

CRAYFORD SPEEDWAY

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TONIGHTS OFFICIALS

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Machine Examiner Bill Mathieson
Pit Marshal , . , . to be appointed
Starting Marshal Peter Burrell
Colour Marshal Bill Lipscombe
Pits Liaison Officer Chris Paterson
Medical Officer Dr. S. A. Goodwin,
MRCS, LRCP

St John Ambulance Brigade in attendance
Track Length: 265 yards

Track Record: 57.2 seconds, Peter Collins (England and Belle Vue), 19.9.78.

Fastest Time since Record - 58.2 seconds, Phil Collins, 19.9.78; Alan Sage, 26.9.78.

Meeting held under the Speedway Regulations of the Speedway Control Board, SCB Licence No.: 79/26

BETTING STRICTLY PROHIBITED

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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 in the programme re-admission tickets issued at entrances (available for any one of the next three meetings) will become valid. In no circumstances will any money be refunded. Rights of admission reserved.

Motor sports are dangerous and all persons attending this meeting do so entirely at their own risk. It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or conduct of the meeting including the owners and lessees of the stadium and the owners and drivers of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury to spectators or ticket holders.

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Peter Thorogood's KESTRELS KALEIDOSCOPE

WHEN I report that we worked through the night until 4,30 last Tuesday morning in a determined effort to have our raceway ready for the evening hosting of Young Sweden you will have some idea of the gigantic task which faced us in our efforts to ensure an 'opening-of-the-season' meeting after the postponement of the previous week.

Unfortunately those efforts were not matched by track success from the Kestrels who suffered 'one of those nights' when, up against a very sharp visiting side, little went right. I'm not making excuses for defeat. Young Sweden were very worthy winners; they came match fit following almost a week of intensive training under the aegis of Olle Nygren; and adapted themselves to the tricky track conditions much better than our own riders.

In such conditions that is so often the case. Visitors come, not really knowing what to expect, and take things as they find them. The home team expect good or bad in particular parts, prepare themselves for it, only to find that the usually difficult parts are easy and the problems are elsewhere.

It's raining again as these notes are written but hopefully the weather will eventually change, when we can settle down to speedway in more 'normal' conditions.

Incidentally, as we look ahead to better times, can I ask anyone who has or knows of a site suitable to display a poster advertising Crayford Speedway to call at our Supporters Kiosk and collect?

With a full 20 heats of individual racing tonight we shall not be staging our regular secondhalf Snowball but these notes cannot be concluded without expressing our thanks to Hughie Cole of P & H Coaches for his donation of £250 plus trophies which will be shared out among the top four Crayford scorers at the end of the season,

Next Tuesday - remember - it's a change of fixture from that originally scheduled but be with us anyway when, as always . . . Crayford Comes Alive, at 7.45".



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MARTIN YEATES



ERIC DUGARD



COLIN RICHARDSON



HUGH SAUNDERS

tor prizes...

which range through gold, silver and bronze medals for first, second and third-placed riders. The top four scorers progress to the British qualifying round stage; any ties on scoring being settled initially by the highest number of heats wins, etc., then fastest times and if still level by a run-off race(s). The four highest fifth-placed scorers from the preliminary round meetings also progress and for the record the figure to beat at the moment is 11, by Phil Collins at Mildenhall and Dave Gooderham at Hackney. Berwick (also tonight) and Boston (next Sunday) stage the remaining preliminary round meetings.

It's our pleasure this evening to welcome to Ladbroke Stadium SUNDAY MIRROR representative John Lewsey and their speedway correspondent Keith Fisher' They will be on hand at the end of the evening assisting West Ham United players Paul Brush and Alan Curbishley, who have taken time out from the pressures of ensuring Hammers promotion back into First Division soccer, to make the presentations.

next Tue/day...

we make a switch from the scheduled National League hosting of Peterborough in order to fix in our second leg hosting of Canterbury in the Kent Cup.

With multi-England international Nigel Boocock now signed by the Crusaders — and getting a sneak preview of our London Road circuit tonight — we can expect some very testing moments from our county rivals next Tuesday as the Kestrels attempt to win back all (and more!) of the lost 14 points from the Kingsmead first leg of March 31.

GRAYFORD SPEEDWAY SUPPORTERS

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOME bad news to start with this week for it looks as if the "Kestrel News" will not be published this season.

Dave Turner, who has worked wonders for the last two years in printing our popular magazine, has been forced to relinquish the responsibility this year and unless we can find an alternative source, we just cannot publish.

Can YOU help?: Do you know anyone or a firm of printers who can help? If so please contact me or any committee member at the

klosk tonight.

Turning to a happler matter, it was gladdening to see a full coach load of Kestrelites making the short journey to Canterbury recently for our opening match. Let's hope that we can run full coaches to ALL of our away meetings!

We pledge to keep the fares as low as is economically possible so why not pop along to the kiosk for full details of our away jaunts? Don't forget — tonight is your last chance to book for this coming Friday's trip to Peter-

borough.

Looking ahead, on May 5, 6 and 7, we visit Canterbury, Mildenhall, and Rye House respectively in the National League 4-Team Tournament and you can reserve your place tonight for one or all of these trips. Then, on the May, 11 and 12 we undertake the first of our "Northern Sojurns" taking in the league matches at Workington and Stoke.

Finally, this week, I must say that the committee were absolutely delighted with the response last week to our brand new lottery.

SOUVENIRS?

A full range of badges, photographs, stickers and Crayford Speedway novelty items are on sale at the kiosks around the Stadium.

Our Sellers will be amongst you once again this evening so why not donate 25p for a ticket and who knows — you might win £1,000.

We could still accomadate some more people who would be willing to sell tickets away from the track so if you are interested pop along and see Chris Golding at the klosk. That's all for this week

BRYN WILLIAMS, Chairman



KESTRELS skipper LAURIE ETHERIDGE gives new mascot PHILIP GREIG from Canterbury his first riding tips at our final 1978 meeting after he won the "Kestrel Kid" competition.

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THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS

By KEITH FISHER (Speedway Correspondent, SUNDAY MIRROR)

MAKE no mistake. This is where it all begins. A long, winding road laced with glory, promises and not a little heartache and drama and leading ultimately to the crowning moment in a rider's career — the world individual speedway championship.

Don't take my word for it . . . cast your minds back to the frenzied night at the Empire Stadium, Wembley last September, To a night that belonged exclusively to a Great Dane called Ole Olsen. And a moment that will remain embroidered on our minds, when Ivan Mauger, great champion that he is, beaten but unbowed, raced out to embrace Olsen after the Coventry man's final victory flourish.

The point is this. It was a moment that belonged as much to a meeting of this evening's nature as it does to Wembley, Katowice in Poland (where this year's final will be held on September 2) or Gothenburg, Sweden.

Everything, everyone has a beginning. Those first, faltering steps which lead to the richest prizes. The Sunday Mirror is proud to be in that sort of infancy tonight. We are, indeed, proud of our record in sponsoring speedway's most prestigious prize. As the season wears on - and the triumphs and heartbreaks register even more deeply - the Sunday Mirror will be there, as always, to record the proceedings,

We first started sponsoring the World Championship back in 1958 when a fresh-faced kid called Barry Briggs brought the house down at Wembley with the sort of embryo talent that made us all sit up straight.

We're as big into speedway this season as we've ever been. There are two British semi-finals, the British Final, the Commonwealth Final, the Inter-Continental Final with which we are proud to be associated.

The National League has proved something very special to speedway fans over the years. It's all wide-eyed, honest-to-goodness application and endeavour. That much is certain,

Give the lads a big cheer as the tapes go up tonight. They deserve it. And remember, Whoever wins in Poland on September 2, the World Championship glory trail started here, at Ladbroke Stadium, Crayford. That's some recommendation.

(FOR TRACKSTAR ANGLIA JUNIOR LEAGUE)

APRIL 20 Peterborough Peterborough 24 MAY Wimbledon

19 Cradley Heath

22 Nottingham JUNE

5 Ipswich 10 Boston

19 Mildenhall 24 Mildenhall King's Lynn 26

JULY 5 Oxford Swindon 10

Swindon Rye House Wimbledon 26

AUGUST Nottingham 8 Ipswich

Cradley Heath 14 King's Lynn 27 28 Boston SEPTEMBER

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Home fixtures shown in bold type August 29 Mildenhall - Trackstar Anglia Junior League Riders' Championship September 29 King's Lynn – Trackstar Anglia Junior League v Allthread Scottish Junior League

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(British Preliminary Round, sponsored by SUNDAY MIRROR)



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programme concluded overleaf

NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 24 at 7.45

CRAYFORD v CANTERBURY

(Kent Cup, second leg)

plus full supporting programme including P & H Coaches Snowball

CRAYFORD COMES ALIVE - NEXT TUESDAY AT 7.45

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STADIUM manager Stan Wolfe presents David Kallend with his hard-won singles darts championship trophy contested for among Supporters' Association members during their winter social programme.

OUT OF LEATHERS



A 1979 team picture of Ladbrokes' Crayford Kestrels as they lined up at the Supporters' Association's recent pre-season dance, left to right: skipper Laurie Etheridge, Alan Sage, promoter Peter Thorogood, Paul Hollingsbee and close-season signings Steve Naylor and Paul Gilbert, with Pete Wigley and John Hooper kneeling in the front row.

The BIG ones

Saturday, July 21 – Halifax
NATIONAL LEAGUE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
1978 winners: John Jackson & Steve Finch (Ellesmere Port)

Sunday, July 29—Peterborough
DUREX NATIONAL FOUR-TEAM TOURNAMENT
1978 winners: Peterborough

Saturday, August 18—Hackney WARNERS' GRAND NATIONAL FINAL 1978 winner: Danny Kennedy (Weymouth)

Saturday, September 29—Wimbledon
GAULOISES NATIONAL LEAGUE RIDERS'
CHAMPIONSHIP
1978 winner: Steve Koppe (Canterbury)

RETROSPECT...

compiled by Bryan Seery

CRAYFORD 'KESTRELS' SCORERS 1978

	(Natio	onal Le	ague	and K	nock	-Out	Cup I	Matche:	s only)			Cal.
	Matches	Rides	1sts	2nds	3rds	Unpl	Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts	Max Full		Match Av.
Laurie Etheridge	42	185	92	55	27	11	413	19	432	7	3	9.34
Alan Sage	42	183	78	55	35	15	379	16	395	5	_	8.63
Alan Johns	42	172	31	42	54	45	231	39	270	2	2	6.28
Pete Wigley	40	138	16	32	38	52	150	29	179	-	1	5.19
Richard Davey	42	142	12	31	49	50	147	37	184	-	-	5.18
Tony Featherston	ie 35	126	21	26	28	51	143	15	158	1	-	5.02
John Hooper	42	121	9	21	40	51	109	23	132	-	-	4.36
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Jack Bibby	3	10	0	2	3	5	7	2	9	-	-	3.60
Tony Garard	4	12	2	1	3	6	11	1	12	_	_	4.00
Gary May	1	2	0	1	1	0	3	1	4	-	-	8.00
Nigel Sparshott	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	-	-	1.33

Sparshott appeared in National League racing for the first time, Featherstone and Garard made their N.L. debuts for Crayford.

LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts						
Home	19	15	1	3	864	612	31						
Away	19	1	1	17	573	907	3						
Totals	38	16	2	20	1437	1519	34						
	Finished tenth out of twenty.												

KNOCK-OUT CUP RECORD

Round 1 - bye

Round 2 - v. Edinburgh A L 38-40;

H W 46-32; Aggregate W 84-72

Round 3 – v. Rye House A L 34-44; H D 39-39; Aggregate L 73-83

INTER-LEAGUE K.O. CUP RECORD Did not compete.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RIDERS' CHAMP. matches.

Laurie Etheridge qualified and scored 7 pts.

SILVER HELMET

No Crayford rider was involved in any Helmet challenge during season 1978.

HEAT BY HEAT (LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY

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5-0 heat win to Cray.	2	-	2
5-1 heat win to Cray.	67	11	78
4-2 heat win to Cray.	47	22	69
3-2 heat win to Cray.	1	1	2
3-3 drawn heat	85	82	167
2-3 heat win to opp.	3	_	3
2-4 heat win to opp.	25	51	76
1-5 heat win to opp.	17	79	96
0-5 heat win to opp.	-	1	1

LEAGUE NOTES

HOME: Boston, Glasgow and Scunthorpe failed to gain any heat advantage when they visited Crayford. Crayford had the majority of the heat winners v. Eastbourne, and as many as nine v. Canterbury, but lost both matches

AWAY: Kestrels didn't manage to provide a single heat winner at Stoke, and didn't manage a heat advantage at Canterbury, Eastbourne or Oxford, Crayford won at Teesside despite providing only five of the thirteen race winners.

MISCELLANEOUS LEAGUE RECORDS

Season 1978	Since Div. 2 started
6	18
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55-23 v Glasgow	62-16 v Berwick
44-34 at Teesside	54-22 at Berwick
32-44 v Rve House	28-50 v Canterbury
20-58 at Eastbourne	15-63 at Rochdale
Etheridge, Sage, Hooper, Johns, Davey	None
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CRAYFORD SPEEDWAY 1979

Fixtures Facts 'n' Figures	RICHARD DAVEY	LAURIE ETHERIDGE	PAUL GILBERT	JOHN HOOPER	STEVE NAYLOR	ALAN SAGE	PETEWIGLEY			CRAYFORD	OPPONENTS	WINNER(S)
Mar 31 A Canterbury (KC 1) Apr 3 H Canterbury (KC 2) Apr 10 H Young Sweden (International Ch) Apr 17 H World Championship (PR) Apr 24 H Canterbury (KC 2) May 1 H Ellesmer Port (NL) May 5 A Canterbury (KC 2) May 1 H Ellesmer Port (NL) May 5 A Canterbury (NATT 1) May 6 A Midenhall (NATT 2) May 7 A Rye House (NATT 1) May 8 H Alf Huguilly (NATT 1) May 8 H Alf Huguilly (NATT 2) May 11 A Workington (NL) May 12 A Stoke (NL) May 15 A Weymouth (NL) May 16 A Stother (NL) May 17 A Stoke (NL) May 18 A Stoke (NL) May 19 A Stoke (NL) May 20 A Middenhall (NL) June 1 A Glaggow (NL) June 1 A Glaggow (NL) June 1 A Glaggow (NL) June 1 A Boston or Edinburgh (NL KOC, round two, 2) June 10 A Middenhall (NL) June 26 H Stoke (NL) June 27 A Middenhall (NL) June 28 H Stoke (NL) June 19 H Middenhall (NL) June 29 H Stoke (NL) July 21 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 22 A Canterbury (NL) July 21 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 24 A Middenhall (NL) July 27 H Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 24 A Middenhall (NL) July 27 H Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 28 A Semishall (NL) July 27 H Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 28 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 29 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 29 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 29 A Reserved for NL KOC, round three July 21 H Betwick (NL) July 31 H Rye House (NL) Sept 10 A Newcastle (NL) Sept 11 H Oxford (NL) Sept 11 H Oxford (NL) Sept 12 A Canterbury (RHT 1) Sept 23 A Reserved Sept 10 A Newcastle (NL) Sept 11 H Oxford (NL) Sept 13 A Reserved Sept 10 A	3:5:0 3:6:1	4:5:1	4:2:0	3:3:1	4:10.0		4:1:0			32 N	46 45 45	Young Sweden

H designates Home Meeting (7.45 pm start), A = Away Meeting
Other abbreviations: Ch = Challenge Match; KC = Kent Cup; KHT = Kent/Herts Trophy; NL = National League; NL KOC = National League Knock-out Cup;
N4TT = Durex National Four-team Tournament; PB = Preliminary Round. Fixture legs are designated 1, 2, 3, etc.

Next Tuesday - April 24 at 7.45 pm

(Kent Cup — second leg)

Featuring Nigel Boocock, Mike Ferreira. Tim Hunt