to be the most consistent performer and with 154 points and 14 bonus points in 20 British League matches has a calculated match-average of 8.09.

While John Dews still foots the race-average chart over the 20 matches he is third from the bottom in the averages for the last six matches.

Bottom of the list is George Major and so he will continue to occupy the reserve spot in the next match, with Billy Bales as the supplementary reserve.

Here are the records for the last six matches in which the riders have taken part

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A. Jay		24	47	1.95
J. Hart		23	44	1.91
A. Haley		26	48	1.84
B. Larsson	****	25	45	1
B. Paulson		24	41	1.80
J. Dews		20	32	
B. Bales		20	31	1.60
G. Major		23	34	1.47
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R.—Races. T.P.—Total Points (including bonus points). R.A.—Race Average.

Only two maximums have so far been recorded in League matches this season by Sheffield riders. The first was by Bob Paulson when he won all his four races in the home match against Cradley Heath on April 6th and the other one was on the following night at Kings Lynn when Bengt Larsson claimed five firsts in five rides.

Incidentally, Frank Varey will be at liberty to leave any rider out of the side irrespective of averages when Bob Paulson is fit to resume.

Just what he will do remains to be seen and I am sure nobody will envy him his task.

## BRITISH LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1967 SEASON Compiled by Reg. Whittaker

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# RIDERS' FUND DRAW

organised by the Sheffield Speedway Patrons Association SIX SPLENDID PRIZES TO BE WON TONIGHT

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Get your tickets before the interval from sellers around the stadium Draw will be made during second half of programme

Last Thursday's Winners: 1—Mr. CRAPPER, 36 Barrow Road, Sheffield 9 (1487); 2—Mrs. HALL, The Douglas, Douglas Road, Sheffield 3 (1501); 3—Mr. JAMES, Summerley Road, Apperknowle (2083); 4—Mr. HEALD, 252 Western Road, Sheffield 10 (1384); 5—Mr. STANDISH, Wayside Cafe, Darrington, Pontefract (1340); 6—Mrs. REANEY, Flat 3, 299 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield (3120).

Prizes should be claimed from the Speedway Office

THE PROGRAMME MAY BE ALTERED OR VARIED BY THE MANAGEMENT WITHOUT NOTICE

Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon a 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 RETURNED.

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#### SHEFFIELD SPEEDWAY

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Official Track Measurement is 400 Yards

Speedway Track Licence No. 67/1

E. PALMER

Track Record: 67-6 secs. by Clive Featherby (Sheffield) on August 13th, 1964 and Ivan Mauger (Newcastle) on August 4th, 1966

As A.C.U. timekeepers are not being used by us this season a'l times are unofficial.

## Frank Varey calling

We extend a hearty welcome to the 15 visitors and our own Arnold Haley who will take part in tonight's British Semi-final of the World Championship.

Unfortunately only eight of them can earn places in the British Final at West Ham on Tuesday, August 15th, along with the eight top scorers from the other semi-final which is taking place at Wimbledon tonight.

With such a star-studded field some excellent racing should be served up and it would be a good judge indeed who could forecast the eight qualifiers for the big clash at West Ham.

Our hopes are, of course, centred on Arnie, who has made such rapid strides this season and is to be congratulated in getting so far in the competition.

We have to thank the SUNDAY MIRROR for their excellent sponsorship of this World

We had another good home win last Thursday when Newport were the visitors, but like most of you Tigers' supporters I was getting a little bit worried when our ten-point lead had been cut down to four with three heats outstanding.

However, supreme efforts in those last three races enabled us to run out far easier

winners than looked likely.

All our riders, with the exception of John Dews, did well, with Bengt Larsson actually coming out on top with seven points scored and three bonus points.

It is unfortunate that John Dews is still unable to hit the form shown before his accident at Newport in the early part of the

Bengt has again returned to his native Sweden to ride for a period, but will be back in time to take his place in our team for the visit to Newcastle on Monday, July 31st.

Bob Paulson had a practice during our Novices' Training Session last Sunday, but is still under medical treatment and has not yet been given permission to take part in competitive racing.

Next Thursday I am staging a Best Pairs event and hope that we have better luck than earlier in the season when, just as the meeting was getting to a very interesting

stage, a thunderstorm and torrential rain caused it to be abandoned.

I have invited all the same visiting riders as last time to join our riders in what should prove to be a very exciting night's racing.

Bob Paulson will be missing from the original line-up and so I have asked one of your former favourites, Clive Featherby, now with Kings Lynn, to take part.

The full list of riders appears on page 11. On Saturday the first of the Qualifying Rounds of the Northern Riders' Championship will be staged at Halifax.

Thirty-two riders will be taking part in the competition and all of them will ride at three meetings, one of which will be at home.

Our six representatives will be: Arnold Haley, John Hart, Billy Bales, Alan Jay, John

Dews and George Major.

All of them will be riding in our meeting in the competition a fortnight tonight. In addition all of them will ride at Halifax on Saturday, while Billy Bales, Arnold Haley, John Hart and George Major will be at Belle Vue on Saturday, July 22nd, and John Dews and Alan Jay at Edinburgh on Saturday, July 29th.

The top 16 scorers on aggregate will compete in the Final which we shall have the pleasure of staging on Thursday, August

24th.

Finally, I wish to extend thanks to the Supporters' Club for supplying the new riding jackets which our riders wore for the first time last Thursday. It was a very nice gesture.

Cheerio for Now, FRANK VAREY.

#### SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Congratulations to Susan Bradley on becoming our 1967 Speedway Queen and a big thank-you to the other competitors and

the judges.

We are staging a Beat Dance in the Sportsman's Tavern at this Stadium on Tuesday, August 15th. Admission will be by ticket only, priced 4s. 6d. They will be on sale at the Kiosk during next Thursday's meeting. There will only be a limited number available, so don't delay.

E. CAIN (Mrs.), Secretary.

### Our Two Internationals



ARNOLD HALEY, who is in tonight's line-up, in his Great Britain colours and Bengt Larsson (on machine) proudly wearing the Swedish colours.

#### YOU PAYS YOUR MONEY. AND TAKES YOUR PICK

#### by DAVE STEVENS

PERM any eight from sixteen. That will probably give you the qualifiers from this meeting to progress to the next stage of the competition — the British Final at West Ham on Tuesday, August 15th.

As I jot down these notes I have before me the draw as made by the Speedway Control Board. And quite frankly, I couldn't name the top eight. Assessing each rider's chances is

almost impossible in such an even field.

Come with me through the list from A to S (we don't go down to Z!) and see

what I mean . . .

Back from his native Australia after a year's absence JIM AIREY has a British League average of 9.51 with Wolverhampton as I write. Good on small tracks (he's almost unbeatable at Wolverhampton) he can also turn it on on the big 'uns — witness his paid 11 points guesting for Newport at Exeter recently.

The overall supremacy of one Mr. Briggs has rather put MARTIN ASHBY in the background at Swindon in recent years, but this lad's good enough on his own merits to earn

International team spots and is a regular heat-leader with the Robins.

Many critics reckon that the "top Englishman" title has passed from Nigel to his kidbrother ERIC BOOCOCK of nearby Halifax. Eric has certainly been showing some of the old 'uns a thing or two of late, especially in the recently concluded Swedish matches, but I reckon there's still room in the sport for both the Boococks.

Another Robin overshadowed by the World Champion is MIKE BROADBANKS, in

my book one of the really great discoveries from Rye House. Not the force he was a year or two back "Broadie" is rated a second-string by the current averages, but a second-string

that many tracks would love as a heat-leader, I'm sure!

ALAN COWLAND was on the injured list as these notes were written but hoped to be fit in time for tonight's clash. Prior to his injury he was showing some of his best form of

recent years with Wimbledon, with a match average of 6.19.

In RICK FRANCE Coventry have found a first-class replacement for their departed skipper Jim Lightfoot. Rick has been around for quite a few years now, gaining extremely valuable experience for the heat-leader mantle he now wears so well for Coventry.

Currently having one of their best-ever seasons are Poole. And one of the reasons for their success is RONNIE GENZ, one of Speedway's long-standing servants, but still young

enough to have a good many years of active racing in reserve.

You'll probably know more about ARNOLD HALEY than I do! Having the biggest break of his Speedway career so far, Arnold — who always reminds me of a young Frank Varey when I see pictures of him — has the great advantage of riding on his own track tonight. I think he will one day emulate Frank's feats on the track — maybe this year?

Bottom of Edinburgh's averages BERT HARKINS was obviously the shock qualifier from the Qualifying Rounds. Bert and I often clashed in our Cycle Speedway days a few years back and quite honestly I can't see him getting any further in this year's World Championship. That's probably done enough to make him "go like the clappers" now and prove me

Bert's team-mate GEORGE HUNTER has already tasted European Final success, although failing to make much of an impression at Wembley last year. Still learning, George will probably

put some of that knowledge to the good tonight.
Switches from J.A.P. to ESO and back to J.A.P. have rather unsettled NORMAN HUNTER this year but he's fast finding his known form now and riding one of his favourite tracks tonight he'll certainly be going for the chance of another meeting — on his own track, West Ham.

One of the "discoveries" of the year in British League racing is Swindon's BOB KILBY.

A regular double-figure scorer these days, Bob has taken over as one of the Robins' heat-leaders

this year — and making a jolly good job of it too.
"The Most Under-rated Englishman in Speedway." That's the tag that many a critic has given to REG LUCKHURST, second only to Olle Nygren in the Wimbledon averages. Has already made one World Final (1965) and is certainly going well enough to make his second appearance this year.

Way out in front of the British League averages at the moment is CHARLIE MONK, but somehow or other he just can't recapture that Glasgow form when it comes to the big International matches. Still a great force individually though and a man to really watch out

Another to rate Sheffield as his favourite track is Hackney skipper COLIN PRATT, but like Monk he's yet to find his true form in International competition. Made a very slow start to the season but is now up at the top - possibly at the right moment.

Finally we come to the veteran of tonight's field, from Australia via Exeter, NEIL STREET. What this fast talking Aussie lacks in speed out on the track he more than makes up for in track-craft — something which could make him the "spoiler" of tonight's meeting.

And there you have it. The 16 riders all out for the chance of SUNDAY MIRROR cash in the British and World Finals later in the season. Out of the 16 only three (Broadbanks, Cowland and Harkins) aren't heat-leaders, but they've got this far and there's no reason why they shouldn't progress further . . . only 13 other Star men !

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BRITISH SEMI-FINAL Sponsored by the SUNDAY MIRROR

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

Riders are identified by their helmet colours.

#### THE RIDERS

No. 1 - Colin Pratt (Hackney Wick)

No. 2 - Norman Hunter (West Ham)

No. 3 - Reg Luckhurst (Wimbledon)

No. 4 - Neil Street (Exeter)

No. 5 - Rick France (Coventry)

No. 6 - Mike Broadbanks (Swindon)

No. 7 - Martin Ashby (Swindon)

No. 8 — Jim Airey (Wolverhampton)

No. 9 — George Hunter (Edinburgh)

No. 10 - Alan Cowland (Wimbledon)

No. 11 — Charlie Monk (Glasgow)

No. 12 - Arnold Haley (Sheffield)

No. 13 - Eric Boocock (Halifax)

No. 14 - Bert Harkins (Edinburgh)

No. 15 - Ronnie Genz (Poole)

No. 16 - Bob Kilby (Swindon)

Reserves: Jim Lightfoot (Long Eaton); Doug Templeton (Edinburgh)

The letters in the starting position column indicate the positions from which riders will start. The positions are lettered from the inside of the track A, B, C and D, A being the inside position.

	RIDERS		Starting Position	SÜBSTITÜTE OR REMARKS	Helmet Colours	RESUL
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Heat 2	Rick France		A		Red	3
Time /	Mike Broadbanks		С		Blue	2_
45/	Martin Ashby		В		White	
1/5	Jim Airey		D		Yellow	
Heat 3	George Hunter		С		Red	
Time /	Alan Cowland		A		Blue	1
144	Charlie Monk		В		White	3
1013	Arnold Haley		D		Yellow	1
Heat 4	Eric Boocock		D		Red	3
Time	Bert Harkins	***	В		Blue	
2011	Ronnie Genz		A	******	White	2
114	Bob Kilby		С		Yellow	1
Heat 5	Colin Pratt		В		Red	2
Time /	Rick France		C		Blue	
4/1	George Hunter		D		White	1
0.13	Eric Boocock		A		Yellow	3
Heat 6	Norman Hunter	·	С		Red	3
Time	Mike Broadbanks		D		Blue	7
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	RIDERS	Starting Position	SUBSTITUTE OR REMARKS	Helmet Colours	RESULT
Heat 7	Martin Ashby Charlie Monk	D C A B		Red Blue White Yellow	3
Heat 8 Time	Jim Airey Arnold Haley	А В С С		Red Blue White Yellow	13-
Heat 9	Mike Broadbanks Charlie Monk	C A D B		Red Blue White Yellow	3
Heat 10	Rick France	D B A C		Red Blue White Yellow	21
Heat 11	Jim Airey George Hunter	C A B D		Red Blue White Yellow	2
Heat 12	Martin Ashby Alan Cowland	B D C		Red Blue White Yellow	3,
Heat 13	B 4 11 11		WIGHTFOOT	Red Blue White Yellow	3
Heat 14	Norman Hunter /Jim Airey Charlie Monk Eric Boocock	C		Red Blue White Yellow	2 3

#### INTERVAL

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Heat 16	Neil Street Mike Broadbanks George Hunter Ronnie Genz	C B A D		Red Blue White Yellow	3

	RIDERS	Starting Position	SUBSTITUTE OR REMARKS	Helmet Colours	RESULT
Heat 17	Jim Airey Alan Cowland	A B D C		Red Blue White Yellow	3
Heat 18	Norman Hunter Martin Ashby George Hunter Bob Kilby	B C A D		Red Blue White Yellow	3 2
Heat 19	Reg Luckhurst Mike Broadbanks Arnold Haley Eric Boocock	A D B C	WIGHT60T	Red Blue White Yellow	312
Heat 20	Neil Street Rick France Charlie Monk Bert Harkins	D A C B	T.A.	Red Blue White Yellow	3

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Bert Harkins		0	0	0	2		3
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#### SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD - 1967

(Sponsored by THE SUNDAY MIRROR)

by DON CLARKE (Sunday Mirror Speedway Columnist)

Thirty-two British riders, who have battled their way through to tonight's semi-finals of the World Championship Competition, sponsored by the Sunday Mirror, face another tough hurdle on the road to Wembley.

Sixteen of the 32 speedmen will be out to stake a claim in the British Final, at West Ham on August 15th, which can take them into the last six places in the World Final,

at Wembley, on September 16th.

If the thirty-two semi-finalists think they have had a rough ride reaching the semifinals, here and at Wimbledon, just wait until they go up to the starting tapes tonight.

The road to Wembley can be a killing course. Only eight top scoring riders from each semi-final can go forward to the

British Final.

Once through to the British Final, the job of getting through to the World Final is made tougher by the fact that only the top six points scorers go forward to join ten Continental challengers at Wembley.

Despite the odds, you can rest assured that tonight's challengers will be riding hell for leather. They know that the glittering Sunday Mirror prizes of £200, £100 and £50 at the British Final, and £1,000, £250 and £100 are within their reach.

The Continentals are also out for World

Championship gold and honours.

The Scandinavian preliminaries have been settled and Ove Fundin (Sweden), Sverre

Harrfeldt (West Ham), Lief Enecrona (Sweden), Bernt Persson (Edinburgh), Bengt Jansson (Hackney), Anders Michanek (Long Eaton), Gunnar Malmqvist (Exeter), and Ollie Nygren (Wimbledon), are through to the European Final, at Wroclaw, Poland, on on August 28th.

Iron Curtain challengers for the European Final will decide which eight go forward, to join the Scandinavian contingent, at Kempton, West Germany, on August 20th, and this is how they will line up:

B. Samoradov, I. Plechanov, G. Kurilenko (Russia); T. Wyglenda, S. Ruarez, J. Trzeskowski, A. Woryna, P. Woloszek, E. Migos, A. Porgorzelski (Poland); J. Dinse, J. Hehler (East Germany); M. Werner, J. Holub, P. Mares, L. Tomicek (Czechoslovakia).

This is a tough field and whichever eight riders come out on top they will certainly give the Scandinavians plenty to do.

So the World Final picture is gradually falling into shape. Only eight weeks to go before the six British and 10 Continental finalists clash at Wembley to decide who will wear the World Championship crown.

It will be a battle well worth watching. If you do not want to miss it fire in your application either to your local track or direct from Speedway Box Office, Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex.

Ticket prices are: SEATING-30/-, 20/-,

15/-, 12/6; STANDING-7/6.

#### CONTENDERS FOR BRITISH FINAL



GEORGE HUNTER Edinburgh



CHARLIE MONK Glasgow



COLIN PRATT Hackney Wick



ERIC BOOCOCK Halifax

#### CONTENDERS FOR BRITISH FINAL



REG LUCKHURST Wimbledon



NORMAN HUNTER West Ham



MIKE BROADBANKS Swindon



BERT HARKINS Edinburgh



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MARTIN ASHBY Swindon

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KILBY Swindon

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NEIL STREET Exeter

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ALAN COWLAND Wimbledon



RICK FRANCE Coventry



JIM AIREY Wolverhampton



RONNIE GENZ Poole

#### **OUR FIXTURES & RESULTS FOR THE 1967 SEASON**

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	42 — 36	31 Newcastle (BL)	A
	53 — 25	August	
	29 — 49	3 Poole (BL)	Н
	46 — 32	8 West Ham (BL)	A
	40 — 56	10 West Ham (BL)	Н
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4 Glasgow (BL) H	44 — 34	21 Exeter (BL)	A
5 Glasgow (BL) A	29 — 49	23 Poole (BL)	A
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13 Coventry (BL) A	24 — 54	pionship—Fin	al H
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	41 — 37	7 Halifax (BL)	Н
	31 — 47	14 Newcastle (BL)	Н
June		15 Hackney (BL)	A
	Post'd	21 Kings Lynn (BL)	Н
	41 — 37	28 Edinburgh (BL)	Н
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# Next Thursday's attraction . . .

# "BEST PAIRS" over 15 heats

at 7-45 p.m.

#### featuring

Arnold Haley, John Hart, John Dews, Alan Jay, Billy Bales, George Major, Charlie Monk, Eric Boocock, Jim Airey, Ivan Mauger, Peter Jarman, Clive Featherby.

# Speedway Championship of the World FINAL

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at 7 p.m.

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