

WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

THURSDAY, 13th JULY, 1967



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1967

BRITISH SEMI-FINAL

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ONE SHILLING



TERRY BETTS
(King's Lynn)
1



CYRIL MAIDMENT
(Belle Vue)
2



NIGEL BOOOCK
(Coventry)
3



IVOR BROWN
(Cradley Heath)
4



IVAN MAUGER
(Newcastle)
5



ALF WELLS
(Glasgow)
6



RAY WILSON
(Long Eaton)
7



CHRIS JULIAN
(Cradley Heath)
8

Ronnie Greene's Diary



The stage is set for a real thriller this evening. Thanks to the luck of the draw we have a great line up and providing we are favoured with good weather I am sure we shall have a thrilling evening.

Yes, tonight is "Sunday Mirror" World Championship night at Wimbledon and once again I am delighted to welcome as our guest genial George Casey, the Sports Editor of the Sunday Mirror. I often wonder where speedway would be now but for the prominent part which George Casey has played, particularly in respect of the World Championship. I know you will join with me in thanking Mr. Casey for his fine efforts and the great encouragement his newspaper gives to speedway racing.

Another great meeting next week. Look on the back cover of tonight's programme and savour what we have in store. Never before have riders had so many trophies to be won outright in one night's racing. The meeting is being televised and will be shown on Friday evening's Sports Week programme which comes on the air at seven o'clock. If you get your reserved seat tickets before next Thursday you can save enough to pay for the car park and your programme.

Recently I have been taking so many kicks in the pants that sitting down to write these notes is real painful. Everyone has been having a go at the same time, criticising the team failures, the track conditions, the lack of atmosphere—the lot. I'm not stupid, of course I know that things are not quite right but believe me we have been doing everything to make them better.

One thing I am tickled pink about is that we have been given permission to re-sign Bobby Dugard but there is the proviso that we have to lose Leif and Murray before Bobby can start his League comeback. Should another team not require Murray we would of course be able to keep him—how it will turn out we shall just have to wait and see. Of course I could write a lot of guff with heaps of excuses for Leif and Murray but I do not intend to say other than that both are very nice lads and I hope that both appreciate the efforts I have made on their behalf. Unfortunately Speedway cannot be promoted only on friendships—we must have results from everyone, including me.

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 thirty-two 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 tonight's semi-finals, here and at Sheffield, 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 Eneclrona (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 August 28.

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

B. Samoradov, I. Plechanov, G. Kurilenko (Russia). T. Wyglenda, S. Ruarez, J. Trzeskowski, A. Woryna, P. Waloszek, 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 ten 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 to Speedway Box Office, Wembley Stadium, Wembley (Middlesex).

Ticket prices are : SEATING : 30/-, 20/-, 15/-, 12/6. STANDING : 7/6.

WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

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SEASON 1967

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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.

Fastest Ray-timed Race is 66.4 Seconds by Trevor Hedge

Your Lucky Programme Jackpot Number is N^o 2893

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

Lucky Programme No. 2023. John Faulkner, 76 Garrison Lane, Chessington, Surrey.

Supporters Club Draw. 143. Mark Benton, 6 Ricard Close, S.W.2.

SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

BRITISH SEMI-FINAL

Official F.I.M. Competition 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 T. Betts		:	:	:	:	:	7 R. Wilson		:	:	:	:	:	13 B. Briggs		:	:	:	:	:
2 C. Maidment		:	:	:	:	:	8 C. Julian		:	:	:	:	:	14 J. Squibb		:	:	:	:	:
3 N. Boocock		:	:	:	:	:	9 R. Trigg		:	:	:	:	:	15 K. McKinlay		:	:	:	:	:
4 I. Brown		:	:	:	:	:	10 M. Watkin		:	:	:	:	:	16 T. Hedge		:	:	:	:	:
5 I. Mauger		:	:	:	:	:	11 D. Younghusband		:	:	:	:	:	17		:	:	:	:	:
6 A. Wells		:	:	:	:	:	12 G. Mudge		:	:	:	:	:	18		:	:	:	:	:

FOUR LAPS CLUTCH START

PRESENTATION OF COMPETITORS

Klaxon means Rider has 2 Minutes to Start

RACE 1

Terry Betts	(Red)	Nigel Boocock	(White)
Cyril Maidment	(Blue)	Ivor Brown	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 2

Ivan Mauger	(Red)	Alf Wells	(White)
Ray Wilson	(Blue)	Chris Julian	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 3

Mike Watkin	(Red)	Roy Trigg	(White)
D. Younghusband	(Blue)	Geoff Mudge	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 4

Ken McKinlay	(Red)	Trevor Hedge	(White)
Jimmy Squibb	(Blue)	Barry Briggs	(Y&B)

RACE 5*

Barry Briggs	(Red)	Ivan Mauger	(White)
Terry Betts	(Blue)	Roy Trigg	(Y&B)

RACE 6

Jimmy Squibb	(Red)	Cyril Maidment	(White)
Mike Watkin	(Blue)	Alf Wells	(Y&B)

RACE 7

D. Younghusband	(Red)	Ray Wilson	(White)
Ken McKinlay	(Blue)	Nigel Boocock	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 8

Ivor Brown	(Red)	Geoff Mudge	(White)
Chris Julian	(Blue)	Trevor Hedge	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 9*

Alf Wells	(Red)	Terry Betts	(White)
Trevor Hedge	(Blue)	D. Younghusband	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 10

Mike Watkin	(Red)	Ken McKinlay	(White)
Ivan Mauger	(Blue)	Cyril Maidment	(Y&B)

INTERVAL

RACE 11

Chris Julian	(Red)	Nigel Boocock	(White)
Roy Trigg	(Blue)	Jimmy Squibb	(Y&B)

RACE 12

Barry Briggs	(Red)	Mike Watkin	(White)
Ivor Brown	(Blue)	Ray Wilson	(Y&B)

RACE 13*

Ray Wilson	(Red)	Jimmy Squibb	(White)
Geoff Mudge	(Blue)	Terry Betts	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 14

Cyril Maidment	(Red)	Chris Julian	(White)
Barry Briggs	(Blue)	D. Younghusband	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 15

Trevor Hedge	(Red)	Mike Watkin	(White)
Nigel Boocock	(Blue)	Ivan Mauger	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 16

Roy Trigg	(Red)	Ivor Brown	(White)
Alf Wells	(Blue)	Ken McKinlay	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 17*

Terry Betts	(Red)	Ken McKinlay	(White)
Chris Julian	(Blue)	Mike Watkin	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 18

Roy Trigg	(Red)	Ray Wilson	(White)
Cyril Maidment	(Blue)	Trevor Hedge	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 19

Nigel Boocock	(Red)	Barry Briggs	(White)
Geoff Mudge	(Blue)	Alf Wells	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 20

Ivan Mauger	(Red)	D. Younghusband	(White)
Jimmy Squibb	(Blue)	Ivor Brown	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

RACE 21

.....	(Red)	To be run in the event of a Tie	(White)
.....	(Blue)	(Y&B)

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

ACHIEVEMENTS—AND POINTERS

by Bryan Seery

Sixteen riders. All aiming, some more optimistically than others, towards the premier individual honour our sport can offer. Only one of to-night's field, Barry Briggs, knows what it is like to win the title. Barry has appeared in every World Final since his debut in 1954, his fourth win in Gothenberg last September equalling Ove Fundin's all-time record—and provoking the Tranas Terror to come out of semi-retirement to try to make it five.

Including appearances as reserves Ken McKinlay has been in ten finals, and Nigel Boocock in six. Three times Ken has finished as high as fifth position, but Nigel has yet to get higher than seventh. Cyril Maidment has an odd record—he's ridden at Wembley, and he's ridden in World Finals. But never both together! Both his Final appearances being in Sweden!

Final debut only last year for Ivan Mauger, but he finished in fourth position, which was a more than encouraging start.

Trevor Hedge has got as far as the British Final—three times, in fact, with his 8 point total on this track last year as his best performance. Only one point behind Trevor last year came Roy Trigg, while Dave Younghusband managed a very uncharacteristic total of 2 in the same meeting. Reserve for last year's British Final, although he didn't get a ride, was Terry Betts.

Which means that the other seven riders to-night have never got further than this Semi-Final stage. But with the top eight at the end of to-night's racing moving on to the 1967 British Final at West Ham on August 15th some, at least, must have a reasonable chance of progressing further in the World Championship than they have ever been before.

But first, they've got to score something like nine points to-night—round Wimbledon—against pretty thoroughbred opposition. Round Wimbledon. That is the all important phrase. Transfer this Semi-Final to any one of the competitors' home tracks and the local hero would be pretty well sure of getting the required points to move on. Only Trevor Hedge had the luck of the draw to be drawn on his home track—the rest have to face the fact that they're competing on foreign soil. So how have they done round Wimbledon so far this year?

Trevor Hedge we'll ignore. His performances here are too frequent and too well known to detail in full.

Ivan Mauger has been here three times this year scoring 5-9-1 BL; 5-6-0 Test; 5-11 Internationale. Ray Wilson's three visits have produced 5-12-0 B.L.; 6-6-2 Test; 5-4 Internationale. While Terry Betts has 5-7-1 B.L. 3-3-1 Test reserve; 2-1 Internationale reserve.

Four riders have been here twice this year so far; Barry Briggs scored 4-11-0 in his British League match, and 3-5 while handicapped by injuries in the Internationale. Ivor Brown got 4-7-1 BL just last Thursday, and 5-3 in his World Championship Qualifying Round. Dave Younghusband has shown a liking for our circuit this season with 4-9-0 BL; and 5-11 in his World Championship Qualifying Round. Both of Nigel Boocock's visits have been for special occasions and he managed 5-4-0 Test and 5-9 Internationale.

In single visits for League matches Chris Julian scored 4-6-0; Mike Watkin

5-6-2; and Jimmy Squibb 4-4-0. Cyril Maidment came for his World Championship round and recorded 5-8; Roy Trigg looked in for the Internationale and made 5-5. And the other three, Geoff Mudge, Ken McKinlay and Alf Wells have yet to ride an official meeting at Wimbledon so far this season.

Note that where three figures are given they refer, in order, to rides-points-bonus. Where only two are given they refer to rides and points in competitions which don't carry bonus points.

So there are the facts to work on. Analyse them and draw your own conclusions. See if you can forecast before the first race which eight will go through to the British Final. Then check up after heat 20 and see how many you've got wrong!

DONS' 1967 SCORERS

(British League matches only, up to, and including July 14th)

	Matches	Rides	Points	Bonus Pts.	Total Pts.	Calculated Match Ave.
Olle Nygren	19	81	205	4	209	10.32
Reg Luckhurst	19	78	162	19	181	9.28
Trevor Hedge	19	81	171	9	180	8.89
Alan Cowland	17	65	92	7	99	6.09
Jim Tebbv	17	66	80	18	98	5.94
Leif Soderberg	16	58	37	10	47	3.24
Murray Burt	18	46	23	4	27	2.35
Steve Chilman	2	4	0	0	0	0.00
Peter Murray	1	2	0	0	0	0.00
Alan Stapelton	3	8	0	0	0	0.00
Peter Thorn	2	4	0	0	0	0.00

The calculated match average is the average per ride multiplied by four, and bring all riders—reserves with fewer rides, tactical substitutes with more—into line on the assumption that each rider takes four rides per match.

BRITISH SPEEDWAY LEAGUE 1967

(Up to, and including, Saturday, July 8th, 1967)

	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Pts.
Newcastle	22	13	0	9	879	834	26
West Ham	18	11	2	5	770	632	24
Wolverhampton	18	11	1	6	755	647	23
Poole	20	10	3	7	831	726	23
Newport	19	11	1	7	775	703	23
WIMBLEDON	19	11	1	7	770	708	23
Hackney	18	11	1	6	707	695	23
Oxford	23	11	1	11	857½	933½	23
Long Eaton	21	10	2	9	802	835	22
Glasgow	23	10	2	11	872	915	22
Halifax	18	10	1	7	731	762	21
Sheffield	20	10	1	9	762½	794½	21
Swindon	18	10	0	8	735	665	20
Edinburgh	19	8	2	9	768	712	18
Coventry	19	7	2	10	760	719	16
Exeter	17	7	0	10	646½	675½	14
Belle Vue	22	7	0	15	787½	925½	14
Cradlev Heath	25	7	0	18	856	1084	14
King's Lynn	21	5	0	16	723	912	10



ROY TRIGG
(Oxford)
9



MIKE WATKIN
(Newcastle)
10



**DAVE
YOUNGHUSBAND**
(Halifax)
11



GEOFF MUDGE
(Poole)
12



BARRY BRIGGS
(Swindon)
13



JIMMY SQUIBB
(Exeter)
14



KEN McKINLAY
(West Ham)
15



TREVOR HEDGE
(Wimbledon)
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