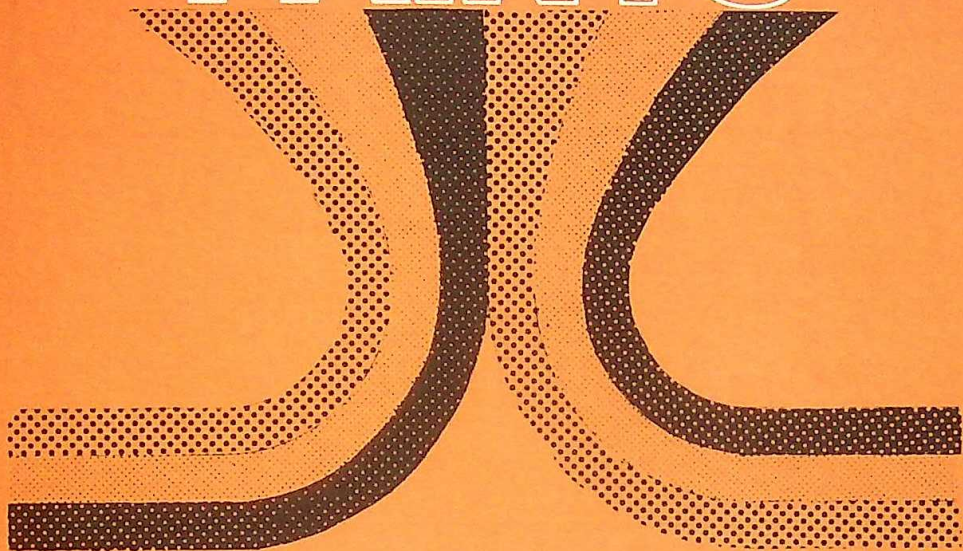


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## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE DUKES DESK

### GOOD EVENING EVERYONE,

Tonight we have the honour of putting on one of the first rounds of the Division One World Championship BERGER Grand Prix, we have also got an excellent line-up for the occasion, we are pleased to welcome Malcolm Simmons, Terry Betts, Reg Wilson, John Titman, Vaclav Verner, Kelly Moran, Craig Pendlebury, John Boulger and the rest of the lads along with our own skipper, Ian, Mike and Mick. We wish them all good luck, we know they will give us a great nights racing.

The English lads in tonight's line-up are fighting a dual battle, not only are they trying to score points to progress forward in the World Championship Trial, but also to get enough Grand Prix points to get into the Grand Prix Final at Wimbledon in August, they do, of course, have three meetings to help them qualify. Skipper Ian's rounds are here tonight, at Hull on Wednesday and Sheffield on Thursday. Mike is here tonight, Birmingham on Monday and Hackney on Friday; Mick also here tonight, Sheffield on Thursday and Wolverhampton on Friday. Tormod Langli our other representative does not have a home meeting as he has had to return to Norway where tomorrow he rides at Sandne's in his World Championship Round. He returns to ride at Hull on Wednesday, Ipswich on Thursday and Wolverhampton on Friday.

Next Saturday we return to GULF LEAGUE ACTION here at the Shay, and what action, we take on GULF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS no less, led by the WORLD CHAMPION, OLE OLSEN. Unfortunately Mike Lohmann has to be away, he has a World Championship Qualifier in DENMARK so we will be using a guest. The "Bees" put one across us last year on the march to the title, this year we are hoping to change that situation. It could be a tremendous battle to do it, but we know that you will be here in strength to back our youngsters all the way.

The Northern Trophy is now almost completed and while we have put up an excellent show we look likely to finish in second place as last year. It looks odds on that Sheffield will win the Trophy this year they have one match to race yet at Belle Vue and only need a reasonable score to make sure. We lost our chance when Sheffield beat us on Easter Saturday but we did complete the double over HULL for the second year running in this competition.

Very soon we take part in the new Four Team Trophy, when our group will include Sheffield, Hull and Newcastle. Besides racing at home we have rounds at the other tracks. Good results in the competition can win us a place in the Semi-Finals and Final which will be run at Sheffield in a full day's racing, something brand new to England.

For many years we have been very proud of the way our supporters conduct themselves both at home and on our travels, unfortunately we have had reports from one or two tracks that a small group of Halifax fans have been using far more foul language than is necessary, we would therefore please ask those people concerned to cool it, there cannot be any call for that kind of behaviour, enjoy your speedway by all means but let's keep the loud mouthed hooliganism of the football kind out of speedway. While the lads in the team appreciate the backing they receive on their travels, they certainly do not condone or encourage the behaviour mentioned above and appeal to those misguided few to belt up and act like normal people.



We have been a bit unlucky with our efforts to fill the number seven slot in the team, first Paul Sheard gets his chance and breaks a collarbone at Belle Vue, then we sign Merv Janke who then has a crash at Glasgow, dislocating his shoulder. We hope that both these lads will soon be fit again, meanwhile we are still on the lookout for more back-up strength to cover for the many problems which can and do sometimes arise.

Our Junior Squad had its first match on Easter Monday and had a creditable draw, whilst the Berwick lads had all ridden as a team last year our team are new to team racing. Their next match is likely to be at Workington on May 11th with a return against the same team here at the Shay on Whit Monday morning.

Its excitement all the way at the Shay and win or lose its the Duke's we choose.

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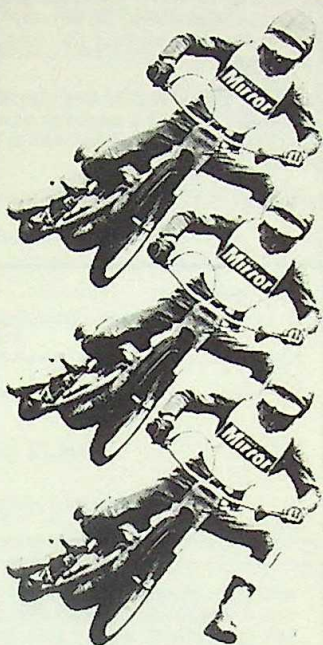
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## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP/GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING ROUNDS ON GBL TRACKS

### a) **World Championship**      **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

After all 18 rounds have been staged the top 32 riders eligible for World Championship participation through the UK rounds will progress to the UK Semi-Finals.

If there is a tie on points for the last qualifying place (or places) heat wins, seconds, etc. will determine precedence.

If there is still a tie a run-off will be arranged.

### b) **Grand Prix**

As usual Grand Prix scoring will be based on finishing points — i.e. the winner of each qualifying round receives 10 GP premium points, second place man receives 9 GP premium points . . . tenth place man receives 1 premium point.

If there is a tie on points, finishing positions will be determined by heat wins, seconds, etc.

If there is still a tie the premium points will be divided.

Race times shall **not** be taken into consideration.

After all 18 rounds have been staged the 16 riders with the highest totals of GP premium points shall contest the Grand Prix Final at Wimbledon on Thursday, August 23rd.

By Mr. Graham Baker

SPEEDWAY COLUMIST DAILY MIRROR

'The Grand Prix lives'. And, indeed, Britain's top individual speedway tournament has emerged from a troubled close season stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Its four years now since the Daily Mirror introduced the Grand Prix with a novel method of points scoring that gave an alternative to the straight forward knock-out principle of world championship racing.

Immediately, the tournament caught the imagination of the public and the top riders in the world.

Already Peter Collins, Ole Olsen and Chris Morton have won the Grand Prix title following three dramatic Finals at White City. This season the Final switches to Wimbledon on August 23rd.

But at one stage during the close season the future of the Grand Prix was most uncertain. Our joint sponsors Volkswagen withdrew after two years.

Happily, the situation was saved when the leading paint manufacturers, Berger decided to fill the vacant sponsorship of the Grand Prix.

Already Berger back soccer's Isthmian League. This is their first speedway venture — and we are delighted to welcome them as co-sponsors of the re-named Berger-Daily Mirror Grand Prix.

The name has changed. But the thrills are the same. And the format that gives the Grand Prix a unique flavour is unaltered.

Putting it simply, the Grand Prix system makes every race count — and yet it allows riders to repair the damage of an occasional slip up or temporary loss of form.

Riders from every Gulf British League club will be involved in three qualifying rounds each. First place in each qualifier will score ten points, second will get nine down to one for tenth.

After totting up the qualifying round points the top sixteen will go through to the Grand Prix Final. Their qualifying points will count towards the Final total.

But even the lowest qualifiers can win overall with a brilliant display at Wimbledon — as Belle Vue's Morton proved last season.

Their qualifying scores will be added to the Final premium points of 50 for first, 45 for second down to five for tenth.

It sounds complicated, I know — but it is the fairest possible way of deciding the top overall rider of the season.

I'm looking forward to the action — and I know that our friends from Berger share the sentiment. I hope you all feel the same way.



# SUNDAY MIRROR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUND

## and the BERGER GRAND PRIX

(IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DAILY MIRROR)

Riders identified by helmet colours: Red, Blue, White, Yellow, Black  
Winner decided on Race Points: 1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point

### RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE-CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Ivan Mauger							9	Derek Richardson						
2	Mike Lohmann							10	Steve Lomas						
3	Kelly Moran							11	Vaclav Verner						
4	Eric Broadbelt							12	Ian Cartwright						
5	Malcolm Simmons							13	Craig Pendlebury						
6	Mick McKeon							14	Brian Havelock						
7	Reg Wilson							15	Terry Betts						
8	John Boulger							16	John Titman						
	Klaus Lohmann (Res.)								Alan Stansfield (Res.)						

HEAT	RIDER	Starting Pos.	Helmet Colour	Points scored	Substitute or Remarks
1 Time	1 Ivan Mauger 2 Mike Lohmann 3 Kelly Moran 4 Eric Broadbelt	1 2 3 4	Hull Halifax Hull Sheffield	Red Blue White Y./B.	
2 Time	5 Malcolm Simmons 7 Reg Wilson 6 Mick McKeon 8 John Boulger	1 2 3 4	Poole Sheffield Halifax Leicester	Red Blue White Y./B.	
3 Time	10 Steve Lomas 11 Vaclav Verner 9 Derek Richardson 12 Ian Cartwright	1 2 3 4	Edinburgh Exeter Glasgow Halifax	Red Blue White Y./B.	
4 Time	15 Terry Betts 14 Brian Havelock 16 John Titman 13 Craig Pendlebury	1 2 3 4	Reading Workington Leicester Sheffield	Red Blue White Y./B.	
* 5 Time	13 Craig Pendlebury 1 Ivan Mauger 5 Malcolm Simmons 9 Derek Richardson	1 2 3 4	Sheffield Hull Poole Glasgow	Red Blue White Y./B.	
6 Time	14 Brian Havelock 10 Steve Lomas 2 Mike Lohmann 6 Mick McKeon	1 2 3 4	Workington Edinburgh Halifax Halifax	Red Blue White Y./B.	
7 Time	11 Vaclav Verner 15 Terry Betts 7 Reg Wilson 3 Kelly Moran	1 2 3 4	Exeter Reading Sheffield Hull	Red Blue White Y./B.	
8 Time	4 Eric Broadbelt 8 John Boulger 12 Ian Cartwright 16 John Titman	1 2 3 4	Sheffield Leicester Halifax Leicester	Red Blue White Y./B.	
* 9 Time	6 Mick McKeon 16 John Titman 1 Ivan Mauger 11 Vaclav Verner	1 2 3 4	Halifax Leicester Hull Exeter	Red Blue White Y./B.	

HEAT	RIDER	Starting Pos.	Helmet Colour	Points scored	Substitute or Remarks
10 Time	12 Ian Cartwright 5 Malcolm Simmons 15 Terry Betts 2 Mike Lohmann	1 2 3 4	Halifax Poole Reading Halifax	Red Blue White Y./B.	
11 Time	8 John Boulger 9 Derek Richardson 3 Kelly Moran 14 Brian Havelock	1 2 3 4	Leicester Glasgow Hull Workington	Red Blue White Y./B.	
12 Time	13 Craig Pendlebury 4 Eric Broadbelt 10 Steve Lomas 7 Reg Wilson	1 2 3 4	Sheffield Sheffield Edinburgh Sheffield	Red Blue White Y./B.	

### INTERVAL

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* 13 Time	7 Reg Wilson 12 Ian Cartwright 14 Brian Havelock 1 Ivan Mauger	1 2 3 4	Sheffield Halifax Workington Hull	Red Blue White Y./B.	
14 Time	2 Mike Lohmann 13 Craig Pendlebury 8 John Boulger 11 Vaclav Verner	1 2 3 4	Halifax Sheffield Leicester Exeter	Red Blue White Y./B.	
15 Time	16 John Titman 3 Kelly Moran 10 Steve Lomas 5 Malcolm Simmons	1 2 3 4	Leicester Hull Edinburgh Poole	Red Blue White Y./B.	
16 Time	9 Derek Richardson 6 Mick McKeon 4 Eric Broadbelt 15 Terry Betts	1 2 3 4	Glasgow Halifax Sheffield Reading	Red Blue White Y./B.	
* 17 Time	1 Ivan Mauger 8 John Boulger 15 Terry Betts 10 Steve Lomas	1 2 3 4	Hull Leicester Reading Edinburgh	Red Blue White Y./B.	
18 Time	9 Derek Richardson 2 Mike Lohmann 7 Reg Wilson 16 John Titman	1 2 3 4	Glasgow Halifax Sheffield Leicester	Red Blue White Y./B.	
19 Time	3 Kelly Moran 12 Ian Cartwright 13 Craig Pendlebury 6 Mick McKeon	1 2 3 4	Hull Halifax Sheffield Halifax	Red Blue White Y./B.	
20 Time	5 Malcolm Simmons 14 Brian Havelock 11 Vaclav Verner 4 Eric Broadbelt	1 2 3 4	Poole Workington Exeter Sheffield	Red Blue White Y./B.	
21 Time				Red Blue White Y./B.	

IN CASE OF A RUN OFF FOR 1st PLACE ONLY



## SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Good Evening Folks,

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter Week of Speedway. I cannot remember having so many meetings that included Halifax in one week before. Our commiserations to Ian Cartwright and Paul Sheard on their nasty spill. We all hope Paul will soon be back with us raring to go again.

People wanting to go to Hull on May 16th please go to the Supporters Club Kiosk at the back of the Main Stand to book their seats on the coach, also for Sheffield on May 24th.

The Weekly Draw had two winners. The number were 23 and 14.

As you all know our announcer Doug Adams had an accident at home and was admitted to the Infirmary with various bones chipped. We wish him a speedy recovery and would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tony Royston for stepping in and doing a fine job of announcing.

It is shameful when supporters from other clubs feel that they have to complain officially about the language of a certain crowd of so-called Halifax Speedway Supporters. If these supporters do not improve their language then the true supporters will have no alternative but to disown this crowd officially.

Sorry my notes have to end in a shameful way but we want to be proud of Halifax Speedway not bow our heads in shame, so we appeal to those misguided few, please moderate your language, you are not representative of normal Halifax Supporters, we like to enjoy our speedway in a nice friendly atmosphere not the abusive loud-mouthed way of those few who we are referring to.

See you next week — Hazel.

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## A MESSAGE FROM BERGER — SPONSORS OF THE SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX

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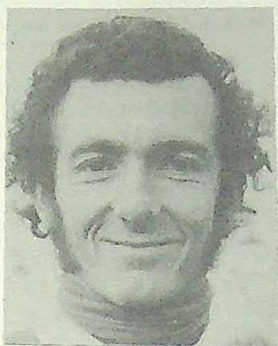
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We, at Berger, look forward to this year's Speedway season with interest and excitement. The qualifying heats and final of the Berger Grand Prix will, we hope, be one of the leading attractions in this year's sporting calendar and we know that it will attract your support and provide a real test of international top riders' skills.

## SOME OF TONIGHT'S LINE UP . . .



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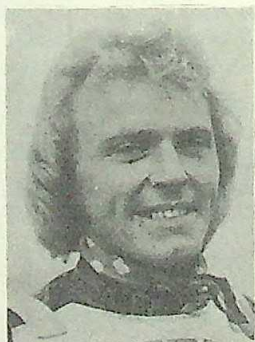
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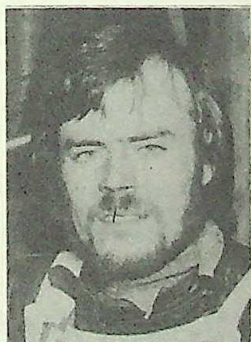
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CRAIG PENDLEBURY



REG WILSON



MIKE LOHMANN



An alarming Heat 9 crash involving Ian Cartwright and Paul Sheard ruined the chances of a well deserved Dukes victory. The accident happened with Ian holding a good lead over Les Collins and tactical substitute Chris Morton. With Ian heading for his third consecutive win he hit a bad part of the track, lost control and hit the fence, his runaway bike hitting Paul. The result was a broken collarbone for Paul and a wrecked bike for Ian. Halifax were already riding under protest over the state of that particular area of the track which had been damaged by a burst water main two days earlier. At the start of that eventful Heat 9 the Dukes were well in control of the match, they had just won the last five heats by 4 - 2 margins and held a 6pt. lead. But when Ian was unable to take his place in Heat 12 the Aces scored the only 5 - 1 heat win of the match to take the lead and a drawn last race saw Belle Vue win their first match of the season. This was a fine team performance by Halifax with the partnership of Kenny and Tormod catching the eye. Mick gave good backing to guest Bobby Beaton and Merv Janke worked hard for his 5pts.

**Scorers:** **Dukes:** B. Beaton 8 + 1, M. McKeon 5 + 1, I. Cartwright 6, K. Carter 8 + 1, T. Langli 4 + 1, P. Sheard 1, M. Janke 5. Total 37 pts.

**Aces:** P. Collins 11, A. Haley 1, C. Morton 13, E. Sova 2 + 1, L. Collins 7 + 1, K. Bloxsome 1, R. Maxfield 5. Total 40 pts.

## 20th APRIL

## WOLVERHAMPTON

G.B.L. — Wolverhampton 43

Halifax 35

In the Duke's first away league match of the season the Wolves triumphed by 43 - 35 a score-line which tends to flatter Wolverhampton, for Halifax were very good value throughout the match. Wolves found a match-winner in reserve Hasse Danielsson. The young Swedish rider took 5 rides and scored 11 pts. After losing the first two heats the Dukes soon hit back and by Heat 5 they were 2 pts in the lead thanks to maximum heat wins from Tormod and Kenny and Mike and Mick. A fine piece of riding in Heat 6 saw Ian go past both Hans Nielsen and Bruce Cribb on the first bend of lap one and Kenny silenced the Wolves fans in the next race when he streaked ahead of Dave Morton and Danielsson to record another win. Heat 8 saw Danielsson's second win of the evening and with Bruce Cribb in second place the Wolves regained the lead which they were to keep to the end. In probably the best race of the night Edgar Strangeland and Jim McMillan scored a 4 - 2 win over Ian with only a matter of feet separating all three riders throughout the race. In the next race after a clash with Wolves number one Nielsen on the first bend, Kenny crashed into the fence. With everyone expecting a re-run the race was allowed to continue with Tormod winning easily. With Mike winning Heat 11 the scores stood at 35 - 31 in the Wolves favour. Heat 12 found Ian unable to split the team riding of Nielsen and Danielsson who recorded a 5 - 1 heat win to give Wolves the league points. The last race saw the only overtake of the match when Mike passed McMillan on the second lap to win Heat 13.

**Scorers:** **Dukes:** M. Lohmann 11, M. McKeon 3 + 1, I. Cartwright 8, K. Carter 5 + 1, T. Langli 6, I. Robertson 0, K. Lohmann 2 + 1. Total 35 pts.

**Wolves:** H. Nielsen 10, B. Cribb 5 + 3, D. Morton 7 + 2, T. Skretting 0, J. McMillan 5, E. Stangeland 5 + 1, H. Danielsson 11 + 2. Total 43 pts.

## THE NORTHERN TROPHY

by Terry Warren

## HOME

## AWAY

	Sheff.	B.V.	Hull	Ave.	Sheff.	B.V.	Hull	Ave.	Total Ave.
Ian Cartwright	12	9	11	9 - 85	11 + 1	6	9	9 - 00	9 - 44
Mike Lohmann	—	10 + 1	7 + 2	10 - 00	10 + 1	—	8 + 1	8 - 89	9 - 41
Mick McKeon	1	8 + 2	9 + 2	8 - 00	2 + 1	5 + 1	7 + 1	6 - 18	7 - 09
Tormod Langli	6 + 1	6 + 1	8 + 2	7 - 38	8 + 1	4 + 1	8	6 - 77	7 - 08
Kenny Carter	2 + 1	6 + 2	8 + 1	6 - 67	1	8 + 1	5 + 2	6 - 18	6 - 43
Graham Plant	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 + 1	5 - 33	5 - 33
Klaus Lohmann	—	—	4	5 - 33	3 + 1	—	2	4 - 00	4 - 44
Merv Janke	2	3 + 1	—	4 - 80	—	5	—	4 - 00	4 - 40
Steve Wilcock	—	2 + 1	0	2 - 00	—	—	—	—	2 - 00
Paul Sheard	0	—	—	0 - 00	0	1	—	1 - 00	0 - 66
Bobby Beaton	10 + 1	—	—	8 - 80	—	8 + 1	—	9 - 00	8 - 89
(Guest)									

Last Saturday saw the completion of the Halifax fixyures in the Northern Trophy. The above table shows the individual scores of each rider along with their home and away averages.

The destination of the Trophy will be decided on May 12th when Sheffield visit Belle Vue in the last match of the competition.



Everyone gets despondent at times; even speedway riders who portray an image of having nerves of steel on the track but off it have feelings like the rest of us. Take as an example two former King's Lynn team-mates who are here tonight in different colours, for midweek tracks enabling them to make more Shay appearances these days.

Both Terry Betts and Malcolm Simmons, who are among a dwindling band of riders to have served throughout the 15 years of the British League, talked of quitting the sport this year. But both are popular personalities with many followers in speedway who will be delighted that they decided to keep on racing and provide the experience from which the up and comers can profit by studying their styles and listening to their advice.

Simmons was ready to announce his retirement as recently as last week after a disastrous run of mechanical problems. He had breakdowns in five meetings on the trot and as any rider knows if engines are not going well confidence starts to slip, and half the battle in speedway is psychological. For if a rider knows his equipment is right and will not let him down, he can relax and concentrate on his racing.

And it should be a determined Simmons too. For he will be out to show the up and coming breed of riders that he still possesses the class and know-how which brings top placings at major events and a slice of the big bookings and prize money at home and abroad. Competition is such these days that no rider can live on past reputation with so much depending on current results.

Simmons, British Champion in 1976 and runner-up in the World Final of the same year in Poland, has helped England to win the World Pairs in the last three seasons. And after crashing out of the 1977 World Championship in the British Final at Coventry, he was back at Wembley in the World Final last year with 10 points from five second places to net sixth place.

Betty's case is different for after all his years of loyal service at King's Lynn he found that under the East Anglian club's rebuilding plans he was no longer required to fill his same role. He was offered a position as rider-coach which in effect meant becoming a number eight rider and stepping up in emergency situations. With the big money capture of Dave Jessup from Reading to link up with British Champion for the last two years, Michael Lee, it quickly became clear that an era was ending for Betts.

He considered the situation carefully and understandably was not too happy and with an eye on his future as a businessman, retirement became a possibility as he had become a one-club British League man and was not overjoyed about making a fresh start. Then Reading stepped in with an offer which he found tempting, as riding for a Monday night track would work in well with his other commitments. So the Racers kept in the sport a rider who might otherwise have been lost, and there is a big enough shortage of skilful British men without any more talent disappearing from the scene.

A change can be as good as a rest, of course, and a change of track can often benefit a rider in more ways than one. Perhaps Betty will show everyone that his magic is still there with another good run in the World Championship and Grand Prix. Last season, the England selectors showed how highly he is still thought of by recalling him to lead a makeshift England team against Australasia at Hull when the Test coincided with the rearranged British Final of the World Championship. It was decided to go ahead with the Test, which marked the full international debut of Dukes skipper, Ian Cartwright, because of the amount of sponsorship involved and the difficulty in getting everyone together again.

Northern Riders Champion, Reg Wilson won the Autumn Classic at the Shay last October and led Sheffield to their 12 point victory at the Shay a fortnight ago so he is again going to be in the chase for the top spot and progress on the World Championship trail. Ian Cartwright needs World Championship points tonight, too, as he attempts to make up for last season's disappointment when a seized engine at Sheffield ended his chance of a first British Final appearance.

Mike Lohmann and Mick McKeon are, of course, concerned with getting Grand Prix premium points along with Czech, Vaclav Verner, Hull's American spectacle merchant Kelly Moran and Craig Pendlebury, who wants points in both competitions. Unfortunately Tormod Langli has to take his three Grand Prix meetings on away tracks because he is in Norway this weekend for his World Championship qualifier.

Langli will want to be free of bike problems next week for he has his meetings on successive nights — at Hull on Wednesday, Ipswich Thursday and Wolverhampton Friday. And for anyone wanting to follow the Dukes in Northern meetings, Cartwright is also at Hull and Sheffield and McKeon is at Sheffield too.



# HALIFAX SPEEDWAY FIXTURES - 1979 SEASON

## Gulf British League

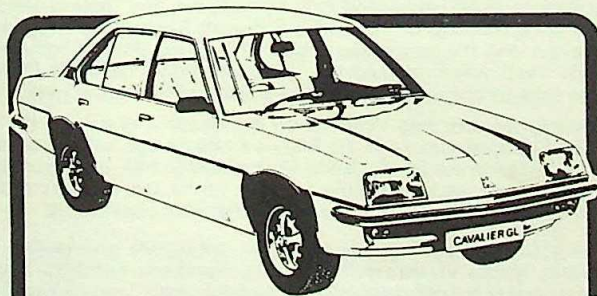
KEY: Northern Trophy : BL Gulf British League : SC Speedway Star Cup  
GP Grand Prix World Championship : YC Yorkshire Cup  
ALL HOME MATCHES COMMENCE 7.30 p.m. (\*\*11.30) (\*\* 6.00)

				F	A
W	Mar 28	-Hull	NT	A	42 - 36
S	Mar 31	-Cradley H	BL	H	46 - 31
Th	Apr 5	-Sheffield	NT	A	35 - 43
S	Apr 7	-Wimbledon	BL	H	Postponed
S	Apr 14	-Sheffield	NT	H	33 - 45
M	Apr 16	-Belle Vue	NT	H	44 - 34
M	Apr 16	-Belle Vue	NT	A	37 - 40
F	Apr 20	-W Hampton	BL	A	35 - 43
S	Apr 21	-Hull	NT	H	47 - 31
S	Apr 28	-World Championship			
		Grand Prix QR			H
S	May 5	-Coventry	BL	H	
M	May 7	-King's Lynn			
		(11.00 am)			
S	May 12	-Birmingham	BL	A	
W	May 16	-Hull (4 Team)			A
S	May 19	-Four Team (v Hull			
		Sheff d. N/cl)			H
Th	May 24	-Sheffield (4 Team)			A
S	May 26	-Swindon	BL	A	
M	May 28	-Sheffield(Chal			H
T	May 29	-Leicester	BL	A	
Fri	June 1	-Eastbourne	BL	A	
S	June 2	-Dews Trophy			H
S	June 9	-Hackney (KO Cup)			H
M	June 11	-N/Castle (4 team)			A
F	June 15	-Hackney (KO Cup)			A
S	June 16	-Hull	BL	H	
M	June 18	-England v Denmark			H
S	June 23	-Belle Vue	BL	H	
S	June 30	-Ipswich	BL	H	

				F	A
S	July 7	-Exeter	BL	H	
M	July 9	-Exeter	BL	A	
Th	July 12	-Ipswich	BL	A	
S	July 14	-Res (KO Cup)			H
S	July 21	-Coventry	BL	A	
		Nat League Pairs			H
S	July 28	-Swindon	BL	H	
S	Aug. 4	-W Hampton	BL	H	
S	Aug 11	-Kings Lynn	BL	H	
M	Aug. 13	-England v Australasia			
		Durex Test Match			H
S	Aug. 18	-Poole	BL	H	
W	Aug 22	-Poole	BL	A	
S	Aug 25	-Belle Vue	BL	A	
M	Aug. 27	-Belle Vue (Warburtons			
		Team Challenge			H
Th	Aug. 30	-Sheffield	BL	A	
F	Aug 31	-Hackney	BL	A	
S	Sept. 1	-Hackney	BL	H	
W	Sept 5	-Hull	BL	A	
S	Sept 8	-Reading	BL	H	
S	Sept 15	-Leicester	BL	H	
M	Sept 17	-Birmingham	BL	A	
S	Sept 22	-Sheffield	BL	H	
Th	Sept 27	-Wimbledon	BL	A	
S	Sept 29	-Open Meeting			H
S	Oct. 6	-Cradley H.	BL	A	
Su	Oct 7	-Cradley H (Chal **)			H
S	Oct 13	-Open Meeting			H
M	Oct 15	-Reading	BL	A	
Su	Oct 21	-Autumn Cl **			H
S	Oct. 27	-Daily Mirror			
		Northern Fours			H

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