

NOTTINGHAM SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL
LEAGUE



SUNDAY MIRROR
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
QUALIFYING ROUND

OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME

6th Meeting
2nd Season
Wednesday 9th April, 1980
7.30 p.m. Start

20p

OUTLAWS

NOTTINGHAM SPEEDWAY

The Long Eaton Stadium,
Station Road, Long Eaton,
Nottingham.

Tel: 2693 or 61582

Held under the Regulations of the
Speedway Control Board.
promoter:

DAN McCORMICK

general manager:

BOB GRIFFIN

team manager:

NORMAN STORER

A. C. U. referee:

J. EGGLESE

clerk of the course:

RON KAYE

announcer/

S. C. B. timekeeper:

MAURICE JONES

start marshall:

TODD AITKEN

machine examiner:

JOHN LYON

medical officers:

DR. G. BHATIA

DR. HARRIS

St. John Ambulance Brigade

in attendance.

Track length 367 yards

Track Licence Issued

Track Record:

Mike Sampson

64.8

(4.8.79)



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Sunday Mirror World Championship Qualifying Round

An eleventh-hour request from the BSPA has resulted in tonight's 'Sunday Mirror' World Championship Qualifying Round. It appears that Scunthorpe were unable to stage their round in the series last Monday, and so we were asked if Nottingham could present the meeting, which if it were not permitted to be put on here, would no doubt cause great confusion with the next rounds on BL tracks.

Being ever helpful, we decided that we would make the effort, provided that our Ellesmere Port friends had no objection. They hadn't, so here we are. The funny thing is that at the Conference last year, Dan and I talked about having a World Championship Round here at Station Road, but decided to opt out this year. In all honesty, the quality of the entertainment leaves something to be desired in most of these meetings, but after seeing tonight's line-up, I am astounded at the talent that appears here this evening.

Dave Morton and Bruce Cribb from Wolverhampton, will obviously make the fur fly in their attempt to get to the next stage of the competition, and if it were not for the likes of Dave Perks, Les Rumsey Brian Havelock and I could go on naming the star riders, they might just do that, but by jimmy they'll know they have been in a fight. I know one thing - I couldn't afford to book all these riders in for a meeting AT ONE TIME.

I hope that our attendance matches the excellence of the riding we shall no doubt witness tonight. All available adverts have been notified of the change of programme, and I have given prior notice of the riders appearing, so lets hope you are here in your thousands, making the old stadium ring to your cheers and shouts. Welcome to all our visitors, whoever they may support.

I trust that you will enjoy yourselves in our company, and have a safe journey home afterwards.

From the 'OUTLAWS' HIDE-OUT



with Bob Griffin

One thing that pleases me is the fact that, so far, we do not have any idiotic regulations in the National League. Certainly nothing quite so stupid as the '50 point' rule operating in the British League, and one that many of the promoters dislike, whatever the 'powers that be' say about the matter. You will all have read something about it, so I won't go into details, but it does illustrate the way in which promoters tend to tie themselves into knots with their own unfortunate ideas, and in turn wreck their own attempts at salvation.

In the National League, we have avoided this kind of pitfall but if some of the payments to riders I have heard mentioned are in any way true, then surely we are heading for financial suicide - and quick.

No sensible person would deny that the riders earn every penny they get, but their must be limits, set by the number of people who come through the turnstiles. In this league, the majority of the money comes out of the pockets of like you, of ordinary people coming in through the gate every week, and if we start to pay out more than comes in, we're in trouble. If only speedway attracted the sort of crowds that it deserved, then we'd all be happy, both rider and promoter, but until we reach that happy state, and I doubt we will, the situation must be governed by the amount of cash available. Now if every one of you out there brought another friend with them every week, we could soon reach that state of paradise, so you see, it really is up to you after all, whether speedway flourishes or slowly fades away. The choice is yours!

Young Terry Freeman did not have a very happy start to the season, landing up in hospital in Oxford with a broken leg. He can be found at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Ward C, Room 6, and anything you can do to help pass the time away, will be gratefully received by young Terry. He hopes to be sent home to Rugby in a few weeks time, but would appreciate any comfort you can give in the meantime. His first thoughts were that his place in the 'Outlaws' would be lost, but I have assured him that a place will be waiting for him on his return, hopefully around the end of June.

Some of you will wonder why Mark Williams was not included in the team on his return from Australia, but young Mark did not get in touch with us immediately he arrived, with the result that Dan collared another youngster from Sheffield by the name of Brett Saunders, who rode for us at Ellesmere Port last month. Mark is safely back in the fold now, whilst Brett is with Berwick, the deal

with Sheffield has apparently been 'gasumped' by those naught Berwick people. You just can't rely on anything these days!

I should like to reinforce the announcement made by Maurice Jones a week or so ago, regarding record requests. The Announcer's Box is strictly out of bounds to everyone, so if you do require a record playing during the meeting, please make sure that you leave your request in the Speedway Office at the rear of the Stand, BEFORE the meeting. Similarly, if you have an urgent message for someone in the crowd, then give this to the office staff, who will ensure that it is passed on to the announcer. Remember now - NO ladder climbing, for your sakes and our peace of mind.

At this stage of the season, we are thinking ahead to the Nigel Wasley Memorial Meeting that we wish to hold later on in the year. Obviously we want to make this a meeting to be remembered, and to this end are looking for sponsorship of all kinds, so that as much money can be raised as possible. ANY contribution will be gratefully received, because the less expense to the promotion means more to the fund, so please come forward and either see me during the meeting, or write or phone me at home. The address is on the back page of this programme.

Don't forget that there is no meeting here at Station Road - the Stock Cars take over this week. Our next home meeting is on Saturday April 19th at 7.45 p.m. when we entertain Boston in a National League - our first of the season. They have already dealt very severely with several opponents, and will be a tough nut to crack. Still, we managed the job last season, hopefully we can repeat the dose again in 1980. The 'Outlaws' are of course, away at Berwick on this coming Saturday, 12th April, and then at Milton Keynes on the following Tuesday, 15th April, when I hope to see most of you there. Berwick are pretty strong at home, and to win there would certainly be a feather in our cap, but Milton Keynes is a different kettle of fish. The track is fair to all, and whenever we ride there, it's always a fight to see who gets the points. Promoter Ron Wilson must get some of the finest racing in the league - after Nottingham, 'naturally'.



SUNDAY MIRROR

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — QUALIFYING ROUND

Wednesday 9th April, 1980

4 LAPS CLUTCH START

Winner decided on Race points: 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1.
Riders are identified by Numbers and Riding Colours.
Starting positions are indicated by helmet colours.

HEAT	RIDER	Substitute	Col	Points	
1	1 Sean Willmott		R	2	1st
69.0	2 Les Rumsey		B	0	2nd
Time	3 Steve Lawson		W	1	3rd
	4 Kevin Hawkins		Y	3	
2	5 Alan Emerson		R	3	1st
69.7	7 Graham Jones		B	EF	2nd
Time	6 Keith White		W	2	3rd
	8 Dave Trownson		Y	1	
3	10 Paul Woods		R	1	1st
68.6	11 Dave Perks		B	3	2nd
Time	9 Dave Morton		W	2	3rd
	12 Bruce Cribb		Y	0	
4	15 Arthur Browning		R	3	1st
69.1	14 George Hunter		B	2	2nd
Time	16 Ian Hindle		W	0	3rd
	13 Brian Havelock	TURNER	Y	1	
5	13 Brian Havelock	TURNER	R	2	1st
68.8	1 Sean Willmott		B	0	2nd
Time	5 Alan Emerson		W	1	3rd
	9 Dave Morton		Y	3	
6	14 George Hunter		R	2	1st
68.7	10 Paul Woods		B	3	2nd
Time	2 Les Rumsey		W	0	3rd
	6 Keith White		Y	1	
7	11 Dave Perks		R	3	1st
69.4	15 Arthur Browning		B	1	2nd
Time	7 Graham Jones (EX 2M)	HOMER	W	0	3rd
	3 Steve Lawson		Y	2	
8	4 Kevin Hawkins		R	3	1st
69.9	8 Dave Trownson		B	1	2nd
Time	12 Bruce Cribb		W	2	3rd
	16 Ian Hindle		Y	0	
9	6 Keith White		R	0	1st
69.8	16 Ian Hindle		B	2	2nd
Time	1 Sean Willmott		W	1	3rd
	11 Dave Perks		Y	3	
10	12 Bruce Cribb		R	3	1st
70.3	5 Alan Emerson		B	EF	2nd
Time	15 Arthur Browning		W	2	3rd
	2 Les Rumsey		Y	1	
11	8 Dave Trownson		R	EF	1st
69.3	9 Dave Morton		B	3	2nd
Time	3 Steve Lawson		W	2	3rd
	14 George Hunter		Y	1	
12	13 Brian Havelock	TURNER	R	1	1st
69.3	4 Kevin Hawkins		B	3	2nd
Time	10 Paul Woods		W	2	3rd
	7 Graham Jones		Y	0	

INTERVAL

13	7 Graham Jones	HOMER	R	0	1st
68.6	12 Bruce Cribb		B	3	2nd
Time	14 George Hunter		W	1	3rd
	1 Sean Willmott		Y	2	
14	2 Les Rumsey	FEATHERBY	R	2	1st
69.7	13 Brian Havelock	TURNER	B	1	2nd
Time	8 Dave Trownson		W	0	3rd
	11 Dave Perks		Y	3	
15	16 Ian Hindle		R	1	1st
69.9	3 Steve Lawson		B	0	2nd
Time	10 Paul Woods		W	3	3rd
	5 Alan Emerson		Y	2	
16	9 Dave Morton	FEATHERBY	R	3	1st
69.3	6 Keith White		B	2	2nd
Time	4 Kevin Hawkins		W	F	3rd
	15 Arthur Browning		Y	1	
17	1 Sean Willmott	HOMER	R	2	1st
69.6	8 Dave Trownson		B	0	2nd
Time	15 Arthur Browning		W	1	3rd
	10 Paul Woods		Y	3	
18	9 Dave Morton	FEATHERBY	R	3	1st
69.8	2 Les Rumsey	HOMER	B	2	2nd
Time	7 Graham Jones		W	0	3rd
	16 Ian Hindle		Y	1	
19	3 Steve Lawson		R	2	1st
69.4	12 Bruce Cribb		B	1	2nd
Time	13 Brian Havelock	TURNER	W	3	3rd
	6 Keith White	HOMER	Y	EF	
20	5 Alan Emerson		R	1	1st
69.7	14 George Hunter		B	ret	2nd
Time	11 Dave Perks		W	3	3rd
	4 Kevin Hawkins		Y	2	

RUN OFF IF NECESSARY

21		R		1st
		B		2nd
		W		3rd
Time		Y		

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

Rider	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totl	Rider	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totl
1. S. WILMOTT Hackney	2	0	1	2	2		7	9. D. MORTON Wolverhampton	2	3	3	3	3		14
2. L. RUMSEY Crayford	0	0	1	-	-		1	10. P. WOODS Crayford	1	3	2	3	3		12
3. S. LAWSON Glasgow	1	2	2	0	2		7	11. D. PERKS Oxford	3	3	3	3	3		15
4. K. HAWKINS Coventry	3	3	3	F	2		11	12. B. CRIBB Wolverhampton	0	2	3	3	1		9
5. A. EMERSON Glasgow	3	1	E	2	1		7	13. B. HAVELOCK Workington C. Turner	1	2	1	1	3		8
6. K. WHITE Hackney	2	1	0	-	-		3	14. G. HUNTER Edinburgh	2	2	1	1	R		6
7. G. JONES Berwick	E	M	0	-	-		0	15. A. BROWNING Scunthorpe	3	1	2	1	1		8
8. D. TROWNSON Edinburgh	1	1	E	0	-		2	16. I. HINDLE Workington	0	0	2	1	1		4
Res: C. Featherby	2	2	2				6	Res: J. Homer	0	0	0	0	E		0

Tonight we stage the 1st meeting of the World Championship. This is the 1st step on the road to the Final at Gothenburg later this year. Here are a few facts about —

WORLD SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

DID YOU KNOW?

*by Maurice Jones
(author of World Speedway Final)*

Bluey Wilkinson retired after winning the World Championship in 1938 to become a promoter at Sheffield, he had considered promoting at Ipswich, his great friend Max Grosskreutz was riding at Norwich at the time and Bluey felt that if he was in trouble it would be nearer to look for help.

Although there were five Australian riders in the 1949 World Final at Wembley, Aub Lawson was the only Aussie to win a race on the night.

In 1954 Ken McKinlay, Tony Lewis, Jim Gregory and Reg Morgan all had to race their Qualifying Rounds on the Continent.

Jim Boyd won the Walthamstow qualifying round for THREE consecutive years and never progressed beyond the next round.

On the day of the 1936 World Final at Wembley the B.B.C. Radio announced that the meeting had been cancelled, this error was put right with regular 15 minute announcements throughout the rest of the day.

Tommy Price the Wembley heat leader was not seeded into the Championship Round in 1949, he had to qualify through the Second Division Round, he did so and went on to win the title after 5 meetings.

The first Continental rider to gain a place in the World Final was Morian Hansen, the Danish rider achieved this in 1936 and 1937.

The next Continental to be included in a World Final was Dan Forsberg in 1952, Dan turned in some useful performances for Birmingham in those far off days.

Sverre Harfeldt is the only Norwegian to have finished in the first three in a World Final, this in 1966 when he was runner up, he may well have gone on to either repeat or improve on that performance but for a very serious injury in a later European Final.

Jimmy Gooch one of the famous Wembley Lions in the 50's had to wait until 1965 before he could ride in the World Final on his "home track", Wembley had long since been closed for league racing and spectacular Jimmy Gooch had travelled around a few teams in the meanwhile.

Two Irish riders who rode for First Division league teams and never made the World Final were the late Eric French and Dom Perry, they were both heat leaders for New Cross and Wimbledon respectively, Eric French moved on to Wembley when New Cross closed down in the 50's.

Prior to the first official World Championship at Wembley in 1936, there were many meetings labelled, as such, two of these were staged at the Buffalo Stadium in Paris, one in 1931 and the other in 1933, they were of course never recognised by the ruling body of the day.

Jack Geran, the Australian rider is the only rider to have taken a point of Briggs during his four title winning finals, (1957) and this in fact, is his only winning ride in World Finals.

Unlucky 13, so say some it is incredible to see that number 13 is not so unlucky on World Final night, three riders have won the title wearing No. 13, they are: Bluey Wilkinson (1938), Tommy Price (1949) and Ronnie Moore (1959). The late Jack Biggs was wearing No. 13 in 1951 when he should have won, maybe there is some grounds for suspicion after all.

In 33 finals, the lucky riding numbers are 2, 6, 10 and 14 each of these riding numbers has won the title four times. Numbers 11 and 13 have been the winners on three occasions, numbers 4, 7 and 16 twice and the following have each been worn once, 1, 5, 8, 9, 12 and 15.

This leaves us with number 3 as the unlucky number as far as the World Championship is concerned, no rider wearing either of those numbers on their back has won the title.

Gordon Kennett is the only White City rider to gain a placing and this is likely to remain a record.

Ole Olsen's third place in 1977 gave Coventry a placing for the first time in World Finals and his subsequent win in 1978 gave them their first World Champion.

Scott Autrey was the first post-war American to gain a place in the first three when he finished 3rd in 1978. Forty years earlier, in 1938, Jack Milne and Wilbur Lamoreaux were the last Americans to gain major placings.

Of the 17 nations who have contested the World Championship since 1936 England are the only country to have had a rider in every final.

Poland have been represented every year since 1959 with the exception of 1963. Strange as it may seem the English reserve in that season was the late Tadeusz Toedorowicz who was a naturalised British subject after deciding to stay in Britain after a Polish tour of which he was one of their riders.



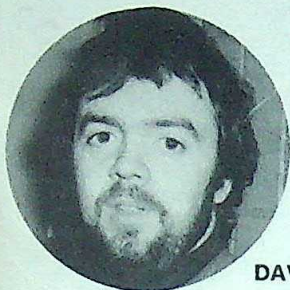
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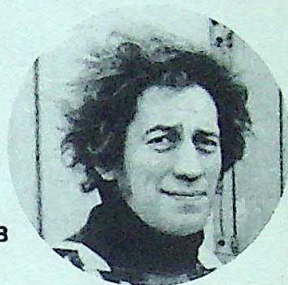
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Sat	15 Mar	Oxford/P'borough	(3TT)
Wed	26 Mar	Rye House	(CH)
Thu	3 April	Italy	(INT)
Mon	7 April	Stoke (11 a.m.)	(TT)
Wed	9 April	Ellesmere port	(CH)
Sat	12 April	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	19 April	Boston	(NL)
Sat	26 April	Oxford	(NL)
Sat	3 May	Edinburgh	(NL)
Mon	5 May	Open (11 a.m.)	
Wed	7 May	N. L. Select	
Sat	10 May	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	17 May	Weymouth	(NL)
Sat	24 May	W'ton/Stoke/E.Port	(4TT)
Mon	26 May	Open (11 a.m.)	
Wed	28 May	Open	
Sat	31 May	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	7 June	Newcastle	(NL)
Sat	14 June	Glasgow	(NL)
Wed	18 June	Open	
Sat	21 June	No Meeting(K Lynn)	(NM)
Sat	28 June	Crayford	(NL)
Sat	5 July	Reserved	(KOC)
Wed	9 July	Cradley Heath	(ILC)
Sat	12 July	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	19 July	Stoke	(NL)
Sat	26 July	Workington	(NL)
Sat	2 Aug	Exeter	(NL)
Wed	6 Aug	Canterbury	(NL)
Sat	9 Aug	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	16 Aug	Mildenhall	(NL)
Sat	23 Aug	Middlesbrough	(NL)
Mon	25 Aug	Oxford (11 a.m.)	(CH)
Sat	30 Aug	Rye House	(NL)
Sat	6 Sept	Ellesmere port	(NL)
Wed	10 Sept	Berwick	(NL)
Sat	13 Sept	Stock Car Racing	(SC)
Sat	20 Sept	Milton Keynes	(NL)

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AWAY FIXTURES

Thu	20 Mar	Oxford	(3TT)
Fri	28 Mar	Ellesmere Port	(CH)
Sun	30 Mar	Stoke	(TT)
Sat	12 April	Berwick	(NL)
Tue	15 April	Milton Keynes	(NL)
Tue	29 April	Crayford	(NL)
Thu	1 May	Oxford	(NL)
Fri	23 May	Workington	(4TT)
Sun	25 May	Ellesmere Port	(4TT)
Mon	26 May	Stoke	(4TT)
Fri	30 May	Ellesmere Port	(NL)
Sun	1 June	Mildenhall	(KOC/NL)
Fri	13 June	Glasgow	(NL)
Mon	16 June	Newcastle	(NL)
Fri	18 July	Peterborough	(NL)
Sun	20 July	Rye House	(KOC/NL)
Sun	3 Aug	Boston	(NL)
Sat	9 Aug	Canterbury	(NL)
Mon	18 Aug	Scunthorpe	(NL)
Mon	25 Aug	Stoke (7.45 p.m.)	(NL)
Mon	8 Sept	Exeter	(NL)
Tue	9 Sept	Weymouth	(NL)
Fri	12 Sept	Workington	(NL)
Thu	18 Sept	Middlesbrough	(NL)
Fri	19 Sept	Edinburgh	(NL)
Sun	5 Oct	M'Hall/R.House(Res)	(NL)

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