

1956 SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD



FINAL



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND 1956 AT 7.45 P.M.

EMPIRE STADIUM

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In Seven Successive Finals—At 23!

by TOM STENNER (*Speedway Correspondent, Sunday Dispatch*).

TONIGHT'S great final, in the fitting and splendid setting of Wembley Stadium, Britain's top sports arena, will provide a thrilling climax to speedway's No. 1 competition—the *Sunday Dispatch* World Championship.

Never before has there been such an element of uncertainty—nine of the sixteen riders are in their first final—and, never before, has youth been so well represented.

"Daddy" of this final is 23-year-old Ronnie Moore. It is his seventh successive Wembley appearance, an all-time record.

The current contest is memorable too because of the entry of stars from the Iron Curtain countries, Poland, Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia. Next year Russia, where the sport started two seasons ago, may take part for the first time.

From the European eliminators, which started at Warsaw, sixteen reached the continental final at Oslo—six Poles, one German, one Norwegian and eight Swedes. At stake were four places at Wembley, and successful were Ove Fundin, unbeaten with 15 points, Peo Söderman 13, Olle Andersson II 12, Ulf Ericsson 11, all from Sweden.

That meant five were through for Peter Craven, 1955 champion, had been seeded into the final to give him a chance of defending the title.

So, only eleven berths were available to riders from the National League

In July, 56 of them—42 from Division II, 14 from Division I—met in the first British qualifying section for 21 places in the next stage. Each had two meetings, but no one obtained a 30 points maximum. Joint top-scorers were Gerald Jackson and Ian Williams with 29, next came Ken McKinlay, 28. There were seven meetings on Division II tracks, and the highest scorer at each received a £25 *Sunday Dispatch* cheque.

In the second round, where the *Sunday Dispatch* awards increased to £40, the 21 survivors and 35 senior stars battled it out over seven meetings on Division I speedways. Again, it was two meetings per rider.

Leader of the list was Brian Crutcher, 29 out of 30. Others to reach the final direct: Ronnie Moore 27, Alan Hunt 26, Gerald Hussey 26, Ken McKinlay 26, Barry Briggs 25, Doug

Davies 25, Arthur Forrest 25, Dick Fisher 24, Eric Boothroyd 24.

Dead-heating for eleventh place were Peter Moore, Jack Biggs and Nigel Boocock, on the 23 mark. Deciding run-off went to Moore from Biggs and Boocock, the first and second reserves respectively this season.

Winner's £587. 10s.

The *Sunday Dispatch* presents £500 to the winner tonight, £200 to the runner-up, £100 to the third. This, of course, is in addition to the £2 10s. a start and £5 for each point gained tonight. An unbeaten effort by the new champion—that is, five wins from as many starts—would bring in £87 10s. in racing fees, plus that £500 cheque.

Altogether the "Sunday Dispatch" puts up £1,255 in prize money—and every penny goes to the riders.

In 1949 the World Championship was revived under the banner of the *Sunday Dispatch* which sponsored the British Riders' Championship from 1946 to 1948. For many years now the *Sunday Dispatch* and Mr. Charles Eade, the Editor, have given whole-hearted support to the sport of speedway racing.

Those competing in the World Final for the first time are: Peo Söderman, Olle Andersson II, Ulf Ericsson, Dick Fisher, Ken McKinlay (1st reserve, 1955), Eric Boothroyd, Doug Davies (kept out of 1955 Final through illness), Peter Moore, Gerald Hussey (2nd reserve, 1955).

Peter Craven, Ove Fundin, Alan Hunt, Barry Briggs, are in their third Final; Arthur Forrest, Brian Crutcher in their fifth; Ronnie Moore in his seventh.

Past winners: 1936—Lionel van Praag (Australia and Wembley); 1937—Jack Milne (U.S.A. and New Cross); 1938—"Bluey" Wilkinson (Australia and West Ham); 1949—Tommy Price (England and Wembley); 1950—Fred Williams (England and Wembley); 1951—Jack Young (Australia and Edinburgh); 1952—Jack Young (Australia and West Ham); 1953—Fred Williams (England and Wembley); 1954—Ronnie Moore (New Zealand and Wembley); 1955—Peter Craven (England and Belle Vue, Manchester).

WELCOME AND THANKS!

On behalf of Members of the Speedway Control Board, Promoters, Riders and Supporters throughout the country, we extend our grateful thanks to the *Sunday Dispatch* for so generously sponsoring this Speedway Competition.

We are particularly grateful to Mr. Charles Eade, Editor of that great newspaper, for the personal interest and enthusiasm he continues to show in our sport, and it is with pleasure that we welcome him and his colleagues here tonight.

A warm welcome to the Empire Stadium is also extended to the thousands of Speedway Racing Supporters who have made the journey from all parts of the country to cheer on their favourite riders; and, in particular, we should like to greet a contingent of visitors from Scandinavia who are here to encourage their compatriots from Sweden.

We trust that all present will have a pleasant and memorable evening at Wembley.

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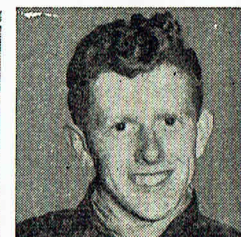
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(Indianerna & Sweden)



BARRY BRIGGS
(Wimbledon & N. Zealand)



ERIC BOOTHROYD
(Birmingham & England)



PETER CRAVEN
(Belle Vue & England)



BRIAN CRUTCHER
(Wembley & England)



DOUG DAVIES
(Birmingham & S. Africa)



ULF ERICSSON
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DICK FISHER
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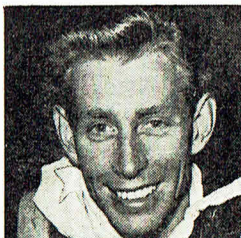
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PETER MOORE
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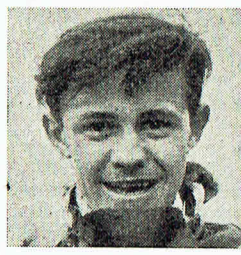


PEO SÖDERMAN
(Filbyterna & Sweden)

(1st RESERVE)



JACK BIGGS
(Poole & Australia)



NIGEL BOOCOOCK
(Bradford & England)

(2nd RESERVE)

TONIGHT'S FINALISTS

OLLE ANDERSSON II (Sweden)

The big surprise of the European Final. A reserve, he replaced the injured Kjell Carlsson and snapped up a dozen points—enough to take him through to Wembley. Is one of a family of four speedway racers, and is the star rider for the Indianerna Club (Kumla). A Swedish international, he has represented his country in Poland. Making his first-ever appearance at Wembley, but his resourceful and robust riding could cause a few upsets.

BARRY BRIGGS (Wimbledon and New Zealand)

Hails from Christchurch, and was once a member of Ronnie Moore's cycle speedway team in New Zealand. Started in 1951 on a borrowed machine, and came to Britain a year later. Has since reached the top flight of speedmen and his flat-out, full-bore methods stamp him as one of the big crowd-pleasers. Now 21 years of age, Briggs was third in last year's Final, and may go one better this time. Won the Bradford qualifying round with a 15 points maximum. Unmarried, likes scrambles and grass-tracking.

ERIC BOOTHROYD (Birmingham and England)

One of speedway's quiet men who has turned in sound, consistent team scores on behalf of the Brummies for the past four years. Thirty years of age and married, Boothroyd is making his first-ever Final appearance. Rode for Tamworth and Cradley Heath before signing with Birmingham in 1951. Has represented England, but rarely seems to shine on the "big" occasion. Eric is a Yorkshireman, having been born in Halifax. Is one of three Finalists from the Midland club.

PETER CRAVEN (Belle Vue and England)

Defending his World crown this evening, 21-year-old Peter was a mere novice in the early part of 1953. Liverpool-born, was taught his speedway on the sands at Ainsdale, yet the Liverpool club couldn't find room for him. Former Belle Vue manager Miss Hart, and coach, Eric Langton, put wee Peter—he's just over 5 ft.—on the road to stardom. Is the Belle Vue favourite and leading rider. He's engaged to a Lancashire lass. Always wears pyjamas under his leathers. Was seeded into the Final tonight.

BRIAN CRUTCHER (Wembley and England)

Nineteen-fifty-six has been his best-ever season. Current British Match-race champion, having captured the title from Ronnie Moore last June, the 22-year-old Lion skippered the Mother Country in each of the six Tests. And he was by far England's best scorer. Has collected more League points than any other English rider this year. Began his remarkable career on Boxing Day, 1950, when he joined his Uncle's Training School at Ringwood, Hants. Joined Wembley in 1953 for a £2,500 fee. Runner-up in the 1954 World Championship, Crutcher led the Second Round qualifiers with 29 points—his reward being two £40 championship cheques.

DOUG DAVIES (Birmingham and South Africa)

One of the unluckiest 1955 riders. Qualified for the World Final, but a couple of weeks before the event was struck down with meningitis and had to withdraw. Youngest of tonight's finalists, Davies is an ex-cycle speedway star, who took up speedway for the fun of it. Handsome but still unmarried, is a great stylist, and is second to Henry Long in the official South African rankings. Joint-winner of the Birmingham championship meeting, has a great chance of reaching the first three this evening.

ULF ERICSSON (Sweden)

Dubbed speedway's Clark Gable, Ulf rides for Stockholm's First Division team, Monarkerna. Has a great international record. Visited Australia three years ago with Jack Parker's Europe team and was the success of the tour. Last season went to South Africa with the Scandinavian Test team and gained more international honours. Has ridden in England many times, but never at Wembley. Was also a member of the Swedish team that toured Poland; also won a great individual event at Warsaw.

DICK FISHER (Belle Vue and England)

Probably the most-improved rider of 1956—and the man very few people expected to reach Wembley. A product of a northern Training School, his name first began to appear in novice events at Belle Vue two years ago. Was hardly a success in 1955, having a League average of a shade more than three points. This year, however, has zipped to the top and his average is approaching nine per match. Twenty-three years of age, Northern supporters will be hoping that this ex-bubble-bounce rider will create another form upheaval such as Peter Craven did twelve months ago.

ARTHUR FORREST (Bradford and England)

Is making his fifth Final appearance this evening, Arthur of the gleaming leathers and immaculate equipment, is tagged "Black Prince" by his local supporters. Before turning to speedway, excelled at trotting races, horse shows and gymkhanas. Rode for Halifax in 1949 and then moved over to neighbouring Odsal, where he has been the king-pin for a number of years. Has gained numerous international "caps," and is a former holder of the British match-race championship. Twenty-four years old and married, Forrest always raises his hand in salute each time he passes the chequered flag. Watch him tonight.

The Wembley Speedway

Promoted by Wembley Stadium Limited, The Empire Stadium, Wembley

Chairman and Managing Director - - - - - Sir Arthur J. Elvin, M.B.E.

OFFICIALS

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Meeting held under the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale Motorcycliste and the Speedway Regulations of the Auto-Cycle Union

Permit No. S.P. 89

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

7.00 p.m. THE MASSES BANDS OF THE SCOTS GUARDS, IRISH GUARDS and WELSH GUARDS

7.40 p.m. THE SCOTS GUARDS

By permission of Col. H. N. Clowes, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding Scots Guards
Director of Music : Lt.-Col. S. Rhodes, M.B.E., Mus.Bac., A.R.C.M., P.S.M.

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Director of Music : Major F. L. Statham, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., P.S.M.

7.45 p.m. INTRODUCTION AND GRAND PARADE OF RIDERS LED BY THE 1955 WORLD CHAMPION, FOLLOWED BY THE SCANDINAVIAN COMPETITORS AND BRITISH RIDERS IN ORDER OF QUALIFYING

Riding Number	Name	Country and Track
2	PETER CRAVEN (Holder)	England and Belle Vue, Manchester
4	OVE FUNDIN	Sweden and Filbyterna, Linköping
1	PEO SÖDERMAN	Sweden and Filbyterna, Linköping
12	OLLE ANDERSSON II	Sweden and Indianerna, Kumla
9	ULF ERICSSON	Sweden and Monarkerna, Stockholm
6	BRIAN CRUTCHER	England and Wembley
3	RONNIE MOORE	New Zealand and Wimbledon
10	ALAN HUNT	England and Birmingham
16	GERALD HUSSEY	England and Norwich
8	KEN MCKINLAY	England and Leicester
14	BARRY BRIGGS	New Zealand and Wimbledon
13	DOUG DAVIES	South Africa and Birmingham
5	ARTHUR FORREST	England and Odsal, Bradford
7	DICK FISHER	England and Belle Vue, Manchester
11	ERIC BOOTHROYD	England and Birmingham
15	PETER MOORE	Australia and Wimbledon
<i>Reserves</i>		
17	JACK BIGGS	Australia and Poole
18	NIGEL BOOCOCK	England and Odsal, Bradford

Betting is prohibited at all Speedway Meetings



1956 Speedway Championship of the World—Final



For the "Sunday Dispatch" Trophy

Points will be awarded : 3—1st ; 2—2nd ; 1—3rd. Individual Score Chart on page 8.

Riders starting positions are indicated by their helmet colours. Red number 1 position, Blue number 2, White number 3, and Yellow number 4, counting from the inside.

Even	No. Helmet Colour	RIDERS	Result
1st Race HEAT ONE	1 Red	Peo Söderman (Sweden)	1st 2
	2 Blue	Peter Craven (England)	2nd 3
	3 White	Ronnie Moore (New Zealand)	3rd 4
	4 Yellow	Ove Fundin (Sweden)	Time 72.0
2nd Race HEAT TWO	5 Red	Arthur Forrest (England)	1st 5
	7 Blue	Dick Fisher (England)	2nd 8
	6 White	Brian Crutcher (England)	3rd 6
	8 Yellow	Ken McKinlay (England)	Time 74.2
3rd Race HEAT THREE	10 Red	Alan Hunt (England)	1st 10
	11 Blue	Eric Boothroyd (England)	2nd 11
	9 White	Ulf Ericsson (Sweden)	3rd 12
	12 Yellow	Olle Andersson II (Sweden)	Time 75.8
4th Race HEAT FOUR	15 Red	Peter Moore (Australia)	1st 14
	14 Blue	Barry Briggs (New Zealand)	2nd 15
	16 White	Gerald Hussey (England)	3rd 13
	13 Yellow	Doug Davies (South Africa)	Time 75.4
5th Race HEAT FIVE	13 Red	Doug Davies (South Africa)	1st 1
	1 Blue	Peo Söderman (Sweden)	2nd 13
	5 White	Arthur Forrest (England)	3rd 5
	9 Yellow	Ulf Ericsson (Sweden)	Time 72.8
6th Race HEAT SIX	14 Red	Barry Briggs (New Zealand)	1st 6
	10 Blue	Alan Hunt (England)	2nd 14
	2 White	Peter Craven (England)	3rd 2
	6 Yellow	Brian Crutcher (England)	Time 75.2
7th Race HEAT SEVEN	11 Red	Eric Boothroyd (England)	1st 11
	15 Blue	Peter Moore (Australia)	2nd 13
	7 White	Dick Fisher (England)	3rd 15
	3 Yellow	Ronnie Moore (New Zealand)	Time 74.8
8th Race HEAT EIGHT	4 Red	Ove Fundin (Sweden)	1st 4
	8 Blue	Ken McKinlay (England)	2nd 8
	12 White	Olle Andersson II (Sweden)	3rd 13
	16 Yellow	Gerald Hussey (England)	Time 75.6
9th Race HEAT NINE	6 Red	Brian Crutcher (England)	1st 6
	16 Blue	Gerald Hussey (England)	2nd 1
	1 White	Peo Söderman (Sweden)	3rd 11
	11 Yellow	Eric Boothroyd (England)	Time 74.6
10th Race HEAT TEN	12 Red	Olle Andersson II (Sweden)	1st 5
	5 Blue	Arthur Forrest (England)	2nd 2
	15 White	Peter Moore (Australia)	3rd 15
	2 Yellow	Peter Craven (England)	Time 74.8

Event	No. Helmet Colour	RIDERS	Result
11th Race HEAT ELEVEN	8 Red	Ken McKinlay (England)	1st 8
	9 Blue	Ulf Ericsson (Sweden)	2nd 3
	3 White	Ronnie Moore (New Zealand)	3rd 14
	14 Yellow	Barry Briggs (New Zealand)	Time 74.2
12th Race HEAT TWELVE	13 Red	Doug Davies (South Africa)	1st 4
	4 Blue	Ove Fundin (Sweden)	2nd 7
	10 White	Alan Hunt (England)	3rd 10
	7 Yellow	Dick Fisher (England)	Time 75.8
13th Race HEAT THIRTEEN	7 Red	Dick Fisher (England)	1st 14
	12 Blue	Olle Andersson II (Sweden)	2nd 1
	14 White	Barry Briggs (New Zealand)	3rd 7
	1 Yellow	Peo Söderman (Sweden)	Time 74.6
14th Race HEAT FOURTEEN	2 Red	Peter Craven (England)	1st 8
	13 Blue	Doug Davies (South Africa)	2nd 2
	8 White	Ken McKinlay (England)	3rd 11
	11 Yellow	Eric Boothroyd (England)	Time 74.8
15th Race HEAT FIFTEEN	16 Red	Gerald Hussey (England)	1st 3
	3 Blue	Ronnie Moore (New Zealand)	2nd 2
	10 White	Alan Hunt (England)	3rd 10
	5 Yellow	Arthur Forrest (England)	Time 75
16th Race HEAT SIXTEEN	9 Red	Ulf Ericsson (Sweden)	1st 4
	6 Blue	Brian Crutcher (England)	2nd 15
	4 White	Ove Fundin (Sweden)	3rd 9
	15 Yellow	Peter Moore (Australia)	Time 76.2
17th Race HEAT SEVENTEEN	1 Red	Peo Söderman (Sweden)	1st 1
	8 Blue	Ken McKinlay (England)	2nd 15
	15 White	Peter Moore (Australia)	3rd 10
	10 Yellow	Alan Hunt (England)	Time 75.2
18th Race HEAT EIGHTEEN	9 Red	Ulf Ericsson (Sweden)	1st 2
	2 Blue	Peter Craven (England)	2nd 7
	7 White	Dick Fisher (England)	3rd 9
	16 Yellow	Gerald Hussey (England)	Time 75.2
19th Race HEAT NINETEEN	3 Red	Ronnie Moore (New Zealand)	1st 3
	12 Blue	Olle Andersson II (Sweden)	2nd 6
	13 White	Doug Davies (South Africa)	3rd 13
	6 Yellow	Brian Crutcher (England)	Time 74.8
20th Race HEAT TWENTY	5 Red	Arthur Forrest (England)	1st 4
	14 Blue	Barry Briggs (New Zealand)	2nd 2
	11 White	Eric Boothroyd (England)	3rd 4
	4 Yellow	Ove Fundin (Sweden)	Time 75.6

INTERVAL—

MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE MASSES BANDS OF THE SCOTS GUARDS, IRISH GUARDS AND WELSH GUARDS (By kind permission of the Lieutenant Colonels Commanding)

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY AND AWARDS

THE DRAW FOR THE HEATS AND STARTING POSITIONS WAS MADE IN ADVANCE BY THE SPEEDWAY CONTROL BOARD.

SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD—FINAL—continued.

Event	No.	Helmet Colour	RIDERS	Result
21st Race	To be	run only if two or more riders tie for First	place.	
	Red	.....	1st	
	Blue	.....	2nd	
	White	.....	3rd	
	Yellow	.....	Time	
22nd Race	To be	run only if two or more riders tie for Second or Third places.		
	Red	.....	1st	
	Blue	.....	2nd	
	White	.....	3rd	
	Yellow	.....	Time	

RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Tot.	RIDERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Tot.
1 P. SÖDERMAN							10 A. HUNT	...					
2 P. CRAVEN	...						11 E. BOOTHROYD						
3 R. MOORE	...						12 O. ANDERSSON II						
4 O. FUNDIN	...						13 D. DAVIES	...					
5 A. FORREST	...						14 B. BRIGGS	...					
6 B. CRUTCHER							15 P. MOORE	...					
7 D. FISHER	...						16 G. HUSSEY	...					
8 K. McKINLAY	...						17 J. BIGGS (R)	...					
9 U. ERICSSON	...						18 N. BOOCOCK (R)						

HOW THEY REACHED THE 1956 FINAL

RIDERS	Wim.	B.V.	Wem.	Poole	Brad.	Nor.	Bir.	Tot.
B. Crutcher	...	14	15	—	—	—	—	29
R. Moore	...	14	—	—	—	13	—	27
G. Hussey	...	—	12	—	—	14	—	26
K. McKinlay	...	—	—	14	—	12	—	26
A. Hunt	...	—	12	—	—	—	14	26
B. Briggs	...	10	—	—	15	—	—	25
D. Davies	...	11	—	—	—	—	14	25
A. Forrest	...	—	—	—	12	13	—	25
D. Fisher	...	12	12	—	—	—	—	24
E. Boothroyd	...	—	—	12	—	—	12	24
P. Moore	...	13	—	—	—	10	—	23
P. Craven (Holder)	...	Seeded into the Final.						
O. Fundin	...	Qualifiers from the Continental Final held in Oslo						
P. Söderman	...							
O. Andersson II	...							
U. Ericsson	...							
J. Biggs (1st Reserve)	...							
N. Boocock (2nd Reserve)	...	—	11	—	12	—	—	23

NOTE.—P. Moore, J. Biggs and N. Boocock—with 23 points each—took part in a World run-off at Wembley for the 16th qualifying place. Moore was the winner. Second and third, Biggs and Boocock, are first and second reserves respectively in tonight's Final.

TONIGHT'S FINALISTS

OVE FUNDIN (Sweden)

Outstanding Swedish rider of the present time, this 24-year-old red-headed flyer won the European World Final at Oslo with a 15 points maximum. Tied for fifth place in last year's Wembley Final and is fancied to gain a place on the tractor this evening. Has won 14 out of 15 League and Test starts at Wembley this year, including an 18 points Test maximum against England. Has also recorded the second fastest 4 laps time at the Empire Stadium this season. Slim, unmarried, likes photography as a hobby. Is a very fast gater and this is his third World Final.

GERALD HUSSEY (Norwich and England)

Made a sensational start in speedway when he went along to Rye House four years ago and cleaned up the opposition at his first attempt: Has since developed into a top-line star, and has modelled his style on that of Jack Young, twice winner of the World crown. Twenty-five-year-old Hussey lives at Wood Green, and was a reserve in last year's Final. Unmarried, he rode in Australia last season and will return to Adelaide within the next few days. Is a versatile motor-cyclist and loves scrambles and grass-tracking. Won the £40 cheque in the Norwich round of the World Championship.

ALAN HUNT (Birmingham and England)

The Birmingham skipper hopes that this, his third Final, will be the lucky one: Has ridden Wembley better this year than at any time in his career, having gained 51 points from four official matches. Once a deep-sea diver in the Royal Navy, Alan was influenced to have a go at speedway by a friend in 1947. In 1952, Birmingham paid Cradley £2,500 for his signature: Has been at the top ever since and rode regularly for England. Wintered in South Africa in 1955-56, and will be returning to the Union early in October. Married with two children.

KEN McKINLAY (Leicester and England)

The only Division II rider in the Final, this dark-haired Scot was christened John Robert Vicars, but they call him Ken for short: Was taught speedway whilst in the Rhine Army, and on his return to Scotland, signed with White City in 1948. Couple of years later he was one of the leading riders o'er the border. Also rode for Motherwell before moving South and linking up with Leicester. Has gained numerous cups and trophies, and is the acknowledged outstanding Second Division rider of the present day. Is 27 years of age and unmarried.

PETER MOORE (Wimbledon and Australia)

Australia's solitary representative tonight, flaxen-haired Peter secured the 16th and last placing by winning a three-cornered World run-off against Jack Biggs and Nigel Boocock. Probably the fastest-starter in speedway today; has been a regular for Commonwealth teams in representative matches both here and on the Continent. Far from robust, Peter finds each four-laps race a stamina-testing task. But he favours the Wembley circuit and should do well in this his first Final. Married, lives at Bishops Stortford, and has one child.

RONNIE MOORE (Wimbledon and New Zealand)

Though only 23 years of age, this is Ronnie's seventh World Final, which is a record. He won the crown in 1954 when he overcame the handicap of an injured leg. Rode a bike before he was in long pants and, at 17, was a member of the Wimbledon League side. He has captured every honour the sport can offer and has piloted the Dons to their last two League championship victories. For hobbies is interested in model aircraft, photography, and is an expert swimmer and diver. Is unmarried.

PEO SÖDERMAN (Sweden)

The 1956 Swedish sensation who, on joining the Coventry League side a short time ago, gained an 18-points maximum in his very first match! Has rattled up 100 points in next to no time for the Bees. Cannot speak English, and Coventry City soccer trainer, George Rayner, acts as his interpreter whenever possible. Born in Stockholm, Söderman is 23 and rides for the same Swedish club as Fundin—Filbyterna. In many ways has the same characteristics as Fundin—a rough, tough and resolute rider. Making his first appearance at Wembley.

1st RESERVE

JACK BIGGS (Poole and Australia)

The "veteran" of the Final, 32-year-old Biggs came to this country in 1947, and for sheer consistency, has few equals. Seemed to have the World title in his "pocket" in the 1951 Final when he won his first four races, but then finished unplaced in his last race.

2nd RESERVE

NIGEL BOOCOCK (Bradford and England)

A great honour for this young man to be second reserve at a Wembley Final. Barely 18, Nigel is a product of the Bradford Training School, and this is his first full season as a professional. Delighted everybody with his dynamic riding in the Wembley round of the Championship.

PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS



1936. *Lionel Van Praag*
(Australia & Wembley)



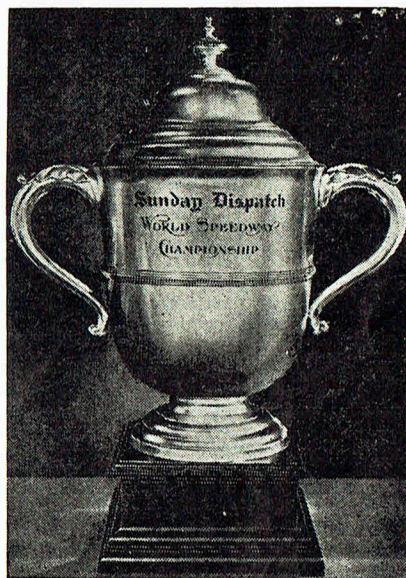
1937. *Jack Milne*
(U.S.A. & New Cross)



1938. *The late Bluey Wilkinson*
(Australia & West Ham)



1950 & 1953.
Freddie Williams
(England & Wembley)



"Sunday Dispatch" World Speedway
Championship Trophy



1949. *Tommy Price*
(England & Wembley)



1951 & 1952. *Jack Young*
(Australia & West Ham)



1954. *Ronnie Moore*
(New Zealand & Wimbledon)



1955. *Peter Craven*
(England & Belle Vue)

THE SPEEDWAY CONTROL BOARD

The sport of Speedway Racing in this country is controlled by the Speedway Control Board. The Board consists of independent representatives appointed by the Auto-Cycle Union and the following representatives of the Sport:—Two Promoters from the 1st Division, one Promoter from the 2nd Division and a Riders' representative. The present constitution of the Board is as follows:—

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The following Tracks are licensed by the Speedway Control Board and operate under the jurisdiction of the Auto-Cycle Union:—

1st DIVISION:—Belle Vue (Manchester), Birmingham, Norwich, Odsal (Bradford), Poole, Wembley, Wimbledon.

2nd DIVISION:—Coventry, Ipswich, Leicester, Oxford, Rayleigh, Southampton, Swindon.

THE LATE PROFESSOR A. M. LOW

There is one name absent from the programme and one vacant place in the Royal Box this evening, occasioned by the sad passing of Professor A. M. Low who passed away after a long and painful illness on Thursday of last week. Professor Low, who was Chairman of the Management Committee of the Auto-Cycle Union, has been identified with the sport of motor-cycling for 42 years, and was also Vice-Chairman of the Speedway Control Board since its inception in 1946.

Amongst his many interests, he worked tirelessly for the sport of Speedway Racing which he grew to love so well, and we who knew him intimately will ever remember his kindness and gentle outlook on life, and the courage and fortitude he displayed in the closing months of his life.

We, of Speedway Racing, salute the passing of a great English gentleman and one of the pioneers and greatest friends of our sport.

A.J.E.

SIGNALS IN USE AT THIS MEETING

The **Green Lights** are used as an instruction to the riders to come up to the tapes for a "gate start." **Red Lights**—Stop. **Yellow Flag with Black Diagonal Cross**—One more lap to go. **Black Flag**—This is a signal for a particular rider to withdraw. **Black and White Check Flag**—Finish

The coloured lights suspended in front of the starting line indicate disqualification of any rider by the Steward. Coloured lights situated above the pits indicate the winner's colour after each race.

In order that the announcer's remarks may be audible to all, patrons are earnestly requested to maintain silence when the alarm bells are rung, and whilst the green lights on the two flag poles in the arena are showing.

SOME INTERESTING FINAL FACTS

For the first time since he entered the competition, and that was in 1939, **Aub Lawson** (Norwich) has failed to qualify for the Final. He had to withdraw on the eve of the 1955 Final with a broken collar bone.

In 1937, America swept the board, **Jack Milne** was the winner, **Wilbur Lamoreaux** runner-up and **Cordy Milne**, brother of Jack, third.

Only Second Division rider to win the sport's blue riband is **Jack Young**, 1951 victor when riding in the Edinburgh colours. Young won it the following year too, but he was then a West Ham rider.

Tasmanian-born **Ronnie Moore** possesses a unique World Final record; he first entered when 17 years of age and has reached every final with the following results: ninth 1950, fourth 1951, fourth again 1952, sixth 1953, winner 1954, second 1955.

First-ever Englishman to win the World crown was Wembley rider **Tommy Price** in 1949. Injuries prevented Price from riding in this year's event.

Holder of the 4-Lap, Clutch Start, Wembley Track Record is **Split Waterman** with a time of 68.4 secs. established in 1953

WEMBLEY

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Sir Arthur J. Elvin, M.B.E.

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AT THE EMPIRE POOL

ACROSS THE WAY

WEMBLEY INDOOR PROFESSIONAL TENNIS WEEK!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, to SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

Each night at 7.30 : Singles and Doubles Matches

The following 12 International Players will compete :

FRANK SEDGMAN (Australia)	RICHARD GONZALES (U.S.A.)	TONY TRABERT (U.S.A.)
TONY MOTTRAM (Gt. Britain)	REX HARTWIG (Australia)	"PANCHO" SEGURA (Ecuador)
WILLIAM MOSS (Gt. Britain)	JAN DE MOS (Holland)	GEORGE WORTHINGTON (Gt. Britain)
KALLE SCHROEDER (Sweden)	HANS NUSSLEIN (Germany)	PETER CAWTHORN (Australia)

SEATS (Monday to Wednesday) : 15/-, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6, 4/-
Reduced Rates for Parties 12 or more persons. NO reduction for 4/- seats

SEATS (Thursday to Saturday) : 21/-, 15/-, 12/6, 8/6, 5/-

Reduced Rates for Parties (12 or more persons) except Saturday. NO reduction for 5/- seats

Tickets obtainable tonight at the Kiosks in the Stadium Corridors ; from the Empire Pool Box Office (Wembley 1234) ; the usual Ticket Agencies or PAY AT DOORS

THRILLING ICE HOCKEY

OPENING MATCH OF THE 1956-57 SEASON, SAT., OCT. 6th, at 7.45 p.m.

Autumn Cup Fixture—WEMBLEY LIONS versus PAISLEY PIRATES

Thereafter Matches every THURSDAY and SATURDAY at 7.45 p.m. Seats : 2/6, 5/-, 7/6, 12/6.
Children (up to 15 years) Half Price. ATTRACTIVE SKATING EXHIBITIONS DURING INTERVALS

TICKETS FOR THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE NOW BOOKABLE AT THE EMPIRE POOL BOX OFFICES (WEMBLEY 1234), FROM THE USUAL TICKET AGENCIES, OR PAY AT DOORS

PUBLIC ICE SKATING

Daily sessions will resume from Sunday, September 30th. For times of sessions please see
London Evening Press. SKATE AT WEMBLEY AND ENJOY LIFE!

COMING TO THE EMPIRE POOL AT CHRISTMAS

"CINDERELLA ON ICE"

(Devised and Produced by GERALD PALMER)

Starring Lovely **GLORIA NORD** as "Cinders"

(The glamorous star of "Chu Chin Chow on Ice" and "The Dancing Years on Ice")

WITH ALL STAR CAST including

SHEILA HAMILTON as "Prince Charming"

PEGGY WALLACE as "Dandini" **DOUGLAS BRENISER** as "Buttons"

GUY LONGPRE and **IVOR ROBSON** as the Ugly "Sisters"

(The hilarious funsters who "stopped the show" in "Holiday On Ice")

and by POPULAR DEMAND THE RETURN OF WEMBLEY'S OWN CLOWNS

CHOCOLATE & CO. (The Rastellis)

The World's greatest and funniest Musical Clowns

With other internationally famous Ice Stars and Speciality Acts

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POPULAR SEATING PRICES : 3/6, 6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.

SPECIAL REDUCED RATES FOR PARTIES (12 PERSONS OR MORE) :—All performances before Christmas up to and including Monday, December 24th, thereafter all Performances except Boxing Day and the 4.45 p.m. and 8 p.m. Performances on Saturdays :—12/6 for 10/6 ; 10/6 for 8/6 ; 8/6 for 6/6 ; 6/- for 4/6 ; 3/6—no reduction. HALF PRICE FOR CHILDREN—All Performances before Christmas up to and including Monday, December 24th, thereafter Monday to Thursday Performances on and from Monday, January 7th :—12/6 for 6/3 ; 10/6 for 5/3 ; 8/6 for 4/3 ; 6/- for 3/- ; 3/6 for 1/9

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AT THE EMPIRE STADIUM

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

ENGLAND v WALES Kick-Off 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

ENGLAND v YUGOSLAVIA Kick-Off 2.30 p.m.

SEATS (FOR BOTH MATCHES) 50/-, 25/-, 15/-, 10/6. STANDING 3/6

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