# EXETER SPEEDWAY



WEST OF ENGLAND v. SOVIET RUSSIA

Monday, July 12, 1965

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### EXETER

### SPEED WAY

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Official Track Measurement: 433 yards.

British League Track Record: 72.8 seconds, Trevor Hedge (Wimbledon); 14.6.'65 Fastest time ever recorded at Exeter—72 seconds; Goog Hoskin (Exeter); 7.9.1953 Barry Briggs (Wimbledon); 15.4.1958

### Hallo Falcons...

Well, our big night of the year is here. And a very warm welcome indeed to Exeter to our speedway friends from Soviet Russia. We were very sorry indeed to hear that their number two man Boris Samorodov was injured in the first meeting of their tour at Wimbledon last Monday and hope most sincerely that he is soon fit and well again.

But out of their troubles they seem to have unearthed another star in Vladimir Sokolov. Unheard of before last Monday, he was the only man to beat Nigel Boocock, Barry Briggs and Charlie Monk at Wimbledon, where we hear that our Soviet friends had a lot of trouble due to the tight bends, which they found difficult to master. They won't have that sort of trouble tonight! Barry Briggs reckons that they will just love our track. "It should really suit their style of riding," he says. And no-one should know better than the World Champion.

Last Monday's meeting brought with it mixed blessings. In congratulating Colin on his victory we sympathise with Cliff who suffered a blow to his leg injury of last year which probably kept him out of the Exeter team at Poole last Wednesday. However, when we last saw Cliff he assured us he would be fit and well in time for Coventry next Saturday. Good news too on Des's progress; he hopes to be ready to race again in about two weeks time.

Winning last Monday's meeting was a great personal achievement for Colin. He was lack's partner at Ipswich for some time, as well as being a close personal friend. We know he had his heart set on winning the pot. . . well done, Colin. After his mechanical blow-up at Edinburgh the previous Saturday and having driven all the way back to Exeter to arrive completely shattered Jack was forced to stand down from the meeting, but he promised to be fit and well in time for Poole. Jack's absence gave us the opportunity of having another look at Tim, currently assisting injury-hit Cradley Heath.

Once again, Welcome, the Russians, to Exeter. We look forward to a grand meeting, and trust that you return home with many happy memories of your WALLY and PETE short visit to Devon.

PICTURED OPPOSITE are the hard-riding Russians photographed prior to the Third Test against Great Britain at Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1964. Left to right, GENNADY KURILENKO, IGOR PLECHANOV (captain), on machine, YURI CHEKRANOV, ANATOLY GRUZINTSEV, GAB KADIROV, BORIS SAMORODOV and KNOSTANTIN KRISHTAL. Photo: Alf Weedon

### SOVIET RUSSIA'S TEAM

### A FEW WORDS ON THE MEMBERS OF

#### THIS YEAR'S EXCITING SOVIET LINE-UP

The Masters of Europe's "Black Sport!" That's the nick-name for speedway racing on the Continent. And

the ever-improving tearaways of the Soviet Union are the Masters.

Tonight they defend their proud

swiftly-earned International recog-

nition. Tonight we are watching

the toughest, speediest and most

daring ensemble that the unlimited

resources of the U.S.S.R. can raise.

### Yuri Chekranov

Another 22-year-old, Yuri was one of the successes of last year's touring team, his partnership with Plechanov being Russia's strongest. Has a spiky crew-cut, sharp features, and incredibly bow-legs! But he gates quite well and rides extremely steadily. From Ufa, Russia's speedway centre, he was a motor mechanic before turning to speedway. But his trade experience is a great asset now, as he works many hours during a tour on his, and other Russian riders machines.



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### Gabdrakhman Kadirov

Just "Gab" for short . . . or the Russian Beatle! Personality kid of the tourists, Gab has a fringe-top Beatle cut, hence the nick-name. Until last year's tour he had never heard of the Beatles, but now even his Russian team-mates call him "Beatle". A Tartar by nationality, aged 24, and a former metal craftsman, An outstanding Ice Racing performer, being European champion last year. This game little character, whose leathers always seem too big for him, is a first class allround motor cyclist, being a leading Soviet motor-cross and trials rider. Brought the house down at Belle Vue last year, with his fearless fence-scraping.



### **Vladimir Kornev**

A boy really out of the blue, this one. Very little is known about his prowess, and he does not appear to have entered any major World Championship events. He could possibly be a new young Russian sensation, whom their canny authorities are "blooding" on this trip. Or he could be here, as was their reserve Khrishtal last summer, to help out mechanically. We might see the answer to our queries tonight.

### Gennady Kurilenko

Russia's great white hope. Aged 22, this former metal craftsman from Lvov represents Russia's top hope for a World Champion in the years ahead. Blonde, thick set with clear blue eyes 'Genny' is the pin-up boy of the tourists, and a great favourite with young ladies from Warsaw to Wimbledon! Has completed his National Service in the Russian Army and was highly placed in last year's World Final. Very quiet and shy away from the track, he successfully mixes skill with dash on the track. Enjoys swimming as a hobby.



### Valentin Moiseev

At 20 years old, Valentin is the "baby" of this Russian touring team, but his dashing, often impetuous riding fully justifies his selection. Recognised and acknowledged for his seemingly endless supply of energy and stamina. Russian mechanical authorities use him as a guinea pig to try out new equipment, particularly endurance tests. Val, apparently, can ride all afternoon and show only little exhaustion. Obviously a boy with a great future.

### Igor Plechanov

The Ufa Skyrocket, Russia's greatest ever speedway product and among the world's track elite. Aged 32, blond, stocky, and aboundingly friendly, Igor has a spectacular crouching determined style, and rides all tracks quite brilliantly. A lightning gater, a master tactician from the back, and quite ready to scrape the fence should the occasion demand it, Igor is the complete speedway rider. A World Finalist, top scorer in the G.B. v. U.S.S.R. Test series last year, and rated number two to Barry Briggs in the world. His all-consuming hobby is collecting track badges, and you may be sure he will be sorting out fans to swop badges with after tonight's meeting.



#### **Boris Samorodov**

Dynamite on two wheels, who unfortunately looks like missing tonight's clash because of injury. One of the world's most tenacious, exciting riders. You hold your breath every time Boris rides. Aged 32, from Ribinsk, in the Yaroslavskaya region. Twice World Finalist, finished a sizzling fourth in last year's Gothenburg thriller. A cheerful, friendly little fellow off-track, he becomes reticent, unapproachable during a meeting. Likes British tip cigarettes, which he holds between his teeth, Groucho Marx-style. A brilliant exponent of Ice Racing, and is reported to be the current European Ice Racing Champion. Inclined to be slightly wild in a tough spot . . . but it all makes for sensational speedway when Boris rides.

### **Vladimir Sokolov**

This Ukranian is a new-comer to Britain, but he arrives with an impressive reputation after tingling trackwork in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Sweden. Has featured prominently in World Championship events, and appears to be first class second string material at International level. A very good-looking boy, with curly hair, he is a welcome member to any touring party, as he plays the guitar expertly and sings well. Very entertaining on long journeys! Was top scorer in first G.B. v. U.S.S.R. Test at Wimbledon.



#### **Victor Trofimov**

Another first-timer in Britain, and one of Russia's young men well worth watching. Has made startling progress over the last two seasons. Rode for the Russians in Poland and Czechoslovakia, but his World Championship progress this season has been halted by repeated engine trouble Has unusual hobbies for a speedway rider: collects classical records and enjoys visiting museums. He is regarded — not unreasonably — by his colleagues as something of an intellectual.

OUR FRONT COVER shows Russian captain IGOR PLECHANOV, runner-up in the 1964 World Championship, pictured in a typical action shot . . . the style of riding which is currently thrilling British fans.

Photo: Alf Weedon

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 12th, 7.30 p.m.

EVENT 1.

### WEST OF ENGLAND v. SOVIET RUSSIA

(UNION JACK ON WHITE)

(NATIONAL EMBLEM ON RED)

Riders are identified by their helmet covers: Red, Blue, White, Yellow and Black Points: 1st. 3; 2nd, 2; 3rd, 1.

4 laps clutch start.

TRACK SIGNALS — Flags displayed during the course of a race mean: Yellow — riders entering last lap; Black and White Chequered — Race is finished; Black — individual rider's exclusion. Red Lights around the track indicate that a race has been stopped.

#### RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

West of England	1 2 3 4 5 6 TI	Soviet Russia	1 2 3 4 5 6 Tl
1. B. Briggs (Cpt.)		1. I. Plechanov (Cpt.)	
2. C. Gooddy		2. Y. Chekranov	
3. R. Genz		3. V. Kornev	
4. B. Andrews		4. V. Sokolov	
5. M. Broadbanks		5. G. Kadirov	
6. J. Squibb		6. G. Kurilenko	
7. M. Ashby (res.)		7. V. Moiseev (res.)	
8. A. Cowland (res.)		8. V. Trofimov (res.)	

Team Manager: Pete Lansdale

Team Manager: G. S. Tcherkassy

Heat No.	Riders	Substitute	Col.	Pts.	Team Points WoE U.S.S.R	Aggr. Points WoE U.S.S.R
1 Time	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		B	A 17 (17 (17 (17 (17 (17 (17 (17 (17 (17		
2   Time	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov		B			
3 Time	Mike Broadbanks Jimmy Squibb Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko					

Heat No.	Riders	Substitute	Col. Pts.	Team Points WoE U.S.S.R	Aggr. Points WoE U.S.S.R
4 Time	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		R  B  W  Y & B		
5	Mike Broadbanks		Rl		
Time	Jimmy Squibb Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov		B W Y & B		
6 Time	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko		R B W Y & B		
7 Time	Mike Broadbanks Jimmy Squibb Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		R B W Y & B		
8	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy		R   B		
Time	Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov	,	W Y & B		
9 Time	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko		R  B  W  Y & B	*	
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10 Time	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		R  B  W  Y & B		
11 Time	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov		R  B  W  Y & B		
12 Time	Mike Broadbanks Jimmy Squibb Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko		R   B   W   Y & B		
13	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		R  B		

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Heat No.	Riders	Substitute	Col.	Pts.	Team Points WoE U.S.S.R	Aggr. Points WoE U.S.S.R
14 Time	Mike Broadbanks Jimmy Squibb Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov		R B W W B			
15 Time	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko		R B W 7 & B			
16 Time	Mike Broadbanks Jimmy Squibb Igor Plechanov Yuri Chekranov		R B W 7 & B			<u></u>
17 Time	Barry Briggs Colin Gooddy Vladimir Kornev Vladimir Sokolov	3	R B W W B			
18 Time	Ronnie Genz Bill Andrews Gab Kadirov G. Kurilenko	 	R B W W & B			



World Champion and Golden Helmet Match Race Champion BARRY BRIGGS. Well on his way to another World Title with 44 points from his Qualifying Rounds and now rides a British semi-final at Poole on July 28.

Skipper of Great Britain for the five-match series against Soviet Russia, he also leads the West of England side tonight.

## SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK — WE RETURN TO LEAGUE RACING WITH A VISIT FROM POOLE PIRATES

Fastest Time	of the	meeting	was		Seco	nds i	n	by			
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### RUSSIAN SPEEDMEN TRAIN ON

### PING-PONG!

### by Dave Lanning

OW does the Soviet Union train her tough, daredevil speedmen for a season of tense International competition?

On ping-pong!

Yes, before each International campaign the Russian authorities hustle their stars away for a period of intense physical training for three weeks.

Said Wlodzimierz Kozniejev, one of the leading U.S.S.R. trainers, "Rugby and soccer are very popular with our riders... but ping-pong is the thing we concentrate on. It develops quick reflexes between eye and wrist, which aid a rider not only at the start of a race, but in any situation that arises during a race".

Kozniejev has revealed two other big major shake-ups in Soviet speedway in the last season.

Number one: Russia has decided to manufacture her own speedway machines.

Until now, her riders have used exclusively Czech-built ESO 'bikes—the first serious rival to the mechanical monopoly of the British-built JAP engines in 30 years.

Said Kozneijev, "Because of the gaining popularity of speedway in Russia, we have been compelled to work on a project of our own. We feel continued, long-term importing of machines might impede our progress".

The new Russian machine—and it seems it will be completely original in design—was constructed in Ufa, home of Russian speedway, and will be produced in Siezpuchowsk. It is not yet known when the Russian Test side will be using them in important events.

Sensation Number Two: With 180 registered riders (approximately the same as Britain), Russia has formed TWO leagues, eight teams in one, 12 in the other. Each team is comprised of seven riders, and matches are run on an 18-heat programme.

And the Russians run a promotion and relegation system—the only speedway nation in the world to do so. Besides their league campaign, they run a Republic Championship, plus an individual championship of the U.S.S.R.

It certainly seems that the popularity and progress of speedway in Russia is growing at a fantastic pace . . . comparable to the mushroom success of the sport in Britain in the late Twenties and immediately after the war.

Test matches really bring out the superstitions among really hardened speedway riders,

Take BARRY BRIGGS. The dynamic Swindon star and tonight's West of England skipper is undisputed World Champion. Yet he has a hidden mascot that is sure to be in action during the series of Russian matches.

Under his leathers, Barry wears a rattered old black sweat shirt. It has a very special significance for him. For his younger brother, Wayne, was wearing it when he crashed and nearly lost his life.

Barry wore it when winning the World Championship in Gothenberg (Sweden) last September. He says, "It brought Wayne nothing but bad luck; I guess it feels it ought to bring me plenty of the good stuff!"

#### THIS WEEK'S TEAMS

THE GREAT Britain teams to race Soviet Russia at Belle Vue and Newport on Wednesday (July 14) and Friday (July 16) respectively, are as follows:

Belle Vue:

1. Barry Briggs. Swindon

	ι.	Barry Briggs	Swindon
	2.	George Hunter	Edinburgh
	3.	Ken McKinlay	West Ham
	4.	Nigel Boocock	Coventry
	5.	Charlie Monk	Glasgow
	6.	Cyril Maidment	Belle Vue
	7.	Dick Fisher	Belle Vue
	8.	Ivan Mauger	Newcastle
	Ne	wport:	
	1.	Barry Briggs	Swindon
	2.	George Hunter	Edinburgh
	3.	Ken McKinlay	West Ham
	4.	Nigel Boocock	Coventry
	4. 5.	Charlie Monk	Glasgow
	6.	Ron How	Oxford
	7.	Peter Vandenberg	Newport
	8.	Jack Biggs	Newport
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NOTE. The Management reserve the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the sixth race in the programme, re-admission tickets available for the re-run of this match will be issued. In no circumstances will any money be refunded. All matter appearing in this programme is copyright and must not be reproduced without permission. RIGHTS OF ADMISSION RESERVED.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL DRAW

THE Draw, made in London recently for the Semi-finals of the British section of this year's World Championship resulted as follows:

Poole—July 28: Jim Airey Wolverhampton Nigel Boocock Coventry Barry Briggs Swindon Mike Broadbanks Swindon Clive Featherby Sheffield Poole Ronnie Genz Jimmy Gooch Oxford Gordon Guasco Wolverhampton West Ham Norman Hunter Jack Kitchen Sheffield Reg Luckhurst Wimbledon Gordon McGregor Ken McKinlay Belle Vue West Ham Geofi Mudge Poole Colin Pratt Hackney Bluey Scott Glasgow Glasgow-7uly 30: Bob Andrews Wolverhampton Billy Bales Sheffield Eric Boocock Halifax Brian Brett Newcastle Colin Gooddy Exeter Trevor Hedge Wimbledon Ron How Oxford Peter Jarman Wolverhampton Jim Lightfoot Coventry Cyril Maidment Belle Vue Ivan Mauger Newcastle Charlie Monk Glasgow Roy Trigg Hackney Peter Vandenberg Newport David Younghusband Halifax 32nd Qualifier

The top eight from each Semi-final will progress to the British Final, which will be held at West Ham on Tuesday, August 24.

### GEORGE HUNTER NAMED AS JULY CHALLENGER

EDINBURGH'S George Hunter has been named as the July challenger for the Sunday Mirror sponsored Golden Helmet Match Race Championship held by Swindon rider Barry Briggs, First leg was scheduled for Glasgow last Friday (July 9) with the second leg at Hackney on Friday, July 23.

#### KNOCK-OUT CUP DRAW

ANOTHER draw being made was for the Third Round of the Knock-out Cup. Full details next week, but Exeter are at home to Long Eaton on August 9.

#### BRITISH TEAM CHANGES

SEVERAL changes were made to the Great Britain team to meet Soviet Russia at Sheffield last Thursday, July 8. Sheffield rider Clive Featherby came in, in place of George Hunter whilst another Tiger, Billy Bales moved up from first reserve to replace Ron How. Cyril Maidment took over as first reserve, with Jack Kitchen (Sheffield) as second reserve.

#### APPLICATION DEFERRED

AN application from Cowdenbeath for permission to stage a series of Sunday meetings has been deferred by the Management Committee of the British Speedway Promoters' Association until they have had a further opportunity of discussing the matter.

#### RIDER CONTROL

DURING the absence of Ivor Brown, Cradley Heath have been granted permission to use Tim Bungay and Leo McAuliffe and the position will be reviewed when Brown is fit or if Harry Bastable emerges from retirement.

Exeter can use Cliff Cox during the period of Des Lukehurst's injury, after which the position will be reviewed. But an application to have Tony Lewis as their number eight has been turned down.

Newcastle can ride both Brian Brett and Ivan Mauger in their team provided that Goog Allan or Brian Craven or Mike Watkin is dropped to the Pool, with a possible allocation to Edinburgh.

ALF WEEDON'S "Speedway Pictorial" on sale tonight has all the pictures of the Russian's first match at Wimbledon in it Also on sale is a special pocket book of the best of Alf's Russian pictures from 1964. Both should be good value for money.



## Exeter International Picture Page

JIMMY SQUIBB — Number 6 tonight





ALAN COWLAND — In Reserve





West of England team manager PETE LANS-DALE (left) is pictured here giving some tips to COLIN GOODDY.

Lets hope the partnership reaps as many dividends tonight.

> Photo: Speedway Pictorial



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JULY 19

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7.30 p.m.

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BRITISH LEAGUE

EXETER v. POOLE

with

GEOFF MUDGE, RONNIE GENZ, BILL ANDREW, ROSS GILBERTSON P L U S — COLIN, JIMMY, ALAN, JACK AND THE MERRY FALCONS

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