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TOO GOOD TERRITORY

Good evening everyone and welcome to Swindon Speedway.
Firstly, I would like to say that I was saddened to learn of the sudden death of Swindon supporters stalwart Paul Doble. The news arrived too late for me to include in last weeks programme, and so we are including a tribute in tonights issue. I would like to offer my condolences to Pauls family at this sad time.
Last Thursday was another good night for the Robins, but as is usual, the away team enjoyed our track. Bonus points are not easy to win most times but if this produces good racing we cannot have it both ways. After such a tremendous away win down at Exeter on Bank Holiday Monday, it was good to take all five points from the two matches. I hope that we get as many young faces through the turnstiles over the coming weeks until our next Kids For Free matches. The children certainly help make a great atmosphere. Also, you proved again, the paragraph that I wrote in my notes last week, that so many of you stay on to watch the second-half racing that you are doing Swindon Speedway proud. Who knows, lets hope that you are watching Swindons future.
Once again Speedy Space kindly came forward after the programme was printed, to offer to sponsor the Man of the Match award. Many thanks to Phil and Alison Hall, and also to Neil Ward for their generous offer, knowing

that there would be no programme publicity for their selves. It was a case of double deja vous, for they chose Paul Fry again too! The Fryer scored an amazing 15-point maximum, so well done to him!
Tonight we welcome Godfrey Spargo and Peter Dearing and their Trelawny Tigers to Blunston. There will be team members from this opposition out prove a point, especially those who have ridden for us in the past. Steve is a regular at Swindon on a Thursday night and it will be good to see him on the track, and I know that you enjoy watching him too. The Impact Robins will have to fight hard for every point tonight, for Trelawny look the favourites in our Premier Trophy table at the moment. We really need to win this match, and by quite a substantial margin, for the bonus point with Trelawny could be the difference between us, or them, reaching the semi-final!
Tonights Man of the Match award is to be sponsored by Belmont Electrical Services. Thank you to Proprietor David Hyland. The company are having a corporate hospitality party in the Patrons Club lounge and I hope that they have a great time. Hopefully the Impact Robins will all shine this evening and that David and his company have a hard choice of who to pick!
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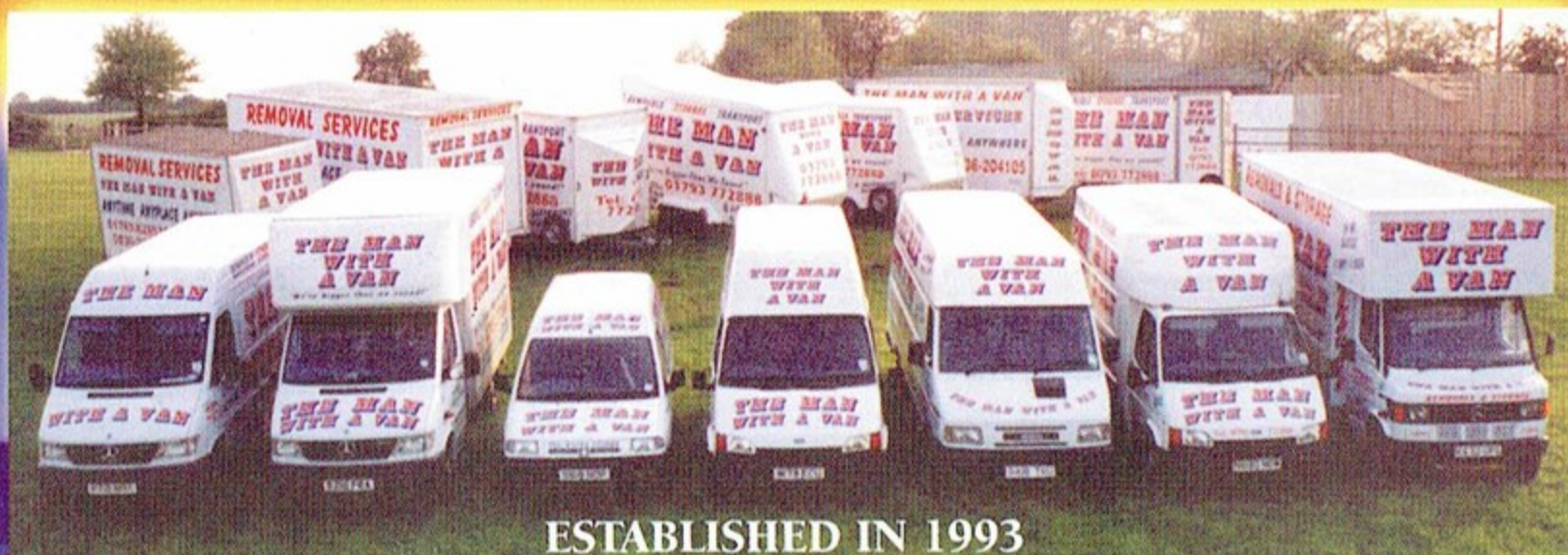


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Tonight we face another intriguing Premier Trophy battle here at the Abbey as we bid welcome to those men of Cornwall, the Trelawny JAG Tigers.

And whilst it's ourselves who top the Western section of the competition as we go to press, the St.Austell-based Tigers are right on our tails four points behind with two matches in hand. Yes they've made a cracking start to the season and will certainly fancy their chances of doing well here tonight and we feel sure that their will be no repeat of the 68-22 victory we recorded in last year's corresponding match. Make no mistake, the JAG Tigers pose a huge threat to our unbeaten home record so the Impact Robins will need to be at their very best to see off their challenge.

They've certainly consolidated during the close season following a somewhat tough at times initial season in the premier League. And their management have shown, as they did throughout 2001, that they are not afraid to make changes in order to bring on-track success to the fans who attend their quite unique venue at the Clay Country Moto Parc.

Four riders from the septet that ended last season have departed the Trelawny scene, those being veteran Mark Courtney (now with Rye House), Kenny Olsson (with Glasgow in 2002), Australian Brett Woodfield (who failed to qualify for a new work permit) and Graeme Gordon who is seemingly destined to ride in the Conference League with the revamped Wimbledon operation.

Those riders retained from 2001 begin with teenager Chris Harris who's Cornish born and bred. Unfortunately a wrist injury kept him sidelined for a lengthy spell last year but the 19 year old is back to full fitness, scoring good points and doubling up with Peterborough in the Elite

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Former Czech Under 21 Champion Pavel Ondrasik, now aged 26, had a good initial season in the UK last year although he, like Harris was hampered at times by injury and he is rejoined in the Tigers lair by fellow Czech Richard Wolff who showed real glimpses of what the Trelawny management hope is to come last year. He got the nod over Kenny Olsson who has joined Glasgow when the trelawny management were faced with the dilemma as to which of the two to retain. And also back this year is 28 year old local rider Simon Phillips who's made steady progress since beginning his career in he Conference League.

And so to this season's trio of "new boys" and the first major move was to capture Seemond Stephens who lives close to the Moto Parc but who rode for exeter last year. His mother Shirley is a director at Trelawny and, consequently, many believed it was just a matter of time before he returned to Cornwall and the timing was certainly right this winter.

It looked very much at one stage as if Seemond's exeter team mate and buddy from 2001, Lawrence Hare, would join him in the trip across the River Tamar this season but that move fell through and the JAG Tigers moved swiftly to snap up Steve Masters on loan from ourselves. "Lionel" didn't really do himself justice at Newport last year but it's another fresh start for him now and he's sure to prove to be something of a danger man this evening.

Ad if early season scores are anything to go by, so too could Emiliano Sanchez who joined Trelawny as part of the swap deal that took Kenny Olsson to Glasgow. the 24 year old who was born in Buenos Aires has not always performed well here in the past but has started 2002 with something of a bang.

A very solid looking Cornish septet providing the opposition tonight then and, as we indicated earlier, it's certainly not going to be a cakewalk for the Impact Robins but victory tonight could just see us through to the next stage of the Premier Trophy.

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TRIBUTES TO TWO SWINDON STALWARTS

Most fans will be aware that last Thursday, as a mark of respect, we remembered in a period of silence, two great friends. Both John McCarthy and Paul Doble died suddenly on Saturday 30TH March. Here Glynn Shailes pays tribute to each of them.

John McCarthy

Speedway fans, particularly those associated with both Swindon and Oxford speedway will be saddened to learn of the passing of John McCarthy, who had been associated with the Swindon track for many years, working behind the scenes, firstly as Pit Marshall and later as Clerk of the Course. He had also worked as Clerk of the Course at Oxford, where, as with Swindon, he was a most helpful and popular member of the staff.

John's first love in speedway was however Swindon. He had been a keen supporter for many years and had an association with the old track at Faringdon. His son Neil had enjoyed rides at both Swindon and Oxford and John always travelled with Neil, helping out where he could and always giving support. Whenever it was possible, John would support the Swindon "Robins", indeed before his untimely passing, he had driven down to Newport on the afternoon of 24th March to see his side in action.

He was a most private man however, few people know that John suffered for some years with a serious kidney complaint and was actually going to hospital for kidney dialysis treatment three times a week, but you would never have known. John kept such things to himself, but such was his love for speedway and Swindon Speedway especially, he made it a point to be "on Parade" often when he was feeling wretched.

John was the most generous of men, he would give you the shirt from his back or his last £1, but he was the most difficult of men to do a favour for. He often travelled with his long time friend John Tremblin and myself, usually it would be a special occasion or celebration, and although we had invited him as a guest, he would always insist we took something for travel expenses. Naturally we always said a firm "No" but John being John always seemed surprised that his two great friends wanted to do him a favour or have him as company.

I do know that in speedway, as a Clerk of the Course, he earned the respect of both riders and officials alike. He went about his duties in a quiet efficient manner carrying out the rules of the sport, and making his views known quietly and without fuss. Sadly, life in the Swindon Pits on race night will never quite be the same again, and there is no doubt at all that he will be greatly missed. John Tremblin and I have lost a dear friend and we shall miss his keen sense of humour. John was a life long listener to the Goon Show, and both he and I often talked in the language of the Goons, often to the complete amazement of other people, who not being fans had no idea what we were talking about.

That is how I would want to remember him, laughing at the late Spike Milligan and his humour, and the look of sheer joy when Swindon Speedway had scored a 5-1 heat win.

Everyone will, I know, join with me in sending our deepest sympathy to John's family. We shall all miss him, may he Rest in Peace.

Glynn Shailes.

Paul Doble

Swindon Speedway lost another of its stalwarts when the death was announced of Paul Doble, who passed away on 30th March 2002 following a period of illness.

Paul was one of those people who had a deep affection for the Swindon Speedway Club. He loved following the Robins and their fortunes, but it was not enough for him to just give support from the terraces, he wanted to do more, and like so many people who were super keen Paul joined the Swindon Speedway Supporters Club, thus giving just that little bit more in the cause of his beloved Swindon Robins. It was in 1963 that Paul took over as Secretary of the Supporters Club from another stalwart David Battams, and he remained in that post until the end of the 1965 season, when Mrs Doris Mullins took over. Paul worked hard for Swindon Speedway, as indeed all secretaries do, organising coaches, taking care of the correspondence and writing programme notes.

He supported Swindon, not only at the Swindon Stadium, but on away trips as well, often travelling to away matches on his scooter, and could recall times when the Swindon Management and supporters travelled not only by coach but by special train as well. It was in 1974 that Paul once again took over as secretary of the Supporters Club and he also gave valuable assistance to Ted Nelson, the stadium manager who had taken over the Speedway shop. There was no better man Ted could ask, and he knew it, for Paul's work as secretary gave him a valuable insight into the sort of souvenirs that the Swindon public wished to buy. Paul was also able to help the Management in other ways, working on a turnstile for example, and to Paul's credit there was not much that he couldn't turn his hand to, in the cause of speedway. It was in 1976 that Paul handed over the duties of Secretary to Ron Carter, but he was always there should anyone need help and advice and he continued to help with the running of the Speedway Shop.

After many years working for speedway Paul retired, and it was then that he took over a role that he really loved, namely a supporter of the Swindon Robins. He had combined that role with many during many years at the Stadium, and now he was able to just sit back and enjoy his speedway.

In the last few years Paul suffered some indifferent health, and having driven his scooter everywhere in support of Swindon, he finally obtained a car, and whenever possible he would visit Blunsdon to follow the fortunes of his great love, the Swindon Robins.

He will be greatly missed around the Swindon Stadium. Paul Doble was one of those people that speedway is really all about, he would do anything, and go anywhere in support of his team, and most important he was a pleasant and generous man who gave freely of his time and would help anyone.

The Swindon Management, riders and supporters send their deepest sympathy to Paul's family and may he Rest in Peace.

Glynn Shailes



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Good evening, tonight we welcome Trelawny to the Abbey Stadium. The Cornish based Tigers have made a promising start to the season, despite many pundits predicting that they'd be one of the weaker teams this season. Tigers have no out and out number 1, instead they've chosen the strength in depth policy, and so far it appears to have worked well for them.

At the same time our very own 'Impact Robins' appear to be growing in stature, with signs that once the new boys settle into their home track, some big scores could be on the cards. Charlie Gjedde is certainly making up for lost time after missing the first couple of meetings of the season. The 22-year-old Dane has hit double figures in his two home meetings, even though he admits to not being 100 percent fit.

Charlie explains: "I feel as though I'm getting there, at the moment it's a mixture of getting fit and also sorting out my new gear. I've changed engines from Jawas to GMS, so I'm doing a lot of testing at the moment, and because of the injury I've not had as much time to test before the season. I think I'm starting to get into it again after the injury, my gating is getting better, I just need to get a bit more race fit so that I can overtake if I'm at the back. In heat 15 last week I should have been able to go round the Exeter riders, certainly I should have got past one of them, but I wasn't quite fit enough to do it."

And while Charlie's making up for lost time on the track, unbeknown to many supporters, he's also become one of the first riders this year to have his bikes examined as part of a clampdown on oversized motors. The Speedway Control Board examined Charlie's machine

following last week's home meeting against Exeter. His name was drawn in a ballot, with Exeter's Michael Coles also having to strip down his engine to make sure it wasn't bigger than the rules permit for a 500cc engine. Charlie says: "They came and told me they wanted to take my engine apart, and I wasn't very happy because it was the first meeting I had done on the engine. In one way when they do it to you, you think 'oh no', but on the other hand it's good to have checks because I've heard rumours of riders having bigger engines. To be honest I didn't know how big the engine was, but it was inside the legal limit, so it was okay."

For the record both Charlie and Michael's engines conformed to the regulations, and both will receive a £75 payment to help towards the cost of a rebuild. Had either failed, they would have been seized by the SCB. So to this evening's meeting against Trelawny, and Charlie is expecting another entertaining meeting around the Abbey Stadium.

Charlie admits: "They have a good team all the way through, and their reserves look really strong. I think we've had meetings when our reserves have struggled a bit, but I think that our boys will come good in the end. It was a shame the away meeting at their place was rained-off, but I think that might work in our favour because we're still getting going. Paul (Lee) and Chris (Neath) are starting to get it together and I think they're better prepared now. I think we're strong enough to beat them, so let's go and do it."

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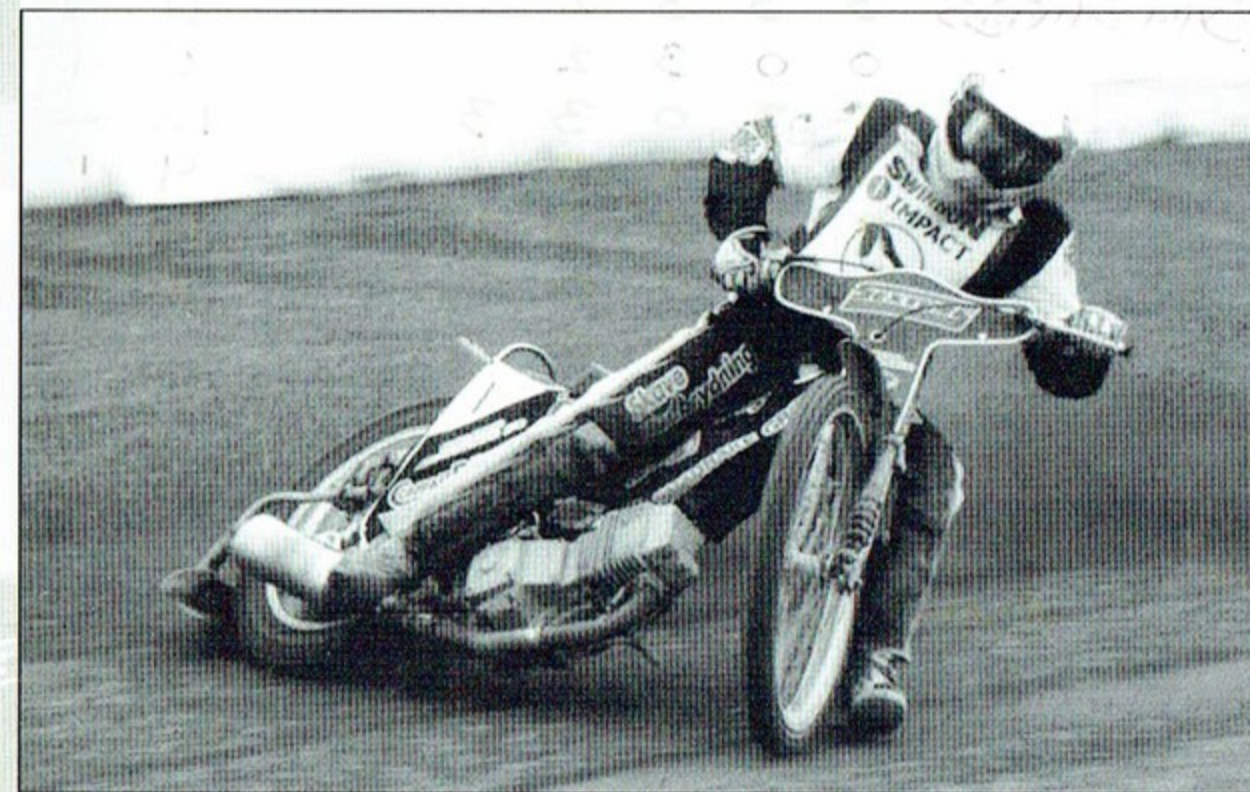
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Charlie Gjedde hits the front in superb style, in fact very much like the riding style of former Swindon star and multi World Champion Barry Briggs.



Chris Neath storms his way ahead closely shepherded by captain Paul Fry.



A fine action study of Paul (Bruce Lee) as he holds a tight inside racing line on the big County Ground circuit.

SWINDON IMPACT ROBINS VS TRELAWNY JAG TIGERS

Swindon Robins	CMA	SUBSTITUTE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T	BP
1 Charlie Gjedde	8.89	ADAM SHIELDS	3	3	3	2				11	1
2 Paul Lee	5.66		0	0	3	2				5	1
3 Paul Fry (c)	8.38		3	3	0	3	3			12	
4 Chris Neath	6.28		2	1	3	3				9	1
5 Oliver Allen	7.84		3	3	3	3	2			14	1
6 Ritchie Hawkins (r)	4.45		2	0	0	0				2	
7 Jason King (r)	3.00		0	0	2	0				2	1

Team Manager: Peter Oakes

Time	Riders	Col/Nos/Names	Gates	Substitutes	Pts	Heat	Robins	Visitors
68:33	R 1	Charlie Gjedde	1 2	ADAM SHIELDS	3	3	3	3
	B 2	Paul Lee	3 4		0			
	W 1	Seemond Stephens	2 1		2			
	Y 2	Pavel Ondrasik	4 3		1			
69:71	R 6	Ritchie Hawkins	2 1		2	2	5	7
	B 7	Jason King	4 3		0			
	W 6	Richard Wolff	1 2		3			
	Y 7	Simon Phillips	3 4		1			
68:55	R 3	Paul Fry	3 4		3	5	10	8
	B 4	Chris Neath	1 2		2			
	W 3	Emiliano Sanchez	2 1		0			
	Y 4	Steve Masters	4 3		1			
68:43	R 5	Oliver Allen	3 4		3	3	13	11
	B 7	Jason King	1 2		0			
	W 5	Chris Harris	4 3		2			
	Y 7	Simon Phillips	2 1		1			
68:12	R 3	Paul Fry	2 1		3	4	17	13
	B 4	Chris Neath	4 3		1			
	W 1	Seemond Stephens	3 4		2			
	Y 2	Pavel Ondrasik	1 2		0			
68:02	R 1	Charlie Gjedde	3 4	SHIELDS	3	3	20	16
	B 2	Paul Lee	1 2		0			
	W 5	Chris Harris	2 1		2			
	Y 6	Richard Wolff	4 3		1			
68:45	R 5	Oliver Allen	2 1		3	3	23	19
	B 6	Ritchie Hawkins	4 3		0			
	W 3	Emiliano Sanchez	1 2		2			
	Y 4	Steve Masters	3 4		1			
69:08	R 2	Paul Lee	4 3		3	5	28	20
	B 7	Jason King	2 1		2			
	W 2	Pavel Ondrasik	3 4	RETIRE	0			
	Y 7	Simon Phillips	1 2	FELL/REMOVED	1			

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Trelawny Tigers	CMA	SUBSTITUTE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T	BP
1 Seemond Stephens (c)	7.42		2	2	1	1				6	1
2 Pavel Ondrasik	6.59		1	0	R	-				1	1
3 Emiliano Sanchez	7.29		0	2	1	-				3	
4 Steve Masters	7.28		1	1	0	1	2	1		6	2
5 Chris Harris	7.59		2	2	2	2	0	0		8	
6 Richard Wolff (r)	5.00		3	1	1	2	1			8	3
7 Simon Phillips (r)	3.34		1	1	1	-				3	1

Team Manager: Mark Phillips

Time	Riders	Col/Nos/Names	Gates	Substitutes	Pts	Heat	Robins	Visitors
NO TIME	R 3	Paul Fry	4 3	FELL/EXCL.	0	3	31	23
	B 4	Chris Neath	2 1	AWARDED	3			
	W 5	Chris Harris	1 2		2			
	Y 6	Richard Wolff	3 4		1			
67:58	R 1	Charlie Gjedde	4 3	SHIELDS	3	5	36	24
	B 2	Paul Lee	2 1		2			
	W 3	Emiliano Sanchez	3 4		1			
	Y 4	Steve Masters	1 2		0			
68:61	R 5	Oliver Allen	1 2		3	3	39	27
	B 6	Ritchie Hawkins	3 4		0			
	W 1	Seemond Stephens	4 3		1			
	Y 2	Pavel Ondrasik	2 1	HARRIS	2			
69:30	R 3	Paul Fry	1 2		3	3	42	30
	B 7	Jason King	3 4		0			
	W 3	Emiliano Sanchez	4 3	WOLF MASTERS	1			
	Y 6	Richard Wolff	2 1		2			
68:74	R 1	Charlie Gjedde	2 1	SHIELDS	2	5	47	31
	B 5	Oliver Allen	4 3		3			
	W 1	Seemond Stephens	1 2		1			
	Y 5	Chris Harris	3 4		0			
68:70	R 4	Chris Neath	3 4		3	3	50	34
	B 6	Ritchie Hawkins	1 2		0			
	W 4	Steve Masters	2 1		2			
	Y 7	Simon Phillips	4 3	WOLFF	1			
68:49	R	NOMINATED FRY	2 1		3	5	55	35
	B	NOMINATED ALLEN	4 3		2			
	W	NOMINATED MASTERS	1 2		1			
	Y	NOMINATED HARRIS	3 4		0			
16	R	RESERVED FOR BONUS POINT RUN OFF						
	W							

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Heat 1 Conference League Stakes Sub Pts

TIME	R	Daniel King		
	B	Thomas Allen		
	W	Simon Dyminski		
	Y	Steve Camden		

Heat 2 Conference League Stakes Sub Pts

TIME	R	Ashley Holloway		
	B	Wayne Holloway		
	W	Jack Gledhill		
	Y			

Heat 3 Under 15 Exhibition Sub Pts

TIME	R	Kyle Hughes		
	B	Shane Waldron		
	W	Lee Smart		
	Y	Nick Mallett		

Heat 4 Conference League Stakes Sub Pts

TIME	R	Daniel King		
	B	Thomas Allen		
	W	Simon Dyminski		
	Y	Matt Tutton		

Heat 5 Conference League Stakes Sub Pts

TIME	R	Ashley Holloway		
	B	Wayne Holloway		
	W	Jack Gledhill		
	Y			

Heat 6 Under 15 Exhibition Sub Pts

TIME	R	Kyle Hughes		
	B	Shane Waldron		
	W	Lee Smart		
	Y	Nick Mallett		

Heat 7 Conference League Stakes Sub Pts

TIME	R	Daniel King		
	B	Thomas Allen		
	W	Matt Tutton		
	Y	Steve Camden		

Heat 8 Sub Pts

TIME	R			
	B			
	W			
	Y			

Heat 9 Sub Pts

TIME	R			
	B			
	W			
	Y			

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COMMERCIALBREAK

Good evening and welcome to Abbey Stadium once again, for what promises to be a cracking good race night. Firstly I must thank Speedy Space Ltd of Cricklade for their generosity and willingness in sponsoring the Swindon Man of the Match in the last two meetings here. It is quite usual in the first few weeks of a season for there to be vacancies, which I have come to accept as being a time when sponsors may be a little bit more concerned about the weather, and also want to see how the team shapes up. However, not this year, as Phil Hall and Neil Ward of Speedy Space, stepped in at the last minute to support us! Thank you gentlemen, your sponsorship is very welcome, and makes all the difference to the success of our operation at Swindon. If you turn to page 10 you'll see just what Speedy Space can offer as a business service, and I don't need to remind you that it really does make sense to support the firms, which support your sport!

The last two weeks have of course been part of our Kids Go Free scheme and how successful they were too! It's great to see so many youngsters here and they do help to create the family atmosphere of which we are so proud in speedway. We have already pledged that the scheme will operate during all Swindon school holidays with or without sponsorship. However, if sponsorship is made available to us, at a satisfactory level at other times, then we will be happy to do more Kids Free nights. Perhaps you or your

company might like to consider this and if so then talk with me as soon as possible!

While on the subject of children our Skidzone Representative, Adrian Fisher, tells me that a large number of boys and girls have renewed or joined Skidzone for the first time. This is good news because these are the staunch adult supporters of the future! Those youngsters or parents wishing for more details should see Adi Fisher tonight or obtain a membership application form from the travel shop.

As far as sponsorship generally is concerned, take a look at page 22 to see some of the options available. There are some great deals with packages tailored to suit all budgets, but don't get caught out by the time factor. The season does move on rapidly and you may leave things too late, so contact me without delay!

Tonight Belmont Electrical Services are kindly sponsoring our Swindon Man of the Match Award. This is the firm's first venture into speedway and they are making quite an evening of things, including a corporate hospitality party and a 21st birthday celebration for staff apprentice Hugh Wassel. I am confident they will have a good time with us and I thank Proprietor David Hyland for his sponsorship. The company has been established for about 10 years and specialises in commercial mechanical and electrical installation, including heating, ventilating, air conditioning and alarm systems. They are based in Wootton Bassett and can be contacted on 01793 840747.

But now for tonight's action.
David Prowse

STEAD TO DEFY PAIN

SIMON Stead has vowed to take his place in the British Under-21 Final at Sheffield on April 18... despite suffering from a broken bone in his hand!

Stead has received laser treatment from specialist Brian Simpson in Ipswich and the bad news is that he has been advised to rest for up to four weeks. But Stead, who crashed when riding for parent club Peterborough on Bank Holiday Monday, is prepared to race through the pain barrier.

He said: "I cannot see myself missing that meeting, I really can't, I'm desperate to ride in it and win it!" "There is a wild card available if necessary for the next stage of the world championship so if I fail to make it then I would hope to get that, but we'll have to see what develops."

The meeting will feature 24 riders over 24 races and will be run along similar lines to a Grand Prix event. Admission will be £10 adults and £5 concessions with a souvenir programme available for £1. The parade will be at 7.15pm with the first race at 7.30pm prompt.

THE FULL LINE-UP:

1. David Howe (Wolverhampton), 2. Simon Stead (Sheffield/Peterborough), 3. Oliver Allen (Swindon), 4. Chris Harris (Trelawny/Peterborough), 5. Ross Brady (Hull), 6. Paul Lee (Swindon), 7. Chris Neath (Swindon), 8. Andrew Appleton (Oxford), 9. Lee Complin (Sheffield), 10. Jamie Smith (Hull), 11. Matt Read (Isle of Wight), 12. Andrew Moore (Sheffield), 13. Rob Grant (Newcastle), 14. Adam Allott (Sheffield), 15. Ritchie Hawkins (Swindon), 16. Glen Phillips, 17. Lee Smethills (Hull), 18. Luke Clifton, 19. Aidan Collins, 20. Derek Sneddon (Newcastle), 21. Nick Simmonds (Isle of Wight), 22. Lee Hodgson (Stoke), 23. Chris Courage, 24. Barrie Evans (Newport).

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Having seen off those Devonian Sparrows in style twice last week, our Impact Robins turn their attention tonight to the Cornish Pussycats from Trelawny. Now I know I must be thick (DON'T answer that!) but I still can't find Trelawny on any map so it was a good job I went to St. Austell last Tuesday cos the Pussycats and the magnificent seven were there, or at least were supposed to be there performing as it were but guess what? It flipping well rained that's what! And boy did it rain as the wet stuff began falling soon after five o'clock and the meeting was called off just before 6 pm - an hour and a half before start time. The decision was made by that Scotch bloke McGregor, the right decision i would hasten to add, and that left me and the missus - 'er indoors, she who must be obeyed, somewhat at a loose end. Afterall just WHAT can you do on a wet night in deepest darkest Cornwall??? Not a lot as we found out! Seems to me that Cornwall shuts after it gets dark!

Anyway that was the disappointment of my "western tour" but, of course, the highlight was whacking the Sparrows on their own strip on Easter Monday. Walloped them we did by 48 points to 42 with the Fryer recording a magnificent paid max and Cheesy weighing in with 11. But the star billing just has to go to Neathy who wasa just absolutely brilliant finishing third in his opening ride and then being unbeaten by any sparrows in his next four. Tremendous stuff Chrissy boy so let's keep it up!

I have to say the result at the County Ground more than made up for the fact that I was by no means a happy chappy on the way down to Devon having had to leave our Penhill mansion in the middle of the flipping night to get there in time! And, as I expected, the journey down was somewhat fraught at times (well all the time!) with those blasted caravan thingies getting in the way of my "significant other half" who was behind the wheel of our ancient Skoda with the go faster stripes. Blimey my missus doesn't like anything get in her way on the roads I can tell you...maniacal is the best word to describe her

behind the wheel. Not that I really noticed that much cos I was cowering below the dashboard for practically the whole journey and eventually thankful to get there in one piece! So, to sum up a great win for the Impact Robins, a near heart attack for me and so a heartfelt plea to the "Human Whirlwind" who normally gets everything right please please please Mr Toogood sir, in future no morning meetings old fruit! Mornings and yours truly certainly don't mix!

And of course we went onto complete the double over Old Hilly's lot here last Thursday and pride of place in that one methinks goes to young Olly for his four ride full house.

Hopefully he, and the rest of the Impact Robins will be on top form tonight against the Pussycats cos I reckon that a win tonight will guarantee us a place in the next stages of the Premier Trophy. Go to it lads!

Well I've got to be serious right now because I've just been told the tragic news that John McCarthy (or Paul McCartney as I dubbed him) passed away suddenly last week. Honestly the news came as a complete bombshell to me and I'm still reeling in something of a state of shock. I'm sure many others will be too for I, and I guess they too, simply did not know that he was so seriously ill with kidney problems. He never even mentioned it to me nor, I guess, did he to many others simply getting on with things without making a fuss. He was a such a smashing bloke in every sense of the word - charming, witty with a great sense of humour and with time to talk to everybody. His untimely passing will create a huge void in our backroom staff here at the Abbey and he will be very much missed by everyone who came in contact with him. My deepest condolences and sincere best wishes go out right now to his family at this very sad time.

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Birdie

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on
PAGE 26**

1. Which former England star had a farewell meeting on Easter Monday?
2. Which 'Ace' is John Perrin said to be concerned over his lack of form?
3. Who have Workington signed as a stopgap replacement for Kauko Nieminen?
4. Where are local Elite League neighbours, Oxford, racing tonight?
5. Which Premier League side have recently snapped up Glen Phillips?
6. Who are nicknamed 'The Dragons'?
7. Which country is to stage the opening Grand Prix meeting of the season?
8. Who was our team manager at Somerset on Good Friday?
9. What three colours appear on the Carmarthen race-jacket?
10. Can you name the KBS Diamond who has dislocated his shoulder?
11. Boston track shared with King's Lynn last season, but do you know whom they're sharing with this term?
12. Which Northern team do Maun Motors sponsor?
13. Can you name the Arena-Essex captain?

BITS 'n BOBS

There was Birdie, campaigning on his drivel page a fortnight ago for me to lose my whole page, and bingo, OLD Darth Vader falls for it, and cuts me down! Beware you scrawny old tit, cos I'm gonna let my moggies loose around your Penhill Mansion at night.....meow!!!!!! As for you Darth, protect your shuttles!!!!!! Crickey, that former King's Lynn gaffer, and now chin wagger on the Internet, Brian Griffin, will be 54 this Saturday. It's 1,324 years ago today that Donus ended his reign as the Catholic Pope. Conference League racing next week, don't miss it Cya.

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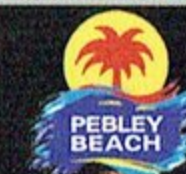
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Date	Opponents	Fixture	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
March 21	Newport	PT	W48-42	Rossiter 7	Lee 5+2	Fry 14+1	Neath 6	Allen 8	Hawkins 3	King 5
24	Newport	PT	L57-33	Rossiter 8+1	Lee 2+1	Fry 8	Neath 5	Allen 8+1	Hawkins 1	King 1
28	Somerset	PT	W48-43	Gjedde 12+1	Lee 6	Fry 13+1	Neath 4	Allen 8	Hawkins 4	King 1
29	Somerset	PT	L47-43	Gjedde 9+1	Lee 7+2	Fry 5+2	Neath 8	Allen 7	Hawkins 0	King 7
April 01	Exeter	PT	W42-48	Gjedde 11	Lee 2	Fry 13+2	Neath 12+1	Allen 7	Hawkins 2	King 1
02	Trelawny	PT	Postponed							
04	Exeter	PT	W50-40	Gjedde 11+1	Neath 4+1	Fry 15	Lee 3+1	Allen 12	King 1	Hawkins 4+1
11	Trelawny	PT								
18	Mildenhall	CLT								
25	Hull	PL								
26	Arena Essex	PL								
28	Sheffield	PL								
May 02	No Meeting									
02	Sheffield	PL								
05	Wolverhampton	CLT								
09	Rye House	PL								
11	Stoke	PL								
13	Exeter	PL								
14	Wolverhampton	CLT								
16	Arena Essex	PL								
19	Carmarthen	CLT								
23	Edinburgh	PL								
26	Glasgow	PL								
30	Rye Hs/Somerset	KOC								
31	Somerset	Res KOC								
June 06	Glasgow	PL								
11	Buxton	CLT								
13	Workington	PL								
14	Edinburgh	PL								
15	Berwick	PL								
20	Berwick	PL								
26	Hull	PL								
27	Newport	PL								
29	Rye House	Res KOC								
July 04	Trelawny	PL								
07	Newport	PL								
11	Carmarthen	CLT								
13	Workington	PL								
18	Somerset	PL								
19	Somerset	PL								
21	Coventry	PL Fours								
25	Isle of Wight	PL								
28	Buxton	CLT								
31	Hull	Res KOC								
Aug 01	Berwick/Hull	Res KOC								
03	Berwick	Res KOC								
8	No Meeting	W/Cup								
11	Workington	PL								
12	Newcastle	PL								
15	Newcastle	PL								
18	Mildenhall	CLT								
20	Wimbledon	CLT								
22	Open									
27	Trelawny	PL								
29	Reading	PL								
Sept 05	Conference	CLT								
07	Rye House	PL								
08	Belle Vue	PLRC								
12	Exeter	PL								
17	Isle of Wight	PL								
19	Stoke	PL								
23	Reading	PL								
26	Wimbledon	CLT								
26	Championship of GB S/F									
October	Reserved	Play offs								

- Answers to Quiz on Page 24
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|------------------|-----------------------|
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