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THE SPEEDWAY SCENE

Meeting — Saturday, January 27, 1979

WORLD FINAL FEVER IN CHRISTCHURCH

For almost any speedway fan, the World Solo championships are without a doubt the highlight on their racing calendars throughout the year. This is especially true for speedway fans in our own city of Christchurch, for there can be few other centres in the world which can boast three world champions who have graduated from the Ruapuna Park circuit to the top speedway tracks of the globe.

Tonight, eight riders will take their first step towards that ultimate pinnacle of speedway achievement in a double-barrelled meeting. The New Zealand solo championships are to be decided, but probably the bulk of the attention will be focussed on the fact that the top eight riders will earn the right to travel to Australia to compete against the best eight riders from that country in the Australasian Final in Adelaide on February 23.

In the past, the four top qualifiers from this meeting went on directly to the Intercontinental Final, held in a different European country each year. This year, however, the top six riders in the Australasian Final will now go on to Britain to take part in a new intermediate stage, the British Commonwealth Final.

This move came about when our own Ivan Mauger and his Australian counterpart on the F.I.M. Committee pressed for the inclusion of more riders from this corner of the world in the deciding stages of the World Final. The depth of talent in Australasia demanded that more riders be given the chance of going through to the top, but this move was, naturally enough perhaps, vetoed by the European countries on the board who want more of their own riders to get in. A compromise was worked out, and from this was born the British Commonwealth Final. This meeting will include the top six riders from the Australasian Final, and the top nine from the British event, and is to be held in London on July 1. From this new stage, the top nine riders will go through to the Intercontinental Final, again in London on August 5, and the top nine riders from this meeting carry on to the World Championship, together

with three Polish riders — Poland, as the host nation, can seed three competitors straight through — and the best four from the Continental Final.

World Final fever will begin to grip the rest of the world in a month or two, but finding the last 16 riders is a mammoth affair that lasts almost throughout the entire year. As many as 25 countries will be taking part in the hope of securing one or two riders in the last select 16, and dozens of meetings around the world are scheduled. Indeed, the Americans have already held their qualifying event, on New Years Eve and two riders are already through to the Intercontinental Final in London in August.

After all this preamble, if you can still be bothered to read on, and have not been bored to tears by the few factual crumbs, it might be prudent to assess the chances of some of the riders.

Favourite for the New Zealand title, and the top place therefore in the Australasian event next month, has to be Larry Ross. Larry has been in superb form this season and barring mechanical mishaps has to be given a royal chance of making it through. Only tragic mechanical problems robbed him of a chance of making the Intercontinental Final last season, and he will be very anxious to continue on this year.

One rider who cannot be left out of any reckoning however, has to be Ivan Mauger. Ivan arrived back in Christchurch only last Sunday after making works tests in Czechoslovakia and spending Christmas in London. He has been keeping in top racing form in Perth since the New Year, and has been competing successfully against the current World Champion, Ole Olsen, so watch out for Ivan this evening.

If these two are assured of the top two places — and it could be premature to say that — then the heat will be on for the remaining six spots for the Australasian event. The cream of New Zealand's solo riders will be after these places, and a feast of top riding is guaranteed tonight.

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1	GRAEME STEWART	27	BRIAN WILSON
2	ROGER ABEL	28	GARY FORSCUTT
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4	KEN ROBINSON	30	ALAN BUNNY
5	JAMES MOORE	31	TONY BRIGGS
6	TOM BLACK	32	DAVID GRIFFITHS
7	MARK PAVITT	33	KEVIN FLETCHER
8	CRAIG BLACKETT	35	GRAEME WELLS
9	DENIS SINCOCK	36	TERRY DUFF
10	ALAN CROSBIE	37	STUART JORDOAN
11	ROYCE BROWN	39	STEPHEN DUFF
12	ROGER WRIGHT	40	STEPHEN JAMES
13	GRAHAM TAYLOR	41	FERGUS GIBSON
14	MALCOLM HARDAKER	42	BILL CHISOLM
15	DAVID McPHERSON	44	PATRICK PAWSON
16	RICK LANG	46	GRAEME BEARDSLEY
19	PAUL FEWINGS	47	TRONG SKRETTING
20	TRACY HOLMES	48	ROBERT SELBY
21	GRAEME STAPLETON	49	RUDY MUTS
22	JOHN JONES	50	ROBERT BRUCE
23	LARRY ROSS	52	KEVIN BROWNE
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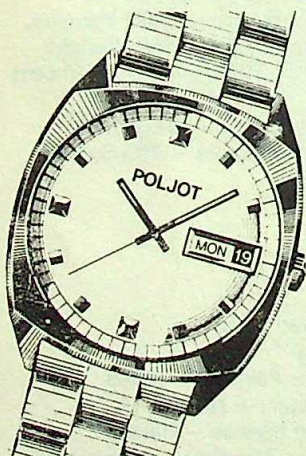
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3	Colin Tucker	Auckland						
4	John Goodall	Auckland						
5	Roger Wright	Christchurch						
6	James Moore	Christchurch						
7	Mitch Shirra	Auckland						
8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.						
9	Mike Fullerton	Auckland						
10	Max Brown	Christchurch						
11	Patrick Pawson	Christchurch						
12	Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch						
13	Tony Briggs	Christchurch						
14	John Brown	Napier						
15	David Bargh	Featherstone						
16	William Aulsford	Auckland						
17	Paul Fewings	Christchurch						

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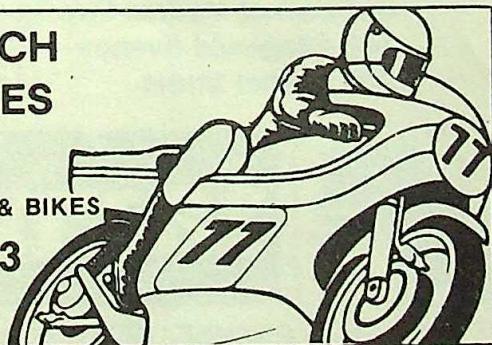
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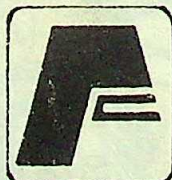
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	3	Colin Tucker	Auckland		White	
	4	John Goodall	Auckland		Y&B	
2 Time	5	Roger Wright	Christchurch		Red	
	7	Mitch Shirra	Auckland		Blue	
	6	James Moore	Christchurch		White	
	8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.		Y&B	
3 Time	10	Max Brown	Christchurch		Red	
	11	Patrick Pawson	Christchurch		Blue	
	9	Mike Fullerton	Auckland		White	
	12	Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch		Y&B	
4 Time	15	David Bargh	Featherstone		Red	
	14	John Brown	Napier		Blue	
	16	William Aulsford	Auckland		White	
	13	Tony Briggs	Christchurch		Y&B	
5 Time	13	Tony Briggs	Christchurch		Red	
	1	Larry Ross	Christchurch		Blue	
	5	Roger Wright	Christchurch		White	
	9	Mike Fullerton	Auckland		Y&B	
6 Time	14	John Brown	Napier		Red	
	10	Max Brown	Christchurch		Blue	
	2	Ivan Mauger	Christchurch		White	
	6	James Moore	Christchurch		Y&B	
7 Time	11	Patrick Pawson	Christchurch		Red	
	15	David Bargh	Featherstone		Blue	
	7	Mitch Shirra	Auckland		White	
	3	Colin Tucker	Auckland		Y&B	
8 Time	4	John Goodall	Auckland		Red	
	8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.		Blue	
	12	Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch		White	
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Time	11	Patrick Pawson	Christchurch	Y&B
10	12	Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch	Red
	5	Roger Wright	Christchurch	.....	Blue	.....
.....	15	David Bargh	Featherstone	.....	White	.....
Time	2	Ivan Mauger	Christchurch	.....	Y&B	.....
11	8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.	.....	Red	.....
	9	Mike Fullerton	Auckland	.....	Blue	.....
.....	3	Colin Tucker	Auckland	.....	White	.....
Time	14	John Brown	Napier	.....	Y&B	.....
12	13	Tony Briggs	Christchurch	.....	Red	.....
	4	John Goodall	Auckland	Blue
.....	10	Max Brown	Christchurch	White
Time	7	Mitch Shirra	Auckland	Y&B
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	12	Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch	Blue
.....	14	John Brown	Napier	White
Time	1	Larry Ross	Christchurch	Y&B
14	2	Ivan Mauger	Christchurch	.....	Red	.....
	13	Tony Briggs	Christchurch	.....	Blue	.....
.....	8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.	.....	White	.....
Time	11	Patrick Pawson	Christchurch	.....	Y&B	.....
15	16	William Aulsford	Auckland	.....	Red	.....
	3	Colin Tucker	Auckland	.....	Blue	.....
.....	10	Max Brown	Christchurch	.....	White	.....
Time	5	Roger Wright	Christchurch	.....	Y&B	.....
16	9	Mike Fullerton	Auckland	.....	Red	.....
	6	James Moore	Christchurch	.....	Blue	.....
.....	4	John Goodall	Auckland	.....	White	.....
Time	15	David Bargh	Featherstone	.....	Y&B	.....
17	1	Larry Ross	Christchurch	.....	Red	.....
	8	Robin Adlington	Palm. Nth.	Blue
.....	15	David Bargh	Featherstone	White
Time	10	Max Brown	Christchurch	Y&B

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	2 Ivan Mauger	Christchurch	Blue
	7 Mitch Shirra	Auckland	White
Time	16 William Aulsford	Auckland	Y&B
19	3 Colin Tucker	Auckland	Red
	12 Graeme Stapleton	Christchurch	Blue
	13 Tony Briggs	Christchurch	White
Time	6 James Moore	Christchurch	Y&B
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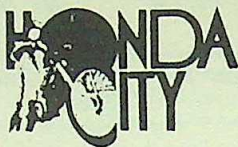
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Time						

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0	CHRIS BEACH – 650 Triumph	40
30	GEORGE MACDONALD – 650 Norton	10
19	GRAEME BAIRD – 650 Yamaha	10
29	ROBIN SLADEN	90
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	KEVIN HARRIS	
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 1967—Ove Fundin (Sweden) 1, Bengt Jansson (Sweden) 2, Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 3.
 1968—Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 1, Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 2, Edward Jancarz (Poland) 3.
 1969—Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 1, Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 2, Soren Siosten (Sweden) 3.
 1970—Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 1, Pawel Walozek (Poland) 2, Antoni Woryna (Poland) 3.
 1971—Ole Olsen (Denmark) 1, Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 2, Bengt Jansson (Sweden) 3.
 1972—Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 1, Brent Persson (Sweden) 2, Ole Olson (Sweden) 3.
 1973—Jerry Scoil (Poland) 1, Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 2, Zenon Plech (Poland) 3.
 1974—Anders Michaner (Sweden) 1, Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 2, Soren Sjosten (Sweden) 3.
 1975—Ole Olson (Denmark) 1, Anders Michaner (Sweden) 2, John Louis (England) 3.
 1976—Peter Collins (England) 1, Malcolm Simmons (England) 2, Phil Crump (Australia) 3.
 1977—Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 1, Peter Collins (England) 2, Ole Olson (Denmark) 3.
 1978—Ole Olson (Denmark) 1, Gordon Kennett (England) 2, Scott Autrey (U.S.A.) 3.

EVENT 23

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7	MIKE ALLAN - 350 Chev	130
8	KEVIN BURT - 350 Chev	90
15	ALLAN BOTHERWAY - 250 Ijected Falcon	50
16	WAYNE WRIGHT - 327 Chev	50
17	SELWYN EVERETT - 351 Ford	100
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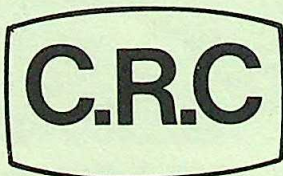
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INVITATION
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1 2 3 Time

EVENT 26

C.R.C. SPRINTCAR FEATURE
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